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NEVER FORGET. The United States flag was flying high above the Becker Fire Department from a ladder truck in honor of the twentieth anniversary of 9/11, which was Saturday. Many businesses and organizations participated in the patriotic sentiment including the high school drivers who decorated their vehicles in their usual way. (Submitted Photo.)

Inside  
PALMER  
The Palmer Board discussed a high water ordinance amongst other things at their monthly meeting. See the story on page 2.

CLEARWATER  
Heated words were exchanged at this month's Clearwater Twp. in regards to Nixon Lake's No-Wake proposal. Read about it on page 4.

EDITORIAL  
Contributing Writer Shelley Berthiaume writes about dogs and how the impact of her dog, Marley has had on her through her life. Read about it on page 5.

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CONGRATS ON 101 YEARS! Having needed to postpone their 100 year celebration, Sherburne State Bank celebrated its 101st Birthday (to the day!) Thursday of last week with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Members of the Becker Chamber of Commerce, Becker City, and the bank all came together for the celebration. Here's to another 101 years! (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

## 4 generation Lee Century Farm comes to an end

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

When Jim and Sharon Lee turned their century farm over to the new owners recently it was the first time since 1855 – 166 years – that the property wasn't owned by a Lee. In fact, other than three months in 1977, it was the first time a Lee wasn't living there as well.

The farm first came into possession of Jim Lee's great-grandparents, James and Rebecca Lee, who were married in Illinois in 1855. A malaria sufferer, James Lee believed Minnesota's climate might improve his health, so he traveled up the Mississippi River, eventually stopping in Clearwater Twp.

One of the first families in the area, he staked a 160-acre claim four miles south of what would eventually become the City of Clear-

water. He then built a cabin and began farming.

Son William Lee purchased the farm after James' death, where he and his wife, Anna, had been living since their marriage. They purchased more land, farming 220 acres, and in 1916 they built the house that still stands on the land today. Their grandson, Jim Lee, remembers the house's parlor was only used for company and visits from the pastor. During William's funeral, which was held at the family farm, his casket was placed in the parlor.

The farm next went to John and Edith Lee, who had been living in a small house they built behind the original big farmhouse after they were married in 1934. After William and Anna both passed away, they moved their family into the big house; the third generation of Lees to own and



JIM AND SHARON LEE (TOP, CENTER) with their family in front of the farmhouse built by Jim's grandparents. (Submitted photo.)

farm the homestead.

John and Edith Lee's children, including their son Jim, grew up in the little house behind the farm-house; he was a teenager by the time his family moved to the big house. He and his siblings were excited because each of them now had their own bedroom. After

high school graduation, Jim Lee attended Canby vocational college to study soils and fertilizer and worked in the grain department at Hastings Farmers Elevator.

He and Sharon were married on August 29, 1970. They lived in Cottage Grove for six years, where their children, James and

Rebecca, were born.

When his dad quit farming and moved into Clearwater, Jim Lee's twin brother John purchased the family farm and began selling and renting out pieces of the farmland. A year later Jim and Sharon

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## Palmer Day a huge success!

By Mary Nehring, Contributing Writer

Palmer Day was held Saturday, September 11th and marked the twentieth anniversary of 9/11. The annual event was well attended and the weather was stellar. The parade route ran from the Palmer Town Hall/Knitski's to the Palmer Park. The main drag in Palmer was lined with enthusiastic people of all ages thoroughly enjoying the festivities. Mike Ganz served as the announcer for the parade.

Thronges of people enjoyed activities at Palmer Park for several hours after the parade. There were several carnival games, bouncy houses and koosie car races for the children. Adult ac-



JUDITH DELUQUE, MARILYN OLSON AND ANN OLSON enjoyed Palmer Day on Saturday, September 11th. Ann Olson sang the national anthem for the annual festivities. (Submitted Photo.)

tivities included horseshoe and bean bag tournaments and bingo for the adults. The event also featured a 5K walk/run. St Lawrence Knights

of Columbus (Duelm) were selling pork chops.

4-H Clubs and several non-profit groups were on

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## Nystrom & Associates Opens New Facility

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer  
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ONE OF THE ROOMS available in the Nystrom facility. (Photos by Katherine Cantin.)

The new Nystrom Associates Facility on Station St. in Big Lake held their open house Tuesday, giving tours to many individuals of the community.

The facility is a voluntary rehabilitation facility, where recovering addicts can stay to get the support they need as they recover. Staff provides group sessions and classes for those residing at the

facility.

At full capacity, the facility can help 54 individuals in recovery, 27 men and 27 women.

The facility offers

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## Santiago continues work on roads

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

Santiago Twp. met last Wednesday and continued to work on road related items that appeared on the agenda. Road Supervisor Dave Jehoich updated the other supervisors on the shouldering projects that the township's contractor, Herbst Excavating, has been completing. To date, five loads of gravel have been used to fortify roadway edges in an attempt to keep the asphalt intact. John Herbst was at the meeting and reported that perhaps a couple more loads would be needed to finish the work.

The ongoing saga of 67th Street was also on the agenda, as the eastern portion of the gravel roadway has received its gravel and maintenance, but there remains issues on the western (asphalt) portion of the roadway.

Becker Twp. Supervisors Robin Boros and Joe Danielson were present at the meeting to share recent updates to the project. Boros explained that because the culvert will be extended past its current placement, some wetlands would be disturbed, triggering the involvement of the DNR. The current culvert was not working properly and causing road washout issues and therefore additional flaring would need to be added to ensure the foundation of the road for years to come.

Herbst noted he has been on site and verified this information, noting that the additional culvert and flare would extend at least five feet past the road's right of way.

Boros explained that while the information was not a positive development in the project, he felt it was important to be transparent about the issue. The wetland mitigation was expected to add around \$21,000 to the cost of the project, which originally was estimated at \$110,000.

Jehoich questioned why Sherburne County wasn't involved in the finances, noting the area of right of way impacted would be along a county road.

Supervisor Jeff Pappenfus agreed, stating that the boards should contact the county for help and possible cost-sharing in the project.

With the DNR issue coming up, it was discussed

## Palmer discusses high water ordinance, drainage issues

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

It was an eventful meeting Monday night when the Palmer Twp. Board met, as the supervisors reviewed a few issues that have been brewing for some time. Ironically, despite this summer's drought, both items deal with water and what to do when there's too much of it.

The first issue the board tackled is a review of the township's current high water ordinance. Enacted nearly 20 years ago, the ordinance has been successful in prohibiting wakes from watercraft during high water events. The ordinance is meant to encourage better water quality on the lakes, as the shoreline is much better protected and fewer erosion issues occur when the waves from watercraft aren't crashing onto unprotected shorelines during these high water events.

Ganz announced to the audience, however, that the township is getting close to "washing its hands" of the ordinance because of disagreements about its enforceability.

"If this goes away, we need the people to know it's not us (the township), but rather the county," said Ganz. "There are seven bullet points that are being questioned by the county and it's leading to the ordinance not being enforced."

The board also discussed the difficulty in getting the DNR to respond in a timely matter to the high water events, as the bureaucracy requires a specific procedure that needs to be followed to have an accurate measurement of the water each time.

"We've been doing the exact same thing for years and in that time we've had about 20-25 high water, no wake events," added Supervisor Steve Demeules. "It's worked great the entire time but now we're being told there are issues."

The board decided to wait another month to see if the process can be worked out, as Ganz noted he recently spoke with County Attorney Kathleen Heaney. However, if a solution cannot be reached, then the board signaled they are ready to scrap the ordinance rather than spend the thousands of dollars necessary to try and remedy it through alternative legal channels or new, altered ordinances.

### Drainage Issues

The next water related issue came to light when a local resident identified only by her first name, Deb, appeared before the board and was upset about a drainage issue at her property. She stated that during heavy rains, water drains down the roadway and then into her yard, where it floods an outbuilding that contains her hot water heater, extinguishing the pilot light. In addition, she felt the drains located in the area do not receive enough maintenance and this exacerbates the issue.

Ganz addressed the issue of drainage in general, stating that there are issues like this across the township near the bottom of hills and one of the remedies would be to install ditches in the area, but homeowners don't want these because it interferes with their yard. In this specific case, the homeowner cannot have a ditch because her well is located in that area. Ganz also noted that the road in question has been there since the early 1950's and there is little the township can do because water will always run downhill towards the lakes.

In the past, the homeowner had worked with the Sherburne SWCD who had recommended a French drain in the area that was estimated to cost \$15,000. Deb felt that the township should bore the cost of the drain, as she is on a fixed income and cannot afford to spend that kind of money at her cabin.

The board responded that part of the problem is the original sighting of some homes that are built in low areas. In the past, the township has fought against some building plan locations but ultimately the county issued permits and the structures were constructed precisely where there would be water issues.

One of the options discussed to address this issue was the Lake Association grants that are available for landowners to help sustain and improve the water quality in the chain of lakes. Another option was to try and install larger rocks that might help divert some of the water, giving it time to soak into the ground before it causes the issues.

In the end, Ganz explained that the board could take a look at the issue, but there wouldn't be an easy fix.

"We could dump \$100,000 on some of these issues in the blink of an eye and it won't solve the issue totally because water is still going to flow down hill," Ganz said.

### In Other Business, the Board:

- Discussed a recently received bill from Republic

Services that was for services rendered over four months ago at the township's clean up day. Treasurer Roger Johnson lamented the delayed nature of the bill and how it came after the deadline had passed for applying for the SCORE Grant funds from the county. He continues to work on the issue and will report back next month;

- Heard from the Clear Lake Fire Department regarding last month's 28 calls for service, including 12 in Palmer Twp;
- Discussed another successful Palmer Day event;
- Approved plans to seed the right of way holder area near 59th Ct. where the lack of lawn coverage on a resident's property is causing sand drifts;
- Made a decision to mow the ditches one more time and explored the idea of renting a chipper to help in the brushing of some areas, including intersections, where increased visibility would make the roads safer;
- Agreed to contract with MJS Dirtworks to add flares to an existing culvert which is in need of repair. Rip rap will also be installed to help with water control;
- Decided to seek bids for the possible replacement of the Palmer Park septic system;
- Heard from Ganz who shared an email received by the Palmer Day committee in which the guest noted the excellent celebration and complimented the entire community for their participation in the event;
- Discussed the concept of a single hauler trash program which would alleviate the multiple trips currently occurring on township roads, as sometimes as many as six heavy garbage trucks make trips on the same road each week. The frequent usage is having a deleterious effect on the roadway surfaces;
- Listened to an update from Demeules, who explained that the county is moving towards a structured setback averaging system for new construction in the shoreland overlay district. Without a formal application process, the township could lose their water runoff mitigation recommendations, therefore causing a negative effect on water quality.

The board will meet next on October 11 at 7 p.m. at the Palmer Twp. Hall.

## PALMER



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# Big Lake News

## Big Lake welcomes pontoon manufacturer to city

By Katherine Cantin,  
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At the recent city council meeting, a public hearing was held to consider a tax abatement for a business parcel for CDG (Carlson Development Group) Premier Marine Project. The purpose of a tax abatement is to give the business a break in city taxes in the hopes of stimulating economic growth or creating new jobs. The abatement proposed would take place over 12 to 15 years.

