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REELING THEM IN. Columnist Capt. Josh Hagermeister has simple tips for anglers to increase their fishing success on area lakes and streams. He focuses on panfish and how to reel them in with just a rod, hook, bobber and minnow. See the story on page 8. (Submitted photo.)

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Memorial Day observances

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor the men and women who died while serving in the military.

Communities around our readership area will be holding Memorial Day services on Monday. Here is the list:

Big Lake

A ceremony will kick off the day at Big Lake Veterans Memorial at 9 a.m. with a welcome introduction. At 9:10 a.m., there will be a bagpipe playing *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* and placing of wreaths at the site. At 9:15 a.m., *The Watch* poem will be read and at 9:20 a.m., the bag-

pipe player will play *Amazing Grace*, concluding the ceremony.

The Third Rail Bar and Grille is offering complimentary coffee and doughnuts from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Memorial Day service will commence at 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the Big Lake Cemetery.

There will also be a service at the Bailey Cemetery in Big Lake Twp.

Becker

The Becker American Legion Post 193 will visit several cemeteries in the area starting at 8:30 a.m. at Co. Rd. 24 on the Elk River Bridge. They will arrive at Snake River Cemetery at 9 a.m., then travel to the Reeds Cemetery in Santiago. At 10 a.m., they will visit the South Santiago Lutheran Cemetery and a half hour later, the Danetown Cemetery. By 11 a.m., they plan to arrive at the Becker Cemetery to conclude their

visits.

At all cemeteries the names of the dead will be read followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing of *Taps*.

A Memorial Day dinner is being offered from noon to 2 p.m. at the Old Fire Hall in Becker. Burgers, brats, beans, salad, coffee, juice and desserts will be served.

Clear Lake/Clearwater

There are a number of opportunities for Clearwater and Clear Lake residents to reflect and remember this Memorial Day.

Starting at 9 a.m., the Clearwater American Legion Post 323 and the Clear Lake American Legion Post 354 color guards will be at the St. Marcus Cemetery in Clear Lake. At 9:15 both color guards will be at

the Clear Lake Cemetery on Highway 10.

By 9:45 a.m., one will find the Clearwater color guard at Highland Cemetery in Hasty. From there they will travel to three Clearwater cemeteries; Mt. Hope Cemetery at 10 a.m., St. Luke's Cemetery at 10:15, and Acacia Cemetery at 10:30.

At all five cemeteries the names of the dead will be read followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing of *Taps*. The Clearwater Legion Riders will be following the color guards throughout the morning.

At 11 a.m. the Clearwater American Legion will have a short program followed by lunch.

Enjoy and stay safe!



The American Legion

New Becker CA Is On The Job

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer
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Last Tuesday, the Becker City Council Meeting was an uneventful one as the new City Administrator, Greg Lerud, participated in his first council meeting as the city administrator.

Committee Reports

Council Member Rick Hendrickson reported that the EDA heard an update that the county only has 73 properties available for sale. He also noted that this was Marie Pflipsen's final meeting.

Public Works is focusing on increased weed and



THE RACE IS ON. A group of Clear Lake grannies (self described) enjoyed a joy ride cruising around on little motor bikes near Palmer recently. These young at heart grandmothers clearly live by the motto you can have fun at all ages! Pictured: Donna Hemmelgarn, Barbara Larson Hentges, Kim Kraemer Hemish and Roxanne Lowell. (Submitted photo.)

Better Together Wellness Event hosts 1,500+



A STAFFER spoke to the large crowd at the Big Lake football stadium last Sunday, filling them in on what to expect at the Better Together: A Day of Wellness event. (Submitted Photo.)

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following release was submitted to the Patriot by Monticello Public Schools).

In collaboration with Bounce Back Project, Becker, Big Lake, and Monticello schools came together last weekend to organize an event called Better Together: A Day of Wellness at the Big Lake

football field for their communities and families.

This event focused on promoting the Bounce Back Project tools such as: Three Good Things, Social Connections, Gratitude, and Random Acts of Kindness to teach skills on how to stay resilient.

The Bounce Back Project™ has a single purpose — to impact the lives of individuals, communities, and organizations by promoting health

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As over 1,500 young

children, families, and community members arrived through the gate this past Sunday, they received a book on gratitude or kindness along with a bag to gather their fun tools to learn to stay resilient at the make and take stations. Additionally, there were various community organizations available to learn from and make connections

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War Memorial gets spruced up

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Volunteers associated with the Big Lake War Memorial spent some time cleaning up and improving the area around the memorial.

They also started installing new signage on the building across from the memorial where their new offices are located.



THE VOLUNTEERS who helped with the memorial clean up posed by the monuments prior to cleanup. Bruce Brown - American Legion; Hanna Klimmek - Acting City Administrator; Ketti Green - Beyond the Yellow Ribbon; Norm Michels - Big Lake Public Works; Beau and the crew from Steve's Nursery (Submitted Photo).



A FRESH LOOK to the war memorial and flower beds as volunteers spent a day giving the area a face lift. (Submitted Photo).



WORKERS cleaned out the flower bed in front of the memorial. (Submitted Photo).



INSTALLERS worked to transfer the American Legion graphics to the awning on the building they now have offices in. (Submitted Photo).

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Becker American Legion Post 193 Memorial Day Services

8:30 Elk River Bridge, City Rd 24
9:00 Snake River Cemetery
9:30 Santiago Cemetery (Reeds)
10:00 South Santiago Lutheran Cemetery
10:30 Danetown Cemetery
11:00 Becker Cemetery

Everyone Welcome

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Big Lake American Legion Post No. 147

Memorial Day Service May 30

9:00 am - Veteran's Memorial Park
- Reading of new names.

10:00 am - Big Lake Cemetery Service
Immediately followed by picnic at Lions Park
- 21960 Co. Rd. 5, Big Lake.

Food provided by Style Catering.
Hosted by Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary.

Please bring your unserviceable flags for a dignified disposal.

County approves more ARPA funding

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Sherburne County Board last week approved over \$320,000 in ARPA funding for Government Center expenditures and the Community Resource Investment Grant Program.

Assistant Administrator Dan Weber said the one Community Grant request for the week came from the Elk River School District. The original request was \$107,519. The amount approved was \$81,429. That brings the total grant money awarded to \$510,997, with a request by Promise Neighborhood still on the list for approval.

So far, the board has approved Community Program ARPA funding to school districts in Becker, Big Lake, Princeton and, now, Elk River.

Commissioner Felix Schmiesing wanted to clarify that it wasn't usually the case that counties fund school districts. But the COVID money is different than taxpayer funds.

"Our charge with the federal government when this money comes in is to get it out to the community," he said. "School districts do not receive this money directly. It comes to us. It seems a little odd for us to be funding school districts."

Administrator Bruce Messelt reiterated that ARPA funding covers certain things for schools that other funding doesn't.

The other ARPA expenditures included \$173,687 for CJIS Data Storage, \$61,058 for Core Network Switching hardware and \$8,264 for a Contract Lifecycle Management System for the IT Dept.

Road Agreement

The board approved a joint powers agreement with Orrock Twp. to in-

clude 180th St. construction with the Co. Rd. 4 pavement rehabilitation project.

Rather than have two separate construction projects, it was determined that a joint agreement would create a more economical project and a complete and tied road system.

Under the agreement, the township will perform all surveying and administration on the work associated with the 180th St. improvements. The township's estimated cost is \$79,537.55.

Employee Contracts

The board approved collective bargaining agreements with Law Enforcement Labor Services Patrol/Investigator Unit, MNPEA Corrections Officers/Master Control Operators Unit and Sherburne County Highway Association for the term of Jan. 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2024 that includes a 3.5% range adjustment and a 2.5% general adjustment retroactive to Jan. 1, 2022.

Building Improvements

The board awarded the bids for the 2022 Government Center repair and replacement projects. McDowall Company was the low bidder for the roofing project at \$166,070. Cities Masonry Restoration was the low bidder for the masonry project at \$72,080. Both bids include a six percent contingency amount.

Property Acquisition

The board approved a resolution authorizing the acquisition of property on Co. Rd. 63 in East St. Cloud.

The road needs to be reconstructed in order to maintain its structural integrity and ensure overall safety. The road also needs a sidewalk so people can safely walk to the Park & Ride.

The project includes bituminous and concrete re-

moval, culvert replacement, grading, base, sidewalk, curb & gutter, storm sewer and new bituminous. It covers a portion of Co. Rd. 63 (Lincoln Ave. Southeast), from Co. Rd. 8 to the Park & Ride in the City of St. Cloud.

The budgeted request for the property acquisition is \$45,000. Funding is lined up for 2023 construction.

Detour Agreement

The board approved a MnDOT resolution for a detour agreement on Co. Rd. 8. Under the agreement, MnDOT will pay the county \$2,399.92 as compensation for the use of a 1.13-mile portion of Co. Rd. 8 as a detour for 90 days during the pavement removal and surfacing construction on Hwy. 301. The agreement was approved in March. The resolution is a state requirement to ratify the agreement.

K-9 Retirement

The board approved turning over the care and responsibility for retiring K-9 Deputy Riggs to his handler, Investigative Sergeant Ryan Sturm. K-9 Deputy Riggs has served as a member of the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office since August 2016 and retired May 24.

Off-Road Grant

The board approved the 2021-23 State of MN Off Highway Vehicle Grant in the annual amount of \$8,642. The grant allows for staff to participate in OHV/ATV activities including training and enforcing OHV related laws, rules and/or regulations. Grant funds will be utilized to purchase equipment and supplies related to Off Highway Vehicle enforcement and safety.

Boating Safety Grant

The board approved the Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Patrol Grant in the amount of \$5,500, with effective dates of May

13 through Sept. 5, 2022. The grant provides for additional boating safety patrol hours during high watercraft use periods through the payment of overtime for the additional safety patrol shifts.

Other Business

In other actions, the board:

- Approved the annual Letter of Engagement with CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) for audit services for the 2021 audit. The audit budget is \$54,900;

- Approved and accepted a grant from the MN Dept. of Agriculture for up to \$2,700 for the WIC-Farmer's Market Nutrition Program, effective June 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2022;

- Approved the final contract payment with JL Theis Inc. for the 2021 Bridgeview Park Parking lot and trail improvements. The final contract amount is \$558,517.60, which is \$29,192 under the original estimate;

- Approved the Preliminary Residential Standard Plat of "Suburban Refund", consisting of eight lots on 25.85 acres at Co. Rd. 1 and Co. Rd. 9 in Baldwin Twp.

CLEARWATER AMERICAN LEGION

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES GRAVESIDE SERVICE SCHEDULE

9:00: St. Marcus Cemetery
9:15: Cemetery on Hwy. 10 near Clear Lake
9:45: Highland Cemetery, Hasty
10:00: Mt. Hope Cemetery
10:15: St. Luke's Cemetery
10:30: Acacia Cemetery
11:00: Brief ceremony at Clearwater Legion with lunch provided. Call 320-558-6627 for more info

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SONGS IN THE KEY OF GEN Z. The Becker High School Choir held their annual spring concert Monday, singing songs from the last two decades in their "Songs in the Key of Gen Z" show. Some highlights included hits like "I Gotta Feeling," "Party Rock Anthem," "Hey Soul Sister," "Shake It Off," and "Call Me Maybe," among others. (Submitted photo.)

Area News

Short Agenda at Lynden Twp. Meeting

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

The Lynden Twp. Board of Supervisors' May meeting had a short agenda, discussing an administrative split, a certificate of compliance, and road updates.

Administrative Split
Lynn Crandall from Premier Realty approached the board on behalf of Joan Maly to request preapproval of an administrative split rather than a preliminary plat due to costs, stating that county records already have the parcel with two addresses.

The township's most recent correspondence from Stearns Co. Environmental Services (SECS) indicated that a preliminary plat is needed for them to approve. Crandall was referred to Planning Administrator James Kantor.

Certificate of Compliance

In 2021 the township issued a certificate of compliance on Matt Timp's parcel on 200th St. Due to building delay and contractor suggestion, the Timps need to move the property lines of the split approximately 100 feet due to land slope concerns by the build. The owners and acreage will stay the same, just the lot shape will change. Heidi Winskowski from SCES indicated the need for a new certificate of compliance.

A motion carried approving the request and to allow the chair and clerk to sign the document.

Road Update

Ron Ohmann informed the board he was told sixth Ave. and 200th St. were to be paved this year based on conditions and frequency of use by many St. Augusta residents.

Supervisor Dennis Niemi explained SEH has completed an engineering study which revealed no additional gravel is necessary, and a traffic count indicated 909 cars in a seven day test period.

Chairman Dave Johnson indicated the township hasn't determined how the project would be paid for if it is ever determined necessary to move forward with it, it hasn't been sent out for bids, and there have been no preliminary estimates obtained. It also hasn't been determined if it should be chip coated; it's a one mile stretch of gravel road that would be expensive to do.

