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BECKER TEACHER AND COACH JEFF ZIMMER was recently honored with the MWCA's Lifetime Achievement Award for his thirty years of contributions to the sport of wrestling in Minnesota. See the story on page 13. (Submitted photo.)

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Martinez, a shining example of patriotism

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As if fate threw a left hook to his face, Francisco Martinez of Big Lake decided to join the United States Marines on Sept. 10 of 2001 to pursue boxing with the armed forces.

We all know what happened the next day.

Martinez had no idea how fighting in the ring would become fighting for his country in such a short time.

Martinez was 18 years old and while boxing in a junior Olympics event, he noticed a poster asking for youngsters to enlist in the Marines and box for their country. Martinez had aspirations to become a professional boxer down the road, so he thought this would be a great opportunity to chase

that dream while gaining an education and job skills. "Boxing was the only reason I joined," he said. "It



STAFF SGT. FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, a platoon sergeant with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, fought Cpt. Mark O'Sullivan, a company commander, with 40 Commando, British Royal Marines in 2010. (Photo By: Cpl. Ned Johnson)



wasn't because I was all that interested in the military or going overseas to fight, it was simply to improve my boxing skills." He was planning on joining the Ma-

rines even earlier — before graduating from high school — but fortunately his family stepped in and demanded he wait until after graduation.

Little did he know, the day after he joined, the world would change drastically. And on Sept. 10, he headed for San Diego for basic training.

Martinez, 38, served 20 years and as of today is in his first full month of official retirement from the military. At 38 years old, however, Martinez is not ready to ride out the rest of his life in a recliner or a porch swing. He's looking to continue to serve his country and his neighborhoods by becoming a different public servant.

"I'm working as a community service officer in Brooklyn Center and taking classes to finish schooling," said Martinez. "My goal is to become a police officer."

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THE VOTES ARE IN...

By Bill Morgan
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In Tuesday's local elections, Big Lake and Becker School's referendums passed and Derek Nelson was elected to the Big Lake School Board.

Big Lake Referendum

The community of Big Lake made a historic decision to restore and renew the school's current district facilities! The school bond referendum passed 1,011 to 776 (unofficial until canvassing). The passage of this \$30 million bond referendum will allow Big Lake Schools to enact a plan to restore and renew the school facilities for future generations while main-



THIS UNIDENTIFIED VOTER at Becker City Hall inserted her ballot into the ballot machine during lunch hours Tuesday. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

taining fiscal responsibility for Big Lake taxpayers.

Big Lake School Board

Five candidates were vying for a seat on the Big Lake School Board and all did well in their bids. However, Derek Nelson prevailed with 557 votes.

Chelsey Hancock was second with 447 votes, Ashley Schabillon received 356 votes, Connie Stegora received 161 votes and Alison Krueger received 135 votes. There were 16 write-ins.

"School Board members play a criti-

cal role in helping develop a vision for our district, make policy, set goals, and improve student achievement," said Big Lake Supt. Tim Truebenbach. "I want to thank all of our candidates for volunteering their service to our community!"

"Thank you Big Lake Schools community for your engagement and participation in this special election!"

Becker's Two Questions

Voters in the Becker School District approved both questions by an unofficial margin of 1,403 "yes" votes to 763 "no" votes for question one, and 1,199 "yes" votes to 966 "no"

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CL/CW Sewer Authority's Tony Strande Receives Achievement Award

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

During their 2021 Rural Water Conference, Minnesota Rural Water Assoc. presented an Achievement Award to Tony Strande, chief operator for the Clear Lake/Clearwater Sewer Authority.

"We're out of sight, out of mind, but it's also nice to be appreciated," said Strande. "During this whole pandemic we're the guys who kept the water and sewer going."

Strande began his 39 year career in the water and wastewater industry in 1982 when he attended St. Cloud Technical College's Water/Wastewater (WET) Program.

"Having grown up on a farm



CLEAR LAKE/CLEARWATER SEWER AUTHORITY Chief Operator Tony Strande and Minnesota Rural Water Assoc. Board Secretary Rod Spronk. (Submitted photo.)

I'm not afraid of a little smell," he said.

"You can't take yourself too seriously in this business," he said. "You've got to have some humor. It's a dirty job but someone has to do it."

An internship in Monticello turned into a job with their wastewater department, then their water department. In 1990 he went to Becker, where he was water superintendent and ran the wastewater plant until 2005. He then worked for Clear Lake in their maintenance depart-

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Big Lake News

Orrock Twp. handles septic line issue

By Katherine Cantin,
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During their recent monthly meeting, the Orrock Board of Supervisors discussed an issue with a septic line. A resident on 166 ½ St. decided to replace their septic line without consulting the township. This process involved tearing up a public road. The line was also not placed correctly.

The supervisors had the road patched up for the winter so there won't be an issue for the plows. However, the property owner will have to pay for the damages and to properly replace the septic line. They also planned to ask the landowner to put the money for repairs in escrow immediately and stipulate that the project needs to be done by June 15.

Sheriff report

Sgt. Luke McLean gave the monthly report for the sheriff's office. Traffic stops so far this year are up over the previous year, which means it is about at the normal level seen in previous years. McLean noted that it's deer season,



SGT. LUKE MCLEAN of the Sheriff's Office gave his monthly report on activity in Orrock Twp. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

and encourages residents to slow down, especially during morning commutes and when traveling in the late evening.

There have been some incidents of illegal dumping in Orrock and Big Lake Twp. McLean asked that any residents who spot suspicious vehicles to call the sheriff's office so they can respond.

Finally, McLean discussed some thefts occurring in Zimmerman involving individuals taking items from unlocked cars at night. While these types of crimes have not

been seen outside of Zimmerman yet, McLean encouraged residents to keep their doors locked in the evening hours and bring valuables indoors.

Town Hall Expansion Project

During last month's meeting, Supervisor Gregg Felber expressed concerns about whether an archeological survey, among other items, would be needed in order to move forward with the town hall expansion. Town clerk Chris Weber found that it was not necessary. Meanwhile, the expansion committee reached out to several architect companies for bids and recommended the board approve moving forward with an architect. The board opted to make a motion to allow the committee to continue negotiations and enter into a contract with the company before the next board meeting.

The supervisors reminded the audience that this whole project will come from ARPA funding and not from local taxes from the town levy.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Approved an IUP for

a boat repair business to be run from a citizen's residence;

- Recommended the county appoint Supervisor Bryan Adams to the planning and zoning committee once again, with Gregg Felber as an alternate;

- Authorized the clerk to order replacement pads for the AED machine at town hall;

- Received results of the 2020 census, with Orrock having 3,544 residents;

- Decided to extend their COVID-19 response in allowing board members to attend the meeting via Zoom, as it has worked well for allowing board members to attend even when sick (they will be allowed to do so until the government official declares the pandemic is over);

- Looked into working with Midco to bring broadband coverage to Orrock;

- Discussed finishing up road projects for the year and planning for next year;

- Reminded the audience that the November meeting will be one week earlier than usual, on the 17th, due to Thanksgiving.

Big Lake City makes plans for 2022 street projects

By Katherine Cantin,
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During the recent Big Lake City Council meeting, Layne Otteson with engineering went over the plan for 2022 street projects.

After a couple of neighborhoods asked that no work be done in there area, plans changed to include different neighborhoods in the streets project for next year. At the last regular meeting, the council was concerned about trying to do too much too quickly, but for the second meeting for October the council was concerned for the opposite reason. Otteson proposed a one-inch overlay on some of the roads instead of heavier maintenance. The council was concerned that putting an overlay over a bad base would cause the overlay to deteriorate more quickly and be a heavier burden on the taxpayers in the long run. Otteson justified this choice by saying he was looking for a happy medium between needing at least some work done and not trying to tackle more than with what the council was comfortable.

The council motioned to move forward with the plan, and open houses are scheduled for the areas in question for later in the month.

Open Forum

Gloria VanDeBrake of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce encouraged the council members and the audience to attend the

chamber's Halloween scavenger hunt and compete for prizes and candy.

Updates to the Comprehensive Plan

The Big Lake Planning Commission recommended making some changes regarding the Big Lake Business Park, specifically regarding a 85-acre site that was recently annexed to the city. With the annexation, the Planning Commission thought it best to make some changes to the land use plan. The area was initially zoned for agriculture, but this would be changed to business, industrial, and residential instead.

Premier Marine will be moving into this area. The council was presented with a site plan for the facility. Council asked Premier Marine to continue to work with staff to improve where the plan was in violation of city code (which is fairly common for a site plan in the early stages.)

Prairie Meadows Concept Plan

Prairie Meadows is a plan for a neighborhood which includes 22 twin homes and 55 townhomes (three or four units each). The neighborhood will be located off of 172nd Ave. The neighborhood would feature a private park and dog run to be maintained by the HOA.

The council gave their preliminary impressions of the plan, and several expressed concern that the road was not wide enough, as well as the placement of the parkland.

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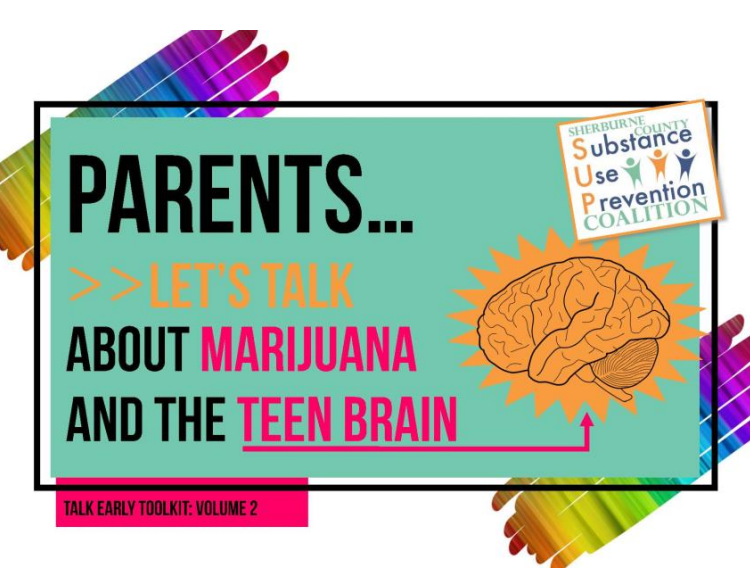


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Marijuana's Effect on the Teen Brain:

- Difficulty thinking and problem solving
- Problems with memory
- Impaired coordination
- Difficulty maintaining attention

Marijuana's Effect on School and Social Life:

- Decline in school performance. Long term use is linked to school dropout and lower academic achievement.
- Risk of mental health issues. Marijuana use has been linked to a range of mental health problems including anxiety and depression.
- Impaired driving. Driving while impaired by any substance is dangerous, including marijuana. Marijuana affects a number of skills required for safe driving, like reaction time and concentration.
- Potential for addiction. Research shows that about 1 in 8 teens who repeatedly use marijuana can become addicted, may give up activities with friends and family in favor of using marijuana, and may begin experimenting with other drugs.

Being aware of these facts is an important part of preventing drug use among youth. Talk about these things with your teen. They may not understand how harmful marijuana can be.


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ment for a year before moving to the Sewer Authority, where he's been ever since.

The Minnesota Rural Water Assoc.'s Achievement Award is presented to a person who has applied innovative ideas, inventions, or procedures that have benefited the operation of a public water/wastewater systems and/or its customers. Strande was instrumental in bringing the Membrane Bio Reactor (MBR) into the Sewer Authority's wastewater treatment plant.

"I like to look forward," said Strande. "We were the first operational MBR in the state. The technology we were using was outdated and we needed some new technology to bring the plant into compliance. MBR is an ultra-filtration unit; our water comes out at probably 100 times cleaner than the river it goes into. It does a fantastic job."

He was completely surprised when his name was called during the conference in August as the recipient of the 2021 Achievement Award.

"I had no idea," He said. "It's something you never expect."

One of the things he's most proud of is the crew he has to replace him when he retires at the end of the year, John Forsell and Spencer Notch.

"It's taken a while to get the best fit for this place," he said. "I believe we have a good crew here in place now and I have no reservations in retiring. Before I was anxious about leaving. I think the two we have now are going to be the future here."