The company manufactures pontoons. It will create 193 new jobs, with another 70 within three years. The company owners expected that 25-30% of the jobs would be filled by current employees who follow the company in the

relocation.

Councilmember Ken Halverson brought up the subject of a possible expansion for the proposed site, which he had heard may be a possibility in five years. Halverson requested that any addition not be considered for a further tax abatement until the one the council considered fell off. The company was willing to work with city staff on such an agreement.

The company owners, Chris and Debbie Carlson, are long time Big Lake residents and were very excited about the chance to move their company to the city.

Three residents spoke during the public hearing in support of the abatement, with none against.

### Preliminary 2022 Tax Levy

The proposed levy would increase by 6.43% over 2021, which would actually be a slight decrease in the tax rate (due to growth in the city) so many residents would see their taxes decrease slightly.

### BLFD Monthly Report

Chief Seth Hansen reported that the department had 48 calls last month. He also reported successful community events in the night to unite, and two block parties. A fire department open house will be held Oct. 10 and the public is invited to attend. Activities such as kids' games will be provided.

### BLPD Monthly Report

Chief Matt Hayden reported 1,009 calls for last month. The department ac-

cepted a donation from TLC Toys. Officers were present at community events such as the chamber block party and the Local Heros Days in Monticello. The department also accepted several donations earlier in the meeting from community groups and citizens.

### Engineering Monthly Report

Phases one through four of the street utility project will be completed this year, with stage five being completed this spring.

### Administrator's Report

Administrator Clay Wilfahrt reminded the public watering bans are still in place despite recent rain. It will take time for the city aquifer to recover.

## BL Twp. approves 2022 levy

By Katherine Cantin,  
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Last week, Big Lake Twp. reconvened their annual meeting. The meeting was again led by Eric Rosa, township resident who previously ran for a position on the board.

The only change in the proposed levy from the original meeting date was in the fire fund, after Treasurer Ken Warneke found that the township would need to contribute more money to the fire board in order to make possible the purchase of a ladder truck in 2026.

The final levy was set at \$2,265,500, segregated as follows: General Fund, \$176,000; Road and Bridge Fund, \$1,460,000; Big Lake Fire Fund, \$268,000; Fire District #1 Fund, \$31,000; Fire Building/Equipment, \$44,000; Fire Bond Redemption, \$0; IP Bond Redemption, \$46,000; Capital Expenditure, \$0.

The attending residents voted to approve the levy. The next annual meeting will be held March 8, 2022, at 6 p.m.

### License Agreement

The board went on to discuss a license agreement with a township resident regarding a fence. While looking into the possibility of expanding his fence, the resident discovered that his fence, erected by a previous owner, encroached on the road's right-of-way (ROW). So he approached the board to find a solution which, hopefully, wouldn't involve tearing down the fence.

A couple of the board members visited the property and determined that, while the fence did encroach on the ROW, it was in a location that the dangers of doing so were minimized. Supervisor Dean Brenteson noted that there was still sufficient drainage in the area and an area for snow storage.

The board and the resident agreed upon a permanent license agreement to allow the resident to continue to keep the fence.

### New Trail Signs at Lions Park

Supervisor Norm Leslie recounted an incident where a young mom, with her baby in a stroller, went for a walk through the Lions Park trails, and accidentally ended up on the wrong side of the park than she wanted. When Leslie heard about her navigation difficulties, he decided it wouldn't be a bad idea to investigate putting up new trail navigation signs. He asked Gina Hugo from Sherburne County Parks and Rec to help him with the project.

Hugo designed new signs that displayed a full map of the park and the trails. Three-foot signs will be placed at trail entrances, and smaller signs will be

placed along the trails.

Leslie commended Hugo on the excellent design work and was excited to implement the project. He said the total cost would be under \$1,000 and that he, with the help of the town handyman, would put the signs up.

### Winter Road Maintenance Bids

The township decided to renew its contracts with two vendors who had previously provided service to the township. The township again went with two vendors, in order to ensure quick service to the township and to have an alternative option if one vendor is

unavailable, due to staffing or equipment complications.

Unfortunately, costs per hour for both contracts were up significantly. The board indicated that this could not be helped, due to labor shortages.

On the topic of roads, the board recently completed its fall road tour, but Supervisor Brenteson wanted some more time to organize his findings before presenting.

### In Other Business, the Board:

- Sold a roll-off dumpster for \$3,200;
- Announced the dog vaccination clinic and ni-

trate water testing to be held September 25 at Lions Park

- Announced food shelf distribution on September 20 at Lions Park;
- Stated that the township has re-applied for a Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems General Permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and that public comment in regards to the permit could be submitted to the MPCA through Oct. 7.

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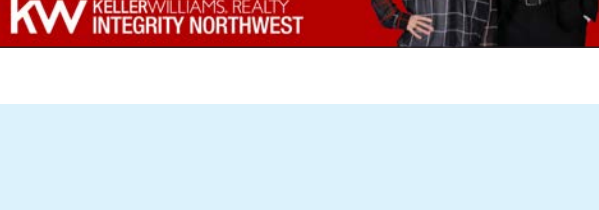
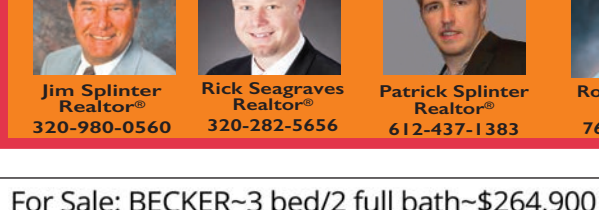
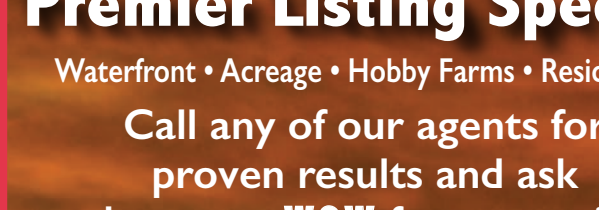


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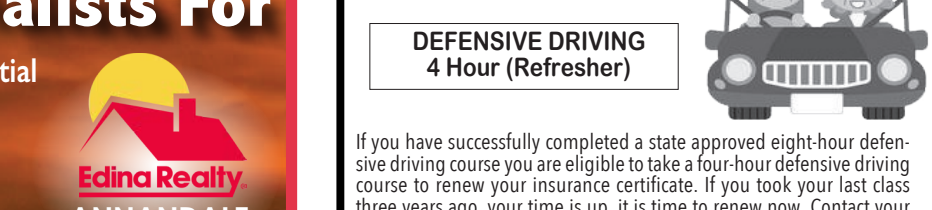


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## Truck driver killed in Silver Creek accident

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following information was submitted by the Minnesota State Patrol).

The Minnesota State Patrol is investigating a fatal crash in Silver Creek Twp.

that occurred Monday night. The crash happened on I-94, east of Co. Rd. 8 at approximately 8:49 p.m. when a 1999 Peterbilt Semitruck hauling a pickup was going eastbound on I-94 near milepost 186 when the semi left the highway and rolled into

the ditch.

Emergency personnel were seen at the scene shortly before 9:30 p.m.

It was reported the driver of the truck, Ronald William Biggerstaff, 53 of Antigo, WI was unbelted/unrestrained at the time of the accident.

The crash is under investigation. The Wright County Sheriff's Office and Monticello Fire Dept. were the reporting agencies.

## Heated words again exchanged at Clearwater Twp. meeting

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

Heated words were again exchanged at September's Clearwater Twp. meeting concerning the ongoing discussion on whether or not to apply for Nixon Lake to become a no-wake lake.

In June, the Nixon Lake Committee asked the board to consider applying to the DNR for Nixon Lake to be designated a no-wake lake and provided reasonings for why they felt this would be beneficial. The topic has since been debated at township meetings throughout the summer.

Chairperson Rose Thelen read a letter submitted by Penny Leuthard, who wrote that through research and discussions with environmental professionals, she can refute each reason the committee brought forth as evidence the lake needs such a designation.



A GOOD LUCK PARTY for Jim and Sharon Lee was held after the Clearwater Twp. meeting Sept. 8. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

She followed by sharing her findings, ending by stating the designation is unnecessary and selfish.

Mary Bergeron then reviewed the committee's reasonings for the designation, rereading the original document first submitted. She concluded by recommending going forth with their recommendation.

Treasurer Cassie Kenning asked the board to approve moving forward with the public hearing so the wishes of the public could be heard. She said conflict between board members Thelen and Scott Miller has caused problems, mentioning the recent letter to the editor submitted to the Patriot by Miller. Miller responded that his words may have been a bit harsh, but he wanted to provoke a large crowd to attend the meeting and said they needed to past emotional responses to issues and look at the facts.

Resident Rita Betzler

said everyone has been very disrespectful to each other and it's very hurtful.

Supervisor John Notch informed the board he's spoken with numerous people about the issue, and no one is in favor of it, including a Wright Co. Soil and Water employee who felt it was "absolutely ridiculous."

Thelen asked for a motion to start the no-wake designation process by submitting a request to the DNR. Miller instead made a motion to not begin the process, which was seconded by Notch.

Motion carried 2-1.

Angry outbursts from the crowd followed, with Chuck Derry stating he wanted to be able to use his kayak safely on the lake, and Larry Schut saying if anyone tears around at the access, he's shutting down the section he owns.

Two residents demanded Miller and Notch

state their reasonings for the motion. Both reiterated what had already been said, with Miller adding there is no evidence that all users of the lake can't coexist, there is only a limited number of people who would benefit from it, and after talking to the DNR he didn't feel it would go anywhere anyway.

### Other Business

• The township and the City of Clearwater came to an agreement on the amended orderly annexation agreement.

• A good luck/going away celebration was held after the meeting for Jim and Sharon Lee, long-time residents of the community. Sharon Lee was township clerk for 13 years.

The next Clearwater Twp. meeting will be Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

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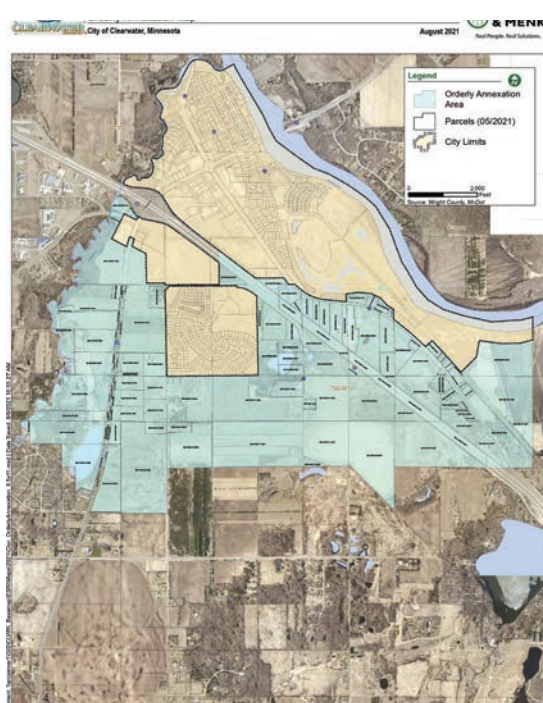
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Clearwater City Council and the Clearwater Township Board of Supervisors will each consider adoption of a joint Orderly Annexation Agreement at the next regular meeting of each Board.