Niemi will contact SHE to obtain preliminary cost estimates.

Other Business

NewPort Leasing approached the board to inform them they have purchased a parcel on Edison Circle they intend to use for storage purposes after grading and application of Class five gravel. The board didn't see any issues but referred them to Stearns Co. to determine the impervious surface requirements.

Stearns Co. Ordinance #230 requires a plat review process; the township was informed by the county surveyor their Ordinance #8 is sufficient.

Mary Abraham approached the board to inform them that the Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf has purchased a one acre parcel from Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater for a new building. She indicated that in 2021, 15% of their clients were from Lynden Twp., and requested support for their fundraising campaign. She also asked to be placed on the 2023 March annual meeting agenda.

Cleanup day will be June 11.

The sheriff reported seven traffic, five medical, and two dog complaints for April.

The next Lynden Twp. meeting will be June 6 at 7 p.m.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAYS

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Lynden Township CLEAN UP DAY

Cleanup Day June 11, 8-11am
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Lynden Township will be conducting its **Clean-up Day on June 11th from 8-11 a.m.** at the Clearwater Township Hall (south of Clearwater on Hwy 24). Open to all Lynden Township residents; you must be in line by 11 a.m.

Only cash or check will be accepted as payment.

One free pickup size load of garbage is allowed per household (IDs will be checked), see fees below. Garbage loads larger than pickup size will be charged extra, so plan accordingly.

Call or text Supervisor Tom Plaggerman at 320-266-1561 with questions. Please refer to the township website, as prices are subject to change.

Pickup size load of garbage	Free
Garbage load larger than pickup size	\$20
Passenger vehicle sized tire or smaller	\$5 each
Commercial tires	\$20 each
Large/Tractor tires	\$60 each
Appliances	\$20 each
TV/Electronics	\$25 each
Scrap Metal	Free

No household garbage, shingles, paint, oil, concrete blocks, or brush will be accepted.



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June 30: Thrillbillies | Country, Southern Rock

July 7: Shane Martin Band | Modern Country, Rock

July 14: Lady Luck | Rock, Pop, Country

July 21: Maiden Dixie | Country, Rock

July 28: Band 51 | Rock, Pop, Country

August 4: Humboldt Station | 70's - 90's Rock, Country

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Becker's "Bros on the Go" plan epic tag game

By Katherine Cantin,
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Andrew, Owen, and Caleb Marquis are the "Bros on the Go," as they self-entitled themselves on their YouTube channel. The trio of brothers all attend Becker schools.

Andrew, 18, and Owen, 14, both have been diagnosed with Fragile X Syndrome. They, along with PCA (personal care assistant) and friend Caleb

Quernemoen, are raising awareness of Fragile X through their YouTube page and through a massive game of tag coming up June 2 at 3 p.m.

What is Fragile X Syndrome?
Fragile X Syndrome is a genetic disability—In fact, it is the most common genetic disability. Fragile X occurs due to a genetic mutation on the FMR1 gene, and the disability can be inherited from either parent.

The disability is expressed as being similar to Autism or Down Syndrome. Like Autism, males are more likely to be af-

ected. It's not uncommon, as one in 4,000 males and one in 8,000 females are affected. Individuals who are affected may have longer ears, may be sensitive to light sound and other stimuli, and will exhibit other traits that are often associated with Autism or Down Syndrome. Like these disabilities, the independence of the individual varies, with some able to be fully independent, and others needing extra care or a group home.

ter teacher. For three years, Quernemoen and the three Marquis boys have been hanging out and having fun together.

One day, the boys' parents suggested that the four of them play with a Go Pro Camera that was lying around the house. They took it down by the Mississippi River and filmed their usual hijinks, having fun and goofing around.

Later, Quernemoen was reviewing the footage when he got the idea to

Feedback
Quernemoen said the feedback on the videos has been great, especially the feedback they get from the local community.

Recently, the gang has been selling t-shirts which say, "Special Needs. Real People." The shirts and sweatshirts are meant to raise awareness, and are sold at cost so as to keep the price down for anyone who wishes to buy one. Anyone who would like a t-shirt or sweatshirt can get an order form at Becker

people from Becker Middle School, where Owen attends eighth grade, might be interested, but now the gang is expecting a big free for all game. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the fun. The game will be at 3 p.m. on June 2.

Special Needs, Real People
Quernemoen said that he and the teens will continue to raise awareness of special needs people and all the joy they bring to the world. He hopes that people will come to under-

stand that those with special needs want to be treated like anyone else. They're happy to be approached and to have a conversation with others, although sometimes they have hard days, like anyone else. Quernemoen encourages everyone to treat special needs people like anyone else, and benefit from their joy, humor, and zest for life.

Finally, Quernemoen sincerely thanks the Becker community for the outpouring of support.



BROS ON THE GO! From left to right, Caleb Marquis, PCA Tate, Andrew Marquis, PCA Caleb Quernemoen, and Owen Marquis make up the "Bros on the Go," YouTube stars on the rise raising awareness for people with special needs and those with Fragile X Syndrome. (Submitted photo.)

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Bros on the Go
Caleb Quernemoen, PCA to Andrew and Owen, says the joy for life is strong in both teens. This was what the boys hoped to show in their YouTube channel, "Bros on the Go".

Quernemoen started working with Andrew and Owen three years ago. Quernemoen was studying elementary education and needed a summer job. The Marquis family needed a PCA, and Quernemoen knew the family through church. Quernemoen thought the experience would be great and help make him a bet-

ter teacher. For three years, Quernemoen and the three Marquis boys have been hanging out and having fun together.

One day, the boys' parents suggested that the four of them play with a Go Pro Camera that was lying around the house. They took it down by the Mississippi River and filmed their usual hijinks, having fun and goofing around.

Later, Quernemoen was reviewing the footage when he got the idea to

create a YouTube channel with the brothers. He hoped they would be able to educate people about Fragile X Syndrome and people with disabilities and show the world how awesome people with special needs are. The boys' mom agreed, and Quernemoen and the three brothers have been making videos ever since.

Quernemoen says it has been great showing the world that special needs individuals are people like anyone else, and of course having lots of fun along the way! Their YouTube page can be found at [TinyURL.com/5zsp8cac](https://www.tinyurl.com/5zsp8cac).

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Internet service update provided at Clear Lake Twp.

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

Midco Government Relations Manager Melissa Wolf attended Clear Lake Twp.'s April meeting to provide an update on the company's expansion within the township.

She recapped that 584 homes/locations had been identified in the area, which

Customers will have a variety of tiers to choose from, which start at five gigabytes. Construction updates can be followed on the company's website at [Midco.com/construction-support](https://www.midco.com/construction-support), or by call customer service.

Midco will also be upgrading their current service areas.

Road Report



MIDCO GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MANAGER MELISSA WOLF provides a construction update during Clear Lake Twp.'s May meeting. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

have been broken into north of Hwy. 10 and south of Hwy. 10. Work on the north side had already begun, and work on the south side will begin in late May. Once construction is complete fiber splicing will begin, which will bring the service to consumers. Everyone who requests it should have service by the end of the year.

Township Engineer Terrace Vander Eyk updated the board on the road work in the township, informing them he had received a quote to replace bituminous in Sherwood Shores and that the shoulder along a property on the north end of 43rd Ave. had significantly washed out, leaving significant residue on his lawn.

A quote was received for \$1,980 to repair the washout and others on the east side of the cul-de-sac, and another quote was received for \$2,650 to repair a bump along 70th Ave.

At Eyk's recommendation a motion carried approving all three estimates.

Park Updates
Supervisor Bud Stimmler informed the board Sherburne Co. Soil and Water had come out and broadcast wildflower seeds over the east side of the township park. Chinese Elm and birch trees will be cut throughout the summer as they emerge and there will be another burn in the fall.

The new park pavilion is being built and the playground equipment has been ordered.

Other Business
The Planning Commission will be reviewing the county solar ordinance in regard to planting trees to use as screening. Many of the trees surrounding the solar garden along Co. Rd. 8 in Haven Twp. have died, and a discussion was held regarding if trees actually need to be planted, and if so, what size and kind of trees should be used.

A motion carried approving the purchase of a dedication plaque for the new township hall for \$269.

A motion carried approving the purchase of eight new stand up voting booths, not to exceed \$2,000.

The township's annual spring cleanup day went well, with 77 residents making use of the service; 67 from the township and 10 from the City of Clear Lake.

The sheriff reported 141 calls for service, including 82 traffic stops and two narcotics arrests.

The next Clear Lake Twp. meeting will be June 21 at 7 p.m.

Middle School or can leave a comment on one of the "Bros on the Go" YouTube videos requesting one. The sale of the shirts has been going very well, with over 120 sold.

The gang is also planning a big, awesome game of tag at Becker Schools next week.

Owen loves the game of tag, and it's an easy, fun game that people of all skill levels can play.

Quernemoen said so many people have expressed an interest in joining the game that it has blown him away. Originally, they thought a few

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<p>NEUMAN <small>is a 5-month-old neutered Hound and Black-Mouth Cur mix who's done well with young children. He's shy in new situations, but once he warms up he is a sweet boy! His superpower is that he's a power chewer.</small></p>	<p>Chandler <small>This 1-year-old neutered rabbit used to having supervised time outside while on his harness/leash. Chandler - and all rabbits - should be given plenty of time to exercise outside of their cages every day. Chandler's favorite snack is a slice of apple.</small></p>	<p>Tippy <small>is an 8 yo spayed female, loves to talk! So if you're looking for a roommate who won't eat your leftovers or hog the remote, come meet Tippy! She qualifies for our Fabulous Five Dollar Feline promotion. Her adoption fee would be waived for a senior or veteran.</small></p>

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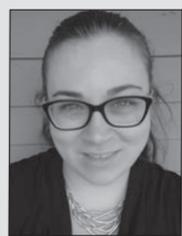
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BECKER BAPTIST FRIENDS. Church members from Becker Baptist Church visit Woodbriar Senior Apartment residents in Becker the 2nd and 4th Monday every month and participate in a variety of activities and share the word of God. Pictured: On a recent visit to Woodbriar Senior Apartments, Becker Baptist Friends ministry met with residents and explored the world of art and shared scripture (Ephesians 2:8-10) on this particular day. (Submitted photo.)

Editorials/Opinions

Scammers Still at It



By Katherine Cantin
Staff Writer

I have a dream for our readers: that none of you ever fall for scams. I don't know why I've taken such an interest in studying the various ways slimy con-people scam people out of money, but I've spent countless hours online reading about scams and watching videos about people who are trying to raise awareness and bring the scammers to justice.

I've written about this topic before, but every now and then I still hear reports at local city and township meetings about some poor resident, usually elderly, being conned out of money they can't afford to lose, and it makes me both sad and pissed. So, I would like to once again write about some common scams and how they can be avoided. I hope you will read carefully and share these tips with your friends and family, especially those who are financially vulnerable or lonely, as these are prime victims for shady scammers.

You Owe Us!

First of all, be suspicious of any person who makes contact with you saying you owe money to them. Anyone! It could be a legitimate collections call, sure, but I would much rather you put up your guard than fall for a trap. If anyone calls to tell you that you owe their organization money, hang up and call that organization right away.

For example, I heard a report given by Sgt. Luke McLean of the Sherburne County Sheriff's office, maybe about a month ago, where a resident had been called by a person claiming to be from Xcel Energy. The scammer told the resident that they owed Xcel money, and that if they did not pay in full immediately their power would be shut off. I'm certain that the scammer got the victim whipped into a panic, and told them they should not hang up the phone or seek help. This is how the scammers operate. They terrify their victims, and they can be very convincing. Listen to your gut: you know when something doesn't feel right.

If the victim had only hung up the phone and called Xcel Energy directly, they could have

saved themselves some money. After calling an official customer service representative, using a number found on the Xcel Energy website, they would have discovered they did not owe that money and their power was not in danger of being turned off.

If you are faced with a call like this, where you are told you owe someone money, take down the caller's name, if you can, and go online to find the number for the customer service desk at their organization. You should be able to find fairly quickly whether the original call was valid or not. If it was a scammer, give all the information you have to the police and the organization they claimed to be part of. The scammer might not ever be brought to justice, especially if they are operating from overseas, but, hopefully, law enforcement and company officials can put out notices to help prevent others from falling for their tricks.

Too Good to be True?

Another approach scammers might take is to tell you that you have won some money. Be dubious of this. Think back to whether you actually entered a giveaway. It's not likely some good Samaritan decided to call you out of the blue and give you free money.

Just the other day I got a call, and while I never pick up for numbers I don't recognize (another good tip, by the way!) this scammer left a message for me. A woman left a message letting me know I was eligible to save lots of money on my student loans. Awesome! Only problem is, I don't have any student loans. Scam!

