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dures for hand recounts after an election.

He also addressed the suggestion that the county should eliminate electronic voting machines and go to hand-counting ballots for elections. He said the smallest precinct in Sherburne County is in Haven Twp. with 93 registered voters.

"You'd think it shouldn't be that difficult to count 93 ballots. But it's not a matter of counting 93 ballots," he said. "Every ballot in your county in November will have at least 38 races on it - federal, state, county and judicial races."

That number could surpass 40 races, he said, if there are school board, township and city races included. And each race has to be counted individually.

The largest precinct is in Becker Twp., with about 3,700 registered voters.

"They would end up counting over 142,000 ballots. This all has to be done and all material have to come back to the county within 24 hours," he said. "That would not be a re-

mote possibility."

Maeda said there is always human error to contend with, and it would be even worse by having election judges count through the night after spending most of the day at the precinct.

"You don't want election judges who have been there from six in the morning until 10 at night now trying to accurately hand count ballots," he said, "and if there are errors in the count, you're not going to know that."

In response to a question by Commissioner Raeanne Danielowski, Maeda said the claims that people received multiple ballots in the mail are incorrect. He said they were actually applications for absentee ballots mailed by non-profit organizations encouraging people to vote absentee. He said even then, the county would only issue one ballot per person when the application was brought in.

As for the claim by Weible that the county's software update was actually a new system, Maeda

disagreed.

"I read the test lab report exactly the opposite of Mr. Weible," he said.

Maeda said when Dominion certified its system, originally it was the 5.0 version that was being used. He said in the lab report it states that the 5.5 upgrade is a modification of the existing voting system. So not every change to the existing system would cause it to be considered a new system.

Maeda said Statute 206.56 gives the definition of a voting system.

"It's a laundry list of everything down to a pen to the envelopes..." he said. "If you want Diane (Arnold) to do these public demonstrations every time she buys a new pen, I think that's beyond the scope of the statute."

In response to a question by Sherburne County Administrator Bruce Messelt, Maeda said if a group disagreed with the state's interpretation, they could challenge it in court.

"Has anybody challenged it in the courts yet?" asked Messelt.

"No," said Maeda. "There has not been a challenge in court."

"So there is a legal option," said Commissioner Felix Schmiesing. "And obviously in this room there is disagreement, and that's probably where this is going to have to play out, in my mind."

Some members of the crowd that remained, including Weible, wanted a chance to ask Maeda questions, but they were not given the opportunity.

"This is not scheduled as a public hearing. It's a presentation to the board," said Messelt. "Thank you."

The board then took a 10-minute recess before continuing the meeting.



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HORSING AROUND. Two gals, Ella and Kaitlyn, enjoyed a horseback ride on the strip in Becker Tuesday. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



CAN I GET A LARGE SIDE OF HAY? Becker ladies Ella and Kaitlyn took their horses through the McDonald's drive through the other day. (Submitted photo.)



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Wright Co. Fair promises new shows along with fan favorites

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

The Wright Co. Fair is coming up fast and it looks to be as full of fun and excitement as always. Held in Howard Lake, the fair runs from Wednesday, July 20 to Sunday, July 24.

Through the next few days, 4-H and general entries are being finalized and submitted, their creators all hoping to bring home a win. Stop by the exhibitor buildings next week to see all their creativity in person and find out who took home the big prizes.

Along with Merriam's Midway games and rides, attendees of all ages will see many of their old favorites at this year's fair, including Kids Coin Scramble, Mutton Bustin' Competition, Kids Pedal Tractor Pull, Tractor and Truck Pull, Combine Derby, and Demo Derby.

Roaming throughout the fairgrounds each day, the Dr. Street Magic Show will share comedic, high energy magic tricks, and with the 'magic' of radio control, Alfie's World of Robotic Puppets will be

visiting and sharing jokes with life size, life-like puppets.

A fan favorite of last year, Los Moralitos Circus will be back each day showcasing professional tumbling, acrobats, unicyclists, and clowns. The 5K Run and always popular Collector Car and Truck Show will be taking place Saturday, and on Sunday bike fans can check out the Motorcycle Show.

New this year, Motokazie will wow attendees with high-flying, fast paced dirt bike and atv racing Wednesday at 7 p.m. Racers will jump 70-foot triples, navigate bermed corners, and pound through the whoops. The Supercross Race consists of atv, dirt bike, and pit bike classes.

For those who prefer trying their skills with smaller vehicles, Party Crashers RC Racing will be joining the fair on Saturday with their portable RC track and RC cars and trucks. Five dollars gets each participant five minutes of racing.

Pro wrestling action

can be found at the AWF Pro Wrestling 'Fair Fight!' at 2 p.m. Sunday, which will feature AWF TV Champion Nick 'The Natural' Nelson and AWF Tag Team Champions - NDS



— Rylie Jackson and Levy Cruise. Also featured will be Lorebin Cometh-Darin Corbin and Heavy Metal Lore, Down Town Petey Brown, The Program's Kyle Pro, The Massive Stonehenge, and more.

For those ready to

entertain audiences themselves, Thursday's Amateur Talent Show is open to Wright Co. residents to strut their stuff in three categories, pre-teen, teen, and open class. Prizes will be awarded and first place winners in each category will go on to compete at the 2022 Minnesota State Fair Talent Show.

Friday is Senior Citizen Day, with free admission for senior citizens, and features a program and lunch in the Hoop Building. Saturday is Military Day, with free admission to any person showing their military identification. Free admission will be extended to their spouse and children 17 and under. A program will be held on the Free Stage at 11 a.m.

The fun continues each evening with concerts over in the Wright Co. Fair Entertainment Tent, with Chopper World's Nuttiest DJ entertaining the crowd from 6 to 10:30

p.m. Wednesday evening, the band Menace will be featured from 7 to 11 p.m. Thursday, Red Dot Garage from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Friday, and on Saturday Shane Martin wraps up the fair's evening concerts from 8 to 11:55 p.m.

This is just a sample of the fun happening at this year's Wright Co. Fair. For a full schedule of events and times, visit WrightCountyFair.org.



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Clearwater's Heritage Days, an annual event held the first weekend in August and eagerly looked forward to by local residents, has been postponed this year.

"As of July 7, 2022, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the festival due to delays we have encountered behind the scenes," said Kait Vrchota, event organizer. "We plan to see what we can do in the next couple of months."

Residents are encouraged to reach out with questions or concerns by emailing ClearwaterHeritageDays@gmail.com.

An annual event, Heritage Days has a long history in Clearwater, filled with a parade and fun events for residents of all ages.



MEMBERS OF THE SILVER BULLET SADDLE CLUB brought up the rear of the parade on their beautifully groomed horses during Clearwater Heritage Days 2021. (Patriot archive photo.)

JME Companies to liquidate repair business

Submitted Article

Truck repair aficionados will want to mark Wed., July 20 on their calendars, as the day I.R.A.Y. Auction will hold an online liquidation auction of JME Companies heavy truck and equipment repair business.

After more than 50 years in business, JME Companies founder Jay Morrell is scaling back his operations, although he doesn't use the word "retirement."

"I'm not calling it retirement - I don't like that word," Morrell says. "I'm just slowing down...I guess you could call it semi-retirement."

Morrell's company, Jay Morrell Enterprises (JME), has been in business across Minnesota since he bought his first ready-mix plant in 1970. Since then, Morrell has bought, built, and operated numerous concrete businesses across the state, as well as branching out into other endeavors.

In 1991 he started a roll-off container business which quickly grew to nearly 600 units and eventually led to auxiliary businesses such as a landfill. He's also been in the mini storage business and provided concrete for the foundations of windmills. At the height of his business operations, he employed close to 180 people.

"That's probably the most satisfying thing, we had great people working for us who were not only excellent employees but also good friends," Morrell says. "We've had some very talented employees."

One of the things his companies emphasize is community involvement. His concrete plant managers were expected to take a roll in their communities, for instance, because Morrell values giving back.

Family and faith have been two other cornerstones of life for Jay, who grew up on a dairy farm eight miles east of Monticello on Co. Rd. 39. Two of his sons and one son-in-law have been a part of his ventures and he is proud of what they have accomplished together.

"We developed and patented a retaining wall mold (LondonBoulder), that system has been sold internationally," Morrell says, noting that the blocks are produced in 31 states and five Canadian provinces. "MN DOT has used the blocks and they've been used all over the United States and other countries."

The JME shop has been located at its current site since 1988. During that time, it has amassed a large, quality inventory of service repair equipment and parts. So, the upcoming heavy truck and equipment repair auction is sure to satisfy the bidders.

The auction is bittersweet for Morrell; he has always enjoyed being a hands-on owner who likes to get out from behind his desk. Morrell says he still has a few things going, including the leasing of his current property which has six different pods.

"I guess I like to work," he says. "But now I get to work as much as I want to."

For his upcoming auction, Morrell chose Colonel Ray Henry and the staff at I.R.A.Y. Auction because he has done business with them in the past and holds the operation in high regard.

"I've purchased equipment from them over the years," Morrell says. "The auction business has changed a lot, as I used to get on an airplane and go to sales in Florida, Texas, Idaho and even Canada. Now, people can do it right from their computer."

Colonel Ray Henry notes that he and his staff are thankful that Morrell chose their business for this important task.