He's also proud of the cleanliness of the facility and has been told by others that it's the cleanest treatment plant they've seen.

"We take pride in our workplace," he said.

There's a lot that goes into the job that's 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Employees may get a call to come in at 2 a.m. on a Sunday or have to stay hours later than usual.

"Most of this is a technical job," said Strande. "You have to be somewhat proficient in computers - SCADA Systems Control and Data Acquisition. You have to be a good mechanic, a part-time chemist, a biologist, and be responsible and dedicated."

There's also licenses to acquire and ongoing continual education.

"You can't take yourself too seriously in this business," he said. "You've got to have some humor. It's a dirty job but someone has to do it."

Strande plans to work on his muscle cars during retirement as well as spend some time in Arizona during the winter.

"I'm going to just relax," he said. "But I'm sure people will find lots of things for me to do."



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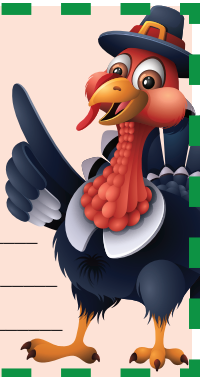


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CL City Council welcomes Nelson

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Clear Lake City Council met Monday evening and discussed a housing development, as well as swore in a new member to get council back to full strength.

Clerk Kari Koren led the swearing in ceremony for Chad Nelson, who repeated the oath of office and was congratulated by Mayor Tim Goenner and the rest of council.

Development

Jay Roos appeared before council to seek approval of the preliminary plat for the Parkside Development. Originally platted in 2006 by Paxmar, the development's phases were never completed and it was recently sold to LGI Homes.

Roos had been with Paxmar and will continue to be the lead person with LGI Homes and was therefore seeking several additional comments from council.

A public hearing was held regarding the development, but there was no public participation so Roos and council moved on and reviewed the plans.

Discussion centered on a section of Cherry St. that was never constructed and how that could play out in the future. In addition, City Engineer Keith Yapp re-



CLERK KARI KOREN (not shown) administered the Oath of Office to new Clear Lake City Council Member Chad Nelson. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

viewed several issues such as the sewer lift station that was planned in the original development but never constructed.

"We haven't figured out a phasing plan yet," said Roos, who mentioned that the plans called for both single family housing and several twin home designs. "It's possible we might do the project in two phases."

Yapp reminded council that the preliminary plat plans should be similar to what will be adopted in the final platting.

"We don't want significant changes from the preliminary plat to the final one," Yapp said. "As long as there isn't wholesale significant changes to the preliminary plat, we can work with small changes to be part of the final plat."

Other issues discussed included the looping of the

water supply lines, possible house plans, and the possibility of adding a deeper lift station with more capacity to accommodate future growth.

Mayor Tim Goenner cautioned Roos that he would like to see a variety of homes built in the new sections of the development.

"I don't like the cookie cutter developments," said Goenner. "The next time we meet, I'd like to see some photos of the house plans."

Member Karen White asked Roos if there were other LGI developments in the area that interested members could take a look at to see how they are together. Roos mentioned a recently completed development in Big Lake, as well as one in Montrose that could provide the comparison.

Sheriff

Sgt. Andy Ochs appeared before council to share the calls for service from the last month, which totaled 46. As usual, traffic stops were the most common occurrence, while there were also several security checks performed.

In related news, council discussed the fine amount for truckers who violate the dynamic "Jake" brake ordinance within the city. Sherburne County handles the prosecutions of any tickets issued on the matter and it calls for a range of \$0 to

\$300 as the fine, which is set by council.

After a brief discussion, council unanimously approved setting the amount at \$300, the maximum fine, as the issue has been on council's radar for quite some time. An additional \$85 is added to each ticket by the county to cover surcharges and the law library fee, meaning that violators will pay a significant fine for the practice.

White mentioned it would also be a good idea to send a letter to any businesses in the area whose independent contractor truckers use the route, reminding them of the ordinance.

In Other Business, council:

- Discussed the status of the used oil collection site within the city and heard from Public Works Director Dustin Luhning about his department's efforts to help at the area, despite it not being a city maintained facility;

- Discussed technology purchases for council members and City Hall, ultimately deciding upon exploring some displays for the chambers and moving towards emailed packets for council members;

- Heard from Luhning regarding some ongoing vandalism issues within the city.



YOUTH HUNT. Maverick and Joshua Mortensen of Santiago were pleased with their hunt. Maverick scored a deer last weekend. It is his second deer to date. Maverick's first deer was a fawn and last weekend he got a doe. He has his sights set on a buck next season. Maverick loves being in the woods as much as his parents, Joshua and Kourtney Mortensen. (Submitted photo.)



FATHER/DAUGHTER HUNTING DUO. Charles and Anna Tiegen enjoyed exploring the woods while grouse hunting recently near Clearwater. (Submitted photo.)

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tant to put it all out there. But I still think it is very strong.”

Martinez would like to see people not be so extreme when it comes to their lifestyle or practices but try and be somewhere in between.

“You be patriotic in your way and I’ll be patriotic my way,” said Martinez. “That’s what I’d like to see.”

Martinez and his family of six moved to Big

THE MARTINEZ FAMILY OF BIG LAKE. (Left to right): Gabriel, Damita, Anahi, Francisco (holding Anahi), Anamari, Francisco III, Ayisa and Emiliano. (Submitted Photo)

Lake approximately 3-1/2 years ago after finding their dream home. He has lived in California (13 years), Las Vegas (3 years) and North Carolina (2 years) before finding a permanent home in Central Minnesota. “We really like it here,” he says. “Big Lake has been a great home for my family.”

Martinez is married to his wife of 19 years, Anamari and they have five biological children and one adopted nephew. They have a 15-year-old daughter, Damita, twins Ayisa and Francisco III (13), Gabriel (11), Emiliano (5) and

Anahi (3).

“Why’d we end up here in Big Lake?” Martinez was asked. “We were looking all over for a house for our rather large family and we were looking for a specific location. Big Lake became that location.”

Martinez — who attended and graduated from Highland Park HS in St. Paul — says if a high schooler was considering possibly joining the Marines, he warns that its not a walk in the park. Serv-

ing one’s country takes a special brand of flesh and blood.

“It’s not a job, it’s a demanding lifestyle,” he says. “You can benefit from it, but you need to embrace it, earn it and grow from it. It’s a family within a family. I went into it with a different mindset, but I came out better for that decision.”

Would he do it all over again if he got the chance?

“Without a doubt,” he says.

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Do you know who I am? I sneak up and take away what you know. I rob you in the broad daylight and when it's dark. I take away what is familiar, so you don't know what is going on. I get you confused to know who you are or what you loved. I mess with time, so you don't know whether to get up or go to bed. I'm usually quiet but I can cause you to roar out of frustration and strip your dignity. Most of all, I steal memories, never to return. Who am I? I'm Alzheimer's, the silent thief.

I've learned there is a difference between Alzheimer's and dementia. According to *alz.com*, "Dementia is a decline in mental ability, severe enough to interfere with daily life. It affects memory, thinking, language, judgement and behavior."

"Alzheimer's is a degenerative brain disease, which leads to dementia symptoms that gradually worsen over time."

There is no cure.

My maternal grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. I remember grandma coming to live with us for a while. She wasn't how I remembered her being. She was soft spoken, lady like, polite and laughed easily. She came to us confused, agitated and sometimes, rude. Her behavior and mannerisms did not reflect who she once was.

She would forget five minutes after eating a meal that she ate. She ended up forgetting who mom was. When asked, she would say, "You're the nice lady that looks after me." Every once in a while, she would have lucid moments. She would look at mom and share a memory. She became aware for a brief moment on her condition and would say, "Why can't I remember?"



By Shelley Berthiaume
Contributing Writer

And then, she went back to a lost world. It was heart-breaking.

Dad. The most kind-hearted, gentle, loving and funny guy you would ever meet. He was the rock of our family.

It was in his late 70's that dad started showing signs of dementia.

He was working, driving a bus. He enjoyed it, but he started forgetting things. He would forget to pick someone up or drop someone off. Things he had never done. He had to retire. There were other signs. He was getting easily frustrated and confused about time.

He displayed symptoms of Sundowners Syndrome. Eventually, dad went into a memory care home. He was diagnosed with vascular dementia, brought on by mini strokes. He had difficulty performing normal tasks and appeared disorientated at times.

Like grandma, dad had lucid moments. We had a conversation and he shared his thoughts about me. I cannot talk about it without tears. It is etched in my heart and mind. This was the summer before goodbye.

Normally, cases are rare when a person is younger in developing Alzheimer's. I did have the opportunity to meet with, Micki. She was a grade ahead of me in school. She

was smart, a cheerleader and well-liked. She married her high school sweetheart Bill.

She started having some performance issues at work, which was not like her. Bill sensed something was wrong and took her to the Noran Clinic in 2015, where she received the Alzheimer's diagnosis. It took months to get the PET scheduled, as insurance did not approve the diagnosis — too young. Mayo confirmed in 2016. Micki is on medication to slow down the progression.

Bill and Micki have their routines, which helps to keep the anxiety down. They go out for a drive every day and enjoy social interaction. This is important for her well-being. They also participate in the Mayo's Alzheimer's Research program to help others. Micki likes to color, she told me, "It's my thing."

Most recently, we learned of a friend who passed away from Alzheimer's. Bob was a friendly, happy-go-lucky, nice guy. He enjoyed life, cars, his family and the outdoors. He was aware of the disease he had but it didn't stop him from wanting to live a life that he once knew.

I wanted to bring light to the unseen heroes — the caregivers. I applaud those that work in memory care facilities, who take care of these lost souls day in and day out with a smile. There is a special place in heaven for you. To the family members and spouses, your endless commitment and love is unsurpassed. Your tireless efforts are known by God.

November is Alzheimer's Awareness month. Please join me in showing support for the disease known as, "The long goodbye."

Fighting for You in Washington

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

We're back for another week in Washington where I'll continue my work to rein in the egregious federal overreach attempted by Democrat leadership.

As you've seen in the news, House Democrats have failed to produce a traditional infrastructure package separate from their big government, socialist spending plan. Democrats are at odds with one another as they try to decide how many "trillions" in new spending is enough.

We're doing everything we can to push back against this reckless spending agenda, ensure we spend only what we have, and reinvest in the areas that need it most.

Republican Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy has been hosting roundtables to discuss some of the most outrageous provisions in the Democrats' \$3.5 trillion-dollar socialist spending legislation. I joined him to discuss a provision I wrote about in my newsletter just last week.

IRS Overreach

As you know, the Biden Administration put forth a proposal to require financial institutions and third-party providers to report a range of new data points on accounts with annual gross inflows and outflows totaling more than \$600 to the IRS. Following pushback on this proposal, the Administration suggested it would increase the threshold from \$600, to \$10,000. But increasing the threshold still leaves Americans susceptible to reporting tremendous amounts of sensitive personal data to the IRS.

Now, after our persistence and hard work, it looks like they are abandoning that proposal altogether. We're not out of the woods yet though, and we will remain vigilant against these types of overreaches that only serve to expand the size-and-scope of the federal government.



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

I've said it before, and I will say it again: You deserve to keep more of your hard-earned money in your pocket and the government should never spy on your transaction history.

Support for Farmers and Ranchers

During my first term in Congress, I served on the House Agriculture Committee where I had the opportunity to represent our farmers in the discussions in Washington. It was obvious to me that too many of my colleagues in D.C. had little experience with farm communities and failed to understand their needs.

One of these often-overlooked issues was the access to mental health services for rural Americans. Our farmers, ranchers, and agricultural workers experience overwhelming stress from long hours, social isolation, downturns in the market, low farm income, regulatory strains, and lack of treatment options. With this in mind, I authored the Stemming the Tide of Rural Economic Stress and Suicide (STRESS) Act to provide farmers with additional mental health resources. This effort was included in the 2018 Farm Bill and resulted in millions of dollars issued for programs to address rural mental health access.