If you're unsure about a call, and you don't want to hang up (which I strongly recommend that you DO hang up), tell the caller that you are going

to talk to a relative for advice on this, and if they will please hold. A legitimate caller will likely not take issue with this, but a scammer will double down on the fear mongering and try to keep you isolated from the people who would help you. BIG red flag. Even if you have no one to ask for advice, tell the caller you do and gauge their reaction.

We'll Refund You!

Another popular scam is called the refund scam. You will be given a message saying that someone has used your information to purchase some expensive items (i.e. a TV, cellphones, etc.). Often, the caller will pose as someone from Amazon or another large company, verifying that you made the purchase. When you tell them you did not make the purchase, they tell you they will refund you the money, only to make it appear that they have refunded you way too much money. They then persuade victims to send the excess amount of refund money back via cash or gift cards.

This one is very easy to spot. If someone says a person has used your credit card or Amazon account to purchase an item, call your bank or credit card company immediately and verify the charge has actually occurred. If it has, the bank or credit card company will help you to fix the problem. If there is no charge, then you're all clear: you didn't fall for the scam!

You should never give one of these scammers access to your computer. They will ask you to do so in order to guide you through their refund process. What they really do is show false images on the screen to make it look as if you have more or less money in your bank account than you really do. While they show you false images, they collect your personal information and use it to rob you again later.

I hope this was helpful for all of you. Again, please share these tips with friends and family. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at Reporter.Katie@PatriotNewsMN.com. If you are being scammed, or suspect you are, contact your local police department or sheriff's office for immediate assistance. Please stay safe!

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

I received the following from my brother in Michigan regarding going (so called) green: Let's walk through this. It takes 21 to 35 days for a Russian oil tanker to get to US ports to be offloaded. It takes 35 to 60 days for a tanker from the Middle East to make the same trek. It takes about 10 hours to load the tanker and up to 24 hours to unload. If it has to wait in port to get to an unloading dock, it can take up to three days. The average tanker burns 2,625 gallons of diesel fuel per hour. 22.38 pounds of CO2 are created from burning one gallon of diesel fuel. So, in one hour, a tanker enroute to a refinery in the US creates 58,757.5 pounds of CO2 per hour. Averaging the travel time of the tankers, it's 27.67 million tons of CO2 per trip. Note, this does not account for the return voyage. In comparison, your car creates between six and nine tons per year. Without going into all the calculations of how many tankers come to the US per year, let alone our exports, will someone please explain to me how drilling our own oil and moving it through pipelines, along with importing oil from Canada via pipeline will not be more environmentally "green" for the world. Please explain why buying oil from any foreign country is good for the environment??

Mary Jo Mosher,
Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Let me start off by saying it's not that I don't trust our County Auditor/Treasurer, it's that I don't trust anyone. In Diane Arnold's statement to the Sherburne County Board on 5/17/22, she puts her faith on an Election Assistance Commission (EAC) certificate that states, "This certificate is not an endorsement of the product by any agency of the U.S. Government and no warranty of the product is either expressed or implied", making this certificate a worthless piece of paper. On top of that, the "validation" process that she described, which I've witnessed in the past, does nothing to confirm that these machines are not capable of manipulating the vote. Feeding in a stack of test ballots may confirm that the sensors detect ballot markings but as these machines are capable of being programed to weight/adjust voting totals before being transmitted to the state, programed either onsite or remotely, the touted exercise does nothing to verify voting "integrity". This validation process is nothing but "smoke and mirrors". Being that these machines can be programed to adjust the vote received, they can also be programed to provide a true vote count when fed the "test ballots", and provide an altered vote count for the real election, depending on which party gains access to these machines. Tell the County Commissioners and your local officials to ditch these electronic voting machines.

Bret R. Collier
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

On Friday, May 27th at 7 p.m., Becker's 2022 senior class will partake in a commencement ceremony officially graduating them. As a student who has been attending Becker since pre-school and grew up alongside these students, I would like to congratulate each and every single one of them on making it through high school despite all the challenges posed the past several years. Although faced with a global pandemic riddled with social, political, and economic

strife, this determined class fought the odds and exceeded many's expectations. This class no doubt proved to not only be one of Becker's toughest, but will prove to be one of the most successful. I have to admit at times not all of us agreed on some issues, but I can, with no hesitation, say that I wouldn't want to be associated with any other group of people. This class's persistence and perseverance was consistently humbling and inspiring to not only myself but to many members of the community. Again I must stress that I am so proud to be a part of Becker's 2022 graduating class and congratulations to all of my peers!

Maxwell E. Hubbard
Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Make crime illegal again! This is a good slogan that is not being followed by our judges and prosecutors. But the Democrats in Washington passed the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2022 that could identify me as a domestic terrorist when I disagree with their philosophies. The right of free speech is dead. Where can we go from here? Election fraud? Election integrity is essential to maintain our constitutional republic. I recently saw the movie "2000 Mules" that proves that the 2020 election had widespread voter fraud, maybe enough to change the election. The technology used for this movie is used by law enforcement, the FBI, Homeland Security, and our national security agencies. The data gathered is reliable, but no media source even dares mention the name of the movie. I do not believe in open borders or that illegal immigrants that commit felonies should not be deported. I do not believe that burning buildings/cities is a right to freedom of speech. It is rioting. I believe in the USA, but this USA is not what I grew up in. Please let us get back to what it was. Our foundational values. Imprison criminals, not Patriots who are called domestic terrorists when they disagree with the demagogues.

Barry VanBuren,
Clearwater, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

The tragedy at the elementary school in Uvalde TX on Tuesday is not new in America. To be crystal clear - the shooter is the culprit and he's dead. But he only shares some of the blame. When the grandstanding ends by those who "care about the children", they'll do nothing. If school boards aren't dropping ALL agendas for the next school year and putting security and student safety ahead of LGBT, social justice & sports - they are equally to blame. In Sherburne County, sexual grooming of minors in schools is underway but is there is a defined game plan for shooters entering from two separate doors? Is it reactive and not preventative? Legislators yell loudest then don't follow with a bill requiring schools adopt a plan and deadline for prevention. Not after Columbine or Red Lake. They trust that school administrations will act but they don't. Contact your legislators and school boards, organize against those who do nothing. If you vote for a legislator that imports migrants from Ukraine or referendums for iPads or scoreboards but not DEMAND security during AND after school, you are no better. By not saying DO BETTER, you're implying that what they're doing is good enough. It's not.

Charlie Schmidt
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Nationwide Formula Shortages

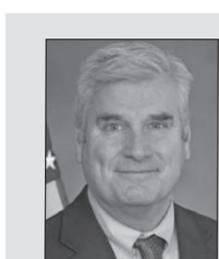
(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Rep. Tom Emmer.)

We are mid-way through our legislative week in Washington, but we have yet to take any votes on actual solutions to address the issues impacting Minnesotans and their families. Inflation continues to climb, gas prices have hit new highs, and the baby formula crisis continues to put infants, new mothers, and families in a terrifying position. Unfortunately, despite Speaker Pelosi and President Biden saying they have been working to resolve these issues for months, they remain more focused on offering up messaging legislation to score political points than listening to the needs of Americans.

Our office is pressing the Administration to increase domestic production of all forms of energy, urging the Food and Drug Administration to approve the restart of formula production at key facilities in the United States, and has introduced legislation to balance our budget and get federal spending under control.

Nationwide Formula Shortages

For weeks, store shelves across America have had dwindling supplies of baby formula. This is a crisis for every parent, but especially those of the



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

one-fifth of American infants who rely on formula alone.

In Minnesota, 40% of baby formula is out of stock, and some families report visiting a dozen stores a day in search of formula. Tragically, these shortages were preventable. American parents could foresee this crisis; why couldn't President Biden?

Last week, over 100 of my Republican colleagues and I sent a letter to President Biden and Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Robert Califf asking about their plan to fix the shortage and whether the Administration has performed outreach to ensure pediatric hospitals have an adequate supply of formula. You can read more about my work to address this shortage here.

If you are a parent or caregiver in search of formula, you can find information from the Minnesota Department of Health

about formula brand substitution here.

Minnesota Leaders in Washington

During my time in Washington the past few weeks, it has been my pleasure to meet with some wonderful advocates from Minnesota.

Last week, I sat down with Ken Holmen, CEO of CentraCare. CentraCare operates dozens of hospitals and clinics across Central Minnesota and provides care to thousands of us here in the Sixth District.

We had the chance to talk about CentraCare's work to promote telehealth and their ongoing workforce and rural health challenges. We're grateful for the work CentraCare does for the health of our community and look forward to working with Ken to support high-quality care.

On Tuesday, we had the opportunity to speak with Minnesota activists from the Alzheimer's Association, including Sixth District constituent Kanada Yazbek.

Like 5.8 million Americans, Kanada suffers from Alzheimer's. She and her fellow activists came to Capitol Hill this week to bring increased visibility and resources to fight Alzheimer's. Together, we will bring an end to this vicious disease.

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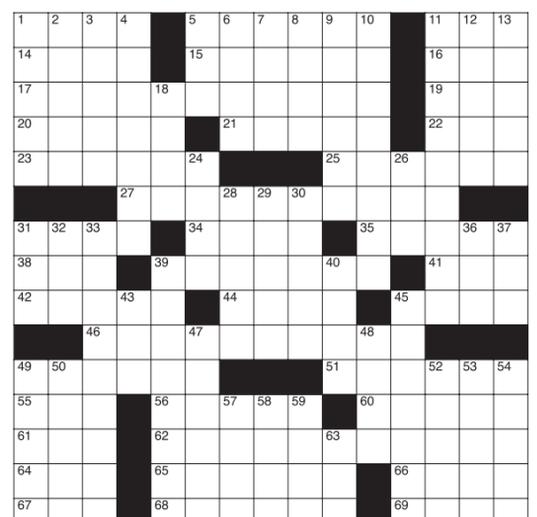
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Game Time



CLUES ACROSS

- English river
- Particular part of something
- Cool!
- Welsh for John
- Given name meaning "great spirit"
- Wrath
- Social occasion
- Mechanical belt
- __ de la __
- Commands
- Body part
- Caught sight of
- Funeral car
- Skin infection
- Sometimes they "burn"
- Russian river
- Famed soap opera character Kane
- Pie __ mode
- Endangered

- Socially inept person
- Romanian river
- Swerve
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- A type of approach to please
- Form of Hebrew name for God
- "Carry On My Wayward Son" rockers
- A team's best pitcher
- A woody climbing plant
- Long, edible marine fish
- Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)
- Data
- Corporate bigwig
- Climbs
- Relating to the ear
- Commercial items
- You need it to eat
- Political extremists

CLUES DOWN

- Reconnaissance (Brit. military)
- Asserts to be the case
- Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers
- Foes
- Rheumatoid arthritis score
- Ruler of Iran
- The top of the head
- Lilly and Manning are two
- Purchase attire for
- Glittering with gold or silver
- The bank of a body of water
- Regions
- Makes tractors
- Adult beverage
- Force unit
- Swiss river
- Cater to
- Woody climbing plants
- Seems less impressive

- Consume
- Boxing's GOAT
- Southwestern farmers
- Beverage holder
- A way to deteriorate
- Judge
- Norse explorer __ the Red
- Farm resident
- One who helps to govern
- Plant-eating ground bug
- History Finnish county
- Conifer native to Jamaica
- Longed
- Small Japanese city
- Arum family plant
- Puts together in time
- From a distance
- __ contender: no contest plea
- Region
- Mountain Standard Time

This Week's Calendar Events:

- Sun. - May 29, 2022:**
- Indianapolis 500 - Mile Race
 - UN: International Day of UN Peacekeepers
- Mon. - May 30, 2022:**
- BHS: No School
 - BLS: No School
 - CVS: No School
 - Memorial Day
 - First American Daily Newspaper Published: Anniversary, 1783
 - Moon Phase: New Moon
- Tues. - May 31, 2022:**
- World No-Tobacco Day
 - National Heat Awareness Day
- Wed. - June 1, 2022:**
- Global Running Day
 - National Nail Polish Day
 - Heimlich Maneuver Introduced: Anniversary, 1974
- Thurs. - June 2, 2022:**
- National Rotisserie Chicken Day
 - US Women's Open Championship (6/2-6/5)
 - National Leave the Office Early Day
 - Scripps National Spelling Bee Finals (6/2-6/4)
- Fri. - June 3, 2022:**
- BLHS: Graduation 7pm
 - UN: World Bicycle Day
 - National Egg Day
 - National Donut Day
- Sat. - June 4, 2022:**
- National Cheese Day
 - National Bubbly Day
 - Hug Your Cat Day
 - National Trails Day®
 - Wear Orange
 - National Gun Violence Awareness Day
 - International Clothline Week (6/4-6/11)
 - Shavuot begins at Sundown
 - National Fishing and Boating Week (6/4-6/12)
 - Pulitzer Prizes First Awarded: Anniversary, 1917

(Becker Schools=BS; Becker High School=BHS; Becker Middle School=BMS; Becker Intermediate School=BIS; Early Childhood Family; Education=ECFE; Big Lake School=BLS; Clearview School=CVS)

Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC NOW AT BCC! ALL AREA SENIORS WELCOME. SENIOR CENTER OPEN MON. - FRI. 9AM-5PM. COFFEE IS ON AT 9AM. COME DROP IN!

