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STATE OF MANUFACTURING. At Pebble Creek Tuesday, Becker Mayor Tracy Bertram welcomed the assembled community leaders to her city and let them know about the opportunities available in the Becker business park. See the full story on the event on page 2. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

Inside

**BECKER Great River Faith in Action held** their annual gala entitled, "Seeds of Hope" at Rockwoods Restaurant in Otsego Saturday. See the story on page 7.

**BIG LAKE BL Chamber Executive** Director Gloria Vande Brake won a scholarship from Mid-America Chamber Executives. See the story on page 4.

CLEARWATER Youth at Tri-County Alliance Church won first place in a Jr. Quizzers contest last week. See the story on page 4B.

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# Vue wins top spot in M8 Art contest

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

that she

encouraged

Vue to enter

the Missisippi 8

High School last year, Kanee Vue painted an incredible acrylic masterpiece titled, "Painted White." Art instructor Jo Eichler was SOimpressed with the creation

As a Junior at Becker

visual arts competi-The M8 judges obviously agreed with Eichler's critical eye, as Vue was named the 2021 Superior Spotlight Award / Judge's Award winner in the annual

According to Eichler, is the highest honor achieved by a Becker student in the visual arts competition.

ing her project and the creative inspiration behind her incredible painting. "In this project, the biggest thing that influ-enced me to keep carrying through with the illustration

For her class,

Vue also wrote

essay

explain-

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is purely due to my passion

in finding the uniqueness in

a person," Vue wrote in her



THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF SPRING. Warm weather had residents in Becker lining up for a taste of spring on Monday. A line formed and familiar ice cream truck music blared as people of all ages purchased ice cream treats from local mobile retail ice cream outlet Brain Freezze. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

# Big Lake man charged with kidnapping child

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following information was comprised from a release from the Pope County Sheriff's Dept. and other sources).

Victor Ramirez Alvarez, 22, of Big Lake, appeared in District Court on Monday on felony charges of kidnapping and depriving custodial and parental rights. He is accused of abducting a 2-year-old boy from a rural Pope County home as members of the family slept.

The Pope County Sheriffs Office identified Alvarez (also known as Benigno



BENIGNO ALVAREZ-GUTIERREZ, also known as Victor Ramirez Alvarez of Big Lake was arrested and charged this week. (Photo from Kandiyohi County Jail).

Alvarez-Gutierrez) early Friday morning for the abduction of the child that triggered an AMBER Alert on March 17.

Acting on information developed through the investigation, Ramirez was arrested by Big Lake police officers outside of his home shortly after 11 p.m. on March 17 following a brief struggle. Investigators located the child after receiving a 911 call that the child was in the garage of the caller's Paynesville residence. The child was taken to St. Cloud Hospital for evaluation and is currently in the custody of his mother.

According to a criminal complaint filed Monday, the mother of the child said Alvarez "was very fond of her son." The defendant would frequently give the mother and child rides, "hug her son, buy him things, and take photos with him," according to the complaint.

She discovered her child was missing when she returned home from work after 2 a.m. Thursday, March 17, and sometime later, headed to her bedroom to sleep. Her son was not in the bedroom. He had been in the care of family members, and they reported putting him to bed in the room that he shared with his mother at 8 p.m.

While searching for the child, family members found a note written in both English and Spanish asking for forgiveness for taking the child and indicating a prior plan to do so.

Sheriff's deputies responding to the home found what appeared to be footprints outside of the child's bedroom. A canine brought to the scene was alerted to the child's scent, and followed it down the driver and on a roadway before it was lost.

An Amber Alert was

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### **Central Minnesota Mental Health hires** new Executive Director

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following information was submitted to the Patriot by Central Minnesota Mental Health Cen-

Central Minnesota Mental Health Center (CMMHC) has named Jessica Brandon as its new Executive Director.

Jessica is a Minnesota native with leadership experience in nonprofit social service agencies, with the last 10 years as CEO of Guardian Angel Settlement Association in



JESSICA BRANDON has been munity Behavover 20 years of named new Executive Director ioral Health Clinic of the Central Minnesota Mental funding system, we Health Center. (Submitted Photo).

> St. Louis. She will begin in her new role as CMMHC's Executive Director April

"The Board Directors of Central Minnesota Mental Health Center is excited to have Jessica Brandon become the new Executive Director," said Lisa Fobbe, current Board Chair. "With our new building and the implementation of the Certified Comhave many positive challenges ahead. We look forward

to Jessica's leader-

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### Learning session on equity to be held at Rejoice Church by Dr. McKinney

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

Clearwater churches are always working to help educate the community on timely societal issues. Last fall Tri-County Alliance Church brought in Love2Hope for a presentation on human trafficking awareness, and next week Rejoice Lutheran Church is welcoming Rev. Dr. Karen McKinney, who will be discussing equity.

Rejoice applied for

a grant through their synod,



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submission.

"In my work, my intentions were to solely focus on the harmful effects of assimilation. Assimilation, although valuable when speaking in terms of globalization, which helps individuals of different backgrounds connect with each other, can be incredibly damaging to cultures on a grander scale."

After graduation this year, Vue plans to attend a community college to focus on her generals, while eventually pursuing a degree in Psychology.

"I am happy with how my piece turned out," Vue

"I depicted everything that I had intended and having it all finally be on the canvas is a relief."





THIS ACRYLIC PAINTING BY BECKER SENIOR KANEE VUE received the Superior Spotlight Award from the Mississippi 8 Conference Fine Arts judges, signifying it as the top piece entered from the entire conference in 2021. (Submitted photo.)

BECKER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT KANEE VUE (left) poses with Art instructor Jo Eichler. Vue was honored as the top artist in the Mississippi8 Conference for her painting, titled: "Painted White." (Photo by Mark Kol-

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### Clarification

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

In last week's article, BTQ students mount protest, it was stated that the CPL (Child Protection League) was deemed anti-LGBTQ by the LGBTQ community when in fact they have been deemed a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, an organization known for its legal cases against white supremacist groups, its classification of hate groups and other extremist organizations, and for promoting tolerance education programs.

### Local leaders hear "State of Manufacturing" update

By Katherine Cantin, . Staff Writer Reporter.Katie@PatriotNewsMN.com

Tuesday morning at Pebble Creek, Enterprise Minnesota held its "State of Manufacturing" meeting for the benefit of manufacturing leaders in the community. Government officials as well as leaders in the manufacturing field gathered to enjoy breakfast, mingle, and discuss solutions to problems faced by the industry.

#### Worker Shortages

The presentation reviewed the results of the 13th annual State of Manufacturing survey which takes place every September. It will likely come as no surprise that the top issues faced by manufacturers this year are workforce issues.

The manufacturing industry of Minnesota faced several mixed messages at the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, at first being told to shut down production and send workers home, then that manufacturers were considered "essential workers" and they had to get back to work, full of uncertainty about the safety and health of their employees. Following the initial outbreak in 2020 were months of new and cumulative issues

Today, the market for talented workers in manufacturing is highly competitive. Employers have had to raise salaries and employee benefits significantly just to stay in the running for new hires, although there's no guarantee that new employees will stay long after joining the team, as other manufacturers are actively attracting them away.

So employers have needed to become much more creative in their lure and retention of new employees.

One manufacturer at the meeting shared that he'd had some success in offering bonuses. One of the conditions of the bonuses is that the employee needs to stay for a certain amount of time in order to keep the money. He also mentioned that a lot of their successful hires were introduced to the company via referral from current employees.

A representative of DEED (Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development) suggested that employers focus on hiring teenagers, or at least working with local schools to develop an interest in manufacturing jobs within the student body. Only around half of teens aged 16-19 are employed, so this is the one demographic with the most potential to be tapped. The representative suggested working with the schools to offer tours to the students, and said it was very important to bring the work and the processes to the level of the student. This can be accomplished by showing the student where they can find the end product in their everyday lives, showing them how the work relates to their studies, or by making the process of creating goods seem cool and interesting.

Some other ways to keep and retain employees may include looking at the issue from a new angle. In the survey, manufacturing leaders were asked what their company wished to be known for, when it came to attracting new employees, and the most popular answer was "a great work environment." Some companies, rather than offering yet another pay raise or even more benefits (only to be outdone by a competitor) are focusing on company culture and the working environment. Flexible shifts also made this list, indicating that's another area which could be attractive to employees.

### **Other Issues**

There are other issues troubling the minds of manufacturing leaders throughout the state, such as supply chain issues. There is increased demand for product from several of these companies, but due to inability to get materials or products to use, many manufacturers are unable to meet the demand. This, along with workforce shortages, hinder the potential growth of these businesses.

Cyber security is also an issue, which perhaps is not as present in the minds of the industry leaders but is nevertheless an issue of some concern. One of the attendees who works in cyber security stated that hackers would rather go after 10 small companies than one large one, as the process will be much easier for them.

She also stated that when asking manufacturers their plans for cyber attacks, she often heard a very troubling answer: "IT will take care of it." IT and cyber security are very different fields, and it's important to have a well-established plan in case of an attack

It is worth noting that, pre-pandemic, the number one issue on the minds of the leaders was employee benefits, such as health care. Bob Kill, CEO of Enterprise Minnesota and presenter at the meeting, noted that this issue has in no way been resolved, but in light of these other pressing issues it has become far less of a concern in the minds of the employers.

Kill noted that many of these issues were present before the beginning of the pandemic, but COVID-19 put a lot of them under the magnifying glass for manufacturing leaders in the state.





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WILLIE EWING crossed the finish line to the cheers of onlookers as he broke the world record for miles driven on a snowmobile in 24 hours. (Submitted photo.)

# BECKER MAN SHATTERS SNOWMOBILING WORLD RECORD

By Katherine Cantin, Reporter.Katie@PatriotNewsMN.com

Becker resident Willie Ewing recently smashed the previous world record for the most miles ridden on a snowmobile in 24 hours.

At Lake of the Woods, Baudette, just shy of the Canada border, (hosted by Sportsman's Lodge, whom the Ewings noted were very accommodating) Ewing maintained an average speed of 88.59 mph for 24 hours straight, with a top speed of 116.

The previous record for a single rider in 24 hours was 1,907 miles. But, Ewing wanted to leave no question of his skill, and he also decimated the record for a team of riders, 2,084 miles. Ewing racked up 2,125.04 miles in his 24 hour time period.

