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THAT'S A WHOPPER! Ryan Hubbard, Becker, was pleased with the huge crappie he reeled in recently on Lake of the Woods. (Submitted photo.)

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The Patriot hopes to have a feature on the police chaos in Big Lake in next week's issue. Stay tuned!

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LOTS TO DO FOR HALLOWEEN!

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Ready for Halloween?
If one is looking to make the most of the Halloween weekend, the Patriot has put together an article showcasing some of the fun things occurring in the next week or so in your communities!

Big Lake Area
The Big Lake Chamber is hosting their annual Halloween Photo Scavenger Hunt on Sat., Oct. 30 from noon to 3 p.m. at locations throughout Big Lake. Guests are asked to come out for the scavenger hunt in costume and try and match clues with a list of Chamber mem-

bers published on the Chamber website (www.biglakechamber.com) or their Chamber Facebook page.



Snap a photo of your group at each member's location and email the photos to info@biglakechamber.com that

same afternoon or evening to win a great prize such as a \$25 Visa Card!

Prizes will also be awarded for most members visited and most creative costumes!

The Big Lake Lions will be "Stirrin' Up a Witch's Brew" at Lions Park on Fri., Oct. 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. Guests will be gathering outside for some hot witch's brew (soup) and s'mores will be served around the fire pit. There will also be games to play and a contest for the best costume will win

a prize.
The Big Lake Women of Today organization will be holding their annual Spooktacular Haunted Trail located in Big Lake (follow signs). This is a volunteer-run event that is guaranteed to scare one's socks off!! Come one, come all to spooktacular!

The trail will be open this Friday and Saturday from 7:30 p.m. -10:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 per person; \$5 for kids 10 years old and younger and seniors; \$1 off with food shelf item; \$1 off for military and emergency personnel with valid ID; \$5 for each additional walk through the same night.

Family/Kids day is this Saturday from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

(Family/Kids day is a non-scary trick or treat through the woods with games and fun for the young! Family Day is a free event, though they ask for donations).

Becker Area
Becker Baptist Church is holding their annual Trunk-or-Treat event in the parking lot of the church Oct. 31 from 3 - 5 p.m. Come enjoy this free, fun, and safe event for all ages. BBC will have cars decorated in their parking lot handing out candy and candy alternatives.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Event may be moved inside due to inclement weather. While the church's goal

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Becker Farmers' Market ends for season

By Mary Nehring,
Contributing Writer

A large crowd was on hand on a pleasant fall day Friday, October 8th for the final Becker Farmers' Market of the season. People enjoyed browsing the many vendor booths and were able to purchase locally grown produce, farm fresh eggs, jams, pickles, savory salsas, fresh baked breads and goodies, soaps and much more.



A CROWD OF PEOPLE set up chairs and enjoyed listening to the old time band consisting of members Richard Eckman (steel guitar), Kittie Fenlason (keyboard), Travis Kent (accordion) and Don Swendsrud (electric guitar). (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



LINDA ELLIS (Ellis Bakery) sold her delicious baked goods, which are famous in the Becker area. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

Pebble Creek to update aged irrigation system

By Katherine Cantin,
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During Tuesday's meeting, the Becker City council agreed to several maintenance items for Pebble Creek.

Pebble Creek Irrigation System

The irrigation at Pebble Creek has been limping along for the last several years, with a pump failure occurring approximately once every year. This year, a pump was down for two weeks, causing the course to look pretty bad, in the opinion of council member Mike Doering. So Pebble Creek staff member Jason Scharfencamp presented a plan to the board to replace the aged pump system.

David Zubia, a Becker student attending the meeting as a part of his project for a government class, approached Scharfencamp later in the meeting, as the council members entered a closed session, and inquired whether the irri-



BECKER STUDENTS CAMDEN AANENSON (L) AND DAVID ZUBIA (R) attended the Becker City Council meeting Tuesday as a part of their studies for their government class. The teenagers asked some relevant and interesting questions of the staff. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

gation system would fail before the new installation, and whether previous pump failures could have been avoided. Scharfencamp replied that failures were due to the old age of the equipment, and the system is always tested in the spring to check for issues.

Pebble Creek Change Order

Phil Knutson, head of public services, informed council there were several issues with the Pebble Creek clubhouse addition. Five change orders were

required to address the following issues:

- A move of the condensing units to allow for excavation, due to the position of the water line;
- Changes made to grade elevations, concrete thickness, truncated domes, and additional paving;
- Move of the location of the water line;
- Additional block work to compensate for an inaccurate measurement of the foundation elevation

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Celebrate Friends of the Library!

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

Libraries are an important asset to any community. Friends of the Library (FOL) groups are non-profit groups comprised of volunteers that are formed to support those libraries. To honor them and all that they do, a national week of celebration is held each year. This year the 16th annual National Friends of the Library Week was Oct. 17-23.

The communities of Becker, Big Lake, and Clearwater/Clear Lake all have strong FOL groups, and each group has brought immeasurable benefits to their respective libraries.

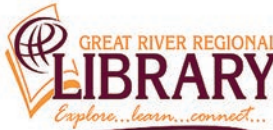
"While a smaller GRRL (Great River Regional Library) branch will never be able to match the available space and services the St. Cloud headquarters can provide its local com-

munity, the Becker Friends of the Library work hard to provide patrons one small way to give back to their local library," said Becker FOL President Geoff Johnson. "The Friends is an often overlooked group in most libraries that provide a lot of the bits and pieces that need to be filled in around any local branch's main programming."

Jeannette Burkhardt is the library services coordinator for both the Becker and Big Lake Libraries.

"Each Friends group has supported their community library by providing funds to purchase incentives for our winter and summer reading programs, supplies for various other programs, and in some cases, needed furniture for the library," said Burkhardt. "Without these groups the libraries would

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BL Twp. considers new CUP for Hope Stables

By Katherine Cantin,
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During the recent Big Lake Twp. regular meeting, there was a lighter than normal agenda, as the supervisors wrapped up the meeting in under an hour in order to make it to the SCAT (Sherburne County Association of Townships) meeting later in the evening.

Hope Stables

Andy and Jolene Thelen of Hope Stables approached the board seeking positive comments on

a variance. They wished to no longer compost manure, but instead have it shipped off their property, and they wished to have a maximum of 40 horses on their land.

The property was found to not be in compliance by the county earlier in the year, as they had begun shipping manure off the property even though that was not part of their conditional use permit with the county. This issue was quickly resolved, as shipping the manure away from the property.

The other issue that needed resolving was the



number of horses on the property. Currently, the couple had 34 horses on site, but were supposed to be limited to 32. Two of those horses were miniature horses, which the owners didn't realize added to the total count.

When the board asked if there was any public comment, one neighbor to the property stated that she

REP. PAUL NOVOTNY visited the recent Big Lake Twp. meeting to encourage the supervisors to reach out to him with any issues the township may face that could be addressed in the next legislative session. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

didn't want the business around any more. It was revealed that there had been some personal history between the neighbors.

The board sent positive comments on to the county, who will make the final decision.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Adopted the roads in the wheat fields development;
- Discussed the progress on 205th Ave.;
- Considered a request from the county attorney to submit ordinances, which they will discuss again at

the next regular meeting, Wednesday;

• Was visited by Rep. Paul Novotny who encouraged the supervisors to reach out regarding any issues they felt the legislation should address.

Elk River man dies in crash

By Bill Morgan
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A 70-year-old Elk River man died as a result of a crash in Otsego last Friday evening.

Dennis Carl Kerssen was traveling southbound in his 1999 Chevrolet GMT-400 on Hwy. 101, approaching Wright Co. Rd. 36 when Kerssen's vehicle left the roadway and struck the bridge wall. Kerssen was pronounced dead at the scene.

Agencies assisting at the scene were Wright County Sheriff's Office and the St. Michael and Rogers Fire Departments.

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Local residents Paul Braun and Barbara Keenan recently purchased Knitski's Bar & Grill in Palmer (formerly Palmer House) from John and Deb Smuda. The new owners are excited to carry on the wonderful service the Smudas, as well as previous owners, have provided at this staple gathering place in the community. Braun and Keenan have every intention of continuing the great tradition of excellent food, cold drinks, amazing staff and a great place to unwind to local residents who are looking for a morale booster. Paul and Barbara look forward to seeing everyone soon. (Submitted photo.)

Mathews, Mekeland to host town hall meeting in Rice

Submitted article

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

Sen. Andrew Mathews, R-Princeton, and Rep. Shane Mekeland, R-Clear

Lake, welcome District 15 residents to attend a town hall meeting they are co-hosting 10 a.m. Oct. 30 at O'Brien's Pub in Rice.

The legislators said this will be an opportunity for local citizens to discuss any number of issues related to

Minnesota's current state of affairs, and also peek ahead to what is on the table for the 2022 session starting in late January.

O'Brien's Pub is located at 9555 Deerwood Rd. NE in Rice. No RSVP is required to attend and the

meeting will be conducted in an informal setting.

Call Mekeland's legislative office at (651) 296-2451 with any questions or for further details.

BL City Council hears concerns over streets project

By Katherine Cantin,
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A few different individuals spoke during the open forum part of the recent Big Lake City Council meeting. They raised concerns over the progress of the streets project.

Karl Lepping spoke before the council regarding the lack of street lights on Maple Ln. He spoke to Raeanen Danielowski when she was the mayor of the city about adding street lights, and she directed him to city engineer Layne Otteson, who, according to Lepping, said streetlights would be added when the street was fixed. Lepping was concerned because the street construction just wrapped up and there are still no street lights. He said he'd heard from his neighbor the original contractor was supposed to put in lights when the street was first constructed, and that could possibly be an avenue for the city to pursue.

After a recent conversation with Otteson, Lepping said he was told the lights would be put in next spring, but Lepping was

concerned for his wife and other older residents who need to cross the street, for example, to collect the mail, during the dark winter months without lighting. He pressed the council and Otteson to get the lights in sooner.

Mike Gloudemans spoke next regarding the alley system along Lakeshore Dr. He spoke with Otteson about the alleys being in disrepair for some time, leading to snow plows being unable to do a sufficient job of clearing out the snow. He said historically the residents have had to take care of any issues without help from the city, but given the street projects on the west side of the lake it may be a good time for the city to look into maintaining those alleys. Understanding that this is not a project that was originally budgeted, Gloudemans suggested the city consider a plan to possibly share some of the costs with the residents to get the alleyway fixed up.

Roger Stang spoke to agree with Gloudemans, saying he's been maintaining his alleyway for more than 50 years during his

residency at his Hennepin Ave. home.

Street Improvement Project

Residents of Area B of the street improvement project, which includes Park Ave., Birch Ave., and Vernon St., has expressed a desire to not have work done on their streets, and so alternative areas are being considered. Otteson is working on a preliminary engineering plan for other areas, and an open hearing would be held in Nov. should the plan progress.

Council member Ken Halverson asked about addressing the alleyway situation brought up in open forum. Otteson said he thought it best to discuss that possibility during the council workshop following the meeting.

Mayor Paul Knier was concerned that the roads were being included in the project despite the fact that they hadn't been considered bad enough to include in the original plan. Halverson disagreed, saying that work done sooner would be more cost-effective than roads that were put off. Council member Kim Noding added that the roads

in question were all more than 20 years old and were clearly deteriorating. Council member Paul Seefeld agreed with the mayor, concerned that the project was growing exponentially. Otteson maintained that the roads in question were in poor enough shape that it was worth it.

The council approved adding the roads to the plan, with the knowledge that an open house and engineering report would determine whether the project is viable.