The Clearwater Township Board of Supervisors will meet Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 15015 State Hwy 24, Clearwater, Minnesota.

The Clearwater City Council will meet Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 605 County Rd 75, Clearwater, Minnesota.

The properties to be included in the Orderly Annexation Area which will be subject to the terms of the Orderly Annexation Agreement are depicted on the attached map.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting City Hall at 320-558-2428 or the Town Hall at 320-558-4011.



Annita M. Smythe  
City Administrator  
City of Clearwater  
(Published in the Patriot: 09/18/21).

Jean Just  
Town Clerk  
Town of Clearwater

### FARM from page 1

bought the homestead from him and after a seven-year hiatus, Jim was again living on the Lee family farm, the fourth generation to do so.

Back in the area, Jim Lee worked at the Annandale Elevator until the owner of Tri-County Abstract and Title, Jack Gibbons, stopped him after church one day and asked if he liked history. Gibbons was looking for someone he could work with to train as an abstractor.

Lee worked for him for 20 years before retiring on his 65th birthday. He agreed to continue working a few days a week to help train in the person taking his place. He ended up working parttime for another 1 1/2 years before he "really" retired.

Sharon Lee was also busy during that time. She was the financial clerk of their church, Calvary Baptist in St. Cloud, for 23 years, and spent 13 years as clerk on the Clearwater Twp. Board.

The couple was also busy raising their children. Their kids were active in 4-H and FFA, mostly showing sheep. The family raised Hampshire registered sheep, selling them for mainly for their meat, however they also sold the wool to the Minnesota Wool Association, who would come out and do the shearing.

For a while the Lees also raised and sold border collies and chickens. However, what they became most known for was selling sweet corn. For approximately 30 years people from all around would stop by the farm for a baker's dozen.

Due to health problems, Jim and Sharon recently moved into a new patio home in Waite Park. The farm was sold to someone outside the family as other family members were either uninterested in purchasing it or were unable to.

### FACILITY from page 1

lounge areas, clinical offices with urinalysis and a nurse who can distribute medication, an industrial kitchen and cafeteria, and an exercise room and full sized basketball court.

Annette Pearson, Program Manager, said they wanted to offer lots of sober activities to the residents, to promote healthy alternatives to using.

Pearson was very excited to see the project finally come together.

"I've worked in the field for 23 years," she said. "But this is the first time I've helped to create a facility."

Pearson pointed out some excellent features that she thought were important to the comfort of residents, such as plenty of storage space, personal bathrooms, and being fully ADA accessible, for those with physical disabilities.

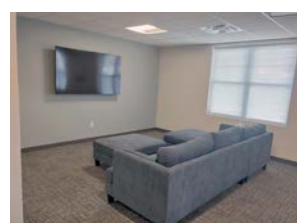
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**BIG LAKE OFFICERS SUPPORT REHABILITATION.** A trio of representatives from the Big Lake Police Dept. attended the Nystrom open house, including Officers Chris Hoard and Sam Norlin. To the right stands Roy Neumann, mental health co-responder for four different cities. Neumann rides along with officers and is available to respond in the case of mental health emergencies. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



**OPEN HOUSE.** Several individuals from Nystrom and local government toured the new Nystrom facility on Station St. on Tuesday. Pictured from left to right is Dan Weber, Assistant Sherburne County Administrator; Gina Wolbeck, Big Lake City Clerk; Annette Pearson, Nystrom Program Manager; Rachel Adams, Nystrom; and Gina Christianson, Nystrom. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



**THE NEW NYSTROM & ASSOCIATES FACILITY** is ready to accept patients wishing to recover from addiction. Left is a lounge area for residents, and right is one of the rooms available. (Photos by Katherine Cantin.)



# Editorials/Opinions

## A True Friend

Dogs, I love them. They are amazing. DNA from wolves, yet they were the first domesticated animal. There are over 300 breeds. They come in all shapes, sizes and colors, but share similar qualities. They are the epitome of brave, loyal and loving.

There are rescue dogs, military dogs, police dogs, hunting dogs, therapy dogs and all the rest. Truly, “Man’s best friend.”

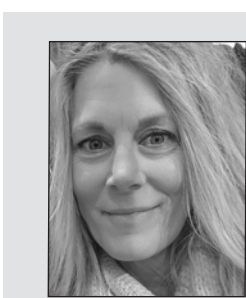
It has been proven that dogs benefit our health. They help to lower blood pressure and the risk of heart failure. Let’s face it, they are great companions.

I did not think my first dog story would be sparked by the recent passing of my boy, Marley. Maybe it is for a reason.

I don’t recall a time when I didn’t have a dog. They have always been a part of my life. Each dog is special in their own way. Their love for us surpasses all understanding. Unconditional, patient, kind. Everything the bible tells us about love, they exemplify. This was true of Marley.

It was the Fourth of July week, 2010. We were on our yearly vacation at Leech Lake. A seasonal resident at the resort found a German Shepherd puppy on a busy road. We had lost our German Shepherd “Victor,” in February, so we were excited to see this nine week old puppy. Needless to say, “Josie,” came home with us.

Later that July, we received a call from a local German Shepherd rescue group. They asked us if we could foster this Labrador Retriever. They estimated his age at one and a half to two years old. We said, “Sure.” This dog had been at a kennel for three weeks. He was good and gentle with Josie. We decided to keep him and named

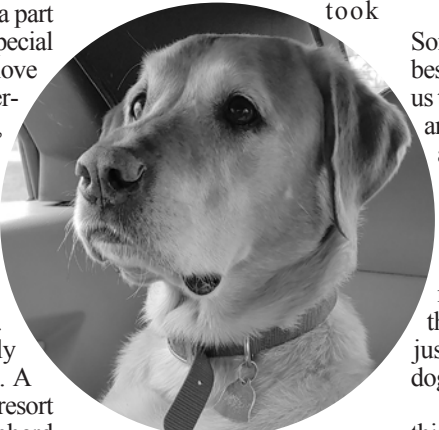


By Contributing Writer,  
Shelley Berthiaume

him Marley.

Marley liked everyone but especially women. He soon became my dog and followed me everywhere.

It had been awhile since we had two dogs at once. We forgot what it was like having a young puppy in the house. Marley made it easier. He looked after Josie. They soon became best friends and took



over the couch and our hearts.

Marley would stay close by – for the most part. He loved to walk around to the neighbors and say “hello.” He was friendly. He liked people and other dogs. Marley was easy-going, mellow. His gentle nature always shined through.

Like every dog, their bark is unique. Scott compared Marley’s to a seal. Marley would bark even though he could see us outside. He wanted to be close.

In Marley’s younger years, he had athletic ability. He was fast and could

jump. Marley would engage the neighbor dog Brandy in a game of chase. He would drop his backside down low to the ground and in a split second, he could turn on a dime, leaving Brandy running in the wrong direction.

He had a great vertical. Scott was in the kitchen, when all of a sudden, Marley jumped from the floor straight up to the counter with ease. While it was a high five impressive move, we did not encourage it.

One evening, we were having a bonfire and heard a thump. Marley cleared our neighbor’s four foot fence with a muskrat in his mouth.

We contemplated training him to be one of those dogs who jump off docks. Marley did not take his jumping to the next level. He was content being the family dog.

What is a true friend? Someone that sees us at our best and our worst, but loves us the same. They never judge and forgive easily. They are attentive and sense when something is wrong. They are good listeners. They are loyal and will protect. They don’t care if you are rich or poor, they love you the same. They are happy just to be with you. It’s a dog’s mantra.

We could learn a few things from a dog.

It has been a little over a month since Marley passed away at home. I was by his side when he took his last breath. While my heart was breaking, I was glad I was there. He had always been there for me.

The house feels different, like something is missing. I expect to see him on the couch or waiting for me outside the door. The little things I took for granted. He will forever be imprinted on my heart.

See you some day at the rainbow bridge. I love you.

## Hot-Button Issues Aplenty this Interim

(Editor’s Note: The following column was submitted by Rep. Shane Mekeland.)

The governor’s emergency powers ended and the 2022 session does not begin until Jan. 31, putting us squarely in “interim” season. That said, the issues never take a break.

Recency bias aside, it is hard to recall a time when there was such a diverse set of topics driving complex, emotional, and adamant opinions from people across the ideological spectrum. I am hearing from constituents on both sides of the aisle who just can’t take “this” or want to see an end put to “that” daily.

While facemasks have caused plenty of layered discussions on their own, one of the latest hot-button subjects to evolve pertains to vaccine mandates. What makes this especially interesting is there is no direct correlation between someone’s vaccination status and their position on vaccine mandates. In other words, you don’t have to be an “anti-vaxxer” to oppose the government forcing vaccines on private citizens and businesses. This is becoming a major issue in the health care industry, where people who were on the front lines battling COVID-19 now are faced with a scenario where refusing a mandate could cost them their job.

I have personally heard from enough health care professionals who are concerned about mandated vaccines to understand this is not just an



By Rep.  
Shane Mekeland

isolated case or two, or even a handful, rather it is a widespread problem coming to a head. We already have a shortage of healthcare workers and, pandemic or not, our reliance upon them is only going to increase in this aging society.

A recent piece I wrote regarding the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks touched on the polarization of our nation today. I noted how the remarkable unity we showed on 9/12 has eroded due, in part, to career politicians perpetuating issues that split constituents into marketable factions.

We could start with last winter’s push for Comprehensive Sexual Education legislation that would introduce to elementary-age children sensitive material pertaining to sex, diverse gender identities and orientations, and drugs. Then came efforts to put Critical Race Theory in our schools, a move that would teach our children the basis of our culture and history is steeped in race and

racism. In other words, focusing on identity politics and “whiteness.”

Those are controversial subjects, to say the least, but that’s only the beginning. Public safety has been another topic generating strong opinions, with campaigns to defund the police taking place in Minneapolis at a time that city’s violent crime has surged to levels not seen since the mid-’90s. (This might be a good time to say I strongly support our local law enforcement. Your job likely is more challenging today than the day you started, and I appreciate all the work you do to keep us safe. As simplistic as it sounds, less law enforcement will neither reduce crime nor assure justice.)

My hope is we find productivity in these conversations and the more correspondence I receive as a legislator, the better. It helps me to learn more about points of view I may not have considered, making me a stronger representative for the people who live in District 15B. My default position is to stand on the side of freedom and that much never will change.

We have another four and a half months to prepare for the 2022 session, so let’s keep talking and see if we can rekindle some of that faded unity. Let’s put down the pitchforks, stop with the divisiveness and find ways we can agree on solutions to make our state and nation better places.

## Protecting your Privacy

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

On Saturday, my wife, Jacquie, and I visited our son, Joe, who is a Midshipman at the Naval Academy. During the Navy vs. Air Force football game, those in attendance honored the 20th anniversary of 9/11 with a moment of silence.

We remembered those we lost that day and the many who died fighting the Global War on Terrorism. I was proud to stand with so many young men and women who are dedicating their lives to protect our country for years to come, like my son Joe and our Marine, Bill.

As Congress heads back to Washington, D.C. next week for votes, I will keep our service members, their families, and our fallen heroes in mind. I will also continue to keep you updated on our progress.