Ewing was not the only one who broke records that day, as his sled, a 2022 Arctic Cat Thunder-Cat (dubbed ThunderOne), also broke the record for a sled to go the most distance in 24 hours. Ewing did not switch out his vehicle and had no mechanical failures at all during his ride, even though he had mechanics, backup machine, and even an Arctic Cat engineer on hand in case they were



THUNDERONE, Ewing's machine for the ride, has now made history as well, with the most miles put on a sled in 24 hours. The machine suffered no mechanical failures at all during the ride. It is a 2022 Arctic Cat ThunderCat. (Submitted photo.)

needed. During the day, Ewing burned through 278 gallons of premium gasoline. The sled will now be retired, although Ewing said he will bring it around to shows in the future and possibly to parade-type situations to show it off.

When asked if he got tired, Ewing stated that he never did, at least not until after his ride. The track was rough enough that he needed to remain focused the entire time.

Ewing Otherwise, stated, the weather was absolutely perfect. Two hours before the ride, it was snowing, and after the ride the temperatures dropped to a point where it would have been too cold. But for Ewing's 24 hours, the weather couldn't have been more perfect.



to attend.

to raise \$50,000 in dona-

tions, a lofty goal. They are

close, right around \$45,000.

All of Ewing's equipment

for the ride was donated

the ride's over to maximize the donation to the camp.

donations at least through

the end of the year, so there

is plenty of time for anyone

EWING averaged 88.59 mph during his record-breaking ride. (Submitted

"We really felt like God made the conditions perfect for us," said Ew-

ing's wife, Rebecca Ewing. The Ewings planned this stunt as a means of raising money for Living Word Bible Camp. The money will go towards scholarships for students who

their goal. Donations can be made at www.1Day4Kids. com. Footage of the ride and photos are also available at this website.



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# Area News

# Becker Twp. discusses redistricting

By Mark Kolbinger, . Contributina Writer

The 2020 census has led to redistricting conversations across state and county level units of government and on Monday, the Becker Twp. Board of Supervisors were able to discuss local impacts.

Sherburne County is tasked with trying to come up with five commissioner districts that each represent approximately 19,000 residents and some of the options could have a profound impact on Becker Twp. res-

Some of the options under consideration would split the township into two separate districts.

This caused the supervisors to discuss if it would be better to have one person or two representing the township's interests in Elk

Supervisor Babler let his opinion be known in no uncertain terms, stating that he was completely against splitting the township into two separate commissioner districts.

"Since I've been on the board, not one commissioner has ever come in to talk to us," Babler said. "Why would two come in."

Clerk Lucinda Messman noted that Sherburne County just that day sent another proposal for the board to review. This one would separate Becker city from the township in terms of commissioner

Submitted Article

Mid-America Cham-

ber Executives (MACE)

announced the recipients

of their 2022 Annual Con-

ference Scholarships today.

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zation or state chamber of

commerce in the six-state

area of Iowa, Minnesota,

Nebraska, North Dakota,

South Dakota and Wiscon-

Executive Director, Gloria

Vande Brake was Minne-

the recipients to attend the

2022 Annual Conference

free of charge. It will also

include recognition be-

fore, during and after the

event. Each state within the

MACE region was invited

to nominate an unlimited

number of deserving recip-

ients, but only one individ-

sota's winner.

Big Lake's Chamber

The honor will entitle

districts, and in the process create an "island" of 47 residents near Mallard Drive who would have to be placed in a separate precinct for voting purposes. The county offered to provide the voting machines and computers needed for that separate precinct, but the supervisors were worried about ongoing costs for a two precinct election. There was also the issue of finding enough election judges from that precinct, as well as the issue of find-

party representation. Usually the county has authority to apportion the districts, but if it creates additional percincts then the township gets to make the decision.

ing enough judges to follow

the guidelines for political

After the discussion, the supervisors unanimously approved a resolution calling for Messman to notify the Secretary of State that Becker Township will have just one precinct for the elections.

#### **Broadband**

Messman discussed the ongoing request from Midco and Sherburne County as it relates to a broadband project in the township. The proposal would ask for up to \$75,000 in township ARPA funds to help extend high speed internet to 49 residences, with Midco approximating that 22 families would likely take advantage of the new

The Supervisors kicked

Big Lake's Chamber ED lands scholarship

chamber leaders receive

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Gloria** 

Vande Brake received a scholarship

from MACE for her participation in Big

Lake's Chamber of Commerce. (Sub-

ual from each state receives

ship Recipients are:

The MACE Scholar-

Becky Bartoszek, President/ČEO, Fox Cities

Nate Brown, Sales Co-

Colette Mesman, Ex-

Chamber of Commerce,

ordinator, Bismarck Man-

ecutive Director, Platte

dan Chamber EDC, ND;

the award.

Vande Brake, 6 other

scholarship awards

around a number of options and seemed to be stuck on the merits of the proposal and the public funding of a private enterprise.

In the end, the board asked Messman to invite a representative from Midco to the next meeting to explain the merits and financing of the project, including what future additions could benefit the township.

#### In Other Business, the Board:

- · Heard from Sgt. Dan Frank about last month's 174 calls for service. Frank also previewed an upcoming Toward Zero Deaths (previously Safe and Sober) law enforcement saturation that could bring officers from several surrounding jurisdictions to the area;
- · Discussed Xcel Energy's proposal for moving a power transmission line completely out of the existing right of way on Co. Rd. 11 - a public hearing will be held at the next Planning Commission meeting;
- · Discussed a variety or fees and permits for swim-
- Approved a motion seeking quotes for the replacement of fire signs in the township;
- Approved a motion to acquire land for the reconstruction of 97th St.;
- Authorized a \$6,800 quote for the scraping and re-painting of the Town
- Reminded the public of several upcoming meetings, including the CMRP

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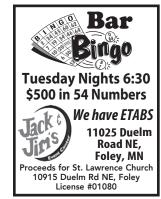
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meeting scheduled for 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. on April 6th at Pebble Creek; the Public Hearing for home based businesses on April 11, and the reorganizational meeting at 7 p.m. on April 4;

• Discussed the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting to be held on April 5 at 6:00 p.m.

The board's next regular meeting will be held on April 18 at 7 p.m.

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Membership Meeting

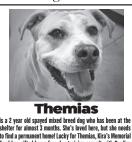
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### Clear Lake Twp. considers disc golf installation at park By Penny Leuthard.

**Contributing Writer** 

During their March meeting, Steve Gradin approached the Clear Lake Twp. Board to present a proposal for installing disc golf at the township park.

Gradin, who lives near the park, said neighbors support the idea and several volunteered to help install it, explaining it would be a good family activity.

The board was not opposed to the idea, as they want the park to be used more often, but they were unsure of where the disc golf baskets could be placed without disrupting the township's mission to keep the park's natural habitat.

A lengthy discussion was held, and a township map referred to as potential locations were looked at. A decision was made to start with three baskets, see how much they get used, and then determine from there if more can or should be installed. Gradin will meet with Supervisor Bud Stimmler and Township Engineer Terrance Vander Evk after the snow is gone to determine where the first three could be placed.

Road Report

At 7:15 Eyk opened the single bid, received from Schendzielos, that had been submitted for surface improvements on 71st St. A motion carried approving the bid to remove the blacktop and replace it with four

inches of class 2 for \$9,500. Julia Espe approached the board to request three variances so she would be able to build a four-season porch over a portion of her deck; one for a setback from the ROW, one for impervious surface, and one for her septic tank. After a brief discussion, a motion carried to approve all three variances and send positive comment forms to the county.

**Outdoor AED** 

Outdoor AED Specialist Joel Vogel gave the board a presentation on AED Smart Monitored Cabinets and their lifesaving features. AEDs (automated external defibrillators) are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. The AED Smart Monitored Cabinets are easy-to-use outdoor medical devices that can analyze the heart's rhythm, and if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effec-

tive rhythm. Vogel shared local experiences and informed the board about local groups and cities that are placing the units in their communities. Seeing the obvious benefits, the board expressed interest in purchasing one for outside of the township hall, as the system does require electricity.

Twp., and the board will

Vogel was directed to order one for Clear Lake

continue discussions on how the yearly fees will be paid and where additional units could be placed around the township.

### **Other Business**

The board reviewed the site plan for the new township park pavilion. Consensus was that the building and playground locations were fine, however Eyk was asked to come back with a couple of different proposals for the parking lot so it doesn't conflict with the trail that goes through the area.

Chairman Gary Gray informed the board he had met with neighbors about what they would like to see in the playground, and had obtained eight quotes, which ranged from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Even with the money that will likely be left over after building the pavilion the township will still be short of funds. Gray will go to the Lions to ask for help in purchasing the equipment.

A motion carried approving the township's new

mailbox ordinance. The sheriff reported 148 calls for service for February, including 96 traffic stops, one fire, one warrant arrest, and one stolen vehicle recovery.

The next Clear Lake Twp. meeting will be April 19 at 7 p.m.

### KIDNAP from page 1

issued at 4:36 p.m. Thursday. The child's father and his family were interviewed and determined to have no involvement in the abduction, according to the complaint.

After issuing the Amber Alert, authorities received a tip from the manager of an unnamed restaurant where the defendant worked. Employees had seen the defendant with a child that appeared to be the child in the Amber Alert at 8:15 p.m. Thursday.

During the investigation, the complaint alleges that Alvarez texted and called the child's mother and spoke to her on speakerphone as investigators listened. He claimed to be surprised by the kidnapping and said that he was driving back from California. He made no mention that he knew of the child's whereabouts.

Law officers went to the defendant's residence and found clothing that the child was last seen wearing, but not the child. At 11:14 p.m. Thurs-

day, Alvarez was stopped while driving and taken into custody, but the child was not with him. At 11:47 p.m. Thurs-

day, an officer responded to the call from the couple who discovered the child in a booster-style seat in their garage.

During an interview with law enforcement, Alvarez allegedly admitted that he had taken the child from the residence. "He admitted that he dropped the child off in an empty garage at a residence of someone he knew, but stated that no one was home," according to the complaint.

The residents had not been alerted to the child's presence in the garage.

The charge of kidnapping — to facilitate felony or flight — filed against Alvarez carries a possible prison sentence of 20 years and or a \$35,000 fine. The charge of depriving another of custodial or parental rights carries a possible prison sentence of up to two years or a \$4,000 fine.

