

Clearwater Twp. debates proposed road project procedures

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

The Clearwater Twp. Board of Supervisors held a long discussion on a proposed road project planning procedure during their December meeting.

Chairperson Rose Thelen stated that a procedure is about visibility and transparency and began the discussion with a review of her draft procedure; Bill Langenbacher also submitted a draft.

Thelen's procedure began projects with a road review and the supervisors discussing it at the next meeting. Before a decision is made the township informs residents so they can come to the next meeting and give their input. After that the board decides if the project is a go.

Concerns about sections of the proposal came up quickly, the largest regarding when residents when be notified of the upcoming road projects and whether they needed a written notification, and the fact that the board needs to start looking at potential road projects three to five years

in advance for budgeting purposes.

Mike Ludenia indicated that property owners are concerned with what will happen to their property during a road project, but if they're brought in that early the board won't have answers for them. He advised they only be notified of new projects, not road maintenance, as they're two different entities.

Clerk Jean Just suggested including upcoming road projects in the township's newsletter and letting residents know where they can find additional information on the website and proposed notifying people when a project is going to be done, not when making decisions on it.

Langenbacher and Supervisor Scott Miller both recommended projects be brought up at the township's annual meeting after the board had decided on them.

As the board couldn't come to an agreement the proposed road project planning procedure was tabled.

Huber Ave.

Mark Sitzmeyer approached the board to discuss problems that are



MARK SITZMEYER explains problems that are occurring along north Huber Ave. that are caused by increased traffic. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

occurring along north Huber Ave. due to increased traffic from the Cedar South development. He explained that the road is constantly being torn up by the traffic, which has gotten so heavy that the chloride put down in the summer for dust control doesn't last long.

The board agreed to look into possible solutions, starting with a traffic counter.

Grants Update

Just and Langenbacher researched the noxious and invasive weed grant and determined there isn't enough time to gather all the information needed before the due date. The township will keep note of the grant for next year.

The board briefly discussed areas that needed spraying, including buckthorn along Huber Ave., and agreed it would be best to hire a licensed operator rather than have Mike Ludenia do the work.

The township received another \$3,300 from the ARP grant as some townships didn't apply for the funding. A brief discussion was once again held on potential purchases; Just is

waiting for advice from the MN Assoc. of Twps.

Other Business

The board reviewed their recent road tour and discussed a number of road projects that should be considered, including 150th up to Huber Ave., the bank on the east side of Grover Ave. Re-chip sealing Ray's Addition, 160th, Filmore, Evans, and Elder (with Silver Creek Twp.) needs to be done next year, which will take up a large portion of the year's road budget.

A motion carried approving the final fire contract with the City of Clearwater and Lynden Twp.

A motion carried approving a six-month contract with Innovative Cleaning Service, to be reviewed at the end of the six months.

A motion carried approving gambling permits for Silver Bullet Saddle Club.

The next Clearwater Twp. meeting will be Jan. 3 at 7 p.m.

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LARRY SPERR, part owner of Russell's sold to Willy McCoy's. (Patriot photo by Shelley Berthiaume).

for Russell's On the Lake would close for good, Larry shared his thoughts.

Bittersweet.
"It has been a good experience," said Larry.

This reporter asked, "What are you going to miss the most?"

He replied, "My staff, they have been great. I could always count on them. And, of course, the people in the community. They have been wonderful and welcoming."

Owning a business is always tough. Would Sperr do it again if he had the chance?

"Yes, I have no regrets," he said. "I gave it a shot and had success. It's time for a new chapter. I am going to take a month off to relax and figure out what the new chapter is going to be."

This reporter walked through Russell's On the Lake one last time and noticed there was a big group having lunch. The Vitale and Shaughnessy families were having their annual holiday celebration and they posed for a photo or two and answered a few questions.

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sota.

On a typical day, Neumann says he rides with an officer doing mundane activities such as traffic stops. Occasionally, Neumann and the officer will respond to a call, not always mental health related. Neumann says when his services are not needed, he still tries to do his best to help the officers or the citizens as best he can.

As an example, he related a recent case they'd responded to. It was a health call, and Neumann made it a point to hold the door for the medical responders and show them the correct apartment. When they were done and about to leave with the patient, he asked her whether he could do anything to help, and she asked him to feed her cat.

But when a mental health call comes in, that's when Neumann's services are best put to use.

When responding to a mental health crisis, Neumann says the police will secure the scene to make sure he is safe. Neumann will go in and talk to the individual in crisis, offering on scene counseling. He'll follow that up by showing them the resources available, and ensuring the

individual gets the help they need. Finally, Neumann will follow up with the individual later in the week, usually by stopping by in person, but using email or phone if that isn't possible.

Those who are experiencing a mental health crisis can call the Sherburne County crisis line at 763-765-4000. Other resources for those in crisis are easily found with an online search.

Of course, if the situation is critical, it is a good idea to call 911.

"It's a very good idea to get someone else involved," said Neumann.

If a friend or family member (or even oneself) is showing signs of a desire to harm themselves, it is always ok to call 911.

"A mental health crisis is a medical emergency, and it needs to be treated seriously," Neumann stated.

Neumann cannot personally respond to every mental health crisis, but he says that the officers servicing Sherburne County are surprisingly more adept than most officers Neuman has worked with at handling mental health cases.

"They're good listeners," he said. "They can de-escalate

the situation."

Of course, even if Neumann is not on the scene, the officers may ask him to follow up with the individual later in the week.

Neuman and the departments he works with are considering a change to the system in the next few weeks. Neumann will be given his own police vehicle, and will be on call for all jurisdictions during his work day. Neumann hopes this means he will be able to respond to more mental health calls and be better able to help those who need it.

"It's all about the team," Neuman said, when reflecting on these past several months.

He states that the officers are well trained for their jobs and that he is just another resource to help get the best care possible to those who are in need of it.

Neumann is originally from Clear Lake. He still lives in the area with his fiancée. He has two adult sons, one in law enforcement and one in the performing arts.

Area News

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Olivia Stockham



Tyler Dehmer



Hannah Strom



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Phil Collins from Collins Brothers Towing is pictured with Tyler Dehmer. When asked about the Youth Apprenticeship Program, Collins said "I think it is a great thing for the kids, businesses and community!"



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Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following information was submitted to the Patriot by the Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety).

A 61-year-old man from Buffalo died after a crash on Hwy. 55 Monday afternoon. The man was identified as Doug Richard Long of Buffalo.

According to a crash report from the Minnesota State Patrol, an 18-year-old Buffalo man (Alex John Olson) rear ended Long's Buick Lesabre that had stopped to make a left turn from Hwy. 55 into a parking lot near Hwy. 25 just before 3:30 p.m. The impact pushed Long's Buick into oncoming traffic, where it was hit by a Chevy Impala, driven by an 86-year-old man from Maple Lake identified as Alex Paul Pachan. Pachan also had a passenger (Judith Ann Pachan, 81) and both were transported to the Buffalo Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Long suffered life-threatening injuries and was taken to the hospital, where he died. It was reported he was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident. Alcohol was not involved and the State Patrol was assisted by Allina Ambulance, Buffalo Fire, Buffalo Police Department, Wright County Sheriff and the MN DNR.

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Feeling sentimental while decorating our Christmas tree, I reflect on the bittersweet memories of Christmases past, and loved ones who've passed. Pressing on in the second year of an historic pandemic, some of us may feel weary during the joyous season. This time of year can be difficult when struggling with added pressure, grieving losses, or financial strain. I pray that we will bear this in mind when interacting with others, everywhere we go. You never know what someone may be going through. Let us be intentional in extending patience, grace and mercy to one another, letting God's light shine. Our family is grieving the recent loss of my dear father-in-law, Max. He left us last week for his heavenly home, a sad time for family and just before Christmas. We sure are going to miss him. Max was a larger-than-life character, truly one of a kind. Everywhere he went, he made friends. An enthusiastic antique tractor puller, he restored antique tractors to their former glory for folks all around the country. One friend said, "When it came to drag-racing and tractor pulling, Max could produce power!" As teens, my husband and I waited countless times while Max chatted



By Rev. Monica Parrish,
Contributing Writer

with people he'd just met, as though old friends. He was genuine, and took the time to get to know people, making an impact. A local christian radio station promotes kindness in the drive-through; you pay for the car behind you, blessing someone's day. I have personally been encouraged in my faith from this kind gesture.

During this past month, I have been reminded of the mercifulness of God. Aren't you so thankful that God is merciful? I know I am! I have found at times, while quietly carrying out a mundane chore, the Lord has ministered to my heart. While folding laundry one evening, a parable came to mind regarding the importance of showing mercy and forgiveness to others, considering the awesome mercy and forgiveness we have been shown by God, through the redeeming

blood of Christ.

Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor, Matthew 18:21-35, NLT

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"

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Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. His fellow servant fell down before him and

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Mental Health Care for Pregnancy Loss

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

We're finally making ice! I know last week's cold weather was unwelcome for some, but it's great to see snow Minnesota. As we move deeper into the holiday season, our minds shift to Christmas, family, and the New Year. Like you, I look forward to spending time with my family as we usher in 2022, but before that can happen, we have some legislative business to wrap up in Washington.

Minnesota's Wildlife

If you've spent time hunting or, you're probably familiar with Chronic Wasting Disease. Commonly referred to as CWD, this condition spreads quickly and threatens cervid populations if incorrectly managed. While CWD is thankfully rare in Minnesota, we must act quickly to stem the spread.

Last week, with my support, the House passed the Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act. This bill directs the U.S. Department of Agriculture to research and prevent CWD from infecting deer across the country. Measures like these will safeguard Minnesota's wildlife to be enjoyed by generations to come.

National Guard

This week marks the 381st anniversary of the founding of our National Guard. Founded in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1636, National Guardsmen and women are united in service to protect Americans at home and abroad.



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

Every day, the service members of our National Guard do the lifesaving work of responding to domestic emergencies like responding to natural disasters or conducting search-and-rescue missions. Some National Guardsmen and women also support American interests overseas, like the Minnesota National Guard's Task Force 1-194, which assisted in the evacuation of Kabul, Afghanistan earlier this year.

We owe a debt of gratitude to every American who serves. Earlier this month, my colleague Rep. Michelle Fischbach (MN-07) and I introduced legislation to honor three Minnesota Army National Guardsmen who tragically lost their lives in a December 2019 helicopter crash. Our bills will rename Minnesota Post offices after all three men, including Warrent Officer Candidate Kort M. Plantenberg from Avon.

On the anniversary of our National Guard's founding, we can reflect on the sacrifice of service members like Kort, who gave everything for the safety of our homeland.

Home Heating Costs

Last month, I asked you to share how rising home heating costs were impacting your life. An overwhelming 62% expressed that you've adjusted your household to accommodate the inflated cost of gas, electricity and propane.

Even if you haven't had to make room in your budget, you'll be paying more for these essentials. While rural and lower-income communities in Minnesota are being hit especially hard, Americans are now paying 54% more for propane, 43% more for home heating oil, 30% more for natural gas and 6% more for electric heating across the board.

The only way to truly fix this crisis is to implement policies that encourage strong domestic energy production and mend our broken supply chain. However, there are resources to help.

Minnesotans struggling to pay their home heating costs can receive assistance through the Minnesota Commerce Department's Energy Assistance Program. This program offers grants of \$300-\$2000 for Minnesotans in need.

It's no surprise that home heating costs aren't the only price that has increased this year. Just last week, key indicators reported that inflation was at a nearly 40-year-high. Stay tuned for my ongoing work to address this crisis...

A Closer Look at Massive State Surplus

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

A new economic forecast recently issued for Minnesota projects a state record \$7.7 billion budget surplus for the next two-year budget cycle.

That's \$7.7 billion – with a "B" – and it marks a dramatic turnaround from last year when there were mounting concerns our economy was falling off a cliff amid COVID-19 restrictions.

To the contrary, the latest report from Minnesota Management & Budget projection indicates "strong growth in income, consumer spending and corporate profits drove extraordinary revenue growth in FY 2021, and higher tax receipts to date in FY 2022 combine with an improved outlook for income, consumer spending and corporate profits to raise the revenue forecast for the current biennium."

Another factor is state spending is projected to actually decrease in some areas. For example, K-12 education – the largest single item in the state's budget – is forecast to experience reduced spending of over \$300 million. This is due, in part, to many families taking their children out of public schools and enrolling them elsewhere. It will be interesting to see if this is just a pandemic-related blip on the radar or a long-term trend.

Before we get into some of the other takeaways from our state's abundance



By Rep.
Shane Mekeland

of revenue, we should note this is only a forecast and much can happen between now and the June 30 end of the fiscal year.

That said, this massive surplus presents an opportunity to provide Minnesotans with meaningful tax relief during the 2022 session. And, while it should go without saying, \$7.7 billion in overcollected taxes should put to rest any proposals to raise taxes in the 2022 legislative session. Especially since inflation is at 30-year highs, gas prices are up 50 percent or more, utility bills are on the rise and simply putting food on the table costs more these days.

I am interested to hear from constituents regarding what we can do to provide maximum tax relief. Some people are advocating for full-on rebates. Bills will be presented to do that, even though the odds of passing such legislation seem quite slim given the current makeup of power at the Capitol.

Until the stars align, maybe a more realistic place we could start would

be to reduce – or, better yet, completely eliminate – the burdensome Social Security taxes our state places on senior citizens. Minnesota is an outlier in its taxation of these benefits for seniors as just one of 13 states to do so. We made progress by eliminating Social Security taxes for 250,000-plus Minnesotans in 2017, but it is time to finish the job.

A state surplus also should make it easier to spare our businesses from suffering an increase of 15 percent or more on Unemployment Insurance after record-setting claims depleted Minnesota's UI Trust Fund.

There's no reason to allow businesses already struggling with inflation and supply chain issues to suffer tax increases when Minnesota has more than \$1 billion in COVID relief money available on top of its \$7.7 billion surplus. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and it's not right to strap them with debt that accumulated largely because of restrictions placed upon them. Our mom-and-pop shops are still trying to dig out of the hole they were put in and the least we can do is prevent them from suffering a tax increase.

These are just some ways we could relieve the burden on Minnesotans instead of committing taxpayers to more long-term commitments by further expanding government. This discussion will be one to follow in the upcoming session.

Important Anniversary

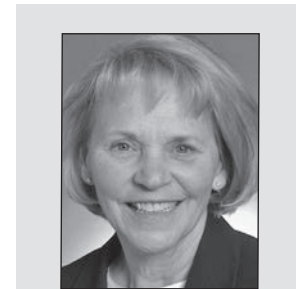
Friends and neighbors,

You may not know this, but December 13 marks an important anniversary. It is the date that is officially recognized as the birthdate of the National Guard.

It was on that date in 1636 that the Massachusetts Bay Colony's General Court issued an order to organize the colony's militia into three permanent regiments in order to strengthen the defenses of the colony. The descendants of these units are recognized as the oldest in the United States Military.

Minnesota's own National Guard was formed in 1850, but December 13, 1636, is the symbolic birth of the state, territory, and District of Columbia militias that make up the National Guard as we know it today.

The 13,000 soldiers and airmen who make up Minnesota's National Guard have been an important part of Minnesota's history, as well as global affairs. They are currently providing support at nursing homes battling Covid outbreaks. They have helped motorists stranded in snowstorms and battled wildfires in northern Minnesota. They helped restore peace during the unrest in Minneapolis and St. Paul in the spring of 2020. They were heavily involved in the Global War on Terror and the War in Iraq – 16 Minnesota National Guard soldiers lost their lives in the Iraq War, and 79 earned Purple Heart Medals due to injuries received in combat. They provided critical support in the immediate aftermath of the September 11 attacks, including combat air patrols and missions to safeguard airports. The list of critical missions they



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

have led goes on and on, back to 1850 – before Minnesota officially became a state.

Everything the National Guard is responsible for, from assisting in the aftermath of natural disasters to peacekeeping during riots to deploying overseas to missions critical to national security can all be traced back to the decision by the Massachusetts General Court's decision 385 years ago.

Happy birthday to the National Guard, and thank you for everything you have done to keep us safe.

Here are a few other interesting factoids about the National Guard, courtesy of their website:

What is the oldest Army National Guard Unit? The oldest Army National Guard units are the 101st Engineer Battalion, the 101st Field Artillery Regiment, the 181st Infantry Regiment, and the 182nd Infantry Regiment, all of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. These four units are the descendants of the original three militia regiments organized by colonial Massachusetts legislation on December 13, 1636, and share the distinction of being the oldest units in the U.S. military.

How can the Army National Guard be older than the Army? Our ability

to recognize December 13, 1636, as the organization date of the oldest Army National Guard units is based in law. The Militia Act of May 8, 1792, permitted militia units organized before May 8, 1792, to retain their "customary privileges." This provision of the militia act was perpetuated by the Militia Act of 1903, the National Defense Act of 1916, and subsequent law.

Mental health resources for the holiday season

The holiday season can be challenging for people who are struggling with their mental health or substance use disorders. It is important to be aware of your needs, take care of your health, manage your time, and take breaks when you need them.

Those are just a few of the steps you can take to manage the stress, anxiety, and grief that can accompany the holidays. RALI Minnesota – the prescription drug abuse leadership initiative – has a good list of additional tips and resources that might be helpful: <https://www.ralimn.org/single-post/supporting-loved-ones-during-the-holidays>.

Contact me

As always, if you have questions or concerns about the state budget or any other legislative topic, feel free to contact me any time. You can call me at 651-296-5655 or send me an email at sen.mary.kiffmeyer@senate.mn. It is a privilege to serve as your state senator.

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

We are residents of Orrock Township and receive **THE PATRIOT**. I got a chuckle over Bill Morgan's editorial titled " 'Tis the Season of Complaining." Bill's concluding comments about the Savior are appreciated! Well said! Although we tend to do more in Zimmerman, which is closer to us than Big Lake, and we have no children or grandchildren involved in activities at the local schools, it is still nice to have some inkling of what is going on in the area.

The recent article about the family who prepared more than 3,000 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas was very inspiring, and I think it gives people a sense of pride to learn of the good things that are going on in the Becker, Big Lake, Clear Lake, Clearwater and surrounding communities. So keep up the good work and don't bother with the naysayers! Merry Christmas to All!