Mon., May 30: Memorial Day Ceremony at Cemetery-Lunch follows at Legion.

Thurs., June 2: 9am: Cards/Conversion; 11am: Make/Take Craft-Birdhouses

Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271
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Planning Mtg. 3rd Wed. @ 1pm - Next Board Mtg. July 20, 3-5pm.

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Announcements

Becker - Organizations

Becker American Legion Auxiliary

The auxiliary meets the second Tues. of the month at 7pm.. For info please contact Paula Hinds (President) at (763) 262-6679 or see John Riebel or Nellie Simpson at Becker True Value.

Becker American Legion Post 193

Becker Legion meets the second Tues. of every month at 7pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall.)

Becker AA Meeting

Becker Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thurs., 8pm at Mary of the Visitation, 12100 Sherburne Ave, Becker. For information, call/text (320) 247-4732 or email beckeraagroupmn@gmail.com

Becker Boy Scout Pack 92 Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer located near Becker True Value. Paper & cardboard recycling location is at the Becker Community Center, please remember to flatten the cardboard & absolutely no garbage on the first Sat. of every month. There will be a Scout there to help unload between 9am-12pm. Thanks for your support!

Becker Evangelical Ministries

Every Wed., 6-7:30pm at Becker Middle School. GYM 45 - growing young men. HIS KIDZ - K-3rd grade. G.I.R.L.S. GROUP - 4th & 5th grade girls. **Becker Free Church (763) 261-4125** or register online at www.becvkerfreechurch.org (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

Becker Food Shelf

Open Tues., 9-11am & Thurs. 4-6pm. The food shelf is located 12060 Sherburne Ave. in City Hall. (763) 261-4612.

Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild

Meet 2nd Mon. of month at 7pm. Becker Baptist Church. Contact Elizabeth Steckelberg (320) 259-9542.

Becker Lions Club

Meetings are held the second Mon. each month at 7pm at Becker City Park. Dale Seavert (320) 290-5342.

Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle

The Becker Lions are collecting used eyeglasses (no cases please) and hearing aids. Collection buckets are located at the Becker Community Center, Insight Eye Care and Becker Bill's Family Foods. We are no longer collecting used cell phones or printer cartridges. If you have any questions please contact Lion Dale Seavert at (320) 290-5342 (phone or text) or by email at djseavert@gmail.com.

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

Meets the third Tues. of each month at 7pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall). Looking for new members. Commander John Fischbach (320) 249-0579.

Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

The monthly meetings are held 6 pm the third Thurs. of the month at Becker City Hall. (320) 980-2752 or see the state website at www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org.

Compassion Connection

A 501(c)(3) community-based non-profit. We partner with local & private child welfare agencies. We fulfill emergency requests to expedite safe placement of babies & children & assist aged-out youth as they transition.

At our Resource Closet, we are committed to helping not only the foster community but families in need making the most items in our Resource Closet available to all. We host regular events to encourage awareness & motivate community participation in support of our most vulnerable children. For more info: www.thecompassionconnectionmn.com.

Dementia Support Group

The fourth Wed. of each month at 10-11am, Room 19 at Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave. No cost to join. Tami Kolbinger at (612) 590-2449 or email tjkolbinger@gmail.com.

Great River Faith in Action

If you are a senior, age 60 & above, family caregiver or an individual in need of services, Great River Faith in Action can provide volunteer transportation, chore services & grocery shopping assistance. We are community supported by individuals, organizations & businesses. Our two fundraisers each year are in Mar.-Gala at Rockwoods, & Aug.-Golf Scramble in Becker.

We are looking for volunteers to help elderly or disabled people in our community. Especially volunteer drivers. FIA also has a Furniture for Families Program that assists struggling families with basic furniture needs when they have no other place to turn. Call (763) 263-4277 or www.fifa.org.

Snake River Free Mission Church

Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. Check Snake River Church Facebook page for updates. 5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E n CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker. Mary (612) 219-8648.

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

The Refuge is open to visitors year-round during the daylight hours. The Refuge is located at 17076 293rd Ave, Zimmerman. Call (763) 389-3323 or sherburne.fws.gov

Big Lake - Organizations

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Big Lake American Legion Post #147

Meets the first Thurs. of the month @ 7 pm. Community Room by the Big Lake Police Station, 790 Minnesota Ave, Big Lake 55309. Please contact Commander Paul Seefeld (612) 801-7731.

Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

Mon., 7pm at the Church of Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, Big Lake. Big Book Study, Handicap Accessible. Questions? Contact: Rob, (763) 218-5328.

Big Lake Al-Anon

Meetings held Mon., 7pm at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church - Big Lake Annex, "lawn chairs outdoors when weather permits."

Newcomers encouraged - we are a very welcoming group! Laurie (763) 218-5330.

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

Meets the first Tues. Mar.-Dec. at 6:30pm. in the Senior Citizen Center at Big Lake City Hall. Please contact Kathy at (763) 263-6093 for information.

Big Lake / Becker Mops

Mother's of preschoolers Group meets the second & fourth Wed. of the month (Sept.-May) at Becker Baptist Church, 9-11:30am.

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

The Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meets at 6:30pm on the third Mon., of each month in the Community Room adjacent to the Big Lake Police Dept. & the Big Lake Library.

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

The Big Lake Community Food Shelf hours of service are Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-7:30pm & Wed. 9-11am. We also serve clients every "Freebie Friday" from 11:30am-12:30pm., providing produce, dairy, & bakery goods. Our new, "Pop-up Pantry", from 11:30am-12:30pm every Tues. To volunteer call (763) 263-2432 or www.blcfs.org.

Big Lake Day of Prayer

Big Lake meets year round the first Wed. of the month, at 7am for a prayer breakfast at Big Lake High School flagpole.

The Big Lake Lions

Looking for community minded people to join our organization. If interested in getting involved with our organization, please contact any Lion member or send a note to P.O. Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309 or (763) 263-2218.

LC of Big Lake Lioness

If you are interested in learning more about the LC of Big Lake Lioness you can catch us on FB: www.facebook.com/BigLakeMnLionessClub, or attend any meeting held the second Mon. of the month at the Lions Park on CR5. social starts 6:30pm, meeting 7pm. All are welcome to attend to learn more about the club.

Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

Big Lake Living Clean NA meeting Sun., 7pm. Bridgeview Assembly of God Church, 20500 Co. Rd. 11, Big Lake, MN, (763) 482-1695.

Big Lake Women of Today

Hold a monthly general meeting at Senior Activity Center located in the Big Lake City Office Building on the 3rd Thurs. of the month @ 7pm. Contact Natalie @ (612) 518-3504 or find us at Facebook or www.biglakewomenoftoday.webs.com.

God's Grub Community Meal

Second Sun. of every month, 4:30-6:30 pm. Saron Lutheran, Big Lake, 311 Lake Street South. Served curbside, ready to go.

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60

We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309. Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

Moms in Prayer

Meets weekly to pray for their children & the school they attend. Information: www.momsinprayer.org or Colene Stenberg (763) 263-6809 or stenbergjc@outlook.com

Farmers Market

Homemade & homegrown product, live music, food trucks, kids activities, free parking. Weds., June-Aug., 3-7pm & Sept, 3-6pm, Lakeside Park. Follow Big Lake Farmers Market on Facebook & Instagram.

Music in the Park

Free Concert Series on select Thurs. at Lakeside Park. Free parking, food trucks, music at 7pm. Details on City's website & Facebook page.

Upcoming Stearns History Museum Events

New Hours

Beginning May 16, Stearns History Museum hours area as follows: Wed.-Sat.: 10am-5pm, Sun.: 12pm-4pm. Research Center by appointment. Sorry for the inconvenience. Questions? Call the Museum 320-253-8424.

Walk & Roll Parade

Sat., May 28, 2022, 10-11:30am, Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave S at Heritage Park. Great giveaways, plus lot's of fun games! Info: 320-253-8424.



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Probates

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

Court File No.: 71-PR-22-69

In Re: Estate of Richard Dlugosch, Decedent.

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

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated March 12, 2007, ("Will"), has been filed with the Probate Registrar and that the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed Patrick Dlugosch, whose address is 8209 N Links Way, Fox Point, Wisconsin, 53217, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

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

Dated: May 20, 2022
/s/ Pamela Kreier
Probate Registrar
/s/ Patricia Kuka
Court Administrator
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STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE PROBATE COURT DIVISION TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-PR-22-55

In Re: Estate of Grace Mae Udelhofen, Deceased.

ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

The petition of Dawn Pozorski, dated April 14, 2022, having been filed in this Court requesting that decedent was the owner of property that was under a Contract for Deed that has been satisfied, and requesting the descent of said property be determined and assigned by the Court to the persons entitled thereto.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that said Petition be heard on the 16th day of June, 2022, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. by the above-named Court at the Sherburne County Courthouse located at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota. Remotely.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner give notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by Minnesota Statute to all persons entitled to notice and to all persons who have filed a Demand for Notice pursuant to Minnesota Statute.

Dated: April 15, 2022
/s/ Beverly Hillesheim
Court Administrator
Joseph S. Mayers
KELM & REUTER, P.A.
Attorney No. 0295747
Attorney for Petitioner
1287 2nd Street North, Suite 101
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-PR-22-67 (Ancillary)

In Re: Estate of Charles Edward Workman, Decedent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Elizabeth Jane Barbo, whose address is 13470 Zarthan Avenue South Savage, MN 55378, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

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

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

Dated: May 20, 2022
/s/ Pamela Kreier
Registrar
/s/ Patricia Kuka
Court Administrator
Mark W. Biglow
Attorney at Law #139129
331 2nd Avenue South STE 895
Minneapolis, MN 55401
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Campus News

Winona, MN - Winona State University announces the Dean's List for Spring Semester 2022 to the following Becker students: **Emilie Baumgartner, Danielle Cook, Allison Hendrickson, Arin Hendrickson, Karly Kowalsky, and Bailee Thorson**; the following Big Lake students: **Alyssa Hane, Brady Holland, and Nikola Roden**; the following Clear Lake students: **Anika Dehmer, Otto Klaverkamp and Malea Miller**.

Winona, MN - Winona State University announces the Graduation List for Spring Semester 2022 to the following students: **Kaitlyn Janisch** of Becker, Bachelor of Science-Marketing-Magna Cum Laude.

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Big Lake Schools #727 Public Notices

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

This represents a summary of the Work Session of the Board of Education of Big Lake Public Schools #727. A complete set of minutes will be on file at the District Office and on our website at www.biglakeschools.org upon Board approval.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
The Work Session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools was called to order on May 19, 2022.
- II. ROLL CALL
All Board members were present except Mr. Tony Scales.
- III. BIG LAKE ONLINE UPDATE
Big Lake Online Administrator, Keri Neubauer, and Coordinator, Nathan Hamrin presented an update.
- IV. ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGY
Chair Reasener announced the closed session for negotiation strategy for non-affiliated.
- V. ADJOURNMENT
A motion passed to adjourn the meeting.
(Published in the Patriot: 05/28/22).

Memorial Day

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Sen. Amy Klobuchar.)

Across our state, families are gathering to remember the members of our military we've lost. Memorial Day is a time to reflect on how we honor these fallen heroes and do right by servicemembers and veterans who are still with us.

This year marks the 105th anniversary of our nation entering World War I. It was a war that thousands of Minnesotans had a part in – Minnesotans like Sergeant Louis Cukela.

In the summer of 1918, Sergeant Louis Cukela and his company were stopped by a large enemy force in the woods of Northern France. Ignoring the potential danger, Sergeant Cukela crawled and fought his way forward, facing heavy resistance. He was even able to get behind German lines to drive off the crew of enemy soldiers. That display of determination saved lives and earned him the Medal of Honor from both the U.S. Army and Navy.

Sergeant Cukela is just one of many courageous people from our state who put their lives on the line for our country.

So how can we best honor the fallen? One way is by better caring for those who follow in their footsteps.

Take Amie Muller. Amie enlisted in the Air Force in 1998 and joined the Minnesota Air National Guard in late 2001. While in Iraq, her quarters were right next to one of the

most notorious burn pits – it operated twenty-four hours a day and consumed about 100 to 200 tons of waste each day.

Amie tragically passed away nine months after being diagnosed with Stage III pancreatic cancer that was likely linked to inhaling toxic fumes during her service. She left behind her husband Brian and their three children.

Amie wasn't the only one who suffered from toxic exposure to burn pits. An increasing number of our troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan have illnesses potentially caused by burn pit exposure.

That's why I have fought for years to ensure our veterans who were exposed to toxic substances receive the care and benefits they need. I'm proud to say that provisions from my bipartisan bill to provide health care workers with better training to support burn pit victims are included in legislation moving forward in the Senate.

