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BECKER FULLBACK CARTER CALLAHAN will compete Saturday in the annual North/South high school All-Star game at U.S. Bank Stadium. See his story on page 8. (Submitted Photo).

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CLEARWATER
A local weightlifter from Clearwater just re-set her own world record. See the story on page 4.

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Shopping local makes your neighborhood better



By Bill Morgan,
Staff Writer

(Editor's Note: Some of the information used for this article was comprised from several sources on the internet).

Now that Thanksgiving and Black Friday have passed, many people will be getting a start on their holiday shopping this weekend moving forward.

Amazon and other leading ecommerce giants have changed the shopping experience in recent years. Easy one-click buys and same-day delivery are what 80 percent of shoppers now look for when shopping.

This "ease" earned Amazon \$96.15 billion in yearly revenue by the end of September 2020 — all while the COVID-19 pandemic continued.

Stay-at-home ordering, same-day delivery and extended COVID-19 restrictions continue to wreak havoc on local small businesses.

The need to support local brick-and-mortar businesses has never been more important than today as large ecommerce sites and big box stores took the spotlight. Because many businesses continue to struggle to stay afloat, the call to support local businesses has become a widespread initiative within communities throughout the local and global climates.

While many shoppers continue to opt for online shopping in response to the pandemic, many small businesses have felt the biggest sting.

Shopping small keeps

money local. While there are several benefits to shopping local — including smaller crowds and less time spent standing at cashier lines —, many consumers are prompted to shop small to not only help their community, but many times they receive better customer service and find fresh and more unique products.

Our advice...get to know the face behind the business. For the local shops still standing, spend more time and money to support local businesses. As confusion about the coronavirus and the possible strains eases and businesses reopen with new health and safety guidelines, shoppers were quick to return to in-store shopping.

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BHS celebrates reopening of PAC with *Elf*

By Katherine Cantin,
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The Becker High School Drama club held their opening night performance of *Elf* on Friday night. This is the first drama club performance to take place in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) since 2019, and students were excited to be back on the main stage, instead of performing in the parking

lot. Senior Nash Super, cast as Sam in the performance, said that the return to the PAC fueled the cast with extra energy for the performance.

Super and the other seniors in the cast agreed that this production was bittersweet, as they got the chance to return to the PAC one last time before graduating.

"It's both sad and exciting," said Marcus

Kolbinger, cast as Walter Hobbs.

Austen Clemen, cast as Buddy, agreed that this final production felt almost surreal.

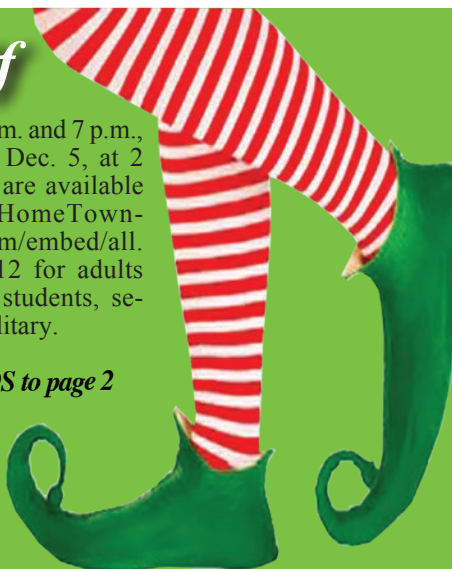
The cast encourages the public to attend the shows and the re-opening of the PAC.

"It's a super funny show!" promised Alyssa Oelmann, cast as Emily Hobbs. "It's hilarious."

Performances are scheduled for Saturday,

Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at [Becker.HomeTown-Ticketing.com/embed/all](https://www.becker.hometownticketing.com/embed/all). Prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students, seniors, and military.

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SNWR student photo contest winners announced



ISABELLE DEHMER was the winner of the Big Picture category of the photo contest. (Submitted photo.)



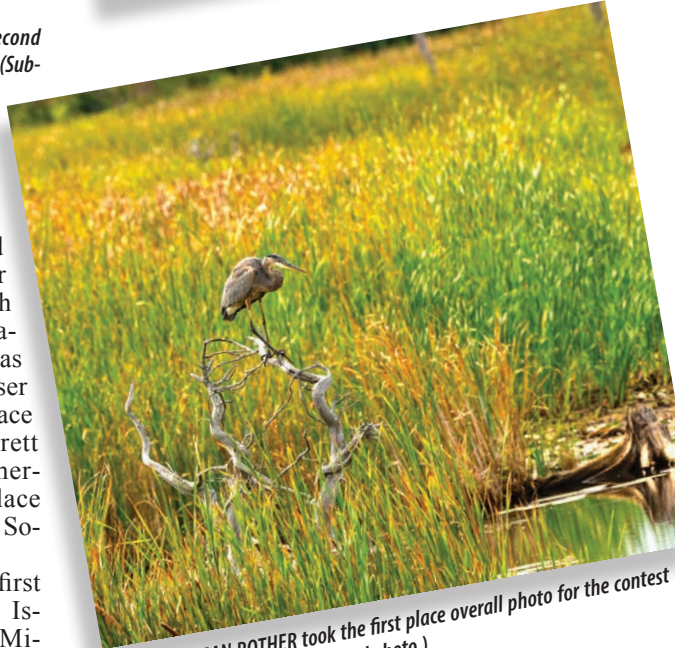
GARRETT GUGGENBERGER took the first place prize for the Closer Look category. (Submitted photo.)



EMILY DEHMER took second place in the Big Picture category. (Submitted photo.)



ELLIOT SORENSON took second place in the Closer Look category of the student photo contest. (Submitted photo.)



MORGAN ROTHER took the first place overall photo for the contest with this submission. (Submitted photo.)

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge.)

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, in partnership with the Friends of Sherburne and the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge Photography Club, hosted its Annual Youth Photography Contest this year. This year's contest had two categories, with Closer Look focusing on magnified views of plants, insects and wildlife and Big Picture focusing on landscapes, wildlife and recreation. While participants could submit an entry into each category, they could only be awarded one prize.

Additionally, all photos had to be taken on the refuge, during daylight hours and in areas open to the public. Overall, fourteen photos were entered and judged impartially based on their quality, composition and creativity.

Nov. 17, the winners and all participants were recognized for their outstanding work during a virtual awards ceremony, with first place overall and first and second place per category awarded. The first place overall was awarded to Morgan Rother, a sixth grader from Blaine! Her capture of a great blue heron stoically standing on a twisted branch in a refuge wetland stood out to the judges. The framing

of this image cleverly uses the unique perch to guide your eye into the sharply focused subject. The viewer can see her posing with the livestream presentation once her award was unveiled! For the Closer Look category, first place was awarded to Garrett Guggenberger (Zimmerman), and second place was awarded to Elliott Sorenson (Otsego).

For Big Picture, first place was awarded to Isabelle Dehmer (St. Michael), and second place was awarded to Emily Dehmer (St. Michael).

All submitted photos captured beautiful and unique perspectives of the refuge and can be viewed

virtually on the Friends of

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BUDDY AND ELVES break out in song at Santa's Workshop. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



THE DRAMA CLUB SENIORS (left) mused on the production, graduation, and the return to the PAC. From left to right is Austen Clemen (Buddy), Lisa Kronenberg (Schwanda), Alyssa Oelmann (Emily Hobbs), Skye McCarty (fake Santa), Brooke Peterson (Jovie), Marcus Kolbinger (Walter Hobbs), and Nash Super (Sam). (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER is singing loud for all to hear! Becker Drama Club students (below, left) practiced last week for their opening performance of ELF. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



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nerrefugefans/). Want to see them in-person? They'll be displayed at the Oak Savanna Learning Center at the Eagle's Nest Nature Store on the following Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm: November 27 and December 4, 11 and 18. Additionally, they can be viewed at Refuge Headquarters on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the winter months. Note that the building is closed on federal holidays.

The refuge would like to congratulate and thank all the young photographers for their participation and for sharing their creative and inspiring images with us!

MORGAN ROTHER, (right, in a photo captured by her mother) was the overall winner of the photography contest and was thrilled to hear she won first place in a computer message showing her photo and a blue ribbon graphic. (Submitted photo.)



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COLORING CONTEST WINNERS!

Age group 0-5 Calla Brum (left) of Clear Lake (age 4)

Age group 6-10 Norah Knowlan (right) of Becker (age 7)

Age group 11-15 Kylar Graning (left) of Becker (age 12)

We had over 50 coloring contest submissions from all over our readership areas! Staff at Sherburne Bank voted for the best artwork — the task was arduous since there were many that qualified for MASTERPIECES!

Contest winners can stop by Sherburne State Bank next week to claim your prize of a \$15 gift certificate to Subway. THANK YOU ALL FOR ENTERING!

(Hang on to those crayons as Sherburne State Bank is sponsoring another coloring contest for Christmas in the Dec. 18th edition of the Patriot!)

Clearwater sells fire engine to Monticello

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

During a special council meeting at the end of October, Clearwater City Council members discussed the \$20,000 offer the city received from the City of Monticello to purchase the 1996 Pumper Fire Truck they had listed for sale.

After soliciting public bids, council members had voted earlier in the month to reject the two bids that had been received as being too far below the estimated value of the vehicle.

After brief consideration, a motion carried approving the offer.

The Clearwater Fire Dept.'s new Engine 12 has been in use since June. It was purchased and designed primarily for going out on the highway for vehicle fires; fighting building fires is its secondary purpose.

Variance Discussion

Bryan Kelly approached council during its October meeting to appeal the city's interpretation of a building permit and variance related to his Elm Street property. He would like to build a garage on an existing foundation to address code



violations outlined in a complaint letter he received; however the foundation extends across three parcels, one of which is owned by the city.

Kelly submitted his permit certificate, which doesn't show an expiration date, and stated his building permit from 2000 is still valid and

that he has a variance allowing him to build up to the edge of the street right-of-way.

City Administrator Anita Smythe explained the expiration date is noted on the permit application and that the old variance Kelly received was for an 8-foot setback, not up to the lot line. She stated that a lot combination would be required in order to build a structure over the property lines and the council would need to decide how to address encroachments onto city property.

Council members took the issues under advisement and will revisit at the next meeting; Kelly will begin working on the lot combination.

Well Project Funding

City Engineer Justin Kannas informed the council the city had applied to

get on the state's PPL for the new proposed well project last spring; the city's score came back within the range of scores to be considered for funding if the project moves forward. The city isn't obligated to do the project if accepted.

Council members had a number of questions about funding sources for the well project. Kannas informed them the state would provide loan/bond funding. Funding is based on a formula that factors in median income and current water rates. As the city has a relatively high median income and low water rates compared to the state's funding formula it's not eligible for grant funding.

Nov. Resolutions

Motions carried approving Resolution 2021-51 Approving 2022 Liquor Licenses, Resolution 2021-52 Supporting Extension of the Wright Co. Local Options Sales Tax, and Resolution

2021-53 Approving Step Increase for Maintenance Worker Abraham Knowles.

Other Business

Motions carried approving payment of the I-94 water main loop voucher 3, approving the use of the city's ARPA funds for the I-94 water main loop project, and approving \$2,832 for upgrading the pitching mound and batter boxes at Sportsman's Park.

Council Members Kris Crandall and Richard Petty volunteered to sit on the inter-

view panel for the Fire Chief position posting.

The sheriff reported 188 calls for service for September, including one burglary, one disorderly, one harassment, one stolen vehicle, two shoplifting, three hit and run, five domestic, and 62 traffic. Residents are encouraged to lock their vehicles due to an increase in thefts from vehicles.

The next Clearwater City Council meeting will be Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

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Clearwater's Amanda Lawrence Remains 'Strongest Woman in the World'

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

Clearwater's Amanda Lawrence continues to stay on top, breaking her own powerlifting records to hold her IPF World Champion records and once again be named the 'Strongest Woman in the World.'

In the squat and deadlifting events Lawrence actually broke her records twice. Each powerlifter has three lifts per event; she first broke her records on her second lifts, then broke those with her third lifts.

At the 2019 IPF World Champion competition Lawrence broke the world squat record with 535 pounds; this year she beat it with 551 pounds. Her previous world record in deadlifting was 556 pounds; she crushed that record as well, lifting 574.3 pounds.

With a combined lift total of 1,403.2 pounds, she met her number one goal of being awarded best overall female lifter and retaining her 'Champion of Champions' title.

It was a title she almost didn't get a chance to defend.

USA Powerlifting (USAPL) was banned from competing at World's this year after the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) voted to remove them after USAPL refused to follow IPF's drug testing mandates. IPF only focuses on a small pool of international-level athletes when testing; USAPL wants testing to be done at every level as they believe all athletes deserve a clean platform.

USAPL had proposed instead to follow the Olympic Model for testing, which is proven, approved and in place for other sports, and in fact exceeds the IPF's drug testing requirements. Their proposal was denied.

Having already missed the IPF World Champion-



AMANDA LAWRENCE breaks into a grin just seconds after breaking her own World's deadlift record with 574.3 pounds. (Submitted Photo)



WORLD'S STRONGEST FEMALE Amanda Lawrence. (Submitted Photo)

ships in 2020 due to the pandemic, Lawrence and others from the USAPL National team chose to instead join the US Virgin Islands Powerlifting team in order to compete this year.

Lawrence has a great team of friends and family behind her and lending their support, including her parents, Monte and Kelly Lawrence.

"We're just happy that she's doing what she wants to do and is so successful at it," said Monte Lawrence. "We're extremely proud of

her and try to support her in every way possible."

Lawrence's goals continue to be to keep on training, getting better, and retaining her title. Although she doesn't hold the world record in bench lifting she's close, this year her top lift was 292 pounds, so that's another record she's aiming for.

Along with retaining her title, her future goals are to coach others in powerlifting and begin a career in physical therapy.

