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STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES FROM SOUTH SANTIAGO LUTHERAN CHURCH recently returned from a mission trip in Texas. See the full story on their adventure on page 8. Above, Maddie Doucette and Bill Rogers took a break from their hard work for a photo. (Submitted photo.)

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The Hideout Bar & Restaurant is under new ownership. See the Becker Twp. story on page 2.

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The City of Big Lake has completed their new branding project. Check out the story on page 4.

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Mark Kolbinger's column this week opens his reader's eyes to the concepts and processes of the PUC and how their decisions — and Xcel Energy's — affect Becker and Sherburne County. Read about it on page 5.

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PEPPER is a proud mom to 10 adopted puppies after losing her own litter two days earlier. (Submitted Photo)

PEPPER GETS SECOND CHANCE WITH ORPHANED LITTER

By Katherine Cantin,
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A Clearwater family recently started fostering a nursing mama dog and puppies. Mama and puppies are all doing great, but the Johnson family wasn't sure that would be the case a month ago. At the end of June, Ruff Start Rescue, a Minnesota nonprofit, accepted Poppy, a dog from Texas. Poppy turned out to be pregnant at the time, and had a big litter of

10 puppies between July 7 and 8. Unfortunately, Poppy passed away after giving birth to her puppies. Lexi Johnson, the puppies' foster mom, said Poppy had tested positive for heartworm, which is deadly for dogs if left untreated. Unfortunately, the rescue was unable to treat Poppy while she was pregnant. It's not clear whether Poppy passed away due to the heartworm, the stress of birthing such a large litter, or both.

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Pulled Pork fundraiser a huge success!

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the BELIA committee).

Eight Pitmaster 'Smokers' vied for three top prizes and 'People's Choice' awards at Saturday's Pulled Pork Cook-Off at Lupulin Brewery in Big Lake.

All of the smokers presented hungry attendees and the judges with excellent smoked pork samples and sauces, taking great pride in their recipes, skills, and presentation. The smokers received their pork samples from the BELIA committee at 9 p.m. Friday night and smoked them through the night.

Following are the winning teams:

First Place – Jeff and Christin Hegle 'Backyard Smokers' of Big Lake;

Second Place – The Lundt Family 'BBQ Boys' of Big Lake;

Third Place – Greg Muhs 'Squeal Team Six' of Carver;

People's Choice – Dan

Lundt of the 'BBQ Boys' The BELIA would also like to thank Wilk Wilkison 'Wilk's World Smokin Team' of Clearwater, Ryan Schaff 'Pig and a Pint' of Coon Rapids, Todd Orgon 'Pork Privilege' of Big Lake, Brad Gunderson 'The Pork Bellies' of Becker and Matthew Connoy 'Smokin Greenhorns' of Becker for their outstanding contributions.

S a l u - tations go out to this year's judges — Raeanne D a n - ielowski and Tim D o l a n , Sherburne County C o m m i - sioners; Matt Hayen, Big Lake Chief of Police; Paul Knier, Mayor of Big Lake; and Larry Sperr of Russell's on the Lake.

"Thank you to Jason Wester and Lupulin Brew- ing for allowing us the use

of their facilities and faci- litating our event in so many ways," said Lori Andreen of BELIA. "Thank you to Carlton Mitchell and Tom Kouchoukos from Maple Grove and their band 'The New Vintage' for providing

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JEFF AND CHRISTIN HEGLE of Backyard Smokers (above) took home the first place prize. (Submitted Photos).



LUPULIN BREWING in Big Lake hosted a Pulled Pork contest in support of the Big eagle Lake Improvement Association (BELIA). The prices couldn't be beat! (Submitted Photo)

Hwy. 10/25 rearrange in the works for area

By Bill Morgan
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The City of Becker is working with MnDOT on creating an interchange project for the inter- sections of Hwy.10 and Hwy. 25 in Becker.

According to MnDOT crash mapping software, the existing intersections at the Hwy.10/25 corridor in Becker have crash ratings and critical rates that exceed the statewide average for the type of intersection.

Due to that information, the proposed interchange proj-

ect would include bridging and aligning of roads to significantly improve vehicle and rail safety, and increase regional mobility and accessibility.

Once the interchange is constructed, it will remove two at-grade rail crossings and two at-grade intersections with Hwy. 10.

The total project cost for this phase is \$4.2 million. This funding will be used to prepare final design, conduct site prepara- tion work, and acquire right-of-way for an interchange to be

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COLONEL RAY HENRY shows off a guitar autographed by country music star Dierks Bentley as part of the Dylan's Hope live auction event held at Pebble Creek Golf Course last Friday. See the story by Mark Kolbinger on page 3. (Photo by Kathy Nelson).

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Becker township amends comprehensive plan, announces PUC visit to Becker

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Twp. Board met Monday evening and continued to take actions in response to Xcel Energy's solar farm proposal, which would encompass 3,479 acres of land in Sherburne County.

The board held a public hearing at the meeting to discuss amendments to the township's Comprehensive Plan to designate important transportation routes through the sections of affected land.

No one from the public appeared to speak at the hearing, but the supervisors discussed the importance of the roadway connections.

The proposed amendments included the establishment of a connection between 149th and 137th Streets and outlined the goals and strategies to be able to accomplish the project.

All five supervisors voted in favor of adopting the amendments into the Comp Plan.

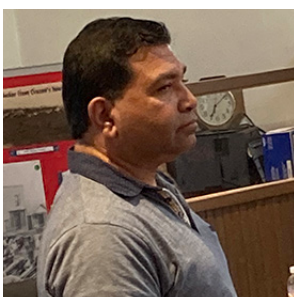
PUC Visit

In related news, the township announced that they had received notice of public information and environmental assessment scoping meetings to be held in Becker by the Public Utilities Commission and the MN Dept. of Commerce in the near future.

An in-person meeting will be held at Becker High School at 6 p.m. on August 31, while a remote access option will be provided on September 1 at 6 p.m.

The written comment period for Xcel's proposal is open until September 15 at 4:30 p.m.

According to the press release from the PUC, the



ATHER JAMEEL appeared before the Becker Township Board of Supervisors on Monday evening seeking a liquor license for his new establishment, Bar 10. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

purpose of the meeting is to "inform the public about the proposed project, the state's permitting process, and to obtain public input on the project."

In response to the solar farm, Supervisor Robin Boros again asked the board if there was anything they can do to ensure that decommissioning funds and rules are established for the project.

The board agreed that it was an important part of the proposal, but Chair Brian Kolbinger reiterated that the township has heard nothing in regard to this part of the project.

Township Attorney Kelli Bourgeois weighed in on the issue, noting that the board can request that the state puts these stipulations into the agreement for the both the company and the landowners, but the township has no authority to mandate anything in the matter.

She noted that in a typical Conditional Use Permit, the township would set these conditions but the Public Utility Commission has control over these matters in this case and hopefully that is some-

thing they will include if they rule in favor of the project.

Liquor License

The board approved a liquor license related to the sale of The Hideout restaurant, which will now be named Bar 10.

New owner Ather Jameel was at the meeting to introduce himself and invite the supervisors to visit his establishment in the future. In addition to the name change, Jameel also announced that the cuisine at the establishment would move to a more traditional American menu instead of the current Jamaican influence.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Wes Davis provided several updates to the board, including the progress of the reclamation project on 142nd St. Both the base course and the wear course are slated for installation this week, with the replacement of a concrete driveway apron also receiving approval from the board.

Several other projects are in the planning stages so they are ready once weather allows for construction in early 2022.

TS Dirtworks was approved as the low bidder for the Salida Crossing project, as long as Davis reviews the specifications and ensures the quantities as outlined in the bidding process.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Dan Frank reported to the board on the 179 calls for service from July, which included 67 traffic stops. The sheriff's office continues to participate in grant programs to address speeding on rural roadways and will do so for the foreseeable future.

Frank also provided an update on the partnership

between the SCSO and a central Minnesota mental health provider in providing a mental health worker to do ride alongs with law enforcement. The program is not a substitute for law enforcement, but provides an additional component of helping individuals access mental health services as needed.

Frank reported several success stories for the recently initiated program and shared the receipt of positive feedback from the affected individuals.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Approved a drainage easement for Jeff Anderson for the location of his septic tank and drain field;

- Approved favorable recommendation for a variance request for Janet and Curtis Proehl for their property at Carefree Country Club;

- Approved an Interim Use Permit for a homeowner in the Snake River subdivision to reside in their camper while the construction of their new home is finished (The septic system has been installed and is operational and the planning commission had recommended the approval of the IUP);

- Heard from Supervisor Luke Babler regarding donations to the Becker Fire Dept. in the amounts of \$7,000 from the Becker Lions and \$20 from Iced T's;

- Set the date for the annual road tour to be held on September 17 at 7:30 a.m.;

- Acknowledged the receipt of the first half of the township's ARPA funds in the amount of \$289,000.

St. Cloud schools and union reach tentative agreement

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by St. Cloud Area School District.)

St. Cloud Area School District 742 and the Service Employees International Union, Local 284, are pleased to report that they have reached a tentative two-year agreement for the 2021-2023 contract with the Nutritional Services employees of the district, subject to ratification by unit members and approval by the school board. The nutritional services bargaining unit represents approximately 100 employees of the school district who perform critical student support services in St. Cloud schools and programs

every day.

Supt. Willie Jett says, "We are excited to reach a settlement with this important employee group before the start of the school year. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment help ensure that our students receive nutritious meals every school day, and they worked tirelessly during distance learning to provide meals to our students, even when they were learning from home."

The 2019-2021 contract expired on June 30th and district administration and the nutritional services bargaining team worked quickly to develop a mutually acceptable agreement before the start of the school year. For 2021-2022 and 2022-2023,

for each year of the contract the terms of the agreement include increases in hourly rates for all employees and increases to longevity pay for employees with five or more years of service.

In addition to these pay changes, the school board has authorized significant increases in health insurance contributions for all non-licensed school staff, as well as \$1,500 per year in recruitment and retention stipends for all employees of the school district for the next two years.

Nutritional Services staff will vote on the agreement in early September and if approved, the school board will vote on the agreement at their regularly scheduled board meeting, September 15th.

Suspect In Custody For Mail Theft

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Becker Police Dept.)

August 13 at approximately 6:20 p.m., the Becker Police Dept. executed a search warrant at a residence on Susan Cr., Becker, related to an active mail theft and financial card transaction fraud case. During the search, officers located multiple items of stolen mail and property that had been purchased using stolen credit cards.

Angela Barkdull (43) of Becker was taken into custody. The recovered mail was from eight cities and included 27 victims.

Barkdull is being charged via long form complaint for financial card transaction fraud, mail theft, and possession of stolen checks. Investigation is ongoing.

Tree Trimmer Dies In Big Lake Twp. Accident

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office.)

A Royalton man died Friday when the saw he was using to trim trees touched a power line, apparently electrocuting him, according to Sheriff Joel Brott.

Noah Joshua Ness, 33, was trimming trees at about 12:30 p.m. in the 14500 block of Sherburne County Road 35 in Big Lake Township when the incident happened, Brott said.

Ness was on a ladder using a Silky Saw with an extension to trim branches on evergreens on the north side of County Road 35 when he apparently touched a power line and fell to the ground.

An air ambulance transported Ness to University of Minnesota Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office will determine an official cause of death.

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SUMMER MEALS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN. Becker Schools Food Service employees have been busy all summer bundling nourishing and tasty meal kits for around 600 local children each week! Families pick up on Tuesdays each week and receive five breakfasts and five lunches. Offerings this summer included family style meal kits consisting of pasta, nachos, stir fry, tacos and take 'n bake pizza. The program implements local products when possible. This past week, students received locally grown corn on the cob from Norms Farm Market in Becker. (Submitted photos.)

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Becker Area News

Dylan's Hope continues to raise money, awareness for mental health needs

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Last Friday marked the ninth annual Dylan's Hope golf tournament, a community event that raises not only awareness of student mental health needs in Becker schools, but also the necessary funds to ensure that any student needing help is able to receive it.

Dylan's Hope is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that was started by the family of former Becker student Dylan Aaseby, who died by suicide February 7, 2013. Since his death, the family has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and to put systems in place to help local students.

The foundation website lists its goal as "To open up lines of communication between young people and adults so that this tragedy does not happen to other youth and their families."

The event began back in 2013 with 106 golfers raising \$12,000 and has grown to an impressive 250 golfers who this year raised nearly \$40,000 for the foundation.

According to the foundation's Executive Director, Ryan Obermoller, the event is a reflection of the entire community's commitment to assuring that any child in need is able to have access to mental health care. Each year, he is amazed by the response he gets from people willing to help with the tournament.

"We have well over 300 people involved in the event, and the support we receive is incredible," Obermoller says. "The fact that we are able to grow this



COLONEL RAY HENRY shows off a guitar autographed by country music star Dierks Bentley as part of the Dylan's Hope live auction event held at Pebble Creek Golf Course last Friday (Photo by Kathy Nelson).

event every year is amazing."

Becker schools staff members were well represented among the volunteers this year, as Supt. Jeremy Schmidt, Ass't. Supt. Minda Anderson and Principals Dale Christensen, Chantel Boyer and Ted Aleckson were all on hand to greet golfers and work the registration table.

According to school district data from March 2021, nearly 200 of the district's approximately 3,000 students access some kind of school based mental health services.

Obermoller points to those statistics as the reason why he and the rest of Dylan's family continue to pursue the foundation's success each year.

In order to keep improving upon the services

offered, Dylan's Hope relies on a number of business and individuals who sponsor different aspects of the tournament. This year, for example, Studio 5 and Horace Mann - Tom Wenner Agency both sponsored 50/50 raffles on the course and this helped to bring in thousands of dollars. Barb Larson was also busy selling cookies to the golfers and this brought in nearly \$500, while Tina Tamm and Jesse O'Neill operated their Plinko game and also raised over \$1,000. When these types of efforts are all put together, it's much more than just a golf tournament and turns into a full day experience.

Obermoller is also quick to credit Ryan and Michelle Hubbard of Hubbard Electric and Troy Tamm of Winlectric for their continuous support over the years.

"Without those two companies and the support of their owners, we wouldn't be as successful as we are each year," Obermoller says.

While the participants each year certainly enjoy the golf and camaraderie they share on the course, perhaps no part of the event draws as much anticipation as the live auction, performed each year on a pro bono basis by award-winning auctioneer Col. Ray Henry.

The live auction event produces an incredible energy each year, as the unique items procured for the benefit draw a raucous crowd who are not afraid to raise their hands with continuous bidding action.

This year, the unique items included a guitar autographed by country

music star Dierks Bentley, as well as a framed flag that was signed by former Navy Seal Robert O'Neill, the purported trigger man whose bullet ended the life of Osama Bin Laden during the 2011 military action dubbed Operation Neptune Spear.

With those one-of-a-kind items and the skill of Col. Ray, the bids were fast and furious this year as just six live auction items generated \$16,700.

"We can't thank Col. Ray enough for his dedication in making it to our event each year," Obermoller says.

With this year's tournament barely in the rear view mirror, plans will begin shortly for next year's event and Obermoller is always looking for new businesses and individuals to add to the mix.

"There's literally too many people to mention in terms of the help we get each year," he says. "We are thankful for everyone who comes out and helps us as this is truly a community event."

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GRFIA annual scramble set for Monday

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Each year, Great River Faith in Action (GRFIA) hosts two fundraisers to support the elderly and families in need.

Their annual golf scramble is one of those events.

The scramble is held each August at the Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker where golfers enjoy a day of golf, food, and the chance to win great prizes.

This year's event is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. for a shotgun start.

The tourney features

many games and prizes including a chipping contest, longest drive, closest to the pin, a putting contest and a Hole-In-One prize valued at

\$25,000!

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Who is GRFIA?

Great River Faith in Action is a volunteer-based, nonprofit located in Becker,

that serves the elderly and struggling families/individuals in Sherburne County and parts of Wright County. They assist the community by bringing together those that need help and those that are looking to help others. Every community they serve has people that want to help others, and there are naturally people who need help. GRFIA brings them together—without GRFIA, they may not find each other.

The elderly GRFIA serves want to remain in their homes. Their goal is to ensure they are able to do this for as long as it is safely possible. These seniors are looking for rides, light

housekeeping, yard work, and home repairs to be done. And, more importantly, as the neighborhood around them becomes younger, they become lonely. When one volunteers through GRFIA, it is not just about getting the task done, but also connecting with them. The volunteer will become the person they look forward to seeing.

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Big Lake completes rebranding project

By Katherine Cantin,
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Big Lake's Brand Identity Project wrapped up with Como Lake Marketing Partners finishing their design projects. With the completion of this branding project, Big Lake has new logos for each department, a style guide for official mailings and other texts, promotional videos, powerpoint and document templates, advertisements, and other items. These will be used to promote Big Lake to new businesses and residents.

The new tagline and idea behind the new identity of the city is, "Live Big!" The new city logo features the city's name, the new tagline, and an overhead image of Big and Mitchel Lakes.

New logos and other design items will be integrated starting in September, though city staff predict it will take a fair amount of time to switch everything over.

Open Forum

Gloria Vande Brake of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce spoke briefly about the annual Big Lake Block Party which will take place Aug. 21 and will feature lots of activities for kids. The price will be five dollars for children over five, and tickets are available for pre-sale at the chamber website.

Norland Truck Sales

Council reviewed a preliminary concept plan for Norland Truck Sales.

The location of the proposed business site would be off of Hwy. 10 west, near El Loro, the Friendly Buffalo, Big Lake Car Condos, and other businesses.

The business hopes to move to Big Lake from their current location in Savage. After opening in 2017, the company has ex-

perienced rapid growth and needs a larger location. are not allowed in this zone, so, to proceed, the city would need to hold a public hearing to fix the issue. The council also discussed issues regarding access to the road. However, the current property owner said he's already been discussing these issues with Norland and working towards solu-

tions on their end. He plans to have the issues that concerned the council resolved within the next couple of weeks.

still have to go through the county.) A significant robbery took place at the liquor store with more than \$450 of items stolen. The engineering dept. gave an update on the street and utility project. Council member Ken Halverson asked about repairing a retaining wall in Big Lake (the lake) since the water is low. Unfortunately, getting a permit from the DNR takes time, so it was not on the radar of the city engineer at the time of the meeting.

The city engineer reported that watering restrictions are still in place. He asked council to give him any comments regarding the city comprehensive plan before it is presented at the next meeting.

Halverson reported working on the city budget with the finance committee, his personal goal being to see the budget increase no more than three or four percent annually.

Council member Kim Noding reported reviewing budgets for the Fire Board and BLEDA.

Council member Paul Seefeld reported that CMRP reviewed the city re-branding project.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Joined MnWARN (Minnesota Water/Wastewater Response Network);
- Went to a closed session to consider a property purchase.



BIG LAKE recently finished its rebranding project, which included adopting this new city logo. (Submitted photo.)

periences rapid growth and needs a larger location.

Big Lake has an "innovative industrial zone" which is a place where companies who are not able or ready to move into a more traditional industrial park setting. Regulations are more relaxed in this area, making the area attractive to growing businesses. The zone has been established for about two years now. Norland was very interested in Big Lake because of this opportunity. Currently, truck sales

Monthly Dept. Reports

Big Lake Fire Dept. had 38 calls for the month of July, which included nine fires.