One reason this law will be so important is because we've seen this kind of tragedy before – we cannot let toxic burn pits become this generation's Agent Orange. We cannot let history repeat itself.

Today, let us carry forward the legacies of those we've lost by recommitting ourselves to ensuring those still with us receive the respect, gratitude, and care they deserve. Not just on Memorial Day, but every day.

Palmer dealing with water issues

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Palmer Township Board met Monday evening and spent a considerable amount of time dealing with water related issues.

After spending the better part of the last year working on drafting and adopting a new high water ordinance for the Briggs Lake Chain, it didn't take long for the board to put it in effect, as the water moved to over 964.2 feet above sea level so the "no wake" rules have been in effect on Rush, Briggs and Julia lakes.

The water also caused some flooding on area roadways, leading to the closing of 42nd St. on the north end of Briggs Lake. The road was closed off on Saturday afternoon at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Another pair of roadways, 49th and 112th, suffered large washouts from the precipitation and will require maintenance to stabilize the road surface.

The board also discussed several engineer-

ing estimates for roadway reconstructions, including 109th, which came in at over \$500,000, as well as the Cedar Point road, with the quote exceeding \$230,000. Because of the large estimates, discussion was held concerning how to proceed within the current budget.

Other Items

- Supervisor Steve De-meules reported that there has been no new information gathered on the Wipper Pit possible acquisition, as the Phase 2 environmental study proposal is not yet finalized.

- The annual Palmer Ball season is ready to kick off in June and to date, over 200 kids are signed up for the popular program.

- Clean up day is scheduled for June 4th, while the BLCA will host its ice cream social on June 10 at the park.

- ARPA funds were used to install security cameras at the Town Hall.

The Palmer Board will meet next on June 14th at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

City Public Notices

DOCUMENT 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2022 Street Improvements Becker, Minnesota SEH No. BECKR 165082

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City Administrator until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2022, via **QuestCDN** for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of 2022 Street Improvements.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud: 2022 Street Improvements Bid Opening Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

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The Bidding Documents may be seen at the Issuing Office of SEH located at 2351 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 300, Sartell, MN 56377, 320.229.4300.

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Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 8220377 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$30 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service **QuestCDN.com**. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated May 17, 2022.

In addition to digital plans, paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docunet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$80.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the Owner.

Greg Lerud
City Administrator
Becker, Minnesota

(Published in the Patriot: 05/28/22; 06/04/22).

3 Simple Tips to Increase your Bobber Fishing Success

Perhaps one of the most utilized and familiar tactics used by today's modern angler is that of the bobber and minnow combination—especially in the Spring panfish arena. As simple as it sounds, there are three key factors that will help you put more fish in the bucket when using bobbers as your primary presentation. Split shot placement, hook placement on the minnow, and the minnow itself is where it's at!

Split shot placement (or its distance from the minnow) is extremely important and must be mastered. The good news is that it also applies to any bobber situation—hard or soft water, crappies or walleyes! Ever been in a Turkish prison? Ever been in a boat (or on shore) where one angler is out fishing the others 3 to 1? If your answer is "no", then you're lying – lol. It's the classic scenario—everybody has the same bait, the same color lure, the same line variety, the same depth, the same... you get the drift. But did anyone in the group take note of how far the distance between the minnow and the split shot is on the "hot rod"? Probably not. The fact is that little detail can be a deal breaker in the numbers of fish you will catch. It is important to match the activity of the minnow to the mood or feeding attitude of the fish. How many times have you witnessed on the Vexilar, AquaVu, or visibly, a fish cruising up to the bait, waiting for a second, then sinking slowly away—all while the bobber and minnow is cranking out the Indy 500 going in circles. Odds are the minnow had a leash that was too long, so it was able to swim away from an inactive fish as it approached your minnow that "kinda tried" to eat your bait. Time to adjust the split shot placement and shorten the "leash"—to restrict the minnow from dodging death. Last I checked, it is much easier to catch a dog tied to a tree on a short leash verses a long

leash correct? Especially if you're not in the mood the play keep away, lol.

I start with an average of 7 inches of "leash" in between my minnow and split shot and adjust the distance from there. Now if the fish are fairly active, a 7"-10" leash will typically work fine. But of course that only happens 10% of the time, so



By Captain Josh Hagermeister

typically I start at 7" then move the split shot 1/2" at a time closer the hook until bites are produced. On average, a 4"-7" leash will catch the inactive or lazy fish. The shorter the leash, the smaller circle the minnow can swim to potentially escape from being eaten. Here's some basic math—a 4" leash equals an 8" circle the minnow can swim—a 7" leash equals a 14" circle the minnow can potentially swim. So with that in mind, putting your split shot 12" from the bait might not be that good of an idea in general. When the fishing first begins, make sure everyone varies their "leash" length and bait depth a little but make sure that everyone has the same size/weight of split shot on their line so that

it is easier to work as a team and figure out what the best distance actually is. The reason for equal weights is that all of the minnows are "anchored" the same. The first question you should ask

the angler who caught the first two or three fish is: "How far is your split shot from your hook?" The second question should be: "How high off the bottom is the bait?" The third question I like to ask is: "Where or how are you hooking your minnow?"

Huh? Yup, that's what I said. Is the minnow hooked in the lips? In front of the dorsal fin or behind the dorsal fin? As a basic rule, avoid hooking the minnow through the lips while fishing with a bobber. Even though there have been times (rare) when a lip hooked minnow under a bobber has worked, it's my personal professional opinion that hooking the minnow in front of the dorsal fin is better than the "traditional" behind the dorsal fin. The reason is that it is much easier for the minnow to actively swim around on "the leash." I compare it to tying a rope around your waist (in front of the dorsal fin) verses around your ankles (behind the dorsal fin or close to the tail) and trying to run 100 yards. It's obviously easier to run with the rope around your waist. This of course keeps the minnow happy and healthy much longer—which helps keep your dialed in presentation more tempting. On that note, pick-

ing the right minnow is not to be taken for granted.

I tend to choose the minnow that is medium sized (for the species that is being used). I avoid the monsters or the tiny minnows—the same goes for leeches. Oops, wrong article. I also aim for the minnows that are jumping out of the minnow scoop or jumping out of my hand multiple times. If the minnow is hard to catch or grip because it's out of control—that's the minnow I want. Give the lazy minnow to your buddy and start placing your bets, lol. Let's face it, not all minnows are created equal. Time on the hook will separate the good minnows from the bad minnows quickly. Pay attention to the activity of the minnow via bobber movement, line twitching, etc. If you notice your bobber not moving around much, ditch the dead beat minnow and replace it with a new minnow pronto! Also, if you have to "wake up the minnow" by twitching the line—ditch the old minnow and get a new one. There is no time for wimpy minnows. One of the downfalls and success killers while bobber fishing of any kind is not keeping fresh lively minnows on the hook—that's a free tip by the way.

So what it boils down to so far is that a good starting point for an effective bobber/minnow combination is: a lively medium sized minnow hooked lightly in front of the dorsal fin, with the split shot placed 7" up from the hook. Remember, that's just a starting point. Trial and error along with detailed observations of what's working will quickly help you deduct what is needed at the time to capitalize on the fishing situation at hand. And don't forget about colored hooks—oh yeh, that's a whole different article, lol. I bet you will never look at a bobber minnow combination the same again. Good luck catchin' out there, and be courteous to your fellow anglers.

Captain Josh Hagermeister, Minnesota Fishing Guide Service. 218-732-9919, 320-291-0708. www.MinnesotaGuideService.com

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Signs will be put up at Kolbinger Park stating that the parking lot is for park use only, not for those watching youth baseball games at the school field. The new rec room at the Becker Community Center (BCC) is nearly complete, and the BCC now boasts a high number of memberships: more than before COVID-19.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Certified snow removal charges to property taxes after holding a public hearing where no one spoke;

- Heard the financial report;

- Approved a replacement of the Pebble Creek fire system.

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with.

The day kicked off by an energizing duo called Koo Koo Kanga Roo! They provided dancing, laughter, and silly songs to enjoy. They brought a lot of energy and movement to the crowd on a beautiful sunny day! Many enjoyed the food trucks that lined the parking lot to fulfill their cravings. This glorious event that supported our Becker, Big Lake and Monticello communities' wellbeing and the mindset that we are better together brought much happiness to so many across generations! This free event was made possible by donations to the CentraCare-Monticello Foundation.



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

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

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God
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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.

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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.

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

Saron Lutheran Church
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9:30am, indoors or livestream.

• SANTIAGO
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Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 9am in Sanctuary for the summer months.

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

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Tri-County Alliance Church
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• 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

Perry W. Peterson, Age 65
Zimmerman, MN
August 20, 1956 – May 23, 2022



Perry W. Peterson, age 65 of Zimmerman, MN, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2022, surrounded by family at his home. Funeral Services at 1:30 PM on Friday, May 27, 2022, at New Life Church in Princeton, with Pastor Chuck Pruett officiating. Visitation

from 12:00-1:30 PM at the church. Burial in Baldwin Cemetery, Princeton.

Perry is survived by his wife of over 44 years, Margery; children, Matthew (Suzanne) Peterson of Houston, MN, Sarah (Israel) Moss of Princeton, and Nathan (Candace) Peterson of Princeton; grandchildren, Preston, Coleman, Bryce, Daisy, Zivah, Brielle, Benaiah, and Brynlee; father, John Peterson of Zimmerman; siblings, Terry (Kandace) Peterson of Buffalo Lake, Jeffrey Peterson of Monticello, Sherry Markgren (Tomas Lundmark) of Sweden, and Michael Peterson of Monticello; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara.

Richard "Tweety" L. Nyberg, Age 86
Becker, MN
January 15, 1936 – May 22, 2022



Passed away on 5/22/22. He was preceded in death by his parents Elmer & Myra (Daniels) Nyberg; siblings Duane, Eugene, May, Melvin, Steven, Johnny, Lois, Lillian, Barbara, and Roger; granddaughter Justine; and beloved wife of 60 years, Suzie (Neutz) Nyberg. Survived by children Linda (Janet), Todd, Holly (Corey), Doreen (Ryan), Shelley (Andy), and Jeannene (Bob); 21 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-granddaughter; siblings Marian, Lorraine, June, Judy, Viera, and Shirley; other relatives & friends.

Richard was born and raised in Big Lake, MN. When he was 16, he eagerly joined the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and served in the Philippines. While overseas, he had the unique opportunity to befriend some of the native monkeys that were in the area. When he returned to the U.S., he had his own pet monkey named Clyde. He met Suzie when he was 25, they married and had 5 children. He worked at Industrial Hard Facing as a welder in Elk River for many years. After retirement, he and Suzie enjoyed traveling, and

lived in West Virginia and Florida until a hurricane destroyed their home and they chose to return home to MN. Tweety loved to build things, play horseshoes, listen to Polka and Gospel music, bird-watch, root for the Vikings, tend to his lawn, but above all, spend time with his family and his greatest love, Suzie. They are now truly together forever.

Funeral service 11AM, Wednesday, 6/1/22 at Peterson-Grimso Funeral Chapel, 250 E. Broadway, Monticello. 763-295-2918. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at the chapel. Interment Lakeside Cemetery, Silver Creek Township. (www.peterson-grims-mochapel.com)



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Bulldog girls run well at Monticello

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Tues., May 17, the Becker girls track & field team attended the first annual Twilight Meet in Monticello.

There were no team scores kept — the teams attending were Becker, Big Lake, Chisago Lakes, Monticello, Princeton and St Francis.

The organizers designed this meet to be a type of 'tune up' for the upcoming conference and section meets, so they ran a different event line up. With no 4x800 relay being run, the meet started with the 100 meter hurdles.

Sarah Woelfel again was Becker's #1 in this event and she placed third (16.90) followed by Regan Hausmann in sixth (18.59), Raelee Lyon seventh (PR 18.70) and Lauren Woelfel in ninth (18.82).

Paige Maunu placed seventh in the 100 (13.91). The 200 had Kylee Morton running 29.44 and Sarah Woelfel 29.66. Raelee Lyon (29.86) Reese Hausmann (30.28), Olivia Maunu (30.37) all earned PRs.

In the 400 meters, Alea Briggs is running well and placed fourth (66.52)

Becker had two placers in the 800 run. Lexi Rose ran an outstanding race to PR with a time of 2:26.40 and edged out Monti's Mahoney (2:26.92) for first place. Also placing and running well was Brooklyn Karel for fifth (2:34.33).

Ella McDonald captured second behind Ma-



BECKER BULLDOG ELLA McDONALD (R) kept pace with Monticello's Isabel Mahoney during the 400 meter race. McDonald would finish second behind Mahoney in the race. (Submitted Photo).

honey in the 1600 with a PR time of 5:27.42 in the 1600 meters, and Olivia Babler was seventh (5:47.68) and Meghan Swanson ninth (5:51.82) with both girls achieving PRs.