Big Lake preps for 2022 streets projects

By Katherine Cantin,
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During Monday's Big Lake City Council meeting, Council held a public hearing in regards to next year's street projects. The improvements would be covered 60% by the residents and 40% by the city, which led to some neighborhoods not wanting their streets to be part of the project, citing financial difficulties. City engineer Layne Otteson hoped to solve issues related to the advanced age of the roads, some of which were 40 years old, as well as improve drainage issues.

Many individuals signed up to speak at the open forum,

however many shared the same question as the first speaker, Lottie Rike, and opted not to speak after all. Rike simply asked the question of how the assessment would work for neighborhoods, like hers, that were a part of an HOA - specifically her HOA on Norwood Dr. Several residents spoke in concern that no information was sent out on how the assessment was calculated. The rest had more personal concerns.

Otteson responded by saying the common areas of the HOA are attributed to the properties that border it. Basically, the common areas are attributed to the nearest property, twin homes get the com-

mon area in front of them, as does the Norwood Dr. apartment building, etc. Mayor and council noted that they would look into the situation about the missing mailed information.

Later in the meeting, council approved having Northland Securities go out for bids on the city's behalf for bonds to pay for the project.

Truth in Taxation

As always, finance director Deb Wegeleben gave an overview on how taxes are determined, collected, and used within the city. For those who are interested in this presentation, which is very informative, a recording of the meeting is available at

BigLakeMN.org/AgendaCenter (click on the TV icon next to the meeting information, then click the video from Nov. 29.)

The proposed budget for next year is \$5,723,889, as opposed to last year's \$5,616,012.

One gentleman spoke during the public hearing in order to ask how his property value was determined, and Wegeleben directed him to the county assessors.

Removal of FT Fire Chief Position

Part of the changes for the next year's budget was to remove the fire chief position from the city, to which council member Sam Hanson noted his opposition. This

means that the full time chief position (with full time benefits) will be replaced by a part time position. The department will still have a chief, but it will no longer be a fulltime position.

One resident inquired about this decision, and whether it would make the city less safe in any way, which council assured him it would not.

Open Forum

Gloria VanDeBrake of the Chamber of Commerce announced that the Christmas trees in Brown's Park have been decorated and are available for viewing. She thanked those involved in the project. She went on to encourage those listening to shop local

for Christmas gifts, as most of the money spent within the community will be circulated within the community. Finally, Santa will be visiting The Buff Sunday, Dec. 5 from 1-3 p.m. and will be distributing free gifts to kiddos who come to see him. This event is sponsored by the Big Lake American Legion.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Approved an interim use permit for a gentleman who wished to store his RV on his driveway;
- Provided comments on a PUD for Capstone Homes for a development of townhomes off of Marketplace Dr.;
- Heard monthly department reports.

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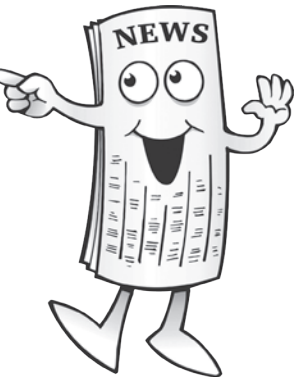
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St. Cloud area school district responds to substitute shortage

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by St. Cloud area school district.)

In order to address the critical labor shortage impacting the school district and Teachers on Call, our partner in sourcing substitute teachers and paraeducators, St. Cloud Area School District is making a temporary change in substitute teacher rates for the remainder of the school year. Daily subs will now earn \$160 per day, up from \$140 per day, and permanent building subs or retirees will earn \$200 per day, up from \$150 per day. The district encourages any member of our community who would like to work as a substitute teacher or substitute paraeducator to contact Teachers on Call or go to our substitute employment page on our website for more information at www.isd742.org/Page/1060. In addition, the district is hiring in all positions. See also the employment page on the district website.



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Bergstroms Celebrate 40 Years

I make an effort to shop local. It seems to be more challenging with each passing year. Sadly, it is harder for small businesses to make a go of it nowadays.

My parents always said you get what you pay for. Small businesses usually need to charge more, but in exchange, you receive better customer service and you support your neighbors in the process.

Husband and wife, Jim and Diane Bergstrom, have been operating their family owned lawn and garden business in the area for several decades. Forty years this week, to be exact!

The Bergstroms opened their first shop in 1981 in Albertville. In March of 1985, they moved the business to St. Michael and finally moved to their current location in rural Becker in September of 1985.

The Bergstroms live near our family farm - as the crow flies - maybe two or three miles. They have always been really good, honest, hard working Christian neighbors.

My parents relied on the Bergstroms' business for lawn and garden repairs when I was growing up.

Jim and Diane raised three children, who attended Becker Schools (Bridget, Josh and Deanna).

The Bergstrom children grew up helping with the family business in a variety of ways (dusting, organizing parts and tagging along on pickup and delivery days). It taught them valuable lessons such as a great work ethic and how to relate with people.

Jim has always been the face of the business, yet Diane has always played a crucial role, faithfully working behind the scenes doing the bookkeeping and other



By Mary Nehring
Contributing Writer



important duties such as baking cookies for their annual open houses.

For many of their years in business, they offered repair service and parts. In more recent years, they have transitioned to specializing only in parts.

Jim is old fashioned. He operates without the internet. His records are all cataloged by a card/number system using microfiche. I find it refreshing.

Jim has always enjoyed helping people find the parts they need and getting to know his customers.

The Bergstrom family has created lifelong friendships with many clients in the past 40 years.

Owning a small business is so much more than just providing a service to local residents.

Jim and Diane have four

granddaughters: Sydney, Lila (Deanna), Kailee and Kaia (Bridget).

Jim and Diane's grandchildren have grown up around the shop and love spending time at the business, marking the third generation of Bergstroms that have worked together in their Santiago township lawn and garden business.

Many years of dedicated, honest hard work and commitment have taken place there.

As my family also experienced on the family farm, working alongside your parents at home builds a strong work ethic and forms a very special bond among family members. Working with your family is a blessing many people never get to experience when they work outside the home.

There have been challenging times throughout the past 40 years, but Jim and Diane have remained committed. The couple has overcome adversity to reach this milestone.

Bergstroms are still enjoying helping people at their lawn and garden business. They had a love of working with people when they started their business 40 years ago and that affection for people continues to this day.

Jim no longer does repairs, but the business remains open limited hours selling parts to the local community.

Instead of going online to find Bergstrom's Lawn and Garden business, give them a call on their land line at 763-263-3680!

We wish the Bergstroms many more years of successful business.

Shop local. It helps everyone!

Social Studies Standards

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

I hope you were able to enjoy a safe, healthy, and happy Thanksgiving with your friends or loved ones.

Recently I attended the National Conference of State Legislatures' annual, bipartisan legislative summit. It's an opportunity for legislators from both parties across the country to gather and exchange ideas, collaborate on best practices, and learn from each other.

With the 2022 legislative session just around the corner, it is likely that states will be facing many of the same challenges. The insight gained from these meetings will be beneficial for everyone, regardless of their party affiliation.

I was particularly interested in the sessions on data privacy. This has long been a topic that has interested me; the privacy of everything from our health records to our votes is especially important as our world has become more digital over the last couple of decades. Here in Minnesota, one thing I'll be working on is strengthening our laws around genetic data



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

privacy, particularly how our genomic data is collected, stored, and used for research and other clinical applications.

Make your voice heard about changes to state social studies standards

One issue I've frequently heard about from you is the draft social studies standards being considered by the Minnesota Department of Education under the direction of Governor Tim Walz. The proposed changes have drawn criticism for advancing a political agenda instead of focusing on critical historical events like the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I and II, and the Holocaust, or important historical figures like George Washington or

Thomas Jefferson.

In the most recent budget agreement, we convinced the governor to postpone the implementation of new academic standards for two years. But the effort to eventually adopt these standards is continuing behind the scenes.

That's why it is important for you to make your voice heard. The Dept. of Education is currently accepting public comments on the proposal to change and create new social studies standards. You can submit your comments here: [Education.mn.gov/MDE/about/rule/rulek12social/](https://education.mn.gov/MDE/about/rule/rulek12social/).

The public comment period closes on January 14, 2022, so you have a little bit of time. I would also encourage you to share the link with as many of your friends and family members as you can. Public participation is critical to preventing these radical changes.

As always, If you have any questions about the social studies standards, data privacy, or any other legislative issue, feel free to contact me any time at Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@senate.mn or 651-296-5655. It is a privilege to serve you.

Mental Health Care for Pregnancy Loss

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

Ensuring mental health care access has always been a top priority for my office. We have advocated for increased health care resources for rural Americans and those struggling with addiction, as well streamlining care options.

However, one area that deserves more attention are the mental health complications following reproductive loss. The loss of a child takes a terrible toll on the mental and emotional well-being of the mother. For those who experience a miscarriage, stillbirth, or an abortion, the pain and grief can be unimaginable. These mothers deserve proper mental health care to ensure they have the support they need to navigate such a difficult life event.

Earlier this month, I introduced the Pregnancy Loss Mental Health Research Act which directs the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) focus on helping women cope with the loss of a child during pregnancy. Specifically, it directs the NIH to prioritize resources and research into clinical mental health complications following a pregnancy loss, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion.

At this time, of all the federal resources directed to



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

the NIH each year for medical research, little is allocated to understand and identify treatment for mental health conditions following a pregnancy loss. As thousands of women confront these tragic situations each year, it is important that we continue to better our understanding of the mental health complications and improve the delivery of treatment and care for those who are suffering.

Epilepsy Awareness

As we close out November which marks Epilepsy Awareness Month, I'd like to take a moment to share some information about a disease affecting over 3.4 million Americans. As the fourth most common neurological disease in the nation, epilepsy remains misunderstood by many. Since one out of every 26 people will be diagnosed with this illness, we should

all take the time to understand the impact and learn seizure first aid.

During Epilepsy Awareness Month, I encourage you to utilize these resources to better understand this condition that many Americans experience:

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Epilepsy Foundation's Helpline 24/7 by calling: 1-800-332-1000.

Increased Heating Costs

Americans are currently experiencing the highest inflation levels in over three decades, with costs increasing significantly on household essentials like groceries and gasoline. Fuels used for home heating are not immune to this trend: the price of natural gas, which is used to heat more than half of American households, has nearly doubled since this time last year.

These price increases could lead to Americans facing the most expensive winter in recent memory-and that's just if temperatures stay mild. In fact, some Midwest households could see their heating bills increase by thousands of dollars.

Have you adjusted your household budget to address rising home heating costs?

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Crude oil and petroleum product prices are the results of thousands of transactions taking place simultaneously around the world at all levels of the supply chain, from the crude oil producer to the individual consumer. Oil markets are essentially a global auction—the highest bidder will win the available supply. That is, the price of oil correlates to its global demand. COVID began ravaging the world in 2019, cutting factory outputs, slowing shipping channels, and greatly reducing personal travel. The price of oil on the global market fell. Mr. Armstrong of Becker implies that President Biden is using his office to

solely gain political favor by releasing (for sale) some of the county's petroleum reserves. Mr. Armstrong correctly claims the price of oil was lower in the last year of Trump's presidency, implying the global price of oil is controlled in a major way by the US president. The US is a minority player in global oil supplies. It can only modestly affect oil prices. President Biden is doing what any president would do to aid the US economy, politics be damned.

Rick Shindley
Big Lake Twp.

Leucistic White-Breasted Nuthatch

At the risk of sounding like a broken record (for those too young for this reference, it refers to vinal records that would skip and repeat the same thing over and over again and were considered broken) I love unique or unusual critters. I try to highlight many of the more interesting and exceptional animals in this column, and this week is no different. I was contacted last spring by a wonderful reader of this column. She had a bird regularly coming to her feeder. A leucistic White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*).

I made the trek over to scope out the situation and met the wonderful homeowner who welcomed me to her yard. The bird in question was no where to be found so we exchanged phone numbers to keep in contact and I headed home keeping my fingers crossed this very rare bird would return.

Fast forward to early fall and I received a text message from the homeowner reporting that the leucistic nuthatch was back and visiting the feeders on a regular basis. I shuffled my schedule and headed out as soon as I could. Arriving at the home, I knew the homeowner wouldn't be around for a couple hours. The bird was mostly seen in the backyard so I had a choice of which way I should go around the house so I wouldn't scare away the bird if it was there.

I chose the left side of the house and slowly worked my way around the side until I could start to see the backyard and the feeders. Immediately I knew I picked the wrong side because I was looking directly into the sunlight and the birdfeeders where right where I needed to walk to get to the correct side of the sunlight to capture a good picture.

Moving slowly with my camera in hand, I thought it wouldn't be too difficult to quickly get over and get set



By Naturalist
Stan Tekiela



ing from partial to nearly complete loss of pigmentation in an animal. The term Leucistic and Leucism are derived from the Latin variant "leuk" and from the Greek "leukos" meaning "white." It causes normally colorful animals to have white or pale-yellow patches but doesn't change the eye color. It is similar, but not the same, as albinism which leaves the critter with a complete lack of color resulting in a pure white or sometimes yellowish body and pink eyes.

While albinism is a genetic mutation that causes complete lack of pigment, leucism is only a partial loss of pigment in various amounts and is an issue at the pigment cellular level. Leucism can occur in almost any kind of animal, but it seems to be most common in birds.

Over the years I've seen crows with one white wing, a robin with a white head and a Red-tailed Hawk that was pure white with just a hint of rusty color in its tail.

Birds with leucism are not very common but this condition is more common than albinism. One bird survey reports that it occurs in about 1 in 30,000 birds. In my estimates, I would say it is less common than what this survey suggests. Either way, having a chance to capture some images of this leucistic White-breasted Nuthatch was such an honor. If you have an interesting critter visiting your yard, give me a shout. Until next time...

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



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Project 12-04 and Operation Xmas Jammies: How It All Began

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Nicole Schmidt of Project 12-04.)

Our (Nicole and Paul) son Andrew is the inspiration behind 12-04 along with all the other incredible families affected by Pallister Killian Syndrome (PKS).