Police Dept. News

As part of the consent agenda, Sgt. Sam Olson was named acting chief of the police dept. as Chief Matt Hayden is under a complaint investigation. The city has not yet been forthcoming about the nature of the complaint. At the end of the meeting, Mayor Paul Knier reminded the audience that Olson's appointment to acting chief does not mean anything is decided (presumably regarding the Chief Hayden case.)

Also as a part of the consent agenda, Kyle Rossberg, formerly of Golden Valley, was hired as a new patrol officer, contingent

on a successful background check and psychological review.

Olson later gave the department update for September.

Security Cameras Purchase

City staff has been looking into purchasing security cameras for the liquor store and the wastewater treatment facility. The total cost could be up to \$77,440,40, though staff may choose to install fewer cameras. The technicians who originally looked into installing the cameras had an incorrect diagram of the store, so it is possible, which more research fewer cameras will be needed.

The cameras in the liquor store are being installed as a result of some recent thefts. An organized group of criminals who targeted liquor stores was recently caught in Wayzata. Store manager Greg Zurbey stated that one theft the store recently faced resulted in over \$300 of products being stolen.

Zurbey also noted that the cameras will also help in the case of insurance claims, should a customer slip and fall, for example.

Outside cameras will also be replaced. Recently, an unidentified person dumped an old mattress behind the store and drove off. With new cameras, staff and law enforcement would be able to identify anyone committing a similar crime.

Fire Dept. Update

Fire Chief Seth Hansen reported there were 38 calls for service for the previous month, including one where a homeowner who was moving decided to burn some unwanted items, unattended. Hansen assured the council the individual received several hefty fines and a bill for service.

Hansen thanked the members who reached out with goodies on 9/11, and the liquor store who held a fundraiser for the department.

In Other Business, the Council:

• Issued a change order for the streets project due to delays caused by lack of materials and truck drivers;

• Gave board and committee reports.

Area News

Interagency agreements on tap for Santiago Twp.

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Santiago Twp. Board of Supervisors met last Wednesday and addressed several agreements for the continued cooperation with other governmental agencies.

The first agreement, adopted unanimously, codified the work to be done on 67th St. in cooperation with Becker Township. Both boards have done extensive work on the project over the past year and much progress has been made. However, with the western portion of the roadway needing additional work for the installation of a culvert, as well as a reclamation of the blacktop and a resurfacing, it was proposed that the Santiago board take the reins for the remainder of the project.

Cost sharing and project management was spelled out in the agreement that Becker had sent to the board, with Supervisor Jeff Pappenfus noting that he agreed with the wording proposal. The board agreed and passed the motion to accept the document.

Contractor John Herbst has been assisting the board with the project and agreed with the supervisors that Sherburne

County should be contacted about the replacement of the culvert, since it services Ditch #16 that runs through the area. The new culvert will have flares added to each end to aid in mitigating any erosion that occurs in the area.

The next agreement also received unanimous approval from the board and this one dealt with the Sherburne County Attorney's Office and their prosecution of applicable Twp. ordinances. The joint powers agreement will help to clarify the role of the county in prosecuting local ordinances and lays out the process for how the services will be provided, etc. Because the agreement basically clarifies an already existing practice, the supervisors moved quickly to pass the resolution with little comment.

Sheriff

Sgt. Andy Ochs appeared before the board to explain the 89 calls for service for the last reporting period, many of which were traffic stops enacted as deputies continue to make speed enforcement an issue with the town. The call volume was nearly double the usual load, with traffic stops numbering 48 calls for service. The board also discussed some ongoing damage is-

sues deriving from illegal ATV operation, as well as some signage that had been riddled with bullet holes.

Ochs assured the supervisors that the heavy patrolling will continue and offenders have been educated with citations. It's just a matter of time before the other perpetrators are caught, as it was noted that residents have had enough of the shenanigans and are calling in with license plate numbers and complaints when it is witnessed.

Roads

Supervisor Dave Jehoich spoke on the issue of roadway maintenance and updated the board on his ongoing vigilance when it comes to addressing transportation issues within the township.

Herbst has finished the shouldering projects on area roadways to ensure that the edges are intact and will not chip away due to erosion or a lack of foundational material. In addition, the second mowing pass has been completed on most roads and this helped control some areas of brush as well. Further brushing will be completed in the near future.

Area resident Craig Schwarzkopf asked the board about the status of 67th St. and what repairs would be allowed by

homeowners in the area.

Chairman Stu Nelson reiterated the board's position that the area of the road in question has cartway status and no improvements will be allowed to the surface, even at homeowner expense. Additionally, the board was unsure why Sherburne County issued a building permit in the area to begin with, as the area is very low and becomes nearly impassable with wet weather conditions.

ARPA

Treasurer Patty Simonsmeier spoke to the board about the ARPA funds that were received and her recommendation that a separate account be established to house and track the money. Because an auditing of the expenditures will be required at the end of 2022 and once again before the end of the program, the board concurred and approved opening a separate account to track the funds and expenditures.



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Clearwater Twp. approves gravel quote

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

During their October meeting, the Clearwater Twp. Board of Supervisors opened gravel quotes for 2022. Shabel Enterprise of Central Minnesota came in at the lowest bid with \$5.65 per ton, however, as their gravel pit is located further away it would cost more for trucking the materials.

After discussing their product with company owner Jack Shabel, who was in attendance, Mike Ludenia recommended the board go with Johnson Materials, who came in at \$5.85 per ton, as he's had good luck with them and their materials for the last three years.

A motion carried to stay with Johnson Materials but to use a couple of gravel loads from Shabel so the quality can be compared.

Project Processes

Chairperson Rose Thelen presented a number of suggestions for the board to consider putting into an official process of how road projects will proceed. The action came after a number



MEMBERS OF THE CLEARWATER TWP. BOARD talk remotely with Mark Vizecky during their October meeting. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

of people expressed dissatisfaction with chip sealing Huber Ave. and were upset that they hadn't been notified that it was going to be happening.

Thelen said her procedure proposal would clean up where the public gets to weigh in on road projects. A long discussion followed, including debate on whether or not to survey residents yearly on what they'd like to see

done.

Clerk Jean Just and Ludenia disagreed with the survey, with Just stating that as elected officials the board should be deciding what road projects are important. Ludenia said that they as a board need to decide what will be done to which roads and when, after which it should then be brought to the residents.

Dave Zackman said that al-

though he doesn't come to many meetings he's always aware of what's going on in the township as it's all on the township website.

"We elected you to be there," he said. "We should be contacting you if we see something that needs to be done."

The board will review Thelen's proposal and will discuss further next month.

Huber Speeds

Mark Vizecky from MnDOT attended the meeting remotely to present the results of a requested speed test on Huber Ave. The speed test was conducted for three days and recorded time, direction, increase or decrease of speed, speed, and classification of vehicle.

The test recorded 565 vehicles, with an average speed of 46 mph, a top speed of 79 mph and a low speed of 12 mph. The conclusion was made that the road was operating within its speed limits, so a formal speed study won't need to be conducted.

Supervisor Scott Miller indicated that the findings were similar to what he found through an informal speed study he'd con-

ducted earlier.

Slope Work

Jim and Brenda Skare approached the board to inquire about in-slope work on Elder Ave., which is shared with Silver Creek Twp.; the edges of the road's chip seal are beginning to break off.

A discussion was held about building a better in-slope to help create a better shoulder, which would help the chip seal remain intact. Ludenia indicated he would like to get the project completed this year and said that Silver Creek Twp. already has material leftover from the interstate project that can be used free of cost.

A motion carried approving the project conditional to approval from Silver Creek to use the materials they have on hand. Ludenia will follow up.

Other Business

A motion carried approving the Orderly Annexation Agreement with the City of Clearwater.

The next Clearwater Twp. meeting will be Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Crash on I-94 leaves 62-year-old man dead

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Mn Dept. of Public Safety).

A 62-year-old Maple Grove man died as a result of a two-vehicle car accident in St. Michael Tuesday afternoon.

Dean Patrick Johnson, 62, was driving his 2000 Sterling Straight Truck (semi) westbound in the right lane of I-94 near St. Michael at around 1 p.m. when another vehicle — a 2015 Chervolet Traverse driven by 37-year-old Christina Marlo Dayou of Fargo — was heading in the same direction in the same lane. Johnson's vehicle

rear-ended Dayous, then struck a barrier off ramp to 241 and rolled on its right side.

Johnson, who was not wearing a wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash, sustained major injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. Dayou was uninjured.

Alcohol was not involved in the ac-

cident.

Agencies assisting at ther scene were Wright County Deputy, Allina Ambulance, St. Michael Fire, Minnesota DOT and Burdas Towing.

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Palmer board to update High Water Ordinance

By Mark Kolbinger,
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The Palmer Twp. Board of Supervisors met Monday evening and discussed several agenda items, including an update to the High Water / No Wake ordinance for the chain of lakes.

Recently, several supervisors met with Sherburne County Attorney Kathleen Heaney, Sheriff Joel Brott, Commissioner Felix Schmiesing and Clear Lake Board Chair Gary Gray to look at solutions for enforcing the current ordinance.

The high water ordinance exists to help protect the shoreline of area lakes during high water events by creating no wake zones, therefore reducing the waves that crash onto shore.

Supervisor Steve Demeules reviewed a history of the ordinance, which has been on the books for some time and has been enforced on a consistent basis until recently.

One of the challenges is that the MN DNR has been responsible for coming to the lake each spring and calibrating a gauge that measures the water depth. However, at times this hasn't yet occurred when the spring high water events happen and that has made declaring the high water emergency more nebulous in terms of enforcement actions.

As part of the solution, the county agreed to take over the calibration so it is done on a consistent basis and to the correct standards to clear up the enforcement questions.

In addition, the board passed a motion to re-authorize the ordinance with some language tweaks that will help eliminate any gray areas and provide for clear instructions on the declaration of the emergency, as well as the enforcement steps that will be taken.

In final action on the matter, the supervisors discussed and approved a motion to enter into a joint powers agreement with Sherburne County. This will clear up any confusion and allow for the Sheriff's Office to enforce all local

ordinances and the County Attorney to handle prosecution of any violations.

Chair Mike Ganz felt with all of these steps, it will strengthen the township's legal standing for not only the ordinances on the lakes, but also at Palmer Park for issues such as dogs in the park.

"We know there's a long history and many valid reasons why dogs aren't allowed at the park," said Ganz. "This will help tighten up our ordinances and allow the county to help us enforce the ones we have on the books."

Sheriff/Fire

Commander Bob Stangler of the Sheriff's Office reported on last month's calls for service and reviewed 114 incident reports, with 38 being traffic stops. The Water Patrol made five contacts for expired registrations on boats, while there were also 11 medical calls.

The board asked Stangler for extra speed patrols on the roads by the lakes, and also discussed the posting of signs within roadway right-of-ways and how they should be handled with the winter season coming soon.

CLFD Chief Ron Koren was at the meeting and reported on 18 calls for service last month, 12 of which were in Palmer. Most of the requests for assistance were for medical related issues, although there was one fuel leak and two motorcycle accidents as well.

Roads/Drainage

Ganz noted that he hopes to be able to get one more load of material for patching a few potholes before winter, while also reporting that the ditch mowing had started along several roads.

The clearing of brush is also a top priority in the near future, and Ganz is working on a partnership with Vonco, who might be willing to collect the chipped materials and use it for composting with their food scraps.