In the relays, Becker's 4x200 team of Kylee Morton, Regan Hausmann, Reese Hausmann and Kayley Thompson took second, in the 4x100 Paige Maunu, Raelee Lyon, Olivia Maunu, and Sarah Woelfel took fourth.

In the 4x400, the Bulldogs ran two teams. The team of Lexi Rose, Regan Hausmann, Kylee Thompson and Ella McDonald and the team of Alea Briggs, Kayla Gruenes, Katelyn Brower and Brooklyn Karel ran times of 4:29.2 and 4:28.14 to take

third and fourth.

In the field events, Lauren Woelfel took first in the pole vault (9') and second in the triple jump with a PR of 31' 6 1/2.

Paige Maunu took first in the long jump with a PR leap of 16'4, and Kylee Morton was fourth (14' 11 1/2).

Three girls earned spots on the MSHSL honor roll. They are Ella McDonald in the 1600, Lexi Rose in the 800 and Paige Maunu in the long jump.

Up Next
This week, the Bulldogs have their Mississippi 8 Conference Championship meet at St Francis.

Mathews, Mekeland re-file



SENATOR ANDREW MATHEWS (L) and State Rep. Shane Mekeland officially re-filed at Sherburne County to run for their respective offices in the upcoming election. (Submitted Photo).



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Submitted article

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

Sherburne County Sheriff Joel Brott is asking for boaters to be aware of their wake. Significant rainfall this spring has led to high water conditions in many areas of Sherburne County.

Wake Zone" is being implemented on the Elk River, Big Elk Lake, Eagle Lake and Lake Orono. Boaters on these waters will need to maintain a "Slow, No Wake" speed when operating within 150 feet of shore.

Sheriff Brott is also reminding boaters that high water levels create a greater potential for damage to submerged shorelines, docks and residential structures.

Please remain aware of current lake conditions and reduce speeds to "NO WAKE" when operating within 150 feet of shore. When boating more than 150 feet from shore the boat's wake is still crashing onto the shoreline, please slow down.

The Emergency No Wake Zone will remain in effect on these bodies of water until the end of the day on May 31.

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Kreft, Sherman propel Bulldogs to playoff opener win

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldogs softball team started the section tournament Tuesday with a comeback victory over the #5 seed Princeton Tigers, 10-7. Evelyn Kreft provided the fireworks in the bottom of the fifth inning with a two run homer to swing the momentum back to the Bulldogs after the Tigers had plated six runs in the top of the fifth to grab the lead. Maddie Sherman followed with her own blast over the fence to seal the win.

Coach Jason Baune's team drew the fourth seed in the tournament and with the win over the Tigers, they were slated to face the #1 seed Big Lake Hornets on Thursday evening.

Against the Tigers, Becker had to battle some momentum swings to grab the win.

"The wind was blowing out and there would be plenty of fireworks for the crowd," Baune said after the game. "After a scoreless top of the first, we got on the board with three runs in the bottom of the inning." Cadence Koste drove in two of the runs with a double to deep left and the Bulldogs added another run in the 2second when Norah Fitzpatrick scored on a Maddie Sherman single.

The Tigers got on the board with a run on two hits in the fourth, but Becker answered with a run of their own in the bottom of the inning to make it 5-1. It appeared the Bulldogs were coasting to victory, but Tigers were not about to go quietly as they used a combination of five hits and three Bulldog errors to plate six runs in the top of the fifth to take a 7-5 lead.

"Our batters showed a great deal of resolve as they answered Princeton's big inning with a big inning of our own in the bottom of the fifth," Baune said. "After Hannah Bartlett walked, Evelyn Kreft smashed a home run to tie the score at seven."

Kennedy Drehmel would start another rally with a single and Norah Fitzpatrick would follow with a walk, bringing Sherman to the plate. "She delivered a 3-run

home run that would give us a 10-7 lead," Baune said.

The next two innings wouldn't produce a run and Becker held on for the opening round playoff win. Patnode got the win, going all seven innings on the mound, while Sherman had a big day at the plate going 3-for-3 with four rbi.

Thunder

Last Thursday, Becker traveled to Zimmerman and came away with a 12-2 victory. Koste had the big hit early, as she drove in two runs in the first, while Sherman and Koste each drove in a run in the third inning. A couple walks and a Kurstyn Patnode single scored two more runs in the third to push the lead to 8-1, before the Bulldogs added three more runs in the top of the sixth. Sherman again had a big hit and plated two runs with a double. An insurance run in the top of the seventh would make the final 12-2. Sherman, Koste, and Patnode each had multi-hit games and combined to drive in eight runs. Patnode got the win, going the first five innings and Jaimee Cook closed things out with two scoreless innings.

Tournament

"On Saturday, we played three games as a make-up for our tournament that had to be postponed earlier in the season," Baune said.

In game one, Becker beat ROCORI by a score of 10-3.

"Single runs in the first and second innings, followed by a two-run third allowed us to build a 4-0 lead," Baune said. The Spartans plated two runs in the fourth to make it 4-2, but the Bulldogs answered with three runs in the fifth. ROCORI made it 7-3 with a run in the bottom of the fifth, but Maddie Sherman closed out the game with two scoreless innings and Becker added three more runs in the top of the seventh.

"Ellie Gallus, Norah Fitzpatrick, Makenna Zerwas, Cadence Koste, Kurstyn Patnode, and Maddie Sherman all had multi-hit games and Gallus drove in four of our 10 runs," Baune said. "Sherman got the win on the mound going all seven innings and allowing three runs,

one earned, on five hits. She didn't walk a batter and struck out eight."

In the second game of the day, Becker fell to Orono, 2-1.

"We jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but some poor baserunning prevented us from building a larger lead," Baune said. "That missed opportunity would come back to haunt us as the Spartans scored single runs in the third and fourth innings to take a 2-1 lead."

The Bulldogs were able to put a runner in scoring position in both the fifth and sixth innings, but weren't able to produce the big hit to score the runs. Jaimee Cook took the loss despite going 5.1 innings and allowing only two runs, while Sherman got the final two outs on the mound. Sherman and Zerwas each had two hits in the game.

"We closed out the day and our regular season against fifth-ranked Rockford and had one of our best performances of the season in a 3-0 win," Baune said. "Nevaeh Gardner opened the scoring with a solo home run in the top of the second inning."

The score remained 1-0 until the top of the fifth when singles off the bats of Gardner, Kennedy Drehmel, and Ellie Gallus produced two runs to push the lead to 3-0. That would be all the runs that Kurstyn Patnode would need, as she shut down the Rockford line-up for all seven innings.

"She allowed just four hits and didn't walk a batter while striking out seven," Baune said.

Gardner and Koste each had two hits in the game.

"I was very happy with how we played on Saturday," Baune added. "It's been an up and down season for the team, but it looks to be a good sign that we're peaking as we enter the playoffs."

After Thursday's game against the Hornets, the playoffs will continue with games on Wednesday and Friday in Elk River in the double elimination format.

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Becker tennis players represent in championships

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

Becker played host to the South Sub-section 8AA boys tennis championships Monday afternoon and used the home court advantage to put forth a strong showing.

The top two individuals and teams from Monday's competition advanced to Thursday's Section 8AA Individual Tournament, where they faced the top contenders from the North Sub-section. From there, the top two place finishers will advance to the individual state tournament.

In Monday's individual tournament, #1 Bulldog player Zach Bengtson played steady

tennis en route to a second place finish. Bengtson, seeded #2, received an opening round bye before winning his quarterfinal match 6-0, 6-2 to advance to the semis.

In that match, Bengtson worked hard to take a come from behind win over St. Cloud's Gavin Fenstad. After falling 2-6 in the first set, Zach came back for a 6-2 win in the second. In the tiebreaker, Bengtson dug deep for a 7-6 win and a spot in the finals. In the finals, #1 seed Michael Plombom took a 6-1, 6-1 win. Bengtson, however, earned a spot in the Section 8AA championship.

Teammate Troy Nuest also had a nice showing, finishing in third place for the Bulldogs, as he also drew a first round bye and then

defeated his Monticello opponent, 6-4, 6-4, to earn a semifinal match against Plombom. In that match, Nuest fell before defeating Fenstad 5-7, 6-4, 7-6. Nuest concluded an incredible eighth grade season for the Bulldogs, going 25-2 in his matches.

In the doubles competition, Becker's top duo of Ryan Bengtson and Eli Scheideman cruised to the top finish. They opened the bracket with a bye, before winning their quarterfinal match in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0. The semifinals brought another dominant performance and a 6-2, 6-0 win, before they downed the top team from Monticello, 6-4, 6-3.

Nick Gruber and Luke Bordson teamed up for a great day of tennis as well, as they

finished in third place, just missing the chance to move on to the Section championships.

In their quarterfinal match, they defeated the #6 seeded team from St. Cloud, 6-2, 6-1. In the semifinal match, Boards and Gruber battled the #2 seed from Monticello and fell 7-6, 6-2. The duo was very close to winning the first set, which would have opened up the match and their chances at advancing to Thursday's matches.

In the third place match, the Becker duo easily defeated the #4 seed from St. Cloud, 6-3, 6-4.

Look for complete details of Thursday's championships in next week's Patriot.

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Hornets come up short in two games

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Big Lake baseball team lost two games over the past week.

Last Friday, the Hornets couldn't get anything going on offense in a 4-0 loss to Providence Academy.

The Lions got on the board with two runs in the second inning off Big Lake pitcher Isaiah Terlinden. They added single runs in the fifth and sixth.

Big Lake had some baserunners but couldn't push anyone across the plate.

Terlinden had a single and a walk. Nolan Reiter and Keenan Hjernstad each had a hit. Cooper Cusick and Conner Stukenholtz both walked.

Terlinden pitched well, allowing three earned runs

on eight hits and three walks in six innings. He struck out four.

Vikings 3, Hornets 2
Thursday, Big Lake took an early lead but lost, 3-2 to North Branch.

Trent Josewski singled and Nolan Reiter walked in the first inning and both came around to score for a 2-0 lead.

The Vikings got a run back in the third off Big Lake starting pitcher Blake Rondo. They added another in the third off relief pitcher Kaden Haselius to tie the game at 2-2.

The Vikings went ahead to stay with a solo home run off Big Lake's third pitcher, Keenan Hjernstad in the fifth.

The Hornets had a few other chances to score but left six men on base in the game.

Hjernstad had two hits

and a walk. He drove in a run. Josewski had two hits, a stolen base and scored a run. Reiter walked and scored a run.

Rondo pitched three innings and allowed an earned run, four hits and four walks. He struck out five.

Haselius allowed a hit and an unearned run in one inning.

Hjernstad took the loss. He pitched the final three innings, allowing one run, two hits and two walks. He struck out three.

The Hornets are 4-13 on the season. They played Willmar Tuesday and Cambridge-Isanti Wednesday, results to follow next week.

Section play starts Tuesday at the home field of the higher-seeded team.

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Bulldogs closing in on M8 girls golf title

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

With great performances in a pair of conference meets last week, the Becker girls golf team is closing in on the top spot in the Mississippi 8 Conference.

"We are sitting in a really good spot to take the conference trophy home," Coach Anna Babler said.

Last Wednesday, the Bulldogs traveled to Bulrush Golf Course in North Branch and finished in second place with 375 strokes, just two behind Chisago Lakes.

Alexa Voller and Layla Mathews paced the team with rounds of 92, followed by Emma Benson with a 93. Other scores included Avery Johnson with a 98, Nora Pilarski with a 102 and Hannah Hyttsten with a 115.

Last Friday, the Bulldogs were on fire and shot a first place round of 366 to better Chisago Lakes by 6 strokes in a match held in Princeton.

"The girls played great all day," Babler said.

The top round was scored by Mathews, as the Freshman shot an 88, followed closely by Benson's 89. Voller was close behind with a 91, while Pilarski fired a 98. Johnson rounded out the scoring for Becker with a 102.

The win helped position the Bulldogs for a stop finish with just one match remaining, a contest that was postponed from Wednesday until Friday (yesterday). That M8 match could bring home another Conference title for the Bulldogs and will be the last match before Sectional play.

Hornet boys impressive at State True Team Meet

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Big Lake boys track team had an outstanding showing at the State Class AA True Team meet at Stillwater last Friday. It was the second time in school history the team has competed at the meet.

The Hornets had 15 athletes finish in the top 10 spots in their events competing against some of the best athletes in the state. Kade Layton earned the top spot in the 1600 meters with a time of 4:27.39. Teammate Jack Leuer was third in 4:32.17.

Owen Layton crossed the finish line first in the 3200 meters at 9:36.00. His brother Kade was third at 9:49.69. Owen is now second all-time for Big Lake in the 3200, just 34 behind record-holder Nate Souther. Kade is third all-time.

The 4x800 relay team of Owen Layton, Spencer Vold, David Guyse and Christian Noble was second at 8:18.26.