### Ensuring Data Privacy

As the House prepares to consider a \$3.5 trillion budget spending package later this month, Democrats and the Biden Administration are proposing to add extensive new reporting requirements for financial institutions in an attempt to pay for their trillion-dollar spending sprees.

Specifically, the Administration has threatened to require financial institutions and other financial services providers to report certain transaction-level data and account information on accounts holding over \$600 to the IRS every year. This would apply to millions of bank accounts,



By Congressman  
Tom Emmer

and share unprecedented levels of consumer data. This proposal would add heavy compliance burdens and have grave privacy implications for millions of Americans as well as our community banks and credit unions.

Yesterday, I led a letter with more than 140 of my colleagues to Speaker Pelosi, Ways and Means Committee Chairman Neal, Department of Treasury Secretary Yellen, and IRS Commissioner Rettig raising concerns over this proposal.

It’s no secret that financial institutions are already required to report a tremendous amount of data to the IRS. It simply hasn’t been shown that additional data will help the IRS close the “tax gap” - the difference between taxes paid and taxes owed by law - beyond the data they already have.

Additionally, this kind of overly comprehensive IRS database would require significant resources to build, maintain, and protect – and considering the IRS has had several data breaches – this type of data sharing could

make more taxpayer data vulnerable to attack.

Law-abiding Americans deserve privacy over their data; no one wants outsiders involved in their household finances. Giving the government the right to snoop through financial records is a violation of our basic right to privacy. This proposal will push even more Americans to the fringes of our financial system.

I look forward to continuing to fight for your financial privacy and security.

### Celebrating Small Business Week

Monday marked the start of Small Business Week, where we honor the 30 million small businesses that keep this country running. In Minnesota, there are more than 500,000 small businesses employing over one million Minnesotans.

However, many small businesses have struggled to survive the COVID-19 outbreak due to forced closures, inflation caused by outrageous government spending, and difficult economic circumstances. During the pandemic, I supported the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) aimed at helping small businesses stay afloat and keep their employees on the payroll through that difficult time. For businesses still in need, contact the Small Business Administration’s District Office in Minnesota.

I will continue to support small business growth and access for individuals trying to

**EMMER to page 4B**

## Letters To The Editor

### TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to clarify some points and share some concerns related to Scott Miller, a Clearwater Township Supervisor’s letter to the editor. After several residents shared concerns regarding the public landing and the water usage on Nixon Lake, the township board formed a committee in April to identify the various concerns and suggested solutions to identified problems. That committee of 11 township residents, including landowners on the lake, was formed and a report was submitted to the board in June. Recommendations were made including a request to designate this small environmental lake, a “no wake” lake. Concerns related to lake shore damage, Aquatic Invasive Species, public safety, and others, would be addressed. This would also benefit families who love to fish and also swim and play on floating rafts and tubes within the lake, canoe, kayak, and paddle board. It is troubling that Mr. Miller dismisses this committee’s findings, and additional citizens of the township who have supported these changes at several meetings, by referring to them as “community agitators feeling self-importance by creating division”. This coming from an elected official whose primary purpose is to listen to, respect, and attend to the concerns of township residents. Very troubling!

**Chuck Derry**  
Clearwater Township

### TO THE EDITOR:

Most of the angst I read week after week in the editorial page in my opinion is based on one generation’s priority (baby boomers) and a new generation (millennials) that wants to go another way. Imagine how difficult it

is to listen to a generation of people who drove the budget deficit talk about wasteful spending. Spending is only wasteful, if you disagree on what you are buying. This new generation wants to see affordable education, housing, and healthcare. Government spending on tax abatements, corporate subsidies, trillion-dollar military budgets are seen as direct competitors to the priorities of this generation. Race is one of the more difficult topics for Baby Boomers and Gen X’ers. However, millennials are a multicultural generation. It seems likely this group would like to teach their children about things like the civil rights act of 1964, voting rights act of 1965, and some of the more subtle regulatory statutes that were simply sexist and racist. Perhaps one of the best examples is Redlining, and how that past practice contributes to creating conditions that are still with us today. Baby Boomer issues of the day; the pill, abortion, ending the war in Vietnam, and the ERA discussion didn’t result in America’s collapse. Nor will millennial issues; the Afghanistan withdrawal, a reprioritized federal budget, and CRT discussions. It simply means we are changing to this generation’s version of a more perfect union.

**John Polenik**  
Clear Lake, MN

### TO THE EDITOR:

I attended Palmer Day this year for the first time. This is the first parade I’ve been to in probably 35 years that I sat through from start to finish. It was a great time! There were at least 20 times more people than I thought were going to attend. The parade was orderly and extremely well organized! Palmer, MN is a hidden gem of small town Min-

nesota. I was impressed with how clean and beautiful Palmer Park was and how friendly everyone was. The organizers of Palmer Day should be very proud of their effort of putting on such a fine community event. I am from a very small town of 700, and I love it when a small town can pull off something a large event that is so well organized. It was phenomenal to see so many people smiling! As a veteran, it warmed my heart immensely during the parade to hear someone sing the national anthem, followed by seeing veterans, police and firemen go by with everyone cheering! Good job on a wonderful event. Keep up the good work. I’m looking forward to Palmer Day, 2022.

**Rich Pesta**  
Elk River, MN

### TO THE EDITOR:

I recently was up to Minnesota in Becker right after the 13 Marines & Sailors were killed in Afghanistan. I saw a lot of flags flying at half mast, and in good repair, but saw too many at the top of their flag pole and in shreds! The worst was the Becker Fire Dept. and Twp. Hall. Both had ripped flags not lowered! If you are going to fly the flags of our country, take some responsibility for it. Keep it in good shape, and if it needs to be replaced, take your old flag to city hall where you will find a flag disposal box, or take it to Becker True Value and while you are there, buy a new flag. A lot of men and women made the ultimate sacrifice so you could have the privilege to fly our flag. So do so with respect for their sacrifice and honor their memory.

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## Hornet harriers compete well this week

By Bill Morgan  
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The Hornet Cross-Country team was back in action last Saturday morning competing on the trails around Bertram Park. They also travelled to Annandale Tuesday.

### Monticello Meet

“While it did warm up throughout the morning, the temperatures were cooler than we had at our last meet,” said Big Lake Head

Coach Todd Trutna. “We haven’t had a meet in over a week and a half, and our kids were ready for some competition.”

While the meet only had seven teams, several of those teams are among the best in class AA.

Big Lake’s middle schoolers had their longest race distance of the year and continue to show improvement. Alton Ahamed again led the boys with a third place finish. Trent Erickson, Gavin Flavin, and Kale Westgaard also all finished in the top 15. Peter Halvorson, Kaiden McLearen and Nick Erickson ran strong races, and their pace has really improved. The middle school boys took second place as a team.

For the girls, Brynn Scheer was 31st and Paiton Ganley was 35th.

“These two continue to get stronger with each passing week,” said Trutna. “The middle schoolers are headed in the right direction.”

In the JV race, Rylie Ostrom, Nicole Rempel, and Erin Kjellberg all finished in the top 30. Big Lake’s JV girls are definitely running stronger and starting to push the varsity for the top seven spots. Rylie Ostrom’s time of 27:15 moved her to varsity for Big Lake’s meet at Annandale next week.

The boy’s JV placed third as a team and were led by Carter Erickson at 11th and Matthew Denzen at 16th. Gavin Vold and Kevin Winkelman had fine races and both saw marked improvement from last meet.

The Hornet girls’ varsity squad had a bit of a let down at their home meet a few weeks back and ran a bit flat. They responded this week in practice and ran more aggressively, Trutna noted.

“I was so proud of the determination they showed today on a much tougher course,” he said. “All seven ran faster across the board.”

Emilee Doperalski finished 13th in 22:47 to lead the Hornets. Grace Heider led the rest of the scorers across the finish line, a group that included Jessica Schmidt, Campbell Slattery, and Samanth Burton.

For the third meet in a row, the boys’ varsity battled with rival Monticello.

“We see a lot of Monticello and will compete against them again in the conference championship and section meet to advance to state,” said Trutna. “Both teams are rated in the top 10 for class AA in the latest coaches poll.”

In addition to that, Annandale, another top 10 team was also competing. Trutna knew this meet would be an early test for the team.

Senior Christian Noble was the first Hornet across the line in third place and was quickly followed by Owen and Kade Layton in fourth and fifth. Jack Leuer also ran himself into the top 10 with a seventh place finish.

“It was quite a battle individually,” said Trutna. “Realistically, the top seven or so from this race could be earning All-State honors come November.”

David Guyse and Tanon Jacobson finished in a near tie for 24th/25th place. In the end the team’s performance was just enough to top Monticello at their home invitational. Big Lake beat Monticello 43-44 with Annandale taking third with 62.

“We are definitely happy with all the results today, but our runners know that we are only a third of the way through the season and that we still have places to improve and other goals to reach,” said Trutna.

### Annandale Invite

Even though the team had a meet just three days ago in Monticello, they

still had many great performances on the rolling terrain of the Whispering Pines Golf Course.

“As we approach the halfway point of the season, many of our runners are rounding into shape and gaining confidence,” said Trutna. “Historically, Annandale tends to be a slower course, but so many of our runners really were at it today.”

The boys’ varsity continued its winning ways by capturing another team title. Owen Layton led the team with a second place finish and was quickly followed by Kade Layton in third and Christian Noble in fourth. Big Lake’s top three continue to perform at an elite level.

“This trio does such an impressive job as role models and leading the team at meets and practice,” said Trutna.

Jack Leuer continues his impressive streak of races to finish sixth. “

Jack’s running so well right now, it’s easy to forget he’s only a 9th grader,” said Big Lake’s coach.

The trio of David Guyse, Tanon Jacobson, and Luke Hugo packed up for the first half of the race before Guyse moved ahead to place 12th.

The girls’ varsity had a top 10 finisher in Emilee Doperalski with her ninth place finish.

“Emilee has been our top runner all season and has been getting back to her All-Conference form from a year ago,” said Trutna. “Some of the girls broke out of their normal packs today and really pushed themselves and their teammates.”

Grace Heider and Campbell Slattery ran close to each other for much of the meet and finished 23rd and 24th. Jessica Schmidt and Sam Burton were the final two scorers for Big Lake, both finishing inside the top 30. Rylie Ostrom and Olivia Potter were 30th and 31st.

The JV girls’ team took third place as a team and was led by Erin Kjellberg’s seventh place finish.

“Erin’s fitness has been getting better every week and her strong finish will earn her a varsity spot at the next invitational,” Trutna said.

Jayden Rust, Nicole Rempel, Sophia Tienter, and Georgia Morris rounded out the rest of the top five.

The JV boys’ team came away with the team championship scoring a near perfect score of 19 points. Carter Erickson, coming off of an ankle injury, led the squad with a second place finish. Matthew Denzen was third, Jacob Polacec sixth, Kevin Winkelman seventh, Aidel Cisneros ninth, and Oliver Aronson’s 10th.

“The JV team by far had their most impressive outing of the season.”

Alton Ahamed took third place in the middle school race and paced the team to a second place team finish. Gavin Flavin had his best race of the year and finished fourth. Trent Erickson, Kale Westgaard, Peter Halvorson all finished in the top 20.

“Nicholas Erickson and Kaiden McLearen raced well and get stronger every race,” Trutna said.