The board also circled back to last month's discussion about drainage on roadways and Demeules reported that he had been in contact with the Sherburne SWCD. The supervisors

established three criteria to be able to work on drainage issues near roadways: all work the board authorizes must be done within the township's right of way, the work needs to be done at a specific location and the solution cannot push the water issue onto someone else's property.

Ganz noted that this was a dry summer and next year there could be more issues brought up. The supervisors reiterated that one of their preferred solutions is to add ditches along the roadways, although many times residents are opposed to this option.

In other action, the board:

- Heard from Treasurer Roger Johnson that \$7,735 was received from the county in the form of a SCORE grant and will be applied to last spring's clean up day costs;

- Learned that an area resident may be interested in donating significant funds for a remodel of the park pavilion;

- Heard from Demeules that the lake association is looking for feedback on this year's weed control efforts;

- Asked that any residents who are taking out docks for the year inspect them for zebra mussels and report any findings to the lake association;

- Discussed the rules at the park, including no golfing as it does damage to the turf;

- Authorized ARPA fund expenditures for several new computers, as well as software that will improve the board's ability to communicate with each other and the public;

- Tabled the Thompson variance due to no homeowner being present at the meeting and approved favorable recommendation for four variances for the Sroka's, who are trying to upgrade their septic system;

- Discussed the issue of garbage truck traffic and the frequency of the pickups, which is causing traffic and road deterioration issues around the lakes. A unified collection approach could be put on the agenda for the annual meeting so the supervisors can gather input.



By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Twp. Board met Monday evening and discussed a great deal of road maintenance, as well as a report from Sgt. Dan Frank regarding continued fraud calls that are being reported to the Sheriff's Office.

Last month, deputies responded to a total of 210 calls for service in the Twp., 70 of which were traffic stops. In addition, Frank reported that several types of fraud calls are making a comeback in the area, and he asked citizens to be especially aware of the illegal activity.

The first type of call comes from scammers who demand payment for a variety of scenarios and request that it be in the form of pre-paid debit or gift cards.

"There's no legitimate businesses that I am aware of that will ever ask for payment of this type," said Frank, who added that one local person sent \$1,600 in gift cards to fulfill a fraudulent debt. "We urge residents to contact our office if they receive these type of calls."

The second scam involves phone calls from individuals who claim that bail money is owed to secure the release of relatives who are reported to be incarcerated at a variety of jails or prisons. Again, Frank encouraged residents to not fall for the fraudulent activity and if there is ever a question about the authenticity of the "jailed" relative, the person can call the law enforcement office directly to inquire about the truthfulness of the situation.

Roads

Engineer Wes Davis had a number of updates for the board, as the 2021 construction season wraps up and plans are already being made for the 2022 projects.

Davis reported that the 142nd St. project is nearly finished, with mailbox in-

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Fraud calls reported in Becker Twp.

stallation planned for next week, while additional bids are being sought for the stripping of the roadway.

The board recently completed its fall road tour and one of the stops was Garden Grove Rd., which recently underwent a chip seal project – the first of its kind in the township. Davis reports that the process resulted in overall positive comments, except for the initial grading of the roadway.

Allied Blacktop was the general contractor on the project and New Look Contracting was the sub-contractor who performed the site grading before the application of the chip seal material. According to Davis, there was some roughness in the grading work that then carried over as the chips and oil were added to the surface. This resulted in some bumpiness in the roadway.

The application of the chip seal also resulted in some windrows being left near driveways and this issue is being investigated. Several fixes were discussed for both issues and the board seemed to favor letting the product settle for the winter and seeing how it will hold up to snowplowing. In addition, a partial payment on the project was tabled, as Davis, Road Supervisors Robin Boros and Joe Danielson, as well as Twp. Attorney Kelli Bourgeois will meet to determine how much of the bid price can be held back to ensure the road is finished to specifications.

Soil borings and plan sets for the reconstruction have also been done for the work on 127th and 153rd, both shared roadways with the City of Becker. Plans call for a new intersection at the intersection of the two roadways, and the Twp. denied a request from the city to establish a traffic light in the area.

In final road business, the board learned that the

LRIP grant project on 97th St. is progressing, as the wetland delineation is completed and a complete review will be undertaken in the near future. Additional plans are in motion for the acquisition of right of way and what portions of the current roadway can be vacated. It's possible that a three acre parcel will be created and the board has already been in contact with the landowner in the area, who is working with the township for the reconstruction efforts.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Held a public hearing (with no comment) and approved an easement vacation for a portion of a utility and drainage easement at the Brenteson residence;

- Approved a resolution designating a portion of 67th St. as a minimum maintenance road;

- Discussed the ongoing process of receiving bids for work on the bandstand, as well as several maintenance projects around Town Hall;

- Approved the concept of allowing volunteers to decorate the bandstand for Christmas;

- Learned that students from the Industrial Technology classes at Becker High School will be constructing the storage shed for the Town Hall, as costs will be limited to materials only;

- Approved a concept to work with the Becker American Legion to keep their building as the polling location for the 2022 elections;

- Learned that a sandwich and smoothie shop could be coming to the former SAFE Bait and Tackle store near Salida Crossing.

- Heard from Supervisor Luke Babler that nearly 400 people attended the Becker Fire Department open house.

Editorials/Opinions

Let The Good Times Roll

It's been a while since my last column and I've got a lot on my mind. The spring and summer months have cruised on by and with Autumn's arrival, I'm finally starting to feel control and purpose are re-entering my life.

In the spring my wife sprung upon me a request for a divorce (I'm not appealing for pity) and just last month we sold our home we had been living in since 1995. Splitting up after nearly 30 years is not an easy thing to overcome and with it has come a lot of life lessons.

Forgive me, but this latest column will consist of fragmented downloads from my brain of lessons I've learned in the last half a year. You the reader, if you wish, can do your best to conjure the voice of the immortal, Andy Rooney for narrating the following excerpts:

What I've learned...

I've learned that 25+ years of hoarding stuff can come back to overwhelm you if you don't tackle the heap every three or four years. If you're not using it, get rid of it. Don't wait until you have to empty your home or someone has to do it for you.

I've learned that pets can be more than just that, they can be your comfort, your confidant and your best friend.

I've learned that trusting someone with the simple task



By Bill Morgan,
Staff Writer

of plugging in and unplugging an electrical device can cost you a freezer full of meat and frozen yum yums. Sometimes you need to do things for yourself.

I've learned that taking things for granted — such as one's marriage or life-long friendships — can lead to a more crippling defeat than a missed field goal by a Vikings kicker. Steer clear of the Blair Walshes in your life.

I've learned that the simpler things in life — the singing of a bird, the sunsets over a lake, a hug and even the smell of puppy's breath — can bring joy, peace and contentment to one's heart. Bacon does that too...

I've learned lately to more fully appreciate the companionships of friends and closeness of family and the learning to forgive and forget. Life is just too short to *Argue, Fuss 'n' Fight*.

I've learned that there is always a rainbow at the end of a storm and to get soaked

just means I have to change my shirt, pants, socks and shoes. What's underneath stays the same.

I've learned that being/staying/getting healthy as one ages is one of the most critical things a person can do to fully enjoy one's twilight years. Old age is not an ailment.

I've learned that there can be spells of quietness with God but that doesn't mean he has abandoned me, but rather I may have abandoned Him. Get back in that circle of closeness.

I've learned that when one loses one's parents, that once-fountain of knowledge, reception and reason has run dry like this summer's lakes and rivers. Thirst continues.

I've learned that things we consider tragic or dire in our lives can sometimes pale in comparison to what others are going through. Sometimes the remedy is simply taking a chill pill.

I've learned that no matter what is going on in the world today whether it is a personal triumph or a private heartache — or even a worldly catastrophe or unimaginable occurrence — the earth continues to turn and the second hand on the clock keeps winding. Time does not stop. Everything just continues to roll on infinitely.

I've also learned it's okay to let the good times — as well as the bad times — roll.

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

After an unsuccessful referendum in May, the needs of Becker Public Schools still remain and have only increased since that time. This November, the Becker School Board is asking residents to consider two questions to improve local schools. What are the needs of ISD 726?

Improve safety and infrastructure: The main entrances at each building need to be improved and there are key infrastructure needs at each building including building systems, roofs, vehicle and pedestrian circulation, windows, doors, and brickwork — improvements that exceed annual maintenance budgets.

Improve educational spaces, including areas to support Career and Technical Education (CTE): Educational spaces across various schools need to be improved



By Supt.
Jeremy Schmidt

including Special Education, Industrial Tech and CTE, High School FACS, Intermediate School Media Center, and flexible/collaborative breakout areas.

Provide more space for students across all grades: The Primary School and Middle School are overcapacity. As enrollment continues to increase at the Intermediate School, space is lacking. The local community is growing and space is needed to serve

Get Out to Vote!



By Supt.
Tim Truebenbach

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Big Lake Schools.)

As we approach the November 2 school bond referendum, I want to encourage you to vote!

The last major investment in facilities was in May of 2016. That school bond referendum vote had 1,543 votes cast to improve school safety and security, expanding and improving playgrounds, improving fine arts and athletic facilities, and installing ball field lighting. At the time, there were approximately 9,912 registered voters in our district. Today, there are approximately 12,354 registered voters in our district boundaries. As superintendent, I cannot advocate for or against the November 2 ballot questions, but I can encourage voter turnout and provide facts about the upcoming special election.

The plan our Board of Education approved will restore and renew our school facilities for future generations, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. This plan will address crucial facility infrastructure projects that need to be com-

pleted in the upcoming years. As a district, we are committed to not raising taxes for our community, which means this bond referendum will have a \$0 tax increase for our community. If approved, this bond referendum will allow us to complete a number of projects including:

- Liberty Elementary's roof. When constructed in 2002, Liberty Elementary had a roof with a 15 year life span installed. The roof is now 18 years old and in need of replacement.
- Portions of the Middle School roof. Portions of the Middle School roof, including the 1987 and 2001 addition need replacing.
- Independence Ele-

mentary's HVAC system

The 1981 HVAC system at Independence Elementary STEM is in need of replacement. This replacement would include a better air quality handling system as well as air conditioning.

• Special Education spaces at the Middle School. Special Education spaces at the Middle School were constructed in 1997 and are in need of redesign to reflect the current learning needs of our students.

• Building control systems. Building control systems across the district are 24 years old. The computer systems they operate on are no longer able to support the aging control panels.

I encourage everyone to make a plan to vote on or before November 2. Your vote is important and will help shape the future of our schools. And ultimately investing in our school facilities is our community's decision.

Criminal Accountability

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

Our state has always been known for its accessibility throughout rural Minnesota, safe streets for our families, and a legislature that truly represents its people. In recent days, weeks, months, and years, some of that has come into question. Over the course of the pandemic, new issues have arisen that have been in need of attention for quite some time and now we have the task of fixing it to keep our state running properly, safely, and in an effective manner for each unique area.

Public Safety and Criminal Accountability

At this point, we have all heard of the tragedy that occurred in St. Paul and there have been many reactions from everyone ranging from scared, to angry, to concerned, and everything in between. Frankly, I am upset. This was preventable because the shooter who took the life of one innocent Minnesotan should have been in jail at the time of the shooting for driving while impaired, which was also a break of his conditional probation. The suspect was armed with a gun he illegally acquired while on probation for breaking the terms of his probation, after being given numerous chances to change his behavior dating back to 2007.

The issue the legislature needs to be focusing on and cracking down on the sentencing guidelines



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

– keeping repeat offenders off the street. Currently, sentencing guidelines are just that: guidelines for prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges can use at their discretion. This involves deciding whether the crime is dangerous enough, combined with a criminal history, to put them in jail. In Hennepin County, for example, 51% of criminals received stayed sentences and were sent back to our communities even though the guidelines recommended prison time.