Andrew Schmidt, 16, of Becker, was diagnosed with PKS when he was just shy of five years old after first being diagnosed with Beckwith-Wiedeman Syndrome; he finally had a diagnosis that fit him. Since that time, Andrew has experienced the highs and lows of living with a rare genetic disorder. Andrew walks with support, is nonverbal, and has shown resiliency through an array of health challenges and many surgeries causing setbacks and regression. Most importantly, Andrew shows us what unconditional love is. We believe there can be better opportunities for others through sharing our story and the stories of other rare families like us.

Having a rare syndrome means there is a lack



THE SCHMIDTS with Andrew (middle, front), Lindsey (left, front), Hannah (right, front), Paul (left, back) and Nicole (right, back). (Submitted Photo).

of diagnostics, funding, exposure, knowledge on care, and limited educational opportunities to others on how to help. Rare has meant isolation, loneliness, and exhaustion from our experience. Rare means that the family will often know more than the specialist they are seeing as they may have access to the latest

medical literature through a parent group. Rare means financial strains. Rare means strength, faith, resilience and perseverance. Rare means, there is more to learn.

All of these reasons were the drive in starting our non-profit called Project 12-04.

Operation Xmas Jam-

mies is a program started through 12-04 with a simple mission — to provide a pair of jammies to children with Pallister-Killian syndrome (PKS) at Christmas-time. The Schmidts found that during the holidays, it could be challenging for others to know what gifts to give Andrew and have given over 265 pairs of jammies across 17 countries. This small, but sweet token of kindness became so well received for all participants that it inspired their live

giving tree to go virtual, a name for this mission called Operation Xmas Jammies. This mission has fostered

nity to visually see other beautiful children with PKS and make their holiday brighter by giving a gift Nicole knew all children would love, a pair of jammies. Their small community began to sponsor hundreds of children with PKS across the world and have given over 265 pairs of jammies across 17 countries. This small, but sweet token of kindness became so well received for all participants that it inspired their live

giving tree to go virtual, a name for this mission called Operation Xmas Jammies. This mission has fostered

relationships, built community, and has inspired the Schmidt family to expand their passion to create awareness for other rare genetic conditions through their new non-profit organization, Project 12-04. To help promote awareness and support Project 12-04's mission, a Charity Sit down Dinner and Beer Pairing will be held at Lupulin this Saturday on PKS Day and now shining light to additional rare genetic conditions!



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Callahan to play in All-Star game

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Becker's Carter Callahan will represent the Bulldogs today (Saturday) at the 49th Minnesota High School All Star Game, kicking off at noon at U.S. Bank Stadium.

"It feels great to be nominated to play in the all-star game," said Carter. "It's an honor that not many people get selected for so I feel blessed to get this opportunity."

The annual All Star Game features the best high school athletes from across the state and Callahan was chosen to play for the North squad.

It was his head coach who gave him the news.

"One day after practice, we were up in the weight room and Dwight (Lundeen) called me over to tell me that I was nominated for the all-star game. That's how I found out I had made the team."

Callahan, listed on the roster as a linebacker at 6'1" and 235 pounds, was the meat and potatoes game that dominated most



BECKER FULLBACK CARTER CALLAHAN will compete Saturday in the annual North/South high school All-Star game at U.S. Bank Stadium. (Submitted Photo).

contests in its 11-1 season culminating with a disappointing loss in the semi-finals to Kasson-Mantorville.

"The KM game was definitely a heartbreaker," said Carter. "KM had a

great game plan against us and they executed it extremely well. I feel that overall we had the better team but they played better than us that day and that's why they won."

Callahan played all 12 games and gained 896 yards on 171 carries with 17 touchdowns. He averaged 75 yards a game and 5.2 yards a carry.

And he credits his coaches for all his successes throughout his high school years.

"I think the thing that separates our coaching staff from others is that above all they want their players to be good people," said Carter. "Dwight had a famous quote he would use throughout the season: 'A good man that is not great is 100 times better than a great man who is not good.' To the guys this just meant that your success wasn't defined with your on-the-field actions, it was what was happening off the field. The saying was just a reminder to be hardworking, selfless, and honest."

Callahan is currently uncommitted to a certain college but is hoping to study mechanical engineering for his first four years of college while playing for their football team.

Choose the Right Bait for Early Ice Walleyes!

Back in the day, the go to ice jigging bait for walleyes was a silver Swedish Pimple. The other option was a Kastmaster. Today, the shelves at the local bait shop are decorated with hundreds of icy fish enticing vertical jigging options geared towards helping you catch the big one. For many ice anglers, the choice of what to drop down the hole can be quite overwhelming. Actually, it's quite simple if you understand just a few key points in regards to the jigging lure itself and how to match the lure to the walleyes aggressiveness.

Let's keep this simple and break down the multitude of ice jigging lures into three basic groups. The groups of jigging lures are based on the action/characteristics of the lure themselves and the general activity level of the fish. Drum roll please...The three basic jigging lure groups are:

1. Swimming/gliding lures,
2. Updown lures, and
3. Basic jig heads (like your favorite lead head jig you use all summer long).

Let's quickly chat about each category and the basic application.

Swimming or Gliding Lures

Swimming or gliding lures themselves make up the most aggressive lure group of the three groups. After the initial upward pull (usually one to two feet), these lures swim or glide up, then out to the side as they begin an unpredictable darting quarter to full circle type pattern downward as it settles back to its original starting point. Let it sit still for 10-15 seconds, then "twitch" it about five seconds, let it sit still again for another 10-15 seconds and repeat! That's a lot of action fishing through a hole in the ice! Common examples of these lures are the Jigging Rapala, Northland Puppet Minnow, Salmo Hornet, or the Moonshine Shiver Minnow. I use these lures 90% of the time to catch aggressively feeding fish of all species—like a hot crappie

bite, "golden hour" walleyes, or pike in general. The other 10% of the time I use swimming/gliding lures that are not aggressive at all. Can you say deadly on finicky walleye? In other words, this group of



By Captain Josh Hagermeister



lures can be quite versatile. Keep the colors basic. Bright "fire tiger" type colors in stained water. Golds/oranges glow in tannic stained water (i.e. Lake of the Woods/Rainy), and the classic silver/black, gold/black, white, perch, silver/blue in clear water situations. Fish the baits "naked" or tipped with a small minnow head for scent (a big minnow head can ruin the action). Experiment with different upward pull lengths and pause time in between your customized jigging sequence. I hang 'em up on a lighter monofilament line like Berkley Trilene 8-10 lb. test tied directly to the lure or with a small cross lock snap to make switching lures faster. Generally, once I settle on particular lure, I will remove the snap and tie it direct.

Updown Lures

Updown lures (yes, I just created that word) are just

that. When pulled upward at a fast rate, they basically travel straight up, and flutter or dart just about straight down. These lures are typical "flashy" chrome colored lures. Silver and gold on almost all of them. I think that

clas- s i c Christmas song "Silver and Gold" by Burle Ives was actually about these lures! Classic examples of these lures are the Swedish Pimple or the Kastmaster. The JB Weasel is another example. Just about any jigging spoon falls into this group. This group of lures is, in my opinion, the most versatile in regards to catching active or inactive fish. I probably catch 75% of my walleyes throughout the winter using this lure group. I also tend to use smaller sizes (1.5"-1/8 oz. type of stuff) to help catch numbers of walleyes and those bonus big perch. I use the same line as I do with the swimming/gliding baits but a small cross lock snap is always used in this case. I also recommend tipping the bait each time with a fresh minnow head. Minnow tails work too, but the heads are better most of the time. I start with a more aggressive jig-

ging approach using one to three foot upward pulls, let it settle and sit for 5-10 seconds, twitch for three seconds, let it sit for 5-10 seconds, then another upward pull. That's where I start, and I tweak from there depending on the bites. Gold or silver with a little blue, glow, green, orange or white will do the trick in the color department.

Basic Jig Head

Yup, the jigs you left in your boat now in storage you should go get. My summer tackle is in my ice box and my ice tackle is in my boat. There's a hint. I use jig heads through the ice the least amount amongst the three groups. However, they are very important in catching non-aggressive fish. Slowly tapping the bottom with a 1/16-1/4 o. jigs (1/8 oz. seems to be most consistent) tipped with a whole minnow (lip hooked or threaded onto the hook). The entire lead head jig approach is less invasive. Slow short lifts, resting on the bottom, hovering and twitching a few inches off the bottom. With the jigs I use six pound test Berkley monofilament. I like the stretch in the line which offers less resistance to help a non-aggressive walleye "inhale" the bait easier. This combined with a lighter action rod and a slow rod tip will help put more fish on the ice. A jig set up in this fashioned can easily be used as a dead stick. Pull the fish to you with an Updown lure and watch them smack the dead stick.

Pretty basic but deadly. By adding jigging lures to your "bag o walleye tricks" this ice fishing season (use them in the summer too!), I'm confident you will wonder why you didn't do it sooner!

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There will be no formal presentation during the open house. Stop by anytime to learn more and talk with our project team.

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Audubon society to conduct annual bird count

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Wright County.)

The National Audubon Society invites birdwatchers to participate in the longest-running community science, the annual Audubon Christmas Count (CBC). On Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, birders and nature enthusiasts in northern Wright County will take part in this tradition, many rising before dawn to participate. This annual census of local birds covers the Monticello, Buffalo, Silver Creek, Maple Lake, Chatham areas and portions of Marysville, Corinna, and Rockford townships.

Residents are encouraged to fill their yard bird feeders to attract birds to these areas. Counters will look for both common and unusual birds. A Snowy Owl may appear in Wright County this year as these Canadian residents have already been seen in several areas of the state.

This year, the Audubon Christmas Bird Count will mobilize nearly 80,000 volunteer bird counters in more than 2,600 locations across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America. The Audubon Christmas Bird Count utilizes the power of volunteers to track the health of bird populations at a scale that scientists could never accomplish alone. Data

compiled in Wright County will record every individual bird and bird species seen in a specified area, contributing to a vast community science network that continues a tradition stretching back 120 years.

When combined with other surveys such as the Breeding Bird Survey, Audubon's Christmas Bird Count provides a picture of how the continent's bird populations have changed in time and space over the past hundred years. The long-term perspective is vital for conservationists. It informs strategies to protect birds and their habitat, and helps identify environmental issues with implications for people as well.

Christmas Bird Count data have been used in more than 300 peer-reviewed articles.

Birders of all ages are welcome to contribute to this fun, nationwide community science project, which provides ornithologists with a crucial snapshot of our native bird populations during the winter months. Each individual count is performed in a count circle with a diameter of 15 miles. At least ten volunteers, including a compiler to coordinate the process, count in each circle. The volunteers break up into small parties and follow assigned routes, which change little from year to year, counting every bird they see. In most count circles, some people

also watch feeders instead of following routes.

Interested birders must arrange with the count compiler in advance to participate. To sign up for the local count, please contact Claudia Egelhoff, 651-455-1955. To look for a count circle near you go to Audubon's www.ChristmasBirdCount.org. Using the map you can contact the circle compiler to arrange to participate.

The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is a free community science project organized by the National Audubon Society. Counts are open to birders of all skill levels and Audubon's free Bird Guide app makes it even easier to learn more.

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Bulldog boys hoops team has high expectations

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog boys basketball team returns four of five starters from last season, making this one of the most experienced teams Head Coach Josh Ihrke has led in his nine years as coach. This experience is translating to higher expectations on the court, as the Bulldogs could challenge for the Mississippi 8 Conference title.

“We know that teams and coaches know who we are and what potential we have, so the biggest way to handle this is to create high expectations in practice,” says Ihrke, whose team finished third in the M8 a year ago. “Creating the situations in practice to value each possession and create high intensity in our play in practice is something we strive to.”

The Bulldogs will lean on a pair of M8 All Conference players to set the pace, as both Eric Seavert and Brady Paumen received the honor a year ago. Both players have length and can shoot the ball as well as get to the hoop. Joining the dynamic duo and looking for big seasons will be Alex



The Becker boys basketball team will rely on depth and experience as they push for a conference title. Pictured front (L to R): Landen Goebel, Kevin Vogl, Kyle Vogl, Nick Berglund, Alex Weiss* and Ryan Bengtson. Back: Hayden Harmoning, Tristan Pickwall, Brady Paumen*, Eric Seavert*, Julius Hendricks, Kyan Blomquist and Carter Callahan*. *Denotes captains. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger).

Weiss and Hayden Harmoning, both of whom had great off-seasons according to the coach.

“They will be major contributors again, along with Carter Callahan,” Ihrke says. He also lists Julius Hendricks, Nick Berglund, Landen Goebel, Kyle Vogl and Ryan Bengtson as players who are looking to be valuable pieces to this year’s team.

Overall, Ihrke expects his team’s depth to be an overall strength, with battles expected every day

during practice for the chance to compete for playing time.

“One major difference this year is that our JV/Varsity Reserves are going to challenge and compete hard every day in practice and provide value,” Ihrke says. “We will look to those guys to have a solid year and I am looking forward to this year’s team.”

When it comes to style of play, the coach expects a more balanced defensive effort with an eye towards pushing the ball up the

court when the opportunity presents itself.

“We are looking to improve defensively and hoping to create more transition opportunities... on the offensive side we will be a team that moves the ball well and shares well on the offensive side of the ball.”

In terms of competition, Ihrke expects a number of M8 teams to be solid this year and a Section realignment means that many of those same teams will prove to be a nemesis once the playoffs come around.

Only conference foes North Branch and Cambridge-Isanti will play in a different section than the rest of the M8.

“In our conference and section, the toughest opponents are Princeton, Monticello and St. Francis,” says Ihrke. “But we return the most experience from last year of any teams in the conference so we will hope to challenge for the conference title and section crown.”

But before focusing on those bigger goals, the coach says the players and coaches will work on improving each and every day.