Diane Baluczynski
Orrock Twp., MN



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Santiago board hears planning and zoning update

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Santiago Twp. Board met last Wednesday and spent a considerable portion of the meeting listening to an update on planning and zoning issues, as Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Administrator Lynn Waytashek and county staffer Jerome Doede were on hand to share information with the supervisors.

Waytashek began her presentation by reviewing the different divisions within her department, and then continued on to provide a summary of the work the county had done on behalf of the township.

Areas under her department's jurisdiction include building code enforcement, environmental review (such as Wetland Conservation Act), solid waste, and zoning. In 2021, Waytashek reported six new home building permits in Santiago, as well as two solid waste violations and 25 total septic system permits.

Doede reviewed the specifics of the county's Septic Compliance Program, which provides grants and loans for individuals and businesses who need to upgrade their septic systems. There are income guidelines for the programs, and assistance is available up to a maximum of \$5,000, or 33% of the cost of the upgrade or replacement.

Waytashek mentioned that the grant monies the county receives from the state is a "use it or lose it" type of funding so she en-

couraged residents to call her office and see if they may qualify for assistance.

She also mentioned that residents would be well-served to seek two quotes on any septic replacements, as her office sees thousands of dollars in variance between installation costs for systems that are specced out in similar fashion.

At the end of her presentation, the supervisors asked to review the zoning regulations for a home that was constructed at the east end of the western portion of 67th St. The township had never agreed to a driveway permit in the area, as the roadway has a cartway designation and there were concerns over how the building permit was issued by the county.

Chairman Stuart Nelson noted that the area is a peat bog and the cartway was never meant to be a thoroughfare. In his opinion, someone has messed up by issuing the building permit without a proper access to the parcel.

Waytashek had come prepared with the permit application and other materials, but there seemed to be some confusion over the status of the cartway and how access was gained to the home. Waytashek agreed to do some more checking on the easements being used and report back to the supervisors.

Sheriff/Fire

Sgt. Andy Ochs of the Sheriff's Office was at the meeting for his monthly report on the activities and calls for service in the area. In the past month, 61 calls were answered in the town-

ship, including 28 for traffic complaints or stops. The calls also included five for medical assistance and two vehicle/animal accidents.

The board had a few questions for the fire department, but no representative was present at the meeting. Chair Nelson instructed Clerk Kathy Woolard to reach out to the Becker Fire Department and request the Chief or an Assistant Chief be present at January's meeting, as there were a number of items that needed to be discussed. Further action on those pending items was tabled until the board could receive satisfactory responses to their questions.

Becker Reps

As has been the case at many meetings over the past year, Becker twp. representatives appeared at the meeting to discuss shared roadway projects. Robin Boros and Joe Danielson were present to "keep the lines of communication open" between the two entities and review future plans for 67th St.

Boros stated that Becker has budgeted for the work on 67th St. in the 2021 road plan and wanted to make sure progress was going to be made in the near future.

The Santiago supervisors noted that they had signed the roadway agreement last meeting, but now Becker was requesting a signature of the Santiago Twp. attorney to keep things moving and on track. Nelson agreed to seek out the attorney and see what could be done to satisfy the signature needs, and the board instructed Woolard to

keep in touch with Becker Clerk Lucinda Messman about the next steps in the process.

Supervisor Jeff Papenfus noted that Santiago is planning to do the culvert work as soon as possible and John Herbst has been working with Sherburne County on the plans moving forward.

The two boards decided to check in again in January or February to gauge the progress and plans for going out for a new set of bids in early 2022, a process that will be overseen by Santiago.

The Santiago board will meet next on January 12 at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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Palmer board hears zoning update from Sherburne County

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Palmer Twp. Board met Monday evening and tackled their usual agenda of road related issues, while also receiving an update on Sherburne County's zoning and planning efforts from Lynn Waytashek, the new administrator of that department.

Supervisor Steve Demeules wielded the gavel and served as Acting Chairman of the meeting, as typical chair Mike Ganz joined via video call along with Treasurer Roger Johnson.

Waytashek was joined by Jerome Doede, a county Environmental Specialist, as they reviewed the duties of their department, as well as data from 2021 that specifically related to the township.

In an average year, Sherburne's planning and zoning department answers 49,000 calls from residents on topics ranging from building permits to variances and solid waste complaints. Currently, they have electronic records dating back to 1970 which includes every permit issued by the county. A new RFP has been issued and the county hopes to implement a new system by 2023 that would be more user friendly and allow residents more electronic access to a variety of permitting services.

Both staffers encouraged residents to contact the office if they are planning to purchase or upgrade a home in the county because it is a good idea to check records and look for things such as flood plain boundaries, easements, right-of-ways and setback requirements.

Waytashek noted that Sherburne is one of the 21 out of 82 counties in MN that enforce the universal building code, and this helps to ensure safe building conditions for residents.



SUPERVISOR STEVE DEMEULES
served as Acting Chairman for Monday's Palmer Twp. Board meeting. (Patriot archive photo).

eral programs that can help with septic system replacement, as both grants and low interest loans are available. These are especially important topics around the lakes, as failing septic systems can have an adverse effect on water quality.

In Palmer itself, 2021 saw the issuance of 11 new home permits and 113 other building permits, which can include re-roofing, homeowner upgrades or remodeling projects. A total of 41 septic permits were issued, while 14 variances were granted along with 15 shoreline alteration permits.

Roads

One issue discussed was the sanding of roads and one resident asked if there was a township policy or adopted practice that pertained specifically to intersections. Demeules responded that the supervisors do their best to work with the road contractor to address slippery spots, but there is not a current policy mandating specific roadway treatments. The board agreed to look at the topic and consider what can be done in the name of safety.

Ganz brought up the issue of residents plowing snow across roadways and said he is even noticing it on county maintained thoroughfares. The practice is illegal and the township

will partner with the SCSO to create a flyer that can be used to educate residents. Citations can also be issued if the practice creates a road hazard or dangerous conditions.

The parking ordinance was also reviewed, as people are reverting to the practice of using road right-of-ways to park trailers and vehicles. This can create visual impairments for drivers and will be addressed by the sheriff's office.

Finally, the board discussed a drainage plan request from Tim Jarnot, who would like to expand his business. It will involve the installation of a storm drain to collect and disperse water to a township culvert on 104th St. The township will work with Jarnot to ensure that any potential erosion issues can be mitigated at the site, with the plan receiving unanimous approval.

Sheriff

Commander Bob Stangler presented the SCSO statistics for November which showed 84 calls for service, compared to 53 in 2020 and 65 in 2019. As expected, traffic stops were the top item with 33 ICR's, while there were also seven medical and one DUI noted. Stangler assured the board that deputies will continue to work on the driveway snowplowing issues, with compliance and safety as top priorities. After a tip from a resident, he will also pass along to the Public Works Department an operational issue with the LED stop signs at the intersection of Co. Rd. 3 and CO. Rd. 20.

Wipper Pit

For several months, the township has been looking at acquiring the parcel of land known to locals as the Wipper Pit. David Myers, township legal counsel, has worked on a possible purchase agreement, and other factors being looked at include an appraisal of the property, as well as an

environmental assessment.

As the plans are solidified and answers are determined, Demeules said the board is planning an Open House for sometime in early 2022 where township residents will be able to come and view the plans and discuss the merits of the possible acquisition.

In response to a question from the floor, Demeules promised that every avenue will be explored to public the meeting and plenty of notice will be provided to residents so they can attend.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Heard from Ganz that Busse's Septic is working on a septic design for the replacement at Palmer Park;
- Heard from Demeules that the BLCA Ice Day will be held on February 12 on Lake Julia;
- Discussed using ARPA funds for several security upgrades at the Town Hall, in addition to the plumbing and bathroom



St. Cloud School District & SCEA reach agreement

Submitted article

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

St. Cloud Area School District 742 and the St. Cloud Education Association are pleased to report that they have reached a tentative agreement for the 2021-2023 teacher contract subject to ratification by SCEA and approval by the Board of Education.

Superintendent Willie Jett says, "We are happy to reach an agreement with our teachers that recognizes the vital role they play in the education of our students, particularly during the challenges we have faced over the past two years."

Chris Erickson, President of the St. Cloud Education Association commented, "We have worked hard over the past five months in collaborative and positive negotiation sessions to come to an agreement that recognizes the important work of teachers."

The 2019-2021 contract expired on June 30th and district administration

and the teacher bargaining team have worked diligently throughout the summer and school year to develop a mutually acceptable agreement.

For 2021-2023, the terms of the agreement include salary steps for eligible employees in both years and a 1.75% increase on the salary schedule in year one of the contract and a two percent increase in year two. In addition, the package includes increases in longevity pay and an increase in the district contribution to family health insurance, and recruitment and retention stipends of \$1,500 in each year of the contract funded with one-time COVID-19 relief funds. The total percentage cost of the two-year package is 6.97% without the one-time stipends and 10.90% with the stipends.

The total percentage cost of the two-year package is 6.97%.

Teachers will vote on the agreement at their school sites Dec. 15 and, if approved, the Board of Education will vote on the agreement at the scheduled board meeting later that evening.

Area News

BL Twp. honors Ewald Petersen

By Katherine Cantin,
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Last week's Big Lake Township meeting began with a moment of silence for Ewald Petersen, who recently passed away. Petersen served as a town supervisor from 1991-2007. The board decided to make a donation in Petersen's name to Guardian Angels, where Petersen spent his final days.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Luke McLean gave the sheriff's report for the month of November. He noted one accident in particular where the driver ended up in the ditch after swerving for squirrels. He advised the audience that the best strategy when encountering any kind of wildlife on the road is to brake, but not to swerve. This includes larger animals such as deer.

He noted a significant arrest with the sheriff's office apprehending the suspect who committed arson at the Lord of Glory Church. The suspect was undergoing a mental health crisis.



EWALD PETERSEN was a Big Lake Twp. supervisor and county commissioner who passed away last week. (Patriot archive photo.)

Finally, Sgt. McLean reported that there was an increase in medical calls recently, many of which were due to COVID-19.

BLFD Update

Nick Christianson of the Big Lake Fire Dept. gave the department report for the months of October and November. The department responded to 73 calls in the area, including three building fires, one arson, and two grass fires.

A former BLFD firefighter, Aaron Bidle, passed

away recently. He served with the BLFD for 10 years and was currently serving at another fire department.

Snow Plowing

The supervisors wished to remind the audience about their policy regarding snow plowing. When snowfall is expected to total between two and four inches, plows are sent out only when snowfall is over or mostly over. If snowfall is expected to be more than four inches, plows may be sent out once during the storm and again when the snowfall is done.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Heard an update from Sherburne County Planning and Zoning;
- Considered investigating what other attorneys would charge the township, in the interest of making sure the township is paying a competitive rate;
- Will once again go out for bids to replace the Fire Dept. roof, as they were unsatisfied with the bids they received;
- Agreed to write a letter of support for a grant for a footbridge on Co. Rd. 5.

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St. Cloud Area School District extends winter break

Submitted article

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

St. Cloud Area School District is modifying the 2021-2022 school calendar to extend the winter break for a full two weeks in an effort to acknowledge the challenges currently facing schools and families due to staffing shortages, student

absences, and other impacts of the pandemic. The winter break will now include December 20, 21 and 22 with school resuming on January 3. As a result of this change, January 18th, previously scheduled as a staff professional development day, and March 4th, previously scheduled as a digital learning day, will now be in-person instructional days for all students. KIDSTOP will be

available to currently registered families all day December 20 – 22 at Clearview, Kennedy, Madison, Oak Hill or Talahi schools. Families must register for these extended days by contacting KIDSTOP.

Becker woman plans to open new cafe

By Katherine Cantin,
Staff Writer
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Becker entrepreneur Jessica Treptau plans to open a new cafe in Becker. Her plans have created some buzz both on social media and on some local radio stations. Currently, Treptau successfully runs a COVID-19 testing clinic, Quick Results.

Dueling Brews

The cafe would feature a drive through as

However, Treptau's most creative idea is what gave her the idea for the name Dueling Brews. Sometime in the future (not when the shop first opens) Treptau would like to be open in the evening hours as a bar, featuring a selection from local breweries.

Treptau's friend, a graphic designer, created the logo for the shop.



Currently, Treptau does not have a date in mind for the shop's opening. Quick Results

Treptau currently runs a COVID-19 testing clinic called Quick



JESSICA TREPTAU (pictured here with her daughter) plans to open a cafe/bar in Becker. (Patriot archive photo.)

well as a space inside for those looking for a place to work on their laptops, Treptau noted.

"Becker needs a coffee shop," she asserted, and referenced several like comments she had seen online saying just as much.

"People loved Cafe Pawz," she continued. "Not just for the food and drinks, but to have meetings and work on their computers."

Treptau plans to set up shop on Bank St., saying access to Hwy. 10 is a must. She's also interested in possibly featuring local bakers' goods in her store. Breakfast and lunch options will be also available.

Results. She was working as a nurse when she saw the need for rapid COVID-19 testing and decided to go into business for herself. She now has six locations open.

Roots in the Community

Treptau and her family are long-time Becker residents. Her husband runs a company called Everest Steel. The couple have three children all in the Becker school system.

Treptau says her family, particularly her sisters-in-law and her nieces, are excited to help her make her cafe idea into a reality.

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KJ'S Refuge hosts successful craft fair

By Mary Nehring,
Contributing Writer

Over 30 vendors were on hand for a craft sale at KJ's Refuge Saturday, December 4th. A large crowd was in attendance browsing the wide variety of goodies for sale. Shoppers of all ages were on hand visiting booths that included hand made jewelry, custom healing bracelets, Christmas signs, wreaths and arrangements, patriotic signs, hand made kitchen towels, greeting cards, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, homemade goodies for humans and for dogs plus a plethora of other products for sale.



CRAFTY GRANNIES booth operators Mary Cooper (Big Lake) and Jean Keniston (Princeton) were on hand selling handmade winter hats, blankets and unique solar arrangements. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

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Part III: Proposed Revised MN Social Studies Standards

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Betsy Armstrong, a former Becker school board member, attorney, and school district resident)

The Minnesota Department of Education ("MDE") is required to review the academic standards of various subjects in the K-12 curriculum every ten years. A first draft of the standards for social studies (divided into four strands: Citizenship and Government; Economics; Geography; and History) was issued Dec. 1, 2020. An article in the Patriot on March 11, 2021 compared some of the existing standards to the proposed standards.

A second draft of the standards was issued on July 30, 2021. The second draft contained a new fifth strand, Ethnic Studies. An article in the Patriot on September 2, 2021 again compared some of the existing standards to the proposed standards. The addition of the Ethnic Studies strand generated significant public opposition to the second draft as it promoted Critical Race Theory (CRT) in its focus on group identity based on race and dividing all Americans into either "oppressor" or "oppressed" populations.

A third draft of the Social Studies standards was issued on November 15, 2021. The third draft maintained the Ethnic Studies strand and offered little recognition of the exceptional contributions by traditionally regarded champions of freedom. Comments about the benchmarks were due December 14, 2021, and can be read at <https://minnesotaoh.granicusideas.com/>

discussions/37919-minnesota-department-of-education-request-for-comments/topics/submit-a-comment-212. The deadline for comments about the standards is January 14, 2022.

An excellent in-depth analysis of the third draft was done by Katherine Kersten of the Center of the American Experiment and can be found at <https://www.americanexperiment.org/third-draft-social-studies-standards-critical-race-theory/>. Noteworthy points that are raised include the following:

Themes in the Ethnic Studies strand to be taught in all grades, K-12, that implement CRT:

Standard # 23: Identity: Analyze the ways power and language construct the social identities of race, religion, geography, ethnicity and gender. Apply these understandings to one's own social identities and other groups living in Minnesota, centering those whose stories and histories have been marginalized, erased or ignored.

Standard # 24: Resistance: Describe how individuals and communities have fought for freedom and liberation against systemic and coordinated exercises of power locally and globally; identify strategies or times that have resulted in lasting change; and organize with others to engage in activities that could further the rights and dignity of all.

Standard # 25: Ways of Knowing: Use ethnic and indigenous studies methods in order to understand the roots of contemporary systems of oppression and apply lessons from the past to eliminate historical and contemporary

injustices."

Examples of application of some of those themes include:

Kindergarten: "... retell a story about an unfair experience that conveys a power imbalance."

First grade: "Identify examples of ethnicity, equality, liberation and systems of power, and use those examples to construct meanings for those terms."

High school: "Examine the construction of racialized hierarchies based on colorism and dominant European beauty standards and values. Examine the construction of hierarchies based on classism, racism, colorism and dominant beauty standards and values."

As is further noted, the standards' vision of Social Studies as a narrative of "oppression" seems geared, in large part, toward preparing students for political activism, and what the second Ethnic Studies standard (Std. 24) calls "resistance."

The standards regarding history omit many significant facts and leave the student without knowledge of important names and events. For example, in US history, no mention is made of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, or Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Important battles that contributed to the success of the Revolution and Civil war are omitted, as are those of WWII. Instead, emphasis is placed on colonialism, slavery, racism and imperialism.

High school US history proposes to:

- Evaluate historical narratives about colonialism and slavery.
- Evaluate historical nar-

atives about U.S. imperial expansion and native dispossession, including Indian removal, Manifest Destiny and Indigenous perspectives.

- Analyze complex and interacting factors within the long civil rights movement, including Black, indigenous, women, Latinx American, Asian American, and/or Queer rights movements.

- Examine Black, indigenous, working class and/or women's perspectives on a major issue during the American Revolution and early Republic.

- Interpret multiple primary or secondary sources to understand and analyze the perspectives of individuals and communities who were affected by and/or participated in imperial expansion and Native

Dispossession, including Indigenous, Mexican, Black and/or Asian perspectives.

- Construct an argument about Indigenous history before European colonialism, using multiple sources.

- Examine the contemporary significance of foundational dates in U.S. history today, including 1492, 1607, 1619, 1620, 1776 and 1789.

- Examine the meaning of freedom in the Revolutionary era and today, and examine how groups and communities have fought for freedom, revolution, and anti-colonialism.

