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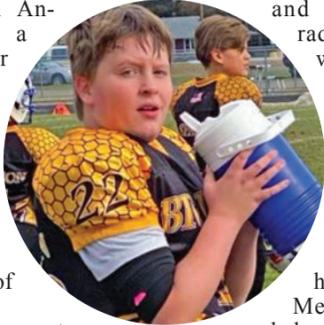


CHECK OUT OUR SPECIAL SECTION inside this week's Patriot, honoring local firefighters within days of International Firefighter's Day, May 4. Section starts at page 6. (Submitted Photo)

Sixth grader receives support from friends, family, classmates

By Bill Morgan
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Colton Anderson, a sixth-grader from Big Lake, has recently been diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer.



Starting next week and for the next

nine months, Colton's treatment plan includes chemotherapy, a host of medications, surgery and possibly radiation. It will be aggressive, intense, difficult and costly for his family who includes his mom, Melissa, his dad, Al and his brother Dillon.

Colton loves to fish, spend time outdoors and play football.

To show support for their classmate and teammate, members of his Hornet football team gathered at the Big Lake Fire Station Monday evening to acquiesce in getting their heads shaved along with their pal, Colton.

Dozens of players, classmates, teachers, friends and family members set up a mini barber shop in one of the station bays to show their support.



Colton has a Go-FundMe page set up to help pay the bills associated with his fight with cancer.

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C.O.S. draws 300 loyalists

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Nearly 300 citizens from all across the State of Minnesota gathered for a Town Hall meeting Saturday morning at South Santiago Lutheran Church for information gathering on the grassroots effort of the Convention of States (COS).

"One heck of a turnout," said District 15B Rep. Shane Mekeland. "Am I surprised? No, not really since we had a huge turnout when we had Eric Trump come to the area last year."

Prior to Saturday's event in Santiago, the largest town hall meeting the C.O.S. had ever had hosted consisted of 65 people. Some people Saturday traveled all the way to Santiago from Rochester, Edina, Eagan and St. Louis Park to join in on the discussion. One C.O.S. staffer flew in from Michigan to attend!

The event was organized by a



SEVERAL STATE LEGISLATORS (and former ones) showed up Saturday to show their support and help explain and answer any questions from the crowd. Left to right: Dale Lueck, Cal Bahr, Eric Lucero, Shane Mekeland and Jim Newberger. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

group of state senators and representatives as well as local coordinators of the C.O.S. and volunteers. Thousands of emails, texts and

phone calls went out to citizens to steer them to this special hearing.

Mekeland helped spearhead the meeting and several weeks back

he was looking for a venue to hold such a meeting. Originally, another Central Minnesota church offered to host the event, but eventually removed themselves from consideration due to unforeseen circumstances.

Mekeland began inquiring about other venues when a staff member at South Santiago Lutheran Church (SSLC) told Mekeland the church space was available. After considering other options, the town hall meeting was pinned to be held at SSLC for April 24.

The Town Hall meeting was held to outline the process of calling a Convention of States and how citizens can get involved. A Convention of States is called under Article V of the Constitution. It's controlled entirely by the states, and has the power to propose constitutional amendments that limit federal power, mandate fiscal responsibility, and impose term limits

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The Big Lake Police Dept. has been busy busting criminals as they venture through town. See the stories of these criminal endeavors on pages 5 & 9.

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NEWS DEADLINES
With the newspaper wrap up occurring Wednesday evening, all news items submitted to run that Saturday must reach our office by Wednesday morning by 11 a.m.

SPORTS DEADLINES
Coaches and assistants are expected to contact our sports writers by Wednesday morning, 11 a.m. at the latest to have their information included in that week's publication.

CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINES
Information for classifieds need to be submitted to our staff by noon Wednesday to be included in that week's publication of the PATRIOT.

Benton/Sherburne youth compete at 4-H Project Bowl

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot as a press release by the Benton County 4-H Youth Development team).

This March, 700 youth on 171 teams from across Minnesota participated in the 4-H Project Bowl, the second largest 4-H event series of the year. 4-H Project Bowl challenges teams of three to five youth to test their knowledge on a variety of topics including dairy, dog, general livestock, horse, llama/alpaca, poultry, rabbit and wildlife conservation.

Competitions were held virtually with divisions for both junior and senior aged teams. This

year, teams worked together to answer species related questions in a trivia format. Top placing teams in dairy, general livestock, horse and poultry hope to go on to national project bowl competitions.

"4-H Project Bowl helps youth build communications skills and gain deeper knowledge in topics they find interesting," said Amber Greeley, Director of State & County Fairs Programs. "We're proud to have found a high-quality way to ensure youth can engage in this experience even in the midst of pandemic restrictions."

Benton County 4-H's joined youth from other counties



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Masks no longer required for outdoor High School activities

By Bill Morgan
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High School athletes in Minnesota received much appreciative news last week as they were told they are no longer required to wear a mask or face covering during competition at outdoor activities.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) released updated guidance requirements for the wearing of masks/face coverings April 15. This resulted in the Minnesota State High School League board of directors sending a request to MDH to ease the mask mandate for athletes during competition.

By an unanimous vote, the Minnesota State High School

League Board of Directors recommended from its eight-member Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for the Minnesota Department of Health to adjust mask requirements, allowing masks to be removed when student-athletes are in outdoor competition.

Sure enough, as of Thursday, athletes in baseball, softball, track and field, tennis, golf and lacrosse are no longer required to wear masks or face coverings while competing or practicing outdoors. However, athletes are required to wear masks when not actively engaged in competition where social distancing isn't



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BL Council to purchase bonds, new BLFD vehicle

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KIM NODING was all smiles as the Big Lake Council members canvassed the vote two days after the special election. She officially took her seat on the council April 23. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

During the recent Big Lake City Council meeting, the mayor and council heard an update from the county, prepared to accept bids for improvement bonds, and approved the purchase of a new brush rig for the BLFD.

Open Forum

Bettina Potter wished to recognize the first responders and the public safety officials in the city for their service. She also wished to address the issue of educating homeowners and renters who live alongside the lakes on how best to care for their bit of shoreline. She hoped the council would, in the future, consider a program to better educate residents and visitors.

She said that this would be her final open forum appearance, and encouraged other residents to go on record about issues around the city.

Sherburne County Annual Update

Bruce Messelt, Sherburne County administrator, gave an update to the board on the county's last year. Commissioners Lisa Fobbe, Barbara Burandt, and Tim Dolan were re-elected last fall. Amanda Larson was appointed as the county's new health and human services director.

The county has maintained an approximately 10% growth rate. Economic growth is up as well, with new homes coming to the area regularly.

Tax rates for the county have been decreasing over the last few years as home values rise. The county recently started using a tool called *OpenGOV*, which allows residents to view the county's budget and experiment with making budget cuts and changes in different

areas. Residents are encouraged to use this tool to make suggestions to the county in July. This way, recommendations and requests can be considered as the budget is being prepared for the next year, rather than having to field a lot of complaints when the budget is finalized.

Messelt also reviewed the COVID-19 relief measures for the last year, and encouraged those in the audience to go to the county's website for information on vaccination clinics.

Purchase of Improvement Bonds

The council heard from Tammy Omdal of *Northland Securities*, the company which will be handling the sale of the bonds for the Infrastructure Improvement Plan (the overarching project to the street improvement plan.) Northland will receive bids on May 12, and the council will accept the best, lowest-interest bid at the council meeting that evening. Omdal explained the process of receiving and accepting bids, and answered questions from the council.

New Brush Rig Purchase for BLFD

The Big Lake Fire Dept. will be purchasing a new

brush rig, an F550 type 6 engine. This new vehicle will replace the current brush rig, a 1996 F350. With only one bid being submitted to outfit the new vehicle, the cost will be \$128,622.

Ken Halverson was concerned about the cost of the new vehicle, and he and Chief Seth Hanson discussed purchasing a different vehicle. However, the council agreed to the purchase after discussing the reasons behind the choice of that particular vehicle, and considering the recommendation of the joint fire board.

Department Updates

Chief Seth Hansen of the BLFD said the department had 35 calls for service for the month. One homeowner in Orrock Twp. has donated a house to the BLFD in order to practice a live burn. Upon inspection, the house was found to have asbestos. Once the owner removes the carcinogens, the live burn can be scheduled. The BLFD recently participated in a live burn hosted by the Becker Fire Dept.

Acting Chief Matt Hayden said the police dept. had 1,009 calls for service for the month. He also spoke about taser training officers go through, wanting, in light of recent events, to let the council and audience know that there is a very low likelihood of a mix-up.

Layne Otteson of the engineering dept. said he and his staff have been busy revising the design for the street improvement project, making plans to move a light pole on Glenwood Ave. in compliance with the Safe Routes to School Project, and working on an MS4 permit application.

Ella Dotzler, student liaison, reported that the school board has been discussing a possible bond referendum for building and grounds work.

CARES funding and the technology levy will be used to improve district internet connectivity. Students are back to in-person learning, though many students are currently out of school due to COVID-19 quarantines. If the number of cases continues to rise, the school may have to change back to hybrid or distance learning. Prom will be scheduled for June.

Administrator's Report

The blighted property on Ridge Dr. will be cleaned up by city staff during this upcoming week (starting on the 26th). The fees associated with the cleanup will be added to the property's taxes.

Administrator Clay Wilfahrt also thanked the three women who ran for the open council seat in the special election, and congratulated Kim Noding on her win. The poll results were canvassed in a special council meeting the day after the regular meeting. Noding took her seat on the council, April 23.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Approved the disposal of old wastewater treatment facility equipment;
- Approved wastewater treatment facility lift station updates, budgeted at just under \$75,000;
- Named Mark Boeckman as an official Lake Li-

quors employee after his probationary period;

- Renewed agreements for the Farmers' Market EBT and Market Bucks program;
- Passed an ordinance regulating targeting picketing in residential areas;
- Hired Bolton & Menk, Inc. to conduct a wetland delineation report at the future Brom Park for \$2,400;
- Distributed certificates to recognize employees' anniversaries of service with the city;
- Accepted a motion to allow restaurants to provide dine-in service in an expanded capacity.

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Some of these ways include connecting with developments in technology, tapping into consumer behavior, understanding advertiser interest, and more in order to grow audiences and diversify its revenue stream.



Racist "promposal" has school district reeling

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was composed from several online sources).

A photo taken in Big Lake and posted on social media is making the rounds on the internet and on news stations. The photo shows two young people holding a sign that reads "If I Was Black I'd Be Picking Cotton, But I'm White So I'm Picking You."



THE PROMPOSAL PHOTO ABOVE from Big Lake students was posted on social media containing blatant racist jargon. School officials say they are taking the issue very seriously and are now investigating the matter. (Submitted Photo)

Officials from Big Lake School District 727 say racism is not condoned in any form and they released the following statement Tuesday, "Earlier today, the Big Lake School District was made aware of a "promposal" post on Facebook that reportedly involved students using a racial comment. The School District is taking this report very seriously and is in the process of investigating this matter."

"We will be evaluating it under any and all applicable School District policies and will take whatever action is necessary and appropriate to address the situation."

"Due to state and federal data privacy laws, the School District is prohibited from sharing more information about this matter with the public about the specifics of this incident and the students involved."

"Big Lake Schools does not condone racism, in any form. Our school has been committed to implementing the *Hornet Way*, as a way to develop and guide our students' character and actions. The *Hornet Way* teaches the values of respect, honesty, kindness, responsibility, and fairness."

"We believe those values extend to all aspects of our school community. The School District also is committed to ensuring that all students and staff are treated equally and can attend school and report to work in a comfortable and welcoming environment. Our expectations are high and we expect compliance by all."

Due to state and federal data privacy laws, the district

is unable to comment on what specific actions have been taken.

Big Lake School leaders sent an alert to parents, teachers and students informing them that the school would be moving to distance learning Thursday and Friday because of threats, as a result of the viral photo. "Growing up here, it doesn't really surprise me sadly," said Aleshia Halverson, who went to Big Lake High School. "That's a product of the environment that the school produces," said Rayveen Koha-Jallah, a 2018 graduate of Big Lake High School, and a local civil rights activist.

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Big Lake Community Fair returns May 8

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce).

After being cancelled in March, the Big Lake Community Fair is scheduled on May 8 from 10-1 p.m. at the Big Lake High School.

"I'm excited that our Planning Committee and our Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry Board of Directors have approved that all proceeds will go to BLHS scholar-

ships," said Gloria Vande Brake, Executive Director. "We have free admission and free food from *Coborn's*. *Reptile SideShow* will bring in some of their animals. *Big Lake Ambassadors* will offer a fun activity. We invite everyone to come out and bring their kids, grandkids, neighbor kids!"

Businesses, non-profit organizations, governmental units and local state legislators will provide information about their products and services. Adults and youth can register to win door prizes and two

bikes sponsored by *State Farm-Cory Laugen* and *The Wave Youth Center* will be given away.

Attendees will also be able to purchase items at the *Farmers Market*. This event will follow COVID guidelines.

Sponsors of the Fair include *Connexus Energy*, *Minnco Credit Union*, *Monticello Times/Shopper*, *Old National Bank*, *PATRIOT News*, *Realty Group-Carla Swanson*, *REM/MAX Results-Cindy Lemm* and *Sovran*.



THE BIG LAKE AMBASSADORS provided face painting at the 2019 Community Fair and will do so again this year. (Submitted Photo)

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The page can be found at: www.gofundme.com/f/colton-andersons-battle-for-life

On the GoFundMe Page, Colton's mom, Melissa, shared this message, "We ask that you keep Colton in your thoughts and prayers. The power of positivity goes a long way. Colton is an outgoing kid and keeps everyone laughing. Does he want to do this? NO! But is going to fight like he's never fought before? YES! Together, we can make miracles happen. Please consider donating to help my son fight for his life. Thank you for reading our story!"

COLTON ANDERSON got out the clippers and shaved the head of his sixth grade football coach, Cary Schaller. Dozens of kids, friends, family members showed their support of Colton by shaving their heads Monday at the BL Fire Station. ONE OF COLTON'S TEAMMATES (inset) on the football team, Jackson Laroche, was all smiles as he got his head shaved by his mother, Jessica (not shown). (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

Shoulder Creeper

LOCAL RESIDENT KATHY LICHY is pictured with a brown creeper, who stunned itself hitting a window of her house north of Santiago. Five minutes later, the bird flew onto her stomach, then to her shoulder and finally flew away. Lichy said she had never seen a bird like this before and she has seen this particular bird hopping down trees head first on a regular basis. (Submitted photos).

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possible. Masks, however, are required should athletes from those teams have indoor practice or competition.

Back in February, parents from across Minnesota lined up at a senate committee hearing to describe how their children had been injured playing hockey or basketball while wearing a mask. The hearing centered on the pros and cons of Gov. Tim Walz's youth sports mask mandate, part of an executive order issued before the winter sports season designed to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks among student athletes and coaches.

The parents were organized by the citizens group known as *Let Them Play MN*, which first worked against the moratorium on youth sports and has now pivoted to the issue of the mask mandate.

"Our concerns include decreased visibility, difficulty breathing, and potential injuries," Dawn Gillman, who heads *Let Them Play*, told senators.

"Ranging from serious collisions to kids passing out it became very clear the mask mandate was not safe."

The group introduced video clips of kids collapsing or running into each other, to support the descriptions given by parents who took part in the remote hearing.

Kelly Dilger of Big Lake said her daughter, a high school basketball player, suffered bruises when she tripped over a group of other players who had already gotten tangled up and hit the floor.

"She was wearing a face mask and collided with her teammates on the basketball court. She said she didn't see them."

Despite the "lift" on the mask mandate for spring sports, the MDH reiterated that masks are still required for areas of gathering, such as a bus, dugout or team camps. Track and field athletes must wear masks when gathered prior to races or attempts in field events.

Coaches must continue to wear masks and face coverings at all times at indoor and outdoor events and practices and game officials must wear masks and face coverings at all times at indoor and outdoor contests. Finally, all spectators at indoor and outdoor events are still required to wear masks.

Ramp on Eastbound I-94 at Co. Rd. 19 closed this week through mid-May

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sequestered from the Wright County website.)

Aside from traffic delays on westbound I-94 Tuesday due to a crash at the Hwy. 241 bridge, the eastbound portion of the road also is undergoing a change starting this week.

The Minnesota Dept. of Transportation has an-

nounced that the eastbound ramp on I-94 at Co. Rd. 19 in Albertville is closed and will remain closed through mid-May. To access Co. Rd. 19, eastbound traffic is being diverted to the Co. Rd. 37 exit to return to Co. Rd. 19 via I-94 in the westbound lanes.

In addition, starting Tuesday through Friday, April 30, there will be a lane reduction in both directions between Maple

Grove and Rogers. Eastbound I-94 will be reduced to two lanes between Hwy. 101 and Hennepin County Road 81 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Westbound traffic will be reduced to two lanes between 105th Avenue and Hennepin Co. Rd. 81 from 4 a.m. to noon daily.

Roadside Spraying in Wright Co.

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sequestered from the Wright County website.)