At the end of the day, this tragedy has unfortunately highlighted the many issues with our judicial system. These failures have resulted in a horrific tragedy forever changing the lives of families, friends, and communities. This could have been prevented and as a State Senator on the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee, I am absolutely dedicated to ensuring this does not happen again.

This week, the Judiciary and Transportation Committees will have an informational hearing on the escalation of violent

crime in Minnesota. This event can be viewed at the link here (www.Senate.mn/media/media_coming_up.html).

Legislative Residency Issues

Since July, a DFL House Representative has been dodging questions about his residency since he was pulled over and presented a Wisconsin driver's license. This called into question where he truly lives, if he resides in the district he represents, and whether or not he is even qualified for his elected position. When a civilian goes to vote in any type of election, they must provide proof of residency before they are allowed to engage – why does this not apply to those seeking election to represent the people voting for them?

Representative John Thompson, the man entangled in this debate, opted out of listing his home address and instead listed a PO Box. This is allowed for the safety of our legislative members and up until this point, has essentially been enforced on an honor system with an affidavit. At this point, the system of being Minnesota Nice and trusting a checked box has become obsolete and we need to make a change. This issue truly comes down to the voters. The voters deserve to have representatives who have good intentions for their communities and ties to local leaders. I am committed to

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Pumpkin Annals

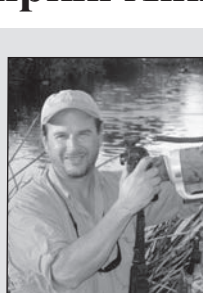
It's hard to beat this time of year. The cool days, the colorful trees and pumpkins. Ya, that's right, pumpkins. I find pumpkins fascinating. Especially the history of pumpkins. You might agree after reading about this amazing vine.

The pumpkin is the oldest known cultivated plant in the New World. When I use the term New World it means, North, Central and South America. Native peoples in Mexico started growing pumpkins for food over 11,000 years ago. The evidence of this comes from caves in the Tamaulipas mountains in Mexico where fossilized stems and seeds of pumpkins have been found along with other discarded food stuffs around ancient ruins and fire rings.

Along with pumpkins these ancient people also where the first to cultivate corn, chili peppers, squash, amaranth, sweet potato, potato, bottle gourds and so much more. Unlike many of these mentioned vegetables, the pumpkin has changed very little since it was first planted in primitive gardens. You can imagine that growing a large pumpkin was a prized food source for the early peoples.

Pumpkins and their seeds were traded across the New World. By about three to four thousand years ago, the use of pumpkins had made it to the plains and woodland Indians of central North America.

Like many native foods, pumpkins were sent back to Europe by the early explores as examples of how strange and exotic the New World was and the unusual foods. In 1539 when Hernando de



By Naturist
Stan Tekiela

Soto, visited Tampa Bay he wrote back home to say, "beans and pumpkins were in great plenty," but both were larger and better than those of Spain. "The pumpkins when roasted had nearly the taste of chestnuts." Of course, they didn't actually have pumpkins in Spain at the time. Soto confused pumpkins with the more familiar squash which was common in Spain at the time.

Speaking of the taste of p u m p - kins, it was



common practice by the time the Mayflower landed to bake pumpkins whole in the ashes of a fire, then cut open and serve the pumpkin flesh by moistening with animal fat or maple syrup or honey.

The earliest Pilgrims invented pumpkin pie. It was simply a variation of this baked pumpkin, but they would slice off the top and scrape out the seeds within first. Then the cavity was filled with apples, sugar,

spices, and milk. The top was put back on and the entire stuffed pumpkin was baked.

It was over 100 years later that the pumpkin pie as we know it appeared. Cookbooks in 1796 called for a pudding-like pumpkin filling along with milk, eggs, molasses, all-spice and ginger be baked in a crust of flour and butter. The result was a tart that resembles our current pumpkin pie.

In the late 1700's, Yale students were calling New Englanders "pumpkin heads" because of their heavy diet of pumpkins. Before Boston was called Beantown it was called Pumpkinshire. By 1845 the term pumpkin had come to mean stupid and thickheaded. Since then the word has changed to "Bumpkin."

Pumpkins were a major source of food for the early European migrants to America. But in 1893 a New York seed salesman Peter Henderson wrote, "The pumpkin is yet offered in large quantities for sale in our markets, but it ought to be banished from them as it has been for some time from our gardens." By the mid-1900's pumpkins fell out of favor and haven't been back except for pies and seeds.

This year when you are picking out or carving your pumpkin will you stop to ponder the great history behind the pumpkin? Until next time...

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SCAT disscusses county issues

By Katherine Cantin,
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SCAT (Sherburne County Association of Townships) met again for the second time this year. They dicussed issues and resources across the county.

County Attorney

County attorney Kathleen Heaney has requested that all the county townships submit their ordinances that can be enforced by the county to the attorney's office. This allows the attorney to have the ordinance on record should there ever be an instance where the township wishes to prosecute a violator. She said the townships are welcome to go with another attorney, but won't find one to do it for a lower price.

She reminded the assembled supervisors that petty misdemeanors are still being processed, they haven't simply gone away. The courts are getting through the backlog of cases that resulted from the COVID-19 epidemic.

County Updates

Several representatives from the county level of government updated the supervisors on projects within the county.

The County has a business relief fund going for area businesses funded by



SCAT heard a presentation from the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT). (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

ARPA. They have fewer applicants for this program than they did for their original business relief program, which they took as a good sign, showing businesses were coming back and not needing as much assistance.

They recognized that childcare was an issue for individuals trying to get back to work, as many stayed home during the pandemic. They noted that free childcare would be provided to parents who had business at the government building during the duration of their visit.

Broadband is continuing to be rolled out across the county. The county representatives encouraged the supervisors to work closely with the county in order to get service to those who need it, as the greatest lack of service is in the more rural areas of the townships.

They also discussed the Hwy. 169 project plan. A video outlining the project can be found on the city of Elk River's website. The project is expected to take about three years to complete, and could dramatically impact the area and

the commutes of locals. The project will begin April 2022.

Legislation

Sen. Andrew Mathews attended the meeting, and brought the regards of Rep. Shane Mekeland, who was unable to attend due to having shingles. Mathews gave out a pamphlet with an overview of the latest legislative session and contact information to those in attendance, encouraging audience members to reach out to him with any concerns.

Redistricting is currently taking place, and unfortunately there is no way to know where lines will fall until a map is presented to the legislation. Mathews said he hoped to continue to be able to serve Sherburne County, as possibly be able to govern more of the county in the future.

In Other Business, the Association:

- Discussed other road projects in the county, including the ongoing bridge project;
- Elected officers for the group;
- Increased the pay scale for the association clerk.

Grand Jury Indicts Ulrich (Allina Health shooter) On Multiple Counts

Submitted article

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

Brian Lutes, Wright County Attorney, convened a grand jury last week to investigate the February 9, 2021, shooting at the Allina Clinic in Buffalo, Minnesota, resulting in the tragic death of Lindsay Overbay. Gregory Paul Ulrich was the target of the grand jury inquiry as the person responsible for the mass shooting that also resulted in significant injuries to four other persons.

On Friday, October 8, 2021, the grand jury indicted Gregory Paul Ulrich for first degree premeditated murder for the death of Lindsay Overbay, four counts of first degree attempted premeditated mur-

der in connection with the other four persons shot by Ulrich at the clinic, and discharge of an explosive device for the bombs detonated by Ulrich at the clinic. Ulrich appeared in court Oct. 11 on the indictment. Bail remains at \$5,000,000 with restrictive conditions that require GPS monitoring or \$10,000,000 without conditions. Ulrich continues to be detained in the Wright County Jail on the ordered bail. Ulrich is scheduled for his next court appearance on Monday, October 18, 2021. Brian Lutes was slowed in seeking this indictment while awaiting a determination that Ulrich was competent to proceed. Ulrich's competency was determined on August 11, 2021, allowing Lutes to convene a grand jury.



Commissioners discuss Northstar future

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During Tuesday's meeting, the Sherburne County Commissioners heard the annual update for the Northstar line and had a tough discussion about the future of the passenger line.

The Northstar ridership dropped by about 95% during the height of the pandemic. As a response, services have been cut back significantly, with only two rides each direction being offered every day. Metro transit expected that ridership would come back to more normal levels after Labor Day, but found the Northstar's return to be delayed due to the Delta Variant.

Despite cutting staff to save costs, the metro transit authorities do not anticipate a full return, including weekend trips, anytime soon, especially since Anoka county has not yet paid their share for the service for the second half of 2021.

Commissioner Felix Schmiesing was concerned that the Northstar rail would never be able to recover or

return from COVID-19. He wanted to discuss the feasibility of continuing operations. Commissioner Lisa Fobbe agreed that the numbers never came near what the commissioners had hoped to see when the project was first started. The metro transit authorities agreed as well, saying that they expected ridership to never return to pre-COVID levels, and there needed to be a discussion between all interested parties to discuss the situation.

U of M Extension

Stearn, Benton, and Morrison counties have had an agreement for many years to collaborate together regarding the University of Minnesota Extension, in order to pay for experts in agriculture, animal husbandry, and other areas to serve the community. Most counties will pay for one position from the extension, and that person has to serve various fields such as these. The three-county partnership is different in that they all chip in to pay for several experts to serve all three counties with a greater level of expertise.

Recently, the three counties approached Sher-

burne to offer a position in the partnership. A representative from the U of M extension office presented the partnership, and brought along Carla Mertz from Ironshow Farms, who is from the extension's Farm Family of the Year. Mertz noted that she has personally used the extension's services when she and her family were first setting up their farm. She also noted that many individuals from the community have contacted her about setting up a home farm and raising animals, some of which were referred to her directly from the county commissioners, and while she said she was honored to help these individuals, she believed the experts from the extension office would be an amazing resource for the community to utilize.

The extension representative said Sherburne County was welcome to join, and she thought it was a good opportunity, but she wanted the commissioners to be fully on board with the project, since the partnership has gone so well for many years and they don't want to see a partner who's not fully committed enter

the partnership.

The commissioners debated the decision. Commissioner Tim Dolan said he was unsure about the justification for spending the money to enter the partnership. He wanted to see data showing the need for the services, which the extension was unable to provide, since they collect information based on the region, but not necessarily by the county. Schmiesing agreed that if all the commissioners weren't committed, they should hold off until more information is available.

The extension representative said she would get the information to the commissioners, but she needed to have a final answer soon.

The commissioners said they would discuss again soon.

Permitting

Planning and zoning has had a series of issues with their permitting system since they implemented it in 2015. Since then, they have made adjustments and fixes to make the system fit their needs. They were recently informed by the product vendor that some of the changes the department

wanted to make would not be possible without an expensive upgrade to the system, costing between \$100,000-200,000, and the county would further have to pay to develop the exact service they wanted. Of course, staff from planning and zoning thought this was an excessive amount to pay for a product that didn't seem to really fit their needs in the first place. After exploring and researching other options, they approached the commissioners to ask for a request for proposal for other companies to bid to provide the permitting service.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Did their annual review of the fee schedule;
- Switched over to Google Docs (AO Docs) for their online document system;
- Held their ditch authority meeting;
- Discussed a settlement during a closed session, and agreed to pay \$75,000.

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making changes to ensure our districts are being properly represented.