Brynn Scheer was the first Hornet across the line in the middle school girls’ race. Her 21st place finish was two places ahead of Paiton Ganley.

“Overall it was an impressive day for our middle schoolers and all the Hornets,” said Big Lake’s head coach.

### Up Next

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# Sports/Area News

## Bulldog girls tennis wins 2

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog girls tennis team picked up a pair of wins last week, as last Thursday they downed the Big Lake Hornets 7-0 and the St. Francis Saints 6-1, before being stopped Tuesday afternoon 5-2 by conference favorite Chisago Lakes.

In the win over the Hornets, the Bulldogs were dominant, winning six of seven events in straight sets.

Singles results: No. 1 - Maddie Moe, def. Ari Laun 6-2, 6-3; No. 2 - Dani Nuest def. Ella Dotzler 6-0, 6-0; No. 3 - Ayla Brown def. Lilly Stolte, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4 - Lauren Croal def. Janelle Gerdt, 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles: No. 1 - Jazlyn Toedter - Madison Bass

def. Sophie Jones - Ava Burfeind 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2 - Julia Peterson - Faith Gott def. Sadie Dillon - Audrey Wertish 6-1, 6-2; No. 3 - Kennedy Drehmel - Lily Anderson def. Amelia Gardner - Kira Brown, 6-4, 6-0.

**Saints**  
In the win over the Saints, Becker picked up victories in 6 of the 7 matches. Including singles wins for Moe, Nuest, Brown and Croal.

In the doubles matches, the teams of Peterson - Gott (6-2, 6-2) and Drehmel - Anderson (7-5, 4-6, 8-6) were victorious.

**Wildcats**  
Against Chisago Lakes, the Bulldogs succumbed to the experience-laden Wildcats and dropped a 5-2 contest.

In this match, Brown

(#3) and Croal (#4) picked up the lone wins for the Bulldogs. The doubles teams were also competitive, as two of the duos took their opponents into the tie-breaker set before falling just short.

Head Coach Nate Bucher had listed the Wildcats as one of the top teams in the M8 Conference based on their experienced lineup and his young squad came up a bit short. But he is confident they are ready to rally and continue to improve, and this will be needed as the schedule doesn't get much easier.

Thursday the team was slated to host North Branch, while they traveled to Buffalo on Saturday (today) to participate in an invitational tournament against some top competition.



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## Bulldog swimmers earn first M8 victory

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the Becker Bulldog swimming and diving team took on the Chisago Lakes Wildcats in the opening Mississippi8 Conference meet of the season and came away with a convincing, 104-80, victory.

"The girls are doing a great job reading the competition and doing what they need to do to out touch them at the finish of the race," Coach Tina Tamm said. "Being in the Mississippi 8 has given us some really good competition and some very fun meets to be at."

Tamm pointed out several top performers from the meet, including Delaney Varney, who dropped four seconds off her 200 free time and took first place in the event. Grace Wynia also dropped her time in a big way, shaving off five seconds from her 200 Individual Medley (IM) time and placed third. Joey Cox qualified for Sections in the 200 IM while also dropping four seconds off her time.

Finally, Meghan Swanson took the first place finish in the 500 free with a time drop of seven seconds for the Bulldogs.

"We hope to continue

to keep improving no matter who we compete against," Tamm said.

**Falcons**  
Tuesday, Becker ran into perennial powerhouse Foley and came away a bit short, dropping the dual meet by a score of 81-103.

"It's always a tough meet against Foley," Tamm said. "They have really good swimmers and they are tough to beat."

Noting the first place finishers for the night, Tamm listed Laila Cook (winning both the 200 IM and 100 Freestyle) and Sarah Woelfel (first in diving) as top Bulldog performers.

"We stayed pretty close to them in the first half of the meet but they have a very strong second half of the meet," Tamm added.

Tamm went on to credit her divers, along with their diving guru coach, Kayla Kalinowski, as having a stellar night overall.

"The divers - Sarah Woelfel, Lauren Woelfel and Bella Kuschel - swept the diving event going 1,2,3 respectively," Tamm said.

The Bulldogs were slated to host the Big Lake Hornets on Thursday night for Parent's Night. Complete details can be found in next week's *Patriot*.

## Bulldog volleyball has busy week, goes 2-5

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

It was a busy first week of the season for the Becker Bulldog volleyball team, as they played a total of seven matches and came away with a 2-5 record. Last Tuesday, they had a rough start to the season, dropping a 0-3 contest to Rush City before falling to Princeton last Thursday in straight sets. They then rebounded to go 2-2 at the annual Becker Tournament of Roses last Saturday before falling to M8 rival Big Lake in three games on Tuesday evening.

Against the Rush City Tigers, Becker kept the opening volley close, falling 25-21 before fading down the stretch in losing the next two sets 19-25 and 7-25. Last Thursday's loss to Princeton was a similar story, as the Bulldogs

couldn't get over the hump and lost in straight sets.

In the opening round of their tournament, Becker fell to PACT Charter School, 2-1. Becker dropped a close first game 25-22 before coming back for a decisive 25-16 win in the second set. The tie-breaker set didn't go in Becker's favor, as they fell 4-15.

Becker rallied in their second contest of the day to down Minneapolis Washburn in straight sets, 25-18 and 25-17, for their first win of the year.

The Bulldogs carried the momentum into the next contest, picking up a close, 2-1 win over the Benson Braves. Becker opened with a 25-23 win in the first set, but fell 20-25 to Benson in the second. Becker was a bit better in the tie-breaker, picking up a 15-11 win to secure the match.

In the final match of the tournament, Becker couldn't keep pace with Eden-Valley Watkins and fell 2-1. Becker came out on top of an exciting first set with a 26-24 win, but then fell 25-22 in the second set. The Eagles were a bit better in the third set and took the match win by notching a 15-8 win.

In Tuesday's match against the Hornets, Becker couldn't find a consistent offense as they fell in straight sets, 25-18, 25-16, 25-18.

Becker was set to take on Cambridge-Isanti in a road game Thursday before having another busy week with games at St. Cloud Tech on Monday, at Hutchinson on Tuesday and then returning home for a matchup with Chisago Lakes on Thursday night.

## Hornets lose to Apollo, 35-12

By Bill Morgan  
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The Big Lake Hornet football team dropped their second game of the season, this time to Apollo High School at home Friday night by a score of 35-12.

The game was basically over after the first quarter as each team did their scoring in the first 12 minutes while the rest of the game was scoreless.

Apollo scored the first three times they touched the ball, one on a 52-yard TD pass (XP was no good), one on a 76 yard TD pass (two-point conversion good) and one on a three yard run. Big Lake would answer with a Hayden Thieke 22 yard TD pass from Tyler Anderson,

but the two-point conversion failed and the Hornets were behind 21-6.

Moments later, Apollo scored on another bomb from 46 yards out and another good two-pointer had them up 29-6. As the quarter wound down, Apollo managed another TD on a one yard run and they were up 35-6 in the waning minutes.

Big Lake would close out the first quarter with a 33 yard TD pass from Anderson to Johnny O'Brien to make it 35-12.

And the fireworks ended.

Big Lake finished with running 57 plays to

Apollo's 65. The Hornets amassed 188 yards to Apollo's 400 (331 in passing yards). Big Lake finished with 11 first downs to Apollo's 14. Apollo was six-for-13 on third downs while Big Lake was two-of-12.

Anderson finished the game with four completions on 15 attempts for 58 yards and two TDs. Rieley Mullen carried the ball for 54 yards on 18 attempts while Thieke gained 35 yards on six carries.

O'Brien had two receptions for 44 yards including the 33 yard TD catch.

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# Sports News

## Becker CC has exciting day at Rockford Run

By Bill Morgan  
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It was a day of really good competition last Thursday in Rockford for the Becker boys and girls cross country teams.

### Girls Varsity

The team event was won by Rocori, who is ranked fifth in the state, with a very good score. Team totals were: Rocori 37, **Becker 102** (in a tie breaker), The Blake School 102, Minnehaha Academy 103, Breck School 116, Rockford 148, Providence Academy 153, Delano 164, Orono 181, Litchfield 236 and Breck and Northwest Nighthawks were incomplete.

“All of our runners did well at this meet and we had multiple PR and season best times,” said Head Coach Trish Kealy.

Becker came away with second in a tie breaker because their sixth runner beat the sixth runner from the Blake school.

“Every place is important and this is a good example of that,” said Kealy. “While the top five runners are our ‘scoring runners’, everyone plays a big part in team scores.”

Bella Duncombe came in as Becker’s top runner in at 12th place with a PR time of 21:25.2, followed by Olivia Babler 18th in a PR



BELLA DUNCOMBE, LEXI ROSE, Olivia Babler and Ella MacDonald were bunched together during last week's race at Rockford. (Submitted Photo)

time of 21:27.9. Lexi Rose was Becker’s third runner and placed 20th in 21:36.0. Ella MacDonald placed 24th, running a season best time of 21:59.1. Tasha Berthiaume rounded out the top five by placing 37th in a season best time of 22:51.2.

Katelyn Brower and Alea Briggs ran well in their first varsity races, they placed 42nd and 54th, each with PR times. Katelyn ran 23:11.8 and Alea 23:50.3.

“These girls ran with good team work in this race and were running as a group most of the race,” said Kealy.

There were 68 total runners in the race.

### Girls JV

JV girls won their sec-

ond meet in a row. They were paced by a second place finish by Kayla Gruenes running a SB time of 23:44.2. Natalie Trenz continues her strong improvement this season by placing fourth with a season best time of 24:01.7. Regan Hausmann placed sixth with a season best time of 24:45.3, Mina Nelson also ran her best of the season, placing eighth in 24:53.4. Newcomer Myli Praught was next at 24th with a PR time of 27:14.9.

“That was our top five,” said Kealy. “With Raegan Leaders, Paige Maunu, and Anna Kuklok rounding out our JV team. There were 63 runners in this race.”

### Girls Middle School

Becker’s middle school girls ran a full team for the first time and placed fourth as a team. Adele Changanire placed second in the 2500 meter race. There were 75 runners in this race. The next MS racers were Grace Mork, Josie Reckelberg, Naiya Hanson, Sophia Malisheski, Eaylyn Rickard, and Chloe Peterson.

“We are really happy with the efforts of our team and look forward to our next meet at Little Falls Thursday (Sept 16).” said Becker’s head coach.

### Boys Varsity

The Becker boys were seeking some luck at the Shamrock Golf Course to compete in Rockford’s Rocket Run and with a little different approach, the Bulldogs managed to accomplish a number of good marks for the season.

Half the team accomplishing season bests and four runners racing to personal records.

The Bulldogs got to see the return of Senior Co-Captain Ryan Nelson as he raced in his first event since being away for much of the summer training and serving. The three team co-captains of Tyson Ricker, Ryan Boecker, and Ryan Nelson have been working well in guiding

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
*continues below...*

## The Pain of Being a MN Sports Fan

Fall is fast approaching and with that comes the start of the football season as well as the fast-approaching hockey season. I was leaning towards talking about the Minnesota Vikings and their season but they’ve only played one regular-season game so far, and I don’t know about you but I don’t put a lot of stake in the preseason.

As far as the Minnesota Wild, nothing super significant has happened yet, yes that means Kaprizov has yet to sign. Anyway, I thought I’d talk about Minnesota sports as a whole and how hard it is to be a diehard fan of any of our sports, and that does include the Wild.