Most recently, the United States Department of Agriculture invested nearly \$25 million dollars for 50 grants throughout the country. As a result, Minnesota's Department of Agriculture will be awarded \$500,000 for their

Bend, Don't Break project which aims to connect farmers and rural Minnesotans with resources to help reduce stress, anxiety, and crisis situations. The program supports mental health counseling, farm advocates, marriage retreats, and a 24/7 Farm & Rural Helpline.

Our work to deliver for our farmers will continue. Over the past year and a half, they have experienced increased stress due to supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19 and a difficult harvest season because of the drought. Now, more than ever, an increased investment in these resources is essential.

The agriculture community faces incredible financial and emotional challenges through their work, but they should never suffer in silence without access to the care they need. I'll always advocate for our agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers who feed and fuel our world.

Enroll Now: Medicare

Medicare Open Enrollment is currently underway and runs through Dec. 7th. In order to ensure you have the best coverage option, you should review your coverage before the enrollment period closes.

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Their experts have joined me in the past for my senior forums and telephone town halls focused on seniors. They are outstanding individuals who can help you find the best coverage option for you!

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Green Energy doesn't deliver on its promises. First, one cannot predict the variables—number of wind turbines, solar panels, batteries to meet the demand. Last summer wind turbines reportedly produced less than 1% of the power demand during the peak needs. Currently, only 1/3 of the energy required for manufacturing, transportation and heating comes from electricity. The remainder comes from fossil fuels. Secondly, 80% of solar panels come from China, produced by Muslim slaves, where mining and manufacture have no environmental regulations and emit enormous amounts of pollution. One also questions the warming and drying effects on soil and vegetation caused by wind turbines. A Harvard study noted that wind turbine blades send warm air back to the surface and warm the ground. Wind turbines become obsolete in 20 years and solar panels in 25. Wind turbines and solar panels are destroyed and placed in landfills. What effect does that have on the environment—immediately and long-term? "Clean" coal plants are productive for 60 years. Even cleaner and longer service come from nuclear plants — 80 years and then they are dismantled or rebuilt. As good stewards of the environment, let us (US) make sound decisions about our power sources. Reference: <https://www.americanexperiment.org/magazine/article/environmental-catastrophe>.

Barry VanBuren
Clearwater, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Time to retire "The Big Lie" in America. Minnesota has, throughout its history, conducted the cleanest elections of any state in the nation, and 2020 was no exception. The losing side is fudging numbers and spinning fantasies about how they really won, except they got fewer votes, so the election must have been rigged. Losing parties don't get to claim the election was rigged, just because they lose. In American elections, the losers lick their wounds and try to dream up something for next time that voters might actually want. As lawsuits challenging the 2020 election results fail in courts around the country, the true believers become more agitated by the day. There are those who would like to see Minnesota become a cold Arizona, demanding yet another election audit, and letting imagination take the place of evidence. And while elements of comedy pertain, there is also a serious threat that cannot be ignored. Our democracy is in peril, and 1/6 was only the first engagement in a battle whose outcome no one can predict. Are we America, or are we not?

David Hannula
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

This is in reference to Anthony Thompson's piece(10/30) in response to Penny Leuthard's 10/16 editorial. When I read that unvaccinated are burdens on society

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mentioned by him twice I decided to read hers again. I thought hers was extremely well written. I don't feel I'm a burden on society for having freedom of choice. I worked on location as an essential worker. Did I get paid any more if I was at home collecting \$600 and unemployment at first? My wages probably never came close to that. To me a burden is a person able but not willing to work but wants to benefit of our government benefits paid by taxpayers like myself whether in a pandemic or not. It's my personal view but our country ranks toward the

top for obesity. This is probably in regards to laziness, lack of exercise, and poor food choices. What about nicotine usage, vaping, alcohol, legal or illegal drugs? I'm sorry I am not a burden. Perhaps if people go back to treating their bodies with wellness vaccinations there probably wouldn't be much of a discussion. Have a great day and let's do a kind act daily to another person and life and this world will be a better place.

Jesse Schneider
Becker, MN

An Eventful Autumn

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Sen. Tina Smith.)

September and October have been busy and exciting months for all of us. Another Minnesota school year has begun, and that nervous, yet determined feeling that comes with a new school year has also been felt here in Washington with my work to ensure the Build Back Better budget benefits families, communities, and businesses across Minnesota.

I have successfully advocated for the November 8 re-opening of the U.S.-Canadian border for vaccinated travelers, which is good news for hard-hit Northern Minnesota businesses and communities that depend on Canadian travelers to thrive.

In addition, I have called on the U.S. Postal Service to answer to its plan to slow down first-class mail, met with U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm in St. Paul to discuss our push to transition Minnesota and the nation towards a clean energy future, and taken on big pharma by fighting to lower prescription drug costs for Minnesota families and seniors. Together, we are Building Back Better.

USPS Plan to Slow Delivery

Recent changes to the U.S. Postal Service's First-Class Mail, implemented under Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, have resulted in the slowest delivery standards in 50 years. This is unacceptable.

I called Postmaster General DeJoy to explain



By Sen.
Tina Smith

the impact these changes will have on individuals and communities in Minnesota and across the country. I understand Postmaster General DeJoy's desire to address budget shortfalls, but I am concerned that these changes will disproportionately affect seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, rural areas, and Tribal communities across the country. Mail service is often a lifeline for millions of Americans, and this slowdown is hurting them.

Transition to Clean Energy

Recently in St. Paul, Sen. Amy Klobuchar and I spent the day with Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm discussing clean energy proposals in Congress that would help Minnesota become carbon-free. We talked with utilities, Minnesota state agencies, and local nonprofits about how to reduce emissions while also ensuring that energy costs remain affordable, the grid remains reliable, and that we create new clean energy jobs.

The clean electricity plan I proposed would be an

efficient way to add clean energy. As we continue the complicated, often-difficult negotiations over how best to address the ongoing climate crisis, we can't lose track of our goal to reduce carbon emissions. Clean energy is going to be the future, and Minnesota can help lead the nation on its way.

Bipartisan Action to Lower Drug Prices

When I talk to Minnesota families and seniors, one of their top concerns is the high price of prescription drugs. Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN) and I recently reintroduced our bipartisan bill, the Expanding Access to Low-Cost Generics Act, to address a big pharmacy policy that keeps prescription drug prices high for millions of people in Minnesota and across the country.

Right now, big drug companies can stop others from making low-cost generic versions of their drugs. They do this by making agreements to not sue a company if they in turn agree to delay marketing low-cost versions of medications. It's called "parking." This anti-competitive market strategy forces Minnesotans to consistently pay higher prices for their prescriptions.

My bill with Senator Braun would take important steps to prevent this type of bottleneck and prevent the delay in getting lower cost prescription drugs to Minnesotans. We need to keep drug prices affordable for families and seniors in Minnesota and across the country.



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By Naturalist
Stan Tekiela

is shed annually and a new one grown each year just like antlers. So really, the horn on this animal is a hybrid between antlers and horns.

Unlike the horns on other animals such as Bighorn Sheep, the horns of the Pronghorn are branched or forked. This branching or prong gives this animal its common name.

Recently on a two-week trip out west, I had a couple great opportunities to photograph and study several herds of Pronghorn. Early one morning just before sunrise, I found two Pronghorn bucks that were courting several females. The males spent some of their time following the females and most of their time chasing each other and positioning themselves in front of the females.

At one point the larger of the two bucks finally had enough of the smaller one pestering him and turned and aggressively ran at the smaller buck. In a split second both bucks had their heads down and locked their horns together in an epic battle. In my 40 plus years of wildlife photography I have captured many wonderful images of Pronghorns, but I had never seen two bucks sparring like this. I've photographed plenty of Elk, Moose, Caribou and Deer during the rut engaged in a head to head flight but never Pronghorns.

As fast as the two bucks came together and started fighting, it ended with the smaller buck retreating and running away with the larger buck right on his tail. I managed to capture a dozen or so images of the fight before it broke up.

After the fight I watched the larger buck walk to the top of a ridge where it paused to look over the valley and the small herd of females. It was as if he was looking over his world and enjoying the small victory before getting back to attending to the females. It was a victory for both the Pronghorn and the photographer. 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 Facebook.com, Twitter.com and Instagram.com. He can be contacted via his web page www.NatureSmart.com.

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Area News/Sports

Hornet boys CC squad advances to state

By Bill Morgan
Editor/Staff Writer
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The Big Lake cross-country team traveled to Pebble Creek Golf Course in Becker for the Section 5AA Championship last Thursday afternoon.

“This is the first year of the new three-class system for cross-country, so the sections were all realigned, and we are competing against a different set of teams,” said Big Lake Coach Todd Trutna. “Overall, it makes for more competitive races when we get to run against more schools that are our size. The rainy conditions were not what we would have picked if given a choice, but we were prepared to run in any conditions. Our runners did an outstanding job.”

Girls CC

The girls’ team ended their season placing 10th as a team. Emilee Doperalski, as she has all season, led the team with a 37th place finish.

“We ran on this same course just a few weeks ago, and the improvement that we saw in our runners over that time was impressive, especially given the



THE MEMBERS OF THE BIG LAKE BOYS CC TEAM posed with their Section 5AA championship trophy last week. The boys will be competing at state Saturday in Northfield. (Submitted Photo)

rainy, soft course conditions,” said Trutna.

Erin Kjellberg finished in 44th place and improved by nearly two minutes. Campbell Slattery was 47th and improved by one minute. Senior Grace Heider was next over the line in 52nd, and ran her fastest time of the year. Senior Samantha Burton was almost three minutes faster than her previous race on the course to finish 55th.

Jax Ages was 67th and

Senior Samantha Potter was nearly a minute faster in 78th place.

“Our seniors ran with such heart, and our underclassmen responded to the challenge as well,” said Big Lake’s coach. “It is so great to see the improvement from this team. Four of the seven varsity girls are ninth or 10th graders, so the coaches are optimistic about the team’s chances in the future.”

Boys CC

The boys’ team continued its winning ways and won the section team title, qualifying for the Minnesota State Cross-Country Championships next Saturday at St. Olaf College.

“We have had over a dozen boys qualify for the state meet individually, but this is the first boys’ team we have qualified through to the state meet,” said Trutna. “Making it to the state meet is a great accomplishment. This crew is not

content with just making it to state, and they are set on bringing some hardware home next weekend.”

Senior Christian Noble led the Hornets with his second place finish. Kade Layton was third overall and was quickly followed by Owen Layton in fourth.

“Last year Kade, Owen, and Christian all qualified for the state meet, but the state meet was not held due to COVID,” said Trutna.

Jack Leuer ran his best race of the season to finish in fifth place. Tanon Jacobson was the next Hornet across the line in 18th place, followed closely by David Guyse in 21st. Spencer Vold finished in 34th place to round out the Big Lake squad.

“These young men continue to be so impressive,” Trutna said. “This team continues to show discipline and poise. It is truly a pleasure to coach them. They have worked so hard to get to this point and all the coaches are so proud of all our runners.”

The boys’ team will run Sat., Nov. 6 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

Big Lake Cheerleaders win bid for nationals

Submitted article

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted by the Big Lake Cheerleading Team.)

The Big Lake Varsity Competition and Varsity Gameday teams competed at the 10,000 Lake Regional Competition on Saturday.

Teams from all over the state, and some teams from outside of the state attended to compete and attempt for a bid to Nationals. To obtain a bid, the teams must first participate in a qualified camp and earn squad credentialing. Second, teams must compete at a regional competition. At the regional competition, teams must hit a minimum cut score, and judges evaluate the placement and



scores of the team in their division compared to other teams. This process is to ensure that the highest standards are maintained for

teams that earn a bid.

Big Lake competed in the Small Varsity Co-ed Nontumble and Small Varsity Gameday divisions.

In Small Varsity Co-ed Nontumble, Big Lake earned a second place and a bid to Nationals.

In Small Varsity

Gameday, Big Lake earned a fourth place (out of nine teams) and a bid to Nationals.

Both divisions were extremely tough, as Big Lake competed against several teams that have ranked nationally in the past.

The Varsity Teams will now begin preparing and fundraising for Nationals that will take place in February, 2022. Big Lake Cheerleading will also be hosting their own competition today (Saturday, 11/6) at Big Lake High School. Doors open at 9 a.m., and over 20 performances are expected from teams all over the state.