World history also suffers from the omission of significant facts, especially regarding Western Civilization. As Ms. Kersten recites:

- Ancient Egypt, the Roman Empire, the Middle Ages, the French Revolution, Napoleon and the Russian

Revolution receive no mention.

- The Renaissance and the Scientific Revolution — both world-transforming developments — appear only once: to highlight the role that Islam played. ("Identify the influence of Islamic centers of learning on the European Renaissance, the scientific revolution and society today.")

- On World War II, students learn almost nothing about the war itself, since the third draft omits the second draft's benchmark on the war's "causes and conduct, including the nations involved, major political and military figures and key battles." The Holocaust gets similar superficial treatment.

- The draft is silent on the Soviet Union and its gulags, the Chinese Cultural Revolution, Pol Pot's Killing Fields and North Korea. Instead, it reserves a tone of outrage for U.S. "imperialism" and "oppression."

- The third draft does include two new benchmarks on world religions, apparently added in response to public pressure.

To see the complete report of the third draft of proposed Standards go to <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/stds/soc/> and click on the link "Third draft of the Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards."

To see the existing Standards go to <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/stds/soc/> and click on the link "Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards in Social Studies 2011."

The initial public comment period in the statutory rulemaking process closes on Friday, January 14, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. To provide feedback on the standards as a part of the statutory

rulemaking process review the Request for Comments document posted on the MDE rulemaking webpage for the proposed K-12 academic standards in social studies (<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/about/rule/rule/k12social/>). Comments must be submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings' e-comments system (<https://minnesotaoh.granicusideas.com/discussions/37919-minnesota-department-of-education-request-for-comments/>)

It is important that your voice be heard and comments about any aspect of the proposed social studies standards can additionally be made to the following:

1). **Dr. Heather Mueller**, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Hwy. 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113 or via email: mde.commissioner@state.mn.us.

2). **Doug Paulson**, Director of Academic Standards & Instruction: doug.paulson@state.mn.us.

3). **Andrew Mathews**, District 15 State Senator: fill out form at <https://www.senate.mn/members/email-form/1222>.

4). **Shane Mekeland**, District 15B representative: rep.shane.mekeland@house.mn.

5). **Aaron Jurek**, Becker school board chairman: use link at <https://www.becker.k12.mn.us/home/school-board>, and

6). **Jeremy Schmidt**, Becker school superintendent: use link at <https://www.becker.k12.mn.us/departments/superintendent>.

Big Lake approves license for new restaurant

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer
Reporter, PatriotNewsMN.com

During last week's Big Lake City Council meeting, council approved a liquor license for the new owners of Russell's.

Long time Big Lake iconic restaurant Russell's on the Lake closed its doors this week. The property has been purchased by gentlemen who wish to convert the restaurant into a Willy McCoy's. They applied for a liquor license which will become effective in March. Until that time, the new owners will be undergoing a remodeling project.

Police Dept.

Donations

In honor of the Christmas season, several donations were made to the BLPD. American Legion Post 147 donated \$1,500 to the department canine unit. Big Lake Women of Today donated \$1,000 for the department to distribute to those who are in need. Finally, the Wednesday Morning Women's Bowling League donated \$100 to be used towards unbudgeted needs.

Acting Chief Sam Olson expressed his gratitude to these groups for their donations.

Department Reports

Chief Seth Hansen of the Big Lake Fire Dept. gave

the department report for the months of October and November. The department responded to 73 calls in the area, including three building fires, one arson, and two grass fires.

A former BLFD firefighter Aaron Bidle passed away recently. He served with the BLFD for 10 years and was currently serving at another fire department.

Acting Chief Olson of the Police Department reported that DWIs and narcotic arrests were up, but calls overall were down. He reminded the audience that winter parking rules are in effect, and vehicles need to be off the streets by midnight.

Olson welcomed a new officer, Kyle Rossberg, to the department. Another officer will be welcomed in January.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Made their annual review of the fee schedule;
- Made a final review of the 2022 budget;
- Held a public hearing regarding the Storm Water Prevention Plan;
- Added Lake Ridge Dr. to the streets improvement plan, which was meant to have been included before but was left out due to an oversight.

SNWR asks residents to fill bird feeders

Submitted article

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

The refuge's Christmas Bird Count will be held on Tuesday, December 21 (first day of Winter) at the Oak Savanna Learning Center. A nation-wide activity organized by the National Audubon Society, the Christmas Bird Count is held from December 14 to January 5 annually, with tens of thousands of volunteers participating in this citizen science project. This year marks the 122nd year of the survey of winter bird species

and participation now ranges from Alaska to Antarctica. Sherburne's refuge volunteers will survey within a 7.5-mile radius from the intersection of Sherburne Co. Rd. 9 and Co. Rd. 5.

Although additional volunteers are not needed for this year's count, the refuge could still use help! Those who live within fifteen miles of the count area are encouraged to clean and fill bird feeders at least three days before the count. Additionally, please be aware that vehicles may

be driving slowly through neighborhoods with binoculars. Don't be concerned! The observers are only interested in the species and numbers of birds on the property.

Reports from participating groups all across the country are tallied by Audubon and other birding organizations, including the Minnesota Ornithologist's Union. The final tally provides valuable information on the number of bird species present during that 23-day time frame. This data is also used

to track long-term trends in bird populations and distribution, both declines in populations and increases in species like bald eagles.

Local data for the refuge is used to track changes in bird populations over time. Additionally, it can be pooled with other areas to detect population patterns over a larger area. Dating back to 1966, the Minnesota Ornithologist's Union has records for the Sherburne Refuge count. This important count would not be possible without a dedicated group of refuge volunteers!



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ETHEL (OLSON) LINDQUIST recently celebrated her 99th birthday with a get-together at Faith Lutheran Church in Becker. Friends and family gathered to celebrate Ethel, who has lived one year shy of an entire century. Ole and Lena made an appearance at the birthday party, providing an entertaining skit (Ethel's nephew Bryan Olson and his wife Nancy). Ethel was one of ten children in her family. She was born near Becker in 1922 and grew up in the Becker area. She moved to the Oregon coast, where she lived for many years before moving back to Sherburne County approximately 15 years ago. Top photo: Ethel Lindquist, Bill Olson and Wanda Russin share a good chuckle as Ethel opens a gift of a bottle of wine. Bottom photo: Bruce and Tangi Schaapveld pictured with the birthday gal. (Photos by Mary Nehring.)

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County/Area News

Benton Co. 4-H volunteers and leaders honored

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Benton County 4-H.)

The 62nd Annual Benton County 4-H Adult & Leaders Banquet was held Sunday, November 21st at Jack & Jim's in Duelm. The event signified the end of the 4-H year and was an appreciation dinner and awards program for our 4-H Adult volunteers & leaders. About 100 adults volunteers/leaders and special guests were in attendance and enjoyed a fabulous dinner. Some of the special guests included Benton County Commissioner Ed Popp, Commissioner Scott Johnson, Commissioner Beth Schlangen, Associate Dean & MN 4-H State Director Jennifer Skuza, Regional Director Lori Vich, Benton County Fairboard Vice-President Al Stemper, Benton County Extension Committee members Rick Gilbertson and Angie Arnold.

"These past six months have been filled with successful programming, celebrating our 4-H youth achievements and an opportunity to try to get back to 4-H business as usual," said Ann Olson, Benton County 4-H Extension Educator. "However, the past six months have also brought some tough times to our Benton County 4-H with the loss of three adult volunteers, Bonnita's husband, Tom Bernhardt- Jeannie's husband, Joe Boyle and Donita's husband, Kenny Beehler. These men have each played intricate rolls within Benton County 4-H over the years and will be forever cherished in our hearts. The love of our 4-H families has shown through vibrantly with each of these losses." Olson continued, "It is truly an indescribable honor to be part of this 4-H program in Benton County and a privilege to be a part of each of your lives."

Other highlights of the evening included a heartfelt 4-H Leaders Response from Vicky Molitor who is a five-year adult leader from the Mayhew Lakers



TWO AMAZING ADULT VOLUNTEERS during the 62nd Annual Benton County 4-H Adult & Leaders Banquet on Sunday, Nov 21st at Jack & Jim's Event Center in Duelm. (L) Sean Arnold, Arnold's Equipment received the "Friend of 4-H" award that was presented by (R) Brenda Kaschmitter of Foley. (Submitted photo.)

4-H Club, words of encouragement from Commissioner Ed Popp and a few words from the Associate Dean and MN 4-H State Director Jennifer Skuza who is grew up in Benton County.

"It is exciting to visit the Benton County 4-H leaders and I am honored to be here" said Skuza, "Being here brings back special memories of my youth and my time in 4-H."

After guest speakers spoke, recognition pins signifying the numbers of years in volunteering/leadership roles were presented by 4-H Extension Educator, Ann Olson and our new Extension Support Staff, Megan Gerads.

First year recipients included: Rebecca Bastien of St. Cloud, Jessica Brenny of Rice, and Michael Schlough of St. Cloud – Central MN Llama Club, Nick Dahler of Foley

– Cornerstone Clovers, Jen Bomsted of Sauk Rapids – Graham, Maryrose Dolezal of Minneapolis – Granite Clouds, Bethany Maus of Pierz – Green Acres, Julie Otis formerly of Foley – Independent, Corinne Lyon of Clear Lake, Heidi Bemboom of Foley, Ryan Gruba of Foley – Mayhew Lakers, Rachel Felchle of Sauk Rapids – Minden, Sara Arickx of Rice – Running Rapids, Melissa Schlueter of St. Joseph – Shooting Stars, Marie Malikowski of Foley, Sam Morris of Foley, Brian Pozorski of Foley – St. Pat's.

The following fifth year volunteers/leaders were recognized: Vicky Molitor of Sauk Rapids – Mayhew Lakers, Amy Kleine of Sauk Rapids, Jeff & Natasha Pleskac of Foley – North Benton, Bryan Frana of St. Cloud – Independent, Mitch & Tasha Ackerman of Sauk Rapids,



Benton County Adult Volunteers plaque recipients during the 62nd Annual Benton County 4-H Adult & Leaders Banquet on Sunday, Nov 21st at Jack & Jim's Event Center in Duelm. (L-R Front row) Friend of 4-H Award presented to Sean Arnold, Arnold's Equipment, Honorary 4-H Member presented to Mitch Mehrwerth, Friend of 4-H Award presents to Steve Scapanski, Rice Sportsman's Club, 4-H Pioneer Award presented to Susan Wiley, and Outstanding Service Award presented to Joyce Belanger. (L-R Back row) 4-H Pioneer Award presented to Bonnita Bernhardt, 4-H Leader Achievement Award presented to Amy Kleine, 4-H Leader Achievement Award presented to Marcy Reding, Outstanding Service Award presented to Vicky Molitor and Friend of 4-H Award presented to Bob Moon of Rice Sportsman's Club. (Submitted photo.)



BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER ED POPP addresses the adult volunteers and special guests at the 62nd Annual Benton County 4-H Adult and Leaders Banquet on Sunday, Nov 21st at Jack & Jim's Event Center in Duelm. He shared his enthusiasm for the success and "top notch" quality 4-H programming in Benton County. (Submitted photo.)

Tristan & Marcy Reding of Foley – Pioneers, Michelle Rosenberger of Sauk Rapids – Running Rapids, Katie Zintek of Foley – Shamrock Shakers, Kelly Pennie of Foley – Shooting Stars, Shelly Stangler of Sauk Rapids, Shianne Morris of Foley, Kathy Malikowski of Sauk Rapids, Jessica Nelson-Rademacher of Sauk Rapids – St. Pat's.

Those receiving the tenth-year award included: DeWaine & Judy Fenna of Foley – Busy Bees, Tracey

Wieber of Foley – Cornerstone Clovers, Cynthia Schneider of Foley, Mark Thon of Bowlus – Duelm, Richard Hokanson of Foley, Josh Kirchenbauer of Clear Lake – Independent, Kimberly Kampa of St. Cloud – Shooting Stars, Stacie Morris of Foley, Konnie Sakry of Sartell – St. Pat's.

Fifteenth year recognition awarded to Brian & Brenda Kaschmitter of Sauk Rapids - Pioneers

A twenty-year pin was awarded to Denise Rothfork of Foley – Busy Bees, Tracy Hunt of Foley – Independent, Dena Walz of Sauk Rapids – St. Pat's

A twenty-fifth-year pin was awarded to Roy Schneider of Foley - Duelm and Barb Bemboom of Sauk Rapids – Mayhew Lakers

A thirty-fifth year pin was awarded to Donita Beehler of Sauk Rapids, David Templin of Foley – 79'ers, Larry Sakry of Sauk Rapids – St. Pat's.

A forty-year pin was handed out to Janet Stark who is an Independent leader.

A fifty-year pin was presented to Donald Beehler of the 79'ers 4-H Club

Additional awards were presented to individuals nominated. There were

two "Outstanding Service Award" recipients this year. Jeannie Boyle presented the first to Joyce Belanger of the Green Acres 4-H Club and the second award was presented by Kristin Best to Vicky Molitor of the Mayhew Lakers 4-H Club.

Two "Friend of 4-H" Awards were given. One presented by Brenda Kaschmitter to Arnold's Equipment and the other Ella Reding presented to the Rice Sportsman's Club.

Two "4-H Leader Achievement Awards" were handed out. The first was presented by Stacie Morris to Amy Kleine of North Benton 4-H Club and the second was presented by Tasha Ackerman to Marcy Reding of Pioneers 4-H Club.

Two "4-H Pioneer Award" recipients were awarded. One was presented by Corrine Lyon to Bonnita Bernhardt of the St. Pat's 4-H Club and the second was presented by Juanita Beauchamp to Susan Wiley of the 79'ers 4-H Club.

The final two awards were "Honorary 4-H Member Awards." Corey Molitor presented to Mitch Mehrwerth and the second was awarded to Rod Bemboom of Sauk Rapids.

The program ended with the drawing of door prizes, provided by different 4-H clubs and continued time of visiting. Benton County 4-H is blessed to have dedicated, passionate, and hard-working volunteers that all contribute to the success of the 4-H program. Thank you to all of our volunteers and leaders for all they do for the organization and our youth. Sunday evening was an excellent opportunity to celebrate our volunteers and leaders for their accomplishments.



Clearwater approves phase 1 of native plantings project

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

During the Clearwater City Council's November meeting, City Administrator Annita Smythe was recognized for receiving the Minnesota Women in City Government (MWCG) Outstanding Leadership award. As MWCG representatives were unable to attend the meeting, Mayor Andrea Lawrence presented the award to Smythe.

MWCG annually selects one elected and one appointed official to receive the Leadership awards, which are announced at the annual League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) conference in June. Smythe was selected the 2021 award recipient following her nomination by Mayor Lawrence.

Native Plantings

Mayor Lawrence reviewed the city's native plantings project proposal and the discussion from the community meeting. While there were no residents in attendance at the meeting, comments were received in response to the city's online survey. Some stated they were against the project as the pond areas in the proposal are

used by ATV riders; Lawrence pointed out that violates city code.

After discussing the project's cost/benefit analysis, visibility of the project areas, and compatibility with current resident use as a green space for neighborhood children, the council decided to focus on the two larger ponds along Huber Ave.

Smythe informed the council they were waiting on quotes; the current quotes are outdated and should now be lower as the project area will only encompass the two larger ponds instead of all six that were originally quoted.

A motion carried to spend up to \$6,000 to begin phase one of the native plantings project, focusing first on the pond on the corner of Co. Rd. 7 and Huber Ave. and adding the pond further south on Huber Ave. if the amount will cover both.

Ordinances

Council members reviewed the proposed changes to the 2022 Fee Schedule Ordinance, focusing on the new housing maintenance ordinance and associated fees along with park usage fees. After discussing a number of items, it was decided the seasonal field reservation for Sportsman's

Park should include the pavilion with no additional charge.

Members also discussed whether or not to continue the animal control contract, which was tabled to the next meeting, and suggested the rental housing inspection fee be paid by the requester unless a code violation is found. If found, the property owner would be assessed a fine and the requester's fee would be refunded. Staff will follow up with the city attorney.

A motion carried approving Ord. 2021-13 Housing Maintenance Code with suggested changes, which is the version the EDA is recommending.

A motion carried approving Ord. 2021-12 Repeal of Public Safety Utilities Board. The ordinance had been adopted in 2013 but a board was never appointed, and no meetings held.

A motion carried approving Ord. 2021-10 Planning Commission, which allows the city to be appointed as the planning commission if necessary.

Sewer Authority

The Sewer Authority recognized Chief Plant Operator Strande for receiving an Achievement Award from MRWA.

Strande will be retiring at the end of the year.

The Sewer Authority is considering solar projects at the plant and will be holding a workshop for further discussions.

The contract to transition the treasurer funds to the city was approved.

Other Business

A motion carried approving the final fire contract with Clearwater and Lynden Twps.

The city has received one internal applicant for the Fire Chief posting. The job posting was extended through November and opened up to external applicants.

Smythe informed the council that Wright Co. is considering adopting an ordinance regulating solar energy facilities and suggested the city consider doing the same. Members will review the proposed language in the county's ordinance before making a decision.

The council also held a meeting on December 13, which will be covered in a future edition of the *Patriot*. The next Clearwater City Council meeting will be January 10 at 7 p.m.

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County/Area News

Eagle scout to work with county staff on trail project

By Katherine Cantin,
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During last week's Sherburne County Board of Commissioners meeting, Benjamin Stout of Troop 90 in Elk River presented a project to the board to make new mile markers for the county's section of the Great Northern Trail. He would create the mile markers over the winter and install them when the ground thaws in the spring. The county commissioners approved Stout's project and authorized staff to work with the scout to make the project a reality.

Open Forum

Bret Collier of Big Lake suggested shutting down the North Star funding the county provides in order to save the county taxpayers a significant amount of money. He noted Anoka County's decision to do so, having withheld most of their portion of the funding for the last year.

Land Use

Comprehensive Plan

The board approved a request for proposals to hire a consulting firm to help rewrite the comprehensive



BENJAMIN STOUT OF ELK RIVER is an Eagle Scout who was eager to work with county staff to replace trail mile markers. (Photo captured from video recording.)

sive land use plan. As the county continues to grow and develop, county staff feels it is imperative to take a look at the intended land use of the county going forward.