Reopening Rural Services

Throughout the pandemic, services such as Department of Vehicle Services (DVS) locations were shut down, inherently impacting rural districts the most. Last week, my colleagues and I sent a letter to the Commissioner of Public Safety to demand a series of locations be reopened. During Session, the legislature appropriated millions of dollars for a dedicated account to cover the costs of providing these services, and our taxpayers deserve to conveniently use what they are paying for. Members of the legislature and Minnesotans across the state are waiting eagerly to hear from the Department of Public Safety on when these locations will reopen and why it has taken so long to get to this point.

I would be happy to hear from you on these or any other legislative issues you have. I am always available through email at Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN or you can call me at 651-296-5655.

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Sports/Area News

Hornet boys CC repeat as conference champions

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The course at Liberty Trails in Big Lake was the site for the 2021 Mississippi 8 Conference Cross-Country Championships Tuesday afternoon.

The weather was near ideal as the teams from Becker, Big Lake, Cambridge-Isanti, Chisago Lakes, Monticello, North Branch, Princeton, and St. Francis competed for team championships and all-conference honors.

This meet also marked the last meet for Big Lake's middle school and junior varsity teams.

"It has been an absolutely fabulous season thus far, our team has grown and improved throughout this season," said Head Coach Todd Trutna. "I want to thank all those runners that finished their season today. The coaches are so proud of all of you and thank you for your hard work and dedication."

The boys' varsity continued their battle with their rivals from across the river. Both teams are ranked highly in state Class AA with Big Lake second and Monticello third. After running against each other five times this season, the schools are very familiar with each other.

Big Lake came out on top by three points to win the team conference title. Big Lake repeated as conference champs as they also



MEMBERS OF THE HORNET BOYS CC TEAM posed for photos with their conference trophy after competing on home turf Tuesday against seven foes from the M-8. (Submitted Photo)

won the championship last year over Monticello by one point.

"Given the size of the meet, we knew this would be a tough test for the boys," said Trutna. "We didn't run our best race, but we did the little things to get the victory."

Individually, Owen Layton finished second, Chirstian Noble third, Kade Layton fifth, and Jack Leuer was sixth. All five garnered Mississippi 8 All-Conference Honors.

"It's pretty amazing to place four runners in the top six in a conference of this quality," said Big Lake's coach. "It is a testament to how hard these guys run during track and the summer."

David Guyse and Tannon Jacobson earned

Honorable Mention All-Conference honors with their 17th and 23rd place finishes.

"It was a very tight race at the end and David made a surge and picked up a couple points right at the finish," Trutna said.

Luke Hugo and Carter Erickson rounded out the varsity squad with 29th and 38th place finishes.

The ever improving girls' varsity showed tremendous improvement from their race on this same course from earlier in the year.

"It took a few meets for us to get our legs back under us this season," said Trutna of the girls team. "Once they got back into 'race' mode, our times started to improve."

Trutna said this year

was a bit of a transition for these girls as they lost five members off of the team's section team from last year.

"Several of the younger runners have stepped up to fill that void," he said. "This team will continue to become more competitive over the next couple seasons."

Emille Doperalski was the lead Hornet in 27th place, improving by 1:15 from the start of the year. Erin Kjellberg and Cambell Slattery were next across the line, both improving by over five minutes from the same course at the start of the year. Grace Heider and Jax Ages were the final two scorers for Big Lake. Samantha Burton, Rylie Ostrom, and Olivia Potter also improved by several minutes as well.

"It is so great to see the growth and improvement over the season," Trutna said.

Leading the JV squad was senior Matthew Denzen. His 15th place finish helped pace the Hornets to a third place team finish. Most of the boy's JV runners averaged a two minute improvement from the start of the season. Gavin Vold, Adiel Cisneros, Jonah Overby, and Oliver Aronson rounded out the scorers.

The girls' JV team also finished third. They were led by Jady Rust, Georgia Morris, Nicole Rempel, and Sophia Tienter. All placed in the top 30.

The middle school boys and girls had solid races to end their season. Brynn Scheer and Paiton Ganley were the top MS girl finishers. Alton Ahamed and Gavin Flavin went 4-5 in the boys' race and helped the Hornets to a third place team finish. Trent Erickson ran a solid race to place inside the top 20 as well.

"Several of these eighth grade boys will be pushing to earn a varsity spot next year," Trutna said. "It will be exciting to see everyone's growth over the next few seasons."

Up Next

The Hornet varsity teams head to Becker Thurs., Oct. 28 for the Section 5AA Championship.

BL Cheerleaders take first at Farmington

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Last weekend, the Big Lake Cheerleading team had an excellent showing at the fourth annual Farmington Hocus Pocus Cheer Championship. Both the Varsity and the Varsity Gameday teams took first place in their respective competitions.

"Both teams gave everything and left it all on the mat!" said Coach Derek Nelson.

The varsity team took first place, followed by second place Dassel-Cokato, third place, Chanhassen, and fourth place Champlin Park.

The varsity game day team was followed by sec-

ond place Farmington, third place Dassel-Cokato, fourth place Eagan, and fifth place Chanhassen.

This weekend, both teams will be competing in their regional competition. Hosted in Minnetonka, which includes competing for a bid to the national competition, which takes place in February.

Nov. 13, the team will be hosting their Stinger Spirit Competition, where both varsity teams will perform, as will mascot Buzz the Hornet, junior varsity, and the C-Squad team.



THE BIG LAKE VARSITY CHEERLEADING TEAM took first place in both the varsity and varsity gameday competitions at Farmington last weekend. (Submitted photo.)

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not be able to provide some of their fun programs, like Dollipops and Dave's Big Fun Show, to the communities."

Because of the pandemic, last year libraries were unable to host in-person programs. The Becker and Big Lake FOL groups purchased supplies for numerous take-and-make home craft kits for patrons to enjoy in their place. Funds are raised mainly through book sales.

"All of the books we sell during our book sales have been donated," said Big Lake President Deb Manion. "Along with the sales, we also use the book donations to fill the Little Free Libraries around town, as well as donating books to the prison in Elk River. During COVID we made up craft bags that each included a book that we gave to the food shelf to hand out to kids."

Big Lake's FOL group also keeps carts in the library supplied with books available for purchase and sells some of the books and other materials on eBay. For example, they recently received a donation of 400 classical music CDs that they've placed on the site.

The Clearwater Area FOL have long been a part of the history of the Clearwater Library. Even before they became an official FOL group, they were the initial force behind bringing the library to Clearwater. Since that time they've supported the library in a variety of ways.

"Basically, most of what you see at the library, other than computers and materials, has been donated by the Friends," said Clearwater FOL President Mary Torgersen. "This has been made possible through various fundraising events and support from local businesses and residents."

Clearwater's FOL group also pays for many of the summer and winter reading programs and operates Chapter 2 Book Store from which they sell used books that have been donated.

"We are incredibly grateful to our Clearwater Area Friends of the Library," said Shelly Kuelbs, Clearwater library services coordinator. "Their contributions of time and fundraising have helped make the Clearwater Library an inviting space. We also benefit from their role as ambassadors in the community. Whether they're helping promote the library at an outreach event or purchasing prizes for our summer reading program, their dedication to the community and the library shines."

All money raised by the FOL groups goes to benefit their community libraries.

The Becker, Big Lake, and Clearwater/Clear Lake FOL groups are always looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining, or just learning more about FOL, is encouraged to inquire at their local library.

Lynden Twp. discusses road issues

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

Along with other agenda items, during their October meeting the Lynden Twp. Board of Supervisors discussed a number of road issues.

Road Report

An informational meeting was held for property owners who own property within the drainage system of Stearns Co. Ditch 10. Proposed work on the ditch is estimated at \$20,000 as part of a 2022 rebuild of Co. Rd. 44. Benefited property owners are responsible for paying a share of any costs incurred by the system.

Supervisor Dennis Niemi presented two quotes for repairs to 200th St. A motion carried accepting the MN Paving quote of \$28,250.

The township received a complaint about sprinkler heads being installed in the right-of-way off Lake Maria Rd. by a property owner; Niemi confirmed the installation. The board recommended the heads be removed, Niemi will follow up with the property owner.

The township received a property line complaint on Hubble Rd., with an adjoining property owner concerned about a setback and fence. After reviewing the township

will send to Township Building Inspector Nancy Scott. Johnson will follow up.

Scott Wilcox approached the board to request a right of way permit for his property on Dover Rd. He requested the township issue a permit that will allow him to install a new well approximately six feet into the township right-of-way off Dover Rd.

A motion carried to deny the permit until the petitioner exhausts all administrative remedies with the State. Wilcox asked the township to hold on to his permit application and check until further notice.

A driveway inquiry was received from Dylan Nelson, who is looking to plat a two-acre parcel of his parent's land on Dover Rd. He was directed to the driveway/approach permit application on the township's website. Once the application is received Niemi will do a site visit. Chairman Dave Johnson recommended the permit be contingent of the splitting of the parcel.

Other Business

James Klaverkamp approached the board to amend his rezoning request on his Co. Rd. 44 property 40-acre parcel from A-40 to R-10. A motion carried amending the request and sending it back to the Planning Com-

mission.

Barry Hample, neighbor of a Woods Edge Road property owner, approached the board to inquire about plans for the owner to build a 50' x 100' shed along with a 40' x 80' shouse on the property. After discussing zoning ordinances and the neighborhood covenant, it was indicated the township has no authority regarding property covenants.

A representative from a trucking company that inquired about turning a property they're purchasing along Edison Cr. into a parking lot was advised to contact Stearns Co. Environmental Services as the issue isn't a township matter.

A motion carried to extend the outdoor storage screen compliance deadline from Restoration & Construction Service LLC to June 15, 2022.

The fire contract with the City of Clearwater was tabled until November in order to give the board time to review related correspondence from the township lawyer.

The next Lynden Twp. meeting will be Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

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Sports News

Bulldog tennis just misses state tourney berth

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Despite an overachieving, valiant effort, Coach Nate Bucher and his Becker Bulldog girls tennis team came up just short of a state tournament berth and finished in second place in last weekend's Section 8AA tennis tournament. Becker dispatched the East Grand Forks (EGF) Green Wave in the section semifinals by a score of 5-2, before falling to Bemidji 4-3 in the Section Finals.

"I'm so proud of the way the girls played these last few matches. We had a lot of work to do in building a cohesive team with so much inexperience competing at the varsity level," said Bucher. "The girls kept working hard and really started to mesh well when the time counted."

Blue Downs Green

In the semifinal match against EGF, Becker came out of the gates strong and never looked back in picking up five match wins.

Maddie Moe was dominant in her #1 singles match, winning 6-0, 6-3 and teammate Ayla Brown showed determination down the stretch for a 6-2, 7-5 win at the #2 spot. Dani Nuestr picked up the final

singles win with a 6-4, 6-1 win in the #3 match.

In the doubles matches, Becker picked up wins in the #1 and #1 matches. Jazlyn Toedter and Julia Peterson defeated the #1 team from EGF by scores of 6-4, 6-0, while Kennedy Drehmel and Lily Anderson were winners in a close match, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

Lumberjacks

Becker would go on to face the Bemidji Lumberjacks in an extremely close match that would determine who advanced to the state tournament. Overall, it was an extremely close match, as the Bulldogs were the first team in Section play to give the Lumberjacks a scare. Bemidji went to the finals with a 7-0 win over Fergus Falls, a 5-2 win over Perham and a 6-1 win over St. Cloud Tech.

Becker detested William 6-1, Foley 4-3 and then EGF to make it to the title match. Moe again proved her worth to the team, as she scored a 6-1, 7-6 win over the top Bemidji player.