Big Lake alumni pay it forward

Submitted Article

(Editor’s Note: The following information for this article was submitted by a Big Lake family.)

McPete’s sponsored 13 young men to play in the 5th Annual Minnesota State Alumni Tournament down in Burnsville, Sept. 23. The McPete’s crew took first place out of 25 teams. They received a handsome trophy and the grand prize of \$1,000.

This money was donated to the Big Lake Athletic’s Dept. to be split between boys’ baseball, girls’ golf and boys’ golf per Big Lake’s Athletic Director Jared Matson.



SOFTBALL CHAMPS FROM MCPETES. Bottom row, left to right: Sam Dokkebakken, Tyler Halverson, Jake Geroux, Brian Larson, Mason Loegering and Micah Loegering. Top row, left to right: Travis Palm, Josh Daiker, Adam Miller, Kory Kreager, Taylor Otto, Joe Rathmanner and Matt Loegering. If you see any of these gentlemen in the public realm, thank them for they donated their winnings to Big Lake Athletics. (Submitted Photo)

Big Lake winter farmers market returns in Nov.

Submitted article

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted by the City of Big Lake.)

Big Lake is announcing the fifth annual indoor Big Lake Winter Farmers Market taking place on the third Saturday of each month from November to April from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Big Lake City Hall!

The markets in November and December take place right before the holidays and make for a great place to grab gifts for loved ones, or a cookie tray for the next family gathering.

Vendors offer a wide variety of homemade and locally grown products including seasonal produce, herbs, baked goods, gluten free goodies, candies, meat, eggs, syrup, honey, mushrooms, kombucha, salsa, pickles, jam, sauces, soaps, lotions, candles, crafts and more! Vendors that have signed up so far this season include Art by Lynn, Becky’s Bars and Potions, Bee Wholesome, Butter Belles, Carmies Creations, Cocoa Maas, Dudley’s Syrup Company, Farmer Dale, First Choice, Hennum’s Homemade, Katie’s Kitchen, Kenya Letourneau’s Kreations, Livi B. Co., LLC, Lou Lou Crafts, Marlys Baker, Matt’s Mushrooms and More, Mavki Produce, Oak Park Farm, Pat’s Crafts, Prairie Fire Kitchen, Shekinah Wellness dba My Goodness!, Strings and Things, Succulent Queen, TaHannaE LLC.

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SNAP-EBT are accepted, as well as the Market Bucks Match Program, where those who use their SNAP benefits are matched up to \$10 at every market.

This season the city is excited to bring back live music, free parking, free onsite kids activities, the Frequent Shopper program and Senior Day every other month where seniors 55+ receive three dollars in tokens to use on any vendor item. Stop by the information booth to see how all of these programs work!

Find more information about the Big Lake Farmers Market on Facebook, Instagram, the City’s website at BigLakeMN.org or by signing up for monthly email reminders on any of these sites. The Big Lake Winter Farmers Market schedule is as follows:

- November 20;
- December 18;
- January 15;
- February 19;
- March 19;
- April 16;
- April 23 (Bonus market at Big Lake High School in conjunction with the Community Fair.)

The city thanks their generous sponsors, Big Lake Spud Fest and Climbing Theatre, for helping make this season possible.

“We are so excited for another season to make memories with our neighbors while supporting local at the market,” said Corrie Scott, recreation and communication coordinator. “See you all there!”

Merriment is Thread at Oakwood Hallelujah Party



THE CHILI COOKOFF AND DESSERT JUDGES were (left to right): Bethany Steven, Zach Gardner, Chris Lommel, Becker Police Officer Chris Lindbom, Troy Dawson and Mayor Tracy Bertram. (Submitted Photo)

By Bill Morgan
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Oakwood Church in Becker held their annual Hallelujah Party last Friday night for two hours.

The event featured a chili cookoff with area “celebrities” judging the delicious soups as well as a dessert contest, again judged

by the judges consisting of Bethany Steven, Zach Gardner, Chris Lommel, BPD Officer Chris Lindbom, Troy Dawson and Mayor Tracy Bertram.

The event also featured games for the kids, “Guess the candy corn”, crazy hair, an obstacle bounce house, bowling, candy and a terrific costume contest.

Oakwood Community

Church is located on the west end of Becker Furniture World and has a service at 10 a.m. every Sunday.



LOTS OF LITTLE KIDDOS dressed up as some of their favorite characters as did these youngsters from their Cat-in-the-Hat books and programs. Left to right: Aubry Gardner, Ellie Gardner, Harper Gardner and Liam Gardner. (Submitted Photo)

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Becker swimmers geared for Sections

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker swimming and diving team has been busy preparing for the Section meet, which this year will be held in Becker. Head Coach Tina Tamm hopes that the home pool advantage will propel her athletes to top finishes and a place in the state swimming meet.

"We are hosting it this year so some would say we have home field advantage," Tamm says. "I am hoping that is true because we have a great chance at some state qualifications."

The Section meet will start Nov. 11 with the swimming preliminaries at 5 p.m., while Friday's (Nov. 12) diving prelims and semifinals will start at 4:45 p.m.

Saturday will be the finals, starting at Noon.



PICTURED ARE MEMBERS OF THE BECKER GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM that have qualified for the Section meet to be held in Becker November 11-13. (Submitted photo.)

"The girls have finished the hardest week of the season and are now headed into their taper week," Tamm says. "We have just over

a week before the Section meet and they have some hard swims to do but if they come in with a 'win it all' attitude - we could have some

state entrants."

The Bulldogs will be taking on some excellent competition in their quest for the state tournament, as teams from Big Lake, Foley, Milaca, Monticello, Princeton, Ogilvie/Mora, Sauk Rapids/Rice, St. Cloud Cathedral/St. John's Prep and St. Cloud Tech will all be competing.

But Tamm thinks her team's combination of skill, work ethic and some "home cooking" might just be the magical recipe.

"It's going to be an exciting three days in the pool," Tamm says. "We are back to one site for the meet, after last years COVID restrictions and it's going to be a packed house with a lot of good races."

Bulldog netters fall to Storm in Sections



THE BECKER BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL TEAM saw its season end last week with a Section Tournament loss to the Sauk Rapids-Rice Storm. (Submitted photo.)

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the seventh seed Becker Bulldog volleyball team traveled to Sauk Rapids-Rice to take on the second seed Storm and fell in straight sets, 13-25, 21-25 and 18-25.

"We had strong serving and started to gain momentum into the third set," said coach Patty Lindbom. "We were actually ahead 13-10, but [the Storm] heated up with their hitting and took the third set."

Despite the loss, Lindbom praised the hard work of her team and felt that their attitude and work ethic were exemplary throughout the contest.

"We scrambled and hustled throughout the match," Lindbom added.

In the stats department, Maya Wenner had five digs, one block and one kill, while Alexa Williams had four digs, one block and two kills.

Cami Ramola had a strong showing with four digs, eight kills and one ace serve, and Evelyn Kreft was strong across the net with six blocks, five kills and one ace serve.

Alexis Goebel was a big factor in the front row with four blocks and four kills.

Other contributors included: Piper Schmidt (three blocks, four kills), Lily Berger (six digs, two

ace serves),

Kate Mehlich and Lily Dewall (four digs each), Skylee Blomquist (three digs), Kiley Fobbe (two digs).

Looking back on the season, Lindbom feels that the team will be losing some top performers in this year's seniors, but the future also looks bright.

"Our team consistently improved our stats from week to week," Lindbom said. "The team will be losing strong leadership from the senior group but there are solid athletes moving up the ranks for next year."

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Toys For Tots kicks off holiday season

By Bill Morgan
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It's once again Toys for Tots season!

Look for Toys for Tots drop off locations in Big Lake, Becker, Monticello, Clearwater and Clear Lake.

The basic mission of the Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas.

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Applications to receive toys through the program can be picked up at city halls or

the food shelf serving any of these five towns. This includes Big Lake school district residents with an Elk River address. Applications will be accepted through December 2, 2021. This year's distribution dates will be Thurs., Dec. 9 thru Fri., Dec. 10, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For those that are seeking an opportunity to help others in their community over the holiday season, community Toys for Tots has opportunities. For those interested in volunteering or donating toys or funds, contact Stacy Boone-Vikingson at (763) 482-4447, or by e-mail at communitytoysfortots@gmail.com.

By Katherine Cantin,
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Sgt. Luke McLean with the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) reported an increased number of traffic stops in the township, returning to a more normal, pre-COVID amount.

The SCSO received a couple of dumping complaints and McLean encouraged anyone who sees a suspicious vehicle at night to call the SCSO. It's deer season, and McLean encouraged residents to slow down, especially during morning commute and when driving in the evening.

Several incidents of "car shopping" (criminals opening unlocked vehicles and stealing items inside) have occurred in Zimmerman, but fortunately have not occurred outside of the city. Still, it is prudent to lock vehicle doors at night and bring valuables inside.

Finally, McLean reminded residents that city ATV permits are good only in the city, and when in the township or on county roads, the rules of those jurisdictions apply, meaning ATVs may not use county or township roads, they must use the ditch.

Chief Seth Hansen of the Fire Dept. gave his monthly update for September, as well. He noted



BIG LAKE FIRE CHIEF SETH HANSEN gave his update for the month of September. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

the department had very successful 9/11 and open house events, and they worked to inform the force about cancers that affect firefighters.

Updates from the Board

Supervisor Norm Leslie noted that new trail signs were in the process of being made at the time of the meeting. He hopes to have the signs up for trail and park patrons before the ground becomes frozen.

Supervisor Mark Hedstrom stated that he attended the opening of a new park near Monticello (on 187th St.). The land was donated by a local, Ron Hoglund, who also owns the Hoglund Bus Company.

Supervisor Bruce Aubol followed up on some items that appeared before

the board previously. The new owners of Big Lake Auto were successful in getting their land rezoned. The gentleman who wished to build a house on a bluff off of Co. Rd. 75 was not successful in his endeavor, and the planning commission did not believe there was a sufficient setback.

Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas reminded the board and the audience that there would only be one meeting for both the months of November and December due to holidays.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Created a formal agreement with the county attorney to have the county enforce the township ordinances;
- Rescinded their COVID-19 resolution allowing board members to attend meetings remotely;
- Recommended the county appoint Supervisor Bruce Aubol to the planning commission, with Mark Hedstrom as an alternate;
- Renewed the HRA program for township employees;
- Motioned to send out a mailer with information about the township and its services to residents (this information is also available on the township website at BigLakeTownship.com).



Zimmer honored by MWCA with prestigious award

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association (MWCA) recently held its 2020-21 awards ceremony, and long-time Becker High School Wrestling coach Jeff Zimmer was honored at the banquet with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award.

“This was a well deserved award for Coach Zimmer and it was an honor coaching with him for the last 17 years,” said Matt Aho, who served as co-coach with Zimmer before both resigned at the end of last season. “He was a great mentor and co-coach. Jeff was a huge part of the strong traditions and successes of the Bulldog wrestling teams.”

Early Years

Zimmer was a stellar high school athlete in Foley, where he participated as a three sport athlete in football, wrestling and baseball. On the gridiron, Zimmer was a three year letter winner who earned MVP and All-conference honors and served as a team captain. He was just as gifted on the baseball field, earning another captain’s pin and leading the team in hitting his senior year when he was named All-conference.

On the wrestling mat, Jeff lettered one year, as injuries derailed his Sophomore and Junior seasons. He was, however, part of the 1985 Falcon team that won the State Consolation Championship.

Zimmer said he was inspired by several of his high school coaches, including Lee Olson in football and Paul Seaton in baseball, and decided on pursuing a career in education and coaching.



BECKER TEACHER AND COACH JEFF ZIMMER was recently honored with the MWCA's Lifetime Achievement Award for his 30 years of contributions to the sport of wrestling in Minnesota. (Submitted photo.)

“Mike Rybak, Tom Keating, and Lyie Freudenberg were also outstanding role models in my development as a wrestler and as a person,” added Zimmer.

Because of the guidance and caring of these people, Jeff decided to pursue education and coaching, attending SCSU to become an Industrial Technology teacher.