"We feel honored and humbled to be chosen to help Jay and his family with this auction," Henry states. "Our business is also family focused so it is always meaningful to honor the legacy of a great person such as Jay as he scales back his operations."

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Palmer asks for public's help with fire signs

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Palmer Board of Supervisors met Monday evening, with a discussion of the township's fire signs meriting the public's attention.

CLFD Chief Ron Koren was at the meeting to give his monthly update (six calls in Palmer, including four medicals) and the issue was once again discussed.

It has been noted that several township residences have the signs placed incorrectly (on property lines far from the driveway) and in other cases the signs are covered by brush. This can make locating the address very difficult for the Fire Department or Sheriff's Deputies when responding to a call.

Residents were reminded that in a medical emergency, wasted minutes can be dangerous.

Chairman Mike Ganz asked for the public's cooperation in tending to the issue so emergency responders can more efficiently and quickly do their jobs.

Roads

In the road report, Chairman Mike Ganz noted that potholes are being addressed by the board and some ditches have been mowed. Washouts are also being fixed and the board is collecting quotes for some more brushing that will happen once the Oak will restrictions are off later in

the summer.

The high cost of oil and gas has also put a damper on some scheduled road repairs, but Supervisor Steve Demeules reported that the board is getting engineering prices set so the projects are ready to go in the future when the permitting is completed.

The county's speed sign has also been used recently in town and in addition to notifying drivers of their speed, it also is able to collect a great amount of data such as traffic counts, average speeds and logging the busiest times of the day and week.

The corner intersection near 114th and 50th streets was also discussed, as the utility locates have been done and work will commence soon on the shouldering, sloping, and drainage installation.

Lakes

Demeules spoke to the board and audience about upcoming elections related to both the BLCA (Briggs Lake Chain Association) and the TLID (Three Lakes Improvement District).

He reminded residents that the general election primary will be held on August 9, while the BLCA officer elections will happen on August 13 at the Town Hall at 11 a.m. during the association's regular meeting.

On Saturday, August 20th, the TLID will have its annual meeting at 10 a.m. to elect directors, as well as report on its budget and

outline the 2023 projects scheduled for completion.

Palmer Park

The board announced that it had not received grant funding to replace the tennis courts, as the state DNR program saw a very high number of applicants.

Ganz reported that some plumbing work will be accomplished soon, including a new toilet in the Women's bathroom and a new water line. The septic system replacement will happen after Palmer Day.

In response to a question from the audience about why dogs aren't allowed at the park, the board noted that some people do not clean up after their pets, as well as liability concerns stemming from interactions between kids and the dogs.

Parking for Palmer Ball was discussed, as the wildly popular program has around 200 participants this year, leading to many people parking on Co. Rd. 6. Ganz noted there is just one week left in this year's program and people will be reminded to only park on the east side of the road so no one has to cross traffic to access the park. In responding to a question about speed limits in the area, the board replied that is was thoroughly researched last year and lowering the speed is not allowed since it is a county road and falls under state statute.

In Other Business, the Board:

• Heard from SCSO Commander Ben Zawacki,

who will give the monthly updates now that Bob Stangler has retired. Zawacki detailed 88 calls for service from the last period, which included 41 traffic stops and several ATV complaints;

• Listened to Treasurer Roger Johnson's report on clean up day, as he noted 189 participants who brought in 95 car tires, 47 appliances, 94 electronics, 74 upholstered items and 83 mattresses as part of the effort;

• Approved positive comment for three zoning items;

• Heard from Commissioner Candidate Lefty Kleis, who addressed the board and answered several questions from the audience;

• Heard from Johnson that he is helping Haven Township with their Deputy Treasurer duties on a temporary basis. The board felt there were no conflicts of interest and verbally approved of the arrangement.

Where's the beef? At the county fair of course!



THIS PAST WEEKEND, three local youth showmen competed at the Minnesota Youth Livestock Expo in Fairmont, MN. They showcased beef, sheep, and goats. All are encouraged to attend the Sherburne County Fair this week and weekend to see all the 4-H youths projects that the youngsters work on all year. Above, Brady Thompson, Blazden Mueller and Bailey Muehlbauer pose with their livestock. (Submitted Photo).

School Board renewing RTS membership

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Becker School Board met Monday to discuss at length some school board and district goals along with student handbooks, a wellness report, transportation building bids and much more.

Supt.'s Report

Supt. Jeremy Schmidt gave his monthly report that focused on many of the topics above.

Schmidt said the school is renewing their membership with Resource Training and Solutions. Some membership benefits the school district has taken advantage of over the past year include:

• Eighty-one of Becker's students participated in two of the school's student conferences: Project Earth & YAYA (Young Authors/Young Artists). Schmidt said they also had students registered for the SPARK STEM conference but that day was canceled due to weather;

• Schmidt said the school honored 10 employees (licensed and non) and three students at three different recognition events;

• Schmidt said the school contracted for a professional development (PD) session on one of their scheduled PD days;

• Becker Schools has

several administrators participating in the LETRS for Admin cohorts. Schmidt said this would have cost \$4,500 more if they were not part of the cooperative program;

• Schmidt said he has participated in the weekly regional superintendent network.

Schmidt advised the board of an agenda attachment that listed the latest updates in building projects.

He also mentioned (for potential school board candidates), the duty of the Superintendent and School Board and its aim to communicate the goals and vision for high academic achievement of every student, to inspire students to have confidence in their schools and commit to doing what is right for every child.

"We must always put students first," he said.

He went on to say the board sets the policy and strategic vision of the district. The board does not run the schools. It makes sure schools are well run. It entrusts the operation to the education professionals hired to manage the day to day operations.

He finished by saying the Superintendent also has the duty to protect the school district and everyone associated with it from

liabilities.

Fall Planning

On another topic, Schmidt said planning for this fall is taking place. The school's Executive Committee has created a plan for the use of staff development days for this coming school year. Principals and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Carla Nolan will lead staff development opportunities for all certified staff on designated days and throughout the school year.

Schmidt said a School Board Work Session is scheduled for July 14 from 5-8 p.m. This session will be led by MSBA and involve continued work from Becker's strategic planning process. Schmidt wanted to thank all who have participated in either the surveys, listening and participation sessions, or providing feedback to the district.

To conclude his report, Schmidt said the School Board Pay (SF 3107) bill increases the maximum amount a school board member who is employed by the school district may earn from that employment. The current limit is \$8,000 and the bill raises it to \$20,000. The school board member must be approved by a majority of the school board to be employed by the school district.

June's Closed

Meeting

The School Board capped June's closed meeting that considered strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from a previous meeting were approved in the consent agenda along with the personnel report, annual wellness report, student handbooks, fees, transportation building bids, gifts, a first reading of policy 471, annual review policies and a resolution establishing dates for filing affidavits of candidacy.

Also in the consent agenda was a recommendation to rescind policy 722 and replace it with the MSBA recommended policy 722. Schmidt said the current policy creates a number of legal, security and financial liabilities for the district. At Monday's meeting, the board treated the policy as a first reading and was not immediately rescinded.

Closed Meeting

The meeting concluded with another closed meeting to discuss with assigned counsel a complaint pending before the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.



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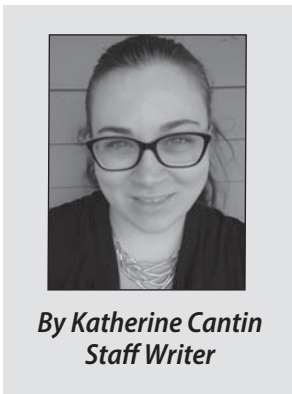
The other day, I had the honor of speaking with Superintendent Tim Truebenbach of the Big Lake School District. We were chatting about underage drinking and the PCN (Positive Community Norms) grant that is distributed by the state to help decrease underage drinking.

I think that diminishing underage drinking is something that everyone in the community can help to achieve. It starts with the employees of our local liquor stores and bars. I am 25 years old, and, being so young, I will never be offended if someone wants to card me. But I'm surprised by the number of times I'm not asked for my card. I won't name names, but there are some local businesses that could step up and try to make this more of a priority. Card everyone!

I have heard, from a trusted source who used to work in a liquor store, that some customers get upset and raise a fuss over being carded. Don't be that person. If you are buying alcohol, being carded should be as expected as having to pay for your purchase. Show your card and get on with your day. Forgot your card? That doesn't mean the store or bar needs to work with you, just as they wouldn't accommodate you if you forgot your money at home.

And another tip to the consumers: show your card even if you weren't asked for it. I have done this before, and I usually see the cashier get this surprised look on their face, like, "Oh, yeah, I should have asked for that!" It's a great way to give a gentle reminder. After all, we've all had long days at work when we forget to do the most basic steps of our jobs. We feel silly, but that doesn't mean we need to be yelled at or reprimanded – just reminded.