Bail was set at \$1 million without conditions and \$500,000 with conditions

The Pope County Sheriffs Office has been assisted in its investigation by Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, West Central Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, Glenwood Police Department, Starbuck Police Department, FBI, Douglas County Sheriffs Office, Stearns County Sheriffs Office, Big Lake Police Department and Alexandria Police De-

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"Get ready," is what God laid on my heart, when I was called to Ministry. I felt led to ministry school and for a few days remained stuck on all of the reasons I wasn't "good" enough.

Sitting alone in my thoughts, I realized although I am an imperfect human like everyone else, God IS good enough and He will equip me to carry out whatever He calls me to do in ministering to others.

I was accepted into ministry school and became acutely aware of my lack of biblical knowledge. Would I ever learn enough of the Bible to share God's word

During one of my classes, the students were asked to break out into small groups. We were instructed to take a selected Bible story and develop a Bible study. My group chose the story of Namaan, 2 Kings 5:1-27.

Namaan was the commander of a king's army. He was a highly respected, powerful man. He was also suffering with leprosy. In biblical times, the term leprosy was used to describe various conditions.

As we studied, something unexpected happened; I actually began to discern and understand some of the lessons packed within the text! This encouraged me beyond words. The 27 verses came to life, so rich in lessons and wisdom.

One lesson I'll never forget is how Namaan's pride nearly robbed him of a miracle. Pride is something we may all struggle with at one time or another. I come from a city riddled with crime and violence,



By Rev. Monica Parrish

and being "tough" is a matter of pride, and part of the culture. My Dad and four uncles were known in their neighborhood as a group of tough guys, and they were given respect. I've seen youth growing up in this very environment come to believe that it's cool to be tough. That rebelling against authority is part of being tough, or cool.

But do you know what is truly cool, or respectable? Being humble. Thinking of others as more important than ourselves. This is what Jesus taught, and he modeled humility. We must guard ourselves against pride. I have to be intentional to guard my heart against pride when I am too easily offended. I have learned that If someone makes comments that you don't like - it's ok. You can't control other people but you are in control of how you choose to respond. We must remember that we are no better than anyone else. We are all human, and we all make mistakes. Not one of us is perfect, and we all need Jesus.

The second powerful takeaway in the story of Namaan tells of the young servant girl, a captive, living in Namaan's household. She shared her faith with his wife, and told of a prophet named Elisha that could help Namaan. She ultimately pointed Namaan to God.

I can't help but wonder if I were in her shoes, would I be so courageous and have such compassion to help him?

Now, Namaan goes on an epic journey to find the prophet Elisha for healing. His king sends him with a personal letter and caravans of money and goods. When Namaan's journey finally brings him to the home of Elisha, the prophet did not even come to the door to greet Namaan, and Namaan became greatly offended. He was an important man, after all! Elisha sent a servant to relay a simple message to Namaan; go dip in the Jordan river seven times. It was an easy task to complete. Yet Namaan was angry, and essentially stormed off. He was upset, as it didn't turn out how he expected. Not to mention, the Jordan river was known to be a dirty, murky river. There were much better rivers in his hometown.

So, notice he thought he knew a better way. Pride can make us think our way is better. But how has your way worked out for you so far? Maybe it's time to follow God's way. And lay down any pride that would hinder. Let us instead choose to heed the advice in scripture, Collosians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

### Losing Another Leader in Congress —

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

This week, Congress is away from Washington as we prepare for what's expected to be a busy spring in session. We continue to monitor the ongoing invasion of Ukraine while preparing to receive the President's budget for the upcoming fiscal year, next week. Our office continues to push forward solutions to help control rising prices and will be honoring our farmers, ranchers, and producers this week during National Agriculture Week.

Losing a Titan

On Friday, our nation lost a great leader when Representative Don Young passed away after serving as Alaska's at-large representative in the House for 49 years. Don understood that his role in Congress was a great privilege and served the people of Alaska with his trademark grit. He was a legend around the halls of Congress: his office, full of his hunting trophies, was a landmark in the Capitol.

Ukraine

Every day, we see painful footage coming from Ukraine as the Ukrainian people continue their fight against Russian invaders. Between reports that Russia has used hypersonic missiles to stories of pointed attacks against innocent Ukrainian men, women and children, the world has been fixated on the tragic events unfolding in Eastern Europe.

In Congress, we have kept a close eye on this evolving crisis. Last week, Ukrainian President Zelenskyy addressed members of the House and Senate. His message was heartbreaking, but clear: the Ukrainian people are suffering, and they need our help.

His words didn't fall on deaf ears. Right now, we are mobilizing to send life-



By Congressman **Tom Emmer** 

saving supplies and critical weapons to Ukraine. Earlier this month, I supported legislation to provide additional resources and aid to Ukraine. This funding will go towards a combination of military aid and support for refugees escaping the Russian invasion.

The Ukrainian people are in a fight for their lives. These types of donations will help defend their families and their country from Putin's invasion.

#### **Celebrating National Agriculture Week**

This week marks National Agriculture Week, when we recognize the important work of America's farmers and producers. We've got some exciting events lined up (keep an eye on my social media to learn more) but before the fun, we must recognize the enormous challenges that our ag community is facing.

Just like every household in America, our farmers are paying skyrocketing prices. Inflated costs on essential items like feed for livestock and fertilizer for crops mean that they are paying more to keep their farms afloat, and commodity prices haven't kept pace.

Farm Loans

assist with Τo loan-making activities that are critical for annual operation and family living expenses, term investments for equipment and livestock, emergency needs, and cash flow, the USDA's Farm Service Agency ex-

panded flexibilities to help producers with credit options, including

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or virtual notary services. FSA is currently relaxing the loan-making process and adding flexibilities for servicing direct and guaranteed loans to provide credit to producers in need.

Additionally, USDA has temporarily suspended non-judicial foreclosures, debt offsets or wage garnishments, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice. USDA is working with the U.S. Attorney's Office to stop judicial foreclosures and evictions on accounts that were previously referred to the Department of Justice.

USDA extended deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan deferral consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers. In addition, for the Guaranteed Loan program, flexibilities have been made available to lenders to assist in servicing their cus-

#### **Upcoming Tax** Filing Deadlines

The federal tax filing deadline is just around the corner. Whether or not you've begun to file your taxes, this year's process might present more confusion than years past. You can find resources to guide your filing process on my website, Emmer. House. gov. For larger questions and concerns, my casework team stands ready to help. You can contact them at Emmer. House.gov/ casework or by calling my Otsego office at (763) 241-

### Nuclear: Affordable, Clean, and Renewable

By Sen.

Mary Kiffmeyer

Senate Energy and Utilities

Finance and Policy Com-

mittee, we heard several

presentations on nuclear en-

ergy from industry experts

who further highlighted its

Ashley Finan, director of

the National Reactor Inno-

vation Center led by Idaho

National Laboratory, spoke

to nuclear energy safety and

is well managed. My con-

cern as a citizen is focused

on climate change and how

we're going to achieve en-

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the globe moving forward...

I am very concerned with

health and safety in general,

Finan shared, "I think it

One such testifier, Dr.

advantages.

management.

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

We live with nuclear power in our back yard and know the benefits and that it has many advantages but few drawbacks. Nuclear is a zero-emission, carbon-free clean energy source. In fact, in just 2019, nuclear energy allowed the United States to avoid more than 476 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions.

Nuclear energy creates an enormous amount of energy using a very small amount of fuel. This results in a small land footprint, which produces more electricity on less land than any other source such as wind or solar.

Safety is a concern brought up in discussion on nuclear power. However, the facts and statistics show it is actually the saftest form of energy production available.

Nuclear waste of spent fuel rods (in the latest research) includes recycling and reusing them as an effective source for additional energy

And in this week's

but I also know advanced nuclear is very safe. Today's nuclear is very safe. It is the safest form of energy we have."

I echo Finan's sentiments on the importance of nuclear energy. As Minnesota works to find affordable, clean, renewable sources of energy, it is critical to keep all options on

In 2020, Minnesota's two nuclear power plants, Prairie Island and Monticello, safely fueled 26% of the state's electricity net generation, while emitting no greenhouse gases.

For this reason, I am authoring a bill to fully repeal our state's ban on the construction of new nuclear power facilities in Minnesota, which has been in effect for over two decades. My proposal does not mandate building any new plants, but instead allows power companies to consider all options.

Therefore, I strongly believe we need low-carbon electricity that is not dependent on the weather or wind and our nuclear power plants provide just that.

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### Letters To The Editor

### TO THE EDITOR:

Last Monday, I attended the presentation endowed by our to the Becker School Board by the "Child Protection League", voicing the "other side" to a presentation about ways to keep LGBTQ kids safe while in school. I was horrified and disgusted as they spewed hateful rhetoric filled with misinformation, half-truths, bigotry, distortions, fear-mongering and lies — wrapped up in the cloak of Christian values. In my over 40 years in Becker, this is one of the most disturbing events that I've witnessed. There is no "other side" to human rights, no legitimate defense for hatred and marginalization. The group's accusation that the teachers "indoctrinate" children was particularly disturbing. Having taught in Becker for 31 years, I know it is a gross misrepresentation of teachers, who are steadfast advocates and protectors for ALL students. The board had no obligation to allow this group a forum in a public institution. Inviting them to speak was regrettable. I applaud the more than one hundred courageous and heroic students and teachers who were there in protest. Hopefully, the board is not serious about adopting any of CPL's views into the policies of Becker Public Schools. Hare, homophobia, and closed-mindedness have no place here.