Coaching

Zimmer’s coaching career was launched while he was doing his field experience in Bill Garceau’s Industrial Arts classroom. Bill was a wrestling coach and encouraged Jeff to apply for the Junior High Wrestling position in Foley and from

there Zimmer would serve on the coaching staff from 1988 until 1992, a stint that included two years as the head baseball coach.

When he was hired to teach Industrial Technology at Becker High School in 1992, he started coaching wrestling as an assistant to Brad Novak for 16 years and then assisting Matt Aho for the next 10 years, before serving as Co-Head Wrestling Coach for the past two years. During his time at Becker, the wrestling team compiled a 355-265 dual meet record that included three Conference Titles and a trip to the State Tournament as a team in 2003.

He was named Section Assistant Coach of the Year in both 1997 and 2019, while the team sent 80 athletes to the state tournament during his career. Thirty-five of those athletes would go on to earn a place finish at state, while three individual state championships were also claimed.

Zimmer also coached at Becker in the softball and baseball programs and was the Special Teams Coordinator for the Bulldog’s state football titles in 2015 and 2016 as part of his 21 years in the football program.

Family

In addition to his teaching and coaching duties, Zimmer says he is also proud of his family and thankful for their support over the years. His wife, Tammy, is in her 31st year of teaching fourth grade in Foley, while their daughter, Allison, is now a kindergarten teacher in Anandale. Son Zach is an Industrial Engineer at Hydroflex.

Both Zimmer kids were active in activities in high

school, with Allison being a three time letter winner in both soccer and lacrosse, as well as the wrestling team’s manager. Zach was a 100 match winner in wrestling, where he also placed fifth in state in 2013. He also had a great career on the football field for Becker.

Reflecting back on his Lifetime Achievement Award has been a satisfying experience for Zimmer, as he is able to recount the many experiences.

“It has given me the opportunity to pause and take a look back at the last 30 plus years to think about how the

sport of wrestling has impacted me and my family’s lives,” said Zimmer. “This sport has given us so much, the highest highs and lowest lows, shaping us into the people we are today. I am thankful. It has made me realize and think about the many relationships that have formed with athletes, parents, fans, coaches, officials and administrators. Wrestling is a brother/sister hood. This sport brings us together as a family. This family understands the true meaning of commitment, sacrifice and team work. I will miss it.”



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Area Chamber News



Membership Meeting
November 17, Noon
Becker Community Center



Business After Hours
November 18, 5-6:30
Trails
Annual Membership Meeting
November 30, 11:30-1pm
The Buff



Twilight Story Time
November 17
Clearwater Library
Clearwater Legion
Bingo 6 p.m.
Wednesdays

If you would like more information on any of these events or if you would like to become a member of these organizations please reach out to them:

Amity Felton 763-262-2420 Chamber@BeckerChamber.org	Gloria Vande Brake 763-263-7800 Info@BigLakeChamber.com	Glenna Soenneker 320-267-4361 GSoenneker@GMail.com
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VOTE from page 1

“no” votes for question two.

Question one would improve safety and infrastructure, improve spaces for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and other educational spaces, provide more space for our students across all grade levels — including Early Childhood and School Readiness programming, and address other District-related needs including building a new transportation facility.

Question 2 would provide more space to serve our Early Childhood’s Camp Opportunity program, renovate the existing vehicle maintenance area to serve as a multi-purpose space, make other District-related improvements including FFE, athletics lighting, and install synthetic turf on the multi-purpose field.

Question two was contingent on the successful passage of question one.

The school stated on their Facebook page they were appreciative to everyone that voted and made their voice heard and gave a huge shout out to everyone involved in the long-range planning process.

“This is a great opportunity for our students, our staff, and our communities. Stay tuned for more information as we move into design,” the Facebook page said.









This past May, district voters rejected a bond referendum by only 11 votes (601: yes | 612: no). With just over 1200 votes total, this was one of the lowest voter turn-outs in the district.

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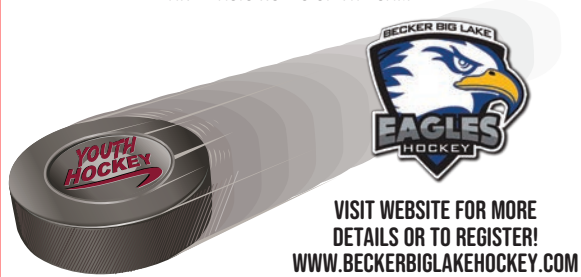
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Bulldogs cruise to section championship

By Bill Morgan
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The Becker Bulldog football team rode the Carter Callahan train Saturday as they trounced the St. Cloud Apollo Eagles 51-7 in the Section 8AAAA semifinals at home.

Callahan finished with five touchdowns and 172 yards on 19 carries.

The win moves Becker into the section championship against #3-seeded Detroit Lakes, who eked out a win over Rocori, 21-20 the same day.

Apollo came into Saturday's matchup on a two-



BULLDOG HALFBACK CARTER CALLAHAN was a menace for Apollo as he scored five TDs in Becker's 51-7 win over the Eagles last Saturday at home. (Photo by Sara Waytashek)

verted a 27 yard field goal to send Becker to a 30-0 lead at halftime. By the time Apollo scored in the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs were holding a 51-0 lead and had their second-stringers getting some time on the gridiron.

Kabir Bhakta scored from 18 yards out to start the third quarter and Callahan tallied his fifth TD moments later on a three yard score. Adam Jurek capped off the scoring late in the third with a five-yarder.

Becker QB Ryan Bengtson was efficient as he completed 10-of-16 passes for 135 yards, including a 30-yarder to Landen Goebel. Jurek finished with 49 yards on seven carries and the one score and Bhakta had 37 yards on five carries and his one score.

Goebel finished with four catches for 84 yards and

Alex Weiss had three catches for 39 yards.

The defense stood on their heads again, giving up just the one late score. Ethan Anderson had five tackles and two assists to lead the team. Joseph Goth had five tackles and one assist. Dylan Weber had three solo tackles.

Becker finished with 67 plays run while Apollo had 53. The Bulldogs amassed 467 yards compared to Apollo's 199. Becker was 70% on third downs (seven-for-10) while Apollo was just two-for-10.

Apollo had three turnovers compared to just one for the Bulldogs.

The Section 8AAAA championship game was played in Alexandria Friday night at 7 p.m. and a full report on the game will appear in next week's edition of the Patriot.

Detroit Lakes is 6-3 and is on a three-game win streak. After starting the season 2-2, the Lakers won four of five. Their wins have come against East Grand Forks, Thief River Falls, Pequot Lakes, Park Rapids, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton and Rocori.

Becker is on a 9-0 run in which they've beaten Rocori, Delano, Chisago Lakes, Hutchinson, Big Lake, Monticello, Apollo (2x) and Willmar.

Should the Bulldogs win, the state quarterfinals begin Nov. 11-13 at various sites and the semifinals and Prep Bowl will be played at U.S. Bank Stadium Nov. 18-20 and Nov. 26-27.

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Liberty Paper Player of the Week

By Bill Morgan
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Junior offensive lineman Dylan Kolby was named Player of the Week for his outstanding game last Saturday in Becker's 51-7 win over Apollo.

Dylan is a two year starter at center. Coach Robinson, offensive line coach, said:

"Dylan makes all of

our line calls from the line of scrimmage. He makes sure that all of the linemen know who to block on each play. In our nine games this year we have not had one bad snap."

DYLAN KOLBY was named Liberty Paper Player of the Game for his performance in the Oct. 30 game against St. Cloud Apollo. (Submitted Photo)



Two Bulldog runners qualify for state in CC

By Bill Morgan
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The Becker boys and girls cross country teams hosted a strong and competitive Section 5AA Cross Country Championship on the Local 9 course of Pebble Creek.

"Wow - although we had rain throughout the day, it really was a fantastic experience," said boys Head Coach Dustin Weege. "To pull off hosting this event, it took so many hands and we are most certainly grateful for all of the great helpers and supporters."

Workers and several of the JV and junior high runners were spread around the course to help guide runners along the path and to monitor the race and the crowd.

"There is a lot to manage when there are that many people on the course to spectate and the crew did some stellar work," Weege said.

Not only did the event run smoothly, but the Becker Bulldog boys worked to make history on the day. The Bulldogs managed to run five PRs and achieved the highest-ever section team finish in Becker Boys XC program history. As a team, they accomplished an average time of 17:53 which was the best Becker time and only the second time that the team had a sub 18 average (the first time was in 2017).

This was also a record setting day for the Bulldogs as it is the first time in program history that two boys qualified for the state meet in the same year. Junior co-captain Tyson Ricker (16:47.91) placed sixth overall in the race while fellow junior Mason Becker (17:31) placed 13th overall.

Jase Tobako was the



TYSON RICKER AND MASON BECKER qualified for state at the Section Championships in Becker earlier this week. (Submitted Photo)

next Bulldog to reach the finish line as he crossed in 25th place with a time of 18:15.

"Jase was certainly working hard to accomplish some big goals in the season and it was great to see the gains that he'd made," said Weege. "He was just usually around 20 minutes last year and he is now in the low 18's, which is a testament to his quality investments in his training."

Following Tobako was three younger harriers as Parker Spindler (18:20), Evan Hubbard (18:31), and Tanner Felton (18:50) competed in their first varsity race of the season. The boys had run 5ks earlier in the season in some JV races and earned qualifying times to be on the section team.

"It was impressive to see those guys go as they stepped up to the challenge with eagerness and accomplished some significant PRs for the section meet," said Weege.

Spindler and Hubbard PR'd by about 25 seconds and Felton PR'd by 41 seconds. Junior Caleb Reckelberg also raced aggressively on the day and achieved an 11 second PR

with his efforts.

"Caleb has been such a reliable contributor on the team and does so well at consistently giving his all day in and day out," Weege said.

Alex Kinney and Ryan Boecker were also on hand for the Bulldogs as alternates for the race, but were unable to race due to being limited to just seven runners. The Bulldogs finished the day in fourth place, which was a good boost up from where they had been projected to be (sixth).

With Tyson Ricker and Mason Becker advancing onward to the MSHSL State Championship meet, the Bulldogs have continued to train this week in preparation for the race. The race will be held Sat., Nov. 6 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Olaf College in Northfield. Interested spectators could travel to Northfield to see the Bulldogs run or could also check out <https://prepspotlight.tv/MSHSL> for the first-ever livestream of the state cross country event. Results could also be followed live on <https://results.wayzataiming.com/meets/11779>.

"The guys look forward to the big show experience of the state meet and look forward to celebrating with the girls team who will also be running at St. Olaf," said Weege. "Tyson and Mason become just the ninth and 10th state qualifiers in Becker Boys XC history and they join the ranks with Jordan Gruenes in 2018, Luke Lahr in 2014, Nick Jamnick in 2006, Josh Saba in 2002 and 2000, Dustin Scheiber in 1999, Jesse Babler in 1997 and Ben Hubbard in 1995.

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Clear Lake / Clearwater Area Announcements

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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

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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.

Clearwater Masonic Lodge No. 28

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

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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.

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Young @ Heart

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

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FREE - Advocates for Independence

First & third Wed. of the month 2-4pm at Independent Lifestyles, 215 North Benton Drive, Sauk Rapids. Make a difference in your community for people w/disabilities. Michele Pelka (320) 281-2042. All abilities are welcome to attend.

FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

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

Mental Health Discussion Group

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

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

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

Rivers of Hope

Advocates for ending family violence, is a non-profit community based agency offering advocacy, support, education & referral services for victims of family violence. Working in partnerships w/schools, law enforcement, social service agencies & the court system in Sherburne & Wright Co. (763) 295-3433 or 1-800-439-2642 or info@riversofhope.org. Free & confidential. Phones answered 24/7.

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Sherburne County Recorder Vital Statistics Marriage Application Report October 2021

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Otsego; Johanna Estrada Díaz of Golden Valley and Adam Scott Walkley of Zimmerman; Jordan Joseph Roemer of Elk River and Heidi

Jean Prebonich of Dayton; Taylor Jo Opegard and Nick Duane Smith of Zimmerman; Wesley Jay Foster and Cara Jean Grant of Zimmerman; Brittany Lyn Jarosch and Nicholas Michael Stover of Big Lake; Anna Alexa Vinokurova of Portland, OR and Serghei Cirlan of Elk River; Marc Anthony Meneses and Katie Lynn Decare of Zimmerman.



Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings Oct. 25, 2021 – Oct. 31, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total

Calls for Service for Week: 187; 2021 Calls for Service: 9,265; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 42; Citations: 9; Arrests: 3; Medical Emergency Calls: 6; Mental Health/Check Welfare: 6; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 5
BLPD Arrests: Edwin Linares – (Age 28 – Monticello, MN) – Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI; Louis McCaleb – (Age 20 – Big Lake, MN) – Domestic Assault, No Contact Order Violation, Misdemeanor Warrant; Lance Myers – (Age 58 – Brooklyn Park, MN) – Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI
Sun., Oct. 31, 2021: 4900 Blk Drake Circ. - Property Damage - Report of damage done to home; 5600 Blk Highland Trl. - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; 40 Blk Lake St. S. - Assault - Report of an assault having occurred, investigation ongoing; 5600 Blk Loon Dr. - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; 200 Blk Jefferson Blvd - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 1200 Blk Hill St. N. - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 40 Blk Lake St. S. - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation.

Sat., Oct. 30, 2021: 4300 Blk Ridge Circ. - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; Eagle Lake Rd./Hiawatha Ave. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 19100 Blk Meadow Ln. - Harassment - Officers investigated a report of harassment via social media; 700 Blk Rose Dr. - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; Hwy 25/CR 17 - 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.

Fri., Oct. 29, 2021: 19200 Blk Meadow Ln. - Court Order Violation - Report of the violation of a no contact order, investigation ongoing; 5100 Blk Blackduck Ln. - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; Hwy 25/CR 17 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 100 Blk Lake St. N. - Property Damage - Report of damage done to window of building. Investigation ongoing; 19500 Blk Station St. - Trespassing - Report of a suspect at property who was not welcome there; Hwy 10/Eagle Lake Rd. N. - Court Order Violation - Report of the violation of a no contact order and Domestic assault. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges.

Thurs., Oct. 28, 2021: Lexington Ave/Eagle Lake Rd. N. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 300 Blk Fern St. - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing; 196th Ave/Highline Dr. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed.

Wed., Oct. 27, 2021: CR 43/ Glenwood Ave. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 1000 Blk Wall St. - Property Damage - Report of damage done to vehicle.

Tues., Oct. 26, 2021: 20700 Blk Pacific Circ. - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing; 19200 Blk Meadow Ln. - Court Order Violation - Report of the violation of a no contact order, investigation ongoing; Eagle Lake Rd./Humboldt Dr. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; Martin Ave./Fern St. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 600 Blk Lake St. N. - Vehicle Tampering. Vehicle gone through overnight. Investigation ongoing; 700 Blk Powell St. N. - Vehicle Tampering. Vehicle gone through overnight. Investigation ongoing; 800 Blk Powell St. N. - Vehicle Tampering. Vehicle gone through overnight. Investigation ongoing; 900 Blk Powell St. N. - Vehicle Tampering. Vehicle gone through overnight. Investigation ongoing.
Mon., Oct. 25, 2021: 600 Blk Independence Dr. - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; 5300 Blk Edinburgh Way - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation.



Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of Oct. 25th – Oct. 31st

25-Oct: 1 agency assist, 2 speed warning, 1 crosswalk violation warning, 1 recreational vehicle permit, 6 record check, 2 public assist, 1 equipment / expired registration warnings / driving after revocation Citation #567, 1 attempt to locate, 1 911 hang-up, 1 fire alarm, 1 welfare check, 1 permit to purchase, 1 miscellaneous public, 1 extra patrol
26-Oct: 1 winter parking notice, 2 extra patrol, 1 permit to purchase, 2 agency assist, 1 public safety, 1 recreational vehicle permit, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 Speed / fleeing police in MV, 1 speed Citation #568, 1 parking complaint, 2 speed warning, 1 turn signal, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 expired registration warning, 1 fail to move over for emergency vehicle warning, 2 equipment warning, 1 speed Citation #569, 1 equipment / expired drivers license warnings, 1 driving after revocation / no proof of insurance Citation #570
27-Oct: 2 speed warning, 1 speed Citation #571, 2 extra patrol, 1 expired registration / no proof of insurance Citation #572, 1 medical, 1 failure to drive with due care warning, 1 agency assist, 1 dog complaint, 1 miscellaneous public, 2 vehicle lockout, 1 fraud complaint, 2 stop sign warning, 3 equipment warning, 1 fail to move over for emergency vehicle Citation #573, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 driving after revocation Citation #574 / possession of drug paraphernalia / small amount of marijuana & no proof of insurance Citation #575
28-Oct: 1 warrant arrest, 2 medical, 1 stop sign violation Citation

#577, 1 traffic complaint, 1 expired registration warning, 1 speed warning, 1 agency assist, 1 expired registration warning / Driving after revocation Citation #578, 1 speed Citation #579
29-Oct: 1 fail to dim headlights warning, 8 speed warning, 1 fail to dim headlights warning / No MN Drivers License Citation #580, 1 drive wrong way warning, 1 speed Citation #581, 1 record check, 2 handsfree violation warning, 1 public safety, 2 expired registration warning, 2 extra patrol, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 speed Citation #582, 1 fail to display registration / driving after revocation Citation #583, 1 speed / no proof of insurance Citation #584, 3 equipment warning, 1 speed / equipment warnings, 1 driving after revocation Citation #585, 1 expired registration no proof of insurance / possession of drug paraphernalia Citation #586 / Possession of hypodermic needles Citation #587 / possession of drug paraphernalia Citation #588, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 liquor consumption under 21 Citations #589, #590, #591, #592, #593 #594
30-Oct: 3 speed warning, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 parking complaint, 2 extra patrol, 1 stop sign warning, 1 handsfree violation warning, 1 agency assist, 2 equipment warning, 1 suspicious person, 1 expired registration Citation #595, 1 equipment, 1 third degree DWI
31-Oct: 5 agency assist, 1 harassment, 2 lift assist, 1 repossession info, 1 suspicious person, 1 speed warning, 1 equipment warning

Cop's Corner

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

Question: I heard somewhere that proof of insurance does not need to be in paper form and can be maintained electronically. Does that mean that each family member and myself who drives can photograph current insurance cards for our vehicles that they drive on a cell phone and that is acceptable, or does the electronic version need to be something sent by insurance company?

Answer: 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 form 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. Keeping a printed copy of the card in the vehicle of is also a good idea in case your phone doesn't have service at the time an officer makes the request. 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.

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).

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

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Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River. If eligible, residents of Sherburne County can receive a car seat for a \$20 suggested donation. Call to find out income guidelines (families who are on WIC or children on medical assistance are automatically eligible). Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4112 or 1-800-433-5239.

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HIV testing

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 Cash-Wise (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.



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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, 14000 Clubhouse Ln. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

• BIG LAKE

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

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

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

SVEA Hill Covenant Church
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Cornerstone Baptist Church
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Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock
763-263-7990. www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com.

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

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

Riverside Church
Online: www.myrcc.church, 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Ser-

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

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

• SANTIAGO

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

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

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

Gethsemane Church (ELCA) - Ronneby
Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.

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

• CLEAR LAKE

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

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

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

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502 or 320-743-2481, 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

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Obituaries

Donald W. McVeigh, Age 83
Big Lake, MN
Attn: Postal Workers Union Branch #9



Don was an Air Force Veteran and retired from the Anoka Post Office after 33 years of service. Memorial service to be held at 11AM on Monday, 11/8/21, with visitation 1 hour prior to service at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So, Big Lake, MN. Arr. by Peterson-Grimsmo Funeral Chapel, Monticello. 763-295-2918. www.peterson-grimsmochapel.com

Don passed away on 10/31/21 in Big Lake, MN.

Preceded by parents, Wilbur (Margaret) McVeigh, and Beulah (Rollin) Hobill; sister Kathy Mitchell; and son Jerry Donald McVeigh. Survived by wife of 44 years, Judy; children James McVeigh, Charlene M. Stearns, and Lyall Stearns; sister Sandy (Dean) Eddy; daughter-in-law Louann McVeigh; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives & friends.



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Probates

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case No. 71-PR-21-107
Case Type: Probate
Estate of
Diane M. Zeller,
Decedent.**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND AP-
POINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NO-
TICE TO CREDITORS**

**TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is given that an Ap-
plication for Informal Probate of
Will and Informal Appointment
of Personal Representative has
been filed with the Registrar. The
Court has accepted the application
and appointed Tammy Ott, 17075
Co. Rd. 13, Nevis, MN 56467, to
serve as personal representative of
the decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other
interested person may be enti-
tled 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 other-
wise, 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: 10/20/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka
Sherburne Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Representa-
tive:

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 71-PR-21-146
Case Type: Informal Probate
In RE the Estate of
Lawrence Edward Schulze,
Decedent (Deceased Person).**

**Notice of Informal Appoint-
ment of Personal Representative
and Notice to Creditors (With-
out a Will)**

**TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is hereby given that an
application for informal appoint-
ment of personal representative
has been filed with the Probate
Registrar. No Will has been pre-
sented for probate. The applica-
tion has been granted.

Notice is also given that the
Probate Registrar has informally
appointed the following:

Name: David Henry Schulze
Address: 3411 W 88th Street –
Bloomington MN 55431

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.

Notice is also given that, sub-
ject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all
creditors having claims against the
Estate are required to present the
claims to the Personal Representa-
tive or to the Court Administrator
within four (4) months after the
date of this Notice, or the claims
will be barred.

Dated: 10/18/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka
Sherburne Court Administrator
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE**

**Court File No. 71-PR-21-160
Estate of Matthew Thomas
Eiden,**

**a/k/a Matthew T. Eiden,
a/k/a Matthew Eiden,
Decedent.**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND AP-
POINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NO-
TICE TO CTEDITORS**

Notice is given that an applica-
tion for informal probate of the
Decedent's Will, dated August 14,
2020 ("Will") has been filed with
the Registrar. The application has
been granted.

Notice is also given that
the Registrar has informally ap-
pointed Mary Bergley, whose
address is 3819 225th Lane NW,
St. Francis, MN 55070 as per-
sonal 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 rep-
resentative. Unless objections are
filed with the Court (pursuant to
Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the
Court otherwise orders, the per-
sonal representative has full power
to administer the Estate, including,
after 30 days from the date of issu-
ance of letters, the power to sell,
encumber, lease, or distribute real
estate.

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

Notice is also given that (sub-
ject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all
creditors having claims against
said Estate are required to present
the claims to the personal repre-
sentative or to the Court Adminis-
trator within four months after the
date of this Notice or the claims
will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may
request notice of the probate pro-
ceedings be given to the Attorney
General pursuant to Minn. Stat.
501B.41, subd.5.

Dated: 10/27/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka
Sherburne Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Represen-
tative
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
SHERBURNE COUNTY
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number: 71-PR-21-
135**

**Case Type: Formal Unsuper-
vised**

Notice of Remote Zoom Hearing
In re the Estate of Laurence John
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Dated: November 2, 2021
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istrator

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

Court File No. 71-PR-21-166

**Estate of Stanley Edward Peter-
son,
Decedent.**

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL AND AP-
POINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NO-
TICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is
given that on 12/9/2021, AT 3:00
pm, a hearing will be held in this
Court at 13880 Business Center
Drive NW, Elk River, Minnesota,
for the formal probate of an instru-
ment purporting to be the Will of
the Decedent dated, July 8, 2014,
("Will"), and for the appointment
of David Edward Peterson, whose
address is 3916 N. Potsdam Ave-
nue, #428, Sioux Falls, SD 57104,
as Personal Representative of the
Estate of the Decedent in an UN-
SUPERVISED administration.
Any objections to the petition must
be filed with the Court prior to or
raised at the hearing. If proper and
if no objections are filed or raised,
the Personal Representative will
be appointed with full power to
administer the Estate including the
power to collect all assets, to pay
all legal debts, claims, taxes and
expenses, to sell real and personal
property, and to do all necessary
acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (sub-
ject to Minnesota Statutes section
524.3-801) all creditors having
claims against the Estate are re-
quired to present the claims to the
Personal Representative or to the
Court Administrator within four
months after the date of this Notice
or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT

Dated: 11/02/2021

/s/ Gina DeVilbiss Hendry
Court Administration Deputy
Attorney for Petitioner
Jan C. Larson

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CentraCare-Monticello Public Notices

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
MONTICELLO-BIG LAKE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
DISTRICT**

Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital District will hold
a regular Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 11,
2021, at 6 p.m. Due to the global pandemic, board members, pre-
sentrers, and members of the public are encouraged to attend the
meeting virtually. Email karleen.janssen@centracare.com for a
virtual meeting link.
Linda Kappel, Chair
(Published in the *Patriot*: 11/06/21).