HHS Update

Health and Human services director Amanda Larson gave an update on the department. The economic

assistance division has seen a drop in applications for the first time since the service was offered. As open enrollment begins, HHS staff has a lot of work ahead of them, as they need to manually enter in relevant information for those patients who are switching health insurance who had otherwise been relying on

the government for their healthcare needs during the pandemic. This has slowed down the work being done in the department, unfortunately. Larson noted that staff had tried to prepare for this issue, and they continued to work at max capacity.

Larson was excited to report that HHS was recently able to help a student in Becker. The student's family was experiencing homelessness, and was not on healthcare. The student was found to have hearing loss that was impacting her ability to learn in school. HHS was able to use their programs to get the student the care she needed and hopes to continue to work with the family to get them placed in adequate housing.

U of M Extension

In regards to the proposed extension program, the county agreed to a modified agreement. Several local counties have created a partnership to fund and provide extension services to local residents. In Sherburne County, extension offers services in the form of 4-H, but other services are also available, including services valuable

to individuals and families involved in agriculture. Several local counties teamed up to share their extension resources and provide a wider range of services to residents. Sherburne County was invited to be a part of this partnership, but the commissioners were concerned about the cost involved. In the end, the commissioners agreed to participate in a modified partnership for a year. This will allow the county to see if there is a need for these services before fully committing.

Hiring Full

Time Attorney

County Attorney Kathleen Heaney requested that the board approve hiring another full time attorney. Although a new full time attorney was recently hired, the number of cases building up in the attorney's office is becoming far too much for the current staff to handle, to the point where they may not meet the state's requirements for cases cleared. Funding for this position will be taken from ARPA funding.

Ewald Petersen

The board acknowledged the passing of former

commissioner Ewald Petersen, who served both on the Big Lake Town Board and on the board of commissioners. Commissioner Felix Schmiesing noted that Petersen has been missed since he left the board, and that he gave much to his community during his lifetime.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Approved an IUP for a home pet grooming business;
- Approved a final plat for a property on Cantlin Lake;
- Approved an IUP for a marine repair home business;
- Approved a change to the CUP for a horse stable, allowing for more horses on the property and other changes;
- Held the regional rail authority meeting;
- Approved various requests for use of ARPA funds.



Choosing between a real or plastic Christmas tree

Submitted article

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

The history of Christmas trees dates back thousands of years; they were originally used to celebrate the winter season long before any religious affiliations. However, through the years the celebration changed to decorating trees in the 1500s and in the 1600s, families started using candles to light their trees. The first artificial trees were developed in the 1800s and consisted of goose feathers dyed green and attached to wire branches. Today, artificial trees are made from PVC plastic and over 80% are made in China and shipped around the world.

In the US alone, over 25 million real Christmas

trees are sold every year. Also, there are an additional 300+ million trees that are currently growing on Christmas tree farms across the country. On average, for every tree that is harvested, another 3 are planted in its place, this helps ensure that plenty of trees will be available even after natural mortality due to disease, drought, etc. Comparatively, only 10 million artificial trees are bought every year.

When trying to decide whether to get a real or artificial tree, there are several factors to consider, including environmental impact. Artificial trees require large amounts of carbon emissions during production and shipping whereas real trees are constantly absorbing carbon dioxide throughout their lives. Additionally, artificial trees typically last

fewer than 10 years and in many cases, fewer than 5 years. Ultimately, this means more waste in our landfills.

When it comes to real trees, the biggest impact that you can control is disposal. Simply putting your Christmas tree at the end of the driveway and sending it to the landfill is the worst thing that you can do. When Christmas trees (or any organic materials) end up in landfills they slowly decompose and release methane gas into the atmosphere; methane gas is roughly 80 times more harmful than carbon dioxide. Some alternatives for disposal include chipping, composting on your own land, burning (not in your inside fireplace), or recycling. Check your local composting site for drop off times and locations.



Bulldog boys hoops off to impressive start at 4-0

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

It was a season opening week of all around impressive basketball for Head Coach Josh Ihrke and the Becker Bulldog boys basketball team, as an efficient offense and tenacious defense led to a perfect 4-0 start to the season.

Thunder

Last Tuesday, the team opened its season at home against a tough Zimmerman Thunder squad and came away with an offensive explosion en route to a 80-56 win.

"After a slow start, we were able to assert ourselves and the game that we wanted to play," Ihrke said. "We dictated the defensive end of the floor and that helped spur the offensive efficiency."

Becker outworked the Thunder for a 36-26 halftime

lead, which was buoyed by some great defense and timely open floor decisions from the Bulldogs. For the game, Becker had a 28-6 advantage in points off turnovers, as the Thunder gave the ball up 19 times, compared to just seven turnovers for the Bulldogs.

"We had big games out of Julius Hendricks and Nick Berglund, as they pushed the pace in transition and knocked down big shots," Ihrke added. "Hayden Harmoning had a good game as he facilitated on both ends of the floor and played a quality game for us."

Becker scoring: Eric Seavert 27, Julius Hendricks 19, Nick Berglund 17, Alex Weiss 4, Kevin Vogl 2, Tristan Pickwall 1, Ryan Bengtson 3, Hayden Harmoning 2, Brady Paumen 2, Kyan Blomquist 3.

Wildcats

Thursday night, Becker again played host, this time to the Waconia Wildcats, a perennial power from the Metro West Conference. In a very hotly contested game, Becker came out on top with a 72-67 win.

"We played at a high level throughout the course of the game," Ihrke said. "I was pleased with the intensity of defense and valuing possessions in critical moments. We were able to answer any run Waconia put together with a key basket and a little run of ours back at them."

The Bulldogs were aurally out rebounded in the game, 31-26, but still managed a 32-26 scoring advantage in the paint to secure the win.

Ihrke credited a great home crowd and a big night from Eric Seavert as being a couple of the keys in the win.

"The atmosphere in the gym was at a high level," Ihrke said. "Eric Seavert shot the ball at a high level... he has been a leader for the team and has had a strong start to the season."

The Bulldogs had three players in double figures in the scoring column, as Seavert poured in 25, while Brady Paumen added 15 and Alex Weiss contributed 12.

"Alex Weiss had a strong defensive performance and contributed with some quality offense," Ihrke added. "Brady Paumen was a matchup that Waconia could not handle. Overall it was a great win for us early in the season."

Becker scoring: Weiss 12, Berglund 8, Hendricks 6, Harmoning 6, Seavert 25, Paumen 15.

Spartans

Last Saturday, Becker went on the road for the first

time and was able to pick up its third straight win, 66-53, over the Rocori Spartans.

It was a contrast in styles, as Rocori scored 36 points in the paint, while Becker ran the floor and picked up 26 points off 21 Spartan turnovers.

Becker led by 14 at half before the two teams played an even second period.

Seavert again paced the scoring with 25 points, while Paumen chipped in 12. Weiss joined them in double figures with 10 points (and led the team in rebounds with 6), while Harmoning added 9. Bengtson (7) and Kyle Vogl (3) rounded out the scoring for Becker.

Tigers

Tuesday night, Becker faced an impressive Delano Tigers team and fell behind by a point, 37-36 at halftime. Halftime was a brief pause

for Ihrke to implement some changes to the Bulldogs' defensive and offensive schemes, and the tweaks paid dividends as his team outscored its opponent 45-31 in the second half for a 81-68 win.

Becker's depth proved to be the difference maker, as both teams had four scorers in double figures, but the Bulldogs' supporting cast was better.

Becker scoring: Weiss 6, Berglund 14, Hendricks 7, Harmoning 10, Seavert 17, Paumen 24, Landen Goebel 3.

Becker will put its four game winning streak on the line Tuesday night when the team heads to Willmar for their final game before winter break.

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Sports/Area News

Red Foxes Found Everywhere

Winter can be a challenging time for wildlife especially when deep snow blankets the land, and the wind blows bitterly cold. Birds fluff up their feathers and search high and low for anything to eat. Squirrels are extra plump and fuzzy and dig down through the snow in hopes of finding a forgotten acorn. But for some critters, winter is a time of plenty. Owls such as the Great Horned and Barred Owl do well in the winter weather conditions. The nights are extra long giving them ample opportunity to hunt while the snow cover gives the mice and voles a false sense of security from the avian predators above.

The Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) is one of those critters who does well in winter conditions. In preparation for winter, foxes grow an extra thick undercoat of fur which covers their entire body. In addition, they grow extra fur on their paws that helps with the snow and ice. They also pack on extra fat for the winter which acts to both keep them warm as an insulating layer and also gives them energy when food becomes in short supply.

Another adaptation used by foxes to survive winter is a heat exchange arrangement in their legs. The warm arterial blood coming directly from the heart runs right along side of the cool venous blood returning from the paw. The heat of the body is exchanged from the arteries to the veins before it gets a chance to be lost to the environment through the paws. This means the paws are kept at a lower temperature than the rest of the body and minimizes heat loss from the paws that are in contact with the ground.

No doubt, the Red Fox is the most widely distributed member of the canid family (dogs). They can be found throughout the entire Northern Hemisphere



By Naturalist
Stan Tekiela

around the globe, including North America, nearly all of Europe, and Eurasia.

The Red Fox has been associated with humans for thousands of years which has led to it being introduced to many parts of the world where it hasn't existed before. Most recently to the continent of Australia where it is now considered



an invasive species.

Even though they are called Red Fox they come in a wide variety of colors, not just red. They range from the classic rusty red to nearly all black. When nearly black they are often called a Cross Fox. The name comes from a black dorsal stripe (down the middle of the back) that intersects or "crosses" with a black mark at the shoulders.

They can also be blond to nearly white. But no matter what color they are, each color phase has one aspect in common. They all have a white tip of the tail. In fact, this is the best way to tell a Red Fox from the similar

looking Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*). The Red Fox has a white tip of the tail, and the Gray Fox has a black tip.

The male and female Red Fox are similar in size with the male being about 10-15 percent larger. This is often not enough to notice the size difference. An adult Red Fox weighs between 10-25 pounds. This is much smaller than your average domestic dog.

Red Fox have excellent eyesight and keen hearing, not to mention their amazing ability to smell. They usually hunt small mammals such as mice, voles and shrews, along with small birds. Typically, a fox will hunt by walking along watching for any movement but in the wintertime, they are mainly listening. They keep their head down scanning back and forth. If they find something they stop and cock their head from side to side, pinpointing the exact location of the prey under the snow by listening.

When they have locked onto the sound, their hind legs coil up like a spring and they launch themselves into the air following an arch shape trajectory coming down with their front paws and nose hitting the surface of the snow first, plowing through the snow to reach the hidden critter below. It is really a sight to be seen. I've seen it time and time again and it's still thrilling to witness. So, this winter keep your eyes open for the Red Fox surviving winter. Until next time...

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Bulldog girls hoops crush opponents, Nuest sets two school records

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog girls basketball team was dominant in a pair of wins over the past week, as last Friday they downed the Annandale Cardinals 88-43 before picking up a convincing win Tuesday night over the St. Cloud Crush, 97-29. In the second win, Dani Nuest set a pair of school records for the Bulldogs with a historic offensive explosion.

Cards

Becker raced to a 58-26 halftime lead over the Cardinals, as the Bulldogs held an advantage in every statistical category. Annandale managed just one three-point field goal on 14 attempts, while Becker shot 12-for-27 from beyond the arc.

Offensively, Becker was able to do whatever they pleased as their shooters hit on over 50% of their attempts from the floor in the game.

"Addy Kent had 21 points, six rebounds, six assists, four steals on 9-for-12 shooting for a spectacular performance," said Coach Dan Baird. "Dani Nuest had five three's and 24 points."

Becker had just eight turnovers in the game, while the Cardinals were forced into 20; the Bulldogs turned that discrepancy into a 27-5 advantage in points



DANI NUEST, who has been instrumental in bringing home state, conference and section titles for the Bulldogs, set two school records in Tuesday's win over the St. Cloud Crush. (Patriot Archive photo.)

off turnovers.

Becker scoring: Nuest 24 (eight assists), Ayla Brown 13, Kent 21, Alexis Rose 13 (three steals), Maren Westin 11, Hannah Dierkes two, Reese Hausmann two, Madison Bass two.

Crushed

In Tuesday's win, it was the Dani Nuest show for the Bulldogs, as both her 39 points and her nine three-point field goals were good enough for school records.

"Dani set a school record for 39 points in a game and she also hit nine threes on 9-for-13 shooting from the three point line and 15-for-19 [shooting] overall," said Baird. "Maren Westin also shined all around with

eight points, eight assists, and seven steals."

The Crush is a cooperative from St. Cloud that combines athletes from both St. Cloud high schools – Tech and Apollo – but even with the huge enrollment advantage, their team didn't have an answer for the Bulldogs.

The halftime lead for Becker was 62-20 and a total of 12 players saw action for the Bulldogs, with eight hitting the scoring column.

Becker was 19-for-33 from beyond the three-point line, while the Crush missed on all five of their attempts. Becker also forced 34 St. Cloud turnovers and turned those into 45 Bulldog points - nearly half of their game total.

Becker scoring: Nuest 39 (six assists, three steals), Kent 21 (six assists, four steals), Brown 14 (five assists, three steals), Westin eight, Rose eight, Dierkes three, Hausmann one, Liz Mackedanz one.

Becker's next action was last night (Friday) as the team hosted Big Lake in a border battle matchup that was also scheduled to be Becker's youth night. Look for results from the sure to be packed-gymnasium affair in next week's *Patriot*.

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Kreft, Weiss honored as BHS ExCel winners

Submitted article

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

Becker High School Activities Director Dave Niemi proudly announced this week that Evelyn Kreft and Alex Weiss have been selected as the 2021-22 Becker High School ExCEL Award winners.

The ExCEL Award represents Excellence in Community, Education, and Leadership. It is a unique recognition program designed by the MSHSL exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities, and who work voluntarily in their community.

Evelyn has been a leader on the volleyball

team as an MVP and All Conference selection, the girls basketball team as a member of the 2021 State Championship team, the track and field team, girls tennis, and the softball team, including the 2021 State Championship team. In each activity, she has been an All Conference Academic Award winner as well. Evelyn is also involved with choir and band, has demonstrated academic leadership as an Honor Roll student and a member of the National Honor Society, and student leadership as a member of Building Better Bulldogs. She has also been involved with numerous other school and community activities.

Alex has played a leadership role on the football team, selected as a team

captain for his senior season, and as a team captain as a junior on the basketball team. In each activity, Alex has received the Spotlight on Scholarship award as well as the Scholar Athlete Award. He is a member of the choir and band, has demonstrated academic leadership as an Honor Roll student and has been selected as student of the month. Alex's student leadership activities include being a member of Building Better Bulldogs and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Alex has also been involved with numerous other school and community activities.

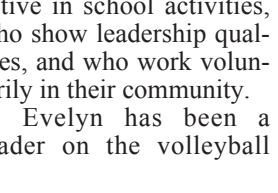
Evelyn and Alex's applications have been submitted as nominations to the Minnesota State High School League, and the

State ExCEL Award recipients will be selected by an independent panel of judges from schools throughout Minnesota. State ExCEL Award recipients will be announced via the League website on February 1, 2022, with each recipient being recognized on 45TV during the broadcast of the 2022 winter tournaments and at an on-court awards ceremony during the Class AA Championship game of the Girls Basketball State Tournament in March.

EVELYN KREFT AND ALEX WEISS have been honored as the Becker High School ExCel Award winner for the 2021-22 school year. (Submitted photo.)



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Sports/Area News

Bulldog wrestlers score pair of wins, finish 2nd at Delano

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the Bulldog wrestling team traveled to Princeton for a triangular meet and came away with a pair of wins, while Saturday the team finished second in a tournament held in Delano.

In the opening match in Princeton, the Bulldogs defeated the host Tigers, 44-19.

Becker was aided in the victory by a pair of forfeits in the lower weights, as Nolan Jurek (113) and Kaden Nicolas (120) picked

up wins before Landen Kujawa beat the buzzer to score a fall in the final second of his match at 126 for a Becker 18-3 lead.

The Tigers then came back with three straight wins to pull to within 18-16 before Ethan Anderson took a decision at 152 pounds to give Becker another advantage.

From there, Adam Jurek (170) scored a major decision and Tyson Ricker (182) picked up a decision to push the Becker lead to 34-16. Also picking up wins for the Bulldogs were Dylan Kolby (major deci-

sion at 220) and Bryce Kuschel (forfeit at 285).

In the second match of the night, it was all Becker, as the Bulldogs ripped off 12 wins in the 14 matches to paste the Milaca Wolves, 59-9.

Winners for the Bulldogs included: Bennett Kujawa (106), Jurek (113), Nicolas (120), Landen Kujawa (126), Drew May (132), Ethan Duncombe (145), Owen Angell (152), Mason Doucette (160), Adam Jurek (170), Ricker (182), Joe Goth (195), and Kolby (220).

Last Saturday, the

Bulldogs participated in the Delano Tiger Invitational and came away with a second place finish overall, scoring 191.5 team points, compared to the winning team from Wattertown-Mayer-Mayer Lutheran, who scored 211.5.

A total of nine teams competed on the day, including the host Tigers, Rogers and St. Peter to name a few.

Team points were awarded for the top six places, while two Bulldogs picked up individual championships at their weight classes. Freshman Kaden

Nicolas won the 120 pound bracket with a 9-7 decision over Senior Max Ricks from Rogers, while Dylan Kolby placed first at 220 pounds with a fall in the first period over his opponent.

Placing second for Becker were Landen Kujawa (126), Angell (145), Doucette (160), Dylan Weber (195) and Bryce Kuschel (285).

Other top Bulldog finishes came from May (fourth at 132), Ryan Boecker (fifth at 138), Anderson (fifth at 152), Jurek (fourth at 170) Ricker (third

at 182), and Goth (fourth at 182).



Bulldog gymnasts open season with win

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog gymnastics team opened its season last week in St. Francis and came away with a 137.35 to 132.9 victory over the Saints.