"The biggest upset was Maddie Moe winning at #1 singles versus Savannah Haugen, the singles favorite and eventual champion in the individual tournament," said Bucher. "Throughout

the match, the girls played up to their competition and really saw some of the best performances of the year."

Overall, the Bulldogs were again tough in the singles events, with Brown winning 6-2, 6-4 in the #2 spot, while Nuestr was again victorious 6-1, 6-3.

In the doubles matches, Becker was unable to come up with a win to give the team the ticket to the state tournament.

Despite falling short, Bucher was extremely proud of his squad.

"Though we came up short of going to state, this team played like well seasoned competitors and continued to fight until the end," Bucher said. "Even when the match had been decided, Maddie kept playing her heart out."

Bucher's team will miss several seniors from this year's squad, but returns a wealth of experience that should make the Bulldogs a team to watch next fall.

"The tears will come, but at least we have some hardware to put up, even if it's second," Bucher said. "We'll miss our Seniors Jazlyn Toedter, Maddie Moe, and Faith Gott, but they continued to cultivate a culture on our tennis team



THE BECKER TENNIS TEAM managed smiles across the board after securing the second place trophy last weekend in the Section 8AA girls tennis tournament. (Submitted photo.)

of competitiveness, hard work, and high standard of character."

Individuals

While the close team competition captured the attention of the tennis fans, there was also the individual tournament matches to entertain the Bulldog faithful.

Moe came in seeded as the south sub-section #1 player and quickly dispatched her Perham oppo-

nent, 6-0, 6-1. In the second round, she fell to Katrina Hansen, of Moorhead, 6-1, 6-3. From there, Moe was redirected to the third place match where she fell to Anandale's Faith Simon, 6-3, 6-0. For her efforts, Moe finished in fourth place in the section.

For the individual doubles competition, Brown and Nuestr teamed up for a comeback win against their EGF opponent in the first

round, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. From there, they fell to the eventual champions from Thief River Falls, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Next up was the third place match, where they again scored a win, 6-3, 7-5. That win set up a true second place match against the #1 team from St. Cloud Tech with a state tournament berth on the line. In this one, the dynamic duo from Becker fell 6-0, 6-3 to finish in third place.

Youth football gets surprise visit from varsity



THURSDAY AFTER THE BULLDOG TEAM SUPPER, some Becker Youth football players were surprised by a visit from some of the varsity football players. (Submitted Photo)

Bulldogs beat Apollo, improve to 7-0

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Carter Callahan scored three times and the Bulldogs held off the Eagles of St. Cloud Apollo last Friday night to improve to 7-0 and capture the North Central White District title.

Callahan dominated the ground game as he racked up 113 yards on 18 carries and Becker came out on top, 23-18.

In the first quarter, Becker and St. Cloud shared TD scores when Callahan scored on a five-yard run and Zach Bengtson came on and stayed consistent with a chip shot XP. The Eagles responded when QB Andrew Karls found Will Allenspach from 20 yards out to make it 7-6. Apollo went for a two-point conversion to try and capture the lead, but failed.

Callahan again scored, this time in the second quarter as he rambled in from the six. Becker decided to go for two and the attempt was unsuccessful so the score was 13-6 for most of the rest of the half. However, Bengtson converted on a 24-yard field goal late in the first half to put Becker up 16-6 heading into the final 24 minutes.

Becker would build on their lead when Callahan again scored, this time from just a yard out and Becker found themselves up 23-6 at the start of the third.

The Eagles made the game interesting as they were able to score two times in the third — once on a Karls pass to Mach Ruot from nine yards out and a Karls scramble from five yards out. What killed Apollo was they were un-

BREAKING NEWS!

The Bulldogs took on Willmar Wednesday in their final regular season game and won their eighth game to remain undefeated! Check back next week for the full story!



BECKER FULLBACK CARTER CALLAHAN (MIDDLE) scored three times and rambled for 113 yards on 18 carries in Becker's road win over St. Cloud Apollo last Friday night, 23-18. (Photo by Sara Waytashek)

successful on both two-point attempts as Becker's defense stiffened.

And that defense stayed stiff for the fourth quarter as no points were tallied and Becker walked away with their seventh win of the year.

QB Ryan Bengtson was six-for-12 through the air for 132 yards and one interception. His top target was Callahan, who reeled in two passes for 57 yards — averaging 28.5 yards a catch.

Karls was Becker's biggest thorn as he was 12-for-30 passing for 129 yards and two TDs and was also the Eagle's top rusher with 99 yards on 32 carries and one score.

Becker's Ian Barau had five tackles on defense and one sack. Julius Nyakundi had seven tackles and one assist.

Liberty Paper Player of the Week

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Senior captain and running back Carter Callahan was named Player of the Game in Becker's win over Apollo Friday night.

Carter had 200 yards of offense and scored all three of Becker's touchdowns.

Coach Dwight Lundeen said, "Carter has played well in all of our games. He is a major factor in our team being undefeated."



CARTER CALLAHAN was named Liberty Paper Player of the Game for his performance in the Oct. 15 game against St. Cloud Apollo. (Submitted Photo)

Area Chamber News



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Bulldog boys CC travels for 2 meets

By Bill Morgan
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The Becker boys cross country team had a couple of events in the previous week, venturing to Alexandria and Princeton Oct. 9th and 12th.

Alexandria

The Alexandria Lions Club hosted the 48th annual Lion's Meet of Champions with 28 teams attending. Over 1,200 runners took part in the races that saw many state ranked teams and ranked student-athletes from across the three classes of the state.

The day started out overcast with a light sprinkle, but after a short while the clouds broke and things heated up. The Bulldogs had several strong performances for the day. There were personal-record/season-best paces achieved by Alex Kinney, (20:54) Alexander Schermer (21:14), Noah Bloch (21:53), Jonathon Drury (22:08), Landon Lahr (23:36), Parker Spindler (11:15 in 3200m), Tanner Felton (11:48 in 3200m), and Jacob Kurhajetz (13:52 in 3200m).

The Becker boys junior high team also achieved a strong showing as they placed third in the division amongst the teams with three runners (Spindler, Felton, and Evan Hubbard) earning awards for top 10 finishes.

Princeton

The following Tuesday, the Bulldog runners headed to the Princeton Golf Course for the Tiger Invitational and their 14 team event.

"The times were interesting to see, but folks always need to keep in mind that every course and race condition is different so



TYSON RICKER ran well at Alexandria Oct. 9th finishing first amongst all Bulldog runners with a time of 17:34.7. (Submitted Photo)

it's sometimes like comparing apples to oranges," said coach Dustin Weege. "I was certainly impressed though with the performances of our Bulldog runners as they were running with strength and determination. They had set out to achieve some significant accomplishments on the day and it was wonderful to see them progressing well toward their goals with grit. The guys are coming on stronger as we approach the end of the season, which is something to celebrate."

The junior high team had a five runner squad as three of the guys had bumped up to the 5k for the day. Mason Tschida led the Bulldogs with a fifth place finish. Jacob Kurhajetz and Weston Denne battled back and forth a bit during the race and crossed the line within two tenths of a second apart. Next, seventh graders Carson Schuster and Mavrick Pink finished just a couple places apart around the 13-minute mark

for the 3000m course.

The second boys race for the day was varsity. Junior co-captain Tyson Ricker led the Bulldogs as he placed sixth (16:47) right there with state ranked runners. Mason Becker came in with a 19th place finish (17:31). The consistency of Jase Tobako also shined as he made gains and caught a number of runners on the second half of the course to cross with a time of 18:10.

Next, Caleb Reckelberg finished at 19:40 as he's been continuing his streak of sub-20 minute 5ks. Alex Kinney crossed at 20:08 while co-captain Ryan Boecker crossed just a few seconds later at 20:13. Ninth graders Jacob Peterson and Alex Schermer finished just a couple of seconds apart. Senior co-captain Ryan Nelson achieved a significant PR and set a strong tone for teammates.

"Ryan is a strong yet humble leader with the

team and works well to guide teammates to be their best selves," said Weege.

The Boys JV team showed the abilities of three eighth graders as Parker Spindler (18:45), Evan Hubbard (18:55), and Tanner Felton (19:31) finished in the top 15 of that race.

"This was Parker and Evan's second 5k and Tanner's first of the season and they showed up well," said Weege.

Noah Bloch (21:38) and Jonathon Drury were next for the Bulldogs as they continue to make gains with their aggressive running. Landon Lahr improved his PR by one minute, five seconds while Aiden Frommelt improved his by one minute, 22 seconds.

"They showed up for the day and were determined to have great races," said Weege.

Ben Howe and Denlan Harmoning raced close by each other with less than five seconds separating the two. Then it was Thomas Cota, markedly improved in the race as he accomplished a one-minute, 38 second PR with his 5k.

"As we approach the championships portion of the season, I am excited to see what this whole team will bring forth," said Weege. "They've been working hard throughout the season and we now are close to those big performances which I'm looking forward to."

Up Next

The Bulldogs competed in the Mississippi 8 Conference Championships Tues., Oct. 19 and will be hosting the Section 5AA Championship Meet on the Pebble Creek Local 9 Oct. 28th.

Girls CC team meets 3 times



LEXI ROSE placed 36th out of 158 runners at the Alexandria meet held Oct. 9 at Arrowwood Resort. (Submitted Photo)

By Bill Morgan
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The Becker girls cross country squad hosted a home meet October 5 and traveled to Alexandria October 9 and Princeton Oct. 12.

Becker Invitational

October 5, BHS hosted the Becker Invitational on the Pebble Creek Local 9 golf course.

This meet was a preview for the Section 5AA meet that Becker will host Oct. 28. Just one team from that upcoming event was missing Oct. 5, which turned out to be an exciting meet. Twelve schools were represented in this meet.

The Monticello girls took first place with 36 points and the Becker girls were close behind for second with 41 points. The remainder of the scores were: Spectrum 93, Northwest 94, St. Cloud Apollo, 132, Foley 135, Big Lake 180 and Milaca 215. Princeton, St. Cloud Tech, St. Francis, and Sauk Rapids-Rice had incomplete teams.

The medalist at the meet was Spectrum's Hannah Boese.

The Bulldog girls once again ran a very good pack and had a nice 50 second spread from first through fifth girl. Becker had four season best times and six personal best times.

Placing seventh, Lexi Rose garnered a season best time of 21:01.1. Ila McDonald finished in eighth place and Olivia Babler 9th as the girls were pushing one another the entire way with times of 21:12.2 for a season best for Ella and 21:12.3 PR time for Olivia

"The way the girls are dropping times we are looking for sub 21 minutes soon," said Becker Head Coach Trish Kealy.

Brooklyn Karel placed 13th with a PR time of 21:46.2 and has made great strides this season. Bella Duncombe ran a nice time of 21:51.2, dropping 50 seconds from last week and placing 14th. Tasha Berthiaume came in 20th with a time of 22:19.2 and Katelyn Brower 29th in 23:00.6. There were 67 runners in this race.

The JV girls placed second in their competition. Natalie Trenz continues to show the results of her off season training by again earning a fine PR of 22:40.6 to capture third place. Alea Briggs and Kayla Gruenes also ran well placing fifth (22:54.2) and sixth (23:08.1). Raelee Lyon took eighth place with a well earned PR time of 23:21.1.

Rounding out the Bulldog scoring was Regan Hausmann placing 14th in 24:53.2. Also earning a season best time was Anna Kuklok and McKenna Smith, who each earned PR times. There were 56 runners in the JV race. Becker's middle school runners had an incomplete team. There were 39 runners in the middle school race. Sophia Malisheski was Becker's first girl, running hard and placing eighth. Naiya Hanson came in 12th and Chloe Peterson 27th.