Next, let's try being there for the kids. Mental health issues among teens, and among the population as a whole, are on the rise. But teens don't know how to deal with these problems, as they've never before been exposed



By Katherine Cantin
Staff Writer

to them. And their brains are still forming. They're primed to seek out drugs that can silence the racing thoughts, and are in a perfect situation to form a life-long addiction. Encouraging them to seek connection rather than substances will help them avoid making mistakes they can't take back. Let's train students on how to reach out to trusted friends and adults when they're feeling confused, depressed, or anxious. How do we do that? Simple: we have to do so for

ourselves, first. Studies have shown that kids and adolescents learn way more about how they should behave from watching the adults around them than from any lessons that are drilled into them. So, if you are feeling confused, depressed, or anxious, reach out to a pal, partner, parent, or professional. And reach out to the teens in your life, too. Don't put the burden on them to help you through your time of need, but let them know that these feelings are normal, that they come and go with life's ups and downs, and that reaching out to the people around them, rather than reaching for a bottle, is the best way to get through it.

Now, I know what you're thinking: Katie's 25 years old, what the heck does she know about parenting teenagers? I know exactly squat. But I've been a teenager, and I am coming to understand how people work better. Besides, this article is not really meant to give advice, but rather to raise awareness, state my opinion, and start a conversation. Do you disagree with me? Write a letter to the editor! Talk to your neighbors about it! The greatest thing about having freedom of speech is that we can all share our opinions and learn from one another.

Thanks to Mr. Truebenbach for including me in this conversation. I hope he will continue his hard work of promoting healthy choices among Big Lake students. Thanks for everything you do, educators everywhere!

The Fifth Amendment

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

Imagine that you are accused of a crime, and it falls to you to prove that you did not commit it. Or if your city government seized your home and property without paying you, all so that a new road could be built. Thankfully, our Constitution's Fifth Amendment protects against such abuses.

Last week, I wrote about the Fourth Amendment and its protection of the right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures by the government and the requirements for a warrant for searches and seizures. This week, I will discuss the Fifth Amendment's guarantee of due process, private property rights, and certain criminal procedure protections.

The Fifth Amendment reads:

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

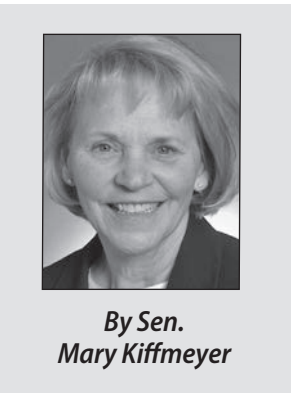
Grand Jury

Unlike almost all other protections in the Bill of Rights, the right to indictment by grand jury in the Fifth Amendment does not apply to state actions, only federal.

Minnesota's constitution does not require a grand jury indictment. In federal matters and states that do require a grand jury indictment, a grand jury determines probable cause to prosecute someone. A grand jury offers fewer protections for witnesses and fewer rules of evidence as well.

Double Jeopardy

Applying to state and federal offenses, the Fifth Amendment right to be free of double jeopardy means that a defendant may not be retried for the same offense. However, the general rule



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

articulated by the Supreme Court in its 1933 case Blockburger v. United States, which is still good law today, is that two crimes do not constitute the same offense if each crime requires proof of an additional element that the other does not, even if the underlying facts are the same for both crimes. The broad rule applies upon the empanelling and swearing-in of a jury in a jury trial or when the first witness is sworn in for a bench trial. Double jeopardy does not apply to civil proceedings.

Self-Incrimination

The right to be free from testifying against oneself is commonly referred to as "pleading the Fifth." In our criminal justice system, we are all presumed innocent until proven guilty of a crime. Nowhere is this more evident than when a trial takes place. The government has the burden of proof to prove each element of a crime beyond a reasonable doubt. If there was a presumption of guilt, like in many countries, a defendant would always want to take the stand to prove his or her innocence. With the burden of proof on the government, a defendant is not required to take the witness stand.

The right to be free from self-incrimination, however, goes far beyond the testimony of a defendant on the stand at trial. The 1966 landmark case, Miranda v. Arizona, gave us what we still have today: The Miranda warnings that apply when someone is in police custody and is subject to questioning or other acts that are likely to elicit an incriminating response, the police are required to inform that person that:

- 1) You have the right to remain silent;
- 2) If you do say anything, it can be used against you in a court of law;
- 3) You have the right to

have a lawyer present during any questioning; and

4) If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you if you so desire.

Using these rights is not an admission of guilt. The government has the responsibility to prove you guilty.

Due Process Clause

Tracing its roots to the Magna Carta, the Due Process Clause in the Fifth Amendment provides that a person's life, liberty, or personal property cannot be taken without fair processes or procedures, which include a neutral decision-maker and an opportunity to present objections to the proposed action. A deprivation of liberty includes losing significant freedom or action or denying a freedom provided by the Constitution or statute. Property, for the purposes of the Due Process Clause, not only includes personal property or land, but also includes welfare benefits or continued public employment.

Taking Clause

The final clause of the Fifth Amendment prohibits the government from taking private property for public use without just compensation. In 2005, the Supreme Court held in the now infamous case, Kelo v. City of New London, that the "public use" element of the clause can even include taking private property to promote economic development of private actors. The outcry from this decision led to 47 state legislatures, including Minnesota, passing new laws or constitutional amendments to protect private property from being seized for a private use.

Next week, I will write about the Sixth Amendment, which details the additional trial rights that an accused person has in a criminal prosecution.

I enjoy hearing from you about our Constitution and the rights it affords us. You need to know your rights to use them. There is no other country that has such a strong constitution. You can call me at 651-296-5655 or send me an email at Sen.Mary.kiffmeyer@senate.mn. Please also take time to talk with others about our timeless and incredibly valuable Constitution that is available to you and in use every day of your life.

Yellow Warblers



By Naturalist
Stan Tekiela



was actively feeding the female on the nest.

The yellow warbler is one of the most common and widespread of the New World Warblers. They nest in nearly the entirety of the United States. They winter in the Caribbean, Central America and upper parts of South America. They build a small cup nest weaved of thin strong plant fibers. Most nests are built about three to five feet above the ground.

It wasn't long and the eggs hatched and four super tiny, naked, blind, baby birds lay in the bottom of the nest. The female spent many hours sitting on the newly hatched birds to keep them warm. The male was busy bringing in small insect meals for the chicks. Yellow warblers eat a lot of small caterpillars. Over half of their diet is made up of caterpillars. Which is interesting because their Genus name Setophaga is Greek and breaks down to ses, "moth," and phagos, "eating." So, they are moth eaters in both the caterpillar

stage and also the adult moth stage.

The clutch of eggs is usually three to six, typically four or five. It takes only 11-14 days for the eggs to hatch which is incredibly quick. The newly hatched nestlings grow so quickly and are ready to leave the nest in 11-12 days. This means that in less than two weeks the baby bird goes from being naked, eyes still closed and unable to care for itself to being able to fly and follow their parents around. Truly amazing.

The parents feed the young even after they leave the nest. The young birds flit around, and the parents find them to deliver insect meals. Only three to four weeks after hatching, the young yellow warblers are completely on their own. And you thought you had a rough childhood!

At only one year of age, Yellow Warblers are sexually mature and starting to breed. They are highly migratory and move out of most of the states at the end of summer and spend their winters in warmer climates of the Caribbean and Central America.

Fortunately, the adults and young return to the area they were hatched. When they return, they will search for a mate and an open territory to start the process all over again. I am hoping to find them nesting again next year. Until next time...

Stan Tekiela is an author / naturalist and wildlife photographer who travels the U.S. to study and capture images of wildlife. He can be followed on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. He can be contacted via his web page at NatureSmart.com.

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to encourage everyone who lives in District 4 of Sherburne County to vote for "Lefty" Kleis for Sherburne County Commissioner. When "Lefty" was the mayor of Becker, he always did a great job and I know he'll do a good job as a commissioner. He always did what was best for Becker and he'll do the same for Sherburne County.

Howard Osgood
Becker, MN


TO THE EDITOR:

It's said that, "democracy dies in darkness." Hopefully that's not what will happen in our Becker School District. At Monday's board meeting it was suggested that Becker policy #722, adopted just two months ago, already be replaced. Policy #722 is essentially Becker Schools' "Freedom of Information Act." Since its adoption, policy #722 has been a huge step forward in ensuring our schools are

fully transparent to our citizens. The board carefully considered the policy for three months before its unanimous approval. There is no reason for its replacement. Policy #722 allows for requests for any public information in the school's possession such as curriculum and student learning materials. It also provides an inexpensive way to resolve disputes without the District being forced into costly lawsuits. Instead, #722 allows the school board to informally negotiate, mediate, and obtain free advisory legal opinions from the State Data Practices Office in resolving issues. Policy #722 offers ways to settle transparency concerns at little or no cost to the district rather than spending years in expensive litigation.

Let's not lose the school transparency the board has given us with policy #722. Let's encourage our board to keep Becker School Policy #722 just the way it is.

Chris Klippen
Clear Lake, MN



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4-HER'S from page 1

up with their dream pet they would love to have.

The Manea sisters from Sauk Rapids love attending the Foley 4-H day camps.

"I think it was cool learning about a fox," Jasmine Manea, eighth grader said, "I enjoyed learning about how it lives and that the one we met came specifically from a breeder, so it was domesticated."

Bella Manea, third grader said, "I really liked meeting the fox because he was so cute and soft."

Kenzie Manea, sixth grader said, "My favorite part was the black lab named Tar because he was so fluffy."

Hailey Manea, sixth grader said, "Tar the dog was also my favorite because he had so much energy."