"Riley Norberg and Emma Hennessey both had strong meets to open up the season and lead the Bulldogs to victory," Coach Kayla Kalinowski said. "Riley won the all-around with a 35.125

and vault with 9.4, as well as being the runner-up finisher on bars. Emma had runner-up finishes in the all-around, vault and bars."

Lauren Woelfel was the highest finishing Becker gymnast on beam with a fourth place, scoring an 8.55.

Event specific finishes for the Bulldogs included the following:

Vault – Norberg 9.4, Hennessey 8.95, Sarah Woelfel 8.9, Tessa Maruska 8.7, Lauren Woelfel 8.45.

Bars – Norberg 8.2, Hennessey 8.2, Lauren Woelfel 8.175, Sarah Woelfel 7.85, Justine Vilmo 7.15.

Beam – Lauren Woelfel 8.55, Norberg 8.525, Hennessey 8.3, Chloe Spear 8.175, Sarah Woelfel 8.05.

Floor – Norberg 9.0, Spear 8.975, Lauren Woelfel 8.8, Hennessey 8.65, Bella Kuschel 8.325.

All-around – Norberg 35.125, Hennessey 34.1, Lauren Woelfel 33.975.

"The gymnasts are ex-

cited to continue to put some more difficulty into their routines in the coming weeks," Kalinowski said. "We hope to keep building on this momentum moving forward in the season."

The next action for the team was scheduled for Thursday night in Cambridge, while Saturday (today) the team was to participate in an invitational in Annandale in the team's last action before winter break.



Hornet sports capsules...

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Big Lake Hornets Winter sports teams have been busy starting up their seasons just before Winter break. Below, find tidbits on the teams found on social sites and internet pages.

Hornet Dance

The Big Lake Dance Team took home third place in Kick at the Lakeville North Invite Dec. 11. Prior to that, they kicked off their regular season at Forest Lake Dec. 7. Varsity Jazz scored 255/500 and placed fourth and Varsity Kick scored 278/500 and lost a double tie breaker to finish fourth. Varsity Kick scored five points higher at Forest Lake than they did at sections last season!

Their next competition was the Mississippi 8 Conference Invite Dec. 13 at North Branch.

Hornet Wrestling

The Big Lake Hornet

wrestling team hosted an 8-team invitational Dec. 3. The Hornets combined team score of 204.5 was good enough for second place in the event. Royalton edged out Big Lake with a team score of 207 to win the team portion of the invite.

Top individual performances on the night included: Cash Sixberry (120) – first place, 3-0 with three pins; Christian Noble (126) – first place, 2-0 with one pin; Nolan Reiter (132) – second place, 2-1 with two pins; Zack Smith (138) – third place, 3-1 with three pins; Dillon Browen (145) – third place, 3-1; Tyler Dehmer (160) – third place, 3-1 with three pins; John Murphy (170) – third place, 3-1 with one pin; Kane LaPointe (285) – first place, 2-0 with two pins.



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Immunization/ Covid-19 Vaccine Tuesdays

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Court Watch with Rivers of Hope

Attend court and bail hearings in Sherburne and/or Wright Counties to gain information on spe-

cific offenders to then report back to Rivers of Hope staff via email, dropping into the building, or from a phone call. Ability to attend court at 10:30 am in Sherburne and/or Wright counties Monday through Friday, and late afternoons on weekdays. Volunteers can pick which days/sessions of court to attend.

Tutor with Metro North Adult Basic Education Work either one-on-one or in small groups with adults working. Many adults are working towards obtaining their GED, Adult Diploma, or learning new skills. Offer support in the areas of reading, writing, math, science, or social studies. Some adults are learning English as a second language, so assisting in language learning is common.

If you are interested in volunteering in these or other opportunities, please contact:
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heather.brooks@ci.stcloud.mn.us
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Announcements

Clear Lake / Clearwater Area Organizations

Clear Lake Legion

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

Clear Lake Lions

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

Clear Valley Business Connections

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

Clearwater AA/Al-Anon

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

Clearwater AA Meeting

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

Clearwater Area Friends of the Library

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

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Clearwater American Legion Post 323 & Auxiliary

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

Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

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

Clearwater Narcotics Anonymous

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

Free Grace Recovery

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

Clear Lake. A light meal will be served at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. Justin or Renee at (612) 384-9069.

Lions Club of Clearwater

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

Young @ Heart

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

Miscellaneous Organization

Every Child Deserves a Family! WE NEED YOU!

Sherburne County is recruiting Foster Homes! Family Foster Care offers a temporary home until children can be safely reunited with their families or achieve permanency through kinship care or adoption. Foster Care is the 24-hour care of a child in a home that meets the child's basic need for food, shelter, clothing, medical & dental care, privacy, safety, & adult supervision.

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

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.

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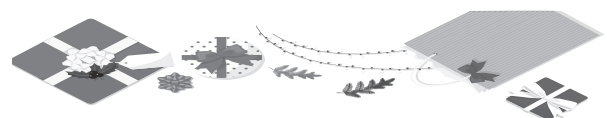
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Upcoming Becker Events

10th Annual Free Christmas Dinner

Dec. 25, 11am-1pm at Mary of the Visitation Church, 12100 Sherburne Ave., Becker. For more info contact John, Kim or Nellie a (763) 261-4464.

Upcoming Big Lake Events

THE MITTEN TREE IS UP

Waiting for your generous donations of mittens, hats, and scarves for elementary school children. Thanks to our partners at RIVERWOOD BANK in Big Lake we are accepting donations of these winter necessities to distribute to elementary children in the Big Lake and Becker School District. These items will be collected until Jan. 3, at which time the LC of the Big Lake Lioness will collect, sort and distribute to all the elementary schools in both school districts to be used by the children as needed.

Upcoming Clearwater Events

Christmas Events at Tri-County Alliance Church

Drive-up Live Nativity on Sun., Dec. 19 at 5:30 pm. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Fri., Dec. 24th at 5pm. 8464 160th St. NW, Clearwater, MN 55320. (320) 558-2750

This Week's Calendar Events:

Sun. - Dec. 19, 2021:

» Titanic Movie Release: Anniversary, 1997

Mon. - Dec. 20, 2021:

» American Poet Laureate Establishment: 35th Anniversary

Tues. - Dec. 21, 2021:

» **Winter Begins** (12/21-3/19)
» First Crossword Puzzle Anniversary, 1913
» Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs Film Premiere: Anniversary, 1937

Wed. - Dec. 22, 2021:

» Hmhmhm

Thurs. - Dec. 23, 2021:

» Festivus
» First Non Stop Flight Around the World without Refueling: Anniversary, 1987
» Metric Conversion Act: Anniversary, 1975
» Transistor Unveiled: Anniversary, 1947

Fri. - Dec. 24, 2021:

» **Christmas Eve**
» BHS: Winter Vacation
» BLS: No School
» CVS: No School-Winter Break

Sat. - Dec. 25, 2021:

» **Christmas**
» BHS: Winter Vacation
» BLS: No School
» CVS: No School-Winter Break

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Becker High School=BHS
Becker Middle School=BMS
Becker Intermediate School=BIS
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Big Lake School=BLS
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Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of Dec. 6th – Dec. 12th

6-Dec: 3 extra patrol, 1 driving conduct warning / driving after revocation Citation #671, 1 welfare check, 1 medical, 2 fire alarm, 2 record check, 1 agency assist, 3 speed warning, 1 public safety, 1 alarm, 1 disturbance

7-Dec: 1 security check, 1 Winter Parking ordinance violation / Admin Citation #3884, 1 alarm, 1 fire alarm, 1 expired registration Citation #672, 2 vehicle lockout, 3 suspicious activity, 4 record check, 1 stop sign warning, 1 agency assist, 2 extra patrol, 1 follow-up

8-Dec: 1 illegal dumping/littering, 1 expired registration warning, 2 failure to yield to pedestrian warning, 2 medical, 1 juvenile concern, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 speed / no proof of insurance Citation #673, 1 record check, 1 extra patrol, 1 warrant arrest / DANCO Violation, 1 handsfree violation warning, 1 theft, 1 agency assist

9-Dec: 2 extra patrol, 1 speed / possession of marijuana Citation

#674, 3 speed warning, 1 suspicious activity, 1 speed Citation #675, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 fire alarm, 1 agency assist, 1 medical, 1 open door, 1 equipment warning

10-Dec: 1 traffic complaint, 1 agency assist, 1 hazardous materials, 1 fail to move over for emergency vehicle Citation #676, 2 equipment warning, 1 lift assist, 1 disturbance

11-Dec: 1 extra patrol, 2 medical, 1 vehicle off road, 1 alarm, 1 warrant attempt, 1 property damage, 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 speed Citation #677, 1 expired registration Citation #678, 1 speed citation #679, 1 speed warning, 1 stop sign warning, 1 agency assist, 1 security check, 1 equipment warning, 1 turn signal warning, 1 stop sign / obstructed plate / suspended object warnings

12-Dec: 3 extra patrol, 1 medical, 2 speed warning, 1 welfare check, 1 suspicious activity, 1 juvenile concern



Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings Dec. 6, 2021 - Dec. 12, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 142; 2021 Calls for Service: 10,315; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 25; Citations: 17; Arrests: 7; Medical Emergency Calls: 11; Mental Health/Check Welfare: 8; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 3

BLPD Arrests: Tamera Miller – (Age 51 – Blaine, MN) – GM 3rd Degree DWI; Matthew Mulholland – (Age 35 – Monticello, MN) – Gross Misdemeanor Warrant; Stephanie Delacruz – (Age 47 – Isanti, MN) – Felony 5th Degree Controlled Substance; Jantje Rorman – (Age 46 – Big Lake, MN) – Misdemeanor Warrant; Malinda Obrien – (Age 42 – Big Lake, MN) – Misdemeanor Warrant; Teresa Wells – (Age 39 – Crosby, MN) – Felony Warrant; Russell Herold – (Age 59 – Elk River, MN) – Gross Misdemeanor

Sun., Dec. 12, 2021: 100 Blk Jefferson Blvd - DWI - Driver reported to be impaired, found to be under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; Eagle Lake Rd./Hiawatha Ave. - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located on an outstanding arrest warrant, booked into jail; 5600 Blk Loon Dr. - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls; Hwy 10 NW/CR 81 - Felony Narcotic Arrest, booked into jail, see bookings for charges.

Sat., Dec. 11, 2021: 100 Blk Henry Rd. - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 4900 Blk Mitchell Rd. - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located on an outstanding arrest warrant, booked into jail; 100 Blk Fair Meadows Dr. - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located on an outstanding arrest warrant, booked into jail.

Fri., Dec. 10, 2021: 196th St. NW/Manitou St. - Vehicle Crash with Injuries. Party transported to hospital; 700 Blk Powell St. N. - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located

on an outstanding arrest warrant, booked into jail; 700 Blk Minnesota Ave. - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing.

Thurs., Dec. 9, 2021: 5300 Blk Edinburgh Way - Court Order Violation - Report of the violation of a no contact order, investigation ongoing; Highline Dr./196th St. NW. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 18900 Blk Helen Way - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 100 Blk Lakeshore Dr. - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juveniles, mediated by officers; 700 Blk Minnesota Ave. - Hit and Run - Report of a hit and run vehicle crash; 18400 Blk Traverse Ln. - Property Damage - Report of damage done to vehicle light; 100 Blk Eagle Lake Rd. N. - Trespassing - Report of a suspect at property who was not welcome there, suspect trespassed by officers.

Wed., Dec. 8, 2021: Hwy 10/CR 81 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

Tues., Dec. 7, 2021: 400 Blk Washington Ave. - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; Hwy 10/CR 81 - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located on an outstanding arrest warrant, booked into jail; Shore Acres Dr./Martin Ave. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

Mon., Dec. 6, 2021: Hwy 10/CR 15 - Cancelled Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Cancelled; 400 Blk Lake St. N. - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 100 Blk Henry Rd. - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juvenile, mediated by officers.

Premier Marine builds new manufacturing facility

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sent as a press release by Premier Marine).

Premier Marine, manufacturer of premium performance luxury pontoons and a subsidiary of Envision Company of Elk River, has officially broken ground on a new 85-acre professional boat building and design campus located in Big Lake.

The new 150,000 sq. ft state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and accompanying 30,000 sq. ft fiberglass and tooling operation will be the future home of Premier Marine.

employees."

Lampert Architects designed the new facility and RJ Ryan is building it. When completed it will be one of the only purpose-built pontoon manufacturing facilities in North America.

Premier is currently hiring for all positions. Employees can start immediately at the existing Wyoming location and then transition to Big Lake. The company is offering premium incentives including attractive medical, dental, vision and short and long-term disability benefits, matching 401K and several career development and



AN ARTIST'S RENDERING shows what the 150,000 sf facility will look like when construction is complete in the summer of 2022. (Submitted Photo).



PREMIER MARINE manufactures and designs a wide variety of popular styles and sizes of pontoons. (Submitted Photo).

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Envision Company acquired Premier Marine in the spring of 2021 and has since invested considerable capital in the company with the new manufacturing headquarters being the most significant to date. The new building will replace current headquarters in Wyoming, MN, and is scheduled to be operational by summer 2022. It will be capable of manufacturing more than 5,000 boats annually.

"We're very excited about our future here in Big Lake," said Chris Carlson, Envision Company owner. "The city has been exceptional to work with, and the community offers a strong workforce for future growth. Once we are fully operational, we anticipate having more than 400 em-

bonus programs. To apply visit pontoons.com/careers.

For additional information on Premier Marine visit www.Pontoons.com, or contact Erin Mathe, Media Relations Director, erin@mathecomm.com, 952-261-8148.

About Envision Company

Envision Company is an Elk River-based family office that was created after the sale of a highly successful manufacturing business. The company's focus is directly investing in privately held businesses and applying its 25 years of experience in driving business growth. Leadership believes that great companies are built upon a foundation of core values and that corporate culture is the heart and soul of any healthy organization.

Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC at Becker Community Center (BCC)

Mon., Dec. 20: Open All Day; 5am-Coffee's on; 10am-Play Cribbage

Tues., Dec. 21: 9am-Coffee, Conversation, Cards; 1130am-Potluck Christmas/Birthday Lunch & music by Greeta & David-rescheduled just in time for holidays at BCC-check for room on arrival

Wed., Dec. 22: Open All Day; 5am-Coffee's on

Thurs., Dec. 23: 9am-Coffee, Conversation, Cards; 11am-Note Movie Time Change- "Christmas Story" Cocoa & popcorn too! **Jan. sneak peak:** Branson's Sight & Sound Theatre "Jesus" show

Fri., Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Day-No Scheduled Activities

Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271

BASC Coordinator: Carol Brunn

Activity Coordinator: Pat Throlson

Blood Pressure available whenever BASC is open

Send activity/class opportunities to:

basc.becker@gmail.com

Big Lake Senior Center



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

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Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

Becker Baptist Church

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

Becker Evangelical Free Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers & Vicar Molly Wills, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 8:30am, Wed. Confirmation 5:30pm, Senior High Youth Group 1st & 3rd Wed. 6pm
www.faihlutheran-becker.org.

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God

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

Snake River Free Church

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

Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church

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

Beacon House of Prayer

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

Free Grace United

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

• BIG LAKE

Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church

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

Bethany Bible Church

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

Bridgeview Assembly of God

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

SVEA Hill Covenant Church

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

Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock

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

IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church

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

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Riverside Church

Online: www.myrc.church, 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.

Saron Lutheran Church

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

9:30am, indoors or livestream.

• 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.

SHED Church - Non-Denomination in Palmer

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

St. Marcus Catholic Church

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

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church

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

• CLEARWATER

Clearwater United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Bible Church

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

Rejoice Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

Church of St. Luke

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

Tri-County Alliance Church

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

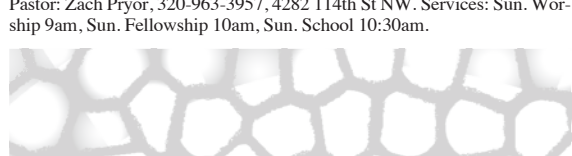
• SILVER CREEK

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

Silver Creek Community Church

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



Obituaries

Judith “Judy” Ann Marie Benson, 78
Becker, MN
September 2, 1943 – December 9, 2021



Celebration of Life and time of sharing will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Becker for Judith “Judy” Benson, age 78, who passed away Thursday at the St. Cloud Hospital. Visitation will be after 12:00 p.m. Saturday, December 18, 2021 at the funeral home. Reception will follow the service at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Becker. If not vaccinated, please wear a mask.

Judy was born September 2, 1943 in Robbinsdale to Carl & Margaret (Mudrock) Benson. She grew up in Robbinsdale, lived in Florida for five years, and the Minneapolis/Becker area since 1984. Judy married John Barr on April 16,

1993 in St. Cloud. She worked as a Social Worker for various Human Service Agencies including Wright County Health & Human Services, retiring in 2009. Judy also worked at “Project Game Star” and Recovery Plus. She enjoyed genealogy back to the 1600’s, gardening, cooking, traveling, and music especially classical. Judy was smart, loving, compassionate, funny, beautiful, and was very proud of her children. She was a former Master Gardener and was proud of her Masters Degree in Counseling.

Survivors include her husband, John Barr of Becker; son and daughter, Craig (Sarah) Sherwood of Sauk Rapids and Tammy (Patrick) Leonard of Pompano Beach, FL; sisters, Carla Brademan of Coon Rapids, Mary Ellen Erickson of Crystal and Karen Benson of Robbinsdale; grandchildren, Henry, Lydia, Erza, Zachary and Samantha; and great grandchildren, Edward III “Tre” and Elijah. Judy was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Andy Benson.

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

October 14, 1963 – December 12, 2021

We grieve the loss of Jody who passed away on Sunday, December 12 after a 9-month battle with bladder cancer. A private family ceremony was held at Rejoice Lutheran in Clearwater on Thursday, December 16. All are invited to gather together for the thing called her life, a Prince party to celebrate Jody, on Saturday, January 8 at 7 p.m. at Carousell Works in Big Lake. Masks will be required. Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to Terebith Refuge. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Becker.