"We very much appreciate the folks at the golf course for all their help and cooperation with this event," said Kealy. "They have been great! Also all of our workers and the activities office for their help and organization."

Alexandria Meet

The Lady Bulldogs ran at the Alexandria Meet of Champions held at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, Sat., Oct. 9.

Twenty eight schools attending with 24 full teams. In the girls race there were 11 ranked teams across the three classes in Minnesota that competed at this race

Becker's girls ran very well and placed 12th out of the 24 teams.

With five season-best and seven personal-best times in the books, the Bulldog coaching staff was well pleased with the performances.

Lexi Rose placed 36th out of 158 total runners. Her time was 20:09.2 for a big season best and close to her PR. Olivia Babler (59th) earned another PR and ran a time of 20:59.9 to go under 21:00 for the first time. Ella McDonald was right behind her in 61st with a season best time of 21:03.7. Brooklyn Karel and Bella Duncombe came in at 91st (21:55.9) and 93rd (22:02.6).

Rounding out the varsity were Tasha Berthiaume in 22:41.8 and Natalie Trenz (22:46.2) in her first varsity race.

The JV girls had an impressive day placing fourth as a team and running with purpose. Katelyn Brower was on a mission and earned a PR time of 22:10.5 for 22nd out of 219 runners. Alea Briggs, Kayla Gruenes and Meghan Swanson really pushed one another and placed 24th, 27th and 29th. Briggs PR'd (22:19.4), Gruenes achieved a season best (22:22.2) and Swanson was right behind her with a PR (22:22.3).

Becker's final scoring runner was Regan Hausmann with a PR as well (23:26.0). Also earning PRs or SB were Myli Praught (PR), Raegan Leaders (SB), Anna Kuklok (SB), and McKenna Smith (PR).

The Middle school had 73 runners with Sophia Malisheski finishing in 14:46.3 (PR) and Chloe Peterson in 16:52.9 (PR).

Princeton Meet

Princeton hosted the Tiger Invitational Tues., Oct. 12.

The Bulldogs earned eight PRs and two season-best times at this meet. In the varsity race there were 81 runners. Alea Briggs was Becker's top runner, placing 35th with a PR time of 21:57.2 and her first time under 22 minutes.

Raelee Lyon also notched a PR (22:06.5) and placed 41st. Kayla Gruenes placed 43rd in a season best 22:09.9 followed closely by Natalie Trenz in a PR of 22:11.5. Regan Hausmann was Becker's other varsity runner and also earned a PR time (22:53.2).

The JV team also ran good times with Myli Praught at 23:44.2, Raegan Leaders 24:46.9 (both PRs). They were followed by Mina Nelson in 25:20.6.

Next was Paige Maunula with a PR, Anna Kuklok with a season best and McKenna Smith with another PR.

"The girls all ran well and enjoyed the course on a well run meet," said Kealy.

Up Next

Becker goes to Big Lake Tuesday for the Mississippi 8 Conference Championship meet.

Bulldog swimmers place 6th in True Team Sections

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldogs hosted last weekend's Section 5A True Team Meet and came away with a sixth place finish. The meet format is unique in that it awards points for every place finisher, leading to much higher than usual team scores. For example, Becker finished with 1,004 team points, compared to fifth place Sauk Rapids' 1,241 points and seventh place Big Lake's 659 points. Monticello claimed the Section True Team title and will be competing in the state true team meet next weekend.

"It was great to have all the teams back in the pool and cheering," said Coach Tina Tamm. "After last years 'quiet' meets, the noise was well appreciated."

The Bulldogs posted some excellent time drops throughout the meet and made it to the podium, meaning a top eight finish, a total of six times.

Sarah and Lauren Woelfel picked up the top finishes for the Bulldogs, placing second and third, respectively, in the diving competition.

Delaney Varney finished in third place in the 100

Butterfly competition, while Laila Cook finished sixth in the 200 Individual Medley.

Becker's other top individual finish came from Grace Wynia, who took seventh place in the 100 Breaststroke.

In the relay events, Becker picked up a seventh place finish in the 400 Freestyle with Tia Schapp, Meghan Swanson, Varney and Cook putting together a nice performance, while the team of Cook, Wynia, Varney and Avary Maunu finished in eighth place in the 200 Medley.

The True Team event marked the beginning of a string of post season events for the Bulldogs, as the team will now prepare for the Section Tournament, which will be held Nov. 11-13 in Becker.

"We now head into the training phase for Sections and it's going to take a lot of hard work for the next three weeks to get ready for the final competition, but the girls are ready," Tamm said. "They know what's ahead of them next week but they also know why they need to put in the work."

MnDOT announces timeline for I-94 project

Submitted article

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

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has provided an update on the construction on I-94 in Wright County for the segments of road between St. Michael and Albertville and Monticello to Clearwater.

St. Michael to Albertville

Substantial completion by Nov. 1, 2021

The eastbound collector distributor road to the south of I-94, Hwy. 241, CSAH 19 and the roundabout construction will be completed this construction season.

The Hwy. 241 bridge will be completed this season with the possible exception of the final wearing course overlay on the southbound Hwy. 241 lanes (this item is still under discussion).

Eastbound I-94 bridge over CSAH 19 will be completed this season.

Westbound I-94 bridge over CSAH 19 will be completed under a future contract.

All on/off ramps will be completed this season.

Punchlist items will remain after substantial completion.

Monticello to Clearwater

Substantial completion

expected Aug. 13, 2022

Westbound I-94 from Monticello to Hasty – three lanes of concrete will be completed during the 2021 season with two lanes open during the 2021-22 winter suspension.

Eastbound I-94 from Monticello to Hasty – three lanes of concrete will be completed during the 2022 season with two lanes open during the 2021-22 winter suspension.

Westbound and eastbound I-94 from Hasty to Clearwater – three lanes of bituminous in each direction and all contract work will be completed during 2021 season with three lanes in each direction open during the

Sports News

Bulldog boys soccer falls to Rockets in Section Playoffs



JUNIOR ANDER ALZAGA provided an offensive spark for the Bulldog boys soccer team in the second half of the season. Alzaga scored the lone goal of Becker's playoff loss to Rockford. He is pictured here in control of the ball in a game against Big Lake earlier this season (Submitted photo.)

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog boys soccer team traveled last Saturday to Rockford to take on the Rockets in the opening round of the Section 6AA playoffs. Becker lost the only regular season matchup between the two teams, 6-2, and knew going in that the Rockets would be a formidable foe. In this playoff match, Rockford used a senior dominated performance to outdistance the Bulldogs 4-1.

Playing on the turf

surface at Rockford, both teams were rewarded for their hustle with several shots in the opening segment of the game. The Rockets struck first, netting a goal midway through the first half to take a 1-0 lead.

Becker had a chance to tie the game when junior captain Micah Boyer had a set piece just outside the 18 and it just missed the net for the Bulldogs' best chance of the half.

"It wasn't a bad half, we were against the wind and had a communication error which lead to the goal,

but we played all right," said coach Nick Crowley.

A slight tweak in the Bulldog formation lead to Rockford's second goal, this one coming in the first minute of the second half. Becker quickly recovered, however, and for most of the half the score stayed at 2-0 in favor of the Rockets.

The Bulldogs actually dominated possession in the second half, as the team was continually pushing for its first goal. The Rockets then caught the Bulldogs, who had pushed too many men up the field, and

quickly countered with a goal to make it 3-0.

Shortly after, junior captain Brekken Klug connected with junior Ander Alzaga to make it 3-1 with about 15 minutes left in the game.

Knowing that they had to get two more goals to

push the game to overtime, the Bulldogs committed even more men forward and created a couple of chances, but once again Rockford countered to push the game further out of reach by taking the 4-1 lead, which would hold up for the final. "Between the speed of

play on turf and the number of seniors they had, we just couldn't cope with their energy level," Crowley said. "It was a tough game to end a very good season on – we had a lot of players really stepping up this year."

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HAILEY SZABLA (#18) DRIBBLED THE BALL around St. Francis defenders during the Section 6AA quarterfinal playoffs. (Submitted Photo).

By Bill Morgan
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The Becker Bulldog girls soccer team concluded their season Oct. 13 with a loss to St. Francis in the Section quarterfinal.

Final score was 4-0.

Game time temperature was 60° with a very gusty wind.

St. Francis came into the matchup as the #1 seed in the Section 6AA playoffs and despite the imposing record, the Lady Bulldogs found themselves only down 2-0 at halftime.

The Bulldogs held the Saints from scoring again until halfway through the second half and again 10 minutes later. The game was ripe for an upset, but the Bulldogs couldn't find the twine in their shot attempts.

Just a month-and-a-half ago, this same Bulldog unit lost 11-1 to the Fighting Saints in a dominating display of offense. This time, Becker was down two strong experienced defen-

sive starters (senior Sarena St. Denis and junior. Ava Ewald) due to injuries.

The platoon of replacements and reshuffled players did tremendously well.

St. Francis controlled most of the game with their athleticism, skill, and experience, but the plucky Bulldogs fought hard the full 80 minutes. Though they finished their season with the loss, the Becker faithful in attendance were extremely proud of how well they played.

Junior goalkeeper Liz Mackendanz had 26 saves in the loss.

"This season was so fun with these girls, they all worked so hard and it was sad to see Ava and Sarena be out for the end," said Senior defender Meagan Haessly. "But I loved stepping up and playing where we needed and the team still worked great together even though we were missing two great players."

"Not having those ladies [St. Denis and Ewald] was a huge loss on our back line," said Becker

Head Coach ben Strom. "But we still played great. It was a vast improvement over a short period of time! So proud of how they all played!"

Strom loved how his team created some good scoring chances, and realized the game could have gone differently if those shots had gone in for them.

"Overall, I'm super happy with how they played to the very end," he said. "Such a fantastic group, and an irreplaceable group of seniors!"

"St. Francis is a strong and aggressive team, but we hung in there and played our best," said Senior defender Za'Nya Baker. "We did a great job at working together as a team and cheering each other on. I've had a great time with all these girls throughout my soccer career, and I will never forget them or the fun practices we had over the years."

Becker finished the 2021 season with a 2-10 record.

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Bulldog volleyball celebrates seniors, looks to playoffs

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Last week, the Becker Bulldog girls volleyball team hosted the Buffalo Bison in their final regular season match of the year and celebrated Senior Night, which honored the team's six seniors and all of their contributions to the program.

"Senior night is a way to congratulate our six seniors - Alexa Williams, Cami Ramola, Alexis Goebel, Skylee Blomquist, Taylor Storlien and Ellie Buntrock," said coach Patty Lindbom. "Throughout the season, our seniors showed leadership, grit, and a positive attitude."

Becker fell in the match 3-1 to the Bison, but

showed perseverance and determination against the Class AAAAA opponent.

"It was our last home game, and we fought hard and took a set win against a strong Buffalo team," Lindbom added.

Set scores for the match were 15-25, 16-25, 28-26 and 17-25.

The Bulldogs picked up 24 kills as a team, with Evelyn Kreft leading the way with eight. The Bulldogs were also formidable at the net, picking up eight blocks total, while they notched 23 total assists.

Other stat highlights included Maya Wenner with 17 assists and eight digs, Ramola with six kills and eight digs, Williams with eight digs and Lily Berger with three kills, two blocks and four digs.

Lindbom's team continues to perform well at the service line, as they hit on 93.5% of their attempts and picked up five ace serves in the match.