Beginning May 24, the Wright County Highway Dept., as part of its vegetation management program, will be scheduling some roadside vegetation work along all Wright County highways. The unwanted brush and noxious weeds will be cut and/or treated with herbicide. This notice is to inform all property owners who have property abutting county highways of the work that is scheduled and their right to use alternative methods.

The county's goal is to eliminate the brush and noxious weeds and promote grass cover along the roadside. Brush along the road reduces driving visibility, obstructs road signs and reduces driver reaction time to crossing wildlife. Brush

presents maintenance problems by retaining water along the roadbed, obstructing ditches and damaging equipment.

To meet these goals, the county uses selective herbicides that control the brush and noxious weeds but allow the grasses to grow, unharmed. All herbicides the county uses has been fully tested and is approved for use by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

During the spraying operation, the county will take care to avoid sensitive areas adjacent to the right-of-way such as tree plantations, ornamental plantings, crops, gardens, front yards, lakes and streams.

If one would like to maintain the right-of-way adjacent to one's land in some other fashion, such as mowing, please follow these instructions:

Prior to May 21, one

can stop at the Wright County Highway Dept. Building at 3600 Brad-dock Ave NE, Buffalo MN 55313 or email loren.green@co.wright.mn.us to receive a NO SPRAY form. All forms need to be submitted before May 21, 2021.

Post on your property, the "DO NOT SPRAY" signs that will be provided. Remove the brush and/or noxious weed plants (such as thistles, wide parsnip, and leafy spurge) within that site by June 07, 2021 and continue to maintain it. If the brush and/or noxious weeds are not removed, then the county must treat the area as part of their vegetation management program.

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Sheriff's office receives funding for patrols

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sequestered from the Wright County website.)

Speeding on Minnesota roads has been much more pronounced, especially on busy stretches of highways

and freeways, over the last year. As a result, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety is distributing grant funds to cities and counties to provide increased patrols for speeding and aggressive driving.

The funds are a supplement from the Toward Zero Deaths grant funds counties

received earlier in the year. Wright County Chief Deputy Matt Treichler said that the additional patrol shifts will begin immediately.

"This program will provide additional deputy shifts dedicated to enforcing speeding and aggressive driving," Treichler said. "Usually they are four-

hour shifts and we try to assign them throughout all of the county. But, we also go where we get the most complaints – the northeast portion of the county."

The total of the grant \$11,600 with a 20 percent local match (\$2,320).

DNR reminding boaters about the dangers of AIS

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sequestered from the Wright County website.)

With the fishing opener in Minnesota just three weeks away, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is reminding an-

glers to do their part to inspect and clean their boats before taking them to Minnesota lakes.

For the past decade, the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) has been a growing problem that has turned some of Minnesota's most popular lakes into AIS infested waters that choke

off the fish population and make swimming virtually impossible in some areas. Every year, more lakes get infested with species of AIS and most are introduced when the AIS catch a ride on a boat and are deposited in a new lake on the next fishing trip.

To learn what the DNR

recommends to do your part to help preserve your favorite lakes and AIS links, click here: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/news/2021/04/23/anglers-can-prevent-spread-aquatic-invasive-species>.

Santiago Clean-up Day A Success!



SEVENTY-EIGHT VEHICLES participated in the annual Santiago Clean Up Day event hosted by Centra Sota in Santiago. Event coordinator (since 1999) Shelley Jehoich said: "We filled our tire cage, two metal dumpsters and one and a half garbage trucks and also had over the amounts of appliances for our dumpster, requiring the overflow to be put in a separate trailer to haul in. Volunteers were treated to pizza donated by Bailey Rays after finishing up with the clean up event. THE TIRE CAGE (R) at the Santiago Clean-Up Day event was jam-packed as citizens dropped off items at the Centra Sota business Saturday morning. (Photos by May Nehring and Shelley Jehoich).



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Big Lake Area News

Big Laker charged with possession of narcotics

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sent to the Patriot from the BLPD).

On April 18, 2021 at approximately 11:59 p.m., Big Lake Police Officer Tyler Hecht stopped a vehicle for illegal window tint and failing to activate a turn signal on numerous occasions. Officer Hecht made contact with the driver, Andrew St. Michel, 36 of Big Lake, who admitted his turn signal was not working.

Officer Hecht learned St. Michel had a misdemeanor warrant out of Anoka County. St. Michel admitted to Officer Hecht he had a small amount of marijuana and a one hitter inside a backpack in the vehicle. As Officer Hecht was conducting an inventory search of the vehicle, he detected a strong odor of marijuana inside the vehicle.

During the search, Officer Hecht located a plastic bag in a hidden compartment under the



ANDREW ST. MICHEL of Big Lake was arrested and charged with possession of drugs April 18. (Booking Photo)

center console. The plastic bag contained a white crystal substance which field tested positive as methamphetamine and weighed 2.4 grams.

Officer Hecht also located a small container with a brown, crystal-like substance in the hidden

compartment. The substance field tested positive as methamphetamine and weighed approximately one gram. Officer Hecht located a black backpack on the back seat. Inside the backpack Officer Hecht located a small amount of a green leafy substance that later field tested positive for marijuana and weighed 4.3 grams. Officer Hecht also located two full bottles of gabapentin pills with two different names on the pill bottles.

St. Michel was arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. St. Michel was charged by criminal complaint with: Felony 5th Degree Drug Possession, Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle, Misdemeanor Possess Legend Drug without a Prescription, Misdemeanor Driving after Cancellation, and Misdemeanor Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Big Lake man charged with 1st degree sales and possession of drugs

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sent to the Patriot from the BLPD).

On April 21, 2021 at approximately 6:49 p.m., Big Lake Police Officer Tim Mikelson responded to a call from a local car wash. The caller stated there was a vehicle that had been parked near the vacuums for hours and the driver was slumped over.

Officer Mikelson responded to the scene and observed a vehicle matching the description provided by the caller. Officer Mikelson approached the vehicle and observed an adult male sleeping in the driver's seat. Officer Mikelson observed a green camouflage backpack on the passenger seat with two small digital scales with white crystal residue on them.

Officer Mikelson woke



MAYBRICK MADSEN of Big Lake was arrested and charged with 1st degree sales and possession of narcotics April 21. (Booking Photo)

the male, Maybrick Madsen, 33 of Big Lake, and asked him to exit the vehicle. Officer Mikelson advised Madsen he saw the

scales and asked if there were controlled substances in the vehicle. Madsen stated there were narcotics on the passenger seat.

Officer Mikelson learned Madsen had warrants for his arrest from Wadena County. Officer Mikelson located a plastic bag in the backpack on the passenger seat that contained a white crystal substance. The substance field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed 71.9 grams. Additional baggies of a white crystal substance weighing 4.9 grams and four grams were also located in the backpack.

Madsen was arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail.

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Helping A Veteran Stand Again

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sequestered from a posting on the Big Lake Fire Dept.'s Facebook page).

The unthinkable happened to retired Minnesota National Guard Master Sgt. Launette Figliuzzi a little over one year ago when she had a serious medical issue and was not able to be airlifted to Minneapolis due to road closures caused by rioting.

Launette desperately needed a specific shot which needed to be administered within three hours of her medical event. Tragically, since she was unable to receive the shot during that time frame, Launette became paralyzed by the time the ambulance reached her.

Santiago Lions Club, Becker Lions Club and Clear Lake Lions teamed up and all organizations



TOM AND LAUNETTE FIGLIUZZI. (Submitted Photo).

donated money to Launette and her family, whose home needs many more modifications to accommodate her paralysis. Tom and Launette Figliuzzi are making a trip to Tucson, AZ to purchase a standing

wheelchair that will help tremendously. The cost of the wheelchair alone is \$25,000.

If there are any other organizations or individuals that would like to help out with a donation, con-

tact Tom at 218-329-9139 or email: tom.figliuzzi59@gmail.com or by U.S. mail: Tom and Launette Figliuzzi, 27454 107th St. NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398.



SANTIAGO LIONS CLUB MEMBER TRACY EMMANS DAUDT recently had the privilege to meet Launette Figliuzzi and her husband Tom Figliuzzi and present them with a check from area Lions Clubs and a local resident. (Submitted photo).

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Female firefighters bring special skills to CLFD

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Clear Lake Fire Dept. has 28 members, four of which are female. But once they don their protective gear, no one would be able to tell the difference between the women and their male colleagues. This is, perhaps, unless you're a patient experiencing a medical emergency. "They are especially helpful when a female patient is nervous or anxious at the scene of a medical or accident," says Fire Chief Ron Koren, who has been with the department for 44 years. "Just having them talk to the individual can make the patient's experience a little less traumatic."

Twenty year firefighter Kari Mechtel agrees that a woman's touch can come in handy during medical calls. "At accidents, sometimes a female voice is more calming," says Mechtel, a familiar face in Clear Lake as she also serves as the City's Clerk. "Sometimes at calls, the person is just a little more relaxed when the females show up." It's a difference that firefighter Barb Rucks has witnessed during her five years on the department. Because she is a nurse in her day job, Rucks possesses the special skills that can help to make scary situations a little more manageable for the victims of an accident.

"I see a difference sometimes in the reactions of children," says Rucks. "For them to be able to talk to a woman — the child can be more comfortable." According to the National Fire Protection Association, just 4% of career firefighters and 11% of



THE CLEAR LAKE AREA is blessed with four women who stand ready to serve their community as members of the Clear Lake Fire Department. Pictured (L to R): Jill Lietha, Colleen Knafla, Kari Mechtel and Barb Rucks. (Submitted Photo).

volunteer firefighters are female. In Clear Lake, women make up 14% of the department, but in duties, responsibilities and service, the women say they are identical to their male colleagues.

"We train equally — from firefighting to washing the trucks — we are all equal when it comes to doing those things," says Jill Lietha, a 17 year member of the department who joined at the same time as her husband, who is now a CLFD Officer.

"We are respected — the guys respect us — there's no second guessing."

Lietha says she was recruited by an Assistant Chief at the time she joined, but was targeted because of her skills and commitment to the community more so than her gender. Koren says there hasn't been any specific recruitment of fe-

males at his department, but the strength and skill of the female firefighters themselves is the best advertising.

"Having females on the department speaks for itself to any female who might be interested in applying," says Koren. "They have all accepted the challenge and have had little problem performing their duties . . . being male or female has no bearing on what is expected of every firefighter."

Camaraderie
Captain Colleen Knafla has a unique perspective on the department, which she has been a part of for 14 years. As an officer, she is able to see firsthand the close knit relationships that develop between firefighters over time.

"There is a camaraderie that we share with each other," says Knafla. "I do think there is a special bond between the women."

Rucks agrees, noting that working closely with the others and making an impact in the community leads to a sense of fulfillment.

"I always say it's a fun job and it's rewarding," says Rucks, who first met several of the firefighters when they responded to a call in her neighborhood and she was already on scene helping perform CPR. "I encourage my co-workers all the time to join the department in their community."

Community
Each firefighter mentioned "community" as a reason they wanted to get involved with the department, noting their service as being a tangible way they could give back to others. Being able to help their neighbors also has led to many of their most memorable moments.

"My most rewarding

call was probably my first time clamping an umbilical cord and assisting in a birth," remembers Mechtel. "Everybody has calls that they remember . . . it can be stressful, but there are also fun times on calls."

Rucks remembers a drug related medical call where she helped a young man who later messaged her and thanked her personally for the assistance she offered.

For Knafla, the best times involve helping children, like the one who later visited her house and offered her a "thank you" for a job well done.

"The training is provided and we get to learn new things and utilize those skills," says Knafla, who also notes there can be an emotional side to the calls. "Sometimes we know the people we are trying to help or we've gone to church with them and it hits close to home."

Tough Times
It's those calls where the firefighters know the people they are trying to help that can lead to difficult memories. Because Clear Lake is a small town and most people seemingly know each other, there's a bit of a pause each time there is a call for help.

"When that pager goes off, you are hoping you don't hear your own address or one of a family member," says Mechtel. Lietha agrees, and also points out that the department provides help for those who may experience trauma as part of their duties.

"The toughest calls are when it's someone you know," says Lietha. "But Chief [Koren] is great about getting together for

debriefs, even if they are informal, to make sure people are able to process what happened."

Sometimes, unfortunately, it's too late to help the victim of an accident so the focus changes to providing whatever support they can for the family.

Mechtel still remembers one call in particular where a 16 year old had passed at the scene.

"We stayed with her," remembers Mechtel. "All we could do is tell her dad that she was never alone."

Family
In those tough times and even during the good ones, each firefighter pointed to family as being a key for being able to be an effective member of the department.

Once the Lietha's had children, they took turns responding to calls so the other could take care of their growing family.

"We also have a great family support system and even friends and neighbors that would help," says Jill. "It really helped to have people we could count on to help get the kids off the bus or to help with dinner or whatever we needed."

Rucks' children have come and picked her up when she was walking the dog and brought her to the station to respond to calls.

"Family is key — if you didn't have a supportive family it would be difficult to join," says Knafla.

Thankfully for the Clear Lake area families, there is a dedicated group of men and women who respond and provide professional care each time their pager signals the call for help.

Ben Goenner named Clear Lake Firefighter of the Year

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

Although he's only been on the department for five years, Ben Goenner has definitely caught the attention of his colleagues as he was recently named the Clear Lake Fire Department's Firefighter of the Year.

"Ben is a five year veteran of the department and has been an outstanding firefighter since joining," says Chief Ron Koren. "He volunteers for many activities for the department and is professional in the performance of all duties."

Goenner says he was extremely surprised to learn of the award, which was announced the same night he received his five year service pin.

"My initial reaction was disbelief — surprised

and caught completely off guard," Goenner says. "I don't mentally put myself in the running for these types of things so I had no idea how to react. Once I realized that my peers had somehow chosen me out of a group of people who put in efforts, in my opinion, even greater than mine I became rather humbled and grateful."

Goenner and his family are long-time residents of the area and the ability to help others in his hometown was appealing to him for a variety of reasons. He says he first joined the department out of a desire to serve others and to help people at what may be their greatest time of need.

"The Fire and Rescue Department gave me an opportunity to do that without having to give up my career or move like I would prob-

ably have had to with a Police Department or Military service," Goenner says.

When asked what advice he would give to others who are considering joining the department, he simply says that all the work is worth it.

"It takes dedication to get started and then to make it through the initial training," Goenner says. "The reward for helping the community, friendships made and lessons learned along the way are worth the effort."

Goenner surely enjoys his duties as a firefighter and Emergency Medical Responder and can see himself staying on the department for years to come. He also credits the many other department members who have provided plenty of guidance to help him succeed. He was quick to

point out his gratitude for everyone who has invested the time and energy to help him during the early years of his career.

"I first credit God for giving me a drive to want to help people in difficult times and that I wouldn't have gotten this far if it wasn't for the great people I get to work with on the department," Goenner says. "Those who've answered my questions, gave direction and helped me in so many ways that have allowed me to grow into the Fire Fighter I am today. Without them and their help this wouldn't have been possible."

CLEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT
Firefighter of the Year Ben Goenner.
(Submitted Photo).



Firefighter Salute from the Patriot

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Patriot salutes all of our firefighters and offers to them this prayer- from the International Fire Chiefs Association-

*When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage,
give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.
Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late,*

*or save an older person from the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,*

*to guard my neighbor and protect his property.
And if according to your will I have to lose my life,
bless with your protecting hand my loving family from strife.*



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Russell Cox celebrates 40 years with BFD

By Katherine Cantin
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Russell Cox recently celebrated his 40th year with the Becker Fire Dept. In honor of International Firefighters' Day, Patriot staff reached out for an interview about Cox's years of service.

Becoming a Firefighter

Cox said he decided to become a firefighter after an incident that happened when he was only 12 or 13. He recalled that he was riding his bike past the fire station when he noticed the fire chief ringing the siren, preparing to respond to a call. The chief saw Cox and hollered for him to come over, showing him how to ring the siren. In those days, the siren ringing was the primary way to let the other firefighters know they needed to respond to a call, since no one had cell phones. Cox continued to operate the siren at the station as the chief prepared the trucks to respond to the fire.

"That was the day I knew I wanted to be a firefighter," Cox said.

Cox said he was also attracted to the job because, when he first joined, firefighters still rode on the backs of the trucks, and he thought that was a lot of fun.

A Family of Firefighters



RUSSELL COX (L) is a firefighter along with his daughter, Jena (right photo on left). Russell recently celebrated 40 years with the department and he has no plans on retiring anytime soon. (Submitted photo.)

Russell Cox's father was a firefighter when Cox was growing up. Both of his parents were hard workers, with his mother running a business and his father serving as Becker's mayor for some time. They both always made an effort to give back to their community, and encouraged Cox to do the same.

Cox's daughter, Jena, also joined the Becker Fire Dept., taking after her father and grandfather before her.

Deep Bonds

Cox says he highly recommends becoming a firefighter.

"It's a great group of people, and we always have each other's backs," he said. "They're your

brothers and sisters. And I'm the old man!"

He recalled the day when his sixth child was born. He was born at home, and many of those from the BFD came to help the family. He said he was surrounded by his family members and his friends from the department, and it is one of his favorite memories from his years of service.