Jody was born on October 14, 1963 in Estherville, IA to Barbara and David Sandt. She was raised in Minneapolis, MN. Her early years were filled with all the excitement you’d imagine of a young woman at the heart and height of the Minneapolis Sound. In 1986 she met and married Deron Trovall, and moved to Becker, MN.

Jody was an artist, mentor, and matriarch. Stubborn and loyal, she was always someone you could come to for truth, compassion and acceptance. Regardless of who you were or what decisions you made, Jody would fight for you. This was especially apparent in her community work, where she sought out working with teens. She taught kid’s art classes at Becker Community Center, worked as a hall monitor at the Jr. High School, and volunteered in youth ministry



at Rejoice Lutheran in Clearwater, and Grace Lutheran in Becker. As her children grew, she focused her creativity into opening Interior View - Window Fashions and Design, to help people create inviting spaces incorporating new and reused materials.

After years of thinking her kids would never give her grandkids, the last five years she found her house and time full with a growing family. Her last years were spent taking older grandkids to art shows and theater and watching the little ones every chance she got. Whenever possible, she spent time traveling across the country and to Mexico, having new experiences.

She is preceded in death by her father David Sandt and survived by her husband, Deron Trovall, mother and stepfather, Barbara and Lester Wood, children Brianna (Tauraen) and Isaiah (Lyla). She was Nana to five grandchildren in whom she took immense pride - Charmaine, Jordan, Carson, Jack, and Walker as well as her Goddaughter, Olive. She is also survived by her beloved dogs Betty and Lucy. A special thank you too Ron and Maggie Thiessen for all of their love and support through the dying process and for all of the community who helped Jody and the Trovall Family these past months.

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



Lennora “Lenny” Schill, Age 79
St. Augusta, MN
March 5, 1942 – December 13, 2021



Lennora is survived by her children; Colleen Schill-Fischer of Fairhaven, Kathy (Mark) Bjoralt of Clearwater, Jack of Clearwater and Deanna (Tim Schuette) Schill of Palmer, brothers and sisters; Jim (Betty) Maly of Nashwauk, Dodie Mooney and Bill of Phoenix, AZ, Jodie (Tony) Lillis of Minneapolis and sister in law Joan Maly of Clearwater, 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

She was preceded death by her parents, her husband in 2009, daughter Pamela Wills, brothers Larry Maly and Dennis Maly.

Special thanks to the entire staff on the 5th floor at CentraCare especially Chris and Emily.



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Public Notices

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Date: November 18, 2021

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of that certain mortgage that was executed by and among Elizabeth Nelson and Chad Nelson, as mortgagors, and Granite Community Bank, as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated May 15, 2019 and was recorded on May 16, 2019, as document number 871974, with the Office of the County Recorder in and for Sherburne County, Minnesota.
2. The mortgage has been assigned as follows: n/a
3. The original principal amount secured by the mortgage was: \$138,400.00.
4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the mortgage, or any part thereof.
5. The holder of the mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the mortgage and foreclosure of the mortgage and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.
6. As of the date of this notice, the amount due on the mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the mortgage is: \$132,837.00.
7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the mortgage, the mortgage will be foreclosed on the land described as follows:
Lot 7, Block 2, Parkside, Sherburne County, Minnesota
Street Address: 7633 Church Street, Clear Lake, Minnesota 55319
Tax Parcel Identification Number: 70-415-0235
and will be sold by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota at public auction on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Office of the Sherburne County Sheriff, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, Minnesota 55330.
8. The time allowed by law for redemption of mortgagors or mortgagors' personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.
9. The date on or before which the mortgagors must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. § 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. § 580.23 is July 26, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
10. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR OR THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINN. STAT. § 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

6. As of the date of this notice, the amount due on the mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the mortgage is: \$26,531.78.
7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the mortgage, the mortgage will be foreclosed on the land described as follows:
Lots 13 and 14, Cedar Cove, Sherburne County, Minnesota.
Street Address: 7087 - 100th Avenue SE, Clear Lake, Minnesota 55319
Tax Parcel Identification Number: 20-403-0130
and will be sold by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota at public auction on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Office of the Sherburne County Sheriff, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, Minnesota 55330.
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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Sherburne State Bank, Mortgagee
LATHROP GPM LLP
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Summons
STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CASE TYPE: Other Civil Quiet Title Action Court File No. 71-CV-21-1307 SUMMONS
Rodrigo T. Barbosa and Dawn R. Peasha, Plaintiffs, vs. Donald R. Nelson, Rose S. Nelson, Thomas R. Nelson, Dana C. Nelson, Steven J. Nelson, Joel M. Nelson, Kristi Nelson, Dennis D. Klein, Christine L. Klein, Thomas J. Hammer, Jr., as Trustee of the Thomas J. Hammer, Jr. Revocable Trust Agreement U/T/D December 10, 2015, Penney L. Hammer, as Trustee of the Penney L. Hammer Revocable Trust Agreement U/T/D December 10, 2015, R.D. Offutt Farms Co., a Minnesota Corporation, Hartkopf Farms, LLC, a Minnesota Limited Liability Company, Larry Czech and Renee M. Czech, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein, Defendants.
This Summons is directed to Defendants above-named.
1. **You are being sued.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Complaint is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that start a lawsuit and affect your legal rights, even if nothing has been filed with the court and even if there is no court file number on this Summons.
2. **You must BOTH reply, in writing, AND get a copy of your reply to the person/business who is suing you within 21 days to protect your rights.** Your reply is called an *Answer*. Getting your reply to the Plaintiff is called *service*. You must serve a copy of your *Answer* or *Answer and Counterclaim* (Answer) within 21 days from the date you received the *Summons and Complaint*.
ANSWER: You can find the Answer form and instructions on the MN Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov/forms under the "Civil" category. The instructions will explain in detail how to fill out the Answer form.
3. **You must respond to each claim.** The *Answer* is your written response to the Plaintiff's *Complaint*. In your *Answer* you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the *Complaint*. If you think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the *Complaint*, you must say that in your *Answer*.
4. **SERVICE: You may lose your case if you do not send a written response to the Plaintiff.** If you do not serve a written *Answer* within 21 days, you may lose this case by default. You will not get to tell your side of the story. If you choose not to respond, the Plaintiff may be awarded everything they asked for in their *Complaint*. If you agree with the claims stated in the *Complaint*, you don't need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for what the Plaintiff asked for in the *Complaint*.
To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your *Answer* on the person who signed this *Summons* in person or by mail at this address:
John T. Peterson
Johnson, Larson & Peterson, P.A.
908 Commercial Drive
Buffalo, MN 55313
5. Carefully read the Instructions (CIV301) for the *Answer* for your next steps.
6. **Legal Assistance.** You may wish to get legal help from an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and would like legal help:
• Visit www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp and click on the "Legal Advice Clinics" tab to get more information about legal clinics in each Minnesota county.
• Court Administration may have information about places where you can get legal assistance.
NOTE: Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still serve a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.
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8. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in Sherburne County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:
The East 2 rods of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 35 North, Range 30 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota.
The object of this action is to procure a judgment that the Plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple absolute, of said real estate, and that the Defendants, and each of them, have no right, title, estate, interest, or lien herein or thereon, or in any part thereof.
JOHNSON, LARSON & PETERSON, P.A.
Dated: November 12, 2021
/s/ John T. Peterson, I.D.# 195108
Attorney for Plaintiffs
908 Commercial Drive
Buffalo, Minnesota 55313
Telephone: (763) 682-4550
John.Peterson@jlpawmn.com
557.03 NOTICE OF NO PERSONAL CLAIM - Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 557.03 you are hereby served with notice that no personal claim is made against you and that any defendant upon whom this notice is served who unreasonably defends this action shall pay full costs to the plaintiff.

Sherburne State Bank, Mortgagee
LATHROP GPM LLP
By: /s/ Andrew J. Steil
Andrew J. Steil #387048
1010 West St. Germain Street
Suite 500
St. Cloud, MN 56301
(320) 252-4414
Attorneys for Sherburne State Bank
(Published in the *Patriot*: 12/04/21; 12/11/21; 12/18/21; 12/24/21; 12/31/21; 01/08/22).

agree with each paragraph of the *Complaint*. If you think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the *Complaint*, you must say that in your *Answer*.
4. **SERVICE: You may lose your case if you do not send a written response to the Plaintiff.** If you do not serve a written *Answer* within 21 days, you may lose this case by default. You will not get to tell your side of the story. If you choose not to respond, the Plaintiff may be awarded everything they asked for in their *Complaint*. If you agree with the claims stated in the *Complaint*, you don't need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for what the Plaintiff asked for in the *Complaint*.
To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your *Answer* on the person who signed this *Summons* in person or by mail at this address:
John T. Peterson
Johnson, Larson & Peterson, P.A.
908 Commercial Drive
Buffalo, MN 55313
5. Carefully read the Instructions (CIV301) for the *Answer* for your next steps.
6. **Legal Assistance.** You may wish to get legal help from an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and would like legal help:
• Visit www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp and click on the "Legal Advice Clinics" tab to get more information about legal clinics in each Minnesota county.
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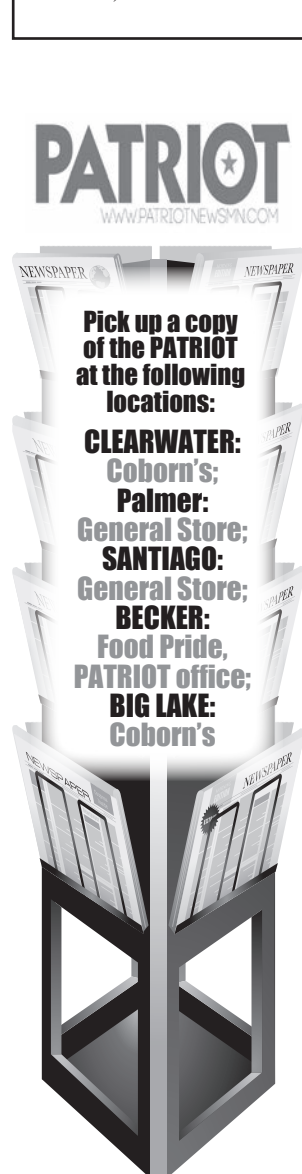
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Assumed Name
Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333
The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.
ASSUMED NAME: **Palmer Powder Hounds Snowmobile Club**
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **4180 105th Ave Clear Lake MN 55319 USA**
NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name:
Palmer Powder Hounds Snowmobile Club Inc.
Address:
4180 105th Ave Clear Lake MN 55319 USA
If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.
By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the

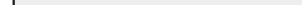
penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.
SIGNED BY: **Chris Cotton**
MAILING ADDRESS: **4180 105th Ave Clear Lake MN 55319**
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: *inspection.chris@gmail.com*
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/s/ Steve Simon
Secretary of State
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Central MN Council on Aging Notices

The Central MN Council on Aging
Will publish a Special Competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Administration for Community Living (ACL) for vaccine education and supports from December 2021 - August 2022. RFP will be posted to our website on or about December 17, 2021. See our website: <http://www.cmcoa.org/titleiii.shtml> for further information and RFP.
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Before you leave
1. Check weather and road conditions. Whether you look online or call 511, make sure the roads between you and your destination are safe enough to travel. And we cannot stress this enough: If a travel advisory says it's not safe to drive, don't drive.
2. Grab your emergency kit and charge your phone. If you get in a crash, you'll need a fully charged phone to call for help and the items in your emergency kit to stay comfortable until help comes.
3. Tell someone where you're going. Let them know when you expect to arrive at your destination and the route you're taking to get there. That way, if you don't show up, they'll know you need help.
4. Top off your tank and clean off the snow and ice. Travel in poor conditions can take a lot longer than normal, so make sure you have plenty of gas. And when we recommend cleaning the snow off your windows, we mean all of them, not just an eye-level swath of the windshield. While you're at it, get the snow off your hood, roof, and trunk so that it doesn't fly off and blind you or the vehicle behind you, and clear off your headlights and taillights as well.
While you're driving
1. Buckle up and put distractions away. This is good advice no matter the weather, but before those wheels roll, put on your seat belt (same for your passengers). Limit distractions by setting your music and GPS before you go, or just put your phone away altogether. Remember that Minnesota is a hands-free cell phone state.
2. Slow down. When you're driving in snow and ice, don't drive to the speed limit; drive to conditions. It may take you longer to get to your destination, but you'll arrive alive. Also, increase your following distance from the vehicle ahead of you so that you can stop more easily if you need to.
3. Turn your lights on. In the wintertime, headlights are as much for being seen as they are for seeing. Don't depend on the auto headlight feature; make sure other vehicles know you're there by manually turning on your lights.
If you crash
1. Steer where you want the car to go. If you hit a patch of ice, stay calm and turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the car to go.
2. Get off the road. If you do crash, try to get off the road to a safe location, such as a parking lot. This will help keep other motorists from crashing into you.
3. Stay inside. Once you're off the road, don't leave your car. You'll want to conserve as much heat as possible without running the engine so that you can stay warm until help comes.
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).



Township Public Notices

FILING NOTICE FOR QUALIFIED VOTERS IN SANTIAGO TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that a town election will be held in the Township of Santiago, Sherburne County, MN., on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Santiago Township, Sherburne County, State of Minnesota, that filing for town office will be held for a two-week period beginning, Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed by appointment with the town clerk, Kathy Woolard. Affidavits will be accepted from December 28, 2021, through January 11, 2022. The Clerk's Office will be open for filing January 11, 2022, from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. There will be a \$2.00 filing fee.

Offices to be filled at the Annual Election in March are as follows:
1 Supervisor for a three-year term
1 Clerk for a two-year term

The clerk's office, located at 16943 20th St., Santiago, MN. 55377, will be open Saturday, March 5, 2022, from 10 am- 12 pm, for the purpose of absentee voting.
Kathy Woolard, Clerk
Santiago Township
(Published in the *Patriot*: 12/18/21; 12/24/21).

TOWNSHIP OF PALMER NOTICE OF TOWN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED
Notice is hereby given that a Town Election will be held in the Township of Palmer, Sherburne County, Minnesota Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2022.

The first day of filing affidavits of candidacy will be Tuesday, December 28, 2021 and the last day to file will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022, closing time 5:00 p.m.

Filings may be made with Clerk Amy Bragelman at the Township Hall, 4180 105th Ave., on Tuesdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or by appointment at 320-743-2100. The following vacancies will be filled for the term expiring:
1 SUPERVISOR- for the term of three (3) years
Filing fee is \$2.00.
Given under my hand this 14th day of December, 2021.
Amy Bragelman,
Palmer Township Clerk
(Published in the *Patriot*: 12/18/21; 12/24/21).

DEADLINES
Notices & Legals Tuesday At Noon (for the holidays)
Contact Kathy: 763-275-0275 or Email: legals.kathy@patriotnewsmn.com
PATRIOT
WWW.PATRIOTNEWSMN.COM

SHERIFF & POLICE REPORTS are posted on our website: www.patriotnewsmn.com

Interested in being a sponsor for the Cops Corner? Contact Carol at the Patriot at 763.275.0275 Team up with your police department for a better, safer community

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

Question: Now that winter is here, can you talk about winter travel safety?
Answer: Snow and ice can make driving a bit more challenging, even if you grew up here. It not only involves knowing what to do while your vehicle is in motion, but preparing carefully before you leave the house and being ready in case of a crash. Based on the typical wintertime crashes they see every year, here are the Minnesota State Patrol's top 10 winter driving tips.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Date: December 1, 2021

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

Public Notices

City Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

effective January 1, 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF CLEARWATER FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2022

The City Council of the City of Clearwater, Wright and Stearns Counties, Minnesota does ordain as follows:

FEE SCHEDULE

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Affidavit of Candidacy		\$2.00
Certification of Delinquent Charges		\$75.00
Copies	Per Page	\$0.25
Faxes (removed "outgoing")	Each	\$3.00
Insufficient Funds (Returned Payments)		\$35.00
Special Meeting of a Board/Commission	Per Meeting	\$300.00
Special Meeting of the City Council	Per Meeting	\$600.00
Special Assessment Searches	Each PID or Address	\$25.00
Official Utility Reports	Each PID or Address	\$25.00
Maps	Each	\$3.00
Postage	Prevailing Rate	
Consultant Billing Rate	Contracted Rate	
Employee Billing Rate	Hourly Rate + Fringe Benefits	
<u>City Publications - No Charge for Electronic Copies, if available</u>		
Adopted Budget Report		\$12.00
Audited Financial Reports		\$20.00
Comprehensive Plan		\$30.00
Code of Ordinances	actual cost	
Subdivision Ordinance	actual cost	
Zoning Ordinance	actual cost	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

False Alarms (within a 12 month period)		
1st - 2nd False Alarm		\$0.00
3rd False Alarm		\$100.00
Each Additional Alarm	Previous Charge Plus Additional	\$50.00
Illegal Burns		
Small in Nature - As determined by the Fire Chief		\$100.00
Large in Nature - As determined by the Fire Chief	Actual Cost	
Copies of Incident Reports		\$15.00

Charges for Emergency Response Services

Apparatus:	Staff Allocated Rate Per Hour:	
Engine	Up to 4 Personnel	\$275.00
Ladder / Aerial	Up to 4 Personnel	\$275.00
Water Tender	Up to 2 Personnel	\$200.00
Heavy Rescue / Rescue / Ambulance	Up to 2 Personnel	\$185.00
Command Vehicle / Utility Truck / Grass Truck	Up to 2 Personnel	\$85.00
ATV / UTV with water tank	Up to 2 Personnel	\$50.00
	Extra Personnel	\$15/hour