BLPD had 919 calls for service. Permit to purchase firearms will now be directed through the police dept. for city residents, rather than the Sheriff's Office (township residents

BL Twp. families advocate to raise chickens



THE PRICE AND NADEAU FAMILIES attended the recent Big Lake Twp. meeting to advocate for residents on less than two acres be allowed to raise chickens. Kids from left to right are: Layla Nadeau, Grayson Price, Aiden Price, Reilyn Price, and Paisly Nadeau. Adults from left to right are: Alex Price, Jessica Price, and Ashley Nadeau. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

By Katherine Cantin,
Staff Writer
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Two families attended the recent Big Lake Twp. meeting in order to speak on the township's poultry ordinance. The ordinance, at the time, did not allow township residents who had less than two acres of land to own chickens.

Jessica Price spoke against this ordinance, saying that chickens were allowed on fewer acres both in the City of Big Lake and even in Minneapolis.

The board members discussed the issue with Price, raising concerns about noise levels, the health of the chickens in a small area, the removal of manure, and the requirements of keeping the birds off of neighboring properties.

Price responded that the chickens don't need tons of space in order to be healthy, and penning them in would keep them off of neighboring property. She

also stated that she was only advocating to keep laying hens, not noisy roosters, and that the animals created less manure than house cats. Furthermore, animal cruelty laws prevent owners from keeping the birds in obviously unsafe or unhealthy situations.

Eventually, the board adopted an ordinance that would allow a maximum of six chickens on township properties under two acres, and board member Norm Leslie requested that information on proper care of chickens be added to the township website. Roosters, Guinea Fowl and Pea Fowl are not allowed under this new ordinance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ken Warneke reported that the fire board significantly increased their projected budget for 2026. In five years, the fire department hopes to purchase a new ladder truck. Warneke recommended increasing the township levy this year in order to avoid a drastic in-

crease in the coming years. This will increase the township budget by 3.48% for 2022. The levy will be approved or disapproved by township residents during the reconvened annual meeting, September 8, 6 p.m. All township citizens are encouraged to come and vote on the levy at that time.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Discussed snow removal on roads, especially considering their recent trade of roads with the county (the township now owns Co. Rd. 79 and the County took 219th.);
- Officially accepted the Midco cable franchise which had been tossed around for some time between township and Midco lawyers until both sides were happy;
- Approved a license agreement regarding a septic system on a 233rd Ave. property.

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Think about this - a local landowner hoping to build an accessory structure on his or her property faces more local government scrutiny than will this proposed solar farm!

I have spoken with local government elected officials and many do not feel as though Xcel or the PUC have taken their concerns into account. These same officials

have heard absolutely nothing about environmental impacts that could potentially occur as a result of having millions of solar panels clustered in an area. (For one perspective on this issue, try Googling *Israel* and their research into leaky solar panels and their toxicity towards humans).

In the interest of presenting both sides here, I should point out that the Clear Lake

Twp. board has been very supportive of the solar proposal and I want to acknowledge their position.

I spoke with county commissioner Tim Dolan - his take on the PUC is that the process is broken and he also used the word archaic. I thank the commissioner for his candor and the time spent discussing the issue, as I feel too many other regionally

elected leaders have been silent on this issue.

Are our local state representatives and senators willing to sponsor reform at the PUC? Do they have concerns? Please reach out to them and ask! I would expect to see some of them at the meeting on August 31 as well.

I want our readers to know that a person can be

100% supportive of solar energy and still be very concerned and appalled at the authoritative process our state uses to review these types of proposals because it usurps local elected government review.

I'll end with a simple question and a friendly request.

Who do you trust more - state level unelected bureau-

crats or your local elected leaders who face accountability in the form of an election every couple of years?

I hope to see many of you on August 31 at Becker High School asking questions because the PUC will make the biggest land use decision in the history of Sherburne County and it deserves your attention.

Government in need of major overhaul

If you haven't heard yet, staff from the MN Public Utilities Commission and MN Dept. of Commerce will be in Becker on August 31 at 6 p.m. at Becker High School to share information and take public comment on Xcel Energy's solar farm proposal which would encompass 3,479 acres of land in Sherburne County. There will be an online option the following night and public comments can also be submitted to the PUC as long as they are in by September 15.

Simply stated, I am exploring local residents to show up and have their voices heard.

First of all, I am neither "pro" nor "anti" solar farms - please remember this as you read further. Second, I am certainly "pro" landowner rights and believe that farmers, homeowners, etc. should have wide latitude in making decisions about what to do with their land that they pay taxes on, etc. Please also keep this in mind.

I am trying to sound the alarm for local residents about Xcel's proposal for one and only one reason - the process that the PUC uses to approve these types of project puts way too much power in the hands of the five unelected commissioners that serve six year appointed terms.

Because these folks don't have to face voters, I contend there is a complete lack of accountability to the voter and taxpayer in the process. One would expect that an entity as powerful (I would argue the PUC is the most powerful unelected body in Minnesota) would also be nonpartisan,



By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

but nothing could be further from the truth. Spend five minutes looking over the bios on the PUC website and you will see that it is indeed extremely political in nature.

In order to understand the potential consequences of the PUC's decision, please consider this: Xcel's proposal is to replace 460 megawatts of power from the decommissioning of Sherco with this solar farm. Sherco produces about 2,400 megawatts total so when fully decommissioned, this still leaves a gap of roughly 1,940 megawatts that will need to be replaced. While they haven't announced this intention yet, the infrastructure is in place with transmission lines and their local power socket so one could logically expect Xcel to want to replace all those megawatts locally. If that happens, they will need another approximately 17,000 acres of land to do so (each seven acres of land is worth approximately one megawatt).

For some perspective, Sherburne County has about 289,000 acres of land total.

Now I'm sure some experts will have more exact

figures than I just presented, but remember I'm a part-time writer and am not funded by billionaire hedge fund owners as most environmental groups are. I also don't employ lobbyists and the last time I checked my income from this article is much less than executive level pay at power companies. Trust me, when the PUC comes to town, both of the previous examples will make sense when you see the people submitting comment. However, I do think I am right in the ballpark about the potential land impacts within our county borders.

Again, please refer to my two assertions at the beginning of my column and remember this is not about telling local landowners what to do with their land, but instead the complete lack of a transparent process used by the PUC. If the process stays intact, it is one they will keep using in the future when they make other decisions that are certainly to follow.

The PUC's process nearly completely takes local elected officials out of the equation. For example, despite an Xcel spokesperson testifying before the PUC that they have had a great deal of contact with Becker township, just ask one of the supervisors and see if you get the same answer (note that the second of two meetings between the two entities occurred exactly ONE night before public testimony at the PUC - I'm thinking the company did not have enough time to work any local input into their proposal on a 12

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Lack of affordable homes is detrimental

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Rep. Shane Mekeland Team).

Homeownership is a major factor in building strong families which, in turn, build strong communities.

Unfortunately, our state's excessive regulatory and permitting policies continue choking families out of the market as Minnesota has fallen far behind our neighboring states in terms of housing affordability.

A recent *Star Tribune* article provided sobering details of how current housing policies are causing adverse impacts to housing affordability and access. It reports a median home price in the Twin Cities now tops \$350,000.

A report from the Housing Affordability Institute indicates up to one-third of a new home's price in the Twin Cities comes from regulation and local policies. So, if you build a \$300,000 home, \$100,000 of your hard-earned dollars will go toward expenses mandated by state and local policies. A new home in the Twin Cities costs up to 25 percent more than a similar home built by the same builder in the southwestern Chicago suburbs, a difference of \$82,000, the HAI says.

Homes may be a bit more affordable out here in Greater Minnesota, but the point remains the same: Families, especially younger ones, are being priced right out of the market as moderately priced single-family homes vanish



By Rep.
Shane Mekeland

from the landscape.

We face a significant shortage of workforce housing at a time good jobs remain unfilled. It's hard to attract able workers to our area if there is a lack of affordable homes. (Our dwindling number of childcare providers, also partly due to overregulation, is another major problem which needs to be addressed.)

The kicker? The Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability, to which I was appointed, has not met in 18 months. We have not received a response to a recent request to schedule a meeting.

Meanwhile, I created a study group on affordable housing and plan to meet during the interim. We need corrective action before bad becomes worse with the steady stream of unhelpful proposals coming our way.

For example, one bill introduced this year applies a "park dedication fee" to new houses. Another bill assessing an estimated \$8,000-\$10,000 to construction costs per rooftop to fund potential future roadwork via street impact fees was authored.

Ill-advised bills such as these help to explain how we got where we are today. And that doesn't even account for the more hidden added costs to consumers such as homeowners insurance, property taxes, etc., that also rise right along with higher construction costs.

This omnibus housing bill which was enacted this year did nothing to address the cost drivers behind the rising price of homeownership. It focused more on policies related to eviction and homeless shelters. Those issues may have warranted attention, but there certainly was time to tackle affordability.

Legislation to bring zoning reform, reduce state mandates that are handcuffing local governments, and streamline regulations that nickel and dime our market to unaffordability was not enacted. I personally have been working on legislation to mitigate our workforce housing shortage.

I will continue supporting policies that incentivize affordable homes while pushing back against burdensome regulations that only make our situation worse. I am honored to have recently received a 2021 Housing Leadership Award from Housing First Minnesota for my efforts on this front.

This is a battle I will continue fighting on behalf of local families. But we need to stop talking about this problem and start working on solutions in earnest.

Adopting New Laws in August

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Mary Kiffmeyer.)

This summer is going by quickly and I hope you had time to make some good summer memories with your loved ones. While the weather is nice and some much-needed rain came, I am still busy working for you!

Frontline Work Group

I am one of three Senators and six House/Commissioners in the working group for Frontline Worker Pay. The group's duty is to make a recommendation for the disbursement of \$250 million in direct financial support to frontline workers, including the crucial long-term care workers that served our state's most vulnerable citizens during peak COVID stages.

Our workgroup is required to consider a frontline worker's increased financial burden, increased risk of exposure, and a number of other contributing factors.

Redistricting Hearings

I am also the Vice-Chair for the Senate Redistricting Committee, which held a committee hearing in Bemidji on Monday. This was an incredible opportunity for the committee members and myself to hear from a wide variety of Minnesotans on the important issue of redistricting. This process only happens once every ten years following the once-every-ten-



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

years census and shows the beauty of the US Constitution alive today. Our constitutional requirement to count was the first time in history to count for fair representation in electing representatives.

New Laws

August is always an exciting month for the Legislature because it's when many of the new laws we fought hard for officially become law! Many changes to election provisions were technical changes, but they still bring incredible value in upholding our republic. Notably, the state will tighten the thresholds for determining acceptable performance by a voting system and require additional review of the election results if the thresholds are exceeded. The definition of "military" for the state's absentee voting laws is also expanded, making it easier for our brave Minnesotans to vote while doing their duty.

Healthy Start Act

I am glad to see the "Healthy Start Act," which I authored

in the Senate, go into effect. This law allows pregnant women prisoners to spend more time with their babies in select cases, which improves outcomes for the baby and the mother. The Department of Corrections is developing policy and criteria for conditional release, providing community-based programming for prenatal or postnatal care, parenting skills classes, or chemical dependency and mental health treatment services. The bond between a mother and her baby is so important, especially at the beginning stages of life, and creating that bond will incentivize the mother to turn away from whatever life bought her into prison and instead focus on good choices for her and her child.

It is truly an honor to represent you, District 30, and I hope as we wrap up summer I have an opportunity to meet you! I am always available to chat and I encourage you to reach out to my office with any questions, comments, concerns, or to set up a meeting. I can be reached at *Sen. Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN* or give me a call at 651-296-5565.

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to commend your writer, Katherine Cantin, for her article on Teaching Students about Race Issues which you published in your Aug. 7, 2021 issue. Katie did an excellent job of laying out all the issues involved in CRT being part of the public schools' curriculum. Katie's article should be read at all school board meetings and copies given to all parents. I agree 100% with what she wrote.

I would also like to let you know how much we like having your paper back in our community. You do a great job of informing us and providing many in-

teresting and thought-provoking articles. Welcome back and keep up the good work.

Pam Eichen
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank all the golfers and sponsors for coming and supporting Dylan's Hope Golf Tournament this year. It was hard to believe that we broke another participation record for golfers again this year. Also a special thanks to Morrie's Buffalo Ford for the opportunity to win a brand new car, Hubbard Electric for a chance at a new side by side and Total Construction Solu-

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Dylan's Hope Foundation Board of Directors

Left In Danger



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Rep. Tom Emmer.)

After the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, the world watched in horror as the Taliban seized control of Kabul. As the airport was closed, many fearful Afghani were left stranded, some of whom had helped our American forces for two decades.

Last month, I sent a letter to President Biden urging him to evacuate our Afghan partners who assisted the United States Armed Forces in Afghanistan with interpreting and translating services. This failed to happen, and many have been left in danger from the Taliban.

Jacquie and I will continue to pray for those in Afghanistan, and for the American soldiers who served in country over the years as they continue to watch this tragedy unfold.

133rd Airlift Wing's Mission

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Unfortunately, the Air Force recently announced its intention to reduce the size of its C-130 fleet from 300 military planes down to 255 between fiscal years 2021 and 2025, a decision that would

have a potentially devastating impact on our state. This decrease could see Minnesota's 133rd Airlift Wing lose its status as one of the most successful airlift wings in the country.

Last week, I led a letter with my Minnesota colleagues in the House to show our united support for the current mission of the 133rd Airlift Wing. You can read that letter here.

I shared my concerns on KSTP regarding this potential decrease in the C-130 fleet and the negative impact that would have on Minnesota's 133rd Airlift Wing. I hope that the Air Force will reverse this decision and continue to operate the C-130 fleet to its full capacity.

Critical Roadways

This past week, I traveled to Carver County to visit two important projects. The first was in the City of Carver to assess the needs of their levee.

In 1965, following a series of destructive floods, the city built a levee to protect downtown Carver from future flooding of the Minnesota River. Unfortunately, this important piece of infrastructure has gone far past its designed lifespan.

Over the last four years


alone, the City of Carver has spent \$1.5 million dollars attempting to maintain the outdated levee. In order to protect the city's overall economy and save 61 buildings in downtown Carver, an investment must take place soon.

Not to mention, Carver has 90 properties on the National Registry of Historic Places, meaning an investment in this city would ensure an important part of our state's history is preserved as well.

After my visit to Carver, I traveled to see the progress that has been made to sections of U.S. Highway 212, to turn a rural two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided expressway. They broke ground on part of this project back in May, and it was great to see that they are already 30% done with this section between Carver and Cologne.

During this visit, I surveyed the new section of this project— which would run from CSAH 34 in Norwood Young America to CSAH 36 in Cologne, and construct a Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) and a grade-separated interchange, eliminating a freight bottleneck and improving roadway safety. This road carries more than 1,300 trucks daily and is in dire need of improvement.

It was great to see firsthand some of the important infrastructure needs our District has. We will continue our work to help prioritize funding for these and other important projects around the Sixth District.



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Area News

Nixon Lake discussion brings mixed opinions at Clearwater Twp.

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

There was once again a full house at the Clearwater Twp.’s August meeting, as residents attended to express their views on Nixon Lake becoming a no-wake lake.

Supervisor Rose Thelen reviewed the information provided by the Nixon Lake Committee, which recommended the township begin the process of having the lake designated a no-wake lake, meaning boaters can only go five mph or the lowest speed at which they can steer their watercrafts.

Several residents stated their agreement with the idea. Others expressed their disagreement, and some questioned how it would work and be regulated.

One resident said she was more concerned with the safety of swimmers as the boat landing is located right next to the beach. She recommended setting up a buoy system so everyone – boaters and swimmers – will be aware of the boundaries.

Supervisor Scott Miller said there’s no documentation of any issues with the lake and he didn’t want to make a decision based on pressure from attendees. He stated that while he agreed with much of what was brought up, he’s also concerned that putting a restriction on the lake will lead to more restrictions in the future.

“We’ve got to see if there’s actually a problem or not,” said Miller. “I’d like to talk to the attorney to see if what I see are legitimate con-



CLEARWATER TWP. SUPERVISORS Scott Miller and Rose Thelen listen as residents discuss Nixon Lake. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

cerns. We should concentrate on getting the beach safe and go from there. Buoyos would be a good start.”

When Thelen asked for a motion to begin the process of making Nixon a no-wake lake, Miller said he wasn’t ready to make that decision and wanted to speak with their attorney first; Supervisor John Notch agreed.

A motion carried to send a draft of the proposal to the township’s attorney for review.

Nixon Beach

Also on the agenda regarding Nixon Lake was the cleanup being undertaken to clear the beach of muck left behind when the bog was removed last summer. Miller updated the board on the work he and Blayne Leuthard had been doing with a mechanism they made, indicating they’ve had some success with it.

Other residents discussed research they’ve been doing, including the purchase of pumps and contacting a specialized company that is interested in doing a bid to clean

it up.

Other Business

Ron Schabel approached the board to express his concern about last month’s meeting, in which Huber Ave. residents articulated their anger about the road being chip sealed and not being informed it was going to happen. He asked if there was anything that had prevented the board from sending out a notification.

The board again shared their reasons for the road being tarred and said it hasn’t been standard procedure for them to notify residents in the past. They stated they’re looking into creating a procedure so this doesn’t happen again in the future.

A meeting will be held with the City of Clearwater to further discuss the orderly annexation agreement on August 25.

The next Clearwater Twp. meeting will be Sept. 8 due to Labor Day.

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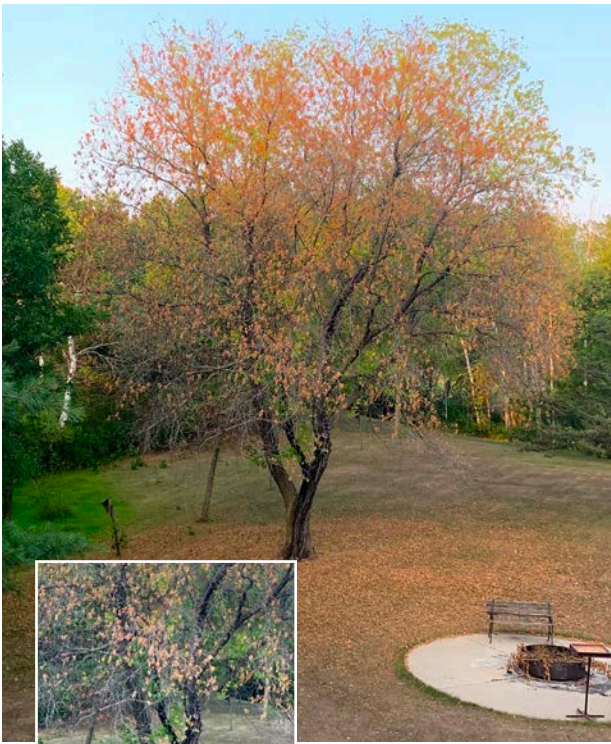
Extreme drought causing early leaf drop

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

Minnesota’s fall foliage display will likely leave much to be desired this year, as the severe drought being experienced in the area and throughout the state has led to more than stunted crops, low lake levels, and exposed riverbeds. It has also led to trees dropping their leaves weeks earlier than usual.

Many trees in the area have begun changing colors and dropping their leaves due to the lack of rainfall. During a severe drought, trees that are sensitive to drought conditions drop their leaves in an attempt to conserve water. Drought-stressed trees are also more susceptible to disease and insects, as well as wildfires.

Fall is usually a time when the soil recharges its moisture levels, so the rain that’s needed now will also be an important factor in averting a dry spring next year.



TREES LIKE THESE ONES NEAR CLEARWATER have begun dropping their leaves weeks early due to the severe drought. (Photos by Penny Leuthard)

More burning restrictions begin Tuesday for area counties

Submitted Article

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted by the MN DNR).