Giving to the Community

Cox said he thinks the most important thing the BFD does for the community is it gives Becker residents peace of mind. According to Cox, Becker has some of the best-trained firefighters in the state, and could hold their own against any other

department, even those with full-time positions, rather than with only volunteers. He said that, though many fire stations struggle to find new recruits, Becker has never had an issue finding individuals eager to join the outstanding department.

Retirement?

Cox won't be retiring anytime soon. He recently got re-elected as the department's treasurer, a position which will last for another three years.

He says he plans to retire from the force whenever he retires from his job at a manufacturing facility in Plymouth. But for now, he's still working

hard to serve his family and his community.



RUSSELL COX, driving a fire truck. Cox recently celebrated his 40th anniversary of service with the BFD. (Submitted photo.)

Clearwater Fire Dept. receives lightweight turnout gear

By Penny Leuthard
Contributing Writer

Clearwater firefighters are more mobile and more comfortable on scene after receiving new, lightweight turnout gear.

The department used CARES Act funds for the purchase, which included 25 sets of coats, pants, and boots. New helmets were also purchased.

Prior to receiving the new gear, firefighters had been wearing jumpsuits to medical calls where they didn't need as much protection, however they were hard to get into quickly.

The new coats and pants are constructed of the same protective outer shell but don't include all of the inside layers traditional firefighting turnout gear is made of. They're safe to wear in all situations with the exception of structural fires; during those calls the



FIRE CHIEF RYAN PRIDGEON dons one of the new turnout gear sets purchased by the Clearwater Fire Dept. with CARES Act funds. (Photo by Penny Leuthard)

firefighters will wear their original heavyweight gear.

The new coats are longer for added protection, include all the reflective elements required, and are personalized on the backs with each firefighter's last name for easy identification. Along with allowing firefighters to be more mobile and less burdened down with weight, the coats and pants can be easily washed and dried, a task that is much more difficult with traditional turnout gear.

The newly purchased helmets are also an upgrade. The front of each is personalized with firefighters' names and they're

color coded; firefighters wear a specific color depending on their rank in the department. Both of these features allow for quick identification during stressful situations where every minute counts.

As an added bonus, the new helmets' protective visors tuck up inside them, a money-saving feature over the old helmets, which flipped up over the top.

"These helmets cost more up front but will be cheaper in the long run," said Fire Chief Ryan Pridgeon. "The visors on the old helmets often get broken when they're flipped up, and they're expensive to replace."

Total cost of the new protective gear was \$33,000. The fire department used their \$30,000 of CARES Act funds for the purchase. The rest of the money was provided by Clearwater Twp., which donated the \$3,000 they had left over from their own CARES Act funds.

The Clearwater Fire Dept. is always looking for firefighters. Anyone who would like to apply is encouraged to stop by city hall to pick up an application.

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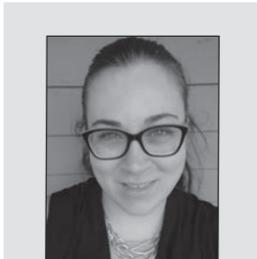
Leaving Becker

Finally, now that I'm 24, my parents have had about enough of me living in their house. Fair enough! I'm excited to be moving to my own apartment in Monticello this weekend, but I'm sad to be leaving Becker.

I grew up in this community, and, aside from the years I spent at college, I've lived here my whole life. There's a lot of things I love about this city that I'm going to miss when I leave.

First and foremost, I'm going to miss my spur-of-the-moment trips to *Charlie's Sports Bar and Grill*. If you haven't yet, you really should try their tater tots with their seasoned sour cream.

I'm going to miss the smell of lilacs in bloom as I bike down Co. Rd. 23, just past the golf course. And, of course, what kind of Becker kid would I be if I didn't ride my bike down



By Katherine Cantin,
Staff Writer

the steep incline leading to the Pebble Creek underpass?

I'm going to miss the breathtaking beauty of the hills of trees along 197th St. in the fall. If you can, put that sight on your bucket list. No photos can do it justice.

I'll miss getting (intentionally) lost in the hiking trails at city park.

I'll miss running into familiar faces when I run to Jubilee (excuse me, Food Pride) for some last-minute

groceries or a pint of ice cream. Almost every time I visit, I run into someone I know from high school, or just from around the community.

Heck, I think I might even miss hearing the train whistle sounding at night as I'm falling asleep.

I'll definitely be back to visit all of these parts of the community, but I don't think it will be quite the same as living here. I'm glad that I'll still get to cover stories within the city, such as the city council meetings, the updates coming to Snuffy's Landing, and all the things going on at the schools.

If you have a story from Becker or Big Lake you'd like me to cover, please send me an email at Reporter.Katie@Patriot-NewsMN.com. I would be so honored to write about what is important to the people of this community!

Fritz An Inspiration

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the Tom Emmer team).

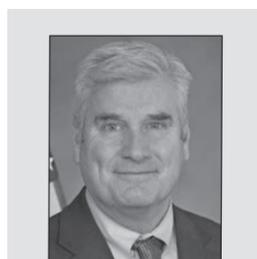
Last week, we learned of the passing of Vice President Walter Mondale. Fritz was a son of Minnesota, a statesman, and a leader in American politics. Jacquie and I continue to pray for this family and loved ones during their time of grief.

The legacy of Walter Mondale lives on in the work I do every day. I am committed to serving my fellow Minnesotans, which is why, last week, I hosted a telephone town hall focused on issues impacting seniors. More than 6,200 constituents joined us for this virtual meeting which featured representatives from the Central Minnesota Council on Aging and the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, now known as Trellis. Together, we were able to provide resources on everything from Medicare and aging in place, to identifying and avoiding predatory scams.

Financial Technology

I have served on the Financial Services Committee since my first term in Congress. During my tenure on committee, I have become especially interested in financial technology or "fintech".

This topic is quickly becoming a part of our everyday lives. This Congress, I was reappointed to serve as the Ranking Member of the House Financial



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

Services Committee's Task Force on Financial Technology (Fintech Taskforce) for the 117th Congress.

In that capacity during the 116th Congress, the Task Force worked on several new opportunities to expand access to our financial system for millions of Americans. We examined the role of fintech charters, mobile payments, cryptocurrency and blockchain technology, and the use of alternative data in facilitating greater financial inclusion.

Natural Resources

In Minnesota, we are blessed with beautiful lands and waterways that serve as a vital source of life and economic development. Preserving our natural resources is of the utmost priority and can be done in a way that does not hamstring our economy or eliminate good paying jobs.

One of the Biden Administration's earliest and most concerning priorities does not seek to strike that balance. Instead, they have

expressed their intentions to return to the sweeping and burdensome "Waters of the United States" rule (better known as WOTUS) which was developed during the Obama Administration. Many Minnesota businesses fell under the scope of WOTUS which sought to regulate economic activity around a broad swath of rivers, lakes, and in some cases, ditches and puddles.

The Trump Administration revised this rule and instituted the Navigable Waters Protection Rule. Issued in 2020, the Navigable Waters Protection Rule keeps our water and land clean without destroying businesses in the process. If President Biden reverses this updated rulemaking, the administration will leave farmers, ranchers, landowners, and businesses to face burdensome restrictions on their own property.

With these communities in mind, I am happy to support my colleague, Congresswoman Miller-Meeke from Iowa, in her efforts to protect the rule by supporting a resolution to uphold the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR) into law. This resolution would express the House of Representatives acknowledges clean water is a national priority and the 2020 rule should not be withdrawn or vacated.

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

The Becker school district is painting a rosy view of the tax hike they are proposing for district residents. Don't be fooled by their rhetoric, this is a tax hike on residents who already pay some of the highest school taxes in the region. We own property in three area districts and, at .47%, Becker charges by far the highest rate based on residential home-stead property value. After researching public property records we found Monticello district residents pay approximately .34%, Princeton .38%, Foley .42%, Annandale .34% and St Cloud District taxes at .33% of property value.

Voting for this tax hike eliminates the reduction we should receive, and then we'll face larger increases when they need funds for an education levy. Which they will, because this bond doesn't include money for the actual education of our students. By allowing them to sell hikes as "no new taxes" our rates will continue creeping up every time they want more money. It's time the Becker district put educating students above cosmetic upgrades like replacing "outdated flooring" and adding synthetic turf.

We expect our government to use tax dollars wisely. Let's hold our school district to the same standard. Vote "No" May 11th.

Dennis & Rebecca Mix, St. Cloud, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Being a paraprofessional in the Becker schools means that you love working with students. We get to be part of the progress students make both academically and emotionally. We help ensure the students are successful in their classrooms and life. We are fortunate to be part of their successes.

As a group we step up to new and different work assignments which this year with COVID is a perfect example of. Even though it has meant more exposure risk to us. We step up and said "YES" because our job is all about the "students."

The Administration often says, "we appreciate you," however as we bargain for a new contract, now going on eight months, it doesn't feel like the Administrators are placing action behind those

words. We are doing our part to make the school work and it is frustrating that we are not getting the respect we deserve.

The District wants to change our pay structure that has been in place almost 30 years. 92% of members have made it clear that keeping annualized pay is essential. Annualized pay is a very important way of supporting our families on a low income. We don't make six figures so our pay structure makes a real difference in our daily lives and in our abilities to take care of our families. We have tried to meet administration halfway negotiating on this issue with no success at all. Shouldn't what the majority want matter?

Kind regards,
Rikke Hansen
& Denise Offerdahl,
Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Dr. Heather Abrahamson, I appreciate you sharing what BHS is teaching our kids in regards to the Constitution. Though I think there is much reason for concern.

I agree all voices should be heard, however, not all voices have the same validity, especially in regards to the LGBTQ and the Constitution. Those who wrote the Constitution lived in a Judeo-Christian era, knowing there was a Creator, who made us male and female. These values influenced the documents they wrote, as shown in Article VII of the Constitution, "done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven", (www.us-constitution.cc/#7).

Struggles of those in the LGBTQ movement are real, and I have much compassion, but to acknowledge this movement as part of the Constitution is hurting our future generations of students. *We the People* and the Constitution allowing all to vote no matter one's color, race or sex, understood the word *people* and sex to mean a biological male or female, not an orientation.

Fayth Brennan,
Becker, MN

Science And Facts, Not Politics

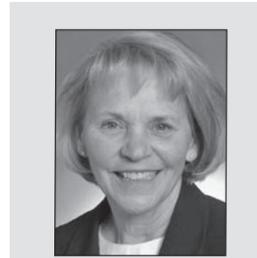
(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the Mary Kiffmeyer team).

I have heard from many of you worried about the handling of youth sports over the past year amid the pandemic. Between masks causing health issues for our kids and the last-minute upheaval of the Minnesota State Hockey Tournaments, parents and legislators have been begging for clarity for how the state's decisions are being made.

In a year when the children of Minnesota are being unfairly burdened by bureaucratic decisions impacting their youth, the lack of transparency coming from Gov. Walz and the Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm is especially disappointing.

Minnesota Senate Republicans have prioritized bringing a sense of normalcy to the lives of our children this session, along with the group *Let Them Play Minnesota*, which advocates for students who have missed out on their extracurricular activities this year.

On Monday, the Senate held a hearing with the Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner Heather Mueller, and Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm to request once again clarity surrounding the administration's decision making. Jan Malcolm said the state's investigations show outbreaks in the state being connected to sports, later impacting more vulnerable populations. However, when asked if they had performed a study



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

to confirm their theory similar to how Wisconsin handled the spread, Malcolm was unaware of any data existing.

Evidence acquired from internal emails from the Dept. of Health employees show a political strategy by the governor to tie youth sports to long-term care deaths. The emails show messaging strategies to engage with the public as they were anticipating pushback when they cancelled youth sports, saying "we need to more explicitly tie youth sports to LTC." The decision was also made because "the election, particularly the loss of six DFL seats in the House was in part a referendum on our guidance and sports was part of that."

When making decisions, especially for the children of Minnesota, science and facts should be the main factor, not politics. These decisions impact millions of Minnesotans and to be using political strategy when dealing with the health of our state is incredibly disappointing. This is absolutely a breach of trust from the governor and a complete failure.

I have to wonder what other decisions throughout the pandemic have been

made based entirely on political motives instead of the health of our people. When the governor was exposed to COVID, he quarantined for only 10 days. Meanwhile, a high school swimmer was banned from swimming in his state meet following an 11-day quarantine and two negative tests. It seems the Governor is operating under the assumption of "rules for thee, but not for me." This is no way to govern.

Commissioner Malcolm has been complacent at best regarding these embarrassing tactics. With no direct evidence or studies showing the link between youth sports and long-term care facilities, where are these claims coming from? It appears to be coming from the governor and his underlings are falling in line to set him up for reelection. Playing politics with the lives of Minnesota children is frankly disgusting.

My colleagues and I in the Senate are taking this very seriously, even considering the possibility of not confirming Malcolm as commissioner. Actions have consequences and I am committed to ensuring this kind of failure does not spread even further.

I remain dedicated to fighting for your needs at the Capitol in any way I can. I encourage you to reach out to my office with your questions, comments, or concerns. My phone number is 651-296-5655 or you can email me at Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN.

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(Editor's Note: The Patriot plans to run a recipe or two each week from locals and their favorite recipe books. If you have one you'd like to share, contact the Patriot at 763-275-0275).

Dill Pickle Soup

- 5-1/2 cups chicken broth;
- 1-3/4 lbs. russet potatoes, peeled and quartered;
- 2 cups chopped carrots, smaller dice;
- 1 cup chopped dill pickles (smaller dice - about 3 large whole dills);
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter;
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour;
- 1 cup sour cream;
- 1/4 cup water;
- 2 cups dill pickle juice*;
- 1-1/2 teaspoons

Old Bay seasoning:

- 1/2 teaspoon table salt;
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper;
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper;
- Optional garnishes: sliced dill pickles, fresh dill and black pepper.

In a large pot, combine broth, potatoes, carrots and butter. Bring to a boil and cook until the potatoes are tender. Add pickles and continue to boil.

In a medium bowl, stir together flour, sour cream and water, making a paste. Vigorously whisk sour cream mixture (2 tablespoons at a time) into soup. (This will also break up some of your potatoes, which is okay. You might see some initial little balls of flour form, but between

whisking and boiling, all will disappear - don't panic!)

Add pickle juice, Old Bay, salt (*see above), pepper and cayenne. Cook 5 more minutes and remove from heat. Serve immediately.

Submitted by

Sonya Stay

Scuffles

Soak 1 pkg. yeast in 1/4 cup lukewarm water and sugar for 15 minutes.

- 3 cups flour;
- 3 tablespoons sugar;
- 1/2 teaspoon salt;
- 1 cup butter.

Mix flour, sugar, salt and butter as pie crust.

Add 1/2 cup milk, 2 eggs and yeast. Knead dough until soft. Let stand in refrigerator overnight.

Divide dough into 5 parts - roll as pie crust. Then, sprinkle a mixture of 1 cup sugar and 2 tablespoons cinnamon over it or both sides of dough. Cut into wedges and roll wide end to narrow end. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

Submitted in memory of Esther Gunderson.

Learning about Earth Day



LOCAL 4-H GROUP, HOME EXPLORERS, picked up trash along the Becker City Park trails recently, as they learned about Earth Day. Standing-Ava Babler, Brooklyn Westby, Susannah Larson, Lilly Hales, Sophie Hales, Maria Larson, Will Hales, Johnny Friedman, Owen Babler. Sitting on bench: Ily Babler, Josie Hales, Sam Hales, Ezra Babler. Sitting on ground Fallon Schoepf, Thomas Cunningham, Levi Schoepf, Savannah Cunningham and Chloe Schoepf. (Submitted Photo).

Lions make plans for Snuffy's Landing

By Katherine Cantin
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Work will soon start on upgrades to Becker's Snuffy's Landing, the destination of the new Lions Park. Recently, a new dock was donated to the park by the DNR, but this is only the first of many changes coming to the Becker landmark.

Lions Park at Snuffy's Landing

For the last six months, the Becker Lions Club has been making monthly donations to the city to be used towards upgrades to Snuffy's Landing. In return for the contribution, the park will be renamed Lions Park at Snuffy's Landing, and the city will take responsibility for maintaining the park.

With a total of \$18,000 donated so far, the Lions and the city are ready to get started on some upgrades to the park. The agreement between the Lions and the city states that the Lions will donate another \$18,000 over the next six months, but it is possible the Lions will continue to contribute funds to the project after that point.

Donated Equipment

The first change visitors can enjoy is the new dock on the river, donated and placed by the DNR. The dock is in place now, and was recently raised by the DNR, after the high waters submerged it. The DNR also donated a concrete slab at the boat landing and dredged out the launch area.

The city will be donating some playground equipment to the park as well. This is used equipment from Carl E. Johnson park, located several blocks north of the fire hall. The park received new play equipment last fall. The city decided to use the old equipment at Snuffy's, in order to gauge how well visitors will treat play equipment before investing in new equipment.

Lions Pavilion

One big project that will



LIONS MEMBERS TAMMY WEBER, LONNIE WEBER, AND CHRIS VIEAU posed on the new dock at Snuffy's Landing, donated by the Minnesota DNR. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

start soon will be the Lions Pavilion. This pavilion will be inspired by the other Becker Lions Pavilion at the Becker Athletic Complex. The pavilion at Snuffy's will feature a mural in tribute to the Lions Club and their history in Becker. Eventually, Lions and city staff hope to add permanent bathrooms to the pavilion as well.