PARKS & RECREATION

Lions Park Pavilion		
Both Meeting Rooms and Kitchen (Resident)		\$50.00
Both Meeting Rooms and Kitchen (Non-Resident)		\$75.00
Cleaning Fee		\$25.00
Security Deposit (Refunded upon verification of no damage and cleaned)		\$100.00
Eldorado Park		
Field Reservation	Single Date (Resident/Non-Resident)	\$35.00
	Per Season Application Fee (Resident)	\$75.00
	Per Season Application Fee (Non-Resident)	\$100.00
Sportsman's Park Pavilion		
Pavilion Rental - Concession Area included (Resident)		\$50.00
Pavilion Rental - Concession Area included (Non-Resident)		\$75.00
Security Deposit (Refunded upon verification of no damage and cleaned)		\$100.00
Field/Course Reservation	Single Date (Resident/Non-Resident)	\$35.00
(includes pavilion at no extra cost)	Per Season Application Fee (Resident)	\$75.00
	Per Season Application Fee (Non-Resident)	\$100.00
All Other Park/Field/Course/Amenity Rental		
Tennis Court, Disc Golf Course,	Single Date (Resident/Non-Resident)	\$35.00
Hockey Rink, Ball Field	Per Season Application Fee (Resident)	\$75.00
	Per Season Application Fee (Non-Resident)	\$100.00

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Dog- At-Large Capture (within a calendar year) - only if referred/approved by staff - no resident pick-up		
1st Violation	Shelter's Actual Costs (if any) plus Admin. Fee Shown	\$100.00
2nd Violation	Shelter's Actual Costs (if any) plus Admin. Fee Shown	\$150.00
3rd Violation	Shelter's Actual Costs (if any) plus Admin. Fee Shown	\$200.00
Fire Marshall		
Initial Inspection of Fire Code Violation		\$0.00
1st Follow Up Inspection		\$100.00
2nd Follow Up Inspection		\$200.00
3rd Follow Up Inspection		\$300.00
Nuisance Abatement		
Actual Cost Incurred by the City	Each violation plus actual costs if court action initiated	\$100.00
Administrative Fines - Code Violations	Increases each additional violation	\$100.00
Liquor Violations (occurring within the preceding three-year period)		
1st Violation		\$750.00
2nd Violation		\$1,500.00
3rd Violation	Suspension of License for 30 days	Suspension

Weed Violations/Lawn Maintenance - per parcel Includes \$20 Administration Fee		\$120.00
Snow Removal from Sidewalks - per parcel Includes \$20 Administration Fee		\$120.00

PERMITS & LICENSES

Animal License (Dogs or Chickens)	Life Time License	\$10.00
	Replacement Tag	\$10.00
Business Registration	Annual	\$25.00
Rental Housing Registration	Annual	\$75.00
Failure to Register/Late Registration	Per Property	\$150.00
Re-inspection Fee (each subsequent reinspection) (paid by property owner)	\$10/bldg + \$50/unit	
Adult-Oriented Business (Principal Activity) Annually		\$1,000.00
Adult-Oriented Business (Accessory Activity) Annually		\$500.00
Right-of-Way Permit (Obstruction, Excavation, other)	Per Occurrence	\$150.00
	Failure to Obtain	\$500.00
Refuse/Recycle Hauler Annually	Residential or Commercial	\$150.00
Transient Merchant/Peddler License	Per Person, 1-7 days	\$25.00
Special Event Permit		\$25.00
Golf Cart/Specialty Vehicle Permit	Per Cart - expires 3 years after issuance	\$35.00

Mobile Food Unit - Annual Permit	Application Fee	\$100.00
	Per Day each day past 21 days	\$7.00
Gambling - Temporary Permit		\$25.00
Sign Permit - Temporary	Per Permit/Event - Valid for 40 days	\$25.00
Liquor Licenses		
On-Sale Intoxicating - Annual		\$3,000.00
On-Sale Wine - Annual		\$300.00
On-Sale Sunday - Annual		\$200.00
On-Sale Beer - Annual		\$100.00
On-Sale Club	Per Mn Statutes	
Off-Sale Intoxicating - Annual		\$100.00
Off-Sale 3.2% Malt Liquor - Annual		\$25.00
Temporary Malt Liquor License (1-4 Day Event)		\$50.00
Background Investigation Fee	Annually	\$100.00
Temporary 3.2% License		\$50.00

Building Permits

New Construction - Per the 1997 UBC Fee Schedule	Per the 1997 UBC Fee Schedule
Sign Permits (Not Temporary)	Per the 1997 UBC Fee Schedule

Lead Certification		\$5.00
Over the Counter Permits (Residential Only) (includes \$1.00 state surcharge)		
Maintenance (Roofing/Siding/Doors/Windows/Plumbing/HVAC/Mechanical)		\$50.00
Accessory Structures	Under 200 square feet	\$50.00
Fence Permits	Under 6 feet in height	\$50.00

Building Permit Violations - Failure to Pull	Double the actual permit fee
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Public Utilities/Public Services

Water Rates

Monthly Charges

Base Fee per Equivalent Residential Unit		\$5.90
Metered Usage - Residential	Per 1,000 Gallons up to 9,999 Gallons	\$1.60
Metered Usage - Residential	Per 1,000 Gallons over 9,999 Gallons	\$2.20
Metered Usage - Commercial	Per 1,000 Gallons up to 9,999 Gallons	\$1.60

Other Charges

Water Access Charge (WAC)		\$2,500.00
Water Trunk Fee		\$2,000.00
Unauthorized Hydrant Usage		\$100.00
Hydrant Demand Charges (Per 1,000 gallons)		\$10.00
Disconnect Fee / Re-connect Fee (At Curb Stop)		\$50.00
Requested Meter Accuracy Test (Refer to Policy)		Actual Cost
Minnesota Department of Health Test Fee		Prevailing Rate
Water Meter/Radio Read		Actual Cost

Sanitary Sewer

Monthly Charges

Base Fee per Equivalent Residential Unit		\$31.50
Residential Flow Charges	Per 1,000 Gallons	\$10.50
Commercial & Industrial Flow Charges	Per 1,000 Gallons	\$14.70

Other Charges

Sewer Access Charge (SAC)		\$3,500.00
Sewer Trunk Fee		\$2,000.00

Refuse & Recycling

Refuse	32 Gallon Can / Monthly	\$10.00
Refuse	64 Gallon Can / Monthly	\$13.00
Refuse	96 Gallon Can / Monthly	\$15.00
Recycling	Per Month	\$5.00
Bulk Pick-up		actual cost
Garbage Tags (extra bags)	Per Bag	\$3.50

Storm Sewer

Per Utility Account	During winter months (Sep - Apr)	\$5.00
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Mosquito Control

	During summer months (May - Aug)	\$3.75
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Late Payment Fee

	Monthly, per account	\$15.00
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In addition to the charges outlined below, the applicant will reimburse the city for all outside legal, engineering, planning, and/or other administrative expenses related to the application. The initial escrow amounts shown will be used to cover these costs. If the costs exceed the initial escrow amount, the applicant will be billed for the additional expenses. Any unused escrow funds will be returned to the applicant upon completion of the project.

PLANNING & ZONING

Administrative Permit	Initial Escrow (refundable if not used) (non-refundable)	\$50.00
Conditional Use Permit Application	\$2,000	\$400.00
Interim Use Permit Application	\$2,000	\$400.00
Variance Application	\$2,000	\$400.00
Wetland Application		actual cost
Easement Vacation	\$2,000	\$400.00
Rezoning Application	\$2,000	\$400.00
Concept Plan (Site Plan Review)	\$2,000	\$400.00
Street/Alley Vacation Request	\$2,000	\$400.00

SUBDIVISION

Minor Subdivision/Lot Split/Lot Combination	\$2,000	\$400.00
Preliminary Plat	\$5,000	\$500.00
Final Plat	\$5,000	\$500.00
Park Dedication Fees - General	Per Subdivision Ordinance	
Park Dedication Fees - Sunrise Crest	Per lot per development agreement	\$400.00

To be paid at the time that the building permit is issued

OTHER DEVELOPMENT/SPECIAL REQUESTS

Annexation Petition	\$1,000	\$100.00
Comprehensive Plan Amendment	\$1,000	\$400.00
TIF (Tax Increment Financing)	\$12,000	\$100.00
Tax Abatement	\$6,500	\$100.00

This ordinance is effective January 1, 2022 following adoption and summary publication.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2021

APPROVED:

/s/ Andrea Lawrence Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

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Public Notices

Sherburne County Public Notices

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners November 16, 2021 - County Board Meeting Minutes Call to Order

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on November 16, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Chair was at 9:00am. Commissioner Burandt was absent from the meeting.

- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda
- Dolan/Schmiesing were unanimous with a 4-0 vote to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

Fobbe/Dolan were unanimous with a 4-0 vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Approved County Board Meeting Minutes: November 2, 2021.
- Approved County Workshop Meeting Minutes: November 2, 2021

Office Space Lease Agreement with Central MN Jobs & Training Services. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

- Approved a 1-Year Lease Renewal Agreement for General Office Space with Central Minnesota Jobs and Training. This lease shall begin on January 1, 2022 and shall end on December 31, 2022. Lessee shall pay rent in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Oath of Office for Jennifer Clements as the New Assistant Sherburne County Attorney. Attorney

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

- Approved the Oath of Office for ACA Jennifer Clements as the new Assistant Sherburne County Attorney. This position is funded by ARPA funding.

Call for Bids for 2022 Publications. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

- Authorized the Auditor-Treasurer to publish in the official County newspaper on December 4th, 11th, and 18th a call for bids for the awarding of 2022 publication contract(s).

Auditor - Treasurer Monthly Report for October 2021. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

- Accepted the October 2021 Financial Report from the County Auditor-Treasurer.

Commissioner & Manual Warrants. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

- October 29, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$1,364,024.75
- October 29, 2021 Manual Warrants \$13,037,975.95
- November 3, 2021 Commissioner Warrants 50% Est School District Payout P2 \$1,040,626.17
- November 5, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$550,610.13
- November 5, 2021 Manual Warrants \$13,037,590.01

Date for Closed Bid Forfeited Land Sale. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

- Approved the setting of the date for the Closed Bid Tax Forfeited Land Sale, to be held 30 days from the date of notification of adjacent property owners.

Community Corrections Electronic Monitoring Contract Extension. Community Corrections

Bobbie Shafer, Supervisor

- Approved a contract extension with Minnesota Monitoring to provide electronic monitoring equipment and services for court-ordered juvenile and adult offenders. Original term start date of January 1, 2021 with a new extended term end date of December 21, 2022. (On file.)

Community Corrections Juvenile Evaluations Contract Renewal - Dawn Peuschold. Community Corrections

Bobbie Shafer, Community Corrections Supervisor

- Approved a contract for Dawn Peuschold to complete court-ordered evaluations for juvenile offenders. The term of this Agreement shall commence on November 1, 2021 and terminate on December 31, 2024. (On file.)

Community Corrections Programs Contract Renewal - Doug Bosacker. Community Corrections

Bobbie Shafer, Community Corrections Supervisor

- Approved contract for Doug Bosacker to provide cognitive restructuring and Driving with Care programming for court-ordered juvenile and adult offenders. This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2022 and terminate on December 31, 2024. (On file.)

Community Corrections Programs Contract Renewal - Nate Parker. Community Corrections

Bobbie Shafer, Community Corrections Supervisor

- Approved a contract for Nate Parker to provide cognitive restructuring and Driving with Care programming for court-ordered juvenile and adult offenders. The term of this Agreement shall be January 1, 2022 and shall terminate on December 31, 2024. (On file.)

Community Corrections Juvenile Evaluations Contract Renewal - Tricia Aiken. Community Corrections

Bobbie Shafer, Supervisor

- Approved a contract for Tricia Aiken to complete court-ordered evaluations for juvenile offenders. This Agreement shall commence November 1, 2021 and shall terminate on December 31, 2024. (On file.)

10-28-21 HHS OBO Warrants. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved HHS OBO Warrants as follows:

- October 28, 2021 HHS OBO Warrants \$7,184.64

HHS/ADMIN Warrants 11/5/2021. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved HHS Admin Warrants as follows:

- November 5, 2021 HHS/Admin Warrants \$32,804.61

Memorandum of Understanding with the Highway Association Regarding Temporary Employee Snowplowing Services. Human Resources

Tammy Bigelow, Director of HR

- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Highway Association regarding Temporary Employee Snowplowing Services. The duration of this agreement is October 15, 2021 through May 1, 2022. (On file.)

Update to County Policy Regarding Personal Cellular Device Reimbursement. Information Technology

Brian Kamman, IT Director

- Approved updating the maximum cellular device reimbursement amount for an employee to not exceed \$45 per month. (On file.)

Contract With Waste Management for Waste Removal at the four County Locations. Maintenance

Steve Becker, Maintenance Department Head

- Approved a contract with Waste Management for waste removal services at the four county locations. Contract shall commence January 1, 2022 and terminate on December 31, 2025 with an annual cost of \$24,960.00. (On file.)

Amending Solar Farm Decommissioning Escrow Financial Surety to \$100,000 per Megawatt. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Approved a requirement that all future Solar Farm Interim Use Permits include the condition that the decommissioning financial surety be set at \$100,000 per megawatt.

Out of State Travel to Discuss Federal Project Funding with Minnesota's Congressional Delegation, Staff and Executive Branch Representatives. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Authorized Andrew Witter and Gina Hugo to travel to Washington, D.C. to discuss federal project funding opportunities with Minnesota's Congressional Delegation, staff, and Executive Branch Officials. Estimated total cost of \$793.28.

CR 53 - Amendment #1 for Grant Contract #TEDI-19-0001-O-FY20. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Approved Amendment #1 for Grant Contract #TEDI-19-0001-O-FY. Contract original start date of December 18, 2019 with an extended expiration of December 31, 2023. Total contract amount of \$950,000.00. (On file.)

Resolution No. 111621-AD-2074 for the Five Year Bridge Replacement Plan Dated May 5, 2020. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Approved Resolution No. 111621-AD-2074 amending the County's Five Year Bridge Replacement Plan, dated May 5, 2020., or when Local Bridge Bond Funding becomes available from the State of MN. (On file.)

Donation to the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff

Joel Brott, County Sheriff

- Approved a \$50.00 donation made to the Sheriff's Office by Tim & Sharon Leider of Baldwin Township.

Announcements

County Information and Board Correspondence. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- County Administrator Bruce Messelt updated the Board on the roof work, new door installation at Door A, plow season, legislation trip to Washington, D.C., Legislative Breakfast and priorities, and State lobbyist virtual visits.

Open Forum

- Bret Collier of Big Lake discussed County Road 43 and it's wash-board finish compared to other roads in the surrounding area. Auditor Treasurer Diane Arnold, provided the Board with an update on the Riverbend Second Addition.

Regular Agenda

Conditional Use Permit for Personal Storage Structure - Caryn Cruz. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Schmiesing/Fobbe were unanimous with a 4-0 vote to approve the Conditional Use Permit Application by Caryn Cruz for Personal Storage Structure, with the (5) Conditions and Findings of Fact recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission; PID #30-021-2105; Legal Desc: E ½ of NE ¼ (full legal on file). Sec 21, Twp 34, Rge 26, Livonia Township. 20 acres in the General Rural District.

Conditions:

1. The applicant must obtain a building permit and comply with County's Zoning Ordinance and the 2015 Minnesota State Building Code.
2. The Personal Storage Structure cannot be used for any business purpose.
3. The Personal Storage Structure is not permitted to have plumbing or a floor drain.
4. The size and location of the Personal Storage Structure should not impede the placement of a future home, or primary and secondary septic system.
5. The maximum height of the structure is 25 feet from the ground to the peak.

Findings:

1. That the Conditional Use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity.

Yes, the proposed use is a personal storage structure. It is not anticipated to diminish and impair values within the immediate area.

2. That the establishment of the Conditional Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.

Yes, the proposed use will be used as a horse shelter. There is enough property to accommodate space for a future house and septic if desired.

3. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided.

Yes, the applicant is not requesting additional utilities beyond what a normal residence would require.

4. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use.

Yes, the applicant has sufficient parking space to accommodate the proposed use.

5. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result.

Yes, it is not anticipated to cause offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration to the immediate area. It will be used as a shelter for horses.

Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of Walker Estates - John Walker. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Schmiesing/Fobbe were unanimous with a 4-0 to approve the Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of "Walker Estates" consisting of (2) Lots, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission, with the (4) Conditions; PID #40-034-1101; Legal Desc: That Part of the NE 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 34, Twp 35, Rge 29, Palmer Township; 10.5 acres in the in the Shoreland Residential District, and within the Recreational Development Shore Land District Overlay of Rush Lake.

Conditions:

1. Park dedication fees for 1 lot are \$800.00. Park fees must be paid prior to the Public Works Dept signing the plat mylars.
2. As shown on the Preliminary Plans, access to Lot 1, Block 2 shall be off of 57th Street SE.
3. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.
4. In accordance with Section 8 (Simple Plats), Subdivision 2.E. (Restrictions) Lot 1, Block 2 may not be subdivided within two years of County Board approval of the Final Plat.

Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of Hartkopf Number One - Kathy & Jim Hartkopf. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Schmiesing/Fobbe were unanimous with a 4-0 to approve Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of "Hartkopf Number One" consisting of (1) lot, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission, with the (4) Conditions; PID #20-106-4000; Legal Desc: That part of the Southeast Quarter (full legal on file). Sec 6, Twp 34, Rge 29, Clear Lake Township. 63.91 in the Agricultural District and within the Natural Environment Shoreland Overlay District of Unnamed Lake 71012001.

Conditions:

1. An access permit is required from the Sherburne County Public Works Department.
2. In accordance with Section 8 (Simple Plats), Subdivision 2.E. (Restrictions) the remaining 46.84-acre parcel may not be subdivided within two years of County Board approval of the Final Plat.
3. The remaining 46.84-acre parcel must be recorded at the same time as the Final Plat.
4. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.

Consider Request to Rezone from Industrial to Commercial - World of Wheels Properties, LLC. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Schmiesing/Dolan were unanimous with a 4-0 vote to approve the Rezoning of 3.37 acres from Industrial to Commercial, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission and with the recommended Findings, for PID # 10-323-1401 and 10-323-1406; Legal Desc: That part of the SE 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 23, Twp 33, Rge 28, Big Lake Township. 3.37 acres in the Industrial District and Within the Natural Environment Shoreland Overlay District of Beulah Pond.