Two more 4-H day camps are still coming up for all interested kids. Be sure to get them registered. Please contact the Benton County extension office at 320-968-5077.



THE BEEHLER 4-H'ERS TAKING A BREAK to smile while making their own fox during the Animal Investigation Benton County 4-H Day Camp at the Sauk Rapids Fairgrounds. (L-R) 4-H'er Mason Beehler from St. Cloud, Hudson Beehler from Becker and Harper Beehler from Becker. (Submitted photo.)



STOPPING FOR A QUICK SMILE at the Benton County 4-H Day Camp- Animal Investigations. (L-R) 4-H'er Mckinley, from Foley and 4-H'er Lauren Dahler from Foley. (Submitted photo.)



BENTON COUNTY 4-H'ER JASE BRENNY, third grader from Oak Park concentrating on painting his pine cone that he is making into a hedgehog during the 4-H Day Camp in Foley on Animal Investigations. (Submitted photo.)

State Law Library earns national award for community engagement

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the Minnesota State Law Library.)

The Minnesota State Law Library has received the 2022 Excellence in Community Engagement Award from the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). The AALL presented the award to the State Law Library in recognition of a series of Appeals Self-Help videos produced by library staff.

The State Law Library developed a four-part video series in early 2021 to explain the appellate court process in Minnesota and guide self-represented litigants on filing an appeal and drafting an appellate brief. The videos were designed to supplement the written information available about the appeals process on the Judicial Branch website and provide an alternative format for individuals to learn how to navigate an appeal without an attorney.

The video series includes: • Steps in an Appeal to the Minnesota Court of Appeals; • Filing a Civil Appeal at the Minnesota Court of Appeals; • Filing an Unemployment Appeal at the Minnesota Court of Appeals; • Informal Appeal

late Briefs.

The videos are available on the Appeals Guide of the State Law Library website and the Minnesota State Law Library YouTube page. Law Library staff have plans to create additional Self-Help videos, and recently added a video on filing an eviction appeal to the Minnesota Court of Appeals to this series.

Other Outreach Efforts

In addition to the Appeals Self-Help video series, the Minnesota State Law Library also partners with the Minnesota State Bar Association to offer legal advice clinics to assist those navigating the appeals process.

The Appeals Self-Help Clinic gives individuals representing themselves in appeals to the Minnesota Court of Appeals or Minnesota Supreme Court the opportunity to have a 30-minute consultation with an attorney over the phone.

The Unemployment Appeal Legal Advice Clinic gives individuals who have been denied unemployment benefits and have exhausted their appeal options with the Department of Employment and Economic Development the opportunity to have a 30-minute consultation with an attorney over

the phone.

About the State Law Library

The Minnesota State Law Library is the oldest continuing library in Minnesota and one of the state's oldest institutions. The Library and the Territory of Minnesota were created by the same act of Congress on March 3, 1849. Today, the Library is one of the state's principal legal resource centers serving the judiciary and all branches of state and local government; the legal profession; other law, public and academic libraries; and the public.

About the AALL

The American Association of Law Libraries advances the profession of law librarianship and legal information. It supports the professional growth of its members through leadership and advocacy in the field of legal information and information policy.

About the AALL Awards Program

The AALL Awards Program was established to recognize the achievements of law librarians and legal information professionals for their service to the legal information profession and contributions to legal literature. A complete list of 2022 AALL Awards recipients is available on the AALL website.

Invasive species event Aug. 20

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the Sherburne Soil & Water Conservation District.)

Lake-loving volunteers are needed across the state of Minnesota on Sat., Aug. 20, to participate in a search for starry stonewort—an aggressive, aquatic invasive algae that can spread easily and grows into dense mats at and below the lake's surface.

Starry Trek is an annual event where members of the public first gather at training sites to learn how to identify starry stonewort and other aquatic invasive species. The newly trained participants then branch out to local water accesses to search for signs of the invasive species.

Starry stonewort was first found in Minnesota at Lake Koronis in 2015 and has since spread to 19 Minnesota lakes. Early detection of this species is critical for control. Starry Trek volunteers have found starry stonewort in four lakes – Grand Lake in Stearns County, Wolf Lake at the Hubbard/Beltrami County border, Lake Bel-

trami in Beltrami County, and Carnelian Lake in Stearns County – as well as other aquatic invasive species like Eurasian water-milfoil and zebra mussels during this event.

The 2017 discovery of starry stonewort in Grand Lake led to the lake association and Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources rapidly mobilizing to hand-pull the infestation. This early in-

tervention has widely been considered a success, with starry stonewort continuing to be limited to the small area near the public access where it was initially discovered.

"This event is a terrific way for people to get outdoors, get educated about aquatic invasive species, and help protect their area lakes," said Megan Weber, Extension Educator with the University of Minnesota and Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. "The information we gain at this event helps researchers and managers understand its current distribution and potentially take action if new infestations are found."

No experience or equipment is necessary to participate in Starry Trek.

Expert training on monitoring protocols and starry stonewort identification will be provided on-site. This event is free, but registration is required. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Sherburne SWCD will be hosting a local Starry Trek site at Big Lake Township Park. To learn more about Starry Trek or to sign up, visit <https://maiscr.umn.edu/starrytrek>.

For local information, contact Dan Cibulka at dcibulka@sherburneswcd.org, or 763-220-3434 ext. 103



Area News

Becker WWTF solar array fully operational



THIS AERIAL VIEW shows the solar array to the left (north) of the WWTF buildings. (Submitted photo.)

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The City of Becker’s wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) is now obtaining a good portion of its electrical needs from a 1900 panel solar array that has been established on a roughly three acre parcel on-site. On sunny days, the panels are able to supply approximately 40% of the plant’s electricity requirements thanks to a technology that rotates the panels east to west to track the sun’s movements across the sky.

In total, it produces 704 kilowatts and perhaps the best part is that the project came with zero-cost to taxpayers.

“One of the things that really attracted us to the project was that we didn’t have any cash outlay - we didn’t have to spend a dime to do this project,” says Phil Knutson, the City’s Public Services Director. “We sized the project to get the maximum return, but at the same time we saved enough space for any possible future expansions needed at the plant.”

To complete the project, the city forged a relationship with Minnesota-based Cedar Creek Energy, a company that has been in business since 2007. The solar array actually came online in November of 2021 and is owned by investors, and the city will have the option to purchase the array in the future if the economics dictate a benefit.

“On a conservative basis, the City will save close to \$400,000 over the 25 years of the array and the degradation factor of the array will still be 85 percent productive for the energy output at the 25 year mark,” says Becker Mayor Tracy Bertram. “The City will look to purchase the array at the end of 25 years, earlier if possible, and experience even greater savings for the taxpayers.”

According to Cedar Creek CEO, Rob Appelhof,



PHIL KNUTSON, City of Becker Pubic Services Director, is pictured in front of the solar array that has been established at the city’s Wastewater Treatment Facility. On a sunny day, the array’s 1900 Solar REC Panels can supply up to 40% of the WWTF’s electricity. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

Becker was an exceptional partner on the project.

“The City approached us in early 2021 and they have proven to be very easy to work with,” says Appelhof. “When we enter into these agreements, we truly feel it is a partnership and the City was one of the easier municipalities to work with as we had really good communication with them.”

According to Cedar Creek estimates, the array utilization will result in a 1,600,000 pound reduction in the City’s carbon emissions per year.

The electrical needs of the WWTF made it the best city-owned parcel to consider for the project.

“The nature of the WWTF is it is a high energy user and we were looking for ways to offset the energy cost,” Bertram says. “We looked at the BCC, City Hall and the Fire Department as potential sites, hosting panels on the roofs. The payback was not favorable as the energy use at each facility versus the size of the array just wouldn’t get us in a position to make it work.”

She explains that the project wasn’t done for the purpose of “going green,” but instead because of the cost savings to the City. She called the eco-friendly benefits of the project a “bonus”.

The cost savings of the

electricity is not the only benefit to the City, as Knutson says they were able to lock in some future electrical costs at a rate much lower than inflation.

“We also do not have to maintain the site because they provide all the maintenance and upkeep,” Knutson adds.

As the City continues to look for ways to reduce costs and the burden on taxpayers, Bertram says they will continue to look for savings.

“If we find another area that replicates this model, we would look to jump on it, but nothing is currently in the works,” Bertam says

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her true age.”

Acting Chief Olson posted the story to social media, with overwhelming response from the community — thousands of comments and shares of the story.

“This post was originally put out for parent awareness to make sure that they are checking up on their children’s phones and their activity on their phone. I had no idea that this would get the attention that it did!” Olson said. “This is why it is so important that parents are involved in their children’s activities on their phones. Thankfully... the best outcome happened.”

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Three young women injured in car accident in Clear Lake

Submitted Article

A one-vehicle accident in Clear Lake Twp. last week sent three youngsters to the hospital with minor injuries.

Nairus Mohamed Muhumed, 18, a female from St. Cloud, was the driver of a 2011 Ford Focus when it left the road and struck a tree while traveling westbound on Hwy. 10. Muhumed’s passengers, Angelina Jasmine Carlson, 16, of St. Cloud

and Bailey Shay Gottlieb, 17 of St. Cloud were also injured in the accident but none of the injuries were life-threatening.

The road conditions were reported as dry and there was no alcohol involved in the crash.