To help ensure public safety and protect natural resources, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is expanding burning restrictions across portions of central and northern Minnesota, beginning 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, August 17. Burning restrictions will now cover 34 counties where intensifying drought has elevated the potential for devastating wildfires.

The burning restrictions reflect on-the-ground conditions and wildland fire response capacity as assessed

on a county-by-county basis. Under the DNR’s latest order, some counties are seeing burning restrictions for the first time this year, while some others are seeing increased restrictions and some are continuing with their previous level of restriction.

Open burning and some campfires are newly restricted in Clay, Douglas, Grant, Kittson, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Sherburne and Wright counties and the western portion of Roseau County, excluding tribal trust lands. These same restrictions remain in place for Aitkin, Benton, Carlton, Lake of the Woods, Morrison, Todd, and Stearns counties, the eastern

portion of Roseau County, and the southern portion of St. Louis County, excluding tribal trust lands. Under these restrictions:

No campfires are allowed for dispersed, remote, or backcountry camping on all lands.

No campfires – with or without a ring – are allowed on any DNR-managed lands. This applies to all campsites, cabins, picnic and other day-use areas. Camp stoves are permitted.

On non-DNR-managed lands, attended campfires or recreational fires may be allowed in established fire rings associated with an occupied home, cabin, campground, or resort. Check with the site

manager for possible additional restrictions.

No fireworks may be ignited on any public or private land outside city limits. Check with the local community for any additional restrictions.

The state will not issue burning permits for brush or yard waste.

All or part of 14 additional counties are also subject to these same restrictions on fireworks and burn permits, plus all campfires and recreational fires are banned, prescribed burning is prohibited on private lands, and the use of welding devices and other torches is prohibited when in proximity to combustible vegetation. Counties

subject to these additional restrictions are: Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Cook, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Mahnommen, Otter Tail, the northern portion of St. Louis and Wadena counties, excluding tribal trust lands.

In these 14 counties, campers must take note that in the backcountry, and at campsites, only gas or propane camp stoves are allowed. Gas and charcoal grills are allowed at occupied homes, cabins and resorts. Charcoal and gas fires must be in devices designed for grilling.

Recreational fires are also barred on DNR-managed lands in Pope County.

This county is not subject to the other restrictions on non-DNR lands listed above.

“Don’t do any burning right now, and be extremely cautious with any other activity where heat or sparks could start a wildfire,” advised Allissa Reynolds, DNR acting wildfire prevention supervisor. She encourages Minnesotans to do their part to prevent wildfires by knowing and following the burning restrictions in their county.

The DNR wildland fire information webpage includes information on current burning restrictions and a map showing the current fire restrictions.

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SSLC returns from Texas

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by South Santiago Lutheran Church.)

"There were plenty of poisonous spiders, but the only one who had a problem with them was Pastor Thul," a Becker High School student and South Santiago Lutheran Church Mission Trip Dallas member explained this past Sunday when most of the 21-member team reported back their experience to the congregation during worship.

South Santiago Lutheran Church (SSLC) members aged 14 to 86 recently returned from a nine-day mission trip to Texas and the fruits of their work will be seen as Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Richardson, Texas, begins the important process of re-growing after several years of interim pastors, the pandemic – and a cold snap and power outage that devastated the working-class neighborhood church in January.

The predominantly teenage group painted hallways and rooms, cleaned the narthex carpet twice, relocated pretty much every piece of furniture in the church at least once, demolished a water damaged coffee bar and outdated playground equipment. A member of the group actually broke a sledgehammer while attempting to crack the concrete foundation.

Pastor Tom Schwoert, who was called to the congregation early this year, said he was genuinely impressed by the group's work ethic and touched by their care. Gloria Dei operates a cat rescue out of a couple of its back offices and several of the trip participants did their part in making sure the cats received an adequate amount of socialization training.



STUDENTS AND CHAPERONES FROM SOUTH SANTIAGO LUTHERAN CHURCH recently returned from a mission trip in Texas. Front row: Aiden Radeke, Natalie Pozorski, Bella Rick, Kelsey Janisch, Kaylee Waters, Amanda Miner, Makenna Zerwas, Maddie Doucette, Gus Baldry, Cooper Peterson, Jordan Mateyka. Second row: Kristin Forner, Carey Janisch, Bill Rogers, Pastor Daryl Thul, Thomas Zerwas, Aaron Miner, Mitchell Miner, Pastor Tom Schwoert, Jeff Mateyka, Jaci Heitkamp, Katelyn Uecker. (Submitted photo.)

High school students Aiden Radeke and Jordan Mateyka mentioned hauling literally dozens of loads of pea rock from the old playground to the landscape gardens around the facility and along the sidewalk, and to the permanent cross display on the lawn of the church. The pea rock replaced mulch that really doesn't hold up well in the Texas sun.

"Gloria Dei's plan is to turn the old playground area into a dog-walking park," Pastor Daryl Thul explained. "Playgrounds at inner-city churches are not really well used in many cases. It's not like mom or dad can go in the church and leave the kids outside in many places these days."

"A fenced-in dog area will certainly be used by the community," he continued, "So we were able to repurpose the rock. And it was truly a lot of it that they moved."

With many of the shrubs and perennial flower gardens overgrown, the mission trip had to contend with a serious number of wasps, none of whom were happy to have their homes invaded and destroyed. Sixteen-year-old Jaci Heitkamp was stung three times and she made mention of this fact as she talked about what she learned: "It hurts."

The team also spent a day and a half working for a non-profit that provides care packages for families and children who are facing food insecurity. Some of the team members procured specialized boxes from various resources and others decorated special boxes that will be used at Thanksgiving.

Several of the mission trip members spoke of where they saw God in action during the trip. These included in Pastor Tom's sharing about his family's loss; the Gloria Dei Secretary, Kathy, and how wonderful she was; the way the group worked through issues and even the sunrise on a hot Texas day.

The younger participants are already looking at planning the summer 2022 mission trip.

Some of the high school students are planning on continuing to embrace the community they've found and are organizing a student-led breakfast this fall, hosted and paid for by one of the chaperones: Bill Rogers.

This is Rogers' second mission trip and an obvious favorite of the younger crowd.



WORKING TOO HARD? Pastor Daryl Thul and Makenna Zerwas show off the efforts of their hard work: a broken sledgehammer! (Submitted photo.)



MADDIE DOUCETTE AND BILL ROGERS took a break for a photo while on their recent missions trip. (Submitted photo.)



SOUTH SANTIAGO LUTHERAN CHURCH STUDENTS took a break from their hard work for a group prayer. (Submitted photo.)

Santiago Board reviews park usage

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Santiago Twp. Board met Wednesday, August 11, and at the behest of the local Lions Club, reviewed the usage of the township park and ideas for the future use of the space.

The park currently offers two softball fields, as well as a concession stand, playground structure and horseshoe pits.

In the past, softball teams flocked to the fields and several leagues operated out of the space, but in recent years there has been little interest in the sport.

The Lions wanted input from the board as to the best uses of the space, as well as a review of maintenance and other operating costs.

Chairman Stu Nelson noted that the board could again reach out to local high schools to gauge interest in using the lighted fields for any competitions in the spring, as

several had utilized it in the past.

"I'm happy with the park the way it is," said Lions member Matt Weber. "We just wanted to bring it up and see what people think."

The board discussed the current status of the park and settled on a recommendation of "maintaining" the property as it currently sits until the situation changes or there is a need communicated from the community. Further investments were not recommended, but the board wanted to see the property maintained so there wouldn't be a need to start over in the future.

Sheriff/Fire
SCSO Patrol Capt. Ryan Broich appeared before the board to deliver the July calls for service, which numbered 66, as compared to 67 in 2020 and 57 in 2019 for the same reporting period.

Broich reported an emphasis on speed patrol in the area with 27 traffic stops and

also noted that deputies are patrolling township roads in addition to the main county roadways.

In response to a question from a citizen, he and the board also held a discussion on bicyclists and the proper rules for their usage of roadways. While the law calls for bicycles to ride in the same direction as vehicle traffic, it was noted that sometimes people feel safer facing traffic and having the chance to avoid dangerous situations. Broich did explain that bicyclists can be addressed by law enforcement if they are not riding in a safe manner.

Weber reported on the activity of the Becker Fire Department, which had 70 calls for service in July, including 51 medical responses. Six total calls for service were received from Santiago Twp. during the reporting period.

Weber also reported on the department's plans to check out the dry hydrant

located near the old township hall that could potentially provide water from the river if there were a fire in the area. Currently, Station two has a 10,000 gallon tank on site, but Weber noted it would be quickly drained in the case of a significant fire event, such as one at CentraSota.

Because the river is at a low point due to the drought, the board felt it was a good time to try and backslash the dry hydrant and see if it could be serviceable in the future. Weber will arrange for the inspection and report back to the board in the future.

Roads
Supervisor Dave Jehoich reported to the board on the efforts in the past month on repairing and maintaining townships roadways.

Jehoich noted that 19th St. had been patched and could be seal-coated next year at a cost of approximately \$3,615, which would extend the life of the road by perhaps

seven to eight years.

The board agreed to put the item on the agenda for the 2022 annual meeting to gather citizen input.

Contractor John Herbst was at the meeting and discussed efforts in grading the gravel roads, as well as some shoudering work to patch washouts near the edges of some roadways. Doing the shoulder patching would keep the asphalt from chipping away due to the lack of foundation material. Herbst estimated it could take four or five loads of good, binding Class Five gravel to accomplish the work, and the board gave its approval to get the work done now so it has time to set up before winter.

Herbst and Jehoich also discussed brush cutting that needs to occur on several roadways and it will be scheduled to start in later September, when the risk of any potential Oak wilt concerns are mitigated.

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Sports/Area News

Buzzards drop state tourney opener, will pursue Class A title

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Buzzards 35+ amateur baseball team entered the 2021 MSMABA state tournament last Saturday with four straight state titles. However, their pursuit of a fifth state title hit a temporary road block in the opening game, losing 5-2 to the Searle's Bullheads. With the loss, Becker advanced to the Class A bracket (the tournament has four levels), but still has a shot at a class A title after picking up a win Sunday over

Belle Plaine.

In the loss to the Bullheads, Pitcher Tanner Bakke drew the start on the mound but some uncharacteristic defensive lapses led to several unearned runs.

"We kicked the ball around a little bit and it ended up costing us some runs," said Acting Manager Brian Kolbinger.

Jason Baune, the team's usual skipper, missed the game and was reportedly

in Texas on franchise related business to tour several baseball stadiums as he collects ideas for an eventual Buzzards baseball stadium project in Becker.

The Buzzards would notch all their runs in the third inning, as Rich Petty and Jason Pffingsten came around to score on a Matt Koester

single to tie the game at 2-2. The score would remain tied until the sixth inning, when Searle's would score three runs on a pair of Buzzard errors.

Todd Klaers led the offensive effort for Becker, collecting two of the team's seven hits.

Belle Plaine

Sunday, Becker was able to get back into the win column with a 5-1 victory over Belle Plaine behind a complete game pitching performance from Pffingsten. The right-hander scattered just

four hits and gave up one unearned run in the first inning while striking out four batters in his seven innings of work.

Petty opened the scoring for the Buzzards in the first inning, as he singled and scored on a Klaers base hit. Klaers answered the call again in the third inning, as he brought Steve Newman home with another RBI and Becker took the 2-1 lead.

Becker would open up the game in the fourth inning by plating three runs to extend their lead.

At the plate, Petty was

the hot bat with a 3-for-4 performance, while the Buzzards totaled nine hits as a team.

With the win, Becker advanced to Mankato for the Class A semifinals, playing against Prior Lake on Saturday (today). If they win on Saturday evening, they will play for the title on Sunday, while a loss in the opener would lead to a spot in the third place game on Sunday.



JOHNSON BROTHERS' VEGETABLE STAND RAISES MONEY FOR SPECIAL TRIP. Isaac and Kelly Johnson live on Olympia Avenue in Becker and are avid gardeners. Their garden is 70x90 and the family has a three acre pumpkin patch which also features squash, melons and gourds. The boys helped plant all the vegetables and also do the weeding. The Johnson family is selling produce at their roadside stand and using the money earned towards a special family trip later this year. The plan is to travel to Disney with their Great Grandma to celebrate her 89th birthday the end of this year. Isaac's grandma wants to take her whole family to Magic Kingdom one more time all together. Top photo: (L to R): Owen Johnson (13), Jacob Johnson (11), and Liam Johnson (8) are enjoying the second year of operating their vegetable stand on Olympia Avenue in Becker. (Submitted photos.)



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Kaprizov Contract

The time is getting closer and closer, the Wild's season is just around the corner. With that being said I must voice my opinion on one player who has yet to sign with the Wild and we all know who that is. Kirill Kaprizov, the Wild's new superstar and soon to be face of the franchise has not made things easy on fans over the offseason, myself included.

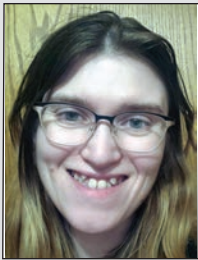
As soon as last season ended, I was anxiously awaiting the Wild to come out and say they had signed Kaprizov to a nice long lucrative deal that would keep him here for a very long time. Well, time went on and it was evident that a deal wouldn't be signed as soon as I hoped for. So, it was time to focus on the other NHL events going on like the Seattle Kraken Expansion Draft, the NHL Entry Draft, and Free Agency.

The Wild lost defenseman Carson Soucy to the Seattle Kraken and a few defensemen left during free agency as well and still no word about Kaprizov. There were some signings like Minnesota native Alex Goligoski who will bring something new to the defensive core with Ryan Suter gone but very little for offense.

The one forward signing the Wild made was snatching Frédérick Gaudreau for the center position, one area that really needed work following the last season. Personally, I had some different players in mind but I'm also not the general manager of the Wild, and I trust what he's up to even if it doesn't seem to make sense at the moment.

Gaudreau could be the one missing piece at the center position that the Wild have been lacking. The number one spot will most likely go to Joel Eriksson Ek but Gaudreau could also slide in there to help the transition by taking some of the shifts, and lightning the load so to speak.

Back to the main topic of the day, even after free agency, Kaprizov had yet to sign. There were numerous rumors about offers from both the Wild and his native country of Russia but it's hard to say what's actually true and what is just rumor. I have tried to remain



By Mariah Holland
Contributing Writer

calm through this whole ordeal and keep in the back of my mind that he'll sign with the Wild, it's just going to take some time, but it's starting to come down to the wire and makes me a little nervous. I still believe he'll sign with us, I would just like it to be sooner rather than later.

Now, many of you may be asking why I'm so concerned with him signing and acting like it's the end of the world if he doesn't. Well, he's been a breath of fresh air to the

Minnesota Wild that they haven't had since the days of Marian Gaborik, no offense to the many great names that have worn a Wild jersey throughout the years but everyone knows there's only been one Gaborik and thus far only one that has come close to him.

Kaprizov has set a new tone for the Wild that even Gaborik didn't reach. He's a Calder Trophy winner and that is no easy task let alone doing it in a shortened COVID-19 protocol season that everyone was trying to figure out. He got through with better than flying colors and I couldn't have been more excited for what the Wild's future holds. He just needs to sign a contract.

That's easier said than done and you can't blame him for holding out if it means more money. Sure, it sounds selfish to some but think about it. If it were you and you knew you could get more money by waiting a few days to a month, you'd more than likely choose to wait right? I know I more than likely would, especially if it was in millions of dollars. Now think about a 24-year-old rookie who just came off the best season a rookie in the NHL could have, he knows his worth.

Now, just recently the Wild were able to sign his teammate Kevin Fiala to a deal and avoid going to an arbitration hearing. I'm hoping with his deal done and out of the way, that means the Wild will have time to figure out Kaprizov's deal and it will be done soon. Then we can all look forward to the start of the season and hopefully an even better year for the Wild.

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For more information, contact David Roedel, PE, Deputy Sherburne County Engineering 763-765-3352 (Published in the Patriot: 08/14/21; 08/21/21).



ON MONDAY, THE MINNESOTA TWINS welcomed the state baseball and softball champions to be honored before the game for Champion's Night at Target Field. The teams went on the field before the game and each team was honored for winning a state championship. (Submitted Photos)

Becker Bass Team has kids hooked on fishing!

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Becker Bass Team.)

Becker Bass Team makes an effort to concentrate on getting kids out fishing and utilizing advice fishing professional Al Linder taught them: "People don't like to fish, they like to catch!" The goal of Becker Bass Team is to teach children and parents how to catch and provide opportunities for children to get out and go fishing.

Becker Bass Team is having a "personal best" this year and the Becker Bass Team members are breaking many of their own records from previous years. On any local lake, on any given day you might see the blue Becker Bass Team jerseys out by the water. The team has grown to over 80 high school students this year and they have been busy! The team hosts a local tournament every month and all teammates are encouraged to attend. Some of the local lake locations are Clearwater Lake, Big Lake and Pleasant Lake. At the team tournament on Clearwater Lake in June, there were 25 boats and a lot of smiles. First place at 16.64 pounds was Brayden Graning and Braden Koenig, second place at 13.58 was Parker Meyer and Mason Doucette. The local tournaments are a great introduction to tournament fishing and learning the rules, safety, and fish care. Older students are running their own boats and volunteering to fish with less experienced kids.

July's tournament on Pleasant Lake was another big one with 25 boats and to place in the top five students needed over a 16 pound bag! First place at 17.29 lbs was Trevor Handshoe and Tori Christensen with coach Greg Bowles. Pleasant Lake was busy with students, parents and volunteers who helped run a great tournament. The team is proud to say that 100% of the Bass were caught and released. The season will wrap up with one more tournament followed by the team picnic in September. Through the



MASON NEVALA AND TANNER PAUMEN were the proud winners of the seventh place, \$2,000 scholarship at the Pokegama Lake competition. (Submitted photo.)



BECKER BASS TEAM TOOK 1ST PLACE and Mason Doucette and Tristan Martin won \$10,000 scholarship! \$5k each. (Submitted photo.)

Student Angler Organization any kids can participate with in the Lund Virtual Tournaments! These are catch, record, release virtual App based where students can pick their lakes to compete against a large field for the day. Kids can fish from shore, kayak, canoe, boat and parents can participate too. This is a great introduction, great for the bass, and great for kids' opportunities to learn about competitive fishing without a lot of expense.

Some of the more experienced teams compete in state-wide tournaments on lakes such as Minnetonka, Mille Lacs, Whitefish Chair and Le Homme Dieu. Becker has been very well represented at all of these tournaments with multiple top placings. Becker had seven teams that have qualified for the "State" Tournament of Champions on Pokegama Lake August 15. Over \$50,000 of scholarships were awarded to the field of 82 boats!

Becker winners included first place winners Mason Doucette and Tristan Martin, who will be splitting the \$10,000 scholarship prize. Mason Nevala and Tanner Paumen took seventh place and won a \$2,000 scholarship prize to split.

It's not all tournament fishing. They practice, as well. Over 25 volunteer coaches, boat captains, and student anglers take kids fishing any day of the week. The team also meets locally every Thursday night to just fish and learn. This usually ends with fun prizes ranging from free tackle to Fleet Farm gift cards. Besides fishing, the team has been busy volunteering at events like an ice cream social in Becker, Fleet Farm's Kid's Fishing Day in Monticello and flipping licorice in Becker's Freedom Days parade.

The team hosts monthly online contests for best stringer of seven biggest fish and, a group

favorite, "The Ugly Fish"! Adults and students enter their fish (and occasionally other things caught) with pictures into the app.