Girl Scout Gold Award Project

One girl scout, Sarah Schmidt, decided to create a boat safety sign as a part of her Gold Award project. The sign encourages boaters to wear life jackets while on the river. The sign is displayed next to the boat launch.

Other

Planned Additions

The Lions hope to eventually add hiking and snowmobiling trails and campsites to the area. They have approached the DNR to apply for a grant to add a fishing pier near the area where they plan to put the playground equipment. New signage will be purchased with the new name - Lions Park at Snuffy's Landing - and the Lions plan



SARAH SCHMIDT donated a life jacket safety sign as a part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. (Submitted photo.)

to petition MNDot to add signage on Hwy. 10 directing travelers to the park. A new staircase leading down to the river from the parking area is also in the works.

For security, the Lions are looking at adding a gate to the east side of the park, where they plan to put the pavilion, to limit vehicle traffic. They are also considering adding security cameras in the future.

National Day of Prayer May 6

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the local task force).

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation.

It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

The Task Force is a privately funded organization whose purpose is to encourage participation on the National Day of Prayer. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. The Task Force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the national observance, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible.

This year's National Day of Prayer theme will focus on prayers for America and around the world as they step into the 70th year of the incredible blessing of observing the National Day of Prayer.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

BECKER EVENT

Meet for prayer at the Becker City Hall Flagpole Thursday, May 6th at noon led by Becker Free Church pastor Patrick Drury. All are welcome.

BIG LAKE EVENT

Thursday, May 6th, 7 AM-8 AM National Day of Prayer Breakfast held at Carousell Works Historic Event Center in Big Lake. All are welcome and is FREE and sponsored by Saron Lutheran Church.



Becker man charged with 1st degree DWI, possession of narcotics

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sent to the Patriot from the BLPD).

On April 19, 2021 at approximately 1:08 a.m., Big Lake Police Officer Guy Chaffee stopped a vehicle for swerving and failing to signal a lane change. While speaking to the driver, Christopher Woods, 33 of Becker, Officer Chaffee detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. Officer Chaffee observed Woods's eyes were bloodshot and glossy, and Woods had slurred speech and slow reactions. Officer Chaffee had Woods step out of the vehicle to perform field sobriety tests.

Officer Chaffee had Woods perform three standardized field sobriety tests, and Woods showed signs of impairment in all three tests.



A preliminary breath test was performed with a result of .156. Woods was placed under arrest. While handcuffs were placed on Woods, a plastic baggie containing a white powdery substance was found underneath Woods's foot. Officer Chaffee had previously observed the area to be free of debris. The substance

field tested positive for cocaine and weighed 1.5 grams.

Woods was transported to the Big Lake Police Dept. where the breath test advisory was read. Woods advised he understood the advisory and agreed to complete the breath test. The breath test was administered using the DataMaster DMT and resulted in a reading of .19.

Woods had three prior driving while impaired convictions for Gross Misdemeanor 3rd Degree DWI, Gross Misdemeanor 2nd Degree DWI, and Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI.

Woods was transported to the Sherburne County Jail. Woods was charged by criminal complaint with; Felony 1st Degree DWI and Felony 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance.

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to compete in the Llama/Alpaca Knowledge Bowl. The Llama/Alpaca Junior team included Claudia Schlough, sixth grader from Benton County, Evelyn Skaj, third graders from Benton County and Brielle Lungren, third grader from Kandiyohi County. The junior team took 2nd as Reserve champion.

The Llama/Alpaca Senior team included Marizza Lenz, 10th grader from Benton County, Mickaila Lenz, 12th grader from Benton County and Arabelle Rohs, ninth grader from Sherburne County. The senior group was successful in scoring third place in their division.

"Competing virtually was definitely not as stressful as it has been in person," said Marizza Lenz of Benton County from the senior team. "I enjoy participating in the project bowl because it gives me an opportunity to meet new people and talk with friends."

"I love learning about llamas," said Claudia

Schlough of Benton County from the junior team. "Even though it was a little strange doing the competition virtually, we worked hard and it turned out to be really fun."

The two teams were able to participate in the competition because they had dedicated coaches that worked with them as they prepared and competed. Their coaches were Josh Kirchenbauer from Clear Lake, a 4-H Volunteer from Benton County 4-H and Laurie Krisko, from Becker, a 4-H Volunteer with Sherburne County 4-H.

"Working with the youth keeps me out of trouble," laughed Josh Kirchenbauer Benton County 4-H Project Bowl Coach. "I enjoy coaching to make the best better, helping youth build confidence, reasoning, communication skills and problem solving strategies."

"I actually enjoy coaching, because it helps me learn and remember things as a llama owner as well as

a 4H Lama Project Leader," said Laurie Krisko, Sherburne County 4-H Project Bowl Coach. "I love volunteering as a Project Leader because I am enthusiastic about Llamas & Alpacas and all the fun things we can do with them besides showing them at Fair. I've seen so many youth come out of their shells and grow into great youth leaders in other areas of their lives because of what they got to do with their animals."

To learn more about 4-H Project Bowl, visit their website or contact Ann Olson Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Benton County at 320.968.5077 or contact Danielle Ganje, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Sherburne County at 763.765.3075.



JOSH KIRCHENBAUER, (L) Benton County 4-H Project Bowl Coach and Laurie Krisko, (R) Sherburne County 4-H Project Bowl Coach. (Submitted Photos)



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responsibility, and impose term limits on federal officials.

The first and only Constitutional Convention, convening in 1787, created the framework for the United States Constitution and the government we know today. To ensure a balance of power, the framers included Article V of the Constitution, which outlines mechanisms for future constitutional amendments.

Under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, two-thirds of the states, or 34 out of 50, apply to call a convention to propose constitutional amendments. Thirty-nine states have applied to congress for the calling of a convention of the states. Fifteen states have passed a COS resolution, eight have passed in one chamber and 16 have active legislation this year including Minnesota.

Article V of the U.S. Constitution provides two methods of adopting amendments. First, congress may, by a two-thirds majority in both houses, propose amendments to the states. Second, if two-thirds of the states ask Congress to call a constitutional convention, Congress must do so. Every amendment to date has been proposed and ratified through the first method.

The original constitution consisted of seven articles on four pages. Today's Constitution consists of over 3,000 pages. Thirty-three amendments to the United States Constitution have been approved by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. Twenty-seven of these amendments have been ratified and are now part of the Constitution which include voting rights, taxing and terms of office, etc.

Interest in a convention spans the political spectrum with support and opposition coming from both Democrats and Republicans.

Mekeland and fellow representatives Dale Lueck, Cal Bahr, Eric Lucero and Sen. Andrew Mathews were tasked with answering the questions from the crowd of 300 during the event.

Pete Wilson of Sartell stood to make a statement and said he was strongly in opposition of the C.O.S.

"The concept is well-meaning but I don't think you can control this thing once it gets moving," Wilson said. "Can you guarantee me today that what you plan to do is something someone like George Soros won't take over?"

Lucero fielded the question and assured Wilson that the C.O.S. is safeguarded from such corruption.

"Three-quarters of the states need to vote to ratify text, right?" Lucero said. "Either congress drafts it and passes it with two-thirds of each body or the text originates from the C.O.S. — either way the text has to first be drafted then approved by 3/4 of the states or it won't get amended."

Amy McCutcheon of St. Louis Park drove the nearly 60 miles from her hometown to attend the hearing. She said she learned about the C.O.S. from a friend of hers and



STEVE DAVIDSON helped outline the background of the C.O.S. and what people need to do to participate in supporting its cause. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

then she did her research.

"After visiting the C.O.S. website and digging into it, I began to see there may be a solution — a path to reeling in the government," she said. "I came here today to really see the people, see the momentum and figure out if there's a role for me in this group."

McCutcheon later met up with State Director Jackie Burns and says she may sign up to be a district captain in her hometown. "I believe there's a structure in place I can support," she said.

Joe Holum of Big Lake heard about the hearing through a conversation he had with Mekeland recently. Holum had contacted Mekeland to ask him why he didn't show support for the "Recall Gov. Walz" movement and after Mekeland called Holum back and explained the movement was all "lip service", Mekeland invited Holum to the C.O.S. meeting.

"I was outside with my family when he (Mekeland) called me back and we talked for about 40 minutes or so," said Holum. "He suggested I attend this meeting today and sent me a flyer for info. So I came today to learn more about this and to tell my friends and family."

Holum said the government is too big and he doesn't like the future being laid out for his kids, especially at school.

"There are a lot of us in our late 30's and early 40's who don't like what's going on," he said. "We have families and we don't know what we can do to straighten things out for the future. Our schools don't educate our kids on any of this anymore, the constitution, our rights. My kids come home with little knowledge from social studies classes other than being told how bad white people are for what they did to the Indians and how slavery was bad. Things have to change."

Steve Davidson, a six-year volunteer legislative liaison for the Minnesota C.O.S., said the momentum for "We the People" is growing fast.

"Six years ago I came on board and at that time, just four states in the country had passed the resolution," Davidson said. "Today, we are at 15. It hasn't happened overnight but it is gradually ramping up as more-and-more people learn about its cause."

Davidson says the grassroots power is what is going to make or break this movement.

"What we are seeing is an explosion of interest," he said. "We've had town halls all across the state for

the last couple years and we've had 30-40 people attend, at the most. "Today was fantastic! It's great to see the knowledge people have the great level of support."

Board members of the church wanted to reiterate that the church was not making a political or civic statement by hosting the event Saturday, but were just allowing the hearing to find a venue.

"The community meeting for the Convention of the States (COS) group is not affiliated with South Santiago Lutheran Church," said a SSLC Church Board Member. "As to policy, the building space is set to welcome all members of the community."

The board member went on to say SSLC wants to be known as a welcoming place as part of their community.

"There are some exceptions for any group that would not align with the values of the congregation," he said. "We would not allow any groups that discriminate based on legally protected groups or promote any sort of violence."

The information available for the C.O.S. outlines that they welcome all points of view and is non-partisan.

"While they are a political action committee (PAC), they are non-partisan and not aligned with any political party," said the church official. "They provide clear guidance that they do not allow any discriminatory speech or actions and they are working to inform people as part of this process with no requirements to either join their organization nor support it."

It was reported in last week's lead-up article in the Patriot that the church was requiring guests to the C.O.S. to bring a non-perishable food item or money donation as part of attendance. This was misrepresented as the building use policy does not outline any such need. The use of the facility is in line with the requirements of SSLC's building use policy.

"In the end, what remained after the organization left was a group of more informed people that left behind a donation of food and money to support our community," said the church elder. "At SSLC, we welcome all into a relationship with Jesus as we focus on Teaching the Word and Reaching the World."

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Omnibus bill highlights safe, transparent elections, cybersecurity, and veterans' affairs

Submitted Article
(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer's team).

The Senate passed the State Government and Elections omnibus budget bill Monday, focusing on good governance, eliminating waste, promoting fair and free elections, and advancing support for Minnesota Veterans.

This bill contains comprehensive funding for the two-year state government budget, which highlights the implementation of government efficiencies to rein in spending while continuing to function at its highest

capacity. Improvements to election security will significantly increase integrity and transparency in Minnesota elections.

"The goal of this budget is to place a velvet glove of protection over Minnesotans," Senator Mary Kiffmeyer (R-Big Lake) said. "Whether that be through keeping your personal information safe on the web, saving you from tax-dollar waste, or ensuring your vote is counted fairly, the Minnesota Senate is committed to efficient and fair operations."

The implementation of provisional ballots is highlighted and prioritized in this budget. Minnesota is

one of only three states in the nation that do not provide provisional ballots on Election Day. Provisional ballots are a safe, easy measure, broadly accepted across the nation, to ensure each vote is treated equally and counted in a timely manner. Provisional ballots also prevent ineligible individuals, such as those serving a felony sentence, non-U.S. citizens, or those who do not meet residency requirements, from participating in the election and marginalizing their neighbor's ballots.

This budget is also focused on eliminating government bloat by finding areas in the budget that

have been misused, underused, or have become more efficient. It is important to continuously audit the government to ensure Minnesotans' tax dollars are being well-spent. This section of the bill includes several provisions to fund the state government without going over budget, such as:

- Limit the number of state employees based on the state's population;
- Reduced funding to agencies for positions that are unfilled after 180 days;
- Equitable geographic distribution of state employee layoffs;
- Sale of unused state-owned COVID morgue in

St. Paul.

The Veterans portion of the budget focuses on initiatives to improve services for Minnesota Veterans. These programs will expand availability for dental services in veterans' homes, establish adult daycare programs, stable housing initiatives, and recognize Veterans Suicide Prevention and Awareness Day. Most notable, the Veterans Restorative Justice Act was included.

Many veterans return from service with substance abuse and other health-related challenges that often result in criminal offenses. When these are treatable conditions and the offenses

are narrow enough, this will provide the help needed to treat service-induced health issues. Funding these key services and programs for this important community of Minnesotans is a priority for the Minnesota Senate.

"This is a well thought out bill that includes a number of provisions suggested by agencies and veterans' organizations," Senator Andrew Lang (R-Olivia) said. "Our veterans have given so much to our country and state, I am proud we have come together to pass a bill that focuses on addressing their needs."

MNCA recognizes Clear Lake student

Submitted Article
(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot as a press release by the MCA).

Faith Laudenbach of Clear Lake, was recently named one of Minnesota Connections Academy's (MNCA) Students of the Month in recognition of her outstanding achievements and leadership in the virtual classroom.

Laudenbach, a sophomore at the public online school, was nominated by her teacher, Ms. Vondraček, in recognition of her

hard work and determination to succeed in the classroom. As a Student of the Month, Faith will receive a certificate of achievement and be profiled in the Minnesota Connections Academy student newsletter and the school's social media platforms.

"Our students of the month demonstrate leadership and an extraordinary commitment to learning while serving as strong role models for their peers," said Melissa Gould, Minnesota Connections Academy Principal. "The members of our faculty and staff are proud to give these virtual

classroom leaders the recognition they deserve."

Laudenbach has been attending Minnesota Connections Academy since 2018. According to her mother, Katie, they enrolled her in MNCA because the local school was not able to meet her daughter's academic and medical needs.

"The open communication with teachers and their dedication to all the students gives us an overall feeling we are a team working towards the same goal," Katie said.

Minnesota Connections Academy (MNCA), a tuition-free, full-time pub-

lic virtual school serving K-12 students throughout the state, officially opened enrollment for the 2021-22 academic. The school is hosting online information sessions for families interested in learning more about virtual education.

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COVID restrictions may be eased this week

Submitted Article
(Editor's Note: The following article was composed from several sources on the internet).

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz said an easing of COVID-19 restrictions in Minnesota could come as early as later this week, or early next week.

Walz made the announcement Tuesday at a mobile vaccine event in Richfield, where he said it appears the state's COVID cases are plateauing after the recent spike, when Minnesota was ranked number two in the nation for variant cases. Walz said numbers are still high, but they're decreasing.

Minnesota Department of Health officials said Tuesday that the state is still at "high risk" for community spread, with about 43% of reported cases tied to an unknown exposure source.

The last rollback of COVID restrictions came in mid-March, when restaurants and bars were allowed to operate at 75% capacity, and gym capacities increased to 50%. Capacity limits at religious services and salons were completely lifted.

Entertainment venues were also allowed to up indoor and outdoor occupancy levels from 25% to 50%, with a maximum of 250 people.



GOVERNOR TIM WALZ appears to be ready to ease restrictions from COVID starting later this week or early next week. (Submitted Photo)



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Clearwater considers new development proposal

By Penny Leuthard
Contributing Writer

April's Clearwater City Council meeting began with a public forum to hear a development proposal being considered for property south of the city along Hwy. 24.

Lionel Kull attended the meeting as a representative of his group to outline the proposal, explaining that given the size of the project and investment required, they would like to get feedback from the council regarding any concerns before moving forward.

The project would consist of three phases. Phase 1 would consist of constructing a cold storage building on 21 acres. The building would be 100,000 sq. feet with the capability of holding 14,000 pallets. If the project goes well, they will

move on to Phase 2 and then Phase 3. Storage will be for frozen food products.

Phase 1 would bring approximately 17 jobs to the area consisting of forklift help, office work, and upper management. By the end of Phase 3 they're forecasting over 50 jobs; all will be well paying with benefits.

Around 35 trucks a day are anticipated to be visiting the site; the trucks will be loaded to the west facing Hwy 24.

Kull said the group is looking to put in a buffer zone on 19 acres that would be suitable for apartments or townhomes, which would create a type of transition area going from their warehouse type of building to the Cedar South neighborhood.

As a condition for the group to move the proj-

ect forward, the property would need to be annexed into the city and would likely need to be rezoned. The addition of a TIF (tax increment financing) district was also requested.

Potential buffer zone options were discussed along with the potential of adding a bike or walking path for pedestrian safety.

There was no public input.

Mosquito Control
The council received information and pricing on the mosquito control spray currently used by the city and on Merus 3.0, which is a "softer" chemical.