“This year we first off want to be better every day as a team and as players and coaches,” Ihrke says. “We want to have an energetic team that is fun to watch and plays the game in the right way. We hope to see more success on the floor and off the floor in the way of being positive and being leaders in the school and community. If those things are accomplished then the successes in the win / loss column will take care of itself.”

Becker girls hoops team ready for new challenges

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

There will be some familiar faces in the lineup when the Becker girls basketball team takes the court this season, but for Head Coach Dan Baird, that’s where the comparisons will end.

“We will refrain from making comparisons to last year’s team,” says Baird, who guided the Bulldogs to the state championship a year ago en route to a 19-3 overall record. “Our team is very hungry to prove themselves, and it has been nice to see the work ethic and drive heading into a new challenge.”

While it certainly is a new team and a different year (the Bulldogs lost four seniors to graduation, all of whom are playing college basketball), some of the Bulldogs will look familiar to fans, and the pace of play might be even faster than a year ago. The Bulldogs are not a tall team, yet their athleticism and defense have gained a statewide reputation, as Becker was rated number one in the initial Class AAA poll announced last week.

“We have five guards that are excellent on-ball defenders, are skilled with the ball, excellent shooters, and love to put pressure on the defense off the bounce,” Baird says. “We will continue to play a fast and fun style.”

Leading the way for the Bulldogs will be Adeline Kent, a two year All State performer whom Baird calls one of the best on-ball defenders in the state.

“Offensively, she is constantly attacking the basket and putting pressure on the defense with an excellent mid-range game... she shoots threes well, too, and has a scorer’s mentality,” says Baird.

Another leader for Baird will be Maren Westin, an Honorable Mention All State performer from a year ago whom Baird says is one of the highest rated players in the state.

“Maren can play any position for us, as she reads defenses really well and makes correct decisions,” Baird says. “Maren has a great chance to be a first team All



THE BECKER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM earned the #1 ranking in MN Class AAA basketball in the first poll of the season. Pictured front (L to R): Hannah Dierkes, Avery Johnson, Liz Mackedanz, Adeline Kent, Lexi Rose, Evelyn Kreft and Alli Groskreutz. Back: Reese Hausmann, Dani Nuest, Alexa Voller, Ayla Brown, Lauren Croal, Maren Westin and Madison Bass. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

State selection this season.”

Baird believes that the team has two other players who have legitimate chances to earn All State honors this season in Dani Nuest and Ayla Brown.

“Dani is going to have a great year as she shoots the three at a high percentage and could explode for 30 points any night... she does a nice job leading with her effort and attention to details,” Baird says. “Ayla plays amazing defense and can guard and shutdown anyone... she has a really strong core and can just frustrate opponents with her strength. She also has a lightning quick first step and is electric at attacking the basket.”

In addition to those players with varsity experience, Baird also sees several other players who will contribute major minutes this season. Baird says that Lexi Rose is a skilled guard who will fit well with the Bulldogs’ style of play, while Liz Mackedanz will be a tenacious rebounder who will give the team a solid presence in the post. He also mentions Evelyn Kreft and her athleticism and rebounding, as well as Lauren Croal and her skills in the open floor as possible key contributors for the team.

As for this year’s goals, Baird says the team is fo-

cused on starting a new home winning streak and preparing as thoroughly as possible for the postseason.

“We’re striving to go 12-0 at home this season, as we had our 38 game home winning streak snapped by Hopkins at the end of last season and would like to start a new one,” Baird said.

To prepare for the postseason, Baird and Activities Director Dave Niemi have put together an intense non conference schedule that includes teams who had a combined .727 winning percentage last season. There are

a number of AAAA schools like Minnetonka, Wayzata, Appleton (Wisconsin) and Roseville.

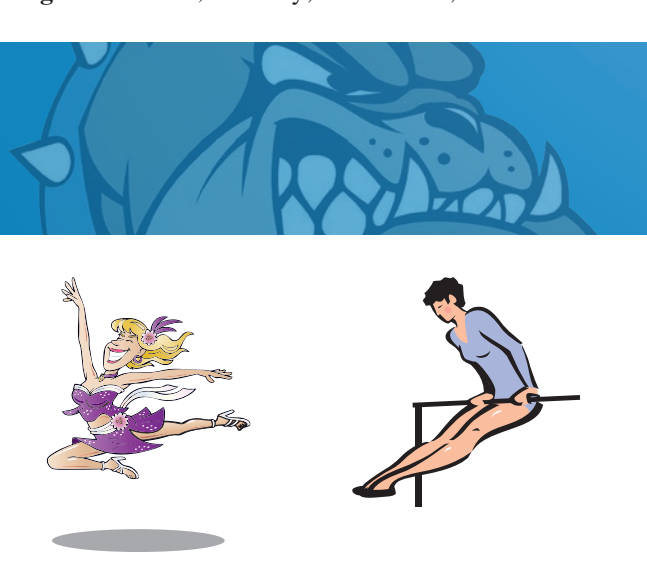
“We also play 3A perennial powerhouse teams in Holy Angels and Como Park and it will also be exciting to play Providence Academy and Fergus Falls in Class AA, two teams contending for the state title in the smaller class,” Baird says. “Our non-conference schedule is one of the toughest in the state... so we won’t have time to focus on a state championship because we’ll be preparing for our next

tough opponent. As a coaching staff, we are preparing these student athletes for a successful future by stressing a growth mindset, preparing them to handle adversity and work hard.”

The Bulldogs opened the season Thursday night in Princeton. Check out next week’s issue of the Patriot for results.



THE BECKER BULLDOG WRESTLING TEAM has a number of top performers returning from last season’s record breaking performance. This year’s team will be coached by Travis Holt. Pictured are team members in grades 9-12. Front: Jake Rosenow, Nolan Muellner, Landen Kujawa, Drew May, Logan Jarvis, Gavin Ratz, Saul Kortmansky, Bobby Leaders and Nolan Jurek. Middle: Kendrick Tomasko, Mason Doucette, Ethan Anderson, Adam Jurek, Ethan Duncombe, Ryan Boecker, John Boecker and Kaden Nicolas. Back: Dylan Weber, Bryce Kuschel, Dylan Kolby, Ryan Nelson, Tyson Ricker, Isaac Regel and Owen Angell. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)



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Dance squad is full of leaders



THE 2021-22 BECKER DAZZLERS DANCE TEAM. (In alphabetical order): Kaelyn Drayna, Kennedy Drayna, Gabriella Dumonceaux, Rylee Felton, Ella Fenske, Ashlyn Frey, Ava Holm, Marissa Hook, Emily Huffman, Amanda Jonas, Sara Jonas, Aylla King, Mia Kinzle, Stephanie Kluge, Hayli Kotzer, Amanda Krenz, Kendall Lamp, Payton Lechner, Claire MacMillan, Ashley Matvick, Lilli Melby, Daphnee Meyer, Hannah Oakes, Chloe Peterson, Natalie Pozorski, Ryleigh Procter, Kennedy Riffe, Claire Schendzielos, Makenna Schuldt, Abigail Spindler, Gabriella Thelen, Gracie Tobako, Jenessa Toulouse, Ali Vieau, Taylor Weismann, Amelia Weller, Wren Williams and Lila Zinken. (Submitted Photo).

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Nadia Fischer-Danzeisen returns as the head coach of the Becker Dazzlers Dance Team for 2021-22.

The team welcomes an alumni to the coaching staff in Autumn Martin. Fischer-Danzeisen says Autumn was "a great asset to our team when she was in high school and now we're excited to have her as our JV head coach!"

Fischer-Danzeisen's other coaches are Megan Timm and Rhi Edwards-Lieberman. Thirty-eight student-athletes are on the 2021-22 team this year.

The roster includes: Kaelyn Drayna, Kennedy Drayna, Gabriella Dumonceaux, Rylee Felton, Ella Fenske, Ashlyn Frey, Ava Holm, Marissa Hook, Emily Huffman, Amanda Jonas, Sara Jonas, Aylla King, Mia Kinzle, Stephanie Kluge, Hayli Kotzer, Amanda Krenz, Kendall Lamp, Payton Lechner, Claire MacMillan, Ashley Matvick, Lilli Melby, Daphnee Meyer, Hannah Oakes, Chloe Peterson, Natalie Pozorski, Ryleigh Procter, Kennedy Riffe, Claire Schendzielos, Makenna Schuldt, Abigail Spindler, Gabriella Thelen, Gracie Tobako, Jenessa Toulouse, Ali Vieau, Taylor Weismann, Amelia Weller, Wren Williams and Lila Zinken.

"I think one of our team's strengths this year is the experience," said Fischer-Danzeisen. "We have a

core group of athletes that have been competing at the varsity level for several years, so they know what to expect and how to train for it."

Unfortunately, with all the issues surrounding COVID-19 last year, Fischer-Danzeisen is sure the time off has thrown all of her competitors off a little.

"We're adjusting back to our team norms," she said.

Fischer-Danzeisen says one of the team's strengths is the leadership — not just at the coaching level.

"We have six amazing leaders who have and will do anything for our team and their teammates," she said. "I'm so impressed with their dedication to our team values and displaying them in all areas of their life!"

The dance squad's team values are connection, integrity, and grit.

"The coaching staff runs everything off of them and it's rewarding to watch the team embrace the values as well," Fischer-Danzeisen says.

Her six leaders are: seniors Gabby Thelen, Amelia Weller and Stephanie Kluge. Juniors Amanda Krenz and Ashley Matvick. And sophomore Wren Williams.

"We have multiple stand-out athletes on our team," the Becker coach says. "We have three sophomores who really demonstrate quality dance ability in their technique, movement, and athleticism. Ashley Matvick, Wren Williams, and Hannah

Oakes are the people I often turn to when we're adding difficulty into our routines. Gabby Thelen, Mia Weller, Amanda Krenz, and Stephanie Kluge have also really impressed me with their off season training. They all look great and are starting off this season strong!"

Fischer-Danzeisen says her team's biggest challenge will be themselves.

"We have talented kids, great choreography, plenty of time, and a few of our top section competitors were moved into other sections," she said of her upcoming season. "We will need to stay focused under pressure to compete at our highest potential."

Fischer-Danzeisen says dance is a hard sport because there aren't timeouts, substitutions, next plays, etc.

"They (dancers) have one opportunity to get it perfect, all together, all at the same time," she says. "For our team and other dance teams, it can be mentally challenging to ensure the right personnel are on the floor and that the routines are at a difficulty level that is impressive but also achievable."



Bulldog gymnasts feature depth



THE BECKER GYMNASTICS TEAM returns a great deal of experience from last year and has high expectations heading into the season. Pictured front row (L to R): Emma Hennessey, Sofia Bonsante, Bella Kuschel, Lauren Woelfel, Chloe Spear, and Lauren Biegler. Back row: Hailey Duncombe, Justine Vilmo, Tessa Maruska, Sarah Woelfel, Riley Norberg, and Hailey Deters. Not Pictured: Cassie Larson, Theresa Johnson, Tori Christensen and Manager Allie Deters. (Submitted photo.)

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Becker Bulldog gymnastics coach Kayla Kalinowski returns for her fourth season in charge of the program, and has perhaps her most experienced and deep squad. This combination is adding up to produce high expectations for a team that placed fourth in the Section tournament a year ago.

"We had no seniors last year so we return our entire varsity roster," Kalinowski says. "This team has some pretty big goals."

Kalinowski says that her team's depth will be their biggest overall strength, and what the team lacks in numbers is more than made up for in quality participants.

"We may have a smaller team, but we are strong from top to bottom and have many gymnasts who will be fighting for varsity spots every meet," the coach says. "We are looking to qualify for the State Class A True Team meet in January and finish in the top two in the section with the hopes of advancing more people to the State Tournament."

The team should be led by a pair of top performers in senior Riley Norberg, a two time state qualifier, and eighth grader Chloe Spear, an All-conference and All State award winner a year ago.

"Riley and Chloe should be contending for varsity all-around spots this season," Kalinowski

says. "We are looking for solid, consistent routines from both of them this season."

In term of other contributors, Kalinowski expects consistent battles in practice with freshmen Bella Kuschel and Sofia Bonsante expected to step in to fill roles. In addition, Emma Hennessey and Cassie Larson are returning from injuries and will bolster the team's depth.

Assisting Kalinowski on the coaching staff this year will be Sheena Meilner, who also returns for her fourth season, as well as newcomer Brent Wuollet, who has been coaching and spotting for many years with the Anoka and Monticello programs.

The team did not name captains this year, but Kalinowski will look to her five seniors for leadership: Norberg, Sarah Woelfel, Tessa Maruska, Theresa Johnson and Justine Vilmo.

"Our early focus will be on getting into routine shape and being consistent before adding more difficulty as the season progresses," Kalinowski says.

As always, the team will have to persevere

through some difficult opponents to ultimately meet its goals, with their rivals from Big Lake providing a big test.

"In our conference we expect Big Lake and Cambridge to be our biggest challenges this season," Kalinowski says. "In our section, Big Lake will be our biggest challenge but we are looking to put up a good fight against them."

After a year of COVID-19 restrictions last season, the coach says that her team is just looking forward to having a full slate of spectators and a chance to work on their routines throughout the year.

"We are excited to get our season started and hope to be able to have a full season with fans in the stands to cheer us on," Kalinowski says. "At the end of the season, I hope to have improved on our overall record from last season and be able to look back on the season and know that we gave it our all and came together as a team to accomplish our goals."

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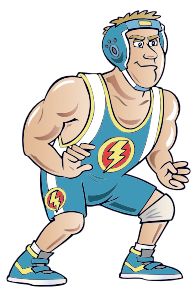
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Hornets have eyes on re-capturing state title

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Lanny Goldsmith has taken over the head coaching duties of the Big Lake Hornet gymnastics team following a step down from long-time coach Nikki Dilbert Collison after the 2020-21 season.

Dilbert Collison will remain with the team, only as an assistant to Goldsmith. Other assistants under Goldsmith will be Kris Kitzman and Kacey Skarhus.