For those Minnesota sports fans born in the ‘90s or later, including myself, we haven’t had the privilege of seeing a championship in our top four men’s sports in the last decade or so. Our women’s sports have done well such as the Minnesota Lynx and the Minnesota Whitecaps who have won numerous trophies over the seasons. As of late, however, it’s been a struggle.

Of course, my parents always bring up the Twins World Series Championships of 1987 and 1991, but I like to remind them I was born in 1992 so that doesn’t count for me. Sadly, even my Minnesota Wild haven’t gotten past the second round of the playoffs since back in 2003. With that being said, I’m still a diehard Minnesota sports fan. I may not watch all the sports all the time but I’ll always cheer for them.

Many of us fans believe we have the “Minnesota



By Mariah Holland  
Contributing Writer

Curse” which I believe I have mentioned in prior columns. Our teams can do fantastic during the regular season but as soon as they qualify for the playoffs, they tank. As far as an explanation behind the curse, I have no idea.

For the Wild, it depends on the season but I firmly believe they have trouble finding that extra step between the end of the regular season and the beginning of the playoffs. When the playoffs start, the level of play gets better and why wouldn’t it? Typically, it’s the best teams playing each other so they have to play better to have a chance and the Wild can’t seem to translate their regular-season success to the playoffs.

The Vikings have had off-and-on seasons over the last few years. Their records have gone up and down, some with great success and some with very little. As far as the Vikings go, it’s about the same as their regular season, basically, a rollercoaster where they make it one season and the next, they don’t.

Onto the Twins and Timberwolves. The Twins have had a lot of struggles especially recently. The good

times I remember were when players like Joe Mauer, Justin Morneau, Michael Cuddyer, and Torii Hunter were still on the roster. They had a lot of success and a lot of losses; I know it probably dates me a bit saying those names that haven’t been around for quite a while but those are the names that stuck with me. I don’t get time to watch the Twins as much but every now and then I’ll catch some of a game and it entices me to watch and remember how much I enjoy baseball.

The Timberwolves are ones that I haven’t really watched much, to be completely honest, basketball is a game I struggle to watch. They unfortunately are a team that has had a lot of struggles, possibly the most of any of the teams I’ve discussed. They have found it difficult to get players and win games. Out of the last 20 seasons, they’ve had four winning seasons and of those four, three of them resulted in playoff appearances.

I’m unsure of why they’ve had so much difficulty but it seems to be a common theme amongst the Minnesota teams. All of them struggle from the same curse of losing but in different ways. Some of them can have great seasons and absolutely lose it in playoffs or they have really bad seasons and miss the playoffs entirely. It’s impossible to know all the reasons behind it but for certain it has affected each team. Hopefully, these teams can find a way to win and do it soon so their fans have something to cheer about, including my favorite, the Wild.

**CROSS COUNTRY** *continued from above...*

fellow student-athletes of the team with quality modeling during workouts and at events.

“These three gentlemen are good leaders and models and each of them bring some unique skills that mesh well and make for a great team” said Coach Dustin Weege.

The varsity squad matched up against 11 other teams and managed to score 211 points in the meet, which locked them into a tie-breaker that fell in favor of the team from Breck who also had the #1 runner of the meet. The Bulldogs saw season best times from Ryan Boecker (20:55=71st), Caleb Reckelberg (20:14=62nd) and Jase Tobako (18:46=32nd), while also seeing a PR time from Tyson Ricker (17:10=7th), as he yielded a seventh place finish.

Junior Mason Becker

had started out in a “not so good” spot, and slick footing resulted in a stumble and fall. Although Becker picked himself up and returned to racing, that fall sent him further back in the placements than he’d planned for as he finished 39th. Sophomore Jase Tobako noticed the stumble and was motivated to do what he could to make up ground for the team as he surged to a 37 second season best time.

### Boys JV

The JV crew was led well by Ryan Nelson while he transitioned back to racing with the team. He ran well and lead the JV Bulldogs with his season best time of 22:02. Eight other JV teammates also accomplished season best times including an unheard-of, six minute improvement for ninth grader Thomas Cota. Alex Kinney (22:27SB),

Alex Schermer (22:36SB), Jacob Peterson (22:40), Jonathan Drury (23:03SB), Noah Bloch(SB), Vincent Martin(SB), Landon Lahr, Denlan Harmoning(SB), Aiden Frommelt(SB) and Thomas Cota(SB) rounded out the rest of the JV crew

who finished sixth in the competition with 160 points.

### Boys Middle School

The Middle School boys ran a one lap race of 2500meters (~1.5miles) for the day and the team finished third with 94 points

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while missing Mason Tschida, who needed to rest for a bit due to an injury. Eighth graders Evan Hubbard (9:35)





# Becker throttles Delano, 47-7



BECKER WR LANDEN GOEBEL began to celebrate after scoring Becker's first touchdown of last Friday's game against Delano. Goebel was named player of the game. (Photo by Sara Waytashek)

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The Becker Bulldog football team is off to a great start to 2021 as they won their second game of the year over a staunch rival.

The Tigers entered last Friday's game in Becker with a 1-1 record. Becker, after knocking off #5-ranked Rocori in its season opener, was at 1-0.

The Bulldogs scored three times in the opening quarter, once in the second, twice in the third and once in the fourth to capture the easy win. Delano scored a late TD to avoid the shut-out.

Ryan Bengtson, Carter Callahan and Landen Goebel were the main stars on offense for the home team. Bengtson was eight-for-10 passing for 128 yards and had two scores. Callahan had three TDs on

the ground and accumulated 48 yards on 10 carries. Goebel had four catches for 72 yards including the game's opening score from 37 yards out to put the Bulldogs up 7-0.

On Becker's second possession of the first, Bengtson found Alex Weiss from 15 yards out to make it 13-0. The XP was no good, but as the game played out, that didn't much matter.

Callahan got the first of his three TDs late in the first quarter as he crossed the goal line from one yard out. He made it two TDs in a row in the second from two yards out to extend Becker's lead to 27-0. In the third, Callahan made it three TDs in a row as he rambed from seven yards out to put the Bulldogs up 34-0.

Bengtson would make paydirt late in the third as he snuck the ball into the end zone from one yard out to make it 41-0. Isaiah Gard-

ner would cap the Bulldog scoring in the fourth with a one yard run to make it 47-0 before Delano dented the scoreboard late.

Becker ran 63 plays compared to 44 for the Tigers. Becker amassed 322 yards to Delano's 110. The Bulldogs had 15 first downs to Delano's seven.

Goebel was the king of defense too as he collected three tackles with two being for loss. Callahan had two tackles and one assist and Ian Barau had two tackles, one sack and two tackles for loss. Dailen Adu-Gyamfi, Julius Nyakundi and Nolan Muellner all had one interception apiece.

Zach Bengtson was five-of-six on extra points for five points.

## Up Next

The Bulldogs visited Chisago Lakes (1-1) Friday for a showdown in the North Central-White conference.

# Liberty Paper Player of the Game

By Bill Morgan  
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Senior captain, Landen Goebel, was named Player of the Game for his exceptional performance in Becker's 47-7 win over Delano September 10.

Coach Dwight Lundeen said, "I cannot remember a player having a better game than the one Landon had on Friday night. He was outstanding on defense, offense and special teams."

"It's not very often that



a player excels in all three areas in the same game. He was fun to watch."



LANDEN GOEBEL was named Liberty Paper Player of the Game for his performance in the Sept. 10 game against Delano. (Submitted Photo)

# Bulldog's Boyer nets a pair of hat-tricks

By Mark Kolbinger,  
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The Becker Bulldog boys' soccer team found its offense last week and picked up a pair of wins courtesy of Micah Boyer's hat-tricks in both contests.

Last Tuesday, the team traveled to Brooklyn Park to take on Maranatha Christian Academy and came away with a 6-2 win.

Becker fell behind early, as Maranatha opened the scoring in the fourth minute of the game and then followed that up with another goal on a floated cross pass that went into the box for a two goal advantage. However, the Bulldogs battled back and managed to score right before half on a set piece by junior captain Micah Boyer.

"I was happy we didn't put our heads down. We kept battling and finally it clicked. The floodgates opened," said Coach Nick Crowley.

Twenty minutes into the second half, Junior centerback Kyle Vogl stepped up to take a freekick from 40 yards out, and placed the ball perfectly into the bottom left corner to score his first varsity goal and to tie the game up for the Bulldogs.

Becker played with confidence from then on, as Boyer scored two more (assist to freshmen Evan Norberg on his second



MICAH BOYER IS ENJOYING AN OFFENSIVE EXPLOSION for the Bulldog boys soccer team, as he notched a pair of hat-tricks and seven goals overall last week for the team in a pair of wins. (Submitted photo.)

and unassisted for his third goal) to secure a hat trick.

Junior captain Brekken Klug then stepped up to convert a penalty to make it 5-2 in favor of the Bulldogs. Boyer managed to score one more (assisted by Klug) to top off the scoring and make it 6-2 on the day.

"It was a good game for us as we played well - we played with energy and heart," said Crowley. "It was good to get the first win of the season and a convincing win at that."

## Saints

Last Thursday, Becker took on conference opponent Saint Francis and came away with a 4-2 win. This time the Bulldogs struck first, with Klug playing the ball out wide to junior Kevin Vogl who passed it back to Norberg, who then found Boyer in the box with his cross to make it 1-0.

Then, at the 26 minute mark, Saint Francis lev-

eled the score at one, but the Bulldogs answered less than a minute later with their own goal. This time, Junior Ander Alzaga found the back of the net, assisted by Micah Boyer, as Becker took a 2-1 lead into half-time.

About 10 minutes into the second half, Kyle Vogl passed the ball up to Boyer, who took a touch to pull the keeper out of the net and shot it into the upper corner to pull Becker ahead 3-1. Five minutes later, Boyer scored again, with an assist by freshman Tate Salvendy and it was 4-1 Bulldogs. It was Boyer's second hat-trick in as many games and seventh goal overall for the week.

An unfortunate challenge in the box led to a PK for Saint Francis with 10 minutes to go in the game, and the Saints converted to make it 4-2.

But the bulldogs rounded out the last 10 minutes with some excellent defending and managed to secure a second win in as many games.

"That was a great conference win - solid defending, except for that challenge in the box," said Crowley. "We passed well and had plenty of shots on net. Hopefully we can duplicate this performance against the rest of the conference season."

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

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[heather.brooks@ci.stcloud.mn.us](mailto:heather.brooks@ci.stcloud.mn.us)

[SherburneUnitedWay.org/Volunteer](http://SherburneUnitedWay.org/Volunteer)

## Big Lake Senior Center

The Big Lake Senior Club meets Tues., 1-4pm, Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake St. North.