The Mayo Ambulance, Sherburne County Sheriff’s Office and the Clear Lake Fire Department assisted at the scene.



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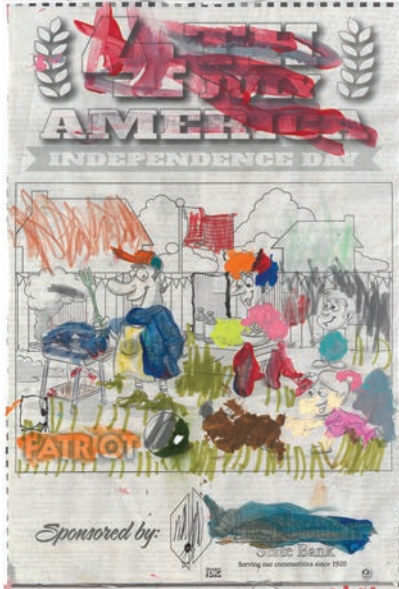
By Bill Morgan
Editor/Staff Writer
Reporter.Bill@PatriotNewsMN.com

Around 20 young artists ranging in ages from one all the way up to 15 submitted colorful works of art in the *Patriot Newspaper's* 2022 4th of July Day Coloring contest sponsored by *Sherburne State Bank*.

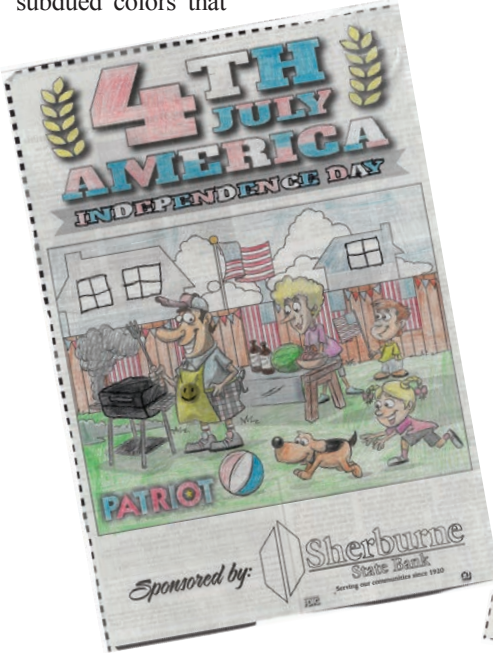
Youngster Bennett Knowlan (Age 5) of Becker used bold colors to dress up the fourth of July family and their surroundings. A very abstract and modern piece of work.

Bennett's sister, Norah (Age 8) of Big Lake went with realism and stayed within the lines of the drawing to a "T". She also added colorful fireworks to the sky background and windows to one of the buildings.

Amelia Ava Lasorella (Age 10) of Big Lake went with a subtle approach of subdued colors that



BENNETT KNOWLAN, 5, of Becker won for the age group 1-5. (Submitted Photo)



AMELIA AVA LASORELLA, 10, won for the age group 10-15. (Submitted Photo)



NORAH KNOWLAN, 8, of Becker won for the age group 6-9. (Submitted Photo)

impressed the judges at *Sherburne State Bank*. She also added windows to the buildings in the background and kept her color palette true to the red, white and blue format

The *Patriot* and *Sherburne State Bank* want to thank all the participants and look forward to seeing more Picassos wield those

crayons in a future contest.

The winners are to pick up their works of art as well as their prizes at the bank by the end of the week. Gift certificates to Pizze Depot valued at \$15 each will be presented to the artists.

Becker Hearts and Hands to put on quilt show

By Katherine Cantin,
Staff Writer
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The Becker Hearts and Hands Quilt Guild will be putting on a quilt show July 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Becker High School. All the quilts being displayed were created by members of the guild, following the theme of "quilted gems." Quilters were directed to create wall hangings inspired by their birthstones. The show is sponsored by Steil Insurance. Steil staff will select their favorite quilt in the showcase, and that quilt will be awarded a ribbon. Becker Mayor Tracy Bertram will likewise give an award to her favorite design, and there will be a viewer's choice award for the public's favorite design.

There will be a five dollar admission to the event, and proceeds go towards the purchase of materials for the quilters. Attendees can enjoy the showcase, shop the invited vendors, and enjoy some delicious snacks.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to



THE BECKER HEARTS AND HANDS GUILD MEMBERS are preparing to put on a quilt show, scheduled for July 30. (Submitted photo.)

purchase raffle tickets to win a quilt created by guild leaders Marilyn Bujalski, Elizabeth Steckelberg, Jan Miller, and Janet Peterson. The quilt being raffled was a challenging design for the four members, consisting of many, tiny, multi-colored fabrics that resemble facets of a gemstone, keeping with this year's theme.

This will be the second quilt show the Becker guild has put together. For two years, they participated in a show in Monticello, but then decided to put on their own annual show.

The show was delayed due to COVID-19, but is

now back, with the quilters excited to show off all their hard work. During COVID-19, the quilters instead focused their efforts on creating masks and surgical caps. Marilyn Bujalski, president of the guild, said she personally made over 800 masks throughout the pandemic.

The Hearts and Hands Guild has been a part of the Becker community for about 30 years. It consists of 37 members. Elizabeth Steckelberg, a member of the group and newsletter writer, was happy to note that the guild had recently gained some new, younger

members. The guild is happy to welcome young members and promote the hobby to newer generations. In fact, some creations of local kids will be featured in the show July 30th.

When not putting on their quilt show, the members of the quilting guild make quilts and other creations to give back to the community. They participate with local groups, like Great River Faith in Action, as well as reaching out to individuals in the community, such as victims of fire or illness, to get their creations to those who need



RAFFLE ITEM. This quilt, created by the combined efforts of four of the Becker quilters, will be available to win in a raffle at the Becker Hearts and Hands Quilt Show. (Submitted photo.)

them. In 2021, the club donated 102 quilts and 100 pillow cases, among other items. So far in 2022, the club has donated 24 quilts and 100 pillow cases.

The club is currently looking for new members. Those interested should contact Elizabeth Steck-

elberg at Eliza@Midco.com. The club meets at the Becker Baptist Church on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

MFU's Pork Schnitzel sandwich on state fair's new foods list

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the *Patriot* by the *Minnesota Farmers Union*).

Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) is tickled to announce its Pork Schnitzel sandwich, available at the Minnesota Farmers Union Coffee Shop at the corner of Dan Patch and Cosgrove, is one of the 38 foods on the 2022 Minnesota State Fair New Foods List.

"We are really proud of our Pork Schnitzel sandwich not only because it showcases food produced by our members, but also because it tastes great," said MFU President Gary Wer-tish. "Local ingredients set

this sandwich apart. Be sure to include it on your list of fair foods to try this year."

The Pork Schnitzel sandwich features a crispy breaded Minnesota pork loin that is deep fried and topped with pickled cabbage and mustard mayo on a toasted bun. The pork is from Hidden Stream Farm in Elgin, Minn.

Minnesota Farmers Union has had a strong presence at the Minnesota State Fair since the 1950s, with a building on the corner of Dan Patch Avenue and Cosgrove Street. It became the Farmers Union Coffee Shop in 2003. It's a destination for fairgoers to relax while enjoying flavorful food and drink, learn about Minnesota's family

farmers and pick up their new Minnesota Cooks calendar.

The 2022 Minnesota State Fair is Aug. 25-Sept. 5 at the Minnesota state fairgrounds.

About Minnesota Farmers Union

Minnesota Farmers Union works to protect and enhance the economic interests and quality of life of family farmers and ranchers and rural communities. MFU is a nonprofit membership-based organization. Membership is open to everyone. Learn more and join at www.mfu.org, and follow MFU on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



THE MINNESOTA FARMERS UNION'S PORK SCHNITZEL SANDWICH will be one of 38 new foods presented to the masses at the 2022 Minnesota State Fair next month. NOTE: The photo above is a stock picture of a pork sandwich and does not represent the Pork Schnitzel sandwich by the MFU. (Stock photo.)

Sports News

BL Legion gets another win

By Ken Francis,
Contributing Writer

The Big Lake American Legion baseball team came from behind to beat Chisago Lakes Tuesday, 5-2. It was Big Lake's fourth win in their last five games.

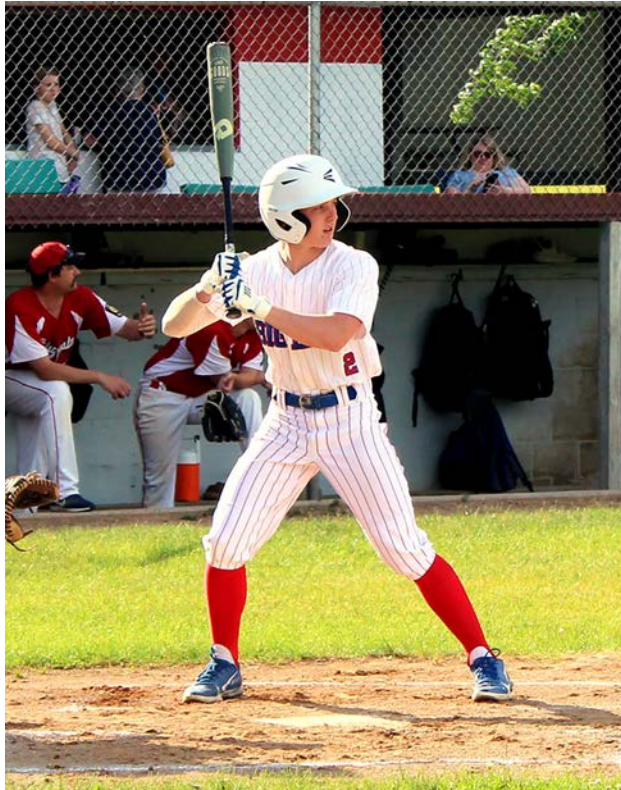
Chisago Lakes opened the game quickly with a single and a walk off Big Lake pitcher Isaiah Terlinden. But that was far as it went as Terlinden struck out the next three batters to end the threat.