Township Public Notices

**Becker Joint Planning Board
ORDINANCE 2021-05
AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT
14933 RIVER STREET SOUTHEAST FROM AGRICUL-
TURE (AG) GENERAL RURAL (GR)**

The Becker Joint Planning Board so ordains:

Section 1.

The Official Becker Joint Planning Board Zoning Map shall be
amended as follows:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter
of Section 5, Township 33, Range 28, Sherburne County, Minne-
sota described as follows: Commencing at a point on the west line
of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter distant 272.14
feet south of the northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the
Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 12 seconds
East parallel with the north line of said Northeast Quarter of the
Northwest Quarter, a distance of 237.29 feet; thence South 68 de-
grees 01 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 375 feet to the point
of beginning of the tract to be described; thence North 35 degrees
East to the intersection with the north line of said Northeast Quarter
of the Northwest Quarter; thence easterly along said north line to
the intersection of a line parallel with the east line of said Northeast
Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and 350 feet distant west thereof;
thence south along said parallel line to the intersection with a line
running South 68 degrees 01 minutes 44 seconds East and through
the point of beginning; thence North 68 degrees 01 minutes 44 sec-
onds West to the point of beginning.

Together with an easement for driveway purposes over and
across the west 33 feet of the North 272.14 feet of the said North-
east Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; and over and across a strip
of land 33 feet in width the south line of which is described as fol-
lows: Commencing at a point on the west line of the said Northeast
Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, 272.14 feet south of
the northwest corner thereof; thence east parallel with the north line
of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, a distance
of 237.29 feet; thence southeasterly on a line terminating at a point
on the east line of said Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter
695.66 feet south of the northeast corner thereof to a point 350 feet
west of said east line and there terminating.

Shall be rezoned General Rural (GR) from Agriculture (AG).

Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and pub-
lication.

Adopted this 26th day of October, 2021.

Brad Wilkening, Chairperson

Attest: Lucinda Messman, Town Clerk

(Published in the *Patriot*: 11/06/21).

**Becker Joint Planning Board
ORDINANCE 2021-06
AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT
14975 RIVER STREET SOUTHEAST FROM AGRICUL-
TURE (AG) GENERAL RURAL (GR)**

The Becker Joint Planning Board so ordains:

Section 1.

The Official Becker Joint Planning Board Zoning Map shall be
amended as follows:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter
(NE-1/4 of NW-1/4) of Section Five (5), Township 33, Range 28,
described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the West line of the said Northeast
Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE-1/4 of NW-1/4), a distance
of 272.14 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; thence South
89 deg. 20' 12" East and parallel with the North line of the said
Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE-1/4 of NW-1/4) a
distance of 237. 29 feet; thence South 68 deg. 1' 44" East a distance
of 375 feet to the point of beginning of the tract to be described;
thence North 35 deg. East to the intersection with the North line
of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE-1/4 of
NW-1/4); thence Easterly along said North line to the intersection
thereof with a line running parallel with the East line of the said
Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE-1/4 of the NW-
1/4) and 350 feet distant West thereof; thence South on and said
parallel line to the intersection with a line running South 68 deg. 1'
44" East and through the point of beginning; thence North 68 deg.
1' 44" West to the point of beginning.

Shall be rezoned General Rural (GR) from Agriculture (AG).

Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and pub-
lication.

Adopted this 26th day of October, 2021.

Brad Wilkening, Chairperson

Attest: Lucinda Messman, Town Clerk

(Published in the *Patriot*: 11/06/21).

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Sherburne County Board of Commissioners October 19, 2021 - County Board Meeting Minutes Call to Order

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on October 19, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Chair was at 9:00am.

- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda
- Burandt/Dolan were unanimous to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended with Consent Item 3.5's Joint Powers Agreement approval to include the townships of Orrock, Blue Hill, Clear Lake and Santiago.

Consent Agenda

Fobbe/Burandt unanimous to approve Consent Agenda as amended.

- Approved Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2021.
- Approved Workshop Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2021.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update and Recommended Approvals and Expenditures. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

Approved the bi-weekly ARPA related expenditures:

- Expenses less than \$50,000 totaling \$15,728.53 (On file.)

Joint Powers Agreement with Orrock Township for Prosecution of Township Public Safety Ordinances. Attorney

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

- Approved a Joint Powers Agreement with Orrock, Blue Hill, Santiago, and Clear Lake Townships for prosecution of the Township public safety issues and authorized the County Attorney to execute the same.

Auditor-Treasurers Monthly Report for September 2021. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

- Received and accepted the September 2021 Financial Report from the County Auditor-Treasurer.

Commissioner & Manual Warrants. Auditor / Treasurer

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

- September 30, 2021 Manual Warrants \$7,238.00
- October 1, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$1,015,147.66
- October 1, 2021 Manual Warrants \$1,496.32
- October 8, 2021 Commissioner Warrants ARPA \$70,000.00
- October 8, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$2,631,442.71
- October 8, 2021 Manual Warrants BMO Harris Peard Sept 2021 \$35,387.43
- October 2, 2021 Manual Warrants \$9,314.25

Contract with Premier Biotech for Oral Drug Testing. Health & Human Services

Jodi Heurung-Dick

- Approved a contract for oral drug testing with Premier Biotech. The agreement shall be in effect from November 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. (On file.)

Housing Support Agreement for CommonBond Communities. Health & Human Services

Tony Masters

- Approved the Housing Support Agreement for CommonBond Communities. This agreement has a term of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (On file.)

Local ARMHS Certification for Northwest Solution Services. Health & Human Services

Tony Masters, Social Services Manager

- Approved Local ARMHS Certification for Northwest Solution Services. (On file.)

Submission of an Application to Provide Services for the DHS' Long Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund Program. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

- Approved the submission of an application to the DHS in Response to a Request for Proposals for grantees to provide services for the department's Long Term Homeless Supportive Services Fund Program.

09-29-21 HHS OBO Warrants. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved HHS OBO Warrants as follows:

- September 29, 2021 HHS OBO Warrants \$6,189.08

HHS ADMIN 10/8/2021. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved HHS Admin Warrants as follows:

- October 8, 2021 Warrants \$24,716.91

2022-2023 Biennial Services Agreement for the Minnesota Family Investment Program. Health & Human Services

Gina Anderson, Economic Supports Manager

- Approved the 2022-2023 Biennial Services Agreement for the Minnesota Family Investment Program. Term of the agreement shall commence on January 1, 2022 and end on December 31, 2023.

MPCA - SSTS Clean Water Fund Grant Award and BWSR Low Income SSTS Upgrade Grant for 2022. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Accepted three (3) septic system grants awards: MPCA base grant, MPCA low income grant and BWSR low income grant through the Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG), and allowed the County Zoning Administrator to sign the grant agreement(s), subject to final County Attorney review and approval of said grant agreement(s) as to form.

Revocation of Conditional Use Permit at the Request of Property Owner. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Approved Resolution101921-AD-2067 for the Revocation of an existing Conditional Use Permit, at the request of property owners. (On file.)

CRRSAA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) Funds. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Approved and accepted CRRSAA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) funds in the amount of \$221,600.00.

3-year Cross Country Ski Trail Grooming Agreement with the City of Becker. Public Works

Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator

- Approved the 3-year contract to provide cross country ski trail grooming for the City of Becker Trail system, with agreed-upon hourly compensation. This agreement will start November 1, 2021 and end April 30, 2024. City will pay the County \$85.00 per hour for trail grooming services provided.

Update on US 169 and CSAH 4 Interchange Request for Proposals (RFP). Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Information was provided to the County Board on RFP release for the final design of the Zimmerman Interchange. (On file.)

Annual Sherburne County Area United Way Campaign. Recorder

Michelle Ashe, County Recorder

Approved support of the annual Sherburne County Area United Way (SCAUW) campaign, to include:

1. Sherburne County Area United Way payroll deduction information given to employees;
2. Sale of quarterly Sherburne County Area United Way dress down stickers, to be used with Supervisor approval;
3. Raffle or Silent Auction for donated gift cards from local businesses;

Announcements

- County Administrator Bruce Messelt provided the Board with updates on roofing and floor projects, the completion of Zimmerman Property land sale, Economic Development Authority meeting and hosting District 5 meeting on 10/25, federal lobbyist update

Public Hearing

Public Hearing - Consider Revisions to All Services and Fee Schedule. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 9:07am. There was no public comment. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:08am. Discussion and regarding recommended approval of revisions to the Sherburne County All Services and Fee Schedule, reflecting changes in fees in County Attorney, Community Corrections, Health & Human Services, Public Works, Recorder, Planning & Zoning, and IT. Dolan/Burandt were unanimous to approve the revisions to the Sherburne County All Services and Fee Schedule, reflection changes in fees in County Attorney, Community Corrections, Health & Human Services, Public Works, Recorder, Planning & Zoning, and IT. Fee schedule changes will go into effect January 1, 2022.

Open Forum

No one was present for comment.

Regular Agenda

Annual Northstar Operations Update from Metropolitan Council. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Annual Northstar Operations Update from Metropolitan Council

members Wes Kooistra, Ed Petrie, and Anthony Hebert. Hebert presented operation updates and the impacts COVID has had on operations and ridership numbers. An update on federal relief funds, 2022 projection of revenue and expenses, and ridership forecasts. The group also discussed the future of Northstar and its partnerships.

Update from the University of MN Extension Office. Administration

Lori Vicich, Regional Director

- Regional Director Lori Vicich presented an update of the University of MN Extension Office to the Board. Discussion was had on memorandums of agreements and partnerships. Local Sherburne County farmer Carla Mertz of Princeton shared why Extension is important to her family and other farmers within the Sherburne County community.

Publication of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for Planning & Zoning Permitting System. Planning & Zoning

Carrie Winter, Office Supervisor

- Schmiesing/Dolan were unanimous to approve with modifications the publication of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for New Permitting Software for Planning & Zoning with the added language of comparable functionality to 2.2 Scope of Work Item C. (On file.)

Google/AO Docs Contract and Five-Year Cost of Ownership. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

- Dolan/Fobbe were unanimous to approve the Google/AO Docs Contract and Five-Year Cost of Ownership at a cost of \$600,000 that shall commence on October 19, 2021. (On file.)

Open Ditch Authority Meeting

Approval of Ditch Authority Agenda. Administration

Bonnie Jacobs, Property Tax Manager

- Fobbe/Schmiesing were unanimous to approve the Ditch Authority Agenda as presented.

Drainage Technician's Report. Auditor / Treasurer

Mike Lindenau, County Ditch Inspector

- Ditch Inspector Mike Lindenau presented the Board with the Drainage Technician's Report. Lindenau presented on underground pipes along Ditch 28. Video of the pipes was presented to show the pipes' condition. Schmiesing/Burandt were unanimous in accepting the report as presented.

Close Ditch Authority Meeting, Open Closed Session

Closed Meeting For Ongoing Litigation. Attorney

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

- The Board and staff entered into Closed Session to provide information from outside counsel Re: Kruse vs. Sherburne County.

Close Closed Session, Open Closed Session

Closed Meeting For Ongoing Litigation. Attorney

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

- The Board and staff entered into Closed Session to provide information from outside counsel Re: Nordby vs. Sherburne County.

Close Closed Session, Break Reconvene Regular Agenda

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Direction from Closed Session. Administration

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

- Burandt/Dolan were unanimous to approve the settlement in Norby v Sherburne County in the sum of \$125,000 with a County contribution of \$75,000 toward the settlement.