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10am - Cribbage

**Tues., Sept. 21:** 9am - at City Park all Day!  
11:30am- Potluck Birthday lunch & Music with BASC favorites, Greta Leen & David Leathers (indoors)

**Wed., Sept. 22:** 10-11am- Room 109: Dementia Caregiver Support Trained facilitator, Tami Kolbinger

**Thurs., Sept. 23:** 9am- Coffee, Cards, Conversation  
Noon- Movie & Popcorn: "Gran Torino" stars Clint Eastwood

**Fri., Sept. 24:** Open All Day  
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**Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271**  
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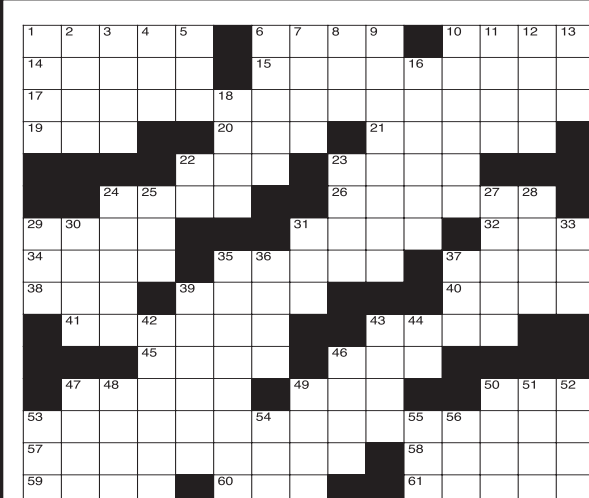
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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Secret clique
6. Earliest in and out
10. Ancient Egyptian symbol of life
14. Olfactory property
15. Kidnapping
17. Golf prize
19. Helps little firms
20. Cast a spell on
21. Panama is one
22. Dishonorable man
23. Sea eagle
24. Part of the healing process
26. Vin's last name
29. Wings
31. Made older
32. Political device
34. Looks like a rabbit

35. Gurus
37. Philippine Island
38. Not or
39. Hindu model of ideal man
40. Exam
41. Making less difficult
43. Without
45. Dravidian ethnic group
46. A baglike structure
47. Buenos Aires capital La \_\_\_
49. Dab
50. Singers who perform together
53. Pirates' saying
57. OK to allude to
58. Somaliland diplomat
59. Has to pay back
60. Felix is one
61. Intestinal pouches

### CLUES DOWN

1. Harsh cries of a crow
2. Type of horse
3. \_\_\_ fide: authentic
4. Doctors' group
5. Fugitives are on it
6. Forged
7. Wild goat
8. Influential American president
9. Calls for help
10. Repents
11. Palm tree with creeping roots
12. Black powder used in makeup
13. Happy New Year
16. Stretched out one's neck
18. Whale ship captain
22. Atomic #20
23. Border
24. River that borders India and Nepal
25. After B
27. Fencing swords
28. Where researchers work
29. Expression of satisfaction

30. Broadway actor Nathan
31. Heavy, heat-retaining stove
33. A way to eliminate
35. Type of tree resin
36. Russian river
37. Children's TV network
39. Troublemaker
42. Averts or delays
43. Self-immolation by fire ritual
44. It cools your home
46. Satisfy to the fullest
47. Stinks!
48. Popular board game
49. Attack by hurling
50. A vale
51. Type of acid
52. Tasmania's highest mountain
53. No seats available
54. Licensed for Wall Street
55. Family of genes
56. Constrictor snake

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## This Week's Calendar Events:

### Sun. - Sept. 19, 2021:

- » National Farm Safety & Health Week (9/19-9/25)
- » National Unmarried & Singles Week (9/19-9/25)

### Mon. - Sept. 20, 2021:

- » BHS: Homecoming Week (9/20-9/24)
- » BMS: MS Orientation 3:30-5:30pm
- » Canada: National Dog Week (9/20-9/26)
- » Sukkot (9/20-9/27)
- » National Pepperoni Pizza Day
- » Moon Phase: Full Corn/Harvest Moon

### Tues. - Sept. 21, 2021:

- » National Tradesmen Day
- » UN: International Day of Peace Anniversary
- » Ryder Cup 2021 (9/21-9/26)

### Wed. - Sept. 22, 2021:

- » National Centenarian's Day
- » Emancipation Proclamation: Anniversary, 1862
- » Ice Cream Cone: Anniversary, 1903

### Thurs. - Sept. 23, 2021:

- » BLS: School Board Meeting 6:30pm
- » International Day of Sign Languages
- » Innergize Day
- » Libra, The Scales (9/23-10/22)

### Fri. - Sept. 24, 2021:

- » National Punctuation Day
- » Missouri Advertising Managers Convention (9/24-9/26)

### Sat. - Sept. 25, 2021:

- » National Hunting & Fishing Day
- » First American Newspaper Published: Anniversary, 1690
- » National Public Lands Day
- » National Lobster Day
- » National Comic Book Day

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Becker Intermediate School=BIS  
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Big Lake School=BLS  
Clearview School=CVS

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## Becker Area Announcements

### Becker American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

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

### Becker American Legion Post 193

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

### Becker AA Meeting

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

### Becker Boy Scout Pack 92 Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum

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

### Becker Evangelical Ministries

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

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

### Becker Food Shelf

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

### Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild

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

### Becker Lions Club

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

### Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle

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

### Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

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

### Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

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

### Dementia Support Group

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

### Great River Faith in Action

If you are a senior, age 60 & above, family caregiver or an individual in need of services, Great River Faith in Action can provide volunteer transportation, chore services & grocery shopping assistance, as well as caregiver groups. Call (763) 263-0274 or after hours (763) 263-4277.

### Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events

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

### Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

The Refuge is open to visitors year-round during the daylight hours. The Refuge is located at 17076 293rd Ave., Zimmerman. Call (763) 389-3323 or [sherburne@fws.gov](mailto:sherburne@fws.gov)

## Big Lake Area Announcements

### Big Lake Ambassador

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### 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. Mar.-Dec. at 7pm. in the Senior Citizen Center at Big Lake City Hall. Please contact Kathy at (763) 263-6093 for information.

### Big Lake / Becxker Mops

Mother's of preschoolers Group meets the second & fourth Wed. of the month (Sept.-May) at Becker Baptist Church, 9-11:30am.

### 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](mailto:cscott@biglakemn.org) or 612-297-6331 for meeting links or questions on the Committee Website: <https://www.biglakemn.org/443/Big-Lake-Bicycle-Advisory-Committee>.

### Big Lake Community Food Shelf

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

### LC of Big Lake Lioness

If you are interested in learning more about the LC of Big Lake Lioness you can catch us on FB: [www.facebook.com/BigLakeMnLionessClub](https://www.facebook.com/BigLakeMnLionessClub), or attend any meeting held the second Mon. of the month at the Lions Park on CR5. social starts 6:30pm, meeting 7pm. All are welcome to attend to learn more about the club.

### Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

### Big Lake Women of Today

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

### God's Grub Community Meal

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

### Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60

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

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

### Moms in Prayer

Meets weekly to pray for their children & the school they attend. Information: [www.momsinprayer.org](http://www.momsinprayer.org) or Colene Stenberg (763) 263-6809 or [stenbergjc@outlook.com](mailto:stenbergjc@outlook.com)

### Orrock Sand Dunes Lions Club

Our mission to improve Orrock & the surrounding areas! Contact us at: [osd.lions@gmail.com](mailto:osd.lions@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/OrrockSandDunesLionsClub](https://www.facebook.com/OrrockSandDunesLionsClub).

### Red Cross Bloodmobile

Sept. 27, 2021 the Lioness will be hosting the Red Cross Bloodmobile at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Big Lake from 12 - 6pm. Everyday blood donors help patients of all ages: accident & burn victims, heart surgery & organ transplant patients, & those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. One blood donation may help up to three lives. Those, who wish to donate much needed blood can do so at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

### Ribs for the Ribbon 5th Annual Backyard BBQ Cook-off

Sat., Sept. 25, Lakeside Park (Beach), Big Lake. Tickets on sale at 1 pm tasting begins at 3 pm. Free parking for the event. All proceeds benefit Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. For more information contact Greg Green at 612-446-9527.

## Clear Lake / Clearwater Area Announcements

### Clear Lake Legion

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

### Clear Lake Lions

Meets the first & third Tues. of the month at 4180 105th Ave., Clear Lake at 7:30pm. Please contact any Lions member or one of the officers listed on our website: [www.clearlakelionsmn.org](http://www.clearlakelionsmn.org)

### Clear Lake Lionesses

The Clear Lake Lionesses is a non-profit organization of women who support the people of the local area. We have monthly meetings from Mar. to Nov. For information call (320) 743-3534.

### Clear Valley Business Connections

Meets quarterly on the 2nd Thurs. of the month from 11:30am-1pm at various locations. Glenna Soenneker, President, (320) 267-4361, [clearvalleybc@gmail.com](mailto:clearvalleybc@gmail.com).

### Clearwater AA/Al-Anon

Meets 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

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

### Clearwater Area Friends of the Library

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

Textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, outdated medical books, mazines, & moldy books cannot be accepted. All proceeds from the sale of used books are used

to support the programs, services & equipment of the Clearwater Library.

### Clearwater American Legion Post 323 & Auxiliary

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 Fire & Rescue Auxiliary

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

### 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

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

### Clearwater Masonic Lodge No. 28

Meets first & third Sat. (Sept-June) at 7:30pm. 205 Oak St, Clearwater. [www.clearwater28.com](http://www.clearwater28.com).

### Cloverleaf Chapter 128 Order of the Eastern Star of MN

Meets at 7:30pm second & fourth Wed. (excluding Jan. & Feb).

### 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.

### Lions Club of Clearwater

Meets second Tues. of the month at 8pm. Clearwater Lions Pavilion. [www.clearwaterlionsmn.com](http://www.clearwaterlionsmn.com)

### Silver Bullet Saddle Club

PO Box 399, Clearwater, MN. President Jeremy Scott, (763) 691-4880. [www.silverbulletssaddleclub.com](http://www.silverbulletssaddleclub.com)

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### Young @ Heart

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

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



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### Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

### Becker Baptist Church

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

### Becker Evangelical Free Church

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

### Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held 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](http://www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com).

### IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church

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

### Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

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

### Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 440 Lake St N. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm; Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month (Masses held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays in Becker).

### Riverside Church

Online: [www.myrcc.church](http://www.myrcc.church), 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Ser-

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

### Saron Lutheran Church

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

## • SANTIAGO

### South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 8am in Sanctuary Worship, 10am in Sanctuary. Audio broadcast in parking lot for both services.

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

### Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

### Gethsemane Church (ELCA) - Ronneby

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

### Glendorado Evangelical Country Church

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

## • CLEAR LAKE

### Living Waters Church

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

### Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

### St. Marcus Catholic Church

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

## • DUELM

### St. Lawrence Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502 or 320-743-2481, 10915 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

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

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## Obituaries

**Cindy (Jensen) Likness, Age 66**  
**Ramsey, MN**  
**May 25, 1954 - September 9, 2020**



A celebration of Cindy's life will be held Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Jack & Jim's, 11025 Duellm Road NE, Foley, MN from 11:30 - 2:30. Lunch will be served starting at 12:30. Please no cards or memorials. We want to thank everyone who loved her, cared about her and prayed vigilantly for her all her life.

Cindy passed away September 9, 2020 at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on September 17, 2020 at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Becker and burial was at the parish cemetery.

Cindy was born in Princeton to Marvin and Lorraine (Kolbinger) Jensen. She married Kevin Likness on July 23, 1983 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Becker.