A huge accomplishment for any Bass team is to have a Team of the Year. Becker has done it twice! Last year Charlie Wright and Carter Heitela earned the title and this year Mason Doucette and Tristan Martin fished their way to the top.

A quote from Jimmy Bell, President of the Student Angler Organization: "Mason and Tristan are tremendous young men that understand the importance of family and faith. Much of this comes from Eli and Jayme (their boat captains) and their amazing families that have instilled the values and integrity that will carry them the rest of their lives."

The Becker Bass Team is proud to have a community team which has fun fishing but also values hard work, sportsmanship, education and sharing the love for fishing with others. Check out the Becker High School Bass Team Facebook page and the BeckerBass.com website for pictures and stories from throughout the year. The team has been busy! The team would like to thank past students Charlie (Bigtime) Wright and Jacob Novak for their hard work and dedication to building the successful Bass team and wish them luck in their future tournaments.

Becker Bass Team is happy to have industry partners such as Lund, Fleet Farm, Blackfish, Big Bite Baits and Rapala, but even more proud to have the local community, volunteers, and sponsors who support the team.

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great music and upbeat atmosphere for our event."

"Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers, for all your efforts planning, shopping, calling, organizing, serving, etc., etc.," Andreen continued. "We couldn't have done it without you. Also Adria and Chad Pettit, John Smullen, Julie and Chad Brenteson, Kathie Lewis, Kim DeVries, Kristen Vigoren, Lori and Ken Andreen, Lori and Rick Neiss, Marcie Swanson, Margaret Nelson, Marie and Jeff Johnson, Paul Ellinger, Raquel and George

Wallin, Sam and Dwight Buehler, Sandy and Kevin McClurq, Sarah and Brad Phillips, Wanda and Steve Hourscht. If anyone is missing, I apologize!"

Lastly, thank you to Kris Biser who started us on this path. You are missed."

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Dozens of area girls make all star weekend

By Bill Morgan
Editor/Staff Writer
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Forty area girls were named to play in the Minnesota Selects All Star weekend for Fastpitch Softball at Sunshine Park in Andover Aug. 13-15.

The youngsters were selected by their coaches, who were allowed to select two athletes from their squads. The criteria for being selected was skill, enthusiasm for the game, and good sportsmanship.

The lady athletes joined over 500 other girls from around the state, making up over 40 teams for the special all-star weekend. The teams were mixed with girls from all different areas giving them a chance to make friends, learn new techniques and just enjoy playing a game they love! Stephanie Maurer, a Becker Blast coach, had volunteered at the event as one of the 10U (ages 10 and under) team coaches.

USA Softball Selects is a program that celebrates the players that best exemplify conduct, character and community. Check-in and opening ceremonies began on Aug. 13 and three scheduled games and evaluations were held on the 14th and 15th.

The players — along with their team — were evaluated on speed, arm,

bat, strength, game report, scouting report, skill testing, player profile and recruitment locker.

In the **10U category**, Jessica Osowski of Big Lake played on team #6, Charlotte Cox and Peighdon Tucker of Zimmerman played on team #5, Brooke Kampsen of Monticello played on team #3, Danika Holscher of Big Lake played on team #7, Maggie Benton of Monticello played on team #8, Monika Novitzki of Monticello and Katelyn Wipper of Clear Lake played on team #13,



SOME OF THE AREA GIRL SOFTBALL PLAYERS posed around the welcome sign in Andover after playing several games over the weekend of Aug. 13-15. From left to right, Autumn Larson, Alyra Martell, Grace Foradory (in back), Aubree Gardner (next to sign), Sophie Humphrey (yellow hat in back), Isabella Hunter (green hat in back), Jacqueline Neumann (back row), Mirra Koubisky (next to sign), Payton Trapeau, Brynn Luethmers and Katelyn Wipper. (Submitted Photo)

Jaedynn Ordorff of Monticello played on team #10, Brielle Waite of Big Lake,

Autumn Larson of Becker and Brynn Luethmers of Becker played on team #11 and Audrey Carlson of Big Lake, Alyra Martell of

Becker and Aubree Gardner of Becker played on team #12.

In the **12U category**, Lauren Ulven of Big Lake

played on team #5, Madelyn Wilson of Big Lake played on team #8, Payton Treptau of Clear Lake played on team #7, Isabella Hunter of Monticello and Sophie Humphrey of Becker played on team #4, Madilyn Tucker and Kaylee Martinez of Zimmerman played on team #10, Grace Foradory of Clear Lake played on team #16 and London Zilka and Syren Bystrom of Monticello played on team #15.

In **14U**, Cally Jungels of Monticello played on team #2, Makenna Morrell of Zimmerman played on team #6, Allison Fitzgibbons of Big Lake played on team #7, Tatum White of Big Lake played on team #9, Jacqueline Neumann of Becker and Kamryn Tschritter of Big Lake played on team #4, Taylor

Marcus and Ellie Koprek of Monticello played on team #3 and Elle Bouten of Zimmerman, Katlyn Baron of Big Lake and Lauren Bagne of Big Lake played on team #5.

In the **16/18U category**, Sydnie Loftus of Big Lake played on team #1, Grace Knodde of Big Lake played on team #2 and Lillian Marberg of Zimmerman played on team #4.



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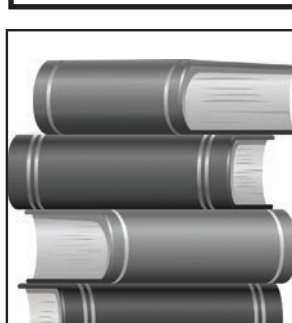
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Tues., Aug. 24: 9am - Coffee, cards, visiting 10am - Games: Bring your favorite or select & join one of ours 11:30am - Walk Around BCC (1 mile)
Wed., Aug. 25: 5am - Coffee's on 10-11am - Room 109, Dementia Caregiver Support with facilitator, Tami Kolbinger. 11am - Bean Bag Toss - our yard
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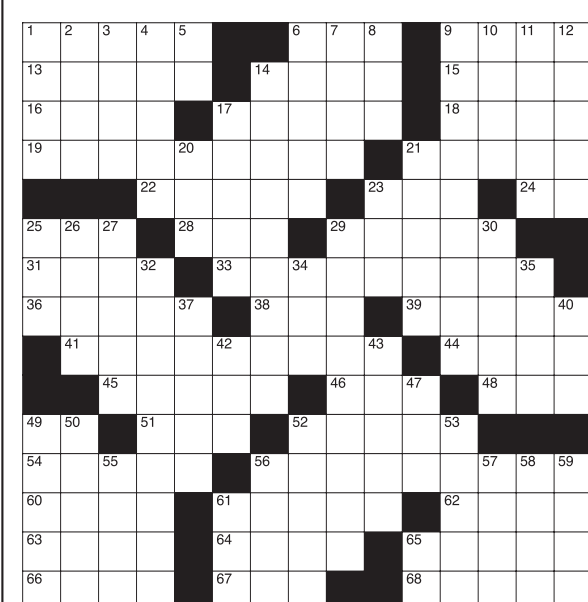
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6. "Unbelievable" musicians
9. Invests in little enterprises
13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
14. Small sailboat
15. "Luther" actor
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Detects underwater objects
18. Harsh, grating noise
19. Steward
21. Fencing sword
22. Painful places on the body
23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
24. Sodium
25. Engineering degree (abbr.)
28. Small lump
29. African antelope
31. Electronic point of sale
33. Carefully chooses
36. Ringworm
38. Unrefined
39. Drenches
41. Type of pants
44. Son of Noah
45. Spiritual being
46. Upton Sinclair novel
48. Journalist Tarbell
49. Atomic #21 (abbr.)
51. Born of
52. Rich tapestry
54. S. China seaport
56. Being without clothes
60. Surrounded by
61. Remains
62. Away from wind
63. Dried-up
64. One who can see the future
65. A very large body of water
66. Digs up earth
67. Type of screen
68. Old Norse poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond
2. Spanish city
3. Sudden, very loud sound
4. Type of chair
5. Tin
6. Sea eagles
7. Broad volcanic crater
8. Some animals have it
9. Ottoman palaces
10. Divulge a secret
11. "A Doll's House" playwright
12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director
14. Poisonous perennial
17. Gulf in the Aegean
20. Clothes
21. Chairs
23. Family of regulator genes
25. NY ballplayer
26. Impressive in size or scope
27. Jacques __, Fr. biologist
29. Manhattanite
30. Genus of lemurs
32. Sings to
34. River in southern Italy
35. Supplemented with difficulty
37. Farewell
40. Senior officer
42. Utah resident
43. Begets
47. Boy
49. Violently break
50. Brief appearance
52. Expressed pleasure
53. A light informal meal
55. Fabric with smooth finish
56. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
57. Ancient Greek City
58. Close tightly
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61. A way to communicate (abbr.)
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This Week's Calendar Events:

Sun. - Aug. 22, 2021:

- Be an Angel Day
- International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief History
- Moon Phase: Full Sturgeon Moon

Mon. - Aug. 23, 2021:

- Virgo, The Virgin (8/23-9/22)
- Health Unit Coordinators Week (8/23-8/29)

Tues. - Aug. 24, 2021:

- National Waffle Day

Wed. - Aug. 25, 2021:

- National Park Service Founders Day
- National Banana Split Day
- Be Kind to Humankind Week (8/25-8/31)

Thurs. - Aug. 26, 2021:

- Women's Equality Day
- National Dog Day

Fri. - Aug. 27, 2021:

- "The Dutchess" Who Wasn't Day
- Colorado State Fair (8/27-9/6)

Sat. - Aug. 28, 2021:

- Radio Commercials: Anniversary

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Becker Area Announcements

Becker American Legion Auxiliary

Meetings are held the second Tues. of every month at the Becker Legion Hall (Old Fire Hall), 7pm. Paula Hinds, President (763) 262-6679.

Becker

American Legion Post 193

Becker Legion meets the second Tues. of every month at 7pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall.)

Becker AA Meeting

Becker Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thurs., 8pm at Mary of the Visitation, 12100 Sherburne Ave., Becker. For information, call/text (320) 247-4732 or email beckeragroupmn@gmail.com

Becker All School Reunion

Thurs., Sept. 9, 2021, 11am, Pebble Creek golf Course. For more information call Audrey Orton (320) 743-2636.

Becker Boy Scout Pack 92 Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer located near Becker True Value. Paper & cardboard recycling location is at the Becker Community Center, please remember to flatten the cardboard & absolutely no garbage on the first Sat. of every month. There will be a Scout there to help unload between 9am-12pm. Thanks for your support!

Becker Evangelical Ministries

Every Wed., 6-7:30pm at Becker Middle School. GYM 45 - growing young men. HIS KIDZ - K-3rd grade. G.I.R.L.S. GROUP - 4th & 5th grade girls.

Becker Free Church (763) 261-4125 or register online at WWW.BECKERFREECHURCH.ORG (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

Becker Food Shelf

Open Tues., 9-11am & Thurs. 4-6pm. The food shelf is located 12060 Sherburne Ave. in City Hall. (763) 261-4612.

Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild

Meet 2nd Mon. of month at 7pm. Becker Baptist Church. Contact Elizabeth Steckelberg (320) 259-9542.

Becker Lions Club

Meetings are held the second Mon. each month at 7pm at Becker City Park. Dale Seavert (320) 290-5342.

Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle

The Becker Lions are collecting used eyeglasses (no cases please) and hearing aids. Collection buckets are located at the Becker Community Center, Insight Eye Care and Becker Food Pride. We are no longer collecting used cell phones or printer cartridges. If you have any questions please contact Lion Dale Seavert at (320) 290-5342 (phone or text) or by email at djseavert@gmail.com.

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

Meets the third Tues. of each month at 7 pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall). Looking for new members. Commander John Fischbach (320) 249-0579.

Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

The monthly meetings are held 6 pm the third Thurs. of the month at Becker City Hall. (320) 980-2752 or see the state website at www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org.

Dementia Support Group

The fourth Wed. of each month at 10-11am, Room 19 at Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave. No cost to join. Tami Kolbinger at (612) 590-2449 or email tjkolbinger@gmail.com.

Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events

Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. Check Snake River Church Facebook page for updates. 5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E n CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker. Mary (612) 219-8648.

Big Lake Area Announcements

3rd Annual MMBA Fundraiser

Benefiting the Big Lake Fire Department. Saturday, Sept. 11 from 11am-4pm at McPete's Sports Bar in Big Lake. Food, bowling, mini golf, dunk tank, live music, bean bag tournament. Silent auction from 11am-3pm with all proceeds benefiting BLFD.

Big Lake American Legion Post #147

Meets the first Thurs. of the month @ 7 pm. Community Room by the Big Lake Police Station, 790 Minnesota Ave, Big Lake 55309. Please contact Commander Paul Seefeld (612) 801-7731.

Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

Mon., 7pm at the Church of Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, Big Lake. Big Book Study, Handicap Accessible. Questions? Contact: Rob, (763) 218-5328.

Big Lake Al-Anon

Meetings held Mon., 7pm at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church - Big Lake Annex, "lawn chairs outdoors when weather permits." Newcomers encouraged - we are a very welcoming group! Laurie (763) 218-5330.

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

Meets the first Tues. of each month

at 6:30pm. in the Senior Citizen Center at Big Lake City Hall. Please contact Kathy at (763) 263-6093 for information.

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

The Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meets at 6:30pm on the third Mon., of each month in the Community Room adjacent to the Big Lake Police Dept. & the Big Lake Library.

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meets second Tues. of each month at 11am. Meetings via Zoom due to COVID. Contact Recreation & Communication Coordinator Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org or 612-297-6331 for meeting links or questions on the Committee Website: <https://www.biglakemn.org/443/Big-Lake-Bicycle-Advisory-Committee>.

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

The Big Lake Community Food Shelf hours of service are Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-7:30pm & Wed. 9-11am. We also serve clients every "Freebie Friday" from 11:30am-12:30pm., providing produce, dairy, & bakery goods. Our new, "Pop-up Pantry", from 11:30am-12:30pm every Tues. To volunteer call (763) 263-2432 or www.blcfs.org.

Big Lake Day of Prayer

Big Lake meets year round the first Wed. of the month, at 7am for a prayer breakfast at Big Lake High School flagpole.

The Big Lake Lions

Looking for community minded people to join our organization. If interested in getting involved with our organization, please contact any Lion member or send a note to P.O. Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309 or (763) 263-2218.

The Lions Club (LC) of Big Lake Lioness

The Lions Club [LC] of Big Lake Lioness is busy getting ready to resume our business meetings in Sept. Along with starting business again, we'll be gathering items for our Annual Garage Sale to be held on Sat., Sept. 18, Lions Park on Co. Rd. 5 in Big Lake. Sale will go from 8am - 2pm with lots of items of interest. You'll find gardening items, clothing, household items, tools, shoes, books & much more. So, mark your calendar & come early for the best items.

Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

Big Lake Living Clean NA meeting Sun., 7pm, Bridgeview Assembly of God Church, 20500 Co. Rd. 11, Big Lake, MN, (763) 482-1695.

Big Lake Women of Today

Hold a monthly general meeting at Senior Activity Center located in the Big Lake City Office Building on the 3rd Thurs. of the month @ 7pm. Contact Natalie @ (612) 518-3504 or find us at Facebook or www.biglakewomenoftoday.webs.com.

God's Grub Community Meal

Second Sun. of every month, 4:30-6:30 pm. Saron Lutheran, Big Lake, 311 Lake Street South. Served curbside, ready to go.

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60

We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.

Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

Red Cross Bloodmobile

Sept. the Lioness will be hosting the Red Cross Bloodmobile at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Big Lake from 12 - 6pm. Everyday blood donors help patients of all ages: accident & burn victims, heart surgery & organ transplant patients, & those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. One blood donation may help up to three lives. Those, who wish to donate much needed blood can do so at www.redcross.org.

Clear Lake / Clearwater Area Announcements

Clear Lake Legion

Meets the second Tues. of the month at Palmer Twp. Hall. The Legion will meet at 7pm. New members are always welcome. Bud Stimmler at (320) 761-5793.

Clearwater AA/Al-Anon

Meeting is at 7pm. Sun. night at Clearwater United Methodist Church, 405 Main St. Clearwater. (320) 310-1399 AA or (320) 558-6613 for Al-Anon.

Clearwater AA Meeting

Mon. nights, 7pm at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 CR 75, Clearwater. (612) 801-7317.

Clearwater Area Friends of the Library

Clearwater Area Friend of the Library are currently accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs & CDs for their used bookstore located in the Clearwater Library. Donations are tax deductible & can be dropped off at the Clearwater Library.

Textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, outdated medical books, mazines, & moldy books cannot be accepted. All proceeds from the sale of used books are used to support the programs, services & equipment of the Clearwater Library.

Clearwater Legion

Clearwater Legion meetings are held the second Thurs. of the month. Auxiliary 6:30pm, S.A.L. at 7pm, Legion 7:30pm. Clearwater Legion, Clearwater.

Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

Open Mon. 5:30-7pm, Tues. 9-11am & 6-8pm, Wed. 3-5pm & in the brown Lions Community Building beneath the water tower in Clearwater. We service residents of Clearwater & Clear Lake.

Clearwater

Narcotics Anonymous

Meetings are at 7pm, Wed. night at Clearwater United Methodist Church, 405 Main St. Clearwater. (612) 607-4484.

Free Grace Recovery

Sun. 6-8pm at Clear Lake Town Hall, 7684 1st Ave. W. Clear Lake. A light meal will be served at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. Justin or Renee at (612) 384-9069.

Palmer Day 2021

Sat., Sept. 11. Food, beer garden, top 30 car show 9am-3pm, parade at noon, live music 1-4pm & 7-11pm., horseshoe & bean bag tourney, raffle, kids games, bingo, 5k run & more.

Registration forms: for parade & 5k run at Brigg's Lake Store, McDonald's Meats, Kinitiski's or <http://sites.google.com/site/palmerday/>. **No coolers please.**

Email Nancy Lorentz if interested in volunteering or more info @ nancy-lorentz@gmail.com.

Young @ Heart

Starting in July the Community Young@Heart will meet on the third Thurs. of every month at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 Co. Rd. 75, Clearwater, MN. Join us: 10:30 to meet & greet old & new friends, 11:30 lunch (suggested donation), 12pm program.

We are looking for volunteers to share music or a program. Contact Linda (320) 295-1117 or email: agre5628@aol.com.

Miscellaneous Organization Announcements

FREE - Advocates for Independence

First & third Wed. of the month 2-4pm at Independent Lifestyles, 215 North Benton Drive, Sauk Rapids. Make a difference in your community for people w/disabilities. Michele Pelka (320) 281-2042. All abilities are welcome to attend.

FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

(PD) Support Group invites you to "Coffee & Conversation" the last Wed. monthly at 10am at Edgewood Living 677 Brianna Drive, Sartell. Meetings are open to those diagnosed w/ PD, their families, caregivers, & the general public. Group provides support, education, & awareness about the disease. Bobbi (320) 281-3343.

Home Stretch

Home Stretch will be offered Sat., Aug. 21, 2021 & Sat., Aug. 28, 2021 from 9am-1pm. Must attend both mornings by ZOOM. (Class fee of \$30.00 per household)

To register, contact Lori at Wright County Community Action (WCCA) 763-898-7551 or by email to therwig@wccaweb.com.

Local Heroes Days

Thurs., Fri. and Sat., Aug. 19-21, 2021, 10am to 4 pm daily. Monticello RV Center, 3880 Chelsea Road W, Monticello.