The Hornets have 24 girls on the roster which includes: seventh-grader Addison Doring, seventh-grader Ciarra Kohnen, seventh-grader Eva Johnson, seventh-grader Lindsey Shoop, ninth-grader Allie Goracke, ninth-grader Allie Lu, ninth-grader Ava East-



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Captains for the 2021-22 season are: John Horvath and Ell. Britney Krumrei, Lola Visci and Autumn Grunewald were named team leaders.

"These girls are the leaders on our team and set the tone for the group not only in meets but every day

in practice," said Goldsmith. "Several have competed as individuals and for our team the last two seasons at the state meet."

As most know, the sport of gymnastics is not only a challenge physically, but mentally as well. Gymnastics is a sport with no off-season, involving flexibility, stamina, and grace. There are no protective helmets or pads. It's just the gymnast, one's leotard, and the routine one is competing in.

"Gymnastics is a tough sport mentally and physically," said Goldsmith. "Staying healthy is always the biggest challenge throughout the long season but so far our injuries are only minor ones."

Four routines are the challenges the gymnasts face. Bars, beam, floor and

vault are individually scored on each event on a 10.0 scale, 10 being that no mistakes were made. Each gymnast fights for first place in their individual events. The scores from each event will be added together, determining an "all-around" winner. However, gymnastics is still a team sport because the top scores from each team are added together, and the team with the highest score wins.

"I think our floor and vault will be our two highest scoring events," said Goldsmith. "We have the talent to be a great team on beam and bars as well. Time will tell (how we do) I guess."

Big Lake gymnastics finished seventh at state last year after winning the state title in 2020.

Hornet wrestlers looking for state titles

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Ryan Prom returns as the Big Lake Hornet wrestling coach with high hopes for a successful 2021-22 season. Justin Nelson has also returned as an assistant as well as Andrew Sandford and Matt Nelson.

The wrestling season kicked off Nov. 22 at home and Prom will cycle through the 25-30 athletes he has on his roster to field the best team each week. Prom and his coaches have

a plethora of strong talent on the squad including Christian Noble (2x state champion), Nolan Reiter (2x state placewinner), Cash Sixberry (state placewinner) and Luke Schumacher (state placewinner).

"We will be in one of the toughest sections in the state," said Prom. "There could be as many as six teams rated at any time during the season."

The teams in their section include: Becker, Dassel Cokato Litchfield, Foley, Princeton, Annan-

dale, Maple Lake and Big Lake, who will all compete for the section and state titles.

Big Lake has 15 wrestlers returning with varsity experience.

"The experience of these wrestlers will be a strength," said Prom. "Our depth should also be a strength."

Some athletes for some sports dedicate their entire school year focused on practicing and conditioning their bodies for the one sport they excel in. Some

are pure athletes and love to compete at a sport they enjoy or have advantages.

"I like my wrestlers to be involved in other sports," said Prom. "This helps with conditioning and other important factors that a wrestler will need when they step on the mat."



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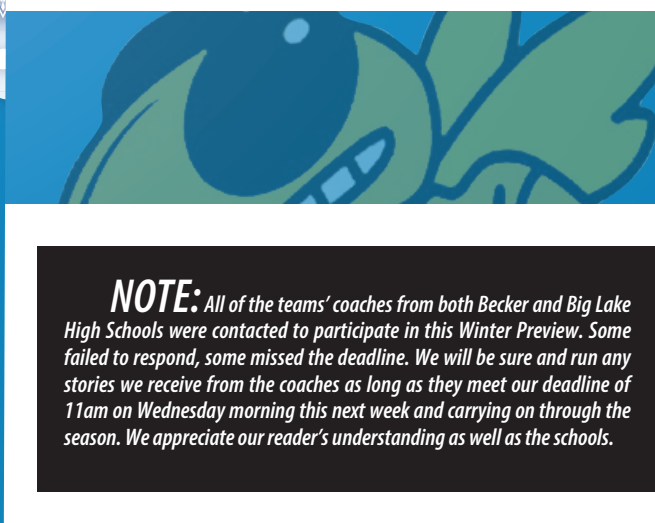
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BBL hockey ready to improve in 2021-22

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Don your scarves, hats and mittens...high school hockey is back for the 2021-22 season!

The Becker/Big Lake Eagles hockey team will once again be headed by coach Zach Barzee and he and his coaches hope to see a significant improvement on their 3-15-1 record from a year ago in the Mississippi 8 Conference.

BBL finished last with Monticello (9-3-1) and Chisago Lakes (9-3-1) hav-

ing nearly identical records to win the conference. Cambridge-Isanti was 8-6, St. Francis was 7-7, Pine City was 7-7 and North Branch was 6-6.

BBL ended up with one win in the conference and just three on the year.

Barzee will return a full coaching staff that includes Assistants Tom Kluk and Erick Sjoquist and Goalie Coaches Greg Mullen and Lindsey Hartfiel. They have 27 skaters this season and three team managers (Kate Mehlich, Jady Kluk and Joe Darland).



Jason Hartfiel resigned as assistant coach from the 2020-21 team.

The roster includes: Luke Bordson, Jestin Toulouse, Tyler Lillemo, Charley Pishney, Logan Ahlbrecht, Trevor Briggs, Amado Espinosa, Samuel Rusin, William Johnson, Rylan Tobako, Garrett Ma-

rotz, Brayden Graning, Jase Tobako, Dillon Lindenau, Eli Scheideman, Cooper Wright, Jack Beckstrom, Erik Baker, Jacob Dietsch, Grady Slepica, Jacob Polacec, Ben Sellner, Andrew Holm, Declan Weber, Josh Lillemo, Gavin Leitold and Gunnar Hanson.

Captains for the 2021-

22 season are: Jack Beckstrom, Luke Bordson and Jacob Polacec.

"Each of these young men personify what it means to be a student-athlete by maintaining high GPA's while being multi-sport athletes and multi-sport captains," said Coach Barzee. "Becky, Poly and Bordy as they are known by their teammates, are extremely deserving of the honor of wearing the 'C'. Their commitment to our developing culture and to making the experience of playing hockey in the Becker-Big Lake program great, is the legacy that these three will leave and every BBL player and family are the beneficiaries."

A challenge the BBL coaches see for the 2021-22 season is the lack of experience at the goaltending level.

"We have three young goaltenders who have not yet played varsity level

hockey," said Barzee. "But I have complete faith in them to rise to the challenge."

Barzee sees his team filled with great kids who are all skilled hockey players.

"They show up every day to work hard for dry-land and practice and I know that their dedication and discipline will carry over into the games," said the BBL coach. "We have a number of players who have the potential to put pucks in the net and/or play a significant role in being a competitive team."



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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@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Clearwater American Legion Post 323 & Auxiliary

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

Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

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

Clearwater Narcotics Anonymous

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

Free Grace Recovery

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

Lions Club of Clearwater

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

Young @ Heart

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

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Mental Health Discussion Group

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Upcoming Becker Events

Eagle Award Celebration

The public is invited to Jakob Johnson's Eagle Award Celebration. Sun., Dec. 5, 4pm., Becker city Park Building.

Jakob is the son of Jamie & Julie Johnson of Becker. Grandson of Howard & JoAnn Johnson, of Becker & Russell & Carol Kilgard of Foley.

Cemetery, Clean-up by Dec. 11

Mary of the Visitation Church, Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Becker. All non-seasonal real, artificial, floral & loose items are to be removed by Dec. 11. Christmas wreaths are welcome.

Upcoming Big Lake Events

Shopping with Santa

Sat., Dec. 11, 2021, 9am to noon. The LC of Big Lake Lionsess will be hosting the return of their Shopping with Santa event. Children can shop for affordable gifts, many handmade for family & friends.

Tickets \$1 & sold at the door. Tickets can be used to purchase gifts, coffee, orange juice or donut while you wait to visit with Santa & Ms. Claus. Unused tickets are non-refundable. Big Lake Lions Park, 21960 CR5, Big Lake

Upcoming Clearwater Events

Young @ Heart

December Young at Heart will meet at Rejoice Lutheran Church, Clearwater MN on Dec. 16, 10:30am for coffee/conversation or card games. Group caroling 11am with lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus 11:30am. Requests for Christmas Carols will resume at 12 noon (suggested donation) with Santa visiting to follow. Please call Rejoice at 320-558-6851 to assure a lunch is available for everyone.

Obituaries

Alden Edward Johnson, Age 92 Aitkin, MN (formerly of Becker)



Alden passed away November 25th 2021 at home with his wife Mary by his side. One of eight children, Alden was born on the family farm to Samuel Alden and Laura (Kolbinger) Johnson in Becker.

Alden was preceded in death by both of parents, by son Roy by brothers Thomas and Ronald, and by sisters Maree (Johnson) Lange and Rose (Johnson) Thorston. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jamason of Aitkin, son, Roger of Becker, brother, Norman of Becker, sisters, Marilou of Fridley and Ann of Becker, grand and great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Born during The Depression, Alden was exempt from the Military draft as the oldest son on the working farm that helped feed the nation. Alden and his sister - Maree worked alongside their father Samuel farming with horses. Constant companions, Maree and Alden worked, fished, and hunted squirrels together.

Alden married Ester (Lemmon), they lived in Becker and raised their two sons Roy and Roger.

In 1988, Alden met and later married Mary Jamason. After living in St Cloud, the couple moved to Aitkin, MN. They were blessed with 30 wonderful years of marriage.

Alden worked 30 years for Sherburne County Roads and Bridges as a road grader operator, becoming Supervisor. On retiring, he worked odd jobs and repaired, remodeled and built homes and garages. He also worked growing produce, sold at Norm's Farm Market on the family farm (Becker).

Moving to Aitkin, Alden worked 30 years for Hazelton Township once again as road grader operator as well as building and grounds maintenance. Alden loved to fish, hunt, trap fox and mow grass - mowing 20 acres weekly for years in Aitkin for self, neighbors, friends, and the township hall.

Alden was an accomplished farmer, carpenter, plumber, electrician, mechanic, welder, painter, furniture maker, clock builder, engineer and could repair build, weld, and engineer anything. He often remarked with pride and chuckle "I built two houses. One for each wife!"

Alden was much loved by Mary's family who visited them often in Aitkin. Alden and Mary traveled several times to Iowa, Missouri, Colorado, Idaho, and Montana to visit, hunt, and fish with them in return.

It was Alden's wish to have no funeral and no memorial. He said, "If family and friends chose not to see me when I was alive, they don't need to see me when I am not." And to my good friends in Aitkin, "Good bye and good luck."

Alden and Mary were joined in 2019 by her son, Pete to help with the work Alden could no longer do and allow Mary to care for Alden.

Making a last visit to the family farm in Becker three weeks before passing, Alden remarked to his wife and son, Roger, "Things sure have changed a lot in 90 years." Then had a visit with his brother, Norman.

Alden's last journey was taken at home in the loving care of his wife Mary and her son, Pete. She was also assisted and supported by the compassionate care of the Hospice team from CRMC, Crosby. Many thanks and much gratitude to Alicia and everyone on the team for helping Alden have a peaceful and dignified good-bye. Celebrate Alden's long, full life, many talents, and wonderful accomplishments by fishing or hugging someone you love. Peace

To sign the guestbook online, go to: www.srtfuneral.com. Arrangements are with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Aitkin

Joyce E. Hauge, Age 84 Clear Lake, MN

May 29, 1937 – November 22, 2021

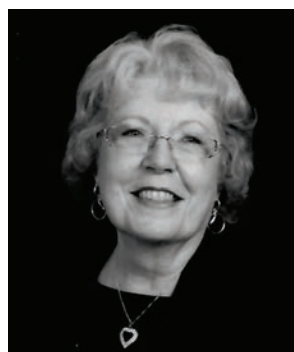
A gathering of family and friends will be from 1-3 PM on Saturday December 18, 2021 at The Buff in Big Lake for Joyce Hauge age 84 of Clear Lake who passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Monday, November 22, 2021 at her home in rural Clear Lake. Burial will be at a later date at Grandview Cemetery in Hopkins. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Big Lake.

Joyce was born May 29, 1937 in Montevideo to Lester & Grace (Vanderhoof) Johnson. She married Mervin Hauge on November 4, 1955. She worked as a book keeper for her husband's business, she also worked at the Big Lake newspaper, owned a quilt store, and was a librarian at the Monticello Library before she retired. She is a member of South Santiago Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her children, Mitch (Terri) of Edina; Marty (Sue) of Bloomington; Angie (Brad) Thomas of Becker; 7 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association.



Richard F. Riebel, Age 75 Big Lake, MN May 1, 1946 – November 27, 2021

Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, December 3, 2021 at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Big Lake for Richard F. Riebel, age 75, of Big Lake who died Saturday at the St. Cloud Hospital surrounded by his family. Rev. Michael Kellogg will officiate and burial will be in MN State Veteran's Cemetery near Little Falls. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Big Lake and one hour prior to the services on Friday at the church in Big Lake. Parish prayers will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home in Big Lake.

Richard was born May 1, 1946 in St. Peter to Annie Riebel. He married Patricia Robak on February 5, 1969 at St. John's Catholic Church in Foley. Richard served his country in the Army during the Vietnam War and was a Supervisor for Hoffman Engineering for 25 years, retiring in 2008. He was a member of Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Big Lake and Becker American Legion Post #193. Richard enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, tinkering with small engines, woodworking and watching sports, especially football. He loved spending time with his family, especially during the Christmas season. Richard was a loving, kind, quiet, generous and a gentle soul with a great sense of humor.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Patricia of Big Lake; children, Scott (Kelli) of Becker, Teresa of Big Lake, Richard (Michael) of South Minneapolis; grandchildren, Trenton, Mason, Reggie, Kamren, Bree-Onna; great grandchildren, Elliot and Kane; brothers, Dan (Darlene) of Big Lake, John of Becker, Jim (Linda) of Becker, Gary (Barb) of Coon Rapids, Rod (Bobbie) of Fridley; puppies, Annabelle and Patches. He was preceded in death by his mother; sister-in-law, Nancy; and an infant sister.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to American Cancer Society.