Kathy Geary Becker, MN

### TO THE EDITOR:

The school board correctly decided to allow a presentation on March 14 in order to hear a different point of view on how it should accomodate transgendered student from that given by an advocacy group last August. The irresponsible media lit up the internet with stories claiming that the board promoted "hate speech" in allowing the presentation. Quoting a proactive website (LGBTQNation) "LGBTQ protestors turned out in droves to a meeting of the Becker School District board in Minnesota to disrupt an anti-LGBTQ presentation taking place" (emphasis added). I agree with their characterization. One speaker made the point that your 1st Amendment right to speak does not give you the right to shout down someone else's speech. But one teacher at Becker appears to disagree. Characterizing the particular demands of LGBTQ students as demands for "human rights," she said "I don't understand how you could think

there's another side to human rights . . "Well, that depends upon who defines human rights, doesn't it? Our founders established an exceptional nation, where the role of the government was to secure

the inalienable rights with which were the rights He gave us.

to speak for many of my peers. I am a

Becker Senior, who is sick and tired of

**Russ Armstrong** Becker, MN

#### TO THE EDITOR: I am a first time writer who wishes

having my year ruined by a small group of students who seek attention to their cause. I truly do believe that each person is entitled to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness and I fully support the freedoms of LGBTQ+ peoples and the right to their beliefs. Yet I do not condone their harsh denial of any other point of view, as seen at the school board meeting on 3/14/2022. For a group of people who preach equality and safety, the lack of equal opportunity for the expression of other viewpoints at Becker Public Schools have become too much to bear. I no longer can stand by, as a minority group of students overwhelm the school board's time and attention, as well as distract from real learning to be done in school while leaving and disrupting classes. It is no longer a positive movement once it impairs the schools ability to ensure a healthy and safe learning environment for their students. My message to those who take part in these protests: Thank you for standing up for those who were silenced for so long. I truly am proud of you all, but you have crossed the line between a positive movement, and a negative force. You have become a cancer to the learning environment of Becker Schools and are hurting many students stuck in between your protests and their education. To Joseph Rand and Dr. Abrahamson: See past yourself and those who you represent, please see the students stuck in the middle who just wish to learn and quit stealing from their High School experience immediately. Your desire to help the LGBTQ+ community is admirable but is beginning to divide the community and the school. To the silent majority of students at Becker High School: I see you, I hear you. You deserve better, I am truly sorry that you will look back at your high school experience and have your memories stained by those who damage your learning environment. I hope this ends soon so those younger than us can enjoy, in full, their High School experience.

Maxwell E. Hubbard Becker, MN

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# PATRIOT GRFIA holds "Seeds of Hope" Gala



GRFIA BOARD CHAIR Jason Hammerback (L) and Executive Director, Maureen Baty (R) spoke on the volunteerism and successes of the organization's 2021 season. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

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

Last Saturday at Rockwoods in Otsego, over 220 guests, volunteers, partners, sponsors and supporters of Faith In Action came together to hold a special gala that included a dinner, silent auction, entertainment and a rundown of the organization's mission.

Board Chair Jason Hammerback and Executive Director Maureen Baty gave the rundown where they identified the services they provide and recognized the numerous volunteers who served the organization and the community so selflessly.

Hammerback reminded the guests the organization uses just 8% of the financial support they get for administrative costs.

"The other 92% goes towards supporting our mission of serving the elderly and disabled and those in need," he said. "We are grateful for the support of you that join us in this mission."

A lot of what GRFIA does for the community is providing transportation to doctor's offices, grocery stores and other destinations for the elderly or those incapable of driving. They also provide cleaning services, minor home repairs, yard projects and set up and delivery of furniture

and beds. In 2021, GRFIA coordinated 22,400 miles driven by their volunteers, 621 rides to the grocery store or doctor's offices, donated 1,050 hours of driving for other purposes, spent 580 hours cleaning, mowing, shoveling, respite care, friendly visits and handyman services, 1,500 hours of small group and church projects, delivered furniture to 60 local families, acquired 47 new clients, recruited 16 new, ongoing volunteers and enlisted 354 new group volunteers.

At last Saturday's gala, dozens of tables were set up in the foyer and in other rooms outside the main banquet room where over 75 silent auction items were presented for bidding. Some of the big auction items were some handpainted stones from Target Field that have the Minnesota Twins logos painted on them. Also, Stillwater Hot Air Balloon donated two tickets for a scenic large basket excursion over beautiful St. Croix River valley.

New Scenic Cafe & Rustic Inn Cafe donated a two-night stay in the Skiff House in Two Harbors by the infamous lighthouse on Lake Superior. A beautiful 70"x90" handcrafted quilt was created by Eileen Bialka and donated to the auction. And, Winlectric donated a framed, autographed photo of former Viking QB Fran Tarkenton with a value of \$350.

Patrick Albanese, a self-proclaimed magician and comedian best known for being part of the infamous comedy team, Triple Espresso, was GRFIA's entertainment at the gala. Albanese lives in Des Moines, IA and was born and raised in Arlington Heights, IL. He fed the crowd plenty of hilarious jokes Saturday while he amazed all with his slight-of-hand magic skits for about an hour.

Following the comedy act, GRFIA members held a "Heads or Tails" game to the delight of the amused crowd.

GRFIA would like to thank the following sponsors: Platinum: BeauSon's Electric.

Board Members for GRFIA are: Hammerback, Randy Pelletier, Steve Leen, Doreen Novak, Sandra Kruse, Candice Hanson and Doug Anderson.

From the gala program that was dispersed to every chair in the banquet room:

"Faith in Action volunteers didn't miss a beat in 2021 when it comes to serving our elderly & disabled clients, while continuing to prioritize everyone's safety and comfort level as we adjust to the 'new normal. Volunteers have provided countless rides to doctor's appointments and the grocery store, friendly phone visits, assisted with cleaning, minor home repairs, large yard projects and so much more!"

"With the help of volunteers and Becker Furniture World, our Furniture for Families Program was able to bless over 60 struggling families with furniture in 2021. Thank you to our amazing volunteers who



COMEDIAN AND MAGICIAN Patrick Albanese put on quite a show for the 220+ guests at last Saturday's GRFIA gala in Otsego. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

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have served so selflessly!" "Along with the generosity from individuals, organizations and our wonderful church partners who have given to Faith in Action, we are able to continue to share Christ's love and sow seeds of hope in our community!'

GRFIA is located at 13074 Edgewood St., SE in Becker and their phone number is 763-263-4277. Their website is located at www.grfia.org.



NUMEROUS guests put their names to the sign-up sheet for the plethora of silent auction items at Saturday's GRFIA gala at Rockwoods in Otsego. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

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### Big Lake had a tourist season?

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer • reporter.bill@patriotnewsmn.com

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### How to "Summerize" your Winter Ice Fishing Gear!

that the ice season is basically over, the transition from winter gear to summer gear is in full swing! So here are a bunch of 'summerizing" tips related to ice gear storage. These are not



organized - kinda like most of us! LOL. Disclaimer: I am not a mechanic, just a fishing guide on a budget that has to maintain a ton of stuff - so I've learned a few things over the years that have worked for me. So on that note, use these tips at your own risk! LOL.

Portable Fish Houses: Clean thoroughly to get any debris and smells out of the house that may attract mice throughout the summer months. Place dryer sheets or moth balls to keep rodents away. Refresh the items in

Wheel houses/skid houses: Clean thoroughly to get any food crumbs, smells. or anything that will attract rodents. Store in a dry hard floored shed. Outside somewhere in the back grove equals mice – and they have all summer to get in and eat wires, cushions, etc. Grease the heck out of the wheel/axle pivot systems (or they may seize up from rust), power wash the frame bottom (10 trips down the highway means a ton of road salt on a frame). Charge and disconnect all batteries (unless you have a security system). Plug all vents to keep mice out. Do not let anything dangle from the house to the ground - it's a ladder for rodents! Stuff the place with dryer sheets or moth balls. Crack the roof vent or windows to prevent mold behind all of that nice pine interior. Spray all exterior or interior wire connectors with a corrosion protectant. Lube the door locks and hitch lock. Fill propane tanks. Cover regulator (gas line) vents so spiders or moisture can't get into regulators. Double check your insurance coverage. Finally, hang some Rosary beads from the doorknob and cross

Electronics Batteries: Disconnect from the unit and charge full using a 2 amp charger (a fast charge will cook batteries). Spray battery connections with a protectant along with the connectors on the unit itself. Recharge every couple of months until next ice season. The same holds true for four wheeler or snowmobile batteries. It's not uncommon to get 4-5 years out of a battery if maintained. Now go get a high speed transducer and mount the Vexilar or Humminbird to the boat and use it all summer long.

Ice rods/reels: Clean the handles of the rods/reels - rodents and pets love to chew on foam and cork handles that smell tasty! Pop open the reels and lightly oil. Loosen the drags to minimal tension to save tension washers etc. Store in a dry place, out of the reach of pets. Try to avoid hot storage places like the garage attic - the summer heat will destroy line, rod varnishes, glues, etc. If you have young kids or grandkids (2-4 yrs. old) maybe keep a couple ice rods ready to go for them to use in the boat or off the dock. Five year olds are ready for the big show—a 4-5ft set up. OK, now I'm side tracked.

Ice tackle: Put in the boat or tackle box, use it all summer. Who said tungsten ice jigs aren't a deadly summer option for huge "pannies"?

Gas Augers/equipment: You still have one? Never use ethanol gas in small gas tools/equipment first of all, but even if you do, or don't, add Sea Foam to the gas (I'm a big fan). Run the auger for five minutes to get through the system. Empty gas into your car or boat tank, then run auger empty until it quits. Remove gas tank lid and let the tank dry. Feel free to spray a lube into spark plug hole and pull a few times to "coat" piston area to prevent corrosion. These simple steps will also keep your wheelers

#### and "sleds" happy - at least all of mine like it!

Sharpen auger blades (beat the fall rush) and spray with a lube to prevent any potential rust. Check the lube levels in the auger crankcase.

Electric augers: Hmmm. not much for maintenance. Simply charge batteries and maintain the battery charge throughout summer. Do not store in a hot place. Heat kills more batteries than cold. Spray blades with a lube to prevent rust etc.

Bait Stuff: Use the bait pucks all spring and summer for waxies and spikes. When the bait shops are out of waxies or spikes for the summer, then go to www.Speedy-Worm.com and get spikes and waxies all summer. Why wait for ice? I like to use the bigger bait pucks for leeches, drill a couple holes in them and let them float in the live well – forget the Styrofoam disaster cups! I also let the kids (myself as well just in case the plastics bite is off) use the bait pucks for taking small amounts of crawlers/ leeches to wherever. Any unused bait pucks can be run through the dishwasher when nobody is home.

Portable Aerators: remove all batteries and spray the electric pump motor shaft with lube.

Coordinates: Don't forget to save all of those "honey holes" onto another unit or "chip." Some of the spots may be great summer haunts as well. And ya never know when the unit might fail in storage causing you to lose your coordinates.

Well I hope that helps a little, I'm sure I've forgotten something that I normally take for granted and do myself. Happy equipment equals happy fishing! Lotsa Fish! Losta Fun!