He wasn't as lucky in the second inning when Chisago Lakes got a run on two singles and a passed ball.

They went ahead, 2-0 in the fourth on a single, stolen base and another single.

Meanwhile, the Hornets weren't doing much on offense, being retired in order over the first three innings. That changed in the fourth when Collin Skaug had a leadoff double. He went to second on a groundout and scored on a two-out single by Conner Stukenholtz.

Big Lake put together a big inning in the fourth to take the lead. Terlinden singled and went to second on a single by Jonah Blackman. Skaug followed with his second double of the game, driving in Terlinden to tie the score. Cooper Cusick singled in Blackman and went to second on the throw. Then with two outs,



CONNER STUKENHOLTZ drove in three runs with a single and a double in Big Lake's 5-2 win over Chisago Lakes. (Photo by Ken Francis.)

Stukenholtz came through with a double to left-center, driving in two more for a 5-2 lead.

That was all Terlinden needed. He gave up two more singles the rest of the way and didn't allow a runner past second base.

Terlinden picked up the win. He pitched all seven innings, allowing two earned runs on eight hits. He walked one and struck out seven.

Stukenholtz had a big day at the plate. He singled,

doubled and drove in three runs.

Skaug had two doubles, drove in a run and scored twice.

Terlinden had two hits and scored a run.

Cusick had a single, an RBI and scored a run.

Big Lake played a doubleheader Thursday against Zimmerman, results to follow next week.

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2nd Annual Scout Fun Day coming to Clearwater

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
reporter.bill@patriotnewsnn.com

The Cub Scout Pack 94 will be holding a Scout Fun Day, July 31 at Warner Park in Clearwater. The event will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Kids (boys and girls) ranging in grades K-12 are welcome — not just scouts! It will be a free day of adventure and camping skills that will include archery, BB guns, fire building, Nerf axe throwing, carving, hiking and crafts.

Head to ScoutFunDay.org to register!

About Cub Scouts

Cub Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of young boys and girls (kindergarten through fifth grade) and their families. The program offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development, leadership and physical fitness. Family involvement is an essential part of the program, and parents are encouraged to play an active role. Cub Scouting helps parents make the most of the time they have to impact the lives of their children.



Bulldog girls hoopsters have busy, successful summer

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Building a championship caliber basketball program takes much more than in-season dedication. In the case of the Becker Bulldogs girls program, it also takes a busy summer filled with many basketball related activities and tournaments to test the team's mettle against top competition.

And just as it has been during the regular season for the past several years, the results this summer have also been impressive.

"Our top Varsity girls team is undefeated so far this summer, and have defeated quality teams in Breakdowns Tournaments, SCSU Summer League and at Wisconsin Dells, including teams like Goodhue and Minnetonka," Head Coach Dan Baird said. "Lexi Rose has really had a nice summer and has elevated her game and turned into a dominant two way player. She has flourished on the AAU scene as well."

In addition to the team participating in many tournaments, they have also

dedicated themselves to ensuring that the program will be in good hands when they graduate and move on to their collegiate careers.

"Our Becker coaching staff and varsity players have participated in camps from ages K to eighth grade," Baird said. "Focus has been on shooting form, fundamentals in ball-handling, and passing skills... our Varsity players have been great mentors for the

younger Bulldogs by serving as role models that the younger players could look up to both on and off the court!"

Baird specifically singled out Dani Nuest, Maren Westin, Ayla Brown, Liz Mackedanz, Lexi Rose, Evelyn Kreft, and Alexa Voller as players who were instrumental in helping the younger participants.

As the team gears up for the school season, Baird

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also announced last week that four players will serve as captains for the 2022-2023 season.

A trio of Seniors in Dani Nuest, Maren Westin and Ayla Brown will be joined by one Junior, Lexi Rose, in taking on a leadership role for the team as it sets its sights on getting back to the Class AAA state tournament.

"All four girls are great role models for the younger kids, have been a huge part of our past success, and are legitimate All-State candidates for the upcoming season," Baird said.

Announcements

Clear Lake/Clearwater - Organizations

Clear Lake Legion

Meets the second Tues. of the month at 4180 105th Ave., Clear Lake. The Legion will meet at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. Bud Stimmler at (320) 761-5793.

Clear Lake Lions

Meets the first & third Tues. of the month at Palmer Twp. Hall at 7pm. PNe members are always welcome. Please contact any Lions member or one of the officers listed on our website: www.clearlakelionsmn.org

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.

Clearwater AA/AI-Anon

Meets at 7pm, Sun. night at Clearwater United Methodist Church, 405 Main St. Clearwater. (320) 310-1399 for AA or (320) 558-6613 for AI-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 Friends 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.

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Clearwater American Legion

Post 323 & Auxiliary

Clearwater Legion meetings are held the second

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Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

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Clearwater Narcotics Anonymous

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

Free Grace Recovery

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

Lions Club of Clearwater

Meets second Tues. of the month at 8pm. Clearwater Lions Pavilion. www.clearwaterlionsmn.com

Young @ Heart

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.

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FREE - Advocates for Independence

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FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

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Mental Health Discussion Group

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Becker Upcoming Events

Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Show
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Becker Senior High School 12000 Hancock St. Raffle quilt grand prize drawing.

Clearwater Upcoming Events

Young @ Heart

July Young at Heart will be held on July 21, at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 CR 75, Clearwater. Games, coffee, & conversation at 10:30am, lunch 11:30am (donation requested), followed by musical presentation by Katy Lagva, who will be joined by a couple of friends.

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Star Bank, Plaintiff,

v.

Robert Anderson (aka Robert W.J. Anderson, aka Robert Waldon Johnson Anderson, aka Robert Waldon Anderson, aka Robert W. Anderson, aka John Robert Anderson, aka Robert John Anderson, and aka John Robert Waldon Anderson), Marcia Anderson (aka Marcia M. Anderson, aka Marcia Marie Anderson, aka Marsha Anderson, and aka Marcia C. Anderson), Aaron Anderson (aka Aaron Rodney Alderson), Michelle Anderson (aka Michelle M. Anderson), the Estate of Bernice Anderson (aka Bernice F. Anderson and aka Bernice Frieda Anderson), Franklin Anderson (aka Franklin C. Anderson), Brenda Anderson (aka Brenda J. Anderson), DLL Finance LLC, AgQuest Financial Services, Inc., Commodity Credit Corporation, Corporation Service Company, CNH Industrial Capital America LLC (aka CNH Capital America LLC), Falcon Leasing, Falcon National Bank, Sheffield Financial, Truist Bank, Branch Banking and Trust Company, First State Bank of Bigfork, Herman-town Federal Credit Union, United States Internal Revenue Service, CGB Agri Financial Services, Inc., Centricity Credit Union, Accounts Receivable Services, LLC (aka Accounts Receivables Services), Snap-on Credit LLC, TD Auto Finance, LLC f/k/a Chrysler Financial, State of Minnesota Department of Revenue, Admirals Bank, SHERBURNE/ANOKA/HENNEPIN FSA, Central Minnesota Credit Union, Proctor Federal Credit Union AGCO Finance LLC, Northland Capital Financial Services, LLC, Westem Equipment Finance, Inc., Agricredit Acceptance LLC, Members Co-

operative Credit Union, FBN Finance, LLC, Woodlands National Bank, Spire Credit Union, Brainard Savings and Loan Association, John Doe, Mary Roe, ABC Partnership, and XYZ Corporation, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of an Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law, And Order for Judgment and Judgment (the "Judgment") entered in the above-entitled action on or about April 15, 2022, of which a certified copy has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises, hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due said Plaintiff in the above entitled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Judgment, the undersigned Sheriff of Sherburne County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on the 16th day of August, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sherburne County Sheriff's office, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Suite 100, Elk River, MN 55330-4668, in the said County and State, the premises and real estate described in said Judgment, legally described as:

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 34, Range 28, except the South 33 feet of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 8, Sherburne County, Minnesota.

Subject to an easement as set forth in Document No. 782228, described as Parcel 83, Sherburne County Highway Right of Way Plat No. 50.

All contained in the County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota (Property ID No: 05-108-3400).

REDEMPTION NOTICE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: June 29, 2022

Joel Brott
SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF

By: /s/ Jeff Ruhland
Deputy Sheriff

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY: MJB LAW FIRM, PLLC
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Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 71-PR-22-82

In Re: Estate of Joseph P. Goenner, Decedent.