Obituary, guest book and video tribute available online at www.williamsdingmann.com



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Free and confidential testing is available by appointment at: Sherburne County Health and Human Services, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN 55330. Contact our HIV tester at 763-765-4000.

Immunization/ Covid-19 Vaccine Tuesdays

Sherburne County Public Health is offering free Covid-19 Vaccine, and offering free or low cost immunizations for children 18 years of age or younger and uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years and older in Minnesota who meet eligibility guidelines on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4000 or 1-800-433-5239.

Outreach in St. Cloud

The Sherburne County Wellness bus will be in St. Cloud at CashWise (East) on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 9:30-3pm. HHS staff will answer questions about public assistance programs and assist Sherburne County residents in applying for, or maintaining, benefits. Need Help with Food, Child Care, Medical Assistance, Housing, Utility Disconnects, Evictions? Come see us, no appointment necessary! **WIC (Women, Infants & Children):** is for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, recently had a baby, infants and children to their 5th birthday. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and referrals to health services/community resources. The service is free, and you or your children may be eligible. For more information, please call 763-765-4116 or 1-800-433-5239, or check out the website <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/hhs/wic.php>. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in the administration of its programs. WIC is an equal opportunity provider.



RSVP / The Volunteer Bridge Transportation Assistant

So many individuals struggle getting to and from medical appointments, social visits, and to stores for necessary shopping. Volunteer to help transport those who can no longer drive around the Elk River and Big Lake area. Volunteers set their own schedule and can drive for any clientele or be matched with one service receiver. Background checks are required for all drivers.

Tax Helper with Tri-CAP

We are almost upon the tax season. Help this year by ensuring consumers have the correct documents, answer customer questions, greet at tax sites, and/or help in reviewing taxes. There is an option for everyone at tax sites! Training is provided in January 2022, and the tax sites will be in Elk River and St. Cloud. Pick your own schedule and participate in a rewarding opportunity.

Activities Assistant at Keller Lake Commons

If you enjoy being social with others, this could be the perfect option for you. Volunteer to help in various activities in this senior living facility, ranging from chair exercise, movie night, yard games, and even during a coffee social. The sky is the limit on what type of activities a volunteer can do to brighten the days of residents!

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

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Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

Becker Baptist Church

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

Becker Evangelical Free Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month. (Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays in Big Lake).

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God

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

Snake River Free Church

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

Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church

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

Beacon House of Prayer

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

Free Grace United

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

• BIG LAKE

Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church

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

Bethany Bible Church

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

Bridgeview Assembly of God

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

SVEA Hill Covenant Church

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

Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock

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

IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church

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

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Riverside Church

Online: www.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.

• SANTIAGO

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA

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

Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School

Pastor: Timothy Zenda, 763-662-2570, 18977 17th St. Services: Sun. School/Bible Class 10:30am, Divine Worship 9am.

Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Gethsemane Church (ELCA) – Ronneby

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

Glendorado Evangelical Country Church

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

• CLEAR LAKE

Living Waters Church

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

Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

St. Marcus Catholic Church

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

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church

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

• CLEARWATER

Clearwater United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Bible Church

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

Rejoice Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

Church of St. Luke

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

Tri-County Alliance Church

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

• SILVER CREEK

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

Silver Creek Community Church

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



Obituaries

James “Jim” R. Ouellette, Age 77
Becker, MN
February 14, 1944 – November 24, 2021



Memorial Services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Becker for James R. Ouellette, 77, who passed away peacefully November

24, 2021 with his wife at his side at St. Cloud VA Community Living Center after a valiant battle with Lewy Body Dementia over the past year. Visitation will be from 12-2 p.m. Saturday, December 4th at the funeral home. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Jim was born on Valentine's Day, 1944 to Josephine (Masloski) and Earl Ouellette. Jim grew up in Northeast Minneapolis, the middle child of five siblings. The Ouellette kids grew up in a time when children could roam the neighborhood most hours of the day. Jim talked about life in the city where they would go to the movie show and the market, and working on a farm nearby while they were growing up. As a teenager, Jim moved with his parents to the rural Becker area. It was soon after that he met his sweetheart, Linda. Jim was drafted into the US Army in 1965, and subsequently served in Vietnam from 1966-67. He was a truck driver in the Army, often transporting fallen soldiers for identification and preparation to return them

home. After honorable discharge, Jim returned to Becker and Jim and Linda were married on June 27, 1969. They made their first home on Eagle Lake, then in 1977 built (literally, themselves) their lifelong home in rural Becker next door to Jim's parents and only a few miles from Linda's parents. It was here that Jim and Linda raised their three daughters, each of which was Daddy's Girl in their own way. Jim was a hard worker, spending most of his working years in a variety of construction jobs, with his final working years spent working on curb and gutter. After retirement, Jim filled his new-found free time with a variety of hobbies which included learning the newest technology, shopping, browsing Craig's List, going to garage sales, and going out for ice cream with Linda. Jim also enjoyed watching the antics of his grandchildren and buying multiples of toys for the house so the kids would never have anything to fight over.

Jim leaves behind wife of 52 years Linda; daughters, Debbie (Keith) Ferdon, Becky (Jason) Otten, and Betsy (Jesse) Given; six grandchildren, Megan, Taylor, Brooke, Avery, Dillon, and Sawyer. He is also survived by his siblings, Pat (Roger) Feyo, Bill (Rosie), Bob, and Peggy (Mike) Weir; as well as many other relatives and friends. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; and In-laws, Norris and Esther Gunderson.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the amazing caregivers at the BRU unit at the St. Cloud VA for their tireless work caring for Jim in the last months of his illness. He loved his "girls".

Obituary and Guest Book available online: www.williamsdingmann.com

Loretta V. Rose, Age 95
Becker, MN
July 27, 1926 – November 21, 2021



Celebration of Life will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 5, 2021, at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Becker for Loretta V. Rose, age 95, who passed away Sunday at the St. Cloud Hospital. Rev. Gerry Bass will officiate, and burial will be at the Becker Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 5, 2021, at the funeral home. Due to current Covid status, masks are encouraged.

Loretta was born July 27, 1926, in Santiago Township to Edward & Rosa (Guse) Lange. She married Oliver Vance Rose on April 3, 1948, at South Santiago Lutheran Church. Loretta lived in the Becker/Clear Lake area all of her life. She was a homemaker and also worked in the lunchroom at Clearview School, as a Security Guard at the power plant, and helped at the Lange Home. Loretta was an avid reader and enjoyed books of all kinds. As a woman of deep faith in God her favorite book of all was the Bible. She had a keen green thumb and loved gardening and tending to her beautiful flower beds. Loretta could make the best pies and bread that were second to none. While her family and friends enjoyed her cooking and baking, she loved exercising and eating healthy. She took aqua aerobics classes with her friends at the community center well into her 80's. Loretta was a proud charter member of the Becker Red Hat Society and enjoyed their friendship and monthly social outings. When she was unable to drive herself anymore, mom especially loved attending with her granddaughter Kim who sported her pink hat at the luncheons. She spent countless evenings watching and rooting for her favorite team, the Minnesota Twins, and finally got to attend her one and only game at Target Field. She

knew every player's name and their position. It was a very special evening. Lastly, with her spirit of adventure, she loved traveling with our dad in their later years together. Her favorite trip was to the Holy Lands where she floated in the Dead Sea and saw many of the sacred locations in the bible. We celebrate and rejoice our amazing mother's beautiful life.

Survivors include her daughters and son, Wanda Woolhouse of Becker, Allen (Julie) Rose of Crosby, Roxanne (Charles) Henrich of Becker, and Gerri (James) Gefre of Plymouth; grandchildren, Matt, Chad, Amber, Josh, Kim, and Kathryn; great grandchildren, Andrew, Anthony, Victoria, Madi, Ari, Blake, and Colton; and great great grandchildren, Kingston and Xander. Loretta was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vance; daughter, Patty Rose; brothers, Edward and Robert Lange; and sisters, Louise Brown and Rosella Graning.

Thank you to the staff at St. Cloud Hospital 5th floor for the wonderful care provided to Loretta in her final days, especially her granddaughter, Kim.

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

Daniel Dean Gapen Sr., Age 89
Becker, MN



Dan passed away at St. Cloud Hospital on 11-20-21. Memorial will be held Sunday Dec.12th @ Monticello Community Center from 1-4pm. Prayers & Military honors presented.

Cremation by Neptune Cremation 763-545-8095. Family is handling arrangements.



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Public Notices

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Date: December 18, 2021

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of that certain mortgage that was executed by and among Elizabeth Nelson and Chad Nelson, as mortgagors, and Granite Community Bank, as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated May 15, 2019 and was recorded on May 16, 2019, as document number 871974, with the Office of the County Recorder in and for Sherburne County, Minnesota.
2. The mortgage has been assigned as follows: n/a
3. The original principal amount secured by the mortgage was: \$138,400.00.
4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the mortgage, or any part thereof.
5. The holder of the mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the mortgage and foreclosure of the mortgage and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.
6. As of the date of this notice, the amount due on the mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the mortgage is: \$132,837.00.
7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the mortgage, the mortgage will be foreclosed on the land described as follows:
Lot 7, Block 2, Parkside, Sherburne County, Minnesota
Street Address: 7633 Church Street, Clear Lake, Minnesota 55319
Tax Parcel Identification Number: 70-415-0235

and will be sold by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota at public auction on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Office of the Sherburne County Sheriff, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, Minnesota 55330.

8. The time allowed by law for redemption of mortgagors or mortgagors' personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.
9. The date on or before which the mortgagors must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. § 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. § 580.23 is July 12, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
10. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGORS OR THE MORTGAGORS' PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINN. STAT. § 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Sherburne State Bank, Mortgagee
LATHROP GPM LLP
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Attorneys for Granite Community Bank
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Date: December 1, 2021

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of that certain mortgage that was executed by and between Paul J. McMahon, mortgagor, and Sherburne State Bank, 12500 Sherburne Avenue, P.O. Box 428, Becker, Minnesota 55308, mortgagee, dated July 13, 2016 and filed for record on July 15, 2016, as document number 823367, with the Office of the County Recorder in and for Sherburne County, Minnesota.
2. The mortgage has been assigned as follows: n/a
3. The original principal amount secured by the mortgage was: \$25,000.00.
4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the mortgage, or any part thereof.
5. The holder of the mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the mortgage and foreclosure of the mortgage and all no-

tice and other requirements of applicable statutes.

6. As of the date of this notice, the amount due on the mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the mortgage is: \$26,531.78.
7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the mortgage, the mortgage will be foreclosed on the land described as follows:
Lots 13 and 14, Cedar Cove, Sherburne County, Minnesota.
Street Address: 7087 - 100th Avenue SE, Clear Lake, Minnesota 55319
Tax Parcel Identification Number: 20-403-0130

and will be sold by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota at public auction on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Office of the Sherburne County Sheriff, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, Minnesota 55330.

8. The time allowed by law for redemption of mortgagor or mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.
9. The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. § 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. § 580.23 is July 26, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
10. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR OR THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINN. STAT. § 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: 71-PR-21-174
In Re: Estate of Roger Thomas Hanson,
also known as Roger T. Hanson, Decedent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated August 2, 2000. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Bonnie Hanson, whose address is 31 Island Ave. W., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

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. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

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

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 11/10/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
Sherburne Court Administrator
Megan C. Kelly (MN# 393186)
IVERSON REUVERS
9321 Ensign Ave. S.
Bloomington Minnesota 55438
Telephone: (952) 548-7200
Facsimile: (952) 548-7210

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
(Published in the *Patriot*: 11/27/21; 12/04/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-PR-21-148 Case Type: Informal Probate In Re: Estate of Thomas Steven Houdek, Decedent (Deceased Person).

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's

Last Will dated 9/25/2003 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted. Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Name: Steven Thomas Houdek Address: 5404 26th Ave S - Minneapolis MN 55417 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 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 11/10/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
Sherburne Court Administrator
(Published in the *Patriot*: 11/27/21; 12/04/21).

Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: Other Civil Quiet Title Action Court File No. 71-CV-21-1307 SUMMONS

Rodrigo T. Barbosa and Dawn R. Peasha, Plaintiffs,

vs.
Donald R. Nelson, Rose S. Nelson, Thomas R. Nelson, Dana C. Nelson, Steven J. Nelson, Joel M. Nelson, Kristi Nelson, Dennis D. Klein, Christine L. Klein, Thomas J. Hammer, Jr., as Trustee of the Thomas J. Hammer, Jr. Revocable Trust Agreement U/T/D December 10, 2015, Penney L. Hammer, as Trustee of the Penney L. Hammer Revocable Trust Agreement U/T/D December 10, 2015, R.D. Offutt Farms Co., a Minnesota Corporation, Hartkopf Farms, LLC, a Minnesota Limited Liability Company, Larry Czech and Renee M. Czech, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein, Defendants.

This Summons is directed to Defendants above-named.

1. **You are being sued.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Complaint is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that start a lawsuit and affect your legal rights, even if nothing has been filed with the court and even if there is no court file number on this Summons.
2. **You must BOTH reply, in writing, AND get a copy of your reply to the person/business who is suing you within 21 days to protect your rights.** Your reply is called an *Answer*. Getting your reply to the Plaintiff is called *service*. You must serve a copy of your *Answer* or *Answer and Counterclaim* (Answer) within 21 days from the date you received the *Summons and Complaint*.

ANSWER: You can find the Answer form and instructions on the MN Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov/forms under the "Civil" category. The instructions will explain in detail how to fill out the Answer form.

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 think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the *Complaint*, you must say that in your *Answer*.
4. **SERVICE: You may lose your case if you do not send a written response to the Plaintiff.** If you do not serve a written *Answer* within 21 days, you may lose this case by default. You will not get to tell your side of the story. If you choose not to respond, the Plaintiff may be awarded everything they asked for in their *Complaint*. If you agree with the claims stated in the *Complaint*, you don't need to respond. A default judgment can than be entered against you

for what the Plaintiff asked for in the Complaint.