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### National poetry month @ SHC

Submitted article

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

Center Book Club will commemorate National Poetry Month by sharing and discussing poetry at their meeting on April 7, 2022 at 1 pm.

Anyone interested in sharing their favorite poem or simply wanting to discuss poetry is welcome to join the group at the Sherburne History Center.

The SHC Book Club meets each month to discuss specific books about Minnesota or by Minnesota authors. Because of the national commemoration for poetry in April the group chose to offer this unique variation at their

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Mike Brubaker, Executive Director, at 763-275-2210, or by email at: MBrubaker@SherburneHistoryCenter.org

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# Bulldog boys fall in section final



THE BECKER BULLDOG BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM just missed out on the state tournament, losing in the section finals to the Princeton Tigers. Here the team, managers and coaches show off their second place medals and trophy. (Submitted photo.)

By Mark Kolbinger, **Contributing Writer** 

The Becker Bulldog boys basketball team put together an impressive playoff run, but ran into state ranked Princeton in last Friday's Section 5AAA final, losing to the Tigers, 77-67.

The first 12 minutes of the game were even, as the teams were tied at 22 with about six minutes left in the first half before the Tigers went on their first run to build a comfortable halftime lead, 42-30.

However, Becker still had some fight left and the Bulldogs came back to outscore the Tigers in the sec-

ond half, 37-35. With 4:21 left in the game, Princeton led 67-56

before the Bulldogs put

together a furious rally.

Princeton looked to be sur-

viving the onslaught, but then the Bulldogs gave the Tigers a real scare, cutting the lead to just six points, trailing 73-67 with just 1:24 left in the game. But those would be Becker's last points, as Princeton survived to qualify for the state tournament. For the game, the Ti-

gers hit just three of 19 shots from three point range, while the Bulldogs hit seven in the same number of attempts.

The big advantage for Princeton came in the rebounding department, where the Tigers had 44 and Becker had 27. This led to a 22-13 advantage in second chance points for the #1 seed Tigers.

Both teams took care of the ball well, with Becker committing 12 turnovers to

Princeton's 11. With the loss, Becker finished its season with a record of 17-11, while the Tigers improved to 27-1 overall and qualified for the state tournament.

Princeton went on to win their opening game in the state tournament, 73-63 over Austin.

For the season, Eric Seavert led the Bulldogs with a 17.6 point scoring average, while Brady Paumen averaged 14.5 per game. Julias Hendricks was the third Bulldog to average double figures at 10.4 per

Becker scoring versus Princeton: Alex Weiss, nine (six rebounds); Nick Berglund, five; Hendricks, 15; Hayden Harmoning, five; Seavert, seven (eight assists); Paumen, 21 (seven rebounds); Carter Callahan,

# Bulldogs fall in title game, finish 2nd in state

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Becker girls basketball team's most recent run to the state championship fell just one game short, as the Bulldogs fell last Saturday in the Class AAA title game, 60-51, to the Totino-Grace Eagles.

"We had a tough time with Totino-Grace's 2-3 matchup zone," Bulldog Coach Dan Baird said. "They were long, controlled the pace, and contested shots well forcing us to shoot 6-for-26 from the three point line (23%), where we normally shoot

Baird's team battled the entire game, and trailed just 28-24 at halftime, but the scoring touch that has led to so many incredible accomplishments throughout the season couldn't be found by the Bulldog shoot-

"Their game plan slowed us down and made shooting tough," Baird added. "They also out rebounded us 33 to 26."

The Eagles' Hannah Herzig was a difference maker for her team, as she had 31 points in the contest.

Becker's Adeline Kent, the team's lone Senior, answered the call for the Bulldogs. In the end, the shooting woes were just too much to overcome.

"Addy Kent played great for us with 18 points, six rebounds, and four steals... she played great in the three games at the State Tournament," Baird said. "She played like a Senior that didn't want to lose! Her grit made for some great tournament moments. As a team, we ran out of gas. Totino was a big part of that.'

Becker did have chances in the second half, but wasn't able to get over the hump to take the lead. The Bulldogs pulled to within 44-41 with about 10 minutes remaining, but Totino answered with a 7-0 run to put the game out of reach.

"They (Totino) deserve all the credit and played like a championship team,"

Baird added. With the loss, Becker finished their incredible season with a 25-5 overall

Becker scoring: Dani Nuest, five; Maren Westin, 10 (four assist, six rebounds); Ayla Brown, seven (six assists); Kent,

record.



THE BECKER BULLDOG GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM finished off a great season with the second place trophy and medals after making it to the Class AAA state championship game, where they fell to private school Totino-Grace (Submitted photo.)

18 (six rebounds, four steals); Lexi Rose, nine; Liz Mackedanz, two.

#### Quarterfinals

Becker opened the state tournament with a hard fought, 53-48 win over Austin in the opening

Becker used a 12-0 run at the end of the game to seal the victory, after the Bulldogs held a 22-20 halftime lead.

Shooting woes for the Bulldogs were reflected in their percentages, as Becker hit just 32% of their shots in the first half, while in the second half they hit 52%, including a 56% performance from beyond the 3 point line.

Austin used a 10-0 run early in the game to take a seven point lead just 4:11 into the first half, before Becker strung together their own run, 13-0, to lead by six points with 5:45 left in the opening stanza.

Maren Westin was hot early for the Bulldogs, scoring 11 first half points, while Dani Nuest had six rebounds and Adeline Kent had four steals to help keep Becker in the game despite their shooting difficulties.

The second half saw three tied scores and six lead changes, as the Bulldogs held on for the victory.

Becker scoring: Nuest, eight (four assists, eight rebounds); Westin, 15; Ayla Brown, seven (seven rebounds); Kent, 13 (four steals); Alexis Rose, eight; Liz Mackedanz, two.

#### Semifinals

Becker built a huge advantage in their Thursday semifinal game against Mankato East and then hung on down the stretch for a 67-63 win that propelled the Bulldogs into yet another state title game.

It was a clash of styles right from the opening tipoff, as Becker used its full court pressure and uptemp style and Mankato East countered with their inside, post-up game. For the game, Mankato held a 38-18 advantage in points scored in the paint.

"This was a tough, hard fought game especially after the drama of the Austin game," Coach Baird said. "We came back from seven down to score the final 12 points of the

It was a very close first

half, with the teams tied up at 23 apiece with just over four minutes left before halftime. Big buckets from Dani Nuest and Adeline Kent helped Becker to carve out a 33-29 halftime

Becker hit just two of eight three point shots in the opening half, while Mankato was 0-for-7.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Becker went on the attack and put together a 10-2 run, including three pointers from Lexi Rose and Westin and a pair of runners from Adeline Kent, as Becker took a 43-31 lead in the first three

Becker's help side defense was also much better, with the much taller Mankato team was getting harassed from both sides, as Bulldog coach Dan Baird's adjustments seemed to be working.

Becker maintained a comfortable lead, ahead 49-35 as the teams headed into a TV timeout with 11:59 remaining in the

The next five minutes saw Becker extend the lead to 59-44, with the final shot

being a huge three pointer from Lexi Rose, as the Bulldogs advanced the ball with three long passes and zero dribbles on the fast break to find her wide open on the left baseline.

This led to a Mankato timeout, and a quick 6-0 run of their own to force Baird to call his own timeout.

From there, the Bulldogs missed a few shots and all of the sudden it was a 60-60 ball game with just 1:31 remaining on the clock.

Baird called another timeout and ran a set play for Westin out the break, which led to a 12 foot jumper and another Becker lead, 62-60. Rose then hit another huge three for the Bulldogs to give her team a 65-62 advantage and the Bulldogs took care of the ball down the stretch to make it to the championship game.

Lexis Rose was the hot hand for the Bulldogs, scoring 21 points on 6-for-11 shooting from beyond the arc, while Liz Mackedanz logged nearly 20 minutes off the bench for the Bulldogs and collected six points while playing tough

inside defense against the taller Mankato squad.

"We let a lead slip away, but came up with a key play or two to win the game despite losing the momentum," Baird said.

Becker scoring: Nuest, four (four assists); Westin, 15 (six rebounds); Brown, 11; Kent, 10 (five assists, four steals); Lexi Rose, 21 (five rebounds, four steals); Mackedanz, six.

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BULLDOG LIZ MACKEDANZ logged nearly 20 minutes off the bench for the Bulldogs in their semifinal victory over Mankato East. (Submitted photo.)











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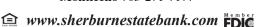


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# Sports/Area News

# HONORS POUR IN FOR BULLDOG GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

A long and very successful basketball season came to an end last weekend for the Becker girls basketball team, which started practice back in November. After 30 games and nearly double that number of practices, one would assume that the team and coaches are exhausted and would take a week or two to catch their collective breath.

"I'm actually not exhausted," Coach Dan Baird said Monday afternoon as he reflected back on the season. "We had 12 girls at open gym this morning. It really means a lot to these kids."

It's that intense dedication and elite work ethic that has defined the program the past several years and led to an amazing amount of success.

The end of the official basketball season also means that a number of awards are being bestowed upon the Bulldog players, including having three players named to the Class AAA All-state team. Having one team member receive the honor is a big deal, but having three members is a true rarity.

Senior Adeline Kent, as well as juniors Dani Nuest and Maren Westin,



THREE BULLDOGS were named to the Class AAA All-Tournament Team for their efforts in helping Becker reach the championship game. Pictured in the front row are Adeline Kent, Maren Westin and Ayla Brown. (Submitted photo.)

each earned the All State honors from the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association. The announcement was released just before the tipoff of the state tournament. In all, 41 players were named to the team, 10 from each class (there was a tie for 10th in Class A, thus the 41 total players).

All three girls have al-

ready announced their college decisions, with Kent, the team's lone senior, planning to play basketball next season for the University of Tampa.

After finishing their high school careers, Nuest will enroll at Michigan Tech, while Westin will attend the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay as both players continue their

basketball careers.

The Bulldogs also saw three players named to the Class AAA All-Tournament Team at the conclusion of the state tournament. Kent and Westin were joined on the team by teammate Ayla Brown. These awards honor those players who displayed the tenacity and made the biggest contributions to their



DANI NUEST was one of three Bulldogs to earn All State status for the 2021-2022 basketball season. (Submitted photo.)

team's state tournament success.

In addition to those allstate and all-tournament selections, Baird was proud to announce another honor for his lone senior.