With the loss, Becker is

looking towards the Section Playoffs, which begin Oct. 28 with the top four seeds hosting quarterfinal matchups. The Bulldogs will likely start the playoffs on the road and would have to win three straight to qualify for the state tournament. Seeding will be completed Mon., Oct. 25 via the QRF.

Becker will compete in Section 8 AAA with the likes of Alexandria, Detroit Lakes, Little Falls, Rocco, Sauk Rapids, and St. Cloud's Tech and Apollo.

The semifinals will also be hosted by the top seeds Nov. 2, while the finals will be at a neutral site Nov. 6.



SKYLEE BLOMQUIST (ABOVE) AND ALEXIS GOEBEL (BELOW) are two of the Becker Bulldog volleyball team's six seniors who were honored last week during the team's Senior Night. (Photos by Mark Kolbinger).



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Drug suspect gets vehicle stuck on railroad tracks

Submitted article

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

A Big Lake man who had methamphetamine and marijuana in a vehicle he was driving led deputies on a chase Tuesday night that ended with his vehicle getting stuck on railroad tracks south of Clear Lake, according to Sheriff Joel Brott.

Officers from Big Lake and Becker and State Patrol

troopers, along with a drone, assisted in the search for the man after he fled the stuck vehicle. He was located a short time later and arrested.

Justin Michael Habiger, 34, had more than 125 grams of meth and more than 130 grams of marijuana in the

vehicle, according to Brott.

Sherburne County deputies were trying to locate the vehicle Habiger was driving after receiving a call at 7:35 p.m. that a vehicle was swerving on Co. Rd. 11 in Becker Township, one time coming to a stop in the middle of the road. When a deputy encountered Hab-

iger, he fled on 100th Ave., eventually crossing Hwy. 10 without stopping.

He drove the vehicle onto railroad property south of Hwy. 10 before getting it hung up on the tracks.

Habiger had an active warrant for his arrest at the time. He could face charges of first-degree possession with intent to distribute controlled substances and fleeing police in a motor vehicle.



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is to only have peanut-free candy, some may still be manufactured in a facility that produces peanut products.

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Spooky Specials this week are: Fat Reducing Sally's Deadly Night Shade Shake (bursting berry/banana flavor); Jack's Pumpkin Caramel Latte; Oogie Boogie Juice (lemon/lime/apple/pineapple w/ a touch of spookiness) and Count Your Blessings Tea (pineapple/citrus/berry blue raspberry)

Marvel Nutrition hours this week are: Monday thru Friday, 6:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sat./Sun., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Barktober Fest is this Saturday, Oct. 23 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at City Park. Food and beverages will be available and fun activities for people of all ages. Absolute Entertainment will be providing music at the event. Professional photos will be handled by Inspired by KJ Photography.

Gonzo, the Barktober Fest Spokesdog winner will be introduced. A pet costume (and human) contest will occur and lots of door prizes will be announced towards the end of the event.

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(the foundation is three feet lower than indicated on plan drawings);

- And replacing a column that was found to be rotting at the base.

All the changes will be implemented without going over budget, but just barely.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Heard updates from the board;

- Approved the purchase of a new squad car;

- Held a closed session to consider a real estate transaction, after which they directed staff to create a proposal.

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Big Lake Police Department
Calls for Service – Jail Bookings
Oct. 11, 2021 – Oct. 17, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 199; 2021 Calls for Service: 8,908; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 44; Citations: 9; Arrests: 4; Medical Emergency Calls: 4; Mental Health/Check Welfare: 8; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 8 BLPD Arrests: Tara Frandsen – (Age 44 – Big Lake, MN) –Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI; Taylor Kappahn – (Age 33 – Big Lake, MN) – Domestic Assault; Jennifer Bernard – (Age 37 – Big Lake, MN) – GM 2nd Degree DWI. Felony Flee in Motor Vehicle; Jerry Calhoun – (Age 33 – Minneapolis, MN) – Felony 5th Degree Controlled Substance.
Sun., Oct. 17, 2021: 18000 Blk 198th Ave. NW - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 15100 Blk Hwy 10 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked. Lake St./Monroe St. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.
Sat., Oct. 16, 2021: Eagle Lake Rd./Foley Ave. - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 5600 Blk Loon Dr. - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls; 19500 Blk Station St. - Harassment - Officers investigated a report of harassment via social media; Lake St./Pleasant Ave. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 100 Blk Eagle Lake Rd. N. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 200 Blk Jefferson Blvd. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 4500 Sterling Dr. - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls.
Fri., Oct. 15, 2021: 100 Blk Euclid Ave. - Domestic Assault - Officers dispatched to a domestic disturbance, on individual found to have been assaulted, suspect arrested and booked into jail for Domestic Assault; 145 Henry Rd. - Runaway - Report of a missing juvenile, report taken efforts undertaken to locate juvenile; 600 Blk Minnesota Ave. - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juvenile, mediated by officers; 5000 Blk Mitchell Rd. - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/

phone calls; 300 Blk Monroe St. - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; 600 Blk Rose Dr. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 145 Blk Henry Rd. - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juvenile, mediated by officers; 300 Blk Monroe St. - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance.

Thurs., Oct. 14, 2021: 700 Blk Rose Dr. - DWI - Driver reported to be impaired, found to be under the influence of alcohol, Charges pending; 5600 Blk Loon Dr. - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls; 100 Blk Hudson Ave. - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation.
Wed., Oct. 13, 2021: 300 Blk Fern St. - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; 19500 Blk Station St. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; Hwy 10/CR 81 - Cancelled

Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Cancelled.
Tues., Oct. 12, 2021: CR 73/CR 81 - Property Damage - Report of damage done to windshield by passing truck; Hwy 10/165th Ave. SE. - DWI - Driver reported to be impaired, found to be under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 5600 Blk Loon Dr. - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls; 1100 Blk Eagle Lake N. - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; Hwy 10/168th Ave. – Assist State Patrol on Vehicle Crash with Injuries. Party transported to hospital.
Mon., Oct. 11, 2021: Hwy 10 SE/137th St. SE - Felony Narcotic Arrest. Vehicle stopped by Officer for traffic violation. Controlled substance located. Driver arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 700 Blk Rose Dr. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 4000 Blk Loon Loop - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juvenile, mediated by officers; 100 Blk Addison Way - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 19000 Blk Station St. - Harassment - Officers investigated a report of harassment via social media; Hwy 10/172nd St. NW. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.



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

Question: Can you talk more about school bus safety? I’ve seen a lot of school bus stop arm violations lately.

Answer: This is an important topic. Here is some information we shared on our DPS blog recently. “After a year of seeing very few (if any) school buses in your neighborhood, you may have spent the past month getting used to navigating the streets with the big yellow vehicles again. Now that schools are back to full-time, in-person learning, it’s important to remember there are very specific laws when it comes to driving around school buses. They’re all designed to keep students as safe as possible.

For example, state law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the stop arm fully extended. Despite the fact that most schools were not operating in person for most of 2020, over 500 drivers were still charged with violating that law last year in Minnesota. And in the first 15 days of school this year, drivers continue to risk the lives of our children getting on and off the bus. Bus companies reported 161 stop-arm violations so far this school year. The reports are from only 40 of the 326 public school districts in Minnesota.

Any driver who violates the stop-arm law faces a \$500 fine. If they pass a school bus on the right, pass it when a child is outside the bus, or injure or kill a child, they could face higher criminal charges. In short, it’s not worth it.

Fortunately, obeying the law isn’t difficult. Whenever you see a school bus, expect it to stop – especially during the morning and afternoon hours. Give it plenty of room (20 feet at a minimum), and as always, stay off your phone and put other distractions away.

If you have kids who ride the bus, help them remember to look carefully to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder. If they need to cross the street, they should wait until the bus driver signals that it’s safe to do so. And when they’re crossing the street, either to get on the school bus or to go home, remind them to make eye contact with motorists before they cross.

As the saying goes, it takes a whole village to raise a child. That includes keeping children safe. As their village, it’s up to all of us to drive responsibly so that students can get to and from school safely.”

For more information go to <https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20210930-school-bus-safety-week.aspx>
If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).



Announcements

Game Time

Becker Area Announcements

Becker American Legion Auxiliary

The auxiliary meetings are suspended from Oct. 2021 - Feb. 2022, we will start meeting again in Mar. 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paula Hinds (President) at (763) 262-6679 or see John Riebel or Nellie Simpson in town.

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.BECKERFREECHURCH.ORG (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

Becker Food Shelf

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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 Food Pride. 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 7 pm 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.

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.

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Santiago Lions Trunk or Treat

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Snake River Free Mission

Church Upcoming Events

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.

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Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC at Becker Community Center (BCC)

Mon., Oct. 25: Open All Day
5am - Coffee's on
10am - Cribbage

Tues., Oct. 26: 9am- Coffee, Cards, Conversation
1pm - Game Day - Players Choose

Wed., Oct. 27: 9:30am - Ladies Day Out - BCC to required signup: Shops, Lunch-carpool, If you can drive or need a ride
10-11am - Dementia Caregiver Support group with facilitator, Tami Kolbinger

Thurs., Oct. 28: 9am- Coffee, Cards, Conversation
12 Noon - Movie & popcorn
"Gran Torino" Clint Eastwood - 2007 movie with timely issues for today

Fri., Oct. 29: Open All Day
5am - Coffee's on

Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271

BASC Coordinator: Carol Brunn
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Obituaries

Janice Mae (Wells) Schotl, Age 84

Clear Lake, MN

December 30, 1936 – October 19, 2021

Janice passed away peacefully October 19th, 2021 at home after a long battle of cancer. She was born on December 30th, 1936, in St. Paul, MN and graduated from Washington High School.

She is survived by her children, John Van Den Boom (Anita), James Van Den Boom (Clare), Patricia Weyh, Joel Van Den Boom (Mary), Paula Welles (Cory), 15 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren with one on the way, her siblings, Richard Wells, Catherine Siebenaler (Dennis), and Cynthia Evans (Danny), many nieces, nephews, other family, and friends. Preceded in death, Willard and Elvera (Anderson)



Wells, Charles Van Den Boom and Roger Schotl.

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

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

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

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

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 10am.

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

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

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

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

Free Grace United
Pastor: Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001, 14000 Clubhouse Ln. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

• **BIG LAKE**

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

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

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

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

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

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock
763-263-7990. www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com.

IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church
Pastores: Juan & Patricia Aguayo, 763-607-5403, 21 Lake St N. Services: Sat. 6pm.

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

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

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

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

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

• **SANTIAGO**

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

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

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

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

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

• **CLEAR LAKE**

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

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

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

• **DUELM**

St. Lawrence Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502 or 320-743-2481, 10915 Duelm Road NE. Services: Sun. Mass 10am, Tues. Mass 8am.

• **CLEARWATER**

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

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

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

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

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

• **SILVER CREEK**

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

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

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Obituaries

Marliss (nee Rude) Bock, Age 89
Becker, MN
1932 – October 11, 2021



Marliss passed away peacefully October 11th, 2021, surrounded by loved ones.

Marliss was born in Langdon, ND, on the family farm of Arthur and Alice Rude. She and her husband raised their family in Glencoe, MN, and

moved to Becker, MN, upon retirement. Marliss was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob"; and sisters, Bernice, and Darlyne.

She is survived by her children, Dan (Crystal), Margo (Mark), and Randa (Tim); grandchildren, Carter, Logan, Maya, and Seth; and many other loving family and friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM, with a gathering of family and friends from 10:00-11:00 AM, all held at Roseville Lutheran Church, 1215 Roselawn Ave. W