To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your *Answer* on the person who signed this *Summons* in person or by mail at this address:

John T. Peterson
Johnson, Larson & Peterson, P.A.
908 Commercial Drive
Buffalo, MN 55313

5. Carefully read the Instructions (CIV301) for the *Answer* for your next steps.
6. **Legal Assistance.** You may wish to get legal help from an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and would like legal help:

- Visit www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp and click on the "Legal Advice Clinics" tab to get more information about legal clinics in each Minnesota county.
- Court Administration may have information about places where you can get legal assistance.

NOTE: Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still serve a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

7. **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an ADR process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of Practice. You must still serve your written *Answer*, even if you expect to use ADR.
8. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in Sherburne County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

The East 2 rods of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 35 North, Range 30 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota.

The object of this action is to procure a judgment that the Plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple absolute, of said real estate, and that the Defendants, and each of them, have no right, title, estate, interest, or lien herein or thereon, or in any part thereof.

JOHNSON, LARSON & PETERSON, P.A.
Dated: November 12, 2021
/s/ John T. Peterson, I.D.# 195108
Attorney for Plaintiffs
908 Commercial Drive
Buffalo, Minnesota 55313
Telephone: (763) 682-4550
John.Peterson@jplawmn.com

557.03 NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM - Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 557.03 you are hereby served with notice that no personal claim is made against you and that any defendant upon whom this notice is served who unreasonably defends this action shall pay full costs to the plaintiff.

JOHNSON, LARSON & PETERSON, P.A.
Dated: November 12, 2021
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Public Notices

Sherburne County Public Notices

SHERBURNE COUNTY AMENDMENT TO THE SHERBURNE COUNTY ZONING MAP ORD NO - 261

AMENDMENT to the Sherburne County Zoning Map to Re-zone the following described property from an Industrial District to a Commercial District as requested by Benjamin and Sarah Hafdahl and World of Wheels Properties, LLC.
*Section 23, Township 33, Range 28
3.37 acres in Big Lake Township
Full Legal Description is attached*

This provision was passed by the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners on the 16th day of November, 2021 A complete copy of this Zoning Map Ordinance Amendment is available for viewing at the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Office, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Mn, and is duly filed with the Sherburne County Auditor upon the publication of its enactment.

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, County Board Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 33, Range 28; Sherburne County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 43 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds West assuming the east line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter 'bears North 0 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of 479.20 feet to a point hereafter known as Point A; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 159.25 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence continue North 89 degrees 51 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 170.81 feet to a line parallel with the west line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter drawn south from the midpoint on the north line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 01 minutes 33 seconds West along said parallel line to the northerly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 10 and 52; thence easterly along said northerly right of way to the intersection of a line bearing South 0 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds West from said Point A; thence North 0 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds East to a line parallel and distance 66.00 feet northeast of the northerly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 10 and 52; thence westerly along said parallel line to the intersection of a line bearing South 0 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds West from the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds East to the point of beginning.

Subject to and together with an easement for road purposes 66 feet wide over and across said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, said easement being adjacent to and northerly of the northerly right of way line of said U.S. Highway No. 10 and 52.

Subject to and together with an easement for road purposes 66 feet wide, the center line of which begins at the midpoint of the north line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and runs south parallel with the west line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter to the northerly right of way of U.S. Highway No. 10 and 52, and also together with an easement for a turn-around at the North end of last described easement, said turn-around to extend 50 feet on either side of said center line and 100.00 feet south from the North line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter. **(Abstract) (PARCEL A)**

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 33; Range 28, Sherburne County, Minnesota described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 43 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds West assuming the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter bears North 0 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of 479.20 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 159.25 feet; thence South 0 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds West to a line parallel and distant 66.00 feet Northeast of the Northerly right of way line of U.S. Highways 10 and 52; thence Easterly along said parallel line to the intersection of a line bearing South 0 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds West from the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds East; a distance of 418.02 feet to the point of beginning, according to the United States Government Survey thereof and situate in Sherburne County, Minnesota. **(Abstract) (PARCEL B)**

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PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sherburne County **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION** will meet at **6:00 P.M. December 16, 2021**, at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota to hold a public hearing for all unincorporated areas of Sherburne County in which the County has zoning and land use authority, to consider the following application(s) and other planning and zoning related topics.

Kevin Olson: Request an Interim Use Permit for Highway Planned Unit Development-Flooring Business. PID # 30-534-0205. Legal Desc: Dean Anderson Second Addition, Lot 1, Blk 2 (full legal on file). Sec 27, Twp 34, Rge 26, Livonia Township. 2.5 acres in the General Rural District.

Knife River Corp-North Central (Property Owners Fred & Karen Bengtson): Request an Interim Use Permit for a Gravel Mining Operation. PID # 25-027-1000. Legal Desc: NE ¼ of RR. Subj to Easement (full description on file). Sec 27, Twp 35, Rge 30, Haven Township. 145 acres in the Agricultural District.

The hearing of these requests is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this hearing. Recommendations made by the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board may be subject to further action by the Township of Baldwin, the Township of Livonia or the Township of Big Lake, and the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners.

Recommendations that are forwarded to the County Board from this public hearing will be heard at the January 4, 2022 County Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:00 AM in the County Board Room located at the Sherburne County Government Center.

Lynn Waytashek, Zoning Administrator

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2022 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TO PUBLISH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DELINQUENT TAX LIST AND OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF SHERBURNE COUNTY

Sealed bids for the publication of Sherburne County's financial statement, delinquent tax list, and the official proceedings of the Sherburne County Board, are to be submitted to the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer Office, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Suite 100, Elk River, Minnesota 55330-1692. Bids will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on December 22, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. From the said proposal received and accepted, the County Board of Commissioners will award the bids for the year of 2022 at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 4th at 9:00 a.m. Bids will be received for the following:

1. Publication of financial statement as required by Minn. Stat. § 375.17.
2. Publication of official proceedings of the Sherburne County Board sessions as required by Minn. Stat. § 375.12.
3. Publication of notice and list of real estate taxes remaining delinquent in Sherburne County as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 279.08 and 279.09.
4. Publication of other public notices.

Bids shall be submitted in exact accordance with the Bidding Documents. The Bidding Documents may be obtained at the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer Office, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Suite 100, Elk River, Minnesota 55330-1692.

All bids must be sealed and marked "Bid for Publication of the Sherburne County Financial Statement, Delinquent Real Estate Taxes, and the Official Proceedings of the Sherburne County Board."

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in bidding.

By order of the County Board.

Dated at Elk River, Minnesota, this 16th day of November 2021.

Diane Arnold, Auditor/Treasurer

Sherburne County

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City Public Notices

City of Clearwater Truth in Taxation Meeting Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clearwater City Council will hold its annual Truth in Taxation public meeting during the regular City Council meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clearwater City Hall, 605 County Rd 75, Clearwater, MN 55320.

At this meeting, the City Council will discuss the city and EDA proposed 2022 budget and tax levy and receive feedback from the public. Members of the public with questions about the city or EDA proposed budget or tax levy may address the City Council at the public meeting.

If you have questions or wish to submit comments but are unable to attend the public meeting, please contact City Hall prior to the meeting date at 320-558-2428.

Annita M. Smythe

City Administrator

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Central MN Council on Aging Notices

NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

The Central MN Council on Aging will publish a Special Competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Federal Older Americans Act Title III E National Family Caregiver Support Programs for services March 2022 - December 2022. RFP will be posted to our website on or about December 14, 2021. Please see our website: <http://www.cmcoa.org/titleiii.shtml> for further information and RFP. (Published in the *Patriot*: 12/04/21).



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NDSU representative to visit Becker High School

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by NDSU.)

A representative from the Office of Admission at North Dakota State University is scheduled to visit Becker High School. The representative is set to meet

with Becker High School students on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 10:30 a.m.

The representative will help high school students learn about earning a degree from NDSU, which is recognized as a leading student-focused, land-grant, research institution. Information will be shared

about NDSU's outstanding academic programs, how students can get involved through more than 250 student organizations and how the NDSU experience can help prepare them for career and life.

"Each student explores NDSU in different ways and we want to ensure

we're providing a variety of options for students to learn more about our opportunities," said Seinquis Leinen, director of admission. "During high school visits, our staff works with students to understand their individual interests and needs, and then helps them find the opportunities at

NDSU that will challenge them and prepare them for the future."

The university is comprised of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources; College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; College of Business; College of Engineering; Col-

lege of Human Sciences and Education; College of Health Professions; College of Science and Mathematics; and College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies.

For more information about NDSU, visit www.ndsu.edu.

Are you ready for the Holidays?



THE CHAMPLIN FAMILY diligently chose and cut their Christmas tree at Lee Peterson Tree Farm north of Becker. Pictured in front row: Julianna, Jackson and Liam Champlin; back row: Lily, Danny, and Megan Champlin. (Submitted photo.)



CHARLIE AND FRANKIE MCCALLA had fun at the tire playground at B&J Evergreen. (Submitted photo.)



MEL KLEIN OF CLEARWATER with his team of Percheron horses (Mace and Mandy) gave wagon rides at B&J Evergreen. (Submitted photo.)



BEN AND SIMONE AUSTING, WITH SONS BENNETT AND ROMAN, enjoyed a visit with Santa Claus at B&J Evergreen. . (Submitted photo.)



BRENDA STANG AND HER GRANDSON got up close and personal with Cliff the camel - realizing how large the creature really is at B&J Evergreen. (Submitted photo.)



SCOTT SCHMIDT, KYLIE SCHMIDT AND TYLER SCHMIDT AND SULLY (DOG) at B & J Evergreen Tree Farm. (Submitted photo.)

Jones Lake Aeration Device Notice

SECOND NOTICE

Jones Lake in Clear Lake Township, T-33, M-34, R-29W, has a aeration device causing open water until ice is out.

Area affected are marked as of DNR requirements.

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Police & Sheriff Reports

Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings Nov. 22, 2021 - Nov. 28, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 217; 2021 Calls for Service: 9,999; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 77; Citations: 23; Arrests: 4; Medical Emergency Calls: 17; Mental Health/Check Welfare: 3; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 3
BLPD Arrests: Rashad Latham – (Age 30 – Minneapolis, MN) – Felony Controlled Substance Misdemeanor Warrant; Rebecca Roehl – (Age 33 – Big Lake, MN) – GM 2nd Degree DWI; Fredrick Babler – (Age 60 – Minneapolis, MN) – Felony Controlled Substance; Jacob Martinez – (Age 27 – St. Paul, MN) – Felony Warrant
Sun., Nov. 28, 2021: 200 Blk Jefferson Blvd. - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located on an outstanding arrest warrant and 5th Degree Controlled Substance. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 40 Blk Jefferson Blvd. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; Eagle Lake Rd./Martin Ave. - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 100 Blk Henry Rd. - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation.
Sat., Nov. 27, 2021: Hwy 25/CR 17 - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. Arrested and report completed for charges; Hwy 10/CR 50 - Felony

Narcotic Arrest. Booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 700 Blk Rose Dr. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 500 Blk Humboldt Dr. - Property Damage - Report of damage done to window. Investigation ongoing; 100 Blk Lake St. S. - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.



Fri., Nov. 26, 2021: 1000 Blk Wall St. - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 100 Blk Burlwood Cir. - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 100 Blk Eagle Lake Rd. N. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; Ormsbee St./Lake St. S. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 19500 Blk Station St. - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; CR 43/181st St. NW. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries,

report completed.
Thurs., Nov. 25, 2021: Hwy 10/CR 50 - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located on an outstanding arrest warrant, booked into jail; 1900 Blk Lincoln Ave. SE. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.
Wed., Nov. 24, 2021: University Dr. SE./15th Ave. SE. - Vehicle stopped for traffic violation. Drug paraphernalia citation; 1600 Blk 7th St. SE. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; Hwy 10/Hwy 23 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; Eagle Lake Rd./Hiawatha Ave. - Vehicle stopped for traffic violation. Drug paraphernalia citation.
Tues., Nov. 23, 2021: Hwy 10/168th Ave. - Vehicle stopped for traffic violation. Drug paraphernalia citation; 500 Blk Eagle Lake Rd. N. - Property Damage - Report of damage done to fence. Investigation ongoing;
Mon., Nov. 22, 2021: Eagle Lake Rd./Minnesota Ave. - Property Damage - Report of damage done to fence. Investigation ongoing; 5100 Blk Blackduck Lane. - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; 100 Blk Burlwood Cir. - Loud Noise - Report of loud music, warned for noise ordinance.



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“ASK A TROOPER” by Sgt. Jesse Grabow of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Hello, I watched a news report which involved a carjacking in St. Paul, MN. I live in MN. The carjacker was apprehended when they attempted to burglarize the victim’s home using the address found on insurance paperwork located in the victim’s car.
I am writing to find out if I could take a picture (using my phone) of my insurance paperwork and registration to show proof of insurance and registration?

The police officer from Wyoming, MN suggested doing this.
Would this be accepted by all police officers and highway patrol across the United States? I would appreciate any information you could provide.

Answer: Hello and thank you for the question. Every driver must keep in their possession proof of insurance while driving. They also must produce that proof of insurance to an officer when requested during a traffic stop or an incident on the road such as a crash.

Proof of insurance can be in an electronic form, meaning text-based or imaged-based content in a format that can be shown on a computer or other digital devices.

So yes, a photograph of the actual insurance card or screen shot of the format is sufficient. The information that is required for proof of insurance is:

- (1) the insured’s name;
- (2) the policy number;
- (3) the policy dates of coverage;
- (4) the make, model, and year of the vehicle being covered;
- (5) the vehicle identification number or at least the last three digits of that number; and
- (6) the name of the obligor providing coverage.