Findings:

1. Is the proposed rezoning consistent with the Comprehensive Plan? Yes. The Comprehensive Plan, Figure 9.15 Future Land Use map identifies this property as Business and Industry and commercial zoning is compatible with that land use.
2. Is the current use of the property a permitted use within the proposed zoning district, or will the rezoning create a non-conforming use? Yes, the property is noncompliant without an approved Interim Use Permit. The applicant is working with the County to obtain the necessary permits to ensure the property is compliant with the uses permitted in the new zoning district.
3. Will permitted uses within the proposed zoning district be injurious to health or interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property within the vicinity? No. Adjacent lands are currently zoned Industrial and the proposed use of the property will be consistent with historic use of the property. All residential areas are over 950 feet away.
4. How will public services (e.g. transportation, schools, parks, and police/fire) be impacted by the proposed rezoning? Will permitted uses within the proposed zoning district adversely impact or overburden existing public service capacity? No, the Comprehensive Land Use Maps for Big Lake Township have identified this land for Business and Industry. The site has historically been used as an auto dealership/repair business. MnDOT has expressed it is a compatible use similar to the previous auto dealer, MnDOT does not have any comment or issue with this development. Based on this information it is not anticipated this will have an adverse impact on public services.
5. Is the proposed rezoning located in an area that has the potential to adversely impact natural resources such as surface water, groundwater, or wetlands, or sites identified for rare biological species habitat? A small portion of the eastern side of the property is within a Shoreland District of a Natural Environment Lake Beulah Pond which is over 980ft from this property. There are several vacant parcels that separate this lot from that body of water. There are no wetlands on this property. Any further development of the property will require permits from Sherburne County Planning and Zoning and all development must comply with all zoning, subdivision and stormwater regulations.
6. Does the proposed rezoning have the potential to impact ecologically sensitive or historically significant areas? No, the property has been used for a commercial/industrial use for the past 30 years and there is no ecological sensitive or historic features on this property.
7. Does the property have sufficient size and physical characteristics to permit a reasonable use under the current zoning district? Yes. This is a 3.37-acre parcel and any future development of this parcel will require permits from Sherburne County and will be required to comply with all zoning, subdivision and stormwater regulations.
8. Any other factors that may be relevant to determining whether the

proposed rezoning is appropriate?

No, this property is currently zoned Industrial and the County's Comprehensive Land Use Map shows this land as Business and Industry. The expectation for this parcel from the County and the Township is that it will be used for business and industry as it has historically been. Consider Interim Use Permit (IUP) Application for Business Selling Vehicles, Boats, Farm Equipment-Auto Repair, Tire and Auto Accessory Sales - World of Wheels Properties, LLC. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Fobbe/Dolan were unanimous with a 4-0 vote to approve updates to the Sherburne County Cremation and Funeral Policy, including an increase in allowances. (On file.)

Conditions:

1. A building permit is required from the Planning and Zoning Department. All building plans must be prepared by an architect or engineer to certify the structure complies with MN Building Code and the American Disability Act requirements.
2. If additional improvements are made to the parking lot the applicant is required to submit a stormwater and draining plan that complies with both County (Zoning Ordinance Section 17.1) and Township drainage requirements. A Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit from the Planning and Zoning Department is required prior to any land disturbance.
3. The applicant shall maintain a Dealer's License from the MN Dept. of Public Safety and comply with all license requirements. All Dealer License forms must be signed off on by the Planning and Zoning Department and pay the Vehicle Dealer License Signage fee established in the County Fee Schedule.
4. Vehicles for sale or stored on the property shall be limited to passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks.
5. Adequate off-street parking shall be available for business use. At a minimum, (1) parking stall shall be provided per 250 sq. ft. of office space floor area and (5) parking stalls per 1,000 sq ft of floor area per Sect 17, Subd 2(10K &M) of the Zoning Ordinance; and (5) parking stalls shall be assigned to each auto dealership per MN Statute 168.27, Subd 10. Each stall shall be 9" X 18" and signed according to the assigned business.
6. There shall be a maximum of 233 vehicles stored outside on the property. The applicant must provide 22 parking spaces for customers.
7. No vehicle shall be parked within the 10' parking/driveway setback from the property line.
8. There shall be a maximum of 24 independent auto dealers. Two of the dealers may operate an independent auto repair shop from this building.
9. Mechanical vehicle repair, auto body repair are permitted. Painting of vehicles is not permitted.
10. If any vehicle is brought on-site leaking fluids, fluids must be promptly drained and properly disposed. The business shall maintain a Hazardous Waste Generator license if required by the MPCA.
11. There shall be no miscellaneous vehicle parts stored outside. All business activities related to auto repair shall conducted within building.
12. Vehicles with body damage shall be stored in an area screened from view of the public right-of-way.
13. This interim use permit is not for a salvage yard / wrecking yard defined in the Zoning Ordinance as, an outdoor facility used by a business engaged in the reclamation of parts or materials from vehicles.
14. All exterior lighting shall be directed away from the public right-of-way.
15. The applicant shall allow the County to inspect the property during normal business hours.
16. The applicant shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
17. This IUP is issued to Word of Wheels Properties and shall expire with a change in ownership.
18. A Sign permit must be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department, the sign is not to exceed 164 sq. ft.

Findings:

1. That the Interim Use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity.
- Yes, it is not anticipated that the proposed use is not injurious and won't diminish and impair values within the immediate area. Selling vehicles and auto repair are permitted uses with the required permit(s).
 2. That the establishment of the Interim Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.

Yes, the proposed use will be the selling of used vehicles and auto repair. It will not impede the normal and orderly development. This property has been used as an auto dealership for the past 30 years.
 3. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided.

Yes, adequate utilities are provided, access is acceptable to MnDOT, any future improvements to drainage will need to comply with County Stormwater Requirements.
 4. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use.

Yes, the applicant has sufficient parking space to accommodate the proposed use in accordance with County and State standards.
 5. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result.

Yes, it will not cause offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration to the immediate area. Adequate parking is proposed, and no painting permitted.

Consider Updates to the Sherburne County Cremation and Funeral Policy. Health & Human Services

Gina Anderson, Economic Supports Manager

- Fobbe/Dolan were unanimous with a 4-0 vote to approve updates to the Sherburne County Cremation and Funeral Policy, including an increase in allowances. (On file.)

Introduction of Housing Resource Specialist. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

- HHS Director Amanda Larson introduced Lori Irwin, the new Housing Resource Specialist in Health and Human Services. Lori provided a brief description of her duties since she has been with the County and provided information on her background.

Proclamation of November as Adoption Month. Health & Human Services

Wendy Hendrickson, Social Services Supervisor

- Fobbe/Schmiesing were unanimous to approve a Proclamation of November as Adoption Month. Social Services Supervisor Wendy Hendrickson provided a brief update on adoptions in Sherburne County.

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

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

Approved the bi-weekly ARPA related expenditures and discussed the Community Resource Recovery grant program guidelines and Resolution as follows:

- Schmiesing/Dolan were unanimous to approve expenses less than \$50,000, equaling \$73,028.10. (On file.)
- Dolan/Fobbe unanimous to approve Resolution 111621-AD-2078, adopting the Community Resource Recovery Grant Program. (On file.) County Staff suggested closing the application period for the grant program on December 31, 2021 and the County Board agreed by consensus.

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

Commissioner Burandt - Absent.

Commissioner Fobbe - Met with Gina Hugo and Molly Hanson to discuss the Unlock It Program, Elk River Chamber Awards Luncheon, Tri-Cap Executive Meeting, MICA, Central MN Jobs & Training, Government Relations Board, Mentioned Letter from Livonia Supervisors

Commissioner Dolan - Magic Fund, Testified at P.U.C. for Sherco Solar Project, Elk River Chamber Awards Luncheon, Distinctive Iron Ribbon Cutting

Commissioner Schmiesing - Palmer Township Board Meeting, Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Meeting, MICA, MCIT

Commissioner Danielowski - Ribbon Cutting for Great River Federal Credit Union, Elk River Chamber Awards Luncheon, Discussion with Sherburne County Soil & Water, Reminded of Open House for County Road 43 on December 15, 2021.

Open Community Health Board Meeting

Adjourn Community Health Board Meeting, Break

Reconvene, Open Closed Session

Labor-Negotiation Strategy and Proposals Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03, subd. 1 (b). Administration

Tamara Bigelow, Human Resource Director and Joel Brott, County Sheriff

- Discussed Labor-Negotiation position and strategy and provide direction to County staff, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03, subd. 1 (b).

Public Notices

Sherburne County Public Notices

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Close Closed Session, Open Closed Session Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Plan and the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Sheriff
Kyle Breffle, Emergency Services Director, Director of Emergency Operations Center

• Sherburne County Emergency Services presented the current Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Plan and Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to the County Board.

Close Closed Session, Break Reconvene, Open Workshop Adjourn Workshop Meeting

HHS OBO Warrants		
10/28/21	387.43	OBO Amazon
	1,500.00	OBO Coborns Superstore
	599.00	OBO Dept of Human Services
	1,706.11	OBO Innovative
	1,100.00	OBO Speedway
	372.00	OBO Survey Monkey
	500.00	OBO Walmart
	389.61	OBO Young Specialties Plak Smacker
	630.49	9 Payments less than 300
	7,184.64	Total

Commissioner Warrants		
10/29/21	313,580.87	General Revenue Fund
	43,904.14	Public Works Fund
	112,239.58	Human Service Fund
	670.00	County Ditch Fund
	6,064.53	Law Library Fund
	71,737.41	Solid Waste Fund
	82,594.32	Jail Commissary Fund
	21,465.16	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	722,111.75	Agency Collections
	99,656.99	Towns & Cities Collections
	1,364,024.75	Total

Manual Warrants		
10/29/21	12,073.82	Agency Collections
	1,486,856.08	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	11,539,046.05	School Districts Collections
	13,037,975.95	Total

Commissioner Warrants 50% Est School District Payout P2		
11/4/21	1,040,626.17	School Districts Collections
	1,040,626.17	Total

Commissioner Warrants		
11/5/21	323,826.60	General Revenue Fund
	50,150.38	Public Works Fund
	50.80	Human Service Fund
	1,870.00	County Ditch Fund
	250.00	Solid Waste Fund
	16,432.52	Jail Commissary Fund
	454.45	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	26,139.05	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	40.79	Agency Collections
	131,395.54	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	550,610.13	Total

Manual Warrants		
11/5/21	11,688.00	Agency Collections
	1,486,856.07	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	11,539,045.94	School Districts Collections
	13,037,590.01	Total

Warrants for Publication		
11/5/21	375.00	Assn of Minnesota Counties (AMC)

	5,000.00	Central Mn Jobs & Training
	1,375.00	Central MN Mental Health Center
	2,500.00	Coborn's
	508.75	Databank IMX LLC
	363.00	DNA Diagnostics Center
	682.75	Goshorn/Kerry
	705.30	Graves-Petron/Trisha
	2,312.43	Mn Dept Of Human Services-SWIFT
	918.75	Office Of MN.IT Services
	716.24	Paulbeck/Natalie
	496.52	Pundsack/Sara
	706.00	Rinker/Leah
	330.00	Sherburne Co Safe Child Council
	3,891.60	Sherburne Co Sheriff
	5,000.00	Target Corporation
	304.20	The Bridge World Language Ctr Inc
	3,300.94	Verizon Wireless
	303.30	Zee Medical Service
	3,014.83	Payments less than 300
	32,804.61	Total

Audit Warrants		
11/5/21	32,804.61	Human Service Fund
	32,804.61	Total

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Chairperson
 /s/ Bruce Messelt, County Administrator
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 12/18/21).

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners
November 16, 2021 - County Board Workshop Minutes
The Board Chair opened the County Board Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Burandt was absent

Tax Abatement Financing Discussion. Administration
Jessica Green, Managing Director of Northland Public Finance
 • Northland Public Finance Managing Director Jessica Green led a review and discussion with the Board on County Tax Abatements. The review covered: How Tax Abatements Work, Benefits & Costs, 8 Areas of Public Interest, Usage of Tax Abatement, and Pros & Cons of Tax Abatements. Ms. Green also provided levy scenarios and comparisons with other counties.

Board of Adjustment Applicant Selection Process. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator
 • Discussed and provided directions regarding the process for advertisement, interview, and selection of two (2) new Board of Adjustment members.

ARPA Funding: Staffing Position in Community Corrections & Community/Non-Profit Investments. Administration
J. Hancuch, Community Corrections Director, Bruce Messelt, County Administrator, Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator, Amanda Larson, HHS Director

• Discussed potential ARPA Funding for Adult Pretrial Probation Officer (Community Corrections) and Community/Non-Profit Investments. Discussed ARPA fund allocation.

Messaging Regarding Federal COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator
 • Discussed messaging regarding Federal COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate.

Adjourn Workshop Meeting
 /s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Board Chairperson
 /s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 12/18/21).

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners
Regional Rail Authority Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2021

At 9:59am the Chair opened the Regional Rail Authority Meeting. Commissioner Dolan was absent.

• Fobbe/Burandt were unanimous to approve the Regional Rail Authority Agenda as presented.
 • Burandt/Fobbe were unanimous to approve Regional Rail Authority meeting minutes: August 7, 2021.

Resolution #090721-RRR-52 Setting the Preliminary Levy for the 2022 Regional Rail Authority. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator, Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

• Schmiesing/Burandt were unanimous to approve Resolution #090721-RRR-52 setting the preliminary 2022 Regional Rail Authority levy at \$0.(On file.)

At 10:02am the Chair adjourned the Regional Rail Authority Meeting.

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Chairperson
 /s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 12/18/21).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diane Arnold, Auditor/Treasurer
 Sherburne County
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 12/04/21; 12/1121; 12/18/21).

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

Warrants Approved On 10/29/2021 For Payment 10/29/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Allied Professionals Inc	2,112.00
ArcaSearch LLC	11,680.00
Braun Intertec Corp	2,647.75
BWBR	3,150.00
Centerpoint Energy	21,391.27
City of Becker	26,746.05
Connexus Energy	6,815.68
Corporate Connection	6,360.00
Delta Dental Of Minnesota	28,436.04
Edinger/Richard	2,673.84
Elk River Municipal Utilities	62,768.57
Fidelity Security Life	2,463.05
Food Express USA	2,059.20
Galls, LLC	2,669.74
Guy Bistram & Mark's Sewer Service Inc	12,770.00
H & L Mesabi	11,760.00
High Line Software Inc	3,231.00
Innovative Office Solutions, LLC	4,986.34
Jill Gardner & Custom Septic Inc	20,000.00
Keefe Supply Company	10,771.12
Lefebvre's Carpet	59,870.02
Lisa Voigt	2,148.00
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	22,647.91
McDowall Comfort Management	101,895.10
McKesson Medical Surgical Government	22,120.53
Medica	684,233.34
Misty Erickson & Mark's Sewer Service Inc	11,900.00
Omnicare Inc	10,900.76
Phoenix Supply	2,321.24
Preferred Title	2,835.00
Presbyterian Family Foundation	13,181.72
Servicemaster Clean	4,560.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	16,317.15
Thomson Reuters-West-Payment Center	4,384.53
Treas City Of Elk River	85,746.68
Treas Haven Township	11,465.62
USPS-POC (postage meter)/Quadiant	18,017.00
WatchGuard Video	3,080.00
YMCA - Elk River	3,736.25
90 Payments less than 2000	37,172.25
Final Total:	1,364,024.75

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

Warrants Approved For Payment 10/26/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Commissioner Of Revenue	1,486,856.08
Ind School Dist 727	2,400,200.19
State Of Minnesota	2,855.32
State Of Minnesota	3,076.50
State Of Minnesota	2,471.25
Treas,Ind School Dist 726	2,470,119.29
Treas,Ind School Dist 728	6,012,048.65
Treas,Ind School Dist 742	656,677.92
2 Payments less than 2000	3,670.75
Final Total:	13,037,975.95

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Warrants Approved On 10/26/2021 For Payment 10/26/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Treas Ind School Dist 477	866,724.23
Treas,Ind School Dist 51	19,734.91
Treas,Ind School Dist 882	154,167.10

Final Total: 1,040,626.24

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Warrants Approved For Payment 11/04/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Commissioner Of Revenue	1,486,856.07
Ind School Dist 727	2,400,200.16
State Of Minnesota	4,010.50
State Of Minnesota	2,972.00
Treas,Ind School Dist 726	2,470,119.27
Treas,Ind School Dist 728	6,012,048.62
Treas,Ind School Dist 742	656,677.89
3 Payments less than 2000	4,705.50
Final Total:	13,037,590.01

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Warrants Approved On 11/05/2021 For Payment 11/05/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Allied Professionals Inc	2,688.00
AMI Imaging Systems	8,220.00
AT & T Mobility	6,386.07
Brad's Off-Road Service	54,120.00
Braun Intertec Corp	30,415.00
Bridgeway of Minnesota	2,523.00
CDW Government	51,000.00
City of Becker	6,315.41
Collaborative Planning Group, LLC	2,000.00
Databank IMX LLC	86,023.15
Freedom Mtg	7,391.00
Guardian Fleet Safety	9,612.61
Helle Lukk & Donald Sheldrew	2,176.00
Hess & Jendro Law Office, P.A.	4,755.26
Home Partners of America	2,233.00
Ideal Credit Union	2,279.00
Jacob Hughes	3,314.00
Jill Hartman	6,678.00
JL Theis Inc	28,065.37
Justin Hecksel	2,325.00
Keefe Supply Company	4,792.56
Loancare	2,344.00
LogMeIn	24,685.00
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	16,030.36
Maxine McLellan	4,792.00
Mercy Hospital	2,657.97
Michael & Carol Rittinger	2,455.00
Monticello Memorials LLC	3,853.00
Mr Cooper	15,434.00
New American Funding	2,775.00
Pearson Investments	5,162.00
Peter Ritter	2,287.65
PHH Mortgage	2,946.00
PHH Mortgage Corp	2,119.00
Sherburne State Bank	3,930.50
Split Rock Management Inc	6,450.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	19,390.87
Supreme Lending	3,831.00
Tracker Software Corporation, Inc	2,041.45
Tyler Investigative Services	2,301.04
Wiley Reber Law	13,250.00
Windstream	2,029.09
110 Payments less than 2000	86,532.77
Final Total:	550,610.13

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