For more information or to participate in this event contact: Scott Kunz (763) 567-0673, LocalHeroesDays@gmail.com or visit website: LocalHeroes-Days.com

Mental Health Discussion Group

Meets Mon., 6-7pm at Independent Lifestyles, 215 N. Benton Dr., Sauk Rapids. This is a free group, everyone is welcome. Ricky (320) 281-2025.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Meets third Mon. of the month, from 1-2:30pm at ILICIL Independent Lifestyles, 215 N. Benton Dr., Sauk Rapids. This free group provides support, education, & awareness about the disease. Independent Lifestyles at (320) 529-9000.

Rivers of Hope

Advocates for ending family violence, is a non-profit community based agency offering advocacy, support, education & referral services for victims of family violence. Working in partnerships w/schools, law enforcement, social service agencies & the court system in Sherburne & Wright Co. (763) 295-3433 or 1-800-439-2642 or info@riversofhope.org. Free & confidential. Phones answered 24/7.

Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent

Local schools & organizations need caring adults like you! Orientation, training & ongoing support are provided. Pat Braun (612) 390-0617.

Wright County Community Action

You have been affected & are having or are anticipating having difficulty paying your mortgage, WCCA is here to help you navigate your options & keep your home. To speak with a homeownership advisor, call Wright County Community Action at (320) 963-6500 ext. 238 today. Services are unbiased, confidential & free of charge.



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Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Pastor: David M. Johnson, 763-262-7782, 11185 27th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship 9am, Sun. School 10:30am, Wed. J.U.M.P. 6pm.

Becker Baptist Church

Pastors: Nathan Bucher (Acting), Kevin Drehmel (Youth) & Amy Drehmel (Dir. Of Ministry), 763-261-4202, 11951 Hancock St. Services: Sun. Worship/Children 10:30am, Wed. Youth Group 6:30pm. www.beckerbaptist.org.

Becker Evangelical Free Church

Pastors: Patrick Drury (Senior), Chris Salvevold (Youth), 763-261-4125, Becker High School, Office: 11373 150th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Teaching/Fellowship 10am.

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 9:30am.

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 10am.

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God

Pastors: Gerry Bass & Sarah, 763-220-6004, 13140 1st St (SW Corner of Becker Furniture World). Services: Sun. Bible Study/Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.

Snake River Free Church

Pastor: Steve Johnston, 612-219-8648, 180th St SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Sun. School 10:30am., Hymn Sing is second Sun. of every month.

Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church

Pastor: Ken Hanson, 763-262-2177, 15455 59th St SE. Services: Sun. Praise & Worship 9:30am, Wed. Family Fellowship 7pm.

Beacon House of Prayer

Pastors: Brian & Linda Holmes, 763-263-3771, 12264 Pleasant Ave. Services: Thurs. Worship 6:30pm.

Free Grace United

Pastor: Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001, 14000 Clubhouse Ln. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

• BIG LAKE

Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church

Pastor: Bill Nixon, 763-263-2287, 20455 187th Ave Nw. Services: Sat. Worship 9am, Sat. Sabbath School 10:15am.

Bethany Bible Church

763-263-2167, 511 Eagle Lake Road. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.

Bridgeview Assembly of God

Pastor: Steve Royalty, 763-263-6274, 20500 County Road 11. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Wed. Service 6:30pm.

SVEA Hill Covenant Church

Pastor: Don Bellach, 763-263-6322, 16392 235th Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Pastor: Gordon Langdon, 763-263-7878, 15300 County Road 35.

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock

763-263-7990. www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com.

IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church

Pastores: Juan & Patricia Aguayo, 763-607-5403, 21 Lake St N. Services: Sat. 6pm.

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

Pastor: Marty Mably, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10am.

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 440 Lake St N. Services: Mass temporarily at Becker location, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 9:30am.

Riverside Church

Online: www.myriversidechurch.com, 763-263-2410, 2014 County Road

14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.

Saron Lutheran Church

Pastor: Kyle Sidlo, 763-263-2209, 311 Lake St. S. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am, indoors or livestream.

• SANTIAGO

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 9am drive-in Worship, Sanctuary Worship 10am.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School
Pastor: Timothy Zenda, 763-662-2570, 18977 17th St. Services: Sun. School/Bible Class 10:30am, Divine Worship 9am.

Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor: Shari Routh, 920-573-0193, 1100 186th Ave NE. Services: Sun Good Shepherd 9am, Sun. Glendorado 10:30am.

Gethsemane Church (ELCA) – Ronneby

Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.

Glendorado Evangelical Country Church

Pastor: Sam Alfano, 763-662-2244, 16999 Glendorado Road NE. Services: Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

• CLEAR LAKE

Living Waters Church

Pastor: Mark Stahl, 320-292-0250, 7830 Church St. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Wed. Bible Study 6:30pm.

Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Pastor: Josh Reber, 320-743-2919, 8641 Main Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 8:45am, Sun. School 9:45am.

St. Marcus Catholic Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Sat. Confessions 4:15pm, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Jan-June 8am, July-Dec. 10am.

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502 or 320-743-2481, 10915 Duelm Road NE. Services: Sun Mass – Jan-June 10am, July-Dec. 8am.

• CLEARWATER

Clearwater United Methodist Church

Pastor: Alison Hendley, 320-558-2581, 405 Main St. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am.

Freedom Bible Church

605 Lime St. (Old Clearwater Post Office). Services: Sun. Bible Study 9:30am & 6pm, Sun. Worship 10:45am, Wed. Bible Study 7pm.

Rejoice Lutheran Church – ELCA

Pastor: Jim Bump, 320-558-6851, 1155 County Road 75. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am.

Church of St. Luke

Father: Dennis Backer, 320-558-2124, 17545 Huber Ave NW. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8am & 10am, Weekday Mass Tues.-Fri. 8am/ Sat. 9am.

Tri-County Alliance Church

Pastor: David Fogal, 320-558-2750, 8464 160th St NW. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

• SILVER CREEK

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Pastor: Ken Tatkenhorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am

Silver Creek Community Church

Pastor: Zach Pryor, 320-963-3957, 4282 114th St NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am, Sun. Fellowship 10am, Sun. School 10:30am.

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Obituaries

Joseph Leo Fitzgerald, Age 90 Waite Park, MN March 30, 1931 – August 12, 2021

Mass of Christian Burial was August 17, 2021 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in St. Joseph for Joseph Leo Fitzgerald, age 90 of Waite Park and formerly of St. Joseph who passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at his home. Reverend Roger Klasen O.S.B. will officiate. Burial will take place with military honors at the parish cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Daniel Funeral Home, St. Joseph.

Joseph was born on March 30, 1931 to David and Margaret (Scanlon) Fitzgerald. His passion for farming began as a young boy on the family farm in Illinois. Joseph served as a Seabee in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Upon discharge, he wed Mary Ann Voeller on June 11th, 1956. They dedicated their marriage to the Holy Family. During their 58-year marriage, they lived their faith in service to their family and the community. They truly treasured their family and friendships.

No longer able to farm, Joseph taught high school and adult agriculture, and was able to make a larger impact help-

ing farmers when he worked as the Soil and Water Conservationist for Stearns County.

He enjoyed volunteering throughout the community throughout his life.

After the death of his beloved Mary Ann, he was initially cared for by his daughter-in-law Karen Fitzgerald, and for the

last six years by his grandson, Patrick Fitzgerald. Through their loving commitment, Joseph was able to remain in his home and enjoy an active lifestyle. He attended family and area sporting events, many that Patrick coached. It brought him such joy to be among the young.

Joseph leaves behind four children, David and Kathy (Dahl) of Becker, Minnesota, Michael and Karen (James) of La Mesa, California, Joan Marie and Sean Zadoo of St. Cloud, Minnesota, Patrick and Mary (Fluekinger) of Rapid City, South Dakota; 14 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and two siblings. In addition to his parents, Joseph was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann, five siblings, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Joan "Joanie" T. Peterson, Age 86 Clear Lake, MN January 23, 1935 – August 16, 2021

Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, August 20, 2021 at St. Marcus Catholic Church in

Clear Lake for Joan "Joanie" T. Peterson, age 86, who passed away Monday at her home.

Rev. Virgil Helmin and Rev. Robert Rolfes will officiate and burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitation was Thursday at Williams

Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Becker and one hour prior to the services Friday at the church in Clear Lake.

Joanie was born January 23, 1935 in St. Cloud to Casper & Regina (Gohman) Kronenberg. She married Cecil Peterson on April 15, 1958 in St. Cloud. Joanie lived in the Clear Lake area most of her life, working in the Twin Cities for a short time before returning to Clear Lake. She was a homemaker and also worked on the family farm. Joanie was a dedicated member of St. Marcus Catholic Church where she worked with the funeral lunches, was a member of the Christian Mothers, and volunteered wherever she could. She enjoyed feeding and watching the birds at the farm, playing cards, picnics, canning, gardening, crossword puzzles, word finds, and spending time with her family. Joanie was trustworthy, hard-working, gentle, kind hearted,

and family-oriented. She was an excellent cook and baker and always had baked goods

for the grandchildren. She taught her children how to work hard and be confident. Joanie was most proud of her family and was affectionately known as "Granny". Survivors include her son and daughter, Glen (Patty Jo) of Clear Lake and Rita (Jerry) Gooley of Rogers; daughter-in-law, Laurie Peterson of Clear Lake; brothers, LeRoy (Judy) Kronenberg of Buffalo, Corwin (Judy) Kronenberg of Rogers, and Bob (Linda) Kronenberg of St. Cloud; grandsons, Ryan (Whitney), Matthew (Lindsey), Nicholas (Dena), Scott (Kelsey), Mark, and Samuel (Kristin); and great grandchildren, Hunter, Weston and Bentley. Joanie was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 57 years, Cecil in 2015; son, Alan Peterson; sister, Delphine Boettcher; and brother, John Kronenberg.

Special thanks to Arise Cares especially, Sandy and Angie and to CentraCare Hospice for their care for Joanie.

Memorials are preferred to CentraCare Hospice.

Obituary, Guest Book, and Video Tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com

Phyllis A. (Stroschein) Nelson, Age 90 Big Lake, MN June 3, 1931 – August 12, 2021

Preceded in death by husband, Jack Lionel Nelson; sister Joyce Ann Stroschein;

and son-in-law, Kenneth Kirsch. Survived by children, Sharon Kirsch, Kathryn (Claude) Hupé, Diane (Brian) Meier, Jack M. Nelson, William T. (Marie) Nelson and Susan (Earl) Misner; 17 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and siblings, Darlene Moen, Darrell (Karen) Stroschein, Rachael Baldwin, and

Dale (Therese) Stroschein.

Funeral service 1PM, Thursday, 8/19/21 at Peterson-Grimsmo Funeral Chapel, 250 E. Broadway, Monticello. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at the chapel. Interment 2PM, Friday, 8/20/21 at Lakeside Cemetery, Frazee, MN.

Arr. By Peterson-Grimsmo Funeral Chapel, Monticello. 763-295-2918. (www.peterson-grismochapel.com)



Marvin Dewaine Arneson, Age 63 Orrock, MN November 29, 1957 – August 1, 2021

Please join us for a Celebration of Life for Marvin Dewaine Arneson on Saturday, Aug 28th, 2021, from 1pm- 4pm at Morten and Sharon Arneson's Home (26222 184th St. Big Lake, MN 55309).

Marvin Dewaine Arneson, age 63, of Orrock, MN, died unexpectedly at home on August 1st, 2021. He was born November 29th, 1957, to Morten and Sharon {Okerstrom} Arneson in Fort Knox, KY.

Marvin lived most of his life in Orrock, MN. He drove semi for a living. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening,

and canning.

Marvin is survived by his parents, Morten and Sharon Arneson of Orrock, MN, his twin brother, Marlyn Arneson of Orrock MN, Mark {Diane} Arneson of Mora, MN. Julie {Ed} Hickman of Las Vegas, NV. Morten Jr./Mooney {Lucinda} Arneson of

Brooten, MN. Two adult children Mike and Jennifer. Many Uncles, Aunts, Nieces, Nephews, Grandchildren, and Great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his grandparents and daughter, Jessica.



Vernell Smith, Age 86 Becker, MN August 12, 1935 – August 18, 2021

Vernell Smith was born 8-12-1935 and passed away of 8-18-2021. Visit Peterson Grimsno website for details



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Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333

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tomers to be able to identify the
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NESS: **531 Lakeshore Dr Big
Lake MN 55309 USA**
NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name:
Illuminate Inc
Address:
**531 Lakeshore Dr Big Lake MN
55309 USA**

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Section 609.48 as if I had signed
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SIGNED BY: **Matthew W Tart**
MAILING ADDRESS: **None**

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EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NO-
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Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: **71-PR-21-100**
In Re: Estate of **Daniel E. Gen-
gler, Decedent.**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PER-
SONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDI-
TORS**

Notice is given that an Appli-
cation for Informal Appointment
of Personal Representative was
filed with the Registrar. The Reg-
istrar accepted the application and
appointed Patricia Parsons, whose
address is 10451 Greenbrier Rd,
#312, Minnetonka, Minnesota
55305, to serve as the personal
representative of the decedent's
estate.

Any heir or other interested
person may be entitled to appoint-
ment as personal representative or
may object to the appointment of
the personal representative. Any
objection to the appointment of
the personal representative must
be filed with the Court, and any
properly filed objection will be
heard by the Court after notice is
provided to interested persons of
the date of hearing on the objec-
tion.

Unless objections are filed,
and unless the Court orders other-
wise, the personal representative
has the full power to administer
the estate, including, after thirty
(30) days from the issuance of let-
ters of general administration, the
power to sell, encumber, lease, or
distribute any interest in real estate
owned by the decedent.

Notice is further given that,
subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-
801, all creditors having claims
against the decedent's estate are
required to present the claims to
the personal representative or to
the Court within four (4) months
after the date of this notice or the
claims will be barred.

Dated: 08/09/2021
s/ Patricia A. Kuka
Court Administrator
Chris Tymchuck (MN# 389101)
SchindelSegal, PLLC
5901 Cedar Lake Road Minneap-
olis, MN 55416
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
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Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE: 14 OTHER
CIVIL

Quiet Title Action
Court File No.: **71-CV-21-764**
SUMMONS

Becky L. Gaul,
Plaintiff,
vs.

Ethel M. Person, her heirs,
Successors and assigns, and all
other persons unknown claiming
any right, title, estate, interest, or
lien in the real estate described in

the Complaint herein,
Defendant.
THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED
TO DEFENDANT ABOVE-
NAMED.
1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.**
The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit
against you. The Plaintiffs Com-
plaint against you is on file in the
office of the Court Administrator
of the above-named Court. Do not
throw these papers away. They
are official papers that affect your
rights. You must respond to this
lawsuit even though it may not yet
be filed with the Court and there
may be no court file number on
this Summons.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY
‘WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PRO-
TECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You
must give or mail to the person
who signed this summons a **writ-
ten response** called an Answer
within 20 days of the date on
which you received this Summons.
You must send a copy of your An-
swer to the person who signed this
Summons located at:

Jan C. Larson
Johnson, Larson & Peterson,
P.A.
908 Commercial Drive
Buffalo, MN 55313

3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO
EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is
your written response to the Plain-
tiffs Complaint. In your Answer
you must state whether you agree
or disagree with each paragraph
of the Complaint. If you believe
the Plaintiff should not be given
everything asked for in the Com-
plaint, you must say so in your
Answer.

4. **YOU WILL LOSE YOUR
CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND
A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO
THE COMPLAINT TO THE
PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS
SUMMONS.** If you do not answer
within 20 days, you will lose this
case. You will not get to tell your
side of the story, and the Court
may decide against you and award
the Plaintiffs everything asked for
in the Complaint. If you do not
want to contest the claims stated
in the Complaint, you do not need
to respond. A default judgment can
then be entered against you for the
relief requested in the Complaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You
may wish to get legal help from
a lawyer. If you do not have a
lawyer, the Court Administra-
tor may have information about
places where you can get legal
assistance. **Even if you cannot get
legal help, you must still provide
a written Answer to protect your
rights or you may lose the case.**

6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION.** The parties may
agree to or be ordered to partici-
pate in an alternative dispute res-
olution process under Rule 114 of
the Minnesota General Rules of
Practice. You must still send your
written response to the Complaint
even if you expect to use alterna-
tive means of resolving this dis-
pute.

7. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY
AFFECT OR BRING INTO
QUESTION TITLE TO REAL
PROPERTY** located in Sher-
burne County, State of Minnesota,
legally described as follows:

That part of Lot 7, Block 1, Sub-
urban Acres Addition to Big Lake,
Sherburne County, Minnesota that
lies Southerly of the Southerly
line of the North 84 feet of Lot 7,
Block 1, Suburban Acres Addition
to Big Lake, Sherburne County,
Minnesota.

Except:
That part lying Southerly of a line
described as beginning at a point
on the West line thereof a distance
of 1.00 foot North of the South-
west corner of said Lot 7, Block
1, Suburban Acres Addition to Big
Lake, Sherburne County, Minne-
sota; thence Easterly to terminate
at a point on the East line of said
Lot 7 a distance of 3.00 feet North
of the Southeast corner of said Lot
7.

The object of this action is to pro-
cure a judgment that the Plaintiff is
the owner in fee simple absolute,
as joint tenants, of said real estate,
and that the Defendant, and each
of them, have no right, title, estate,
interest, or lien herein or thereon,
or in any part thereof.
Dated: July 26, 2021
JOHNSON, LARSON & PETER-
SON, P.A.
s/ Jan C. Larson, I.D. No. 17659X
Attorney for Plaintiff
908 Commercial Drive
Buffalo, MN 55313
Phone: 763-682-4550
Fax: 763-682-4465
E-mail: Jan.Larson@jlpawmn.
com
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: **71-PR-21-91**
In Re: Estate of
Viva Jean K. Jude,
Decedent.

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PER-
SONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDI-
TORS**

Notice is given that an Appli-
cation for Informal Appointment
of Personal Representative was
filed with the Registrar. The Reg-
istrar accepted the application and
appointed Judith A. Jude, whose
address is 109 Chestnut Circle,
Big Lake, MN 55309, to serve as
the personal representative of the
decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested
person may be entitled to appoint-
ment as personal representative or
may object to the appointment of
the personal representative. Any
objection to the appointment of
the personal representative must
be filed with the Court, and any

properly filed objection will be
heard by the Court after notice is
provided to interested persons of
the date of hearing on the objec-
tion.

Unless objections are filed,
and unless the Court orders other-
wise, the personal representative
has the full power to administer
the estate, including, after thirty
(30) days from the issuance of let-
ters of general administration, the
power to sell, encumber, lease, or
distribute any interest in real estate
owned by the decedent.

Notice is further given that,
subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-
801, all creditors having claims
against the decedent's estate are
required to present the claims to
the personal representative or to
the Court within four (4) months
after the date of this notice or the
claims will be barred.

Dated: 07/30/2021
s/ Patricia A. Kuka
Court Administrator
Attorney for Petitioner:
Moriarty Law PLLC
William P. Moriarty, ID# 0399351
14796 259th Ave. NW
Zimmerman, MN 55398
(763) 221-3967
bill@moriartylawmn.com
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Order to Show Cause

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
Court File No. **71-CV-21-420**

In the Matter of the Petition of:
Energy City Solutions, Inc., con-
cerning Certificate of Title No.
10013 issued for land in Sher-
burne County, Minnesota, legally
described as:

See attached **Exhibit A** (“Prop-
erty”).