Most “proof of insurance” paper forms do not have the person’s address listed on it. However, a number of people keep their entire insurance envelope and contents from their insurance company in the vehicle, which has their address listed. I would say, it’s best to keep mail and things with your personal address out of your vehicle when you can. Minnesota does not require you to have a “vehicle registration card” in your vehicle.

These are all things to think about as nobody plans on having their vehicle stolen or something worse. Life is about planning ahead and being prepared. Most folks have garage door openers tucked in the sun visor and house keys on the same key chain for your vehicle. Wallet in a cup holder or the purse on the floor or seat next to you holding your driver’s license and other personal documents. If your vehicle was stolen, do you have a plan for securing your garage and home in a timely manner? After the trauma and stress of having your vehicle stolen, there will be a number of things that a person will forget and have not made a plan for.

I would recommend getting in touch with your local police departments or sheriff offices ahead of time for advice on what to do if you become involved in one of these situations. Have a plan and be prepared.

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

Sherburne County Sheriff’s Activity Report Week of 11/22/2021 - 11/28/2021

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offense(s): Rebecca Lynn Roehl, 33 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - GM 2nd degree DWI & MSD open container. Dillon James Becher, 22 of Otsego, MN 55330 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Andrew Anthony Vruno, 27 of Oakdale, MN 55128 - FEL 5th degree drugs & Washington Co. warrant. Terrence Michael Osterman, 52 of Rice, MN 56367 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Fredrick James Babler, 60 of Minneapolis, MN 55407 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Nicole Ann Grabowska, 32 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Brian Louis Larson, 35 of Elk River, MN 55330 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Allen Kitchner Lavall, 43 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Carrie Ann Polaschek, 38 of Elk River, MN 55330 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Arnell Jermel Stewart, 27 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - FEL domestic assault. Steven Lee Mason, 63 of Princeton, MN 55371 - FEL 2nd degree assault & MSD domestic assault. Shaun Zills, 40 of Esko, MN 55733 - FEL theft. Danisha Christina Crawford-Rhodes, 27 of Buffalo, MN 55313 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Bryan Keith Dumonceaux, 51 of Foley, MN 56329 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Richard Edmond Juscak, 55 of Elk River, MN 55330 - GM 3rd degree DWI. Dennis David Rondeau, 77 of Elk River, MN 55330 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Lavell Russell Bible, 51 of Saint Cloud, MN 56303 - MSD domestic abuse no contact order violation. Christina Marie Boyd, 35 of Onamia, MN 56359 - GM false information to Police, MSD possession of hypodermic needles, & Mille Lacs Co. warrant. Jaevon Jemarius Strader, 19 of Saint Cloud, MN 56303 - FEL reckless discharge, GM carrying pistol without permit & MSD domestic abuse no contact order violation. Albert Thomas Collins, 48 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - GM 2nd degree DWI. Jeffrey Arthur Boettcher, 40 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Kimberly Anne Thurstin, 26 of Brainerd, MN 56401 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Cheryl Ann Hellmers, 34 of Staples, MN 56479 - Hennepin Co., Ramsey Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Traivaious Keshun Grinnell, 32 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - State



of Mississippi warrant. Matthew Alan Krugerud, 34 of Bloomington, MN 55431 - Hennepin Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Katherine Castillo-Aguero, 25 of Waite Park, MN 56387 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Camron Michael Peirce, 36 of Fridley, MN 55432 - Hennepin Co., Sherburne Co. & Wright Co. warrants. Jacob Martinez, 27 of Saint Paul, MN 55130 - Anoka Co. & Scott Co. warrants. Timothy James Strehlow, 30 of Saint Francis, MN 55070 - Sherburne Co. & Wright Co. warrants. Candance Kay Dik, 39 of Saint Paul, MN 55106 - Sherburne Co. war-

rant. Henry Abrego Jr., 56 of Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Hamia Steven Boos, 25 of No Permanent Address - Sherburne Co. warrant. Jeremy Burk Kappes, 37 of Anoka, MN 55303 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Cory &rew Kukowski, 43 of Saint Cloud, MN 56301 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Royal Douglas Bissonette, 42 of Stillwater, MN 55082 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Lance Lindsay-John Seelye, 56 of Bena, MN 56626 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Mark Ryan Pearson, 44 of Minneapolis, MN 55430 - Hennepin Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Elijah Michael Mutchler, 26 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - Sherburne Co. warrants.

Citations Issued: 1 drugs - possess/sale small amount of marijuana - no remuneration, 2 drugs - possession of drug paraphernalia - use or possession prohibited, 1 motor vehicle registration - operate vehicle with expired registration, 1 traffic - careless driving - operate or halt light rail transit vehicle carelessly, 17 traffic - speeding - exceed limit, 1 traffic - speeding - exceed limit - 65 mph - freeways & expressways,

10 traffic - speeding - exceed limit 55 mph where appropriate, 1 traffic regulation - driver fails to stop - stop sign, 1 vehicle - window restrictions - windshield tinted or glazed, 1 vehicle - window restrictions - tint too dark, 2 traffic regulation - driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, 1 traffic regulation-uninsured vehicle-owner violation, 1 traffic-driver’s license-driving after suspension, 1 traffic-driver’s license-driving after revocation, 1 domestic assault-misdemeanor-commits act to cause fear of immediate bodily harm or death.

Total: 44
Calls for Service: 6 theft, 1 assault, 1 drugs/narcotics, 1 DWI, 2 disturbing the peace, 2 harassment, 1 obscenity, 1 criminal sexual conduct, 2 DAR/DAS/DAC, 3 crimes against administration of justice, 2 trespass, 2 fraud complaint, 2 animal lost, 1 property lost, 1 animal found, 4 property found, 1 accident – mv personal injury, 2 accident – mv property damage, 10 accident – vehicle v. animal, 1 animal complaint, 8 conservation, 1 dog complaint, 1 dog bite, 1 fire – other, 1 fire – grass, 2 alarm – fire, 1 alarm – carbon monoxide, 27 medica, 2 mental case, 1 alarm – medical, 2 miscellaneous public, 6 domestic, 6 public assist, 24 agency assist, 15 alarm – security, 11 civil complaint, 173 officer initiated traffic stop, 8 traffic complaint, 1 garbage/littering, 2 suspicious person, 10 suspicious vehicle, 6 juvenile complaint, 12 security check, 13 extra patrol, 8 check the welfare, 1 burning complaint, 1 ATV complaint, 5 shooting complaint, 1 repossession, 2 parking complaint, 11 jail medical, 22 paper service, 5 suspicious activity, 1 down signs, 3 hazardous road conditions, 10 miscellaneous officer, 4 background check, 3 open door, 25 transport, 3 911 hang up, 11 court book & release, 3 public lift assist, 1 tobacco, 2 vehicle lockout, 3 warrant attempt. **Total: 505**
Nov. 19th: Holiday Gas Station - US Highway 169 NW in Zimmerman reported gas drive off in the amount of \$41.01.
Nov. 20th: Kevin Scott - 5th Ave North in Zimmerman reported the theft of 2022 Look Travel Trailer (black & gray) & 2018 Polaris 570CC ATV (green). Estimated value of the items taken is \$23,757.

Nov. 22: Trevor Robert Campbell-Berry, 25, of Forest Lake, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - Wright Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violations. Vincent James Tran, 23, no permanent address, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - domestic assault violations. Morece Jackson Campbell, 36, of Bloomington, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - terroristic threat violations. Troy Rueben Nelson, 43, of Baldwin, WI, was arrested in Ramsey Co. - charge of fugitive from justice & Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Luis Gerardo Rauda, 24, of Blaine, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 1st degree DWI violations. Ernest John Folley, 71, of Rock Island, IL, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 1st degree DWI violations. Joanne Elizabeth Saman Neft, 33, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - 2nd degree burglary violations. Shane Michael Aust, 23, of Clearwater, was arrested in Clearwater - MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - parole violation. David John Kangas, 34, of Clearwater, was arrested in Clearwater - MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - parole violation. Tyler John Pittman, 21, of Princeton, was arrested in Clearwater - MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - parole violation.

Nov. 23: Kayne Edward Mueller, 32, of Albertville, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & violation of no contact order. Aaron James Barlau, 42, of Waseca, was arrested in Waseca Co. - Wright Co. warrant - dishonored check violations. Tony Zachary Steinhof, 53, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - Wright Co. warrant - Wright Co. refuse ordinance vio-

lations. Eric Edward Sonnenberg, 47, of Zimmerman, was arrested in Zimmerman - charge of violation of domestic abuse no contact order.

Nov. 24: Joshua Randall Dischinger, 37, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charges of 3rd degree DWI & 2nd degree DWI refusal to test. Jeremy Lee Wickham, 47, of Brooklyn Park, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. Jordan Alexander Mattila, 25, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 5th



degree possession of controlled substance. Clayton Florian Buchberger, 40, of Elk River, was arrested in Albertville - Wright Co. warrant - domestic assault violations. Matthew Alan Krugerud, 34, of Bloomington, was arrested in Montrose - charge of false information to law enforcement, Hennepin Co. warrants - 1st degree sale of controlled substance & 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Sherburne Co. warrant - false information. Daniel James Reil, 29, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of domestic assault. Eric Thor Erickson, 49, of Brainerd, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of 3rd degree DWI.
Nov. 25: Skyler Serenity Howry, 22, of Montrose, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Richard Lawrence Dayton,

55, of Maple Grove, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Jerolyn Henna Jae Mends Cole, 37, of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - charge of domestic assault.

Nov. 26: Scott &rew Gunderson, 41, of Annandale, was arrested in Maple Lake - Wright Co. warrant - violation of harassment restraining order. Trevor Steven Kruse, 32, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Benton Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 1st degree sale of controlled substance violation. Erin Nicole Narr, 43, of Montrose, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 2nd degree DWI. John Robert Motzko, 30, of Elk River, was arrested in Otsego - charge of disorderly conduct. Ricardo Sanchez Sanchez, 32, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of domestic assault.
Nov. 27: Richard Jay Wolcott, 50, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of disorderly conduct. Shane Michael Stoffels, 34, of Delano, was arrested in Delano - charge of domestic assault by strangulation. Brian Jeffrey Culkins, 59, of Otsego, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Edward Clyde Jordan, 22, of Monticello, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 3rd degree DWI. John Michael Daugherty, 53, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of domestic assault.

Nov. 28: Nels David Raisanen, 18, of Rockford, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - disorderly conduct violations.
There were 23 Property damage accidents, 4 personal injury accidents, 2 hit & run accidents & 6 car deer accidents.
There were 5 arrests - DWI, no underage consumption arrests, 3 school bus stop arm violations & 100 tickets - miscellaneous traffic/parking violations reported this week.

Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of Nov. 22nd – Nov. 28th

22-Nov: 1 speed citation #643, 1 winter parking ordinance / Admin Citation #3880, 1 winter parking ordinance / Admin Citation #3881, 1 winter parking ordinance warning, 1 extra patrol, 1 public assist, 1 failure to yield to pedestrian warning, 1 driving after suspension Citation #644, 6 record check, 1 found property, 3 speed warning, 1 traffic complaint, 1 civil, 1 public safety, 1 fire alarm, 1 theft of services, 1 medical
23-Nov: 1 public assist, 2 record check, 1 extra patrol, 1 parking complaint, 4 speed warning, 1 juvenile concern, 2 agency assist, 2 equipment warnings, 1 permit to purchase, 1 expired registration / fail to transfer title / proof of insurance Citation #645, 1 expired registration Citation #646, 1 speed Citation #647, 1 illegal possession of tobacco device Admin Citation #3882, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 welfare check, 1 equipment warning / no proof of insurance Citation #648

24-Nov: 1 extra patrol, 2 security check, 1 Winter Parking ordinance violation / Admin Citation #3931, 1 stop sign warning / possession of small amount of marijuana, 1 miscellaneous public, 1 juvenile



concern, 1 theft, 2 record check, 2 vehicle lockout, 1 stop sign warning, 3 speed warning, 1 harassment, 1 extra patrol, 1 traffic complaint, 2 suspicious vehicle
25-Nov: 1 extra patrol, 1 expired registration Citation #649, 1 warrant attempt, 1 medical, 1 speed

warning, 1 agency assist, 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 welfare check, 1 public assist, 1 speed Citation #650

26-Nov: 4 extra patrol, 1 speed warning, 1 open door, 1 speed warning / driving after revocation Citation #651, 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 driving after suspension warning, 1 fail to display registration / equipment warnings, 2 equipment warning, 1 expired registration warning, 1 possession of small amount of marijuana Citation #652, 1 agency assist, 1 suspicious vehicle
27-Nov: 1 suspicious activity, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 fire alarm, 1 agency assist, 6 speed warning, 1 speed Citation #653, 1 Theft / under age consumption Citation #654, 1 harassment
28-Nov: 1 equipment warning, 1 suspicious person, 1 public safety, 1 agency assist, 1 extra patrol

Regan and Phyllis Beth Bodiford of Big Lake; Maria A Hernandez and Juan Jesus Vazquez of Minneapolis.



NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joshua Michael Wills and Mary Christine Hoogenakker of Elk River; Lynette Marlaine Butler of Ramsey and Daniel Ray Wiedewitsch of Princeton; Taylor Richard Martinez and McKayla Rose Smith of Elk River; Everett Karl Roberts and Ashley Taylor McDonald of Saint Michael; Maria Gabriela Gonzalez and James Troy Lindstrom of Elk River; Joshua Jon Oliver of Zimmerman and Lanelle Marie Kruse of Big Lake; Connor Patrick Wolf and Emma Rae Giovannone Bruce of Zimmerman; Derek Joseph Knight and Summer Ann Gullickson of Big Lake; Areona Raquel Cook of Otsego and Cooper Stanley Kurdziolek of Le Sueur; Gil-leah Maddisen Christianson and Christopher James Slice of Elk River; Spencer Allen Rinde and Angelica April Armstrong of Becker; Jenny Patricia Camino Hurtado of Minneapolis and Richard Owen Barnier of Rogers; Mark Fogarty

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