Adeline Kent has been selected to play in the MN Girls Basketball All-Star Series, which features the top 41 seniors in the state. The games are scheduled to be played at the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield on Saturday, April 9. Game times are at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

At the All-Star Series, the MN Miss Basketball committee will also name the 2022 MN Miss Basketball winner. Last month, Kent was named to the watch list and this week she was informed that she is a finalist for the award, given annually to the top girls basketball player in the state.

The All-Star event and Miss Basketball announcement will be a fitting tribute to Kent's wonderful career as a Becker Bulldogs basketball player.

For the rest of the Bulldogs, there are apparently no days off as they are busy working on their skills in preparation for another stellar season come November.

# Congratulations Athletes From the Patriot!









### **Endangered Species who Made a Comeback -**

Recently while leading a photo tour throughout Florida to photograph birds, it occurred to me how much things have changed. I don't mean how much things have become worse, or crowded, but rather how much several species have increased in population.

I've been traveling to Florida since the late 1960's and early 70's when my grandparents retired there. Even back then I was interested in wildlife. I recall riding my bike to a rehab facility not far from my grandparents that had an injured Brown Pelican. At the time Brown Pelicans where nearly killed off in North America. In 1970 the Brown Pelican was listed as a federally endangered species. Like so many other large birds, the Brown Pelican was a victim of DDT. I felt so honored to be able to see the Brown Pelican, even though it was injured and in a wildlife rehab clinic. Today the Brown Pelican is doing very well and can be seen along most of Florida's coasts, and it was removed from the endangered species list in 2009. My photo group saw and photographed many Brown Pelicans.

Back when I visited my grandparents, I would spend any free time searching high and low for an American
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t r o 1 l e d hunting in the early 1900's and the American Alligator was listed as a federally endangered species in 1973.

This protection allowed the American Alligator to rebound and by 1987 it was removed from the endangered status. Today you can see huge gators in many places through the southern part of the state. What a thrill to see them now. All the participants on my photo tour had never seen an American Alligator before, so this was a real highlight to see one in the wild and to capture some wonderful images.

Another species that is doing good now but was nearly killed off is the Osprey. The Osprey is a fish-eating raptor and was another victim of DDT. The chemical DDT caused thinning of their eggshells and interrupted nearly all



By Naturist Stan Tekiela

the banning of DDT in 1972 and protection from the Endangered Species Act, the Osprey started to slowly recover.

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Osprey is doing great.
One morning during the photo tour we took a boat out onto a freshwater lake.

out onto a freshwater lake where over 275 pairs of Osprey where nesting together. Just about anywhere we would go, my group noticed Osprey in the sky. We even saw them nesting in the parking lot of a large shopping center.

Another species that

Another species that we saw and admired during our photo tour was the Wood Stork. When I was young the Wood Stork was nearly impossible to see. Every time I visited my Grandparents in Florida, I would look for this rare bird. I thought it was a cool bird because it's the only stork species found in the United States.

This three foot tall bird with a huge black bill was placed on the Federal Endangered Species List in 1984. Protection from shooting and from DDT allowed this bird to recover enough to be down graded from endangered to threatened in 2014. During the photo tour we visited a nesting colony of Wood Storks and was able to see and capture images of these amazing birds up close and personal.

So, as you can see, for me, leading a photo tour or Florida birds brings back so many memories and reminds me of some fabulous wildlife success stories Sometimes we must remind ourselves of these success stories during these uncertain times when it seems like so many things are no going well.

My grandmother who loved feeding the birds in her yard in Florida would be amazed at the abundance of these species today. I sure is encouraging to be able to see and capture so many wonderful images of these birds. Until nex

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

### Assistant superintendent of secondary education named

Submitted article

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

st. Cloud Area School

District announces Kay Nelson has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education. Ms. Nelson brings over 30 years of experience as an educator, including 21 years as a K-12 music teacher, secondary choral director and curriculum director. She has served as the Assistant Superintendent in the Sartell-St. Stephen school district for

the past nine years. Nelson assumes the role July 1st as Dr. Laurie Putnam, current Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, becomes Superintendent of St. Cloud Area Schools.



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Little Red Wagon Day

• Doctors' Day

• World Bipolar Day Thurs. - Mar. 31, 2022:

• "Summer Time" Begins (UK & EU)

 National Farm Workers Day Fri. - Apr. 1, 2022: April Fool's Day

• BHS: No School-Spring Break Library Snapshot Day

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### REJOICE from page 1

Hall, 160 Lake St. North.

& conversation

Southwestern Minnesota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to bring McKinney to Clearwater as a response to the riots of 2020 and the upheaval of Minneapolis after the death of George Floyd.

When we heard the synod was providing grants to help congregations keep the conversation going and learn to be more welcoming to all we knew it was something we wanted to be part of," said Susan Chwalek.

For the past two years the church has been holding weekly Zoom adult book discussions in the winter months, with this year's book being *How to be an* Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi. One of the church's members had heard McKinney lead a workshop previously that she found very meaningful, so she suggested the reverend be asked to come to Rejoice.

McKinney was raised in



leading a presentation on equity at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater on March 27. (Submitted photo.)

north Minneapolis and has a PhD from St. Thomas and MDiv from Fuller Seminary. She's been a youth minister, chaplain, and professor at Bethel University for 24 years. She's currently the

Chief Equity Officer/Assistant Commissioner for the MN Dept. of Human Services.

McKinney will be bringing her presentation, Community Conversations, to Rejoice next Sunday, March 27. She will be preaching at the 9:30 a.m. service, after which there will be a free meal and conversations around the tables until noon. From noon to 3 p.m. McKinney will be leading a learning session on how equity applies to everyone at home, at church, and in the community.

The event is open, everyone is invited to attend. Please call Rejoice at 320-558-6851 so they will know how many attendees to prepare for.

### BRANDON from page 1 \_

ship as we continue to foster healthy lives and thriving communities." Jessica is a graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato, re-

ceiving her BS in Psychology and Women's Studies and MS in Community Counseling. She also received her MBA from Southern Illinois University. Her executive leadership career spans across the country, including executive leadership roles at domestic violence prevention and advocacy agencies.

T am very pleased to be returning to Minnesota, and to be assuming the role of Executive Director of Central Minnesota Mental Health Center," Brandon stated. "CMMHC performs vital work for the community, and I look forward to working with the dedicated Board and staff of the agency to advance the organization's mission."

'Knowing the changes taking place in our community and organization, we looked for an experienced non-profit executive who could lead CMMHC through the growth and transformation that we see in our future," said Steve Bresnahan, Board member and chair of the search committee. "With the assistance of CohenTaylor Executive Search Services, we looked widely across the country and across the nonprofit, health care and mental health services spectrum for CMMHC's next leader. Jessica has those qualities of leadership and experience that we

The Board of Directors wishes to thank Dr. John Eggers for serving as the interim executive director over the past few months to lead CMMHC during the transition.

### About CMMHC

has been serving the community since 1959. The organization serves over 10,000 people of all ages each year through 17 different service lines in the counties of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright.

CMMHC is a nonprofit community-based mental health center that

# Announcements

#### Clear Lake/Clearwater -Organizations

Clear Lake Legion

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

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

#### **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@

Clearwater AA/Al-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 Al-Anon.

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

#### Clearwater Area Friends of the Library

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### Clearwater American Legion

Post 323 & Auxiliary
Clearwater Legion meetings are held the second Thurs. of the month. Auxiliary 6:30pm, S.A.L. at 7pm, Legion 7:30pm. Clearwater Legion, Clearwater.

#### Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

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

#### **Clearwater Narcotics**

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

Sun. 6-8pm at Clear Lake Town Hall, 7684 1st Ave. W.

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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.clearwaterlionYoung @ 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.

#### Miscellaneous -Organizations

#### **Every Child Deserves a** Family! WE NEED YOU!

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Children enter Fos-ter Care whose families are experiencing difficulties, have special medical, emotional, or developmental needs or who struggle with their own issues such as mental health, behavior, or truancy. Foster Care is the least restrictive out-of-home placement option & most likely a family set-

Please contact: Chelsea Doherty 763) 765-4033 or chelsea.doherty@co.sherburne.

#### FREE - Advocates for Independence First & third Wed. of the

month 2-4pm at Independent Lifestyles, 215 North Benton

Drive, Sauk Rapids. Make a difference in your community for people w/disabilities. Michele Pelka (320) 281-2042. All abilities are welcome to at-

#### FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

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

#### Mental Health Discussion Group

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

#### Parkinson's Disease Support Group

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

Rivers of Hope Advocates for ending family violence, is a non-profit community based agency offering advocacy, support, education & referral services for victims of family violence. Working in partnerships w/schools, law enforcement, social service agencies

& the court system in Sherburne & Wright Co. (763) 295-3433 or 1-800-439-2642 or *info@river*sofhope.org. Free & confidential. Phones answered 24/7.

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#### Upcoming Becker Events Resource Closet

We have a Spring Open Shop Day at our Resource

to shop! For more information:

#### Closet on Mar. 28, & foster families will receive them for their foster kiddos when they come

www.thecompassionconnectionmn.com Yarn Works A first gathering on Wed., Apr. 6. 6-8pm. for knitters, crocheters, embroiderers & others who do hand needlework. This first get-together, will be to explore interest in having a social

space & time to gather & work on

individual projects. This would

that met at Cafe Pawz, until they closed. We will meet at the Becker Community Center in the Senior Center room. All ages are welcome; guys & beginners too. Bring your own project &

be similar to the "Knit Night"

your yarn, needles, hooks, threads, patterns & come sit, stitch & visit. Those new to knitting & crochet or just wanting to learn more will find those more experienced willing to help. We hope to have some kits available. At this first gathering the group will decide on the frequency of get-togethers, best days of the week and/or times for Yarn Works to meet. Registration is not required. Call BCC at 763-200-4271 if questions.

#### <u>Upcoming Clearwater</u> <u>Events</u>

#### Rejoice Lutheran Church The Rev. Dr. Karen McK-

inney will preach & lead a learning session at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater on Sun., Mar. 27. All are welcome to worship at 9:30am followed by a meal & conversation. Free will offering will be taken for the meal catered by Chevy's Pit. The learning session will address how equity applies to us at home, at church & in our community from Noon-3pm. Please call 320-558-6851 to reserve a spot for the meal.