The city had conducted a resident survey earlier in the year concerning the issue; the majority of responses indicated they would like to continue the service as is.

A motion carried 3-2

keeping the mosquito control the same as in previous years, with a one-year contract so the issue can be revisited again if necessary.

Other Business

After receiving requests for waste hauler proposals, the city only received a bid from one company, Republic Services. A representative from the company attended the meeting to answer questions and provide information on the company. Residents have three container size options as well as the option to request a second container for free.

A motion carried approving the new contract with Republic Services.

Motions carried accepting the amended sewer authority director contract, a new drug and alcohol contract, which covers the city's public works em-

ployees who are subject to DOT regulations in their job duties, and authorizing submission to PFA for the well relocation project to be placed on PPL/IUP.

A motion carried to purchase four sections of 15' bleachers, up to \$7,000. The bleachers will be installed at Sportsman's Park, the wood bleachers currently there will be moved to El Dorado Park.

A motion carried approving a special event permit for a pyrotechnic display to be set off from El Dorado Park. The display is planned as part of Three of a Kind's annual fundraiser in July.

A motion carried approving a temporary COVID-19 cleaning fee of \$25 for the rental of the Lions Pavilion.

Resolutions passed in the meeting included

Res. 2021-17, approving new hire for fire department, Res. 2021-18 accepting donations for library, Res. 2021-19 extending COVID-19 emergency order, Res. 2021-20 certifying lien for unpaid charges, and Res. 2021-21 authorizing seasonal hires.

The Wright Co. Sheriff's Office reported 138 incidents, including 46 traffic stops, four civil complaints, two motor vehicle accidents, two motor vehicle criminal damage to property, one theft, and one stolen vehicle.

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Hornet boys golfers tie team record

By Bill Morgan
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The Big Lake Hornet boys golf team traveled to Monticello C.C. April 26 for a tough match against good teams and Mother Nature. As typical for April, the weather featured windy conditions, cold and rainy skies.

Big Lake tied the team record at 320 and the 74 shot by Isaac Flicker and the 78 by Aidan Johnson was a bonus to see with conditions the way they were. In six meets, the Hornets are averaging 330, which is on pace for a school record.

Head Coach Bill Miller tells his team to "keep it up and see what we can accomplish down the road."

"Entering the season I did not know what to expect," Miller said. "With having one year off and not knowing still how the conference was going to run the events, it has come



SENIOR CAPTAIN ISAAC FLICKER looked to get a good read on a putt during Monday's meet at Monticello. Flicker shot a 74 to lead the Hornets on a cold, windy and rainy day. (Submitted Photo)

down to 72 total golfers on the course during the meets."

Miller says this year he will have different five and six men players all year because of the number of boys in the program.

"It is nice to make adjustments every meet," he says. "As a coach, I am thankful to have four that score well from two years ago."

Miller was referencing senior captain Isaac Flicker,

Tyler Anderson, Ryker Stukenholtz and Aidan Johnson.

"I have options to fill the team with Noah Hart, Noah Peterson, Lucus Ruppelius, Jacob McDonald and Henry Knier in the five and six spots," he said.

Next up, the boys traveled to the Refuge in St. Francis Wednesday (April 28), then play at Kimball Golf Club May 3.

Bulldog girls golfers remain atop M8; Boys improving

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker girls golf team continued its dominance of the Mississippi8 Conference last week, while the boys team is starting to show improvement by lowering its scores.

Last Thursday, the girls traveled to North Branch and once again came out as the undisputed winners, shooting a round of 377, a full 17 shots better than second place Monticello.

Round scores for the Bulldogs included: Ashley Reed 89 (2nd overall), Alexa Voller 93 (4th overall), Emma Benson 96 (5th overall), Layla Mathews 99 (9th overall), Kylee Rick 105 and Gretchen Graftaas 111.

Last Friday, Becker traveled to the Grand National course in Hinckley and finished in second place despite some tough weather conditions. The scorecard listed 45 degree weather with light rain and southerly winds of 10-15 MPH.

"We were looking forward to the competition in Hinckley," Coach Anna Babler said. "We went into the meet knowing STMA would be tough to beat but I am so proud of these girls because they are so dedicated."

Becker shot a very consistent round of 376, while

STMA finished at the top with 351 strokes. Cambridge-Isanti was third with a score of 391.

"Alexa Voller really showed her true colors this week shooting a 93 [Thursday] and 94 [Friday]," Babler said. "I have had the pleasure of watching these girls improve over the last few years and each and every one of our girls have stepped up when up needed."

Leading the Bulldogs was Gretchen Graftaas, who finished in 6th place with a round of 92. Other scores included: Emma Benson 92 (9th place), Alexa Voller 94 (10th), Mathews 98 (18th), Rick 99 (20th) and Avery Johnson 109.

"It is exciting to see and I'm proud to be by their side," Babler added. "I can't wait to see what the rest of the season brings."

Boys

Last Thursday, the boys team had a M8 meet at Bulrush golf course in North Branch and finished with the second lowest score (the team took third on a tie breaker).

"We got a little bit of our bite back," Coach Dan Olson said. "Zach [Stanz] and Matthew [Martindale] both played really well, carding their low rounds of the season and while Ethan [Tobako] had a few bad holes, he still turned in a solid round."

Bulldog softball splits in M8 action

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker girls softball team played a pair of Mississippi8 Conference softball games last week and went 1-1. On Thursday, they lost 8-3 to the Big Lake Hornets before blanking Cambridge-Isanti 10-0 on Friday.

In the loss to the Hornets, the Bulldog's bats were largely silent as Big Lake raced to a 7-1 lead after five innings before the Bulldogs picked up a pair of runs late.

The Hornets got on the board with 3 runs in the bottom of the 3rd, but the Bulldogs broke the goose egg with a run in the 4th when Kurstyn Patnode singled and scored on a Makenna Zerwas single.

The Hornets answered with 4 more runs in the 5th to push the lead to 7-1. Becker scored 2 in the top of the 6th when Jenna Kringler and Maddie Sherman scored. Big Lake added an insurance run in the bottom of the 6th to push the final score to 8-3. Patnode took the loss in the circle, while Zerwas was the leading batter with 2 hits.

Bluejackets

On Friday, the Bulldogs returned home and defeated Cambridge-Isanti by a score

of 10-0 in 6 innings. The game was scoreless until Becker scored 4 runs in the bottom of the 3rd.

"Hannah Bartlett had the big hit with a 2-rbi single," Coach Jason Baune said. "We added 4 more runs in the bottom of the 5th."

In the 5th, Ellie Galus and Krista Paulson each posted RBI's for the Bulldogs.

The game ended on the run rule in the bottom of the 6th when Kyla Henkemeyer scored on a wild pitch to make the score 10-0.

Bulldog pitcher Maddie Sherman got the win, going 6 innings and allowing only 1 hit. She walked 2 and struck out 8. Paulson and Bartlett each had 2 hits in the game.

With the split, Becker is now 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the M8 Conference. Becker's matchup with St. Francis was postponed due to the weather on Tuesday afternoon.

Thursday, the team was set to travel to Chisago Lakes, while on Saturday they will host a 4-team round robin with game times at 10, 12, and 2. The competition will be great with section rival Rociori, #1 ranked Maple Lake and Pequot Lakes coming to town for the three games apiece.

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Hornet sports team capsules

By Bill Morgan
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The Big Lake Hornets sports teams had an eventful week. Following is an encapsulated rundown of games, meets, and matches.

Hornet Softball

The Hornet ladies improved to 3-1 with a big win over Becker last Thursday (April 22) on their home turf.

Next up, they traveled to Princeton Thursday and hosted St. Cloud Apollo Friday.

Hornet Baseball

The Hornet boys baseball team fell to 2-3 with a loss to Zimmerman last Friday (April 23) by a score of 8-2.

Next up, they travel to Chisago Lakes Tuesday and host St. Francis Thursday.

Hornet Boys Lacrosse

The boys dropped their first three matches to start the season. In their first match, they lost to Chisago Lakes on the road, 30-0. In game two, they lost to Becker at home, 19-3 and

in match #3, they dropped to Monticello at home by a score of 19-3.

Up next, they host Rociori May 3.

Hornet Girls Lacrosse

The Hornet girls fell to 0-3 with two more losses to Becker (24-1) last Thursday and to Monticello (14-0) Monday.



Next up, they travel to Chisago Lakes April 29.

Other News

No other information was provided to the Patriot in regards to girls golf, boys and girls track & field, boys tennis and the trap shooting team.

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Girls track team earns 5 first place finishes

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The Becker Bulldog girls track & field team participated in a four team meet held at Pierz last Friday. A wet, cooler day saw the rain let up part way through the meet and the athletes were able to finish before it resumed.

Becker earned five first place finishes with Evelyn Krefl leading the way. Evelyn won both the shot (28'9") and discus (92'6"). Her effort in the discus puts her in sixth place on an all time Honor Roll in that event.

Also taking top honors were Cassidy Pleoger again winning the 100 (13.78), Meghan Swanson winning the 1600 with a PR (5:56.24) and Lauren Woelfel again placing first in the pole vault (7'6").

Regan Hausmann was second in the 300 hurdles (55.67) and fifth in the 100 hurdles (18.95).

Olivia Babler ran the 3200 meters and placed second with a time of 13:51.89.

Taking third was Alea



ALEA BRIGGS (L) AND EMILIA HANSEN (R) were neck-and-neck in the 800M race last Friday in Pierz. (Submitted Photo)

Briggs in the 800 meters (2:50.90) and Katelyn Brower was fourth in the 400 with a PR time of 70.47.

Also taking fourth was Paige Maunu in the long jump (14' 1") and Sarah Woelfel in the high jump (4'6").

Brooklyn Karel placed fifth in the 1600 with a PR of 6:16.92.

Grace Schendel captured fifth in the discus (72'10") and Naiya Hanson

fifth in the 3200 (14:51.09).

Becker's 4x800 relay team of Meghan Swanson, Kayla Gruenes, Brooklyn Karel and Katelyn Brower ran a season best time of 10:51.71 for second place.

The 4x100 relay team of Paige Maunu, Lauren Woelfel, Sarah Woelfel and Cassidy Pleoger placed second in a time of 56.71.

The final race was the 4x400 relay team of Kayla Gruenes, Katelyn, Brooklyn Karel and Regan Haus-

mann taking second in a season best time of 4:38.50.

"Overall, some fine efforts by our team and improvements all around," said Head Coach Trish Kealy.

Becker's next meet is Tuesday in Big Lake and then Thursday they return to Pierz.

Veterans, youngsters shining for Bulldogs boys track

By Mark Kolbinger
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Becker boys track coach Paul Schmidt has to like what he sees when he looks at his team's lineup. Not only are his veterans performing at a high level, but the future also looks bright as some of his younger athletes are showing flashes of excellence.

Both ends of the spectrum were on display last Friday as the team finished second place at a four team event held in Pierz.

Becker scored 67 points, second only to Eden Valley-Watkins-Kimball's score of 77. The host Pioneers finished with 44 points, followed by Upsala-Swanville's 26.

Schmidt said his team was again at less than full strength because of some injuries and illness, but still strung together some impressive performances.

Cade Stommes again led the way by winning the Pole Vault (10'6") and the



TYSON RICKER has been in mid-season form for the Bulldogs boys track team, as he continues to score well in the distance events. (Submitted Photo)

Triple Jump (34'7").

A pair of 8th graders also performed extremely well for the Bulldogs, with

Owen Angel placing second in the Pole Vault (10') and Carter Reckelberg placing third in the Triple Jump (33'5") and winning the Long Jump (17'6").

"It is really exciting to see these 8th graders compete in their events at this level," Schmidt said. "These are really great jumps by 8th graders."

Angell also grabbed a 2nd place in 300 Meter hurdles with a time of 48.29 and Reckelberg took a 4th place in the 200 with a time of 26.52.

In the distance races, Tyson Ricker led the way in the Mile and 2 Mile races, winning both events in personal record times (4:42.91 in the 1600 and 10:31.53 in the 3200). "Tyson has really worked hard in the offseason to get himself in track condition," Schmidt said. "He is one of those athletes that I would like to be able to have in 4 events, but the nature of the 1600 and 3200 makes that difficult."

Lukas Karel finished 2nd in both distance races, running personal best times in both as well (1600 - 4:57.07 and 3200 - 10:53.7).

Other notable performances came from Michael Schmitz in the 110 Hurdles, where he grabbed a second place finish with a time of 19.33, as well as a 4th place finish in the 300 intermediate hurdles with a time of 52.1. Caleb Reckelberg and Alex Kinney ran good races in the 800, with Caleb taking second (2:28.58) and Alex taking fourth (2:33.4).

Becker was scheduled to participate Tuesday in a track meet in Big Lake, but inclement weather forced a postponement until late May. Thursday that team traveled back to Pierz for another meet. Details will be available in next weeks Patriot.

Becker Sports Capsules

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The Becker Bulldog sports teams are in full swing for the 2021 season. Following are capsules of some of the teams participating this Spring:



Baseball

The Becker boys baseball team evened up their season record at 2-2 with an exciting, come-from-behind win over Zimmerman Monday by a score of 9-8.

Boys Lacrosse

The Becker boys lacrosse team dropped to 1-2 with a 16-2 loss to Chis-

ago Lakes Monday at home. Becker got goals from Harrison Kent and Nate Kerzman.

Girls Lacrosse

The Becker girls lacrosse team dropped to 1-2 with a 12-3 loss to Chisago Lakes Monday on the road.

No other information was made available to the Patriot by press time.

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Becker students learn about RC cars

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Last week, several Becker students attended an RC car racing event hosted by Becker Community Ed and Party Crashers RC Racing from Albertville.

Before they could start tearing up the track, the kids listened to a lecture about how remote control cars work. Chris McKellips, event organizer from Party Crashers, had a dismantled car attached to a wood board. The kids were able to play with the remote and see how turning the wheel of the remote made the wheels pivot, and



CHRIS MCKELLIPS OF PARTY CRASHERS RC RACING (FAR LEFT) demonstrated how the remote control cars work to a group of Becker kids and parents. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

pulling the trigger made the engine whirr. McKellips also talked about how the

remote sends a signal to the car to tell it what to do, and how RC hobbyists can find

replacement/customized parts for their cars at hobby shops.

After learning about how the cars worked, the students took turns racing the cars or righting any cars that flipped over during the race.

McKellips says his company has been bringing RC fun to kids around the community since last October. Besides creating educational opportunities for students, Party Crashers brings their portable tracks to birthday parties and other private events.

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SEVERAL STUDENTS practiced maneuvering the RC cars before their race started. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

Bulldog tennis team continues its roll

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker boys tennis team continues to pile up the wins over the competition, winning 4 matches in the past week to push its record to 10-2 overall.

Last Thursday, it was a clean sweep over the North Branch Vikings in a Mississippi8 Conference matchup with the Bulldogs winning 7-0.

“It was a beautiful day for tennis,” Coach Hakan Bengtson said. “I was impressed with our young guys today, they are getting better each match.”

In the singles matches, #1 player Zach Bengtson continued his dominance with a 6-1, 6-1 win, while #2 Luke Bordson was also on point, defeating his opponent 6-2, 6-0.

Landon Peterson played in the #3 spot and won 6-0, 6-3 while Troy Nuest anchored the singles matches again and won in convincing fashion 6-0, 6-0.

The #1 doubles team of Ryan Bengtson and Eli Scheideman cruised to a pair of 6-0 victories for the win, while Wyatt Hiltner and Sawyer Brown teamed up in the #2 spot and won handily, 6-1, 6-1. Bruce



RYAN BENGTON made a rare appearance in a singles match against the Moorhead Spuds and came away with a convincing win (Submitted Photo).

Kraemer and Nick Gruber finished the rout with a pair of 6-0 victories to give Becker the win.

Spuds Last Friday, the Bulldogs took on Section foe Moorhead and completely dominated the Spuds, 7-0.

“Moorhead is a Section 8AA opponent, so I was interested to see how our guys would respond in this match,” Bengtson said. “We came out focused and ready to go — we used a little different line-up and it was effective.”

Becker put up a singles lineup of Zach Bengtson, Ryan Bengtson, Bordson and Scheideman; each

came away with a convincing victory over his respective opponent.

In the doubles matches, all the new combinations were effective as well, including the #1 team of Hiltner and Brown, who donned their opponents 6-1, 6-0.

Peterson and Gruber teamed up for a 6-0, 6-4 win at #2, while Beau Biegler and Nuest held down the #3 spot with a 6-2, 6-0 win.

Knights The competition was much more difficult in Friday’s second match, as the Bulldogs were able to defeat STMA by a score of 5-2.

“It was a big win versus a solid STMA team,” Bengtson said. “We had excellent play by our #1 Doubles team - winning decisively against a good STMA pair.”

Zach Bengtson started things off in the singles matches with a solid, 6-4, 6-0 win, while Bordson followed with a convincing 6-1, 6-0 win at #2. Nuest again showed why he is one of the better 7th graders in the state with a big 6-3, 6-1 win to give Becker a 3-1 record in singles for the match.