TO:
GRANT A. VANSTEEN-
WYK, ANTHONY VEL-
ISHEK, CROSSCOUNTRY
MORTGAGE, LLC AND
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC., ALL OCCUPANTS OF
THE PROPERTY, AND ALL
OTHER PERSONS OR PAR-
TIES IJNKNOWN CLAIMING
ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE,
INTEREST OR LTEN UPON
THE REAL ESTATE LISTED
TN THE CAPTION

A Petition and Report of Examiner
of Titles are filed in the above en-
titled case, brought under Minne-
sota Statutes Chapter 508 or 508A.
You were identified in the Petition
or the Report of Examiner of Titles
as a party who may have an inter-
est in the above-described land af-
fected by the Order below. If you
object to entry of the Order, you
must show cause, if there is any,
why this Court should not enter
the Order. To object to entry of the
Order, you must file an Answer,
and pay the filing fee or an order
waiving the filing fee, or send a
letter to the Examiner of Titles at
the address shown below by Sep-
tember 10, 2021 (“the deadline”).
No response or action is required
if you have no objection to the
Order. If you do not file an Answer
or send a letter to the Examiner of
Titles, the Order may issue with no
further notice to you.

ORDER:

That the Registrar of Titles,
upon the filing with her of a
certified copy of this Order, cancel
Certificate of Title No. 10013 and
enter a new Certificate of Title for
the land therein described in favor
of Anthony Velishek, 1641 Hiawatha
Avenue, Big Lake, Minnesota
55309, subject to the memorial of
Document No. 58182, but free from
all other memorials now appearing
on the present Certificate of Title, the
last of which is Document No. 59290,
and free also from the memorial of
this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED,
that a copy of this Order to Show
Cause and a copy of the Petition be
served:

(a) at least 21 days before the
deadline upon the above-named
parties residing in this State in
the manner provided by law for
the service of Summons in a
civil action;

(b) at least 21 days before the
deadline upon each of the
above-named nonresidents and
foreign corporations, partner-
ships, or associations that can-
not be found for service in the
state by personal service out-
of-state, or in the alternative, by
two weeks published notice of
the Order to Show Cause and
by sending a copy of this Order
and the Petition at least 24 days
before the deadline by first class
mail to the non-resident's or
foreign entity's out-of-state
post office address; and

(c) upon each of the above-
named parties who cannot be
found by two weeks published
notice of the Order to Show
Cause and by sending a copy
of this Order and the Petition at
least 24 days before the dead-
line by first class mail to the last
known address of the party and
by sending another copy of this
Order and the Petition at least
24 days before the deadline by
first class mail to the address of
such party as stated on the Cer-
tificate of Title if an address is
so stated.

Dated: July 23, 2021
BY THE COURT
s/ Brianne J. Buccicone
Judge of District Court
APPROVED:
Sherburne County
Examiner of Titles

By: s/ David J. Meyers, Examiner
**THIS INSTRUMENT WAS
DRAFTED BY:**
RINKE NOONAN - DJM/aap
1015 West St. Germain Street,
Suite 300
P.O. Box 1497
St. Cloud, MN 56302-1497
(320) 251-6700
(File No. 16602-0542)
**A RESPONSE IS NOT
REQUIRED AT SAID TIME
EXCEPT TO OBJECT TO THE
ENTRY OF THE ABOVE-DE-
SCRIBED ORDER.**

EXHIBIT A
Lot 1, Block 5, Lane J Thomas
Lake View Addition, Township
of Big Lake, Sherburne County,
Minnesota, according to the plat
thereof on file and of record In the
Office of the registrar of Titles in
and for Sherburne County, Min-
nesota.
Reserving to the State of Minne-
sota minerals and mineral rights.
AND
All that part of Government Lot 3,
Section 13, Township 33, Range
28, Sherburne County, Minne-
sota that lies Southeasterly of the
Southeasterly line of Hiawatha
Avenue as laid out In the duly
recorded plat of Lane J Thomas
Lake View Addition, said Sher-
burne County; that lies Southwest-
erly of the Southeasterly extension
of the Northeasterly line of Lot 1,
Block 5 of said plat; and that lies
Northeasterly of the Southeasterly
extension of the Southwesterly
line of said Lot 1.
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Brigg's Lake Chain Assoc. Public Notices

NOTICE
Brigg's Lake Chain Association – Big Elk
4180 105TH AVE Box B
Clear Lake, MN 55319

The Briggs Lake Chain Association – Big Elk has contracted to
treat Eurasian Water Milfoil, an Aquatic Invasive Species in Big Elk
Lake, Sherburne County in 2021.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted to
the Briggs Lake Chain Association – Big Elk a waiver of the require-
ment that the association obtain the signatures of approval of owners
of lakeshore property. Instead, the Briggs Lake Chain Association
– Big Elk will notify property owners of the treatment through alter-
nate forms. This notice is one form that the Briggs Lake Chain As-
sociation – Big Elk is using to notify property owners. Other forms
include but are not limited to notification on the Briggs Lake Chain
Association web page, <https://briggslakechainassociation.com/news>
With regard to the treatment for this year, 2021:

1. **The proposed date for treatment:** August 23, 2021 through Sep-
tember 30, 2021
2. **The target species for the treatment:** Eurasian Water Milfoil
3. **The method of control or product being used:** EPA and MDA
registered aquatic herbicides, such as but not limited to, Florypyraux-
ifen-benzyl, diquat dibormide
4. **How landowners may request that control not occur adjacent to
the landowner's property:** If you desire that the treatment of Eurasian
Water Milfoil not occur adjacent to your property, please notify the
Briggs Lake Chain Association – Big Elk immediately at the email
or mailing address below:

garya.email@gmail.com
4180 105TH AVE Box B
Clear Lake, MN 55319

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Township Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF BIG LAKE
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
AMENDMENT TO THE BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE 1215

On the 11th day of August, 2021, the Big Lake Township Board
of Supervisors, Sherburne County, Minnesota, adopted ORDI-
NANCE 1215 by amending the above Ordinance, as it relates to the
Regulation of Poultry in General Rural Zoning District, by amend-
ing:

SECTION 8 – REGULATIONS
The keeping of Poultry in the Township is a permitted use in the
following densities.

1. Number and type of Poultry.
 - a. A maximum of twelve (12) poultry in any combination, are
allowed on all Township parcels between two (2) and five (5)
acres.
 - b. A maximum of six (6) poultry in any combination, are al-
lowed on all Township parcels of less than two (2) acres.
 - c. Roosters, Guinea Fowl and Pea Fowl are not permitted.Ordinance 1215, an “Ordinance Regulating Poultry in General
Rural Zoning District” shall take effect and be in full force imme-
diately following its adoption and upon publication. A copy of the
Ordinance can be viewed during regular Township office hours. An
additional copy of the Ordinance will also be on file at the Sherburne
County Law Library, located at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk
River, Minnesota.

s/ Bruce Aubol, Chairman Town of Big Lake

ATTEST: s/ Brenda Kimberly- Maas Clerk, Town of Big Lake

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Sherburne County Public Notices

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners August 3, 2021 - County Board Meeting Minutes Call to Order

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on August 3, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Chair was at 9:00am. Commissioner Fobbe was absent and Commissioner Schmiesing was present via WebEx but was not voting.

- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda
- Burandt/Dolan unanimous to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended with the addition of regular item #11 Staff Appreciation Resolution 080321-AD-2057 and remove item 2.16 from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Dolan/Burandt were unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with the removal of item 2.16.

- Approved Regular Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2021.
- Approved Workshop Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2021.

Transfer of YES (Year End Savings) Funds to Fund Additional Workers Compensation Self Insurance Costs. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

- Approved the transfer of YES (Year End Savings) Funds to Fund Additional Workers Compensation Self Insurance Costs. Total amount to be transferred is \$216,279.60.

Commissioner & Manual Warrants. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, Auditor/Treasurer

Approved the payment of Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

- July 8, 2021 Manual Warrants BMO Harris Peard June 2021 \$53,831.55
- July 9, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$1,507,494.93
- July 9, 2021 Commissioner Warrants 2 \$10,218.00
- July 9, 2021 Manual Warrants Final P1 Settlement \$4,174,064.05
- July 16, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$479,836.33
- July 16, 2021 Manual Warrants \$10,414.89
- July 19, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$8,518.05
- July 23, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$1,319,837.96
- July 23, 2021 Manual Warrants \$13,285.36

Increase in the Local Public Health Grant Award. Health & Human Services

Nicole Ruhoff, CHS Administrator

Approved to accept a grant increase from the Minnesota Department of Health in the amount of \$58,874 to perform core prevention services mandated through statute, effective 1/1/21 to 12/31/21.

HHS 2nd Quarter Donations. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

- Approved HHS 2nd Quarter Donations in the amount of \$322.15. (On file.)

Proclamation of August 2021 as Child Support Awareness Month. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

- Approved to proclaim August 2021 as Child Support Awareness Month.

HHS IFS Admin Deb 6-18-21. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved the payment of HHS IFS Admin Warrants as follows:

- June 18, 2021 HHS IFS Admin Warrants \$49,061.85

HHS IFS Admin Deb 7-23-21. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved the payment of HHS IFS Admin Warrants as follows:

- July 23, 2021 HHS IFS Admin Warrants \$41,574.54

AFSCME Council 65 Assistant County Attorney MOU on PTO Accrual. Human Resources

Tammy Bigelow, HR Director

- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME Council 65 on PTO Accrual for Assistant County Attorney III Elisabeth Spilde. (On file.)

County Submission to MPCA of 2022 Low Income Septic Grant Application. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

•Approved the Planning and Zoning Department’s application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for the 2022 Low Income Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) grant for a maximum of \$40,000.

Lowest Responsive Bidder for CSAH 13, SP 71-613-012. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Approved the Lowest Responsive Bidder, New Look Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$3,235,324.50, for the reconstruction of CSAH 13 from Line Avenue to Tyler Street in 2021, Project No. SP 71-613-012, contingent upon approval of the Contractor’s DBE goal from the MN Office of Civil Rights.

Amended Agreement with Bolton & Menk for County State Aid (CSAH) 13 to Add Construction Phase Services. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Approved a second amendment to an agreement with Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$270,229 for County State Aid Highway 13 to add Construction Phase Services. (On file.)

Agreement with TDKA in the Amount of \$278,855 to provide Design Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of County Road 44 in the City of Elk River. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Approved an agreement with TDKA in the amount of \$278,855 to provide design engineering services for the reconstruction of County Road 44 from Hwy 10 to CSAH 1 in the City of Elk River. (On file.)

Temporary Staff Over-Strength in Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff

Joel Brott, County Sheriff

- Approved an over-strength of the Administrative Assistant I - Records position in the Sheriff’s Office for no more than one month.

Cost Share Agreement with the City of Elk River for Reconstruction of CSAH 13. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Approved a Cost Share Agreement between Sherburne County and the City of Elk River for improvements to CSAH 13. Term of this agreement shall commence on August 3, 2021 and terminate on the date that the project has been completed, as determined by the County. (On file.)

CVSO Operational Improvement Grant - FY 2022. Veteran’s Services

Bruce Price, Veteran’s Service Officer

- Approved and accepted a \$15,000 Operational Improvement Grant from the State of Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs for the Veterans Services Transportation Program. Term shall follow the State Fiscal Year of July 1st, 2021 - June 30th, 2022.

Donation of \$500.00 of Coborn Gift Cards from Big Lake Legion Auxiliary Unit 147. Veteran’s Services

Bruce Price, Veteran’s Service Officer

- Approved the acceptance of \$500.00 of Coborn gift cards donated by Big Lake Legion Auxiliary Unit 147, to be given to veterans and/or their family who are struggling financially.

Donation of \$500.00 Gas Cards from Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. Veteran’s Services

Bruce Price, Veteran’s Service Officer

- Approved and accepted \$500 in gas cards donated by Big Lake Legion Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, to be given to veterans and/or their family who are struggling financially.

Kevin Davis to Attend the 2021 National Rodeo Competition, September 28 - October 1, 2021 in Loveland, Colorado. Public Works

David Roedel, Assistant Public Works Director and Tanner Anderson, Highway Maintenance Supervisor

- Authorized Kevin Davis to attend the 2021 National Rodeo Competition, September 28 - October 1, 2021 in Loveland, Colorado. Tanner Anderson was introduced by Dave Roedel.

Announcements

General Correspondences. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- County Administrator Bruce Messelt reminded the Board that tonight is National Night Out, there is an Ice Cream Social will be held today from 11:45am - 1:15 pm recognizing staff for their work during COVID-19, and of the Budget Workshops on Thursday, August 5th and Friday, August 6th. County Attorney Kathleen Heaney informed the Board that county offices of Health & Human Services, Sheriff and Attorney’s are hosting the 4th Annual Faith Community Outreach Event on August 11th at 10:00am. The focus of the event will be mental health and substance abuse trends.

Update on 2022-24 Federal and State Lobbyist Request for Proposals. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- County Administrator Bruce Messelt provided an update on the recently-published Request For Proposals (RFP) and the Board provided direction to staff, as appropriate. Commissioners Danielowski and Burandt volunteered to be present for the interview/selection process regarding contracts for 2022 Legislative Session.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing and Proposed Amendments to the SSTS Low Interest Loan Program Ordinance. Planning & Zoning

Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator

The Public Hearing opened at 9:19am and closed at 9:20am. No one was present for comment.

- Dolan/Burandt unanimous approve amending the SSTS Low Interest Loan Program Ordinance (Ord-241) to provide standards for allowing the replacement of water supply wells on the applicants property when necessary to meet setbacks for SSTS replacements or repairs, setting both a maximum and minimum interest rate for loans, and allowing loan proceeds to be used for improvements that have commenced prior to approval of an application under certain conditions, as provided in the proposed ordinance amendment. (On file.)

Open Forum

No one was present.

Regular Agenda

Great River Regional Library 2022 Budget Presentation. Administration

Karen Pundsack, GRRL Executive Director

- Received a presentation by the Great River Regional Library (GRRL) on their 2022 Budget by Executive Director Karen Pundsack and Accounting Coordinator Amy Anderson. Highlighted areas were initiatives coming to the library services, story stroll and the 2022 Budget.

Update on the Retired Seniors Volunteer (RSVP) Program. Administration

Jennifer Wucherer, RSVP Program Director

- Received an update on the Retired Seniors Volunteer (RSVP) Program. Program Director Jennifer Wucherer presented an update on the AmeriCorps RSVP program that highlighted a breakdown of volunteer hours, health and wellness through volunteerism, and funding updates. Sherburne County Program Coordinator presented an update on Readers Theatre and volunteer opportunities throughout Sherburne County.

Update from the Initiative Foundation. Administration

Carl Newbanks, Development Manager

- Received an update from the Initiative Foundation Grants and Development Manager Carl Newbanks on recent activities and impacts. Newbanks also provided updates on grant making and local non-profits.

Resolution 080321-AD-2057 for Staff Appreciation Day. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- Dolan/Burandt were unanimous to approve Resolution 080321-AD-2057 proclaiming August 3, 2021 as Staff Appreciation Day. (On file.)

Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of Gullickson Addition - James & Sharon Gullickson. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Dolan/Burandt unanimous to approve Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of “Gullickson Addition”, which consists of (2) lots, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission, with the following (3) Conditions. PID # 10-110-1100. Legal Desc: N 1-2 of NE 1-4 of Centerline (full legal on file). Sec 10, Twp 33, Rge 27, Big Lake Township. 14.19 acres in the General Rural District and within the Recreational Development Shoreland District of Birch Lake.

CONDITIONS:

1. Park dedication fees for 2 lots at \$800 per lot, totaling \$1,600. Park fees must be paid prior to the Public Works Dept signing the plat mylars.

2. An access permit is required from the Sherburne County Public Works Department for each lot.

3. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.

Preliminary Standard Plat of Elk Lake Oaks - N.C. Contracting Inc. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Burandt/Dolan were unanimous to approve “Elk Lake Oaks” Residential Preliminary Standard Plat, consisting of (6) lots, with the (6) Conditions recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission and listed below in the background justification. PID # 01-031-1112. Legal Desc: That part of Government Lot 2 (full legal on file). Sec 31, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 20.37 acres in the General Rural District and within the Natural Environment Shoreland District of Goose Lake and within the General Development Shoreland District of Little Elk Lake.

CONDITIONS:

1. Park dedication fees for six (6) lots at \$4,800. Fees are paid to Public Works prior to them signing the final plat mylars.

- 2.Must obtain driveway access permits from Baldwin Township and Sherburne County Public Works Department prior to driveway construction.

- 3.The individual(s) who hold the driveway easement will need to sign off on the plat or consent as they are interest holders.

- 4.An NPDES permit must be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat.

- 5.A Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit from the Planning and Zoning Department is required prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat.

- 6.The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.

Preliminary Standard Plat of Sanford First Addition - Sanfords-Liestman LLC. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Dolan/Danielowski were unanimous to approve “Sanford First Addition” Residential Preliminary Standard Plat, consisting of (9) lots, with the (5) Conditions recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission. PID # 01-010-1302. Legal Desc: Parcel A: That part of the Northeast Quarter (full legal on file). Sec 10, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 35.79 acres in the General Rural District.

CONDITIONS:

1. Park dedication fees for the 9 new lots at \$800 per lot, totaling \$7,200. Park fees must be paid prior to the Public Works Dept. signing the plat mylars.

2. Must obtain driveway access permits from Baldwin Township and Sherburne County Public Works Department prior to driveway construction.

3. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.

4. An NPDES permit must be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat.

5. A Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit from the Planning and Zoning Department is required prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat.

Preliminary Standard Plat of J and J Meadows - Jon & Jeff Smith. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Burandt/Dolan were unanimous to approve Preliminary Standard Plat of “J and J Meadows”, which consists of (5) lots, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission, with the following (5) Conditions. PID # 01-018-2300. Legal Desc: SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 18, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 33.07 acres in the General Rural District.

CONDITIONS:

1. Park dedication fees for the 5 new lots at \$800 per lot, totaling \$4,000. Park fees must be paid prior to the Public Works Dept. signing the plat mylars.

2. Must obtain driveway access permits from Baldwin Township and Sherburne County Public Works Department prior to driveway construction.

3. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.

4. An NPDES permit must be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat.

5. A Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit from the Planning and Zoning Department is required prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat.

Amendment to the Sherburne County Comprehensive Land Use Map from Agricultural to Rural Residential and Related Amendment to the County Zoning Map from Agricultural District to Shoreland Residential District for PID # 40-034-1101 - John Walker. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Dolan/Burandt were unanimous to approve amending the Sherburne County Comprehensive Land Use Map from Agricultural to Rural Residential and Amend the County Zoning Map from Agricultural District to Shoreland Residential District, as requested by Mr. John Walker. Applicant. PID # 40-034-1101, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission. Legal Desc: That part of the NE 1-4 of the NE 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 34, Twp 35, Rge 29, Palmer Township. 10.5 acres in the Agricultural District and within the Recreational Development Shoreland District of Rush Lake.

FINDINGS:

1. Is the proposed rezoning consistent with the Comprehensive Plan?

Yes, the Comprehensive Land Use Map can be amended to allow for Rural Residential and the applicant is pursuing that option.

2. Is the current use of the property a permitted use within the proposed zoning district, or will the rezoning create a non-conforming use?

Yes, the property currently has a house on it and single-family housing is a permitted use in the Shoreland Residential District.

3. Will permitted uses within the proposed zoning district be injurious to health or interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property within the vicinity?