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in the Complaint. If you do not

### Public Motices

### Public Notices **Public Notice**

Notice of non-bonafide sale on April 5, 2022, Sherburne County Sheriff's Department. 6125 115th Ave, Clear Lake, MN

(Published in the Patriot: 02/19/22: 02/26/22: 03/05/22: 03/12/22; 03/19/22; 03/26/22).

#### Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH HUDICIAL DISTRICT

PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 71-PR-22-33 Estate of

Sharon A. Merry Decedent.

AMENDED NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESEN-TATIVE AND NOTICE TO

CREDITORS Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's will dated June 6, 2012 ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has

been granted. Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Kevin Maire, whose address is 15216 Lake Street Exension Minnetonka MN 55435 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real

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

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

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

Dated: March 16, 2022 /s/ Pamela Kreier, Registrar Dated: March 16, 2022 /s/ Pat Kuka Court Administrator Attorney for Applicants Joseph P. Kukla, MN ID #387458 Thiel, Anderson, Kukla & Gunderson, PLLP 7300 Metro Boulevard, Suite 630 Edina, MN 55439

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Email: jkukla@thielfirm.com

PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 71-PR-22-20

Decedent. NOTICE AND ORDER

### It is Ordered and Notice is

given that on May 5th, at 9:00 o'clock am a hearing will be held in this Court at Remotely, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, May 7, 2021, and separate writings under Minnesota Statutes section 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Jessica Lynn Sanders, whose address is 5076 Woodbury Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised. the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subiect to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: March 18, 2022

/s/ Jordan Gregorich Court Administrator Attorney for Petitioner Nikki Bonine Bonine Law, LLC 1915 Hwy 36 West, Suite 13 Roseville, MN 55113 Attorney License No: 0389942 Telephone: (651) 558-7715 Email: nikki@boninelaw.com (Published in the Patriot: 03/26/22: 04/02/22).

### Foreclosures

#### NOTICE OF ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE WHEREAS, default has been

made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association (henceforth the Declaration) dated August 11, 2003 and recorded in the office of the County Recorder in and for Sherburne County. Minnesota on August 18, 2003 as Document No. 518022 which said Lien covers the following described property situated in the County of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Lot 4, Block 10, Harrisons Cove, CIC No. 39, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Sherburne County Recorder. Street Address: 677 Independence Drive, Big Lake, MN PID #65-520-1008

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by Nicole Nelson as unit owner to Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association, the principal amount of Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars and 84/100 (\$3,127,84) for assessments through March, 2022; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt or any part thereof, and:

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota at Sheriff's Main Reception in the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Dr. NW. Suite 100. in the City of Elk River in said County on May 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney's fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owner, her personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale. TIME AND DATE TO VA-

CATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on November 18, 2022. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m. Dated: March 21, 2022 HARRISON'S COVE HOME-

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Attorneys for Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association (Published in the Patriot: 03/26/22; 04/02/22; 04/09/22; 04/16/22; 04/23/22; 04/30/22).

### Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Other Civil Court File No.: 71-CV-22-235 Dustin Thuftedal and Jennifer Thuftedal.

Plaintiffs,

Homefield Financial, Inc., its successors or assigns, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein Defendants.

**SUMMONS** 

### THIS SUMMONS IS DI-

RECTED TO: Homefield Financial, Inc., its successors or assigns, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the complaint hereto attached. 1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiffs have started a lawsuit against you. Plaintiffs' Complaint is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and/or there may be no court file number on this Summons. 2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at: Foley & Mansfield, PLLP, 250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 1200, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer. 4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS

SUMMONS. If you do not Answer

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may decide against you and award

the Plaintiff everything asked for

want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint. 5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE, You may wish to get legal help from a lawver. If you do not have a lawver, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case. 6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Sherburne County, State of Minnesota, commonly known as 11406 91st Street Southeast Clear Lake

Minnesota 55319 and legally described as follows: Lot 5, Block 1, Prairie Acres, Sherburne County, Minnesota

(the "Property"). a. The object of this action is to determine adverse claims and discharge a mortgage on the Property to Homefield Financial Inc., dated August 24, 2005, and recorded September 22, 2005, as Document No. 600291

Respectfully. FOLEY & MANSFIELD, PLLP Date: March 2, 2022. /s/ Wyatt S. Partridge

Wyatt S. Partridge (#0391272) 250 Marquette Avenue Suite 1200

Minneapolis, MN 55401 Telephone: (612) 338-8788

wpartridge@foleymansfield.com ATTORNEYS FOR PLAIN-TIFF

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that costs disbursements, and reasonable attorney and witness fees may be awarded pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211 to the party against whom the allegations in this pleading are asserted.

By: /s/ Wyatt S. Partridge Wyatt S. Partridge (Published in the *Patriot*: 03/26/22; 04/02/22; 04/09/22).



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### Township Public Notices

#### Town of Becker SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA Advertisement for Quotes for Fire Sign Project 2022

Quotes for the 2022 Fire Sign Replacement Project as listed below for Becker Township will be received at the Becker Township Hall located at 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, Minnesota 55308 until Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 pm. No quotes will be accepted after this time.

The Becker Town Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022, to hold a regular meeting, and include the consideration of said quotes 2022 Fire Sign Replacement Project

All fire signs in the township to be replaced by August 31,

Replacing like for like

Marking GPS points and submitting data via messaging app the township will provide (smart phone or tablet required)

GPS marking where fire signs should be but are missing The said quotes shall be for the furnishing of labor as more thoroughly described in the proposed agreement which may be obtained by contacting the Becker Town Clerk by phone 763-261-5301, Fax 763-261-5303, email: clerk@beckertownship.org, by visiting Becker Township Hall during office hours (posted online at www.beckertownship.org) or by appointment.

The quotes shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with the work therein noted on the front of the envelope.

The quotes shall be submitted on the Agreement forms provided.

Quotes shall be addressed to:

Lucinda Messman, Town Clerk, Town of Becker

P.O. Box 248

Becker, Minnesota 55308

and may be delivered by U.S. mail or submitted in person. The Township Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes or any portion thereof.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Becker. Lucinda Messman, Town Clerk

Date: March 25, 2022

(Published in the Patriot: 3/26/2022)

#### TOWN OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Becker Township Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022 at Becker Town Hall, 12165 Hancock Street. The Planning Commission will meet to consider the following application(s) and other planning and zoning related topics. Beginning at approximately 7:01 p.m. and following:

Continuation of Public hearing from March 14. Xcel Energy, applicant, and property owners Ewing Properties, Peterson Legacy Acres and D Peterson, Warren/Gloria Olson, Tonetta Hardekopf, Tony/Michelle Lavrenz, Melanie/Mark Thuftedal, Kyle Erickson, Edwin/Regan Hillukka, Phil/Paula Hoglund, Ryan Proell, Ronald/Rochelle Kasper, Scott/Gayle Dahlke, Daniel Flynn, Kely Holthaus, Gregory/Deborah Dahlheimer, Reid/Rebeca Brown, Michael/Natalie Walker, Jarryd/ Casey Loyd, and Christopher/Kimberly Lommel along County Road 11, South of Highway 10. Xcel Energy has applied for a conditional use permit to rebuild the existing 69KV transmission line between Becker and Monticello, shifting the existing alignment outside the County Road 11 Right of Way and onto private

Public hearing for Trevor Hickman, Applicant, Philip & Theresa Moran, owners; Preliminary Plat Application. The owner and applicant have submitted a Preliminary Plat Application for the land located at 9115 190th Ave SE, Becker, MN and Outlot B of Big Oak Estates.

Public hearing for Becker Joint Planning Board Ordinance Amendments as follows: Amending sections 4: Definitions, 16: Performance Standards, 17: Special Provisions and other related sections to incorporate comprehensive revisions to home businesses and home occupations in all zoning districts within the Becker Joint Planning Zoning Ordinance.

Anyone interested in these requests is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you wish to attend via Zoom, contact the clerk for details. If you have questions regarding the requests please contact the clerk at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN, 763-261-5301. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Lucinda Messman at P.O. Box 248, Becker, MN 55308 or by email to lucinda@beckertownship.org by 4:00 p.m., April 11, 2021. Lucinda Messman

Clerk, Becker Township t· 03/26/22) shed in the Patr

#### BECKER TOWNSHIP SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA REESTABLISHING PRECINCT AND POLLING LOCATION

The Citizens of the Township of Becker, County of Sherburne. State of Minnesota, who are qualified to vote at General Elections, are hereby notified that the legislature of the State of Minnesota has been redistricted.

The Town Board of Becker Township, County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota hereby reestablishes Precinct 1, the Becker American Legion Post 193, 1255 Hancock Street, Becker, MN 55308 as the voting location for all Becker Township citizens.

Adopted by the Town Board of Becker 21st day of March, Brian Kolbinger, Chairperson

Attest, Lucinda Messman, Clerk (Published in the Patriot: 03/26/22).

#### BECKER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of Becker in Sherburne County, Minnesota, will meet at the Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock St., Becker, MN at 6:00 pm. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, for the purpose of determining whether taxable property in the township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessment and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

If you wish to attend via zoom, please contact the Town Clerk and it will be set up. To contact the Town Clerk, email lucinda@beckertownship.org or call 763-261-5301. March 23, 2022

Lucinda Messman, Clerk (Published in the Patriot: 03/26/22).

### **Clearwater Township Request for Quotes**

The Town Board of Township of Clearwater, Wright County is requesting Bids for Single Chip Seal over existing Chip Seal (Spec is single pass of FA2.5 granite chip, .35 gal. per yd. oil w/ fog seal final coat. Application to be done in one day, ambient temp to be min. 65 deg.) Work to be done 163rd Street, Isaak & Irvine Ave (approximately 1 mile) 160th Street, Evans Ave, and Fillmore Ave. (approximately 3.5 miles). For a total of 4.5 miles approximately

Please contact Clearwater Township Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Ludenia at 320-980-0124 for details of quote specifications.

Bid opening is 7:30 p.m. on April 13, 2022 at the Clearwater Township Hall. Bids may be mailed or delivered to the Clearwater Township Clerk: Jean Just, 15015 State Hwy 24 NW, Clearwater, MN 55320, phone (320) 558-4011 and arrive no later than 7:30 p.m., Wednesday April 13, 2022.

The Township Board reserves the right to accept or reject any

FOR THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

/s/ Jean M. Just, Clerk (Published in the Patriot: 03/26/22; 04/02/22).