In doubles play, Scheideman and R. Bengtson were again outstanding, winning 6-0, 6-1 over a very tough pair for the Knights. Hiltner teamed up with Peterson to secure the Becker victory with a 6-4, 6-2 win in the #2 doubles match.

With the wins, the Bulldogs move to 10-2 on the season. Tuesday’s match in Cambridge was postponed because of rain. Check out next week’s Patriot for complete coverage of the Bulldog boys tennis team and their matches against Monticello and Anoka.



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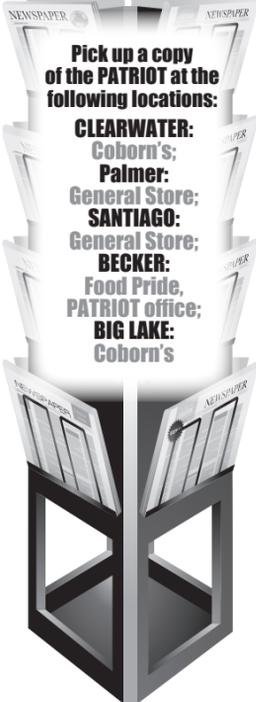


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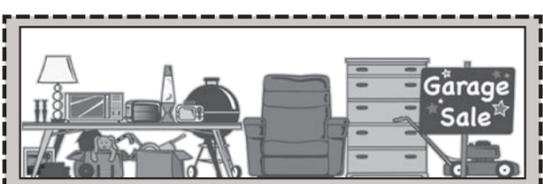
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Becker All Night Grad Party

May 28 at *River City Extreme* in Monticello. COVID precautions still in place.

Due to COVID this was the closest venue outside of our community, we have a *Go Fund Me* page: <https://gofund.me/be19544d> to help offset the pricing.

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

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

Becker AA Meeting

Area 35 Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thurs. at 8pm at Church of Mary of the Visitation, 12100 Sherburne Ave., Becker. Joe (763) 262-0231.

Becker Boy Scout Pack 92 Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer located near Becker True Value & paper & cardboard recyclables to the dumpsters near the same location the first Sat. of every month. There will be a Scout there to help unload between 9am-12pm.

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 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.

City of Becker/Becker Township Recycle Day

Sat. May 15, 9am-1pm. Held at Northern Metals. For more information call City of Becker Public Works, (763) 200-4275. Becker City & Township residents only.

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.

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 membership 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 Chamber of Commerce Community Fair

Sat., May 8, 10am-1pm. Held at the Big Lake High School Gym. Farmers Market will be set-up outside. COVID guidelines will be observed at this event.

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. 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.

Big Lake Lioness

If you are interested in joining an organization dedicated to service within their community, come visit us the second Mon. of every month at the Lions Park on CR 5 in Big Lake. Social starts at 6:30pm & the meeting begins at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Big Lake Lioness - May Day

Our club has been meeting the second Mon. of the month [with mask mandate & social distancing] & continues to review upcoming events/projects that can safely be done.

We will be highlighting our seniors on MAY DAY by delivering May Baskets to local seniors in Big Lake.

Big Lake Lioness Club Sponsors HS Seniors

Seniors have completed their applications & essays for scholarships from local organizations. Two \$1000 scholarships to two lucky seniors to help with their educational needs. Seniors interested in applying for the scholarship must write a 100 word essay on what 'Community Service Means to Me'. Essays are carefully chosen by two members of the Lioness Club to reflect the subject matter & announced at graduation ceremonies.

Big Lake Lioness Election for Officers

In April the club will elect new officers and in May the District Governor of 5M7 will install those officers. As June rolls around, we await the official word on Spud Fest and its activities. We all hope for a safer and healthier summer for everyone!

Big Lake & Orrock Township City of Big Lake 2021 Recycle Day

Sat., May 15. Town of Big Lake Maintenance Building, 20150 166th St. NW, 8am-1pm. For more info go to www.biglaketownship.com.

Big Lake Senior Center

The Big Lake Senior Club meets Tues., 1-4pm, Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake St. North. We would love to have you join us for card games & conversation. Darlene (763) 263-7134 for information.

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.biglakewomentoday.webs.com.

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.

Clear Lake Lioness Blood Drive

Clear Lake Lioness will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive on May 17, 12:30-6:30pm, St. Marcus Church, 8701 Main Ave, Clear Lake. Make an appt. on line at Red-CrossBlood.org or call Judy

(320) 743-2108.

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 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

Jack & Jim's 44th Annual Smelt Fry

Wed., May 19, serving starts 1pm with all the trimmings - All-You-Can-Eat. *Jack & Jim's*, Duell, MN. (320) 968-9995.

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.

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.

National Day of Prayer Thurs., May 6, 2021

National Day of Prayer invites people of all faiths to pray for our nation.

Becker Event: Meet for prayer at the *Becker City Hall* flagpole at noon, led by *Becker Free Church* Pastor Patrick Drury. All are welcome.

Big Lake Event: At 7-8am. Big Lake/Monticello Area Prayer Breakfast for the National Day of Prayer. Free. *Caroussel Works Historic Center*. All are welcome.

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.

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. Sat., May 8, 10am-2pm spring sale. Plants, baked goods & soups for sale.

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.

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Wright County Community Action

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Young @ Heart

Group meeting at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater, will be canceled until further notice. We will wait until the state allows churches & other gatherings to begin & then look at our group & make a decision.

Game Time

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

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ANSWER:

June - Sherburne County Health & Human Services - Classes are as follows:

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Immunization Tuesdays
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This Week's Calendar Events:

- Sun. - May 2, 2021:**
 - National Life Insurance Day
 - Be Kind to Animals Week® (5/2-5/8)
 - National Hurricane Preparedness Week (5/2-5/8)
 - Drinking Water Week (5/2-5/8)
- Mon. - May 3, 2021:**
 - National Nurses Week (5/3-5/9)
 - National Small business Week (5/3-5/9)
 - Moon Phase: Last Quarter
 - National Specially-Abled Pets Day
 - Air Quality Awareness Week (5/3-5/7)
 - World Password Day
 - National Textiles Day
 - Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week (5/3-5/9)
 - World Press Freedom Day
 - Garden Meditation Day
 - Melanoma Monday
 - PTA Teacher Appreciation Week (5/3-5/9)
 - National Wildflower Week (5/3-5/9)
 - Goodwill Industries Week (5/3-5/9)
 - Children's Book Week (5/3-5/9)
- Tues. - May 4, 2021:**
 - National Teacher Appreciation Day
 - National Foster Care Day
 - National Orange Juice Day
 - World Asthma Day
 - Star Wars Day
 - International Respect for Chickens Day
 - National Day of Prayer
- Wed. - May 5, 2021:**
 - National Astronaut Day
 - National Lemonade Day
 - National Hoagie Day
 - Mayday for Mutts
 - Cinco De Mayo
 - Cartoonists Day
- Thurs. - May 6, 2021:**
 - National Beverage Day
 - Texas Gulf Coast Press Association Convention (5/6-5/8)
 - No Diet Day
- Fri. - May 7, 2021:**
 - Cystinosis Awareness Day
- Sat. - May 8, 2021:**
 - Nothing...

THE VOLUNTEER BRIDGE

RSVP / The Volunteer Bridge Community Mentor with Big Brother Big Sister Program
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Drop-In Greeter with Open Doors for Youth
Be part of a new, ongoing volunteer opportunity hosted during youth drop-in hours! Volunteers are needed in two-hour shifts from 1:00-5:00 pm (shifts then being from 1-3 and 3-5 pm), Monday-Thursday. Duties include greeting and checking in our youth (be their first contact!), answering phones, receiving and recording possible donations that would come in. COVID guidelines are being followed in the center, including temperature checks, mandatory masks, and frequent sanitizing. Youth are encouraged to make appointments to maintain safe social distancing in the center.

Indoor and/or Outdoor Chore Service with Senior Community Services
People want to stay living independently in their homes as long as possible, but often need help with light household duties. Assist older adults to stay in their beloved home by helping with raking leaves, weeding, and other light yard cleanup activities. Opportunities to assist in changing light bulbs, general house organizing, and other indoor household tasks are also available.

If you are interested in volunteering in these or other opportunities, please contact:

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Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC at Becker Community Center(BCC)
Monday through Friday, 5am to 5pm. Coffee, conversation & daily newspapers. Pick up your April calendar at BASC. Watch for May return of Monthly lunch & music, 500 cards, movies & more.

Wed., May 5, BASC friend will go to *Snake Farms's Education Day*. We visit the bison grounds & watch the paleontologists as they unearth relics from the site - maybe even go home with a newly dug fragment to share with the grandkids. This is an amazing "dig" unearthing bison relics from thousands of years ago. We will car pool leaving BCC at 10:30am. Sign up at *BASC/Senior Center* or call Pat (763) 363-9343. Read more about this history that happened during the bison migration in last week's *Patriot*.

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Becker Baptist Church
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 Sunday Worship Service/Children's Church at 10:30 am - attend in person or watch live stream. Children's AWANA & Momentum Youth Group on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. www.beckerbaptist.org. Find us on social media.
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: Michael Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave. Mass Times: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8:30 am; Sun. 10:30 am. Masses held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month. (Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays in Big Lake)
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.
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 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: Michael Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 440 Lake St N. Mass Times: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8:30 am; Sun. 10:30 am. Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. (Masses held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays in Becker)
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.
Spirit Life Church
 Pastor: Jim Herzing, 763-262-LIFE, 221 Lake Street North. Services: Sun. Worship 9:45am, Going Deeper Discussion 9am, Wed. Prophetic Prayer & Hearing & Praying God's Heart 7pm.
• 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: Mark 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 Duellm 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
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Obituaries

MICHELLE CARLIN, AGE 54
BIG LAKE, MN
NOVEMBER 12, 1966 – APRIL 26, 2021

The Mass of Christian Burial, celebrating the life of Michelle Carlin, age 54 of Big Lake will be 11:00 AM, Wednesday, May 5 at *Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church* in Becker. Burial will be in the *Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Cemetery* in Big Lake. Michelle died Monday at *Mercy Hospital* from complications of COVID. There will be a visitation from 4-8:00 PM Tuesday and again after 10:00 AM, Wednesday at the church in Becker. Arrangements are with the *Miller-Carlin Funeral Home* in St. Cloud.
 Michelle was born November 12, 1966 in Princeton to Lyle and Peggy (Theobald) Johnson. She graduated from Big Lake High School and the Anoka Technical Community College with a degree in early childhood education. She married Patrick Carlin on June

8, 1996 in *Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church* in Big Lake. The couple lived in Big Lake where Michelle ran an in-home day care for over 30 years. Michelle was active in the Girl Scouts where she was a scout leader for over 12 years. She was also active in her church and the Day Care Association. She was a member of *Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church* in Big Lake.
 Michelle is survived by her husband, Pat Carlin, Big Lake; daughter, Mary Carlin, Big Lake; parents, Lyle and Peggy Johnson, Big Lake; sisters, Denise (David) Voigt, Big Lake and Wendy (Brian) Struffert, Granite Falls along with several nieces and nephews.
 She is preceded in death by her grandparents and her father and mother-in-law, Leo and Phyllis Carlin.



CAROL JEAN VANHEEL, AGE 70
ST. CLOUD, MN
JULY 12, 1950 – APRIL 16, 2021

Visitation will be from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 2021 at *Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home* in Becker for Carol Jean VanHeel, age 70, of St. Cloud who died Friday at the *St. Cloud Hospital*. Masks will be required and social distancing observed.
 Carol was born in Minneapolis to Clyde & Patricia (Quay) Wallin. She married Daniel M. VanHeel in Mound, MN. Carol was a C.P.A. and lived in the Minneapolis area until moving to St. Cloud 15 years ago. She was a master gardener who enjoyed volunteering at *Quiet Oaks Hospice House* and *Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge*. She served on the *Sherburne County Historical*



Museum Board and was actively involved in the *Becker Chamber*. Carol also liked reading, golfing, and puzzles. She was friendly, intelligent, outgoing and had a great sense of humor.
 Survivors include her husband of 48 years, Daniel of St. Cloud; sister, Barbara (David) Bode of Cross Lake; niece and nephews, Lesley, Jacob, Christopher and Peter. She was preceded in death by her parents.
 Memorials are preferred to *Quiet Oaks Hospice House* at 5537 Galaxy Rd., St. Cloud, MN 56301 or *Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge* at 17076 293rd Ave. NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398.
 Obituary and Guest Book available online: www.williamsdingmann.com

KAREN M. KELLOGG, AGE 75
BIG LAKE, MN
JUNE 14, 2021 – APRIL 22, 2021

Memorial services will be 5:30PM Friday April 30, 2021 at the *Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home* in Big Lake for Karen Kellogg, 75 of Maple Grove who died Thursday at North Memorial Hospital in Robbinsdale. Visitation will be from 4-5:30pm Friday at the funeral home in Big Lake. There will be a meal provided following the services at the funeral home in Big Lake.
 Karen was born June 14, 1945 in Redwood Falls to Leonard "Steve" & Althea (Christensen) Miller. She graduated from St. Cloud Tech High School in 1963. Karen married Gordon Kellogg on



August 28, 1983 in Echo. She worked as a tax preparer for many years until her retirement. Karen loved to travel and was a world traveler. She loved spending time watching football and talking politics. She was a believer in Jesus and was dedicated to the Lord. Most importantly she was a wonderful and best mother to Linda.
 Survivors include her daughter, Linda (Sean) Costello of Big Lake; sisters, Delores (Larry) Wright, Barbara Kuebelbeck and many extended family.
 She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and infant sister Linda Jean Miller.

JANET "JAN" ZNIEWSKI, AGE 83
ST. CLOUD, MN
DECEMBER 26, 1937 – APRIL 14, 2021

Janet "Jan" Zniwski, 83, died Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at *Quiet Oaks Hospice House* near St. Augusta.
 Due to COVID-19 memorial service will be held at a later date when we all can gather safely. Funeral arrangements were made by *Benson Funeral Home*, St. Cloud, MN.
 Janet was born December 26, 1937 in St. Cloud to Orten & Mabel (Hartmann) Boldt. Her mother died when she was nearly two and she was raised by her grandparents on their farm in Haven Township. She married Carl Zniwski on March 15, 1958 and lived in the St. Cloud area most all of her life. Carl lovingly cared for her until the end.
 Janet loved spending time with her family. She was a dedicated mother who treasured her children and led (introduced) them into activities: dog training and showing, 4-H, antiquing, sewing, crafts and a love of nature. Jan's house was the place where neighborhood children gathered and stayed all day. Jan was a creative independent and adventurous person who loved her grandchildren and shared with them her love of dogs and walking in the woods.



Survivors include her husband Carl and her children Michael (Julie Mumm) of St. Cloud, Susan (Joe) Hallgren of Falcon Heights, Anne (Dave) Wieber of Fari-bault, Amy (Jeff) Smith of Hutchinson, Jane (Mitch Gebheim) of Houlton, WI, Eric (Kelly Meredith) of St. Cloud; grandchildren Emily, Mat and Megan Zniwski, Alison and Meredith Wieber, Erin and Elizabeth Smith, Emma and Lauren Zniwski, Michael Siegler, Cayman and Parker Gebheim; siblings Bonnie (Woody) Skillrud and Bill (Karen) Boldt, sisters/brother-in-law Jan Zniwski, Donna Zniwski and Rodney Sall.
 She was preceded in death by son Steven (1981), her parents, stepmother Leona (Riecken) Boldt, sister Sandy Longwell, brothers/sisters-in-law, Earl Zniwski, Neil Zniwski, Karen Sall, and Joyce Thiss.
 Memorials are preferred to *Quiet Oaks Hospice House* in St. Augusta.
 A special thank you to all the compassionate staff at *Quiet Oaks* for the wonderful care given to Jan during her final days and to the staff at *St. Croix Hospice* for caring for her since June 2020.

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Public Notices

Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-PR-21-27 NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)
In Re: Estate of EVERETT WAYNE STETLER, Decedent.

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Colt Stetler, 11925 - 257th Avenue NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398, as the personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. §524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801 all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Date: 04/16/2021
 /s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
 Registrar Court Administrator
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STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 71-PR-21-55 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Cyrilla M. Beidleman, Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated November 29, 2011 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Arlene Alberg, whose address is 17096 Yakima Street, Andover, Minnesota, 55304, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Date: 04/21/2021
 /s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
 Court Administrator
 Attorney for Personal Representative Mark Berglund
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STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 71-PR-21-59 NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of BARBARA J. HARTHAN, a/k/a/ BARBARA JEANNE HARTHAN, Decedent.

SENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In Re: Estate of DOUGLAS BRATT, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 5/27/2021, at 1:30 p.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at the Sherburne County Courthouse, 13880 Business Ctr Dr NW, Elk River, MN 55330, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated January 10, 2019, and for the appointment of Carolyn Jean Byykkonen, whose address is 14960 Coyote Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470, and Susan Margaret Grangroth, whose address is 24345 - 165th Street, Big Lake, MN 55309, as co-personal representatives of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

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.