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on AUGUST 18TH, 2022 at 9:00 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court: Via Zoom on a Petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be a copy of the Decedent's Will dated NOVEMBER 17, 2010, and for the appointment of PAUL J. GOENNER, whose address is 9366 RIVER ROAD SE, CLEAR LAKE, MN 55319 as Personal Representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

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

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

BY THE COURT
Dated: June 29, 2022
/s/ Beverly Hillesheim
Court Administrator
LUND ROSS, P.A.

Betsey Lund Ross (#0389061)
1139 Franklin Ave. NE, Suite 2
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
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Public Notices

Becker Public Schools #726 Notices

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.726 BECKER STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No.726 shall begin on August 2, 2022 and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2022. The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each. A special election shall be held in conjunction with the general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. At that election, two (2) members will be elected to the School Board for a term of two (2) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 12000 Hancock Street. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2022. Dated: July 11, 2022
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Ryan Obermoller,
School District Clerk
(Published in the *Patriot*: 07/16/22.)

Big Lake Public Schools #727 Notices

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. BIG LAKE SCHOOLS NO. 727 STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 727 shall begin on August 2, 2022 and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2022.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. At that election, members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each. Those members whose terms are expiring are: Dan Nygaard, Lenette Brown, and Tonya Reasoner.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 501 Minnesota Ave, Big Lake MN 55309. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2022.
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City Public Notices

CITY OF CLEARWATER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT AND REZONING FOR TIPPMMANN INNOVATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Clearwater Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 26, 2022 at City Hall, 605 County Road 75 NW at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider a request by Tippmann Innovation. The request is for a Preliminary Plat and Rezonning to allow a cold-storage distribution warehouse facility to be constructed at PIDs 204100034103 and 204100034400.

Legal description available at City Hall upon request.



All persons wishing to speak on this item will be heard. Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the meeting.
Dated: July 12, 2022
Annita Smythe, City Administrator
(Published in the *Patriot*: 07/16/22.)

NOTICE TO CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT RESIDENTS

The Stearns County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for one appointment to the Clearwater River Watershed District Board of Managers. The appointments would be to serve a three-year term ending on August 13, 2025. If you are interested in being appointed to this board and you reside in the Clearwater River Watershed District in Stearns County, send a brief resume giving your place of residence and any other information about yourself which you would like to share with the Board regarding your qualifications or interests in serving on the board. An on-line application form and more information on the date is available on the Stearns County website: <https://mn-stearnscounty-gettingstarted.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/1099>

You can also contact us at 320-654-4691, send resumes to the Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Administration Center, Room 148, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN 56303, e-mail Randy Schreifels at auditor.email@co.stearns.mn.us or contact your county commissioner no later than Monday July 25, 2022.
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CITY OF BECKER – FILING CANDIDACY NOTICE TO VOTERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Election in the City of Becker, in the County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota will be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at 12060 Sherburne Avenue.

THAT THE FIRST DAY for filing Affidavits of Candidacy for said Election will be at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday the 2nd day of August, 2022 and the last day for filing Affidavits of Candidacy for said Election will be at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday the 16th day of August, 2022. Candidates interested in filing may do so at City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue, during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OFFICES TO BE FILLED FOR GENERAL ELECTION:
Two Council Member Positions. Each position is a four-year term.
The filing fee is \$2.00
Julie Blesi
City Clerk
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City Public Notices Cont.

CITY OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Becker Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25th, 2022, at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue, Becker, Minnesota. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearings at this meeting:

Approximately 6:00 p.m. – Public hearing pursuant to MN Statute 6105.0170 regarding transmission line crossings in the MN DNR Wild and Scenic Overlay for a Conditional Use Permit to rebuild a transmission line. Owner and Applicant, Northern States Power Company, has submitted a complete Conditional Use Permit application for the relocation and rebuild of a transmission line on the properties identified as PID 60-018-3100, PID 60-018-4401, and PID 60-021-2100.

Following the above Public Hearing in accordance with MN Statute 462.357 for an application to rezone a ten (10) acre parcel located in the City of Becker, Sherburne County, Minnesota. Applicant, Avalon Homes, has submitted a complete application for the purpose of rezoning the parcel known as PID 60-419-0246 from Public (PUB) to Residential Multi-Family (R-3) with the intention to develop a Planned Unit Development on the site. The comprehensive plan designation of this property is high density residential.

Following the above Public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development to be known as Avalon Estates. Applicant, Avalon Homes, has submitted a complete Conditional Use Permit application for a Planned Unit Development to be known as Avalon Estates. The PUD would consist of two apartment buildings and twenty-two twin homes. The property is identified as PID 60-419-0246. The property is proposed to be zoned Residential Multi-Family (R-3).

Following the above Public Hearing – Public hearing for a Preliminary Plat to be known as Avalon Estates. Applicant, Avalon Homes, has submitted a complete application for a Preliminary Plat for the purpose of a Planned Unit Development consisting of twenty four lots, three outlots, and public right-of-way. The property is identified as PID 60-419-0246.

Following the above Public Hearing - Public hearing for Chapter 11 Zoning Code Amendments to the City of Becker Land Use Regulation (Zoning) ordinance, Section 11.41, Subdivision 5 specifically related to maximum lot coverage. Edits proposed include an increased maximum lot coverage for lots under one (1) acre in size in the Highway Service Commercial Zoning District (C-HWY).

Anyone interested in the above public hearing is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comment to Mary Roe at P.O. Box 250, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to planner@ci.beckermn.us by 4:30 p.m. July 25th, 2022.
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Township Public Notices

TOWN OF ORROCK SHERBURNE COUNTY MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF FILING

FOR TOWN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified voters of Orrock Township, County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota, filing for Town Office will be held for a two-week period. Filing shall begin on Tuesday August 2, 2022 and will close on Tuesday August 16, 2022 at 5:00PM.

Affidavits of Candidacy will be accepted for the following offices to be voted on at the November 8, 2022 Election:

Supervisor A - a four (4) year term

Supervisor B – a four (4) year term

Supervisor E - a four (4) year term

Supervisor D - a two (2) year term to fill a vacancy

Treasurer - a four (4) year term.

Candidates may only file for one position.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk by appointment. The filing fee is \$2.00 (cash or check only). Contact the Township Clerk, Chris Weber, 763-263-6411 OR 612-987-2223 to set up appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy. Last Day to withdraw once filed is Thursday August 18, 2022 at 5:00PM.

The Sherburne County Auditor's Office is the designated absentee voting location for the November 8, 2022 Election.

/s/ Chris Weber
Clerk, Orrock Township
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TOWN OF BIG LAKE SHERBURNE COUNTY MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF FILING

FOR TOWN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all qualified voters of Big Lake Township, County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota.

Affidavits of Candidacy will be accepted for the following offices to be voted on, at the November 8, 2022 Election: Supervisor Seat #1 – a four (4) year term and Supervisor Seat #2 – a four (4) year term.

Filing for Town Office will be held for a two-week period beginning Tuesday August 2, 2022 and closing on Tuesday August 16, 2022 at 5:00PM. Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed at the office of the Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office is located at the Big Lake Town Hall, 21960 County Road 5, Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00AM – 3:00PM and Friday 8:00AM – 12:00PM. Filing fee is \$2.00 (cash or check, only).

/s/Brenda Kimberly-Maas
Town Clerk
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NOTICE OF FILING CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP

The Township of Clearwater, Wright County, Minnesota, will have an election of township officers at the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at the town hall, to elect one supervisor for a four-year term and one clerk for a four-year term. The terms of Scott Miller, Supervisor A and Jean Just, Clerk, are expiring.

Filings are to be made at the Clerk's office at Clearwater Township Hall, 15015 State Hwy 24 NW. Clearwater, from August 2, 2022, to August 16, 2022. Office hours are Monday 8am-1pm, Wednesday 8am-1pm. Office will be open from 1pm - 5pm on August 16th, 2022. The last day for a candidate to withdraw from the election is Thursday, August 18, 2022, until 5 p.m. Filing fee is \$2.

Jean Just, Clerk
Township of Clearwater
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test of the DS200 ballot counter and the Omniballot assistive voting device for Clearwater Township, to be used for the August 9, 2022, State Primary election, will be conducted at the Township Hall, 15015 State Highway 55, Clearwater, MN beginning at 10am on July 27th. The Public Accuracy Test is open to the public.
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Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of July 4th – July 10th

4-Jul: 3 agency assist; 2 equipment warning; 1 civil; 1 speed warning; 1 speed Citation #320; 1 extra patrol; 1 vehicle lock-out; 1 medical; 1 alarm; 1 911 hang-up; 1 expired registration / suspended object / no DL in possession warnings / speed / no proof of insurance Citation #321; 1 speed Citation #322; 1 threats of violence / disorderly conduct / obstructing legal process; 1 fireworks complaint; 1 5th degree assault Citation #324

5-Jul: 3 extra patrol; 1 criminal damage to property; 1 miscellaneous public; 1 recreational vehicle permit; 3 record check; 1 welfare check; 1 grass fire; 1 dog complaint; 3 speed warning; 1 expired registration warning / driving after revocation Citation #323; 1 animal complaint; 1 registered owner showed ID only driving status / driver was not owner; 1 driving conduct warning; 1 equipment / turn signal warnings; 1 public assist; 1 speed Citation #325; 3 equipment warnings; 1 medical; 2 suspicious vehicle; 1 traffic complaint