### City Public Notices

#### **DOCUMENT 00 11 13** ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

2022 County Road 53 Street and Utility Improvements Becker, Minnesota

**SEH No. BECKR 161349** 

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City Administrator until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 7, 2022, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of 2022 County Road 53 Street and Utility Improvements.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud: 2022 CR 53 Street and Utility Improvements Bid Opening

Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/ meetup-join/19%3ameeting\_YjEwY2ZkM2ItNTFkNS00NTkxLWI0NmItYTcxMzFmMWY1MjMz%-40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22642f4553-88f1-43dc-9a29-90842cd19d4c%22%2c% 22Oid%22%3a%2248472820-a408-4d5c-b262-d033b1c6fa20%22%7d Or call in (audio only)

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Major quantities for the Work include: 10,500 LIN FT

10,500	LIN FT	12-Inch PVC C900 Forcemain
1,300	LIN FT	Jack & Bore 30-Inch Casing
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20,000	CU YD	Common Excavation
10,375	CU YD	Aggregate Base Class 5 (CV)
6,800	TON	Bituminous Pavement Mixtures
22	EA	Water Hydrant
35	EA	6 – 18 inch Gate or Butterfly Valve
17,900	LIN FT	8 – 18-Inch HDPE DR 11 Water Ma
21	EA	Sanitary Manhole
290	LIN FT	Extra Depth Manhole
7,200	LIN FT	8 – 21-Inch PVC Sanitary Sewer
370	LIN FT	12 – 18-Inch RCP Pipe Culvert
4.5	ACRE	Tree Clearing and Grubbing
29.50	ACRE	Turf Establishment
35	EA	Lighting Unit Type Special
16,000	LIN FT	Pavement Markings 4-Inch Striping
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The Bidding Documents may be seen at the Issuing Office of SEH located at 2351 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 300, Sartell, MN 56377, 320.229.4300.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at http://www.sehinc.com for

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a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 8113478 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com. For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic

bid will be charged an additional \$30 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated March 1, 2022.

In addition to digital plans, paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Documet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$100. Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed state-

ment under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3. This Work shall be subject to minimum wages and labor standards in accordance with the State of

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities

therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the Owner.

Interim City Administrator

Becker, Minnesota (Published in the Patriot: 03/12/22; 03/26/22).

Special Meeting of The Clear Lake City Council **Local Board of Appeal & Equalization** April 4, 2022 6:00 p.m. Clear Lake City Hall

Important Information Regarding Property Assessments The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Clear Lake

will meet on April 4, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., at the Clear Lake City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is prrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2022. By /s/ Kari Koren, City Clerk/Treasurer (Published in the Patriot: 03/26/22).

### Township Public Notices

#### ORROCK TOWNSHIP 2022 LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING

Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classifica-

tion of Property This may affect your 2023 property taxes Notice is hereby given: The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization, for Orrock Township, County of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, shall meet at the Orrock Town Hall, 26401 180th St NW Big Lake, MN, 55309 Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 at 4:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact Sherburne County Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after speaking with the County Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to Sherburne County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

/s/ Chris Weber Orrock Township Clerk

(Published in the Patriot: 03/19/22; 03/26/22).

### Public Auction Notices

### NOTICE OF SALE

This is to inform Bob Woolhouse of Big Lake that he has defaulted on storage Unit #5 at AMS Self Storage at 12926 1st Street, Becker MN 55308. On Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 11 AM the contents will be forfeited and liquidated by online public auction unless owing balance is paid in full by cash, cashier's check, money order, debit or credit card before that day and time. Any monies outstanding will be collected through Small Claims Court to be filed immediately after auction with court filing fees to be added to balance.

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The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Becker will meet on April 7th, 2022, 6:00 P.M., at Becker City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

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#### City of Clearwater NOTICE OF POSITION POSTING **City Council Member**

The City of Clearwater is seeking individuals interested in serving as a City Council Member from April 11, 2022, to December 31. 2022.

Please submit a letter of interest to the City Administrator on or before April 7, 2022. Include why you wish to serve in this capacity and a brief description of related experience along with any other relevant information.

To hold elective city office, individuals must be a U.S. citizen, a qualified city voter and at least 21 years of age on the date of taking office.

Letters of interest may be sent to: Annita Smythe, City Administrator

City of Clearwater PO Box 9 Clearwater, MN 55320

or emailed to asmythe@clearwatercity.com (Published in the *Patriot*: 03/26/22: 04/02/22).

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

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

Beacon House of Prayer
Pastors: Brian & Linda Holmes, 763-263-3771, 12264 Pleasant Ave. Ser-

vices: Thurs. Worship 6:30pm. Pastor: Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001, Becker High School, 12000 Hancock St, Enter door 11. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

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.

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:

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

Pastor: Marty Mably, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10am. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Online: www.myrc.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.

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 8am in Sanctury Worship, 10am in Sanctuary. Audio broadcast in parking lot for

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 (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. Worklin 10am.

Worship 10am.

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

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

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

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SHED Church - Non-Denomination in Palmer Pastor: TBD, 320-241-0123, Palmer Town Hall, 4180 105th Ave. Services:

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.

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### St. Lawrence Church Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502, 10915 Duelm Road NE. Ser-

CLEAR LAKE

vices: Sun. Mass 10am, Tues. Mass 8am. • CLEARWATER Clearwater United Methodist Church

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

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

Pastor: Jim Bump, 320-558-6851, 1155 County Road 75. Services: Sun. School that begins in Worship 9:30am. Livestream worship at Rejoice's Youtube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJGuBda4orT9TWYii5wmGw

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/

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

### SILVER CREEK

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

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



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### Obituaries

Lyman Ganz, Age 82 Palmer, MN March 10, 1940 - March 16, 2022



Lyman passed away March 16, 2022 at St. Benedict's Senior Community, St. Cloud. Mass of Christian Burial was held, Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Duelm. Rev. Joseph Backowski officiated and burial took place in the parish cemetery. Visitation was held from 4 to 8:00 PM, Monday, March 21 at the Foley Funeral Home with Parish Prayers at 4:00 PM. Visitation continued from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the church on Tuesday. Service with Dignity provided by the Foley Funeral Home.

Lyman Francis Ganz was born March 10, 1940 in St. Anna, Minnesota to Albert and Genevieve (Molus) Ganz. Genevieve passed away when Lyman was an infant and Albert then married Florence LaPage. Lyman graduated

from Foley High School, Class of 1958. He married Judy Hammer on June 19, 1965 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Lyman worked as a silo builder, built cabinets and was a finish carpenter for many years. He was a member of the Local 930 Carpenters Union. He was an avid coon hunter for most of his life. Lyman was a past council member, usher and active member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife. Judy, of Palmer and son and daughter: Mike (Julie), Palmer and Joy (Rod) Schafer, Cold Spring, 5 grandchildren: Cassie (Brandon) Kozak, Jared (Marissa) Ganz, Jacob Ganz, Dylan Schafer, Brady Schafer and 3 great grandchildren: Olivia, Owen and Macy. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters: Kathy Monarski, Margaret Putnam, Mary Ganz, Gary Ganz and Joy Fish. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers and sisters: David Ganz, Audrey Gunderson, Lorraine Betzold and Harlen 'Buddy' Ganz. The family would like to thank the caregivers at St. Benedict's for all their care and compas-

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# TCA's Jr. Quizzers awarded 1st place in western league

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

Youth at Tri-County Alliance (TCA) Church of Clearwater are having a great time 'buzzing in' their answers during this year's Junior Bible Quiz (JBQ) season, doing so well they were awarded first place in the West JBQ League last

JBQ is a fun and competitive way for kids grades 1-6 to learn the Bible. They do so by studying the answers to hundreds of Bible questions and competing in a game show fashion that even includes buzzers.

TCA's winning team is named Spirit Seekers. Meets are held the third Saturday of November, February, and March (January's meet was cancelled due to poor weather). The West JBQ League competition was held in Willmar.

The Spirit Seekers ended their regular season with an impressive win/ loss record of 13/2, which resulted in their being awarded the first place trophy. Six of their members also won an award for having top scores; First place, Lillie Neuman; fourth, Abe Gallagher; sixth, Anna Teigen; tied for ninth place, Naomi and JoJo Neuman; and 10th place, Trevor

Although TCA's youth have been part of JBQ for four years, this was only their second full season. The 2019-2020 season was interrupted by the pandemic and the 2020-2021 season was completely cancelled.

The Spirit Seekers and the second place team, the Mega Beep Bees from Marshall, are advancing to the state tournament being held in Wilmar on April 2.

TCA's JBQ team is open to all first through sixth graders in the community, they don't have to be a member of the church. Those interested are encouraged to call JBQ Head Coach Valorie LaBeau or Children's Ministry Director Megan Larson at 320-558-2750 for more information.



CA'S JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZ MEMBERS prepare to buzz in quickly with their answer during a recent match. Seated, left to right: Lillie Neuman, Trevor Tasa, Naomi Neuman, JoJo Neuman, Anna Teigen, and Sophia Larson. (Submitted



TCA CHURCH'S JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZ TEAM. (Back) Head Coach Valorie LaBeau, Pastor Dave Fogal, and coaches Sarah Tasa and Katie Neuman, and Children's Ministry Director Megan Larson. (Front) Abe Gallagher, Trevor Tasa, Naomi Neuman, Lillie Neuman, JoJo Neuman, Anna Teigen, and Sophia Larson. (Submitted photo.)



### Sherburne SWCD offers conservation webinars

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submit-

ted by Sherburne SWCD.) The SWCD is hosting a free Conservation Webinar Series on Tuesday evenings throughout the month of April. These webinars will highlight topics and tools that promote conservation

in our own backyards. Registration is required, sign up at: www. SherburneSWCD.org/webinars1

Tree Pests and **Problems** 

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common pests, stressors, and diseases that will impact trees in 2022. He will discuss symptoms to look for and actions to take to give trees the best chance of recovery and long-term survival.

**Native Plants** Tuesday, April 12th

The Benefits of

6 p.m.

Questions about native plants? Franny's got it covered. In this webinar, attendees will learn about the plants native to Sherburne County and how they can

> **Protecting Wetlands** and Shorelines Tuesday, April 19th

help attract more pollina-

The Sherburne SWCD

is partnering with Sherburne County Planning and Zoning to provide an overview of the rules and regulations for wetland and shoreline alterations. The presentation will also provide resources for native plantings including opportunities for technical and financial assistance.

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