BY THE COURT
 Dated: 4/20/2021
 /s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,
 Court Administrator Deputy
 THOMASON, SWANSON & ZAHN, PLLC
 Roger A. Zahn, Attorney
 ID#0119659
 120 N. Main Avenue, P.O. Box 87
 Park Rapids, MN 56470
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 ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 05/01/21; 05/08/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.:71-PR-21-51 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Gerald S. Hansen, also known as Gerald Stewart Hansen, Decedent.

Notice is given that an Application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated September 30, 2020 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The Application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Emily M. Hansen, whose address is 1051 64th Avenue, Fridley, Minnesota 55432, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Date: April 7, 2021
 /s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
 Court Administrator
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Nicholas J. Kaster
 Moss & Barnett, a Professional Association
 150 S 5th Street, Suite 1200
 Minneapolis, MN 55402
 Attorney License No: 0334546
 Telephone: (612) 877-5444
 FAX: (612) 877-5075
 Email:
 Nicholas.Kaster@lawmoss.com
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 05/01/21; 05/08/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 71-PR-21-37 NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of BARBARA J. HARTHAN, a/k/a/ BARBARA JEANNE HARTHAN, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is

given that on 5/27, 2021, at 1:50 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated February 15, 2011, and separate writing, under Minnesota Statutes section 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Natalie J. Brown, whose address is 11192 Katherine Ave., Becker, MN 55308, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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BY THE COURT
 Dated: March 29, 2021
 /s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,
 Court Administrator Deputy
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Name: Bryan N. Anderson
 Firm Bryan N. Anderson, J. D., P. C.
 Street:4401 East Superior St.
 City, State, ZIP: Duluth, MN 55804
 Attorney License No: 120467
 Telephone:(218) 525-5922;
 FAX: (218) 525-5976
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 05/01/21; 05/08/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No: 71-FA-20-564 Notice of Filing of Order Case Type: Dissolution with Child
In RE the Marriage of Nery Humberto Gomez and Evelin Valeska Perez
 You are notified that on March 12, 2021, the following was filed:
 Order for Service by Alternative Means
 Minnesota statutes and court rules direct that notices describing important rights and duties of the parties accompany certain orders/judgments. These notices are included with the order/judgment, where applicable:
 Notices pursuant to Minnesota statutes, sections 518.68 and 518.17, subd. 3a (Appendix A, court form FAM301).
 Instructions for requesting a six-month review hearing (Court form FAM201; Minnesota Statutes, section 518.1781).
 Dated: March 17, 2021
 /s/ Patricia A Kuku
 Court Administrator
STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No: 71-FA-20-564 Order for Service by Alternative Means Minn. Stat. § 518.11(c) Case Type: Dissolution with Child
In RE the Marriage of Nery Humberto Gomez and Evelin Valeska Perez
 Upon petitioner's Application for Service by Alternative Means and the files and records of this action, the Court finds:
 • Personal service on respondent cannot be made.
 • Publication in Sherburne Co. might reasonably succeed in notifying respondent of this proceeding.
 Therefore, it is ordered pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 518.11 (c):
 • Service shall be made by publishing the Summons in Sherburne Co. in a legal newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks.
BY THE COURT
 Dated: March 12, 2021
 /s/ Brianna J Buccicone
 Judge of District Court
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 05/01/21; 05/08/21; 05/15/21).

School District Public Notices

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726 (BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 726 (Becker Public Schools), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

School District Question 1
Approval of School District Bond Issue

Yes
 No

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker Public Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$37,500,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of classroom additions, the creation of flexible academic spaces and student commons areas, remodeling and equipping of career and technical education classrooms and facilities, construction, equipping and installation of an athletic field, upgrades to HVAC, plumbing, electrical and lighting systems, remodeling and updates to flooring, cabinetry and doors, remodeling and equipping of kitchens and cafeterias, the repair, replacement and installation of the roofs at the intermediate school and high school, the construction of a transportation and bus facility, the remodeling and equipping of media centers, and the construction of secure entrances and security and safety improvements to all schools sites?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The combined polling place for this election and the precincts served by that polling place will be as follows:
COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Becker City Hall
 12060 Sherburne Avenue
 Becker, MN 55308

This combined polling place serves all territory located in Independent School District No. 726; Sherburne County, Minnesota

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the combined polling place designated above. The polls for said election will be opened at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the combined polling place on election day.
 Dated: January 4, 2021
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
 /s/ Ryan Obermoller
 School District Clerk
 Independent School District No. 726
 (Becker Public Schools)
 State of Minnesota
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/24/21; 05/01/21).

NOTICE OF LOCATION WHERE BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726 (BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the election judges for Independent School District No. 726 shall count the ballots cast in the School District's May 11, 2021 special election at the following locations:
COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Becker City Hall
 12060 Sherburne Avenue
 Becker, MN 55308

Dated: January 4, 2021
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
 /s/ Ryan Obermoller
 School District Clerk
 Independent School District No. 726
 (Becker Public Schools)
 State of Minnesota
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Dissolutions

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BY THE COURT
 Dated: March 12, 2021
 /s/ Brianna J Buccicone
 Judge of District Court
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Becker ISD 726
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 Notice is hereby given that **Becker ISD 726** Requests proposals for:
 Group Dental Insurance
 Specifications will be available from
 National Insurance Services, 250 South Executive Drive, Suite 300,
 Brookfield, WI 53005, Phone: 800-627-3660
 Proposals are due no later than 3 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2021 at
 National Insurance Services, 250 South Executive Drive, Suite 300,
 Brookfield, WI 53005 or per RFP instructions.
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 05/01/21; 05/08/21).

Xcel Energy Public Notices

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION FOR SITE PERMIT AND TWO ROUTE PERMITS FOR THE SHERCO SOLAR PROJECT WITH THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Please take notice that Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy ("Xcel Energy"), filed its requisite application for an up to 460-megawatt ("MW") solar project ("Solar Project") and two 345 kilovolt ("kV") transmission lines to interconnect the Solar Project to the grid (collectively the "Project") with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") on April 20, 2021 (the "Application"). As proposed, the West high voltage transmission line ("HVTL") is approximately 3.2 miles long ("West HVTL Project") and the East HVTL line is approximately 1.7 miles long ("East HVTL Project"); both HVTL lines connect the Solar Project to the existing Sherburne County Substation immediately south of the Xcel Energy Sherburne County Generating Facility ("Sherco Generating Plant").

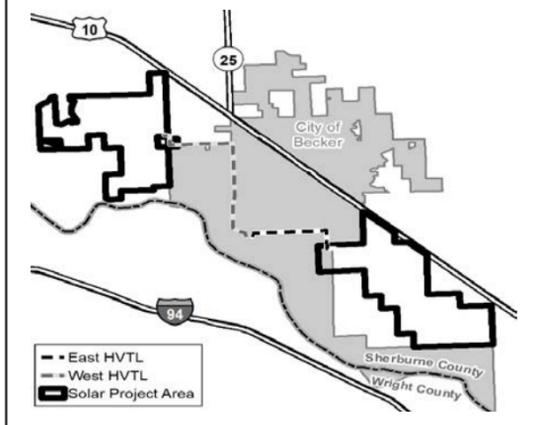
Collectively, the Solar Project, West HVTL Project, and East HVTL Project represent Minnesota's largest solar/transmission project to date. The Sherco Solar Project will produce enough energy to provide electricity for approximately 100,000 homes annually and avoid the emission of approximately 250,000-300,000 metric tons of carbon annually, which is equivalent to approximately 60,000 cars removed from the road. Xcel Energy plans to construct the Sherco Solar Project on a schedule that facilitates an in-service date for the entire project by the end of 2024. This letter also provides information on the Sherco Solar Project and the site and route permit application processes, as well as information regarding how to register your name with the Commission on the Project Contact lists to ensure that you receive future notices.

PROJECT LOCATION
 Xcel Energy is currently developing an up-to-460 MW Solar Project adjacent to the Sherco Generating Plant in Sherburne County, Minnesota. The Solar Project is proposed in two distinct blocks, which collectively create the Solar Project Area. The Solar Project Area covers 3,479.4 acres and is comprised of the West Block (1,653.7 acres), which is located on the west side of the Sherco Generating Plant and the East Block (1,825.7 acres), which is located on the east side of the Sherco Generating Plant.

Xcel Energy is proposing to build the West HVTL, a new 3.2-mile single circuit 345 kV transmission line to connect the Solar Project to the existing Sherburne County Substation on the south side of the Sherco Generating Plant. Xcel Energy has developed a West Route for the proposed West HVTL Project that is located in sections 26, 27, and 35 of Clear Lake Township and Sections 25 and 36 (T34N R29W) and Sections 1 and 2 (T33N 29W), all four of which are within the City of Becker.

Xcel Energy is proposing to build the East HVTL, a new 1.7-mile single circuit 345 kV transmission line to connect the Solar Project to the existing Sherburne County Substation on the south side of the Sherco Generating Plant. Xcel Energy has developed an East Route for the proposed East HVTL Project that is located in sections 1, 6, and 7 of the City of Becker and Becker Township.

The attached map outlines the location of the Solar Project, the West HVTL and the East HVTL.



PUBLIC INFORMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCOPING MEETING

Within sixty (60) days after the Commission accepts the Application as complete, the Commission will schedule a public meeting to provide information to the public about the Project and to afford the public an opportunity to present comments and ask questions. At this meeting, members of the public may comment on the scope of the draft Environmental Assessment ("EA") that the Department of Commerce, Energy, Environmental Review and Analysis unit ("EERA") will prepare. Once the public meeting is scheduled, notice of the meeting will be provided to persons whose names are on the Project contact list and will be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the Project Area.

Further details regarding upcoming meetings and comment periods on the Application will be provided by Xcel Energy and the Commission in the future.

HOW TO LEARN MORE
Department of Commerce Project Website:
<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities>.

Full Case Record: All documents filed in these dockets are available on the Commission's website at <https://mn.gov/puc/>. Select "eDockets," and under the category of "Docket Number," enter the year (21) and docket number (189 for the West HVTL Project; 190 for the East HVTL Project; 191 for the Solar Project Site Permit), then select "Search."

Subscribe to the Docket: The best way to stay informed is to "subscribe" to receive e-mail notifications when new documents are filed in the docket:

- Follow the steps above to access the full case record.
- Select box under Subscribe and click on Subscribe.
- Type your e-mail address.
- For Type of Subscription, select Docket Number.
- For Docket Number, select 21 in the first box and type 189 for the West HVTL Project; 190 for the East HVTL Project; and 191 for the Solar Project Site Permit in the second box.
- Select Add to List.
- Select Save.

Project Mailing List: Contact the Public Advisor (see below).

Public Libraries: The Application is available for review at the following public library:
 • Great River Regional Library - Becker
 11500 Sherburne Avenue
 Becker, MN 55308

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: The Solar Project, the West HVTL and East HVTL are eligible for consideration by the Commission under the alternative permitting process in Minn. Stat. § 216E.04 and Minn. R. 7850.2800 and 7850.2900. Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/>.

PROJECT CONTACTS
Public Utilities Commission Public Advisor for Solar Project, West HVTL and East HVTL
 Mike Kaluzniak at mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us or (651) 201-2257 or 1 (800) 657-3782.
Public Utilities Commission Staff Analyst for Solar Project, West HVTL and East HVTL
 Scott Ek at scott.ek@state.mn.us or (651) 201-2255 or 1 (800) 657-3782.

Department of Commerce Environmental Review Manager
 Bill Storm at bill.storm@state.mn.us or (651) 539-1844.

If you wish to receive written notices of the Project milestones regarding the environmental review process, including notice of the availability of the draft EA, please sign up for the Project contact list by contacting the Public Advisor indicated above.

Should you require further information pertaining to the Solar Project, the West HVTL, East HVTL or the Application, please contact William Rise at National Grid Renewables Development, LLC at 952-300-9476 or wrisse@nationalgridrenewables.com.
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Public Notices

Sherburne County Public Notices

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

Warrants Approved On 3/12/2021 For Payment 3/12/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Amherst H Wilder Foundation	15,000.00
Auld's Communications	5,027.00
BOE Electrical Contractors	2,628.72
Braun Intertec Corp	4,182.50
City Of St Cloud	5,260.00
Daikin Applied	10,248.50
David Turch and Associates	4,000.00
Design Electrical Contractors Inc	5,051.00
Food Express Usa	2,295.66
Geocomm Inc	46,486.00
H & R Construction Co Inc	5,400.00
Health Partners - Group Health Inc	22,044.36
Jeremy's Lawn Service Inc	10,170.00
Johnson Repair	2,197.68
Keefe Supply Company	11,305.66
Knife River	208,088.68
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	16,200.54
MEnD Correctional Care, PLLC	203,663.31
Minnesota Monitoring Inc	5,181.00
New American Funding	2,239.00
ReCollect Systems Inc	6,300.00
Securus Technologies	7,935.05
Split Rock Management Inc	6,450.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	31,877.49
Switchboard Advertising, LLC	2,500.00
The Hartford	41,101.20
Tri County Lumber Inc	5,912.77
Windstream	3,241.12
102 Payments less than 2000	44,279.10
Final Total:	736,266.34

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CP 071-PM-021 various county roads 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 **1:30 PM on Thursday, May 13, 2021** for the following project:

The Major Quantities of Work are:

YELLOW MULTI COMP PAINT F & I	GALLON	269
WHITE MULTI COMP PAINT F & I	GALLON	4,398
YELLOW STRIPING PAINT F & I	GALLON	5,542
WHITE STRIPING PAINT F&I	GALLON	5,564
FLOATATION GLASS BEADS APPLIED	POUND	205,524

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 **1:30 PM, Thursday, May 13, 2021.**

Bid Opening: Proposals will be opened by the County Engineer after the hour set for receiving bids at the Sherburne County Government Center, Public Works Conference Room; 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330. **Due to the COVID-19 Order 20-99, this will be a public online bid opening with no in person attendance by bidders. Information for accessing the bid opening will be provided with 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 must 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.

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 June 1, 2021 County Board Meeting contingent upon County Engineer & County Attorney review. It is the County's intent to begin construction the **first part of July 2021 and completed by end of October 2021.**

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids & waive informalities.

Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 9th day of April 2021.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SAP 071-602-005 CSAH 2 (124th St) to East County Line
SAP 071-602-006 CSAH 2 from Hwy 169 to 500' South of 323rd Ave NW

SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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The Major Quantities of Work are:

REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	S Y	89,981
CONSTRUCT BY PASS LANE	EACH	2
EXCAVATION - COMMON	C Y	415
AGGREGATE BASE & SHOULDERING	TON	16,234
FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION	S Y	28,551
MILL BITUMINOUS SURFACE	S Y	12,723
SP 9.5 & 12.5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	30,164
PAVEMENT MARKINGS	L F	30,500

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sherburne County Board of Adjustment will meet at **6:00 P.M. May 13, 2021** at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota to consider the following applications. A hearing will not begin before the time set.

In response to COVID-19, we will continue to practice social distancing at our Board of Adjustment Meeting. The board room will be set up with 6' between chairs for our board members, applicants and residents that wish to comment. Masks are required to be worn at all times in the building. Depending on the amount of people in attendance you may be asked to wait in the hall outside the room until your particular hearing. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

ALEX JONES: Requesting a 30' variance in setback from the bluff for a shed. Required setback from the bluff is 30'. Address: 3173 River Road SE, St Cloud, Mn Legal: That pt of N 400 FT of S 800 FT of Govt Lot 2 . . . (full legal on file) Sec 5, Twp 34, Rge 30 Clear Lake Township 6.02 Acres Scenic River District and within the Scenic River District of the Mississippi River.

JOAN FREDEEN: Requesting a 4' variance in setback from the side property line for a septic system upgrade. Required setback from the side property line is 10'. Address: 14037 290th Ave NW, Zimmerman, Mn Legal: Elk Point Lot 36, Block 2, Ex that pt lying E of the following des line . . . (full legal on file) Sec 30, Twp 35, Rge 26 Baldwin Township .27 Acres General Rural District and within the General Development Lakeshore District of Little Elk Lake.

JOAN FREDEEN: Requesting a 16' variance in setback from an existing garage for a septic system upgrade. Required setback from a garage is 20'. Address: 14037 290th Ave NW, Zimmerman, Mn Legal: Elk Point Lot 36, Block 2, Ex that pt lying E of the following des line . . . (full legal on file) Sec 30, Twp 35, Rge 26 Baldwin Township .27 Acres General Rural District and within the General Development Lakeshore District of Little Elk Lake.

JULIE ANDERSEN: (Property Owner: Carl D. Hogfeldt) Requesting a 45' variance in setback from the OHWL of the Elk River for a septic system upgrade. Required setback from the Elk River is 100'. Address: 21606 186th St NW, Big Lake, Mn Legal: That pt of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Desc as follows . . . (full legal on file) Sec 7, Twp 33, Rge 27 Big Lake Township 2.05 Acres General Rural District and within the Agricultural District of the Elk River.

ANGELA ENNEN ET AL: (C/O Maria Musachio) Requesting a 10' variance in setback from the right of way of 100th Ave SE for a septic system upgrade. Required setback from the right of way is 10'. Address: 5262 100th Ave SE, Clear Lake, Mn Legal: Oak Grove Beach Lots 5 & 6, Block 1 Sec 28, Twp 35, Rge 29 Palmer Township 40 Acres Agricultural District and within the Recreational Development Lakeshore District of Briggs Lake.