No. Neighboring lands are currently zoned Agricultural and Shoreland Residential and within the Shoreland Overlay District of Rush Lake, which have smaller permitted uses like single family housing.

4. How will public services (e.g. transportation, schools, parks, and police/fire) be impacted by the proposed rezoning? Will permitted uses within the proposed zoning district adversely impact or overburden existing public service capacity?

No, the change in use is not expected to have an impact on existing public services.

5. Is the proposed rezoning located in an area that has the potential to adversely impact natural resources such as surface water, groundwater, or wetlands, or sites identified for rare biological species habitat?

The proposed use of a single-family house will not adversely impact natural resources. Any future development of the property will require permits from Sherburne County Planning and Zoning and all development must comply with all zoning, subdivision, and stormwater regulations.

6. Does the proposed rezoning have the potential to impact ecologically sensitive or historically significant areas?

No, not that he is aware of.

7. Does the property have sufficient size and physical characteristics to permit a reasonable use under the current zoning district?

Yes. This is a 10 -acre parcel and any future development of this parcel will require permits from Sherburne County and Palmer Township and will be required to comply with all zoning, subdivision, and stormwater regulations.

8. Any other factors that may be relevant to determining whether the proposed rezoning is appropriate?

This property is currently divided into two noncontiguous lots by 57th Street. The west side is currently being used for a single-family residence while the land on the east side is vacant. There appears to be adequate space to subdivide the land on the east side of 57th Street and maintain compliance with the regulations in the Shoreland Residential Zoning District. Palmer township would not be in favor.

9. The motion carried unanimously and the request to Amendment the Sherburne County Comprehensive Land Use Map from Agricultural to Rural Residential and to Amend the County Zoning Map from Agricultural District to Shoreland Residential District is recommended for approval to the County Board with the Findings.

Adoption of Sherburne County ARPA Guidelines and Procedures. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

- Burandt/Dolan were unanimous to approve and adopt the Sherburne County Guidelines and Procedures for use of ARPA local fiscal recovery funds. (On file.)

Appointment of Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator and Update on Department Leadership Transition. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- Dolan/Burandt were unanimous to approve the appointment of Ms. Lynn Waytashek as Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator and received an update on and provided direction regarding Department Head recruitment, selection and leadership transition. County Administrator Bruce Messelt provided an update on the job posting of the Planning & Zoning Administrator and the hiring process that will be followed.

Commissioner Correspondence, Committee Reports, Upcoming Meetings, Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Dolan - Joint Meeting Board & Elk River City Council, CMRP, Magic Fund Meeting,

Commissioner Burandt - Joint Meeting Board & Elk River City Council, Executive Steering Committee meeting, Exec Meeting SCHASAC, Sat in on a virtual meeting on the opioid settlement at state level, Drive Thru RSVP Volunteer Appreciation, Council on Aging Board Meeting,

Commissioner Danielowski - Community Corrections Appreciation Event, Joint Meeting Board & Elk River City Council, CMRP, Executive Steering Committee Meeting

Adjourn Regular Meeting, Open Regional Rail Authority

Adjourn Regional Rail Authority

Commissioner Warrants

6/18/21	48,311.85	Human Service Fund
	750.00	Children’s Mental Health Collaborative
	49,061.85	Total

Warrants

6/18/21	774.00	Assn of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
	474.00	Breezy Point Resort
	909.69	Captivated LLC
	31,127.96	Central MN Jobs & Training
	1,000.00	Central MN Mental Health Center
	877.50	Databank IMX LLC
	750.00	HK Psychological Services
	636.00	Johannes/Victoria
	528.00	Lexis Nexis
	529.76	Paulbeck/Natalie
	1,426.11	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc
	570.00	Seven County Process Servers, LLC

	5,085.00	Sherburne County Auditor
	2,000.00	Treasurer
	2,373.83	Treas City Of Big Lake
	23	Payments less than 300
	49,061.85	Total

Manual Warrants

7/8/21	51,995.39
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Public Notices

Sherburne County Public Notices

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10,414.89	Total
Commissioner Warrants (1)	
7/19/21 8,518.05	General Revenue Fund
8,518.05	Total
Warrants	
7/23/21 23,437.37	Central Mn Jobs & Training
4,500.00	Intrado Interactive Services
Corp	
330.00	KSM Enterprises Inc
528.00	Lexis Nexis
998.02	Office Of MN.IT Services
335.00	Prairie Island Indian Comm Tribal
	Cout
885.00	S & T Machining
1,205.00	Seven County Process Servers, LLC
4,674.74	Sherburne County Auditor
	Treasurer
629.28	The Bridge World Language Ctr
	Inc
4,052.13 35	Payments less than 300
41,574.54	Total
Commissioner Warrants	
7/23/21 41,360.04	Human Service Fund
214.50	Agency Collections
41,574.54	Total
Manual Warrants (1)	
7/23/21 3,324.29	General Revenue Fund
9,961.07	Agency Collections
13,285.36	Total
Commissioner Warrants	
7/23/21 634,721.86	General Revenue Fund
540,947.88	Public Works Fund
3,100.94	Law Library Fund
30,158.33	Solid Waste Fund
33,096.94	Jail Commissary Fund
76.16	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
36,815.35	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
39,434.50	Agency Collections
1,486.00	Taxes & Penalties Fund
1,319,837.96	Total
/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Chairperson	
/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator	
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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved On 7/09/2021 For Payment 7/09/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
American Solutions For Business	25,280.10
AT & T Mobility	5,917.90
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	4,725.00
Cole Papers Inc	2,254.00
Daikin Applied	30,481.85
DLT Enterprises, LLC	7,275.00
El- Jay Mechanical, Inc	2,168.00
Gary & Vivian Kohnen	2,783.00
Guardian Fleet Safety	18,626.18
Interstate Power Systems Inc	8,080.28
Jeremy's Lawn Service Inc	4,188.00
Knife River	1,065,484.10
Marsha Lynn	22,127.00
Maxima Supply	2,669.96
MENd Correctional Care, PLLC	171,225.81
Minnesota Elevator, Inc	5,505.00
Mn Dept of Labor & Industry	3,072.30
MN Dept of Transportation	5,535.47
Ocean Systems	2,143.00
Project One Construction Inc	20,610.00
Rutland Law, PLLC	5,050.00
Securus Technologies	7,484.35
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc (SEH)	2,907.58
Split Rock Management Inc	6,450.00
State Treasurer	32,574.50
Thomson Reuters- West- Payment Center	2,540.94
Tyler Investigative Services	2,673.84
US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	4,430.74
Windstream	3,241.63
76 Payments less than 2000	29,989.40
Final Total:	1,507,494.93
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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved On 7/19/2021 For Payment 7/19/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
USPS	8,518.05
Final Total:	8,518.05
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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved For Payment 7/20/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
Alerus Financial	2,738.64
State Of Minnesota	2,168.25
State Of Minnesota	2,267.82
4 Payments less than 2000	6,110.65
Final Total:	13,285.36
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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved On 7/23/2021 For Payment 7/23/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
All Seasons Garage Door	3,111.00
Ban- Koe Systems Inc	4,086.00
Barna, Guzy & Steffen Ltd	7,773.00
Carney Forensics	2,547.50
Centerpoint Energy	10,008.11
CGW Law Office	4,900.00
City of Becker	6,217.26
City of Elk River	2,128.37
Clayton & Teresa Vnuk	8,525.00
Connexus Energy	6,705.01
Dacotah Paper Co	2,440.34
E- MDs	4,788.00
Elk River Municipal Utilities	78,926.80
Galls, LLC	3,270.36
Greater MSP	10,500.00
Guardian Fleet Safety	18,797.44
Guardian RFID	12,999.00
HDR Engineering Inc.	35,697.64
Health Partners - Group Health Inc	23,374.96
Helmin Construction	327,142.52
High Line Software Inc	2,824.00
HP Inc	20,687.30
Jack & Sadie Herndon	4,920.00
JL Theis Inc	257,184.41
Keefe Supply Company	19,889.54
Lake State Recycling Inc	2,174.25
MCCC LOCKBOX	9,376.10
Mcis	31,391.00
Meyer Contracting, Inc	59,767.85
Michael & Vicki Flugum	8,461.00
Minnesota Paving & Materials	48,935.53
Mn Dept Of Health	4,760.00
Office Of MN.IT Services	2,310.83
Presbyterian Family Foundation	14,584.24
Retha Burns & Schmitz Excavating	13,566.00
Robert L & Katherine Gramsey	3,250.00
Securus Technologies	7,905.06
Sherburne Co Swcd	4,073.74
State Treasurer	34,666.50
Summit Food Service, LLC	31,312.92
The Wiley Law Office, PC	5,400.00
Thomson Reuters- West- Payment Center	5,115.80
Treas Blue Hill Township	4,924.04
Uhl Company Inc	5,666.71
Waste Management Of Wi- Mn	2,069.82
WSB & Associates Inc	98,312.00
98 Payments less than 2000	42,371.01
Final Total:	1,319,837.96
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**Sherburne County Board of Commissioners
Regional Rail Authority Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021**

At 9:21am the Chair opened the Regional Rail Authority Meeting.

• Burandt/Dolan were unanimous to approve Regional Rail Minutes: January 5, 2021.

2022 Master Funding & Annual Operating Grant Agreement of the Northstar Link Commuter Bus. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head, Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

• Dolan/Burandt were unanimous to table the 2022-2026 Master Funding Agreement with Hennepin RRA, Stearns RRA and St. Cloud Metro Transit for the Northstar Link Commuter Bus Service and approved the Annual Operating Grant Agreement with St. Cloud Metro Transit for the 2022 Northstar Link Commuter Bus Service. (On file.) Term of the Master Funding Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2022 and terminate on December 31, 2026. Total authorized funding amount of \$42,449.00, pending County Attorney approval.

At 10:26am the Chair adjourned the Regional Rail Authority Meeting.

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Chairperson
/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator
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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved For Payment 7/06/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
City of Becker	1,424,721.76
Economic Development Of Becker	100,454.47
Ind School Dist 727	56,320.31
State Of Minnesota	2,133.00
State Of Minnesota	2,041.25
Treas City Of Elk River	2,401,400.80
Treas,Ind School Dist 726	51,990.21
Treas,Ind School Dist 728	102,478.11
Treas,Ind School Dist 742	27,457.73
3 Payments less than 2000	5,066.41
Final Total:	4,174,064.05
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Vendor Name	Amount
USPS- POC (postage meter)/Quadiant	10,218.00
Final Total:	10,218.00
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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved For Payment 7/12/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
State Of Minnesota	2,013.14
State Of Minnesota	2,281.75
State Of Minnesota	2,233.25
3 Payments less than 2000	3,886.75
Final Total:	10,414.89
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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved On 7/16/2021 For Payment 7/16/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
Amherst H Wilder Foundation	22,500.00
Avtex Solutions LLC	4,250.00
Bolton & Menk Inc	4,628.70
Bureau Of Criminal Apprehension	4,890.00
Carefree Cleaning LLC	10,530.00
CDW Government	2,568.30
Central MN Mental Health Center	8,626.82
Century Link	2,081.88
Corporate Connection	7,740.53
David Turch and Associates	4,000.00
Environmental Equipment & Services	7,600.52
Insight Public Sector	10,335.85
Jeddelloh & Snyder Pa, Attnys At Law	11,611.00
Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP	3,000.00
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	16,013.40
MCCC LOCKBOX	3,191.98
MCIT	113,139.80
Minnesota Monitoring Inc	4,023.50
MP Asphalt Maintenance	11,500.00
Natalie Baker & Custom Septic Inc	19,999.90
Phoenix Supply	4,584.09
Sean Munger & Mark's Sewer Service Inc	3,262.05
Securus Technologies	8,124.41
Summit Food Service, LLC	32,063.64
Sunrise Wellness	3,900.00
Switchboard Advertising, LLC	2,500.00
The Hartford	40,979.96
Thomson Reuters- West- Payment Center	4,384.53
Treas Baldwin Township	8,158.00
Treas Clear Lake Township	2,910.71
Tri County Solid Waste Management	21,239.00
Tristar Power Solutions, LLC	15,962.41
Uhl Company Inc	6,731.50
WATAB Inc	3,010.24
102 Payments less than 2000	49,793.61
Final Total:	479,836.33
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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved For Payment 7/08/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
OBO Amazon	3,722.26
OBO CDW Government	4,234.32
OBO Dacotah Paper	2,568.43
OBO Dell	21,646.00
OBO Post Board	2,344.48
65 Payments less than 2000	19,316.06
Final Total:	53,831.55
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HELP WANTED

Stony Ridge Foods has an immediate opening for a fulltime position. Some duties include bagging, loading/unloading trucks, climbing bins, various warehouse work/maintenance work.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CP 71-681-021 CR 81 AT 206th Street-Surcharge SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE is hereby given that SEALED Bid Proposal Packages will be received by the Sherburne County Engineer at the office of the undersigned until **1:00 PM on Wednesday, September 8, 2021** for the following project:

The Major Quantities of Work are:
CLEARING

ACRE	1
GEOTEXTILE FGABRIC TYPE 5	
SY	8,250
SELECT GRANULAR BORROW (LV)	
CY	33,500

Receipt of Bid Proposal: Bids will be received at the Public Works Office, located at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330 until **1:00 PM, Wednesday, September 8, 2021.**

Bid Opening: Proposals will be opened by the County Engineer after the hour set for receiving bids at the Sherburne County Government Center. The bid opening is open to the public and will be held in the Maple Room A conference room at the Sherburne County Government Center; 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River MN 55330. As a courtesy to our bidders, the bid opening may be attended via online through WebEx. Information for accessing the bid opening via WebEx will be provided in the bid proposal package.

Plans & specifications may be examined at the office of the Sherburne County Highway Engineer, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330, or at <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php> & follow the Construction Projects & Bids (eGram) link. A user ID & password is required to download the Plans & Specifications. Contact Public Works at 763-765-3300 to obtain.

The cost to download the Plans & Specifications is free.

The cost to obtain a hard copy of the Plans & Specifications is \$50.00 with an additional \$10.00 mailing fee.

TO SUBMIT A BID-A Bid Proposal Package shall be purchased. The cost to obtain the Bid Proposal Package Is \$10.00. Requests are made to the Sherburne County Engineer, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330. Failure to purchase bid proposal package from Sherburne County is a basis for rejection of the bid.

Requests must be accompanied by check, draft, or money order, payable to the Sherburne County Public Works. Bids must be accompanied by a **Certified Check or Bidder's Bond** made payable to the Sherburne County Treasurer as a proposal guarantee for at least 5% of the amount of the bid.

No bidder may withdraw their bid (which shall include the Certified Check or Bidder's Bond) within 15 days after the scheduled closing for the receipt of bids.

The County Board will consider award of the contract at the September 21, 2021, County Board Meeting contingent upon County Engineer & County Attorney review. It is the County's intent to begin construction the **first part October 2021.**

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids & waive informalities. Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 10th day of August 2021.

Signed: /s/ Bruce Messelt, Sherburne County, Minnesota

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sherburne County has designated its official website as <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php>. Official publication of bids, requests for Information, and requests for proposals will be done on the official website as an alternative means to disseminate solicitations of transportation construction and maintenance projects.

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SHERBURNE COUNTY AMENDMENT TO THE SHERBURNE COUNTY ZONING MAP ORD NO - 258

AMENDMENT to the Sherburne County Comprehensive Land Use Map from Agricultural to Rural Residential and Amendment to the County Zoning Map from Agricultural District to Shoreland Residential District as requested by John Walker.

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Section: 34 Township: 35 Range: 29
Township: PALMER Acres: 10.5

PID #: 40-034-1101

This provision was passed by the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners on the 3rd day of August, 2021. A complete copy of this Zoning Map Ordinance Amendment is available for viewing at the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Office, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN, and is duly filed with the Sherburne County Auditor upon the publication of its enactment.

Signed: /s/ Raeanne Danielowski, County Board Chairperson
Attested by: /s/ Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

(Published in the *Patriot*: 08/21/21).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing, according to M.S. 340A.405, subd (d), at 9:00 a.m. or as soon as can be heard thereafter, on September 7, 2021 during the regular County Board Meeting at the Government Center, 13880 Business Center Dr. NW, Elk River, Minnesota 55330. The purpose of the hearing is to consider ON-Sale Liquor License application for Kinitiski's Bar and Grill. Due to change in new ownership.

Kinitiski's Bar and Grill, 4181 105th Ave, Clear Lake, Minnesota 55319

The hearing is open to you and any interested person at which time you may appear if you so desire, either in person or by agent or attorney, in opposition to or support of the request.

Dated at Elk River, Minnesota this 17th day of August 2021.

Diane Arnold

Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer

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The 10 orphaned puppies were split among four different foster homes to be bottle-fed, which can be a challenging process, but there were no other options.

Two weeks later, another dog, Pepper, came into Ruff Start. Pepper had given birth to a litter of puppies two days before, but due to complications all the puppies died. Pepper appeared to be heartbroken and depressed.

Ruff Start took the opportunity to unite the heartbroken mama and the orphaned puppies, but were unsure if the relationship would work.

“Mama dogs can sometimes act aggressively towards an adopted litter,” Johnson said.

But Johnson united the animals and hoped for the best. And it appeared to be a match made in Heaven.

“Within three or four minutes the puppies were already nursing,” Johnson said.

Pepper appears to be very happy with her new litter of puppies, constantly wagging her tail.

Pepper will be available for adoption along with her puppies, once the litter is old enough. Johnson said the mama is one of the sweetest, friendliest dogs she’s ever met.

“It’s going to take a super special family to take her away from our home,” Johnson said, though she and her family already have three dogs of their own.

As of the writing of this article, homes have been found for two of the puppies, but the rest are still looking for forever homes. They will all be ready to adopt by mid-September, and listings will appear on Ruff Start’s website in a couple of weeks.

Johnson says she’s not sure what breeds the pup-



PEPPER is proud mom to 10 adopted puppies. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

pies are. They appear to be some sort of lab mix, but that’s her best guess.

“They all look different,” she said. Johnson went on to note that a single litter can have multiple different fathers, and since all of the puppies look different, and given the size of the litter, she thinks this is probably the case.

She said the puppies are becoming more playful every day, and they all have different personalities.

“Some of them are definitely instigators,” Johnson said. “And some of them just like to crash.”

Lexi Johnson and her husband Jordan have helped to foster many animals from Ruff Start over the last six years. They have taken in a variety of animals from those with behavioral issues, to those who just needed a home for a while, to a couple of similar cases of bottle babies. Lexi is a stay at home mom and Jordan works as an RN.

More information about Ruff Start Rescue and animals for adoption are available at RuffStartRescue.org.



PUPPY SCHENANIGANS! This litter of 10 puppies will be available for adoption soon from Ruff Start Rescue. Pepper, the surrogate mother, will also be available for adoption once the weening is complete. “Mama is one of the sweetest, friendliest dogs I’ve ever met,” said Lexi Johnson, the caretaker of the dogs. (Photos by Katherine Cantin.)