Christian Noble took fourth in the pole vault at 12'9", moving him to second all-time in Big Lake history. He was sixth in the 300 meter hurdles at 43.30.

Carson Kunz placed fourth in the high jump at 5'10".

Kyle Ginther finished fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 40'3.5" and took 14th in the long jump at 19'4.5".

Hayden Thieke was sixth in the triple jump at 40'2.5" and went 19'7.75" to take 12th in the long jump.

Spencer Vold was fourth in the 800 meters at

2:05.49. He finished seventh in the pole vault at 12 feet even.

Jack Leuer took seventh in the 800 meters at 2:06.80.

Luke Hugo was ninth in the shot put with a throw of 42'5.5".

Big Lake finished seventh as a team with 422 points.

Last Tuesday, the Hornets competed in the Twilight Meet at Monticello that Coach Bob Blanchard considered a "warm-up" for the State True Team Meet.

Big Lake did more than warm up, they won four events and had multiple finishes in the top five spots.

Kade Layton won the 1600 meters at 4:24.86 to move to second all-time for Big Lake. Owen Layton was fourth at 4:34.90, putting him sixth all time.

Christian Noble won the 800 meters in 1:59.19, placing him sixth all time. Owen Layton was third at 2:00.99, placing him 10th all time. Jack Leuer was fourth at 2:01.08.

Haydon Thieke won the triple jump at 40'11.5". He was fourth in the long jump at 19'7".

Carson Kunz won the high jump at 6'2". Teammates Wuoson Nehwah, Kade Layton and Mitchell Hill all tied for third at 5'8".

Christian Noble took second in the pole vault at 12 feet. Spencer Vold placed fourth at 11 feet. Vold also took second in the 400 meters at 54.33.

Kyle Ginther went 38'10.5" for second in the triple jump. He was followed in third by Amadao Espinosa (37'5.5") and Randy Smythe in fourth

(37'4.75"). Luke Hugo took fourth in the shot put with a throw of 43'4.5".

Riley Thompson placed fifth in the discus at 116'11".

The girls had plenty of top 10 finishes in their events.

Ava Eastman was third in the 200 meters at 27.72 seconds.

Jade Flavin went 15'2.5" for third in the long jump. Teammate Samantha Burton took fifth at 14'9.5".

Grace Gardner tied for third in the high jump at 4'8". Segner tied for eighth at 4'6".

Emily Steen took third in the triple jump with a leap of 31'5". Gardner was right behind in fourth at 31'3" and Flavin took ninth at 30'3".

Hannah Strom finished third in the pole vault at seven feet. Jaden Anderson was eighth at six feet.

Big Lake's 4x200 relay team took third at 1:55.92.

Hailey Anderson tied for sixth in the discus with a throw of 83'3".

Miranda Segner finished eighth in the 110 hurdles in 18.77.

Amara Obia placed ninth in the shot put at 28'3".

Erin Kjellberg finished 10th in the 1600 meters in 5:58.14.

The Hornets competed in the Mississippi 8 Conference Meet Thursday, results to follow next week.

They participate in the Section 5AA Championship Meet Wednesday June 1 and Friday June 3 at Monticello High School.

Bulldog boys lacrosse drops final game

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Becker Bulldog boys lacrosse team concluded their season with a 2-10 overall record, 1-7 in the conference.

Vs. Delano/Rockford
The Becker Bulldog boys lacrosse team dropped their sixth in a row to Delano/Rockford May 20 at home. It was their final regular season match of the year.

The day before, on May 19, the boys lost to Sartell/Sauk Rapids, 19-4 on the road. On May 17, the boys lost to St. Cloud at home by a score of 12-9.

NHL Playoffs in Full Swing

Well, the NHL playoffs are in full swing and my main teams are all out but there are still a lot of strong teams left and it's been an interesting second round thus far. Firstly, if you haven't watched much NHL hockey outside of the State of Hockey, you're missing out. In years past I'd typically watch until my teams were out and then I'd just stop watching.

This season I've been watching every game I get a chance to because there are so many good teams, but there's one in particular I'm leaning my alliances towards more than others. That team would be the Colorado Avalanche. Yes, the division rival Avalanche, something about them makes you want to cheer for them.

I haven't been able to see much of the Carolina Hurricanes and New York Rangers series but it's been a good one. As far as the other Eastern series, the Tampa Bay Lightning and Florida Panthers, it was a shock to most. The Lightning swept the series in four games, after seeing game one, it really didn't surprise me but it was a letdown to say the least as I hoped to see Andrew Brunette coach his Panthers to the Stanley Cup.

Why am I not wanting to see the Edmonton Oilers raise the Cup as they take on the Calgary Flames? Well, I'm not against it, part of me would love to see Connor McDavid finally lift the Cup after all these seasons of scoring but not making it far. It also goes to show one player can't carry the team in most cases. He's obviously the MVP of that team



By Mariah Stark
Contributing Writer

but without the other guys on the ice, they wouldn't be where they are.

The other part of me sees all the success he's had and would rather see an underdog make it. Are the Avs an underdog? Not necessarily because of all the talent they have but they've had the same issues as the Oilers without the bigtime scorer. Nathan McKinnon is great but he's not quite the level of McDavid and that could prove to be an advantage as he can play his game and not be expected to lead the team in scoring.

Their goaltender Darcy Kuemper (yep, former Wild player) has also been outstanding and has me pretty proud. After the way he left MN, I was hoping for the best because he was a great goaltender, he just didn't fit the greatest here. Now that he seems to have

found a home, it's great. He's proved his ability and it'll be interesting to see how well he can play from this point out. The St. Louis Blues are a tough team and won't go down easy.

The Eastern Conference is a bit more of a mystery to me as I don't watch a lot of their teams. They're typically on earlier than I get home from work and I just didn't get a chance to watch it much. It'll also be fun to see if the Lightning can carry out the three-peat, something I kind of hope doesn't happen. As cool as it would be for the history books, I'd rather see a team that hasn't won in a while.

Frankly this season I'm glad to have had the chance to watch pretty much all of the games. It's been so fun to watch different teams and see the level of competition they all have. The speed, puck handling, goaltending, it's all at another level during this time of the year. This season has been an odd one to say the least with all the high scores and weird hits, it won't be one that's easy to forget. Hopefully things settle a little bit in terms of hitting, it's no fun to see someone get injured.

I can't wait to see how things unfold further and it'll be entertaining to see who can pull off the win. Next month I'll hopefully have an update that the Avs stole the Cup or McDavid finally won the Cup that has eluded him all these seasons, it's the one award he hasn't snatched yet and he's still pretty young. Only time will tell.



Starz Dance Studio establishes NHSDA chapter



Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Starz Dance Studio.)

Starz Dance Studio has established a chapter of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA), an exciting program available through the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO). The primary mission of the NHSDA is to promote and

honor outstanding achievement in high school level students and to encourage well-rounded dance artists to become leaders in their communities after high school graduation. In addition, the NHSDA serves to identify those honor students of senior high school age for nomination to the National Dance Education Organization's Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Achievement Award, the highest student dance award in the nation.

Participation in the National Honor Society for Dance Arts enables schools and school districts to celebrate students' achievement in and dedication to the art of dance and connects inductees to the community of dancers at the state and national levels.

On May 12, 2022, Starz Dance Studio inducted four students into its Chapter of the NHSDA: Shaelyn O'Neal, Sedona Maag, Isabella Richter and Amber Shaw.

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Hornet Sports Capsules

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Big Lake Hornet sports teams are nearing the end of their seasons.

Boys Lacrosse

The Big Lake/Princeton boys lacrosse team has been on a skid recently, losing to Grand Rapids/Greenway, 9-2 on May 14, losing 16-7 to Brainerd May 16, losing 15-4 to two Rivers on May 17 and losing 23-0 to Chisago Lakes May 23. Wednesday they played at Rocori and Thursday they

host Sartell/Sauk Rapids to close out the regular season.

Softball

The Hornets lost their last three games, first to Zimmerman on the road May 16 (3-2), then to Cambridge-Isanti at home May 17 (13-10 and finally to Buffalo on the road May 20 (8-1). The Hornets complete their regular season with a home game against the Becker Bulldogs May 26.

Tobako walks off a win against Willmar

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Last Friday, the Becker Bulldog baseball team hosted Willmar and walked off a win in extra innings, 9-8.

After trailing 7-2 in the sixth inning, the Bulldogs rallied back to tie it up and force extra innings. In the ninth, Jase Tobako walked it off with a sacrifice fly to score Nolan Murphy.

The win improved Becker's overall record to 12-6 and 9-5 in the conference, just one game out of first place behind Princeton.

Up Next

The Bulldogs traveled to Fridley Tuesday and Zimmerman Thursday to close out the regular season.

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St. Cloud overpowers JV and varsity

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Big Lake Hornet girls lacrosse teams (JV and varsity) hosted St. Cloud on Thurs., May 19.

JV Match

Thursday evening started off with Big Lake's JV game. At the start, St. Cloud's team seemed pretty comparable to the Hornets, which seemed to carry throughout most of the game.

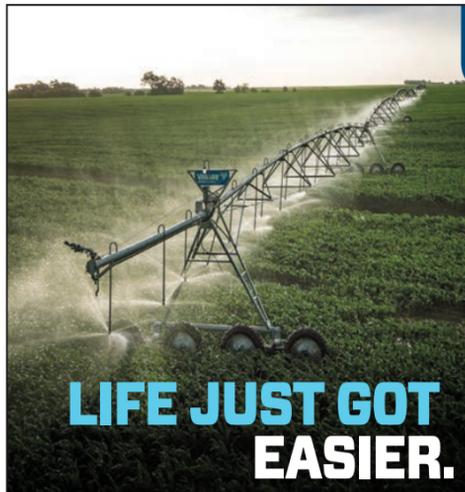
"Our Big Lake girls were winning a lot of the

ground balls and making some good passes to their teammates," said Big Lake Head Coach Lindsey Hartfiel. "We struggled some to generate offense with the high pressure defense St. Cloud was running."

Big Lake lost the match, 6-3 to St. Cloud. The Hornets had goals from Hannah Weseloh, Mackenzie Dembinski and Madison Farnsworth.

Varsity Match

Last season when Big Lake played St. Cloud, the Tigers were not as skilled



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8th annual Chloe Fruth Memorial bike and classic car run

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Chloe's Courage Fund.)

The eighth Annual Chloe Fruth Memorial Bike and Classic Car Run will be held on Saturday, June 11th at Rollie's Rednecks & Longnecks near St. Cloud. 100% of funds raised will

provide trophies for children facing a life-threatening illness, medallions for their all-star siblings, and tutoring services for children who fall behind academically as a result of their illness.

Registration for the Motorcycle and Classic Car Run will begin at 10 a.m. with keys in the ignition and kickstands up at

11 a.m. The first stop will be at the Silver Bullet in Genola. From there participants will ride to the Stone Hill in Randall, then to Rudolph's Red Neck Roost in Holdingford and back to Rollie's on Highway 23 for music, a silent auction and food from 4 - 6 p.m.

Voigt's Bus Service is providing a party bus for those who would like to

join, but do not have a bike or classic car. To reserve your spot on the bus, please call 320-339-7100.

Chloe's Courage Fund (CCF) was created to impact children and families facing a life threatening illness by promoting courage and celebrating bravery. Started by Chloe Fruth, who lost her battle with cancer in 2012 at the age of

back of the net.

"Watching our girls in the second half, I believe we accomplished our goal of slowing down St. Cloud's offense," said Hartfiel. "But, they proved just too much to handle."

The final ended as a 13-1 loss.

Up Next

Next up is Big Lake's section game though (at the time of this article) opponent and date were still TBD.

16, CCF is working to make Chloe's dream come true by impacting children and families across the country. To learn more, visit www.ChloesCourageFund.org or call 320-558-4304.

All are welcome. Those who can't spend the entire day can plan to join for live music from 5:00 - 7:00 at Rollie's.



Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Graduates!



Taking the next step...

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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(Editor's note: Some of the information below was comprised of material found on various websites with no authorship manifested).

Taking the next step after graduation can be daunting. One goes from the familiarity of home life and high school, to the unknown of a foreign university and a new place to live.

Is your graduate ready for the next step? Is the transition going to be seamless or will it be a challenge?

To help parents and their graduates out, we've assembled a comparison study on the variety of ways in which high school and college differ. Some are, "duh, I knew that" and some are, "hmm, I didn't realize". Understanding some of these differences and being prepared for them will help parents and their children achieve an untroubled transition.

Class Time

High School: Typical high schoolers spend on average six hours each day/30 hours a week in class, advancing from one class to the next. The typical school year is 36 weeks long; with a short break in the spring and a long one over the summer.

College: Typical college students spend 12 to 16 hours each week in class, usually with breaks in between. Times are not limited to daylight hours, many classes are offered in the evening. In most cases, the academic year is divided into two, 15-week semesters, plus a week after each semester for exams. There is generally a winter break and a spring break, which is followed by exams. The spring semester may conclude in early May.