6-Jul: 1 drive in wrong lane of traffic warning; 1 driving conduct warning; 1 911 hang-up; 1 fraud complaint; 1 equipment warnings; 1 trespass; 1 admin; 1 theft; 1 speed Citation #326; 1 suspicious activity; 1 speed Citation #327; 1 disturbance; 3 speed warning; 1 speed / no proof of insurance warnings; 1 stop sign warning; 1 fail to move over for emergency vehicle warning; 1 speed / no proof of insurance warnings; 2 agency assist; 1 suspicious vehicle; 1 fail to update address on DL warning / Speed Citation #328; 1

public assist; 1 equipment / no proof of insurance / speed warnings; 1 suspicious person

7-Jul: 3 security check; 1 speed warning / no proof of insurance Citation #329; 4 extra patrol; 1 speed / expired drivers license warnings; 6 speed warning; 1 speed Citation #330; 3 medical; 4 stop sign warning; 2 record check; 1 fire; 1 funeral escort; 1 permit to purchase; 1 juvenile concern; 1 theft / trespass; 3 equipment warning; 1 crosswalk violation warning; 1 speed / equipment warnings; 1 revoked registration / equipment warning; 1 speed Citation #331; 1 expired registration warning; 1 domestic dispute; 1 suspicious person

8-Jul: 2 speed warning; 1 1 speed Citation #332; 1 speed Citation #333; 1 no proof of insurance Citation #334 / warrant arrest; 4 extra patrol; 1 security check; 1 equipment / speed / no proof of insurance warnings; 1 speed Citation #335; 1 speed / equipment warnings; 1 agency assist; 1 abandoned vehicle; 1 traffic complaint; 1 driving after revocation / possession of small amount of marijuana Citation #336

9-Jul: 1 stop sign warning / 4th degree DWI Citation #337; 2 extra patrol; 1 traffic complaint; 1 speed warning; 1 expired registration; 1 lift assist; 1 mental health; 1 speed Citation #338

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• BECKER

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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 (Senior), Kevin Drehmel (Youth) & Amy Drehmel (Dir. of Child/Fam. Ministry), 763-261-4202, 11951 Hancock St. Services: Sun. Worship/Children 10:30am, Sun. School 9:15am, Wed. AWANA/Youth Group 6:30pm during school year. www.beckerbaptist.org.

Becker Evangelical Free Church

Pastors: Gerald Deppa (Interim 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 & Vicar Molly Wills, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 8:30am, Wed. Confirmation 5:30pm, Senior High Youth Group 1st & 3rd Wed. 6pm www.faithlutheran-becker.org.

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 9th 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, Becker High School, 12000 Hancock St, Enter door 11. 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

763-262-0028. www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com.

IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church

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

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

Pastor: Marty Mabry, 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, 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.

Saron Lutheran Church

Pastor: Kyle Sidlo, 763-263-2209, 311 Lake St. S. Services: Sun. Worship

9:30am, indoors or livestream.

• SANTIAGO

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor: Courtney Young, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 9am.

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.

SHED Church - Non-Denomination in Palmer

Pastor: TBD, 320-241-0123, Palmer Town Hall, 4180 105th Ave. Services: Sun. 5pm.

St. Marcus Catholic Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Mon. & Wed. Mass 8am, Sat. Confessions 4:15pm, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. 8am.

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502, 10915 Duelm Road NE. Services: Sun. Mass 10am, Tues. Mass 8am.

• CLEARWATER

Clearwater United Methodist Church

Pastor: Alison Hendley, 320-558-2581, 405 Main St. Services: Sun. Wor-ship 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. School that begins in Worship 9:30am. Livestream worship at Rejoice's Youtube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJGuBda4orT9TWti5wmGw

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 Tatkensorst, 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. Wor-ship 9am, Sun. Fellowship 10am, Sun. School 10:30am.

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Obituaries

Mark Woolard, Age 60 Santiago, MN February 17, 1962 – July 8, 2022

Mark passed away July 8, 2022, at his home. A visitation will be held from 12 to 3:00 PM, Monday, July 18, 2022, at the Foley Funeral Home with a service for family members starting at 3:00 PM at the funeral home. A Celebration of Mark's life will follow at Bailey Ray's in Santiago. Burial will take place at the St. Francis Cemetery, Foley. Service with Dignity provided by the Foley Funeral Home.

Mark Allen Woolard was born February 17, 1962, in St. Cloud, Minnesota to David and Rosie (Henry) Woolard. He graduated from Foley High School, class of 1980. While in high school he excelled in football and wrestling and eventually coached Junior High wrestling. He was fondly

referred to as, 'Coach' by many of his past student wrestlers. Mark worked construction for over 30 years for MP Johnson Construction, retiring in March of this year. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and especially enjoyed teaching his grandchildren how to bait a hook. He was an excellent father, brother and grandfather. He was a friend to many and will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his father, David Woolard, Princeton, Dawn Woolard, Clear Lake, and children: Teri (Bryce Wergeland) Woolard, Wayzata; Jake (Alyssa) Woolard, Becker; Samantha (David) Holtan, Becker, and grandchildren: Jace Woolard, Beau Woolard, Ryder Holtan and Weston Holtan as well as sisters, Tammy (Dean) Remer, Milaca and Peggy (Tom) Gilyard of Clear Lake, many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his mother, Rosie Woolard and grandparents, Roy and Una Woolard, Maurice and Helen Henry.

Service with Dignity, Foley Funeral Home foleyfuneralhome.net

A celebration of life for John Sobania, age 87, of Milaca, will be held Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Rice Lions Park- 101 4th Avenue N.W. Rice, Minnesota 56367

John Dominick Sobania was born January 6, 1935, in Royalton, Minnesota to William and Anna (Kaiser) Sobania. He was united in marriage to Delores Seehafer on April 10, 1956.

He passed away July 4, 2022, at the Milaca Elim Home.

John is survived by his wife, Delores; sons, Mark

John Dominick Sobania, Age 87 Milaca, MN January 6, 1935 – July 4, 2022

(Julie) and Marvin (Shawna); brothers, Steve (Clarice), Elmer, Joseph, Thomas; sister, Regina; step-sister, Mary Lee (Len); grandchildren, Jessica (Mark), Billie Jo (Mike), Chaz (Jenny), Nathaniel (Nicole), Philip (Tasha), and Andrew; step-grandchildren, Jennifer and Jamie; 10 great-grandchildren and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Michael; granddaughter, Becky; step-father, Cyril; brothers, Louis and Edward; sisters-in-law, Lucy and Mary.

Julie Murphy of Big Lake passed away unexpectedly, surrounded by family, Thursday, July 7, 2022 at the St. Cloud Hospital at the age of 56.

Julie was born June 20, 1966 in Minneapolis to Milton and Gloria (Spohnholtz) Anderson. After graduating high school, she went to cosmetology school and became a hairstylist. Later in life, she became a bookkeeper and payroll specialist. She married Paul Murphy on April 22, 1995 at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Crystal. Together they created a beautiful life with their two children in Big Lake, Minnesota.

Julie was a beautiful soul. She was a genuine friend and had a love for life. Julie's smile was welcoming and her laugh was infectious. She enjoyed doing anything alongside her family and friends. Julie was a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, auntie, and friend.

She is survived by her husband Paul; children, Samantha (Keaton Huberty) Murphy of St. Paul; Trevor (Brooke Schwieters) Murphy of Duluth; brothers and sister, Jeff Anderson of Albertville; Jen-

nifer (Tony) Bolduc of Dayton; Jon (Tanya) Anderson of St. Michael; Jason (Jill) Anderson of East Bethel; Jeren (Lisa) Anderson of Columbia Heights; mother-in-law, Carolyn Murphy of New Hope; many in-laws, nieces, nephews and close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and father-in-law James Murphy.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 am on Friday, July 22 at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Big Lake. Fr. Mike Kellogg will officiate. Visitation will be 1.5 hours prior to services at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Big Lake.

Daniel "Dan" Jay Kleine, Age 48 Shakopee, MN June 7, 1974 – July 2, 2022

Daniel "Dan" J. Kleine, age 48 of Shakopee, MN, passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2022, in Minneapolis.

Dan was born to Fred and Kathryn Kleine on June 7, 1974, in Monticello. He graduated from Becker High School in 1992 and then divided time between Mankato State University and the U of M – Crookston, where he played football. Dan met Leah Kleine in St. Cloud. They married and were blessed with two children, Lexi and Brayden, and they later separated. Later in life, he became certified as a phlebotomist and worked in the medical field, which was his passion.

Whether it was watching his beautiful daughter dance or watching his son follow in

his footsteps and play football, Dan was a proud father and his children were the light of his life. He also enjoyed coaching his son in basketball and football. Dan was passionate about everything he loved, with a particular interest in sports, fitness, and body building. For the past few years, he also

liked to spend time fishing on docks and other hidden fishing spots. He will be dearly missed by those who knew him.

Dan is survived by his mother, Kathryn Kleine; children, Lexi and Brayden Kleine; former spouse, Leah Kleine; siblings, Carmel Kleine and Matt Kleine; nephews, Adam and Alex Hobbs; grandmother, Geraldine Smith; and other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Kleine; grandparents, Douglas Smith and Fred and Etta Kleine; and other relatives.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

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