LEXI JOHNSON and her husband (NOT SHOWN) have enjoyed fostering animals for Ruff Start rescue for six years. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



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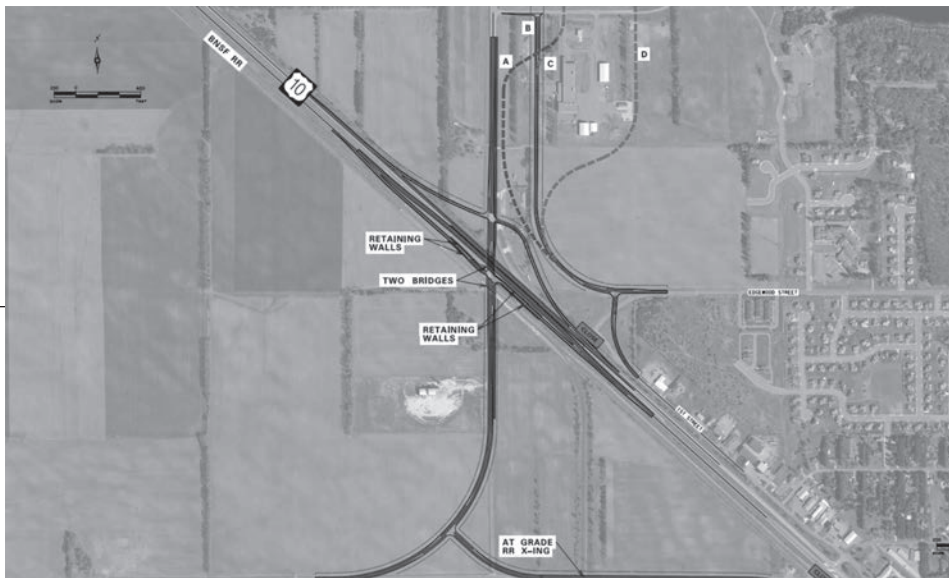
constructed at the intersection of 10 and 25.

Co. Rd. 52 and Co. Rd. 8 would be realigned to intersect on the south side of the proposed interchange. Local streets on the north side of Hwy. 10 would be

extended to create additional buildable commercial areas with safe connection points to Hwy. 25.

Local senators, Tom Bock and a Senate Capital Investment staff member plan a tour stop in Becker

during their Northern Minnesota tour planned for August 24-26. Staff at the City of Becker plan to attend this event to show support for their local transportation network that supports business growth opportunities.



Police & Sheriff Reports



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“ASK A TROOPER” by Sgt. Jesse Grabow of the Minnesota State Patrol
Minnesota’s hands-free cell phone law just had its second anniversary on Aug. 1, and it’s safe to say the novelty has worn off and people could be getting complacent. Drivers might be slipping back into old habits, risking their own lives and those of their fellow motorists.

As a reminder, here’s what the hands-free law allows. Using voice commands or single-touch activation only without holding the phone, you can use your cell phone to:

- Make calls.
- Listen to music or podcasts.
- Get directions.
- These are the things the hands-free law does not allow:
- Make video calls.
- Watch video live-streams.
- Use Snapchat.
- Play games.
- Look at video or photos stored on the phone.
- Use apps.
- Read or type texts.
- Scroll or type.
- Make calls while holding the phone

It’s important to remember hands-free doesn’t necessarily mean distraction-free. And although law enforcement officers throughout Minnesota have seen more drivers using hands-free options like mounts and holders for their phones, some of those drivers hold their phones anyway. Some of those cited for breaking the hands-free law say they’re having a hard time breaking the habit. But the fact remains that 31 people die and 192 are seriously injured every year on average in Minnesota because someone chose to drive distracted.

Even if you’re lucky enough to avoid a crash, the penalty for not being hands-free while driving can be more than \$120 for a first offense (including the fine and court fees). That fine can climb to more than \$300 for subsequent violations (fine and court fees). And if you get a citation, your insurance rates could increase.

Even though the law is two years old, our work to ensure our roads are free from distracted drivers will keep going. If we all work together, we can ensure that no one has to get the devastating news that their loved one died because a driver was posting on Snapchat or live-streaming videos. It will take some long-term changes. You will have to break some old habits – for good. But it’ll be worth it.

Information shared here was posted on the Minnesota Department of Safety blog: <https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20210802-hands-free-law-anniversary.aspx>

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Twp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPP10_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).



Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings Aug. 9, 2021 – Aug. 15, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 228; 2021 Calls for Service: 7,046; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 74; Citations: 13, Arrests: 4; Medical Emergency Calls: 16; Mental Health/Check Welfare: 7; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 8

BLPD Arrests: Janelle Castelluzzo – (Age 28 – Big Lake, MN) – Domestic Assault; Therasa Welinski – (Age 41 – Big Lake, MN) – Domestic Assault; Patrick Burris – (Age 54 – Monticello, MN) – Felony Warrant; Joshua Tyra – (Age 35 – Blaine, MN) – DWI Test Refusal

Sun., Aug. 15, 2021: 300 Blk Monroe St. - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juveniles, mediated by officers; 300 Blk Jefferson Blvd. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; Traverse Ln./Eagle Lake Rd. - Limited Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving on Limited License.

Sat., Aug. 14, 2021: 4600 Blk Sterling Dr. - Domestic Assault - Officers dispatched to a domestic disturbance, on individual found to have been assaulted, suspect arrested and booked into jail for Domestic Assault; 1000 Blk Kilbirnie Rd. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; CR 81/200th Ave. NW - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 1700 Blk Grace Dr. - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a disturbance.

Fri., Aug. 13, 2021: 20000 Blk Delta St. - Domestic Assault - Officers dispatched to a domestic disturbance, on individual found to have been assaulted, suspect arrested and booked into jail for Domestic Assault; Forest Rd./Eagle Lake Rd. S. - Vehicle Crash



- Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 400 Blk Eagle Lake Rd. S. - Vehicle Theft - Report of a stolen, entered as stolen auto.

Thurs., Aug. 12, 2021: Nothing of Significance

Wed., Aug. 11, 2021: Hwy 10/165th Ave. SE. - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. Charges pending; 4000 Blk Lake Ridge Dr. - Disturbance - Officers dispatched to a disturbance; 570 Humboldt Dr. - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; 700 Blk Rose Dr. - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing; 400 Fern St. - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing; 101 Lakeshore Dr. - Vandalism. Report of graffiti spray painted in bathroom. Investigation ongoing.

Tues., Aug. 10, 2021: Hwy 10/Euclid Ave. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 100 Blk Jefferson Blvd. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 1600 Blk Hiawatha Ave. - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 100 Blk Jefferson Blvd. - DWI - Driver reported to be impaired. Charges pending.

Mon., Aug. 9, 2021: 100 Blk Monroe St. - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; Tarry Town Rd./Harrison Dr. - Vandalism. Report of vandalism to electrical box. Investigation ongoing; Hwy 10/Eagle Lake Rd. - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located on an outstanding arrest warrant, booked into jail; Hwy 10/CR 50 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 17000 Blk Trillium Ln. - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.

right of way warning, 6 speed warning, 2 alarm, 1 warrant arrest, 1 parking complaint, 1 medical, 1 suspicious activity, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 stop sign warning

13-Aug: 1 DWI, 1 stop sign warning, 1 extra patrol, 1 alarm, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 speed warning, 1 fail to move over for emergency vehicle warning, 1 speed Citation #372, 1 medical, 1 follow-up, 1 road hazard, 1 Search Warrant, 1 Dog at Large / Admin Citation #3356 / Notice of Potentially Dangerous Dog

14-Aug: 1 suspicious vehicle, possession of liquor under 21 Citation #373, 2 welfare check, 1 alarm, 3 speed warning, 1 fire alarm, 1 expired registration warning, 1 missing person, 1 speed citation #374, 1 speed Citation #375, 1 speed Citation #376, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 speed Citation #377, 1 speed Citation #378, 1 speed Citation #379, 1 speed Citation #380, 1 equipment warning, 1 agency assist, 1 turn signal warning

15-Aug: 1 driving after suspension / no proof of insurance Citation #381, 1 3rd degree DWI / speed / driving after suspension, 1 extra patrol, 1 expired registration warning, 4 speed warning, 1 stop sign warning, 2 miscellaneous officer, 1 handsfree violation warning, 1 suspicious activity, 1 driving after revocation warning, 1 suspicious person, 1 theft, 1 speed Citation #382 / speed Citation #383, 1 security check



Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of Aug. 9th – Aug. 15th

9-Aug: 3 extra patrol, 2 drive wrong way warning, 1 public assist, 1 speed / following too close warning, 1 equipment warnings, 6 speed warning, 1 dog complaint, 2 welfare check, 1 medical, 1 failure to yield to pedestrian warning, 1 agency assist, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 lost animal, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 equipment warning / No proof of insurance Citation #363, 3 security check, 1 suspicious vehicle

10-Aug: 1 speed / driving conduct warning, 4 speed warning, 1 speed / driving after revocation Citation #364, 1 stop sign warning, 1 expired registration Citation #365, 1 extra patrol, 1 civil, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 driving after suspension warning, 1 speed Citation #368, 1 expired tabs / driving after revocation warnings / no proof of insurance Citation #369

Possession of drug paraphernalia & hypodermic needles Citation #370 / Possession of 5th degree controlled substance / Possession of legend drug / speeding / Possession of drug paraphernalia

11-Aug: 1 welfare check, 1 handsfree violation warning, 1 expired registration warning, 1 abandoned vehicle, 1 recreational vehicle permit, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 mail theft / fraud, 1 alarm, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 equipment warning / speed Citation #371, 1 speed warning

12-Aug: 2 public assist, 2 road hazard, 1 hit & run property damage, 1 record check, 1 fail to yield to

Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 08/09/2021 - 08/15/2021

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offense(s): Jenelle Jean Castelluzzo, 28 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - MSD domestic assault. Shaunte Issac Oliver, 41 of Plymouth, MN 55446 - FEL flee in motor vehicle, GM criminal vehicular operation (Big Lake PD), MSD careless driving & fleeing on foot. Therasa Gloraine Welinski, 41 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - MSD domestic assault. Tony Nguyen, 34 of Clear Lake, MN 55319 - FEL 3rd degree controlled substance. Tiffany Marie Barthel, 26 of Burtum, MN 56318 - FEL 5th degree drugs & Dept. of Corrections warrant. Edward Everett Gerry III, 52 of Mora, MN 55051 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Rachel Rae MacMillan, 23 of Elbow Lake, MN 56531 - Douglas Co., Hennepin Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Dillon Neil Lyrek, 29 of Montrose, MN 55363 - Kanabec Co. warrant. Joshua Nicholas Nipper, 19 of Coon Rapids, MN 55448 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Mandi Leah Anderson, 46 of Becker, MN 55308 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Sarah Ann Strandin, 38 of Milaca, MN 56353 - Mille Lacs Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Darren Allen Ward, 32 of Scandia, MN 55073 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Elijah Michael Mutchler, 26 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Brian Daniel Weichert, 54 of Ramsey, MN 55303 - State of Colorado warrant. Randy Harris Mathews, 24 of Minneapolis, MN 55445 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Keith Latroy McGhee, 47 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Patrick Jerome Burris, 54 of Monticello, MN 55362 - Anoka Co. warrant.

Citations Issued: 1 drugs - possess over 1.4 grams marijuana in motor vehicle, 3 drugs - possession of drug paraphernalia - use/possession - violate paragraph (a) two or more times, 1 motor vehicle registration - operate unregistered vehicle/without plates on public streets/highways, 1 motor vehicle registration - operate vehicle with expired registration, 1 traffic regulations - failure to obey traffic control device, 1 traffic - duty to drive with due care - speed greater than reasonable, 19 traffic - speeding - exceed limit, 1 traffic - speeding - exceed limit of 30 mph - urban district, 23 traffic - speeding - exceed limit 55 mph where appropriate, 1 traffic regulation - failure to stop at stop signs or stop lines at entrance to through highway, 3 traffic regulation - driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, 1 drivers

license - driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type, 1 traffic-drivers license-driving after suspension, 3 traffic-drivers license-driving after revocation, 2 theft-take/use/transfer movable prop-no consent. **Total: 62**

Calls for Service: 1 burglary, 7 theft, 1 assault, 5 drugs/narcotics, 1 crimes against family, 2 DWI, 6 disturbing the peace, 3 harassment, 1 criminal sexual conduct, 1 DAR/DAS/DAC, 1 crimes against government, 2 fraud complaint, 2 animal found, 1 property found, 1 abandoned vehicle, 1 search warrant, 2 accident – mv personal injury, 9 accident – mv property damage, 3 animal complaint, 2 conservation, 1 dog complaint, 1 dog bite, 1 fire – other, 1 fire – dwelling, 1 fire – vehicle, 2 fire – grass, 1 gas leak/smell, 1 death, 28 medical, 1 mental case, 1 alarm – medical, 1 miscellaneous public, 2 domestic 7 public assist, 23 agency assist, 24 alarm – security, 14 civil complaint, 1 administrative, 203 officer initiated traffic stop, 11 traffic complaint, 2 garbage/littering, 3 suspicious person, 17 suspicious vehicle, 3 juvenile complaint, 15 security check, 13 extra patrol, 2 loud music complaint, 11 check the welfare, 2 burning complaint, 1 boating complaint, 4 ATV complaint, 2 repossession, 2 fireworks complaint, 2 parking complaint, 7 jail medical, 1 jail medical guard, 31 paper service, 8 suspicious activity, 1 hazardous materials, 1 aircraft complaint, 20 miscellaneous officer, 10 background check, 3 warrant arrest, 29 transport, 1 jail incident, 1 predatory offender registration, 4 911 hang up, 5 court book & release, 1 juvenile runaway, 1 UAV deployment, 7 vehicle lockout, 1 vehicle off road. **Total: 590**

July 25th: Jason Anderson on 145th St NW in Big Lake Twp reported the theft of a Hoyt youth compound bow & 6 arrows & Toro Personal Pace 4 cycle push mower. Items taken have an estimated value of \$730.

Aug. 5th: Ryan Dalbec reported the theft of a 2013 Yamaha YDREL electric golf cart from residence of Co. Rd. 15 NW in Big Lake Twp. Estimated value of the golf cart is \$2,500.

Aug. 7th: Timothy Alford on 112th St NW in Baldwin Twp reported the theft of a UPS delivery from his property. Packages were from Snap-On & contained various tools & equipment. Estimated value of the packages is \$10,000.



Wright County Sheriff's Activity Report Period Ending Aug. 16, 2021

Aug. 9: Erin Michelle Tjepkes, 39, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrant - identity theft & Ramsey Co. warrant - 3rd degree burglary. Joshua Gene Kilgore, 33, of Sturgeon Lake, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Kayla Ann Harston, 31, of Afton, was arrested in Benton Co. - Wright Co. warrant - obstruction of legal process violations. Melissa Mary Nelson, 41, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - falsely reporting crime violation. Logan James Sweetser, 18, of Upsala, was arrested in Morrison Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 1st degree burglary violations. Damien Robert Graham, 48, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Crow Wing Co. - Wright Co. warrant - violation of domestic abuse no contact order. Jesse Allen Hutchins, 28, of Spring Lake Park, was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI violations. Turner Ray Quilling, 27, of Otsego, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Terry Lamont Matthews, 50, of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - charge of domestic assault. Adam Joseph Shypulski, 33, of Rogers, was arrested in Otsego - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI violations. Daniel Justin Mahoney, 37, of Stanwood, WA, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 3rd degree sale of controlled substance. Levi John Schneider, 33, of Clearwater, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Timothy Dean Kopet, 44, of Montrose, was arrested in Rockford - charges of interference with 911 call & domestic assault.

Aug. 10: Richard Allen Mitchell, 27, of Cokato, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrants - 2nd degree DWI violations. Justin Duane Larson, 38, of Delano, was arrested in Delano - charge of violation of harassment restraining order. Douglas Roger Johnson, 53, of Cokato, was arrested in Stockholm Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - domestic assault violations. Nicholas Cloud Mahowald, 28, of St. Augusta, was arrested in Clearwater - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & driving after acceleration inimical to public safety. Allison Joy Rismoen, 24, no permanent address, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - charge of 1st degree sale of controlled substance & an Otter Tail Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Jeron Garding, 35, of St. Joseph, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - charge of 1st degree sale of controlled substance & an Otter Tail Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Nicholas Robert Bies, 37, of Rockford, was arrested in Rockford - Wright Co. warrant - terroristic threat violations.

Aug. 11: Lindy Marie Suedel, 35, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charges of domestic assault & interference with 911 call. Aaron Elliott Thompson, 47, of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - charge of domestic assault. Jeshua Robert Kasper, 26, of Pierz, was arrested in Silver Creek Twp. - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & false information to law enforcement, Crow Wing Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Mille Lacs Co. warrant - fleeing law enforcement. Taylor Chase Lazarre, 24, of Cokato, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree burglary violations. Breann Lynn Rokala, 21, of Dassel, was arrested in Cokato - Wright Co. warrant - disorderly conduct violations. Joshua Ward, 35, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - Wright Co. warrant - violation of domestic abuse no contact order. Jordan Michael Linn, 29, of Foley, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrants - check forgery, counterfeiting of currency & theft & MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - parole violation. Melanie Lee Blunt, 47, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 4th degree DWI violations. Sarah Marie Eichhorn, 40, of Elk River, was arrested in Otsego -

charge of 3rd degree DWI.

Aug. 12: Joseph Michael Rush, 44, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - charges of interfering with 911 call & domestic assault. Makaila Patricia Barbara Myers, 23, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Jayson Stanley Sam, 30, of Onamia, was arrested in Mille Lacs Co. - Wright Co. warrant - felon in possession of firearm violation. Kenneth Davon Lewis, 30, of Clearwater, was arrested in Silver Creek Twp. - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - 2nd degree assault. Robert Dean Bedwell, 66, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Buffalo - Benton Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Alexander James Olson, 23, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Drew Michael Roubinek, 24, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - Wright Co. warrant - fleeing law enforcement. Liam Nicholas O'Sell, 25, of Coon Rapids, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - driver's license violations & Ramsey Co. warrant - 4th degree DWI.

Aug. 13: Abdiyaz Ahmed Abdi, 21, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Scott Co. - Wright Co. warrants - receiving stolen property & theft, & McLeod Co. warrant - theft. Carrie Ann Dorr, 32, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - Wright Co. warrant - careless driving violations. Joseph Charles Huikko, 41, of Buffalo, was arrested in Rockford Twp. - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Scott Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Wade Allen MacDonald, 39, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Christin Marie Smersh, 37, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 3rd degree DWI refusal to test.

Aug. 14: Chad Christopher Campbell, 41, of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - charge of domestic assault. Christopher Charles Torrey, 21, of Chaska, was arrested in Corinna Twp. - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Brittany Ann Adams, 28, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Nykolos Edward D'Heilly, 22, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - charges of terroristic threats, 3rd degree DWI & obstruction with force. Shane Leigh Blenker, 27, of Albany, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Benton Co. warrant - simple robbery. George Harold Beilke, 63, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - false information to law enforcement violations. Daniel Patrick Larkin, 42, of Otsego, was arrested in Clearwater - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & motor vehicle registration violations.

Aug. 15: Daniel Maingi Kombo, 38, of Little Falls, was arrested in Monticello - charge of disorderly conduct. Koby Randaldean Kestner, 24, of Detroit Lakes, was arrested in Delano - Becker Co. warrant. Jacob Tyler Theissen, 25, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - charge of domestic assault by strangulation. John Paul Rauch, 41, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of domestic assault & an Anoka Co. warrant - violation of government data practices. David Lyle Sharp, 33, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - Carver Co. warrant - 3rd degree DWI. Steven James Nowak, 50, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - charge of domestic assault.

Aug. 16: Austin Steven Alama, 25, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - charge of violation of domestic abuse no contact order.

There were 22 property damage accidents, 10 personal injury accidents, 5 hit & run accidents & 4 car deer accidents.

There were 6 arrests - DWI, 1 underage consumption arrests, no school bus stop arm violations & 105 tickets - miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.