ROBERT TJOSTELSON: Requesting a 64' variance in setback from the centerline of 108th Ave for a personal storage structure. Required setback from the centerline is 100'. Address: 6543 108th Ave SE, Clear Lake, Mn Legal: All that pt of Govt Lot 6 Desc as follows . . . (full legal on file) Sec 34, Twp 35, Rge 29 Palmer Township .54 Acres Agricultural District and within the General Development Lakeshore District of Big Elk Lake.

The above hearings are open to you and any interested person, in opposition to or support of the request. The hearing of this request is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this hearing.
(Published in the Patriot: 05/01/21).

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SP 7106-89, SAP 071-030-008
TH 169 RCUT AT CSAH 25/CSAH 19
from 950 feet south of CSAH 25 to 650 feet north of CSAH 19
SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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EXCAVATION - COMMON	C Y	5,260
EXCAVATION - SUBGRADE	C Y	2,680
COMMON EMBANKMENT	C Y	1,660
SELECT GRANULAR EMBANKMENT	C Y	4,030
REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	S Y	6,450
AGGREGATE BASE	C Y	3,040
BITUMINOUS PAVING	TON	2,600
9-40 & 9D-40 LIGHTING UNITS	EACH	8

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders:

- in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;
- in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;
- in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;
- in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.
- If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

- "It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."
- "It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

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, Thursday, May 13, 2021.**

Bid Opening: Proposals will be opened by the County Engineer after the hour set for receiving bids at the Sherburne County Government Center, Public Works Conference Room; 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330. **Due to the COVID-19 Order 20-99, this will be a DocuSign envelope ID: 05678C75-8B2F-4DB1-A0E2-B85D3C74E4C1 public online bid opening with no in person attendance by bidders. Information for accessing the bid opening will be provided with 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 must 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.

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 June 1, 2021 County Board Meeting contingent upon County Engineer & County Attorney review. It is the County's intent to begin construction the **first part of July 2021 and completed by end of September 2021.**

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids & waive informalities.

Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 9th day of April 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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Police & Sheriff Activity Reports

Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service - Jail Bookings Apr. 19, 2021-Apr. 25, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 161; 2021 Calls for Service: 3,637; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 25; Citations: 4; Arrests: 6; Medical Emergency Calls: 7; Mental Health Holds: 1; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 6

Big Lake Police Arrests: Michael Camp - (Age 65 - Minneapolis, MN) - Felony Warrant; Angelica Henry-Schmidt - (Age 20 - St. Cloud, MN) - Felony 5th Degree Controlled Substance; Kirk Christopherson - (Age 57 - Becker, MN) - Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI; Haylee Demars - (Age 18 - Elk River, MN) - Domestic Assault; Maybrick Madsen - (Age 33 - Big Lake, MN) - 1st Degree Controlled Substance; Christopher Woods - (Age 33 - Becker, MN) - 1st Degree DWI, 5th Degree Controlled Substance

Sun., Apr. 25, 2021: 1200 blk Vernon St - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a disturbance.

Sat., Apr. 24, 2021: 145 Henry Rd - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 200 blk Eagle Lake Rd N - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 20000 blk 172nd St NW - Property Damage - Report of damage done to a mailbox.

Fri., Apr. 23, 2021: Hwy 10/Lakeshore Dr - Felony Narcotic Arrest - Officer stopped vehicle for traffic violation, could smell marijuana coming from inside the vehicle, vehicle searched, and methamphetamine was located, passenger arrested and transported to jail; Hwy 10/165th Ave - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 300 blk Fern St - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 601 Minnesota Ave - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juvenile. Mediated by officers.

Thurs., Apr. 22, 2021: 600 blk Independence 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; 1400 blk Hill St - Property Damage - Report of damage done to a vehicle.

Wed., Apr. 21, 2021: 100 blk Sherburne Ave - Felony Narcotic Arrest - Officers dispatched to a suspicious vehicle with someone slumped over, officers observed male sleeping and a baggie with a crystal substance in plain view, substance field tested to be methamphetamine, male arrested and transported to jail; 20000 blk Truman Dr - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 19100 blk Eagle Lake Rd - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties.

Tues., Apr. 20, 2021: Martin Ave/ Eagle Lake Rd - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 19595 Station St - Property Damage - Report of damage done to work truck; 19200 blk Highline Dr - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.

Mon., Apr. 19, 2021: Hwy 10/Euclid Ave - Marijuana in a Vehicle - Officer stopped vehicle for a traffic violation, could smell burning marijuana, driver issued summons for Marijuana Possession; 800 blk Independence Dr - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; 200 blk Shoreview Est - Assault - Report of an assault having occurred, investigation ongoing; 5600 blk Loon Dr - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; Hwy 10/Lakeshore Dr - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. During arrest officer located small baggie of heroin. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges.



Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 04/19/2021 - 04/25/2021

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offenses(s):

Andrew Thomas St. Michel, 36 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - FEL 5th degree drugs & Anoka Co. warrant. Christopher Marc Woods, 33 of Becker, MN 55308 - FEL 5th degree-controlled substance, GM 2nd degree DWI & MSD open bottle, Michael Don Coulter, 36 of Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 - MSD domestic abuse no contact order violation, & Benton Co. warrant. Lekeyto Urone Lusane, Jr., 25 of St. Cloud, MN 56301 - FEL 2nd degree assault, domestic abuse no contact order violation, & domestic assault (2 counts). Rachel Rae Macmillan, 23 of Elbow Lake, MN 56531 - FEL receiving stolen property. Maybrick Michael Madsen, 33 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - FEL drugs 1st degree & Wadena Co. warrant. Shelly Kristen Ryan, 46 of Devils Lake, MN 58301 - FEL 5th degree possession of a controlled substance, MSD false information, MSD drug paraphernalia, & Douglas Co. warrant. Haylee Renee Demars, 18 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - MSD domestic assault. Eric Robert Elletson-Smith, 26 of Montrose, MN 55363 - FEL 1st degree DWI. Angelica Marie Henry-Schmidt, 20 of St. Cloud, MN 56301 - FEL 5th degree drugs, controlled substance in the presence of a minor, obstruction, & Washington Co. warrant. Jerrad Thomas Keeler, 36 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - FEL 5th degree drug possession (2 counts). Thomas Ogden Norton, 59 of Elk River, MN 55330 - MSD domestic assault. Ashley Luanne Johnson, 32 of Otsego, MN 55330 - GM giving Peace Officer false name, Anoka Co., Itasca Co., Mille Lacs Co., Scott Co., Sherburne Co. & Wright Co. warrants. Jamie Matthew Dempsey, 47 of Coon Rapids, MN 55433 - GM domestic abuse no contact order violation. Michael Olan Gray, 33 of Minneapolis, MN 55440 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Stephen James Von Ruden, 32 of Brainerd, MN 56401 - Mille Lacs Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Thomas Brian Hammill, 55 of Princeton, MN 55371 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Jason Semaj Marshall, 37 of St. Cloud, MN 56301 - Stearns Co. warrant. Michael Phillip Camp, 65 of Minneapolis, MN 55411 - Anoka Co. warrant. Paris Terrill Berry, 44 of St. Cloud, MN 56301 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Nicholas Steven Banker, 33 of Clearwater, MN 55320 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Alexis Ann Davis, 28 of Oak Park, MN 56357 - Hennepin Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Lucas Robert Hoheisel, 34 of Becker, MN 55308 - Dept. of Corrections warrant. Jason Leonard Schmahl, 47 of Monticello, MN 55362 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Wayne Allen Quinn, 44 of White Earth, MN 56591 - Todd Co. warrant. Derrick Wayne White, 28 of Andover, MN 55304 - Chisago Co. warrant. Robert Joseph Ramey, 35 of Albertville, MN 55301 - Wright Co. warrant.

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vehicle/without plates on public streets/highways, 1 motor vehicle registration - operate vehicle with expired registration, 4 traffic - speeding - exceed limit, 1 traffic - windshield general prohibitions - no cracked or discolored windshields, 2 traffic regulation - driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, 1 traffic regulation - driver who is not owner must later produce proof of insurance if required, 1 drivers' licenses - instruction permit violations - persons 18 years or older - requirements, 1 drivers' licenses-driving restrictions-drive/operate/control motor vehicle w/o ignition interlock, 1 traffic-driver's license-driving after suspension, 3 traffic-driver's license-driving after revocation, 1 expiration of driver license - over 21, 1 failure to obtain a burning permit. **Total: 19**

Calls for Service: 2 stop arm violation, 2 burglary, 4 theft, 2 theft - motor vehicle, 1 assault, 5 drugs/narcotics, 1 DWI, 4 disturbing the peace, 6 harassment, 5 property damage, 2 DAR/DAS/DAC, 3 crimes against administration of justice, 2 trespass, 10 fraud complaint, 2 animal lost, 1 animal found, 4 property found, 4 accident - mv personal injury, 5 accident - mv property damage, 8 accident - vehicle v. animal, 2 animal complaint, 2 conservation, 5 dog complaint, 1 dog bite, 1 fire - other, 3 fire - dwelling, 1 fire - grass, 1 alarm - fire, 2 death, 35 medical, 6 mental case, 4 miscellaneous public, 5 domestic, 5 public assist, 12 agency assist, 10 alarm - security, 10 civil complaint, 103 officer-initiated traffic stop, 13 traffic complaint, 4 garbage/littering, 1 suspicious person, 14 suspicious vehicle, 6 juvenile complaint, 30 security check, 18 extra patrol, 3 loud music complaint, 12 check the welfare, 5 burning complaint, 1 ATV complaint, 1 shooting complaint, 4 repossession, 1 cross arm malfunction, 7 jail medical, 32 paper service, 11 suspicious activity, 1 hazardous road conditions, 18 miscellaneous officer, 8 back-ground check, 4 warrant arrest, 16 transport, 1 911 phone alarm, 1 predatory offender registration, 1 equipment problems, 3 911 hang up, 7 court book & release, 1 follow up, 1 juvenile runaway, 1 public lift assist, 1 tobacco, 1 vehicle lockout, 3 vehicle off road, 1 warrant attempt. **Total: 513**

Apr. 12th: Westre's Marine Sport on US Highway 10 SE in Haven Twp. reported the theft of boat trailer tires and rims. Value of the items taken is estimated to be \$1500.00.

Apr. 18th: Lukas Rusin reported a theft at Viking Storage Facility on 31st St SE in Haven Twp. A tenant that stores an RV at this location had a theft of a catalytic converter. Value is unknown currently.

Apr. 19th: Larry Dengerud on 185th Ave SE reported a burglary of his residence at the Carefree Country Club.

Apr. 21st: Mary Willing of Ray's Auto Body on 125th St NW in Baldwin Twp. reported the theft of a catalytic converter from a U-Haul truck. Value of item taken is estimated to be \$1,000.00.

Wright County Sheriff's Activity Report Period Ending April 26, 2021

Apr. 19: Alexandra Rose Murphy, 29, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree burglary violations. William Joseph Daiker, 61, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 2nd degree DWI and Wright Co. warrant - 3rd degree DWI violations. Andrew Arthur Johnson, 19, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charges of 3rd degree and 5th degree possession of controlled substance.

Apr. 20: Gregory Earl Rudy, 38, of Buffalo, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of domestic assault. Justin Gonzalez, 31, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violations. Roger James Bruneau, 66, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - Wright Co. warrant - driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Scott Alan Wallin, 56, of Anoka, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 3rd degree DWI refusal to test.

Apr. 21: Gordon Douglas Hocking, 52, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - violation of an order - protection. Kevin Edward Gustafson, 32, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Howard Lake - charge of domestic assault. Nycole Francis Jackson, 44, of St. Paul, was arrested in Yellow Medicine Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Aaron Daniel Lynum, 34, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - Wright Co. warrant - violation of an order - protection.

Apr. 22: Seth Adam Leonard, 42, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Abdiaziz Ahmed Abdi, 20, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrants - receiving stolen property and theft violations. Mary Elizabeth Dechaine, 39, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Maple Lake - charges of 2nd degree DWI test refusal and child endangerment. Heather Lee Kuphal, 34, of Rockford, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance and theft violations. Dillon Mikal Barrows, 27, of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - charge of domestic assault. David Michael Muhonen, 31, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 3rd degree DWI.

Apr. 23: William Paul Kersch, 29, of Clear Lake, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Nickolas Ryan Loken, 28, of Monticello, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - Wright Co. warrant - simple robbery violations and Sherburne Co. warrant - interference with 911 call. Seth Nathaniel Gerrard, 39, of St. Paul, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance and Hennepin Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Apr. 24: Adam Brian Kastner, 29, of Foley, was arrested in St. Michael - charges of 2nd degree assault, criminal damage to property and possession of firearm while under the influence. Alaina Lynn Miller, 33, of St. Paul, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance and an Anoka Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Christopher Lee Pray, 30, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Annandale - charges of domestic assault and violation of an order - protection. Jordan James Johnson, 30, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - charges of 2nd degree assault, terroristic threats and carrying pistol under the influence. Alyssa Renee Hill, 46, of St. Paul, was arrested in Monticello - Dakota Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance and Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington Co. warrants - theft.

Apr. 25: Jessica Marie Martinez, 24, of Inver Grove Heights, was arrested in Albertville - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Sergey James Somers, 30, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Dylan James Ganske, 36, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - charge of felon in possession of firearm. Jamie Lea Griffith, no permanent address, was arrested in Albertville - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance, theft and introduction of contraband into jail, Hennepin Co. warrant - driving after cancellation and Washington Co. warrant - 3rd degree possession of controlled substance. William Bill Vincent, 19, of Maple Grove, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - aggravated 1st degree robbery violations.

Apr. 26: Paul Konnstine Kostenko, 34, of Gold Hill, OR, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of disorderly conduct.

There were 14 property damage accidents, 4 personal injury accidents, 4 hit and run accidents and 4 car deer accidents.

There were 10 arrests - DWI, 1 underage consumption arrests, 1 school bus stop arm violations and 63 tickets - miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.



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Answer: Too many lives are being lost on Minnesota roads. Preliminary figures from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety show 102 people have died on Minnesota roads since Jan. 1, compared to 82 last year at this time.
The state reported its 100th traffic death (preliminary) on April 21. This is the earliest date reaching the preliminary figure of 100 traffic fatalities in the last six years. These fatalities include 11 pedestrians, 2 Motorcyclists, and 2 Bicyclists.
Drivers aren't just taking risks on highways and in the more populated regions. The 80 percent in greater Minnesota represent just half of Minnesota's population, yet account for about 65 percent of traffic fatalities.
Speed continues to play a major role in Minnesota traffic fatalities contributing to at least 40 of these fatal crashes, making up 27 percent of all fatalities. Ever since the pandemic began in Minnesota, some drivers believe that they've been given a license to speed and are treating the open roads like a raceway. Speeding is a decision that makes the other driving mistakes worse.
Unbelted motorists are helping drive the significant rise in traffic fatalities this year, with 31 unbelted deaths or 35 percent of lives lost who were not wearing their seat belt. Speak up if you are driving or the passenger and make sure everyone is properly buckled up. Seat belts are the number one tool you have in the car to keep you secured from being tossed around or ejected out of the car in a crash.
Nearly one out of every four deaths on Minnesota roads is drunk driving-related. The decision to get behind the wheel while being impaired from drugs or alcohol is a costly mistake and changes lives forever. Drive smart by always planning for a safe and a sober ride to avoid a lifetime of regret.
Distraction driving is killing hopes, dreams and lives and leaving people with serious injuries that tragically affect their day to day living. Anything that takes your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, mind of the task of driving is potentially deadly. A combination of all of these like texting while driving distracts you for up to 4 to 6 seconds. That is like traveling the length of a football field and 55 mph blindfolded.
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**Becker Police Department
Activity Report
Week of April 19th - April 25th**
19-Apr: 1 speed warning, 1 fraud complaint, 2 miscellaneous officer, 2 record check, 1 suspicious activity, 1 public assist, 1 vehicle lockout
20-Apr: 1 medical, 1 property damage, 1 civil, 1 traffic complaint, 1 juvenile concern
21-Apr: 2 speed warning, 1 juvenile concern, 2 record check, 1 equipment warning, 1 warrant arrest / 5th degree-controlled substance / false info to police / drug paraphernalia, 1 traffic complaint, 1 security check
22-Apr: 1 traffic complaint, 1 speed Citation #153, 2 medical, 1 fail to yield warning, 3 record check, 1 public safety, 1 expired tabs warning, 1 agency-assist, 1 drive in wrong lane of traffic, 1 security check, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 equipment warning
23-Apr: 3 agency-assist, 1 following too close warning, 6 record check, 2 civil, 1 juvenile concern, 1 theft, 1 warrant arrest
24-Apr: 1 1st degree DWI, 1 medical, 1 sidewalk parking warning, 1 no front plate warning, 1 road hazard, 1 public assist, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 death, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 equipment warnings
25-Apr: 1 registration warning, 1 traffic complaint / DWI, 1 speed warning, 1 suspicious activity, 1 speed Citation #154, 1 disturbance



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