Class Size

High School: Classes generally have no more than 35 students and are taught by teachers.

College: Depending on the size of the college or university one selects, classes may range in size from 20 to hundreds of students. Classes are taught by professors, who will be referred to as Doctor if they have acquired a Doctorate in their chosen field. At larger universities, classes may be taught by graduate assistants, not professors.

Teaching Style

High School: Teachers present material in the textbook, often writing information on the chalkboard to be copied in your notes.

College: Professors may lecture non-stop, give students illustrations, provide background information, or discuss research about the topic one is studying. Students will be expected to be up to date on all assigned readings and be able summarize it, so good notes are critical.

Time Management

High School: A student's time is usually structured by others: administrators, teachers, coaches and of course, parents. Teachers carefully monitor class attendance.

College: Students manage their own time. It's up to each student to get to class, do one's lab work and study. Professors may not formally take roll, but they are still likely to know whether or not one attended, especially at smaller colleges where they will get to know each student personally.

Homework

High School: Students will usually be told what one needs to learn from assigned



this may be mostly test preparation.

College: Students are assigned substantial amounts of reading and writing which may not be discussed in class. Students need to study at least two to three hours outside of class for each hour in class to keep up with the coursework.

Testing

High School: Testing is frequent and covers small amounts of material. Teachers frequently conduct review sessions, pointing out the most important concepts. If one misses the test, makeup tests are often available.

College: Testing is infrequent (a particular course may have only two or three tests in a semester) and may cover large amounts of material. Students are expected to organize the material to prepare for the test. Professors rarely offer review sessions, and when they do, they expect students to come prepared with questions. Makeup tests are rarely an option; on exam day one needs to be prepared and on time.

Grading

High School: Good grades are based on the ability to comprehend what one is taught in the form in which it was presented to each student, or to solve the types of problems one was taught how to solve. Courses are usually structured to reward a "good-faith" effort so consistently good homework grades may help raise one's overall grade if test grades are low. In addition, extra credit projects are often available to help raise one's grade.

College: Good grades are based on the student's ability to apply what they've

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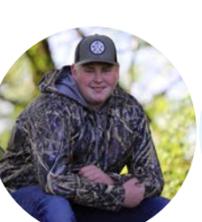
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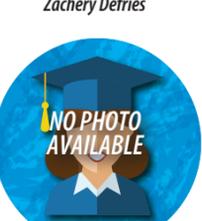
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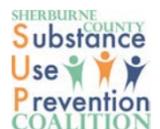
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Graduating This Spring? Reasons to Consider a Home Healthcare Career

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Those graduating in the spring of 2022 and other job seekers should take note -- industry experts say that not only are home healthcare caregivers needed more now than ever before, but this industry offers many rewarding career paths.

"A growing number of families and medical professionals are discovering that home healthcare is a great option -- and not just for seniors. Home healthcare can be used to treat medical needs across a full continuum of care," says Jennifer Sheets, president and chief executive officer of Interim Healthcare Inc., which is actively recruiting caregivers nationwide.

According to Sheets, here are three of the top reasons home healthcare caregivers are in such high demand today:

1). It's a safe alternative: The pandemic shifted the spotlight to home healthcare as a means to keep loved ones safe. What's more, at-home caregivers are supporting hospital burnout by keeping acute care patients at home, allowing hospital staff to focus on the most critical patients.

2). The role of home caregivers has expanded: The scope of care and services that can be delivered at home has greatly expanded. There are more diverse care needs today, requiring a diverse set of caregivers to fill those needs, including ventilator



care, speech therapy, palliative care and more.

3). It can fill a necessary gap: The physical, mental and emotional demands of caring for family members can be overwhelming, and with the healthcare worker shortage, family caregivers need additional help at home.

Why Home Healthcare?

It is an employees' market when it comes to working in the home healthcare industry and these positions are very desirable for a number of other reasons, especially for new graduates. Here are just a few:

- With on-the-job training available, a helping career such as a home care aide is emotionally rewarding, and home healthcare provides that same opportunity to make a difference in

other people's lives, albeit in a less hectic, more personal environment. Even for current licensed medical professionals, 74% say they have considered a career shift to home healthcare at one point in their medical career, according to an Interim Healthcare study. The COVID-19 pandemic only intensified these considerations for professionals, many of whom in the same survey say home healthcare would be a way to reconnect with why they got into healthcare in the first place.

- Clients depend on caregivers to manage their health and achieve the best results. They appreciate the help, support, care and connection that comes with home care. Caregivers get one-on-one time with clients so they're able to focus on the care of one individual at a time, and in many

cases, they become part of the family.

- The healthcare industry is changing rapidly, which means that home caregivers have continual opportunities to learn new professional skills based on their interests that will help them meet the needs of the industry.

- Careers in home healthcare are dynamic, interesting and meaningful. They're also flexible, giving those in the industry the choice of part-time or full-time work, as well as flexibility in location and availability.

Major providers of home healthcare are actively hiring for those with healthcare experience and those without, including Interim HealthCare which has locally owned and operated franchises nationwide. To learn more about home care careers, visit ihmadeforthis.com.

"At a time when families are struggling to find at-home care, you can answer that call for help," says Sheets.





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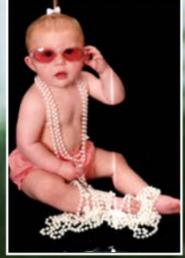
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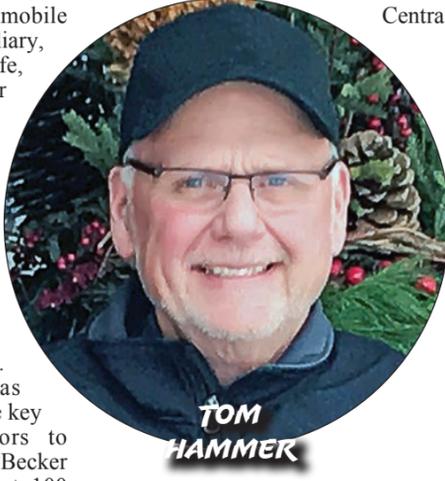
Submitted Article
Two prominent Becker citizens and graduates of Becker High School were honored last Wednesday as this year's Hall of Fame award winners.

Fran Seeley Class of 1969
Fran is a lifelong resident of Becker and proudly shares, she is one of four generations in her family to graduate from Becker High School. During her time at BHS, she was involved in band, choir, student council, newspaper, yearbook, FHA, and cheerleading. Upon graduating, Fran attended and graduated from St. Cloud Beauty College. Fran's employment has strong connections to the community, as she and her husband owned and operated multiple area businesses, including Lonny's Grocery, Lonny's Variety,



FRAN SEELEY

Ultimate Video, and Ultimate Video II. Fran is currently the Deputy Clerk for Becker Township. Fran's civic engagement has included contributions to the following: Becker Woman of Today, Red Cross Bloodmobile Chair, American Legion Auxiliary, an election judge, Relay for Life, Dollars for Scholars, Cancer Survivor Dinner, two Becker All School Reunion committees, Meals on Wheels, and helped multiple times with the All Night Graduation Party. Fran was one of the key contributors to the book "Becker Schools first 100 Years." Fran and her husband Lonny raised two children, Deanna and Darin.



TOM HAMMER

Thomas Hammer Class of 1972
Tom was president of his graduating class in 1972. In 1979, Tom and his brother Gary started a partnership, T&G Farms, where they farmed 20-30 acres of potatoes. In 1980, Tom renamed the farm TJ Farms and started growing potatoes on his own. In 2017, Tom started Precision Rain of

MN and became a Reinke Irrigation, Great Plains Equipment, and Beck's Seed Dealership. Tom's community involvement included: Centra

Sota Cooperative board member, past President and member of St. Cloud EAA, past President and member of the Clear Lake Lions, past President and member of MN Area II Potato Council, and past President of the Clearwater Food Shelf. "Can do" was an understatement for his ambition. With all of his success in business and community involvement, Tom took great pride in being a "kind person." Tom and his wife Penney raised two sons, Hunter and Tanner.

Becker High School 2022 Local Scholarships

Submitted Article

We would like to thank all the businesses and organizations for your contributions to our Local Scholarship Program. Your generosity has made it possible for the following scholarships to be awarded to our graduating seniors.

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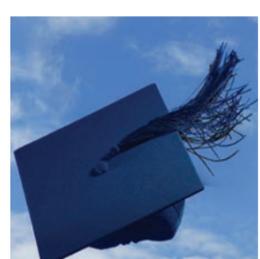
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learned to new situations or to solve new kinds of problems. One must do well consistently: grades on tests and papers usually provide most of the course grade. Unlike high school, first tests may account for a substantial part of one's course grade and extra credit projects are rarely used to raise a grade.

Graduation Requirements

High School: Students may graduate as long as they have passed all required courses with a grade of D or higher.

College: Students may graduate only if one's average in classes meets the departmental standard - usually a 2.0 or C.

Expenses

High School: In most cases, almost all of one's living expenses are paid for. One's textbooks are likely provided at little or no expense and students are not required to own a computer. One needs money for gas, special events, activities or trips.

College: If one lives on campus, one will need to pay for housing and dining in advance of each semester. Students will need to budget substantial funds for textbooks, which will likely cost at least \$200+ each semester. Most colleges require each student to have a computer, which can often be purchased through them at a reduced price. Students will need money to meet basic necessities, so be prepared!

Responsibilities

High School: Parents and teachers will remind each student what their responsibilities are and guide them in setting priorities. Students will no doubt be corrected if one's behavior is out of line.

College: Students are now responsible for what they do and don't do, as well as for the consequences of one's decisions. In addition to studying, one will be expected to manage a budget, do one's own laundry and learn how to live in a whole new environment without a lot of structure. Along the way, one may be faced with a large number of moral and ethical decisions one may have not had to face previously. Students must balance one's responsibilities and set priorities.

Conclusion

Seem daunting? One doesn't have to attend college in order to get an education and preparation for a career. There are other options as well. Trade schools, certifications, real-life experience, apprenticeships and the military are also viable options. Education is an investment, so invest wisely.

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7 Steps to Take After Receiving College Financial Aid Award Letters

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Perhaps even more nerve-racking than waiting for your child's college acceptance letters is learning whether they've been awarded financial aid. This is the piece of the puzzle that tells you how much it will really cost, and ultimately, whether a particular school is within your budget.

"Decoding award letters and comparing their terms can be a challenge," says Angela Colatriano, chief marketing officer of College Ave Student Loans. "Just be patient and take the time to understand each offer."

In a recent College Ave Student Loans parent survey conducted by Barnes & Noble College Insights, 42% of parents who received an aid offer letter found aspects of it confusing, and 68% agreed that terms and layout of these letters varied from school to school, making it hard to compare them.

To make better sense of financial aid award letters, follow these steps:

- 1). Look for free money: The award letter will list whether your student is eligible for scholarships and grants (sometimes called Merit or Gift Aid). This is money you typically don't need to pay back. Some merit aid is tied to how your child performed in high school. They worked hard for this recognition; congrats!
- 2). Look for Federal Work-Study: Your child might be eligible for Federal Work-Study jobs. While jobs aren't guaranteed, they can be a good opportunity to help cover educational expenses.
- 3). Spot the loans: Schools will list any federal loans your child is eligible to receive. Helpful hint: They may be grouped with scholarship and grants. You should also take note of whether a Federal loan is subsidized or unsubsidized. Subsidized loans are more desirable, as they don't accrue interest while your student is still enrolled, or during deferment periods.
- 4). Calculate your net cost: To get an apples-to-apples look at the offers, determine the net direct cost of each particular school. This is calculated by subtracting offered scholarships and grants from the cost of attendance (the total cost of tuition, room, board, textbooks and fees). If applicable, you can subtract work-study aid too. It's important to do this math, as the biggest scholarship doesn't always amount to the lowest out-of-pocket cost.
- 5). Play the field: Some parents have found success in appealing the financial aid package offered, especially if their financial circumstances have changed. Contact your top schools of interest and share the awards your student has been offered. Some schools will match other schools' award packages or will offer additional funds. You should also ask about additional scholarships or grants that might be available.
- 6). Consider other factors: Check if awards being offered are for all four years and understand what your child will need to do to continue being eligible for them, year-to-year. You should also factor in expected increases in tuition, room, board and other fees.
- 7). Fill the gaps: If after doing the math, you find you have a financial gap to cover, you may also consider a private student loan or parent loan. Look for a lender with great rates, flexible repayment terms, and the opportunity to customize the loan to fit your family's budget. For example, College Ave Student Loans offers tools and resources to help you along your financial road to college, along with a pre-qualification tool that offers quick answers without affecting your credit score. To learn more, visit CollegeAve.com.

While awaiting financial aid award letters and deciphering them can be confusing and stressful, the good news is that once these letters are in-hand, your family will have the tools needed to move ahead.

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