Cindy lived in the Becker and the Anoka County area for all of her life. She worked in accounting and payroll for Main Motors for 25 years and also worked for ECM Publishing. Cindy enjoyed playing cribbage, working jigsaw puzzles, needlepoint, reading and traveling, especially to New York with her two nieces. She grew up on a farm, which taught her to work hard, stay determined and that family was so important. Cindy had a great sense of humor, was loving, caring and selfless. Cindy battled with many health issues for 44 years. She was courageous and inspired all who knew her. Cindy truly felt that every day was a gift. Her smile and quick wit are greatly missed.

Survivors include her loving husband Kevin of Ramsey; brother, Norman (Debbie) Jensen of Becker; sister, Sandy (Ron) Coltman of Minneapolis; mother-in-law, Dorothy Likness of Fargo, ND; sisters-in-law Vicki (Sam) Sedden of Loveland, CO and Lori (Denny) Iskierka of Maple Grove; brother-in-law, Lon (Nancy) Likness of Texas; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Linda Jensen.

**Emma Jean Calgario, Age 1**  
**Big Lake, MN**  
**April 14, 2020 - September 12, 2021**



Emma Jean earned her angel wings on September 12, 2021 at her home. Emma captured the hearts of so many through the blog Emma's Heart Journey. Family and friends eagerly awaited Emma's next adventure. Emma loved her older brother, Noah. She had her favorite toys including Red Bear. She loved being outside and going for rides in the stroller. Emma loved listening to music and Disney movies.

Emma Jean was born on April 14, 2020 at Abbott Northwestern, where she then was transferred to critical care unit at Children's Minnesota.

Emma Jean's memory will forever be cherished by her parents, Melissa and Kody Calgario; her two older brothers, Noah and Elliott; her older sister, Lyla; her maternal grandparents, Brian and Kathy Birt; paternal grandparents, Dave and Mitzie Calgario, maternal great grandparents, Gene and Gloria Birt; paternal great grandmother, Emma Kapla, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family and friends of the family.

Emma Jean was preceded in death by great grandparents, Junior and Jean Lundquist, maternal great aunt, Mary Farnsworth, paternal grandfa-

ther, Joel Gangnes, paternal great grandparents, Robert and Marian Skrbich, Richard Calgario, Nola Renskers and Arnold Renskers.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Children's Minnesota Foundation (Cardio & Vascular Dept) (CBC-3-FOUN 5901 Lincoln Dr. Edina, MN 55436).

A Celebration of Emma Jean's Life with family and close friends will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Williams Dingmann Funeral Home, Big Lake, MN. A time of fellowship will be announced at the celebration.

Visitation: Friday, September 17, 2021 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Williams Dingmann Funeral Home, Big Lake, MN



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# Public Notices

## Assumed Names

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ASSUMED NAME: **Boe Plumbing**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **586 Dodge Avenue Elk River MN 55330 USA**

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name:

**First Class Plumbing & Heating, LLC**

Address:

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SIGNED BY: **Chad A. Johnson**  
MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **JoshABenson@live.com**

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ASSUMED NAME: **SHED Church**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **4180 105th Ave. Clear Lake MN 55319 USA**

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name:

**Christopher Dean Cotton**

Address:

**12581 57th St Clear Lake MN**

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SIGNED BY: **Christopher Cotton**

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## Termination of Contract for Deed

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF CONTRACT FOR DEED YOU ARE NOTIFIED:

- Default has occurred in the Contract for Deed ("Contract") dated **February 28, 2019** and recorded on **March 19, 2019**, as Document Number **869589**, and later assigned by the Seller to the **RAYMOND H. BENTFIELD REVOCABLE TRUST** dated **February 28, 2019** and recorded on **March 28, 2019**, as Document Number **869937**, in the Office of the County Recorder of **Sherburne** County, Minnesota, in which **Raymond H. Bentfield**, as Seller, sold to **Matthew P. Thomazin**, as Purchaser, the real property in **Sherburne** County, Minnesota, described as follows: **See Attached Exhibit A**
- The default is as follows: **Failure to pay the monthly payment of \$600 due on January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021 for a total of \$4,800. Failure to insure the property for the period for a total owed of \$1,267.52 the trustee has had to pay for insurance. The total amount owed is \$6067.52.**
- The conditions contained in Minn. Stat. 559.209 have been complied with or are not applicable.
- THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU THAT BY THIS NOTICE THE SELLER HAS BEGUN PROCEEDINGS UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 559.21, TO TERMINATE YOUR**
- The name, mailing address, street address or location and telephone number of the Seller or of an attorney authorized by the seller to accept payments pursuant to this notice is: Name: **William P. Moriarty** Attorney for Seller Mailing Address:

**CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR THE REASONS SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE. THE CONTRACT WILL TERMINATE 60 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS NOTICE UPON YOU UNLESS BEFORE THEN:**

**(a.) THE PERSON AUTHORIZED IN THIS NOTICE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS RECEIVES FROM YOU:**

**(1.) THE AMOUNT THIS NOTICE SAYS YOU OWE; PLUS**

**(2.) THE COSTS OF SERVICE (TO BE SENT TO YOU); PLUS**

**(3.) \$500.00 TO APPLY TO ATTORNEYS' FEES ACTUALLY EXPENDED OR INCURRED; PLUS**

**(4.) FOR CONTRACTS EXECUTED ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 1980, ANY ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS BECOMING DUE UNDER THE CONTRACT TO THE SELLER AFTER THIS NOTICE WAS SERVED ON YOU; PLUS**

**(5.) FOR CONTRACTS OTHER THAN EARNEST MONEY CONTRACTS, PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, AND EXERCISED OPTIONS, EXECUTED ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 1985, \$1,000 (WHICH IS TWO PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT IN DEFAULT AT THE TIME OF SERVICE OTHER THAN THE FINAL BALLOON PAYMENT, ANY TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, MORTGAGES, OR PRIOR CONTRACTS THAT ARE ASSUMED BY YOU); OR**

**(b.) YOU SECURE FROM A COUNTY OR DISTRICT COURT AN ORDER THAT THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT BE SUSPENDED UNTIL YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES ARE FINALLY DISPOSED OF BY TRIAL, HEARING OR SETTLEMENT. YOUR ACTION MUST SPECIFICALLY STATE THOSE FACTS AND GROUNDS THAT DEMONSTRATE YOUR CLAIMS OR DEFENSES. IF YOU DO NOT DO ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE ABOVE THINGS WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE, YOUR CONTRACT WILL TERMINATE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD AND YOU WILL LOSE ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE PAID ON THE CONTRACT; YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; YOU MAY LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO ASSERT ANY CLAIMS OR DEFENSES THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE; AND YOU WILL BE EVICTED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY.**

5. The name, mailing address, street address or location and telephone number of the Seller or of an attorney authorized by the seller to accept payments pursuant to this notice is:

Name: **William P. Moriarty**

Attorney for Seller

Mailing Address:

**Moriarty Law**

**14796 259th Ave. NW**

**Zimmerman, MN 55398**

Telephone: **763-221-3967**

This person is authorized to receive the payments from you under this notice.

**EXHIBIT A**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

That Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW ¼ of SE ¼) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Thirty-three (33), Range Twenty-seven (27), described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the West line thereof that is 875 feet North of the Southwest corner thereof; thence East at right angles 157 feet; thence North parallel to said West line 170 feet; thence West at right angles 157 feet to the aforesaid West line; thence South along said West line to the point of beginning;

Together with an easement for purposes of maintaining a septic tank and private sewage disposal system upon the North 10 feet of the South 1,055 feet of the East 120 feet of the Westerly 157 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW ¼ of SE ¼) of Section Twenty-three (23).

All subject, however, to an easement for roadway purposes over and across the West one Rod. Sherburne County, Minnesota.

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## Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF BECKER  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 03-PR-21-1791

Estate of

**Mary A. Castonia**

Decedent.

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 19, 2021, at 1:15(p.m.), a hearing will be held in this Court at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated June 8, 2000, and for the appointment of Rachel Rios, whose address is 1705 Sunset View Circle, Apopka, Florida 32703, 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.

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.

**BY THE COURT**

Dated: September 14, 2021

/s/ Referee Susan Solheim

Of District Court

Dated: September 14, 2021

/s/ Carmen F. Bertram

Court Administrator – Deputy

The hearing will be held remotely via zoom. If you wish to participate contact Court Administration for the remote hearing information prior to the hearing date.

Attorney for Personal Representative Edward R. Shaw

Ed Shaw Law

722 South 6th Street

Brainerd, Minnesota 56401

Attorney License No: 0262912

Telephone: (218) 825-7030

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Email: lawyer@edshawlaw.com

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## Removal Notice

**Public Notice**

Brian Nohe has three (3) weeks to get property off of lot 12 on block 14 Ann Lake Beach No. 2., Big Lake, MN. (Published in the *Patriot*: 09/04/21; 09/11/21; 09/18/21).

## County Notices

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing, according to M.S. 340A.405, subd (d), at 9:00 a.m. or as soon as can be heard thereafter, on October 5th, 2021 during the regular County Board Meeting at the Government Center, 13880 Business Center Dr. NW, Elk River, Minnesota 55330. The purpose of the hearing is to consider ON-Sale Liquor License application for Bar 10. Due to change in new ownership: (Formerly Monty Tropical Hideout)

Bar 10, 16496 149th ST. SE, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309

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

Dated at Elk River, Minnesota this 7th day of September 2021.

/s/ Diane Arnold  
Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer  
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## City Public Notices

**FIRE PUMPER TRUCK**

Clearwater is seeking bids for the sale of a 1996 Freightliner/Toyne Pumper Fire Truck; Waterous 1500 GPM Midship Pump; 1,000 gallon onboard capacity; 21,548 miles. Single Agent Foam System; Driver/Passenger Side 6" & 2.5" suction; Driver/Passenger Side 2.5" discharge; includes 250 ft. of 2.5" hose. Passed pump testing July 2021; passed DOT inspection Aug. 2021. All bids need to be mailed to: City of Clearwater, PO Box 9, Clearwater, MN 55320 or emailed to: [asmythe@clearwatercity.com](mailto:asmythe@clearwatercity.com) by 4:30 p.m. on Sep. 30 and will be considered on Oct. 11 at the regular city council meeting at 7 p.m. Any questions, please contact Fire Chief Ryan Pridgeon at (320) 267-9635.

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# DEADLINES

Notices & Legals  
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site cooking up burgers, brats, cheese curds and mini donuts and serving soft drinks and beer at the event. Live music was provided at Palmer Park with the band Wingin' It performing from 1 to 4pm. Smok'n Guns took the stage from 7 to 11pm at Palmer Park.

Palmer Day is held annually on the Saturday after Labor Day. Palmer Day is made possible through generous donations from local businesses and organizations, as well as many volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to organize next year's event. Email [palmerday@gmail.com](mailto:palmerday@gmail.com) for more information about volunteering.



MARY ANN AND KENZIE PHELPS were the Grand Marshals for Palmer Day this year. (Patriot Photos by Mary Nehring).



DISTRICT 15B REPRESENTATIVE SHANE MEKELAND and District 15 Senator Andrew Mathews enjoyed the perfect weather at Palmer Day.



SHERBURNE STATE BANK EMPLOYEES pictured at the Palmer Day parade.



THE GRINCH WAS ON HAND as a part of B & J Evergreen's float. The float took first prize.