Commissioner Correspondence, Committee Reports, Upcoming Meetings, Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Burandt - CAMHI, Elk River City Council Meeting for 169 Corridor, Healthy Mn Meeting, Sherburne County Association of Townships Meeting, COVID Steering Meeting, Strategic Planning Meeting.

Commissioner Fobbe - East Central Regional Juvenile Center Meeting, CMJTS, SCAT, Baldwin Broadband, Strategic Planning, Workforce Development Board Meeting, Government Relations Meeting, Met with Livonia Township to talk about broadband, Soil & Water Board Meeting and Workshop, Met with Baldwin Townships to discuss broadband, Water Plan Advisory Committee,

Commissioner Dolan - Will relay correspondence at the November 2nd County Board Meeting.

Commissioner Schmiesing -Strategic Planning Meeting, Sherburne Association of Townships

Commissioner Danielowski - ATP 3 Planning Meeting, Mediation Session, City of Big Lake Workshop on County Road 43, Sherburne County Association of Townships Meeting, APO Meeting, Blandin Broadband Conference via Zoom

Adjourn Regular Meeting, Recess

Reconvene, Open Workshop

Adjourn Workshop

HHS OBO Warrants

9/29/21 1,590.03

1,194.17

659.77

662.64

1,080.80

315.00

686.67

6,189.08

Manual Warrants

9/30/21 7,238.00

7,238.00

Commissioner Warrants

10/1/21 729,871.77

157,995.32

3,770.21

62,035.11

22,323.25

35,952.00

3,200.00

Manual Warrants

10/1/21 1,496.32

1,496.32

Commissioner Warrants

10/8/21 283,368.56

2,124,098.50

50.80

49,530.40

44,436.35

33.75

115,470.73

2,529.64

11,923.98

2,631,442.71

Manual Warrants BMO Harris Peard

10/8/21 29,668.82

2,149.03

21.17

425.97

167.94

700.00

2,254.50

35,387.43

Commissioner Warrants APRA

10/8/21 70,000.00

70,000.00

Manual Warrants

10/8/21 9,314.25

9,314.25

Audit Warrants

10/8/21 2,800.00

425.97

976.91

1,275.00

3,500.00

500.00

360.00

1,933.66

303.88

400.00

2,622.94

1,787.26

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374.04

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3,732.31

24,716.91

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Board Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator

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Sherburne County Board of Commissioners October 19, 2021 - County Board Workshop Minutes The Board Chair opened the County Board Workshop Meeting. ARPA Priority Discussion. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator, Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

Assistant County Administrator Dan Weber led a discussion of future ARPA program priorities with the County Board. Items discussed were as follows:

- Pandemic Related Internal Cost
- Internal Capital & Security Costs
- Additional Staffing Costs
- Targeted Program Costs
- Miscellaneous Costs
- Broadband
- Next Steps

HHS Director Amanda Larson presented integrated services and where the future is taking those services.

Adjourn Workshop Meeting

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Board Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved For Payment 9/27/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
State Of Minnesota	2,213.75
3 Payments less than 2000	5,024.25
Final Total:	7,238.00

(Published in the Patriot: 11/06/21).

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved On 10/08/2021 For Payment 10/08/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Bobco Systems Inc	20,000.00
Carousell Works Inc	10,000.00
French Twist Salon & Boutique Inc	10,000.00
Marvel Nutrition	10,000.00
Paragon Store Fixtures	20,000.00
Final Total:	70,000.00

(Published in the Patriot: 11/06/21).

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved On 10/08/2021 For Payment 10/08/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
AAA Striping Service Inc	21,835.68
Alicia Dabrowski & Mark's Sewer Service	9,500.00
All Seasons Garage Door	2,594.14
AT & T Mobility	12,909.19
Bob Barker Company	3,018.08
Boe Electrical Contractors	3,980.00
Bogart Pederson & Associates	7,200.00
Braun Intertec Corp	25,622.50
Bureau Of Criminal Apprehension	6,625.00
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	10,310.00
Fredrick Street & Septic Check	19,262.00
Guardian Fleet Safety	5,082.11
Helmin Construction	4,000.00
Joel & Jennifer Lorentz	6,720.00
Keefe Supply Company	15,853.14
Knife River	1,458,733.12
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	16,022.83
MCCC LOCKBOX	7,661.10
MnD Correctional Care, PLLC	191,969.29
MN Department of Agriculture	22,205.00
Mn Dept of Labor & Industry	2,195.48
New Look Contracting Inc	466,841.52
Office Of MN.IT Services	2,373.27
Regents Of The University Of Minnesota	20,814.00
Robert Morafka & Steinbrecher Companies	20,000.00
Selg Farm, LLC	39,700.00
SkyNorth Software	3,150.00
Snap On Industrial	4,711.48
Split Rock Management Inc	6,450.00
Stearns County Environmental Services	2,244.64
Streichers Inc	22,576.19
Summit Food Service, LLC	17,164.42
US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	5,086.40
Warzecha Auto Works, Inc	3,055.41
Wells Fargo	7,879.00
West Central Indexing	35,009.00
Wiley Reber Law	5,400.00
Ziegler Inc	70,903.60
100 Payments less than 2000	44,785.12
Final Total:	2,631,442.71

(Published in the Patriot: 11/06/21).

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved For Payment 10/07/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
State Of Minnesota	2,048.00
5 Payments less than 2000	7,266.25
Final Total:	9,314.25

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Public Notices

Sherburne County Public Notices

Planning and Zoning Administration NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sherburne County **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION** will meet at **6:00 P.M. November 18, 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.

Julie Weitz: Request an Interim Use Permit for a Home Business in an Accessory Building-Dog Training Business. PID #25-036-2205. Legal Desc: The S 440 ft of NW 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 36, Twp 35, Rge 30, Haven Township. 14.22 acres in the Agricultural District.

Lakeside Investments MN LLC: Request Preliminary and Final Standard Simple Plat of "THE SHORES OF CANTLIN LAKE" consisting of (1) lot. PID #01-028-3222. Legal Desc: That part of SE ¼ of NW ¼ (full legal on file). Sec 28, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 31.68 acres in the General Rural Zoning District and within the Natural Environmental Shoreland Overlay District of Cantlin Lake.

Nicholas Greenlee (Property Owner Nicholas Greenlee & Cassandra Greenlee): Request an Interim Use Permit for Home Business in an Accessory Building-Marine Repair. PID #35-030-1405. Legal

Desc: N 20 RDS of SE 1-4(full legal on file). Sec 30, Twp 34, Rge 27, Orrock Township. 10 acres in the General Rural District.

Andy & Jolene Thelen: Request to Amend Existing Conditional Use Permit for a Riding Stable and Horse Boarding Facility. PID #10-302-1200. Legal Desc: The SE ¼ of NW ¼ (full legal on file). Sec 2, Twp 33, Rge 28, Big Lake Township. 34.24 acres in the General Rural 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 December 14, 2021 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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IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2022 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 31, 2021.

What is a qualifying relative?

For unoccupied agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.

For occupied agricultural or residential property, a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 31, 2021.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 31, 2021 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

Sherburne County Assessor's Office (763) 765-4900 or 1-800-438-0577
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Vendor Name	Amount
Amazing Grace Recovery Services LLC	2,670.30
Centerpoint Energy	13,830.15
CGW Law Office	4,900.00
City Of St Cloud	21,525.25
Connexus Energy	7,408.63
Creative Adventure Lab	25,000.00
Degolier Quality Painting Inc	3,230.00
DLT Solutions, LLC	20,201.56
Edinger/Richard	2,673.84
Elk River Municipal Utilities	80,903.87
Garratt-Callahan Co	5,702.40
Granite Electronics Inc	4,672.21
Great River Regional Library	340,065.50
Innovative Office Solutions, LLC	5,065.27
Keefe Supply Company	7,712.00
McKesson Medical Surgical Government	6,981.16
Meyer Contracting, Inc	28,851.45
Motorsota LLC	122,635.00
NCIC Inmate Communications	50,158.89
Omnicare Inc	4,887.59
Sherburne Co Agriculture Soc	8,287.50
Sherburne Co Historical Society	43,900.00
Sherburne Co Swcd	79,733.50
State Treasurer	35,952.00
Stearns County Environmental Services	2,938.00
Streamworks LLC	12,768.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	14,696.04
Tyler Investigative Services	2,249.62
Wiley Reber Law	7,850.00
Windstream	2,036.11
97 Payments less than 2000	45,661.82
Final Total:	1,015,147.66

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved For Payment 10/08/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
OBO Amazon	5,115.02
OBO Dacotah Paper	2,474.10
OBO Dell	5,014.77
67 Payments less than 2000	22,783.54
Final Total:	35,387.43

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved For Payment 10/01/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
1 Payments less than 2000	1,496.32
Final Total:	1,496.32

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Wright County Sheriff's Activity Report Period Ending Nov. 1, 2021

Oct. 25: Matthew John Koivisto, 33, no permanent address, was arrested in St. Michael - charges of fleeing law enforcement & theft. Victoria Lynn Prince-Esmond, 38, of Buffalo, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant for 3rd degree sale of controlled substance violation. Angela Ann Ostwald, 49, of Monticello, was arrested in Polk Co. - Wright Co. warrant for terroristic threat violations.

Oct. 26: Joshua Harley Thompson, 34, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 3rd degree DWI test refusal. Derek James Painschab, 30, of Buffalo, was arrested in Waverly - charge of introduction of contraband into jail. Eric Robert Scott, 40, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - Sherburne Co. warrant for driver's license violations.

Oct. 27: Lester Buckie Mondeth, 24, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Washington Co. - Wright Co. warrant for driving after revocation violations. Edward Anthony Minerich, 42, of Duluth, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - Wright Co. warrant for 3rd degree DWI violations. Kenneth Ray Beckett, 44, of Albertville, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Alexander John Odegaard, 34, of Otsego, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant for possession of pornographic work violations. Diego Hernandez Chavez, 43, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - charge of domestic assault.

Oct. 28: Christopher Quinn Brenny, 53, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Andrew John Heitzman, 36, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant for violation of harassment restraining order. Shawn Michael Angevine, 21, of Randall, was arrested in Morrison Co. - Wright Co. warrant for drug violations. Joseph Manasseh Johnson, 27, of Minneapolis, was arrested Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrant for theft violations.

Oct. 29: Javier Mata, 39, of Portage, IN, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 3rd degree DWI refusal to test. Nicholas Robert Adney, 38, of San Antonio, TX, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant for 1st degree criminal sexual conduct. Bobby Thornton, 43,

of St. Paul, was arrested in Washington Co. - Wright Co. warrant for receiving stolen property violations. Turner Ray Quilling, 27, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - Wright Co. warrant for 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Pathoumma Morris, 49, of Eau Claire, WI, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of 2nd degree DWI & Crow Wing Co. warrant - theft by swindle. Shai Trouble Kerzel Edwards, 28, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 5th degree assault. Danielle Raney Ford, 31, of St.

Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant for violation of domestic abuse no contact order. **Oct. 30:** Javier Rubio, 34, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Troy Duane Engels, 55, of Monticello, was arrested in Otsego - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Kimberly Anne Duffney, 32, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrants for 1st degree criminal damage to property, 5th degree possession of controlled substance, theft & disorderly conduct. McLeod

conduct, McLeod and tampering with motor vehicle, Hennepin Co. & Stearns Co. warrants for false information to law enforcement, Kandiyohi Co. & Morrison Co. warrants for theft, & Mille Lacs Co. warrant for fleeing law enforcement. Cory Steven Sund, 35, of Avon, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant for domestic assault violations. Grace Kelly Scanlon, 23, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 2nd degree DWI.

Oct. 31: Joseph James Sufka, 36, of Clearwater, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrants for theft & 4th degree assault violations.

There were 22 property damage accidents, 5 personal injury accidents, 6 hit & run accidents & 13 car deer accidents.

There were 3 arrests for DWI, no underage consumption arrests, 2 school bus stop arm violations & 69 tickets for miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.



Good Luck Hunters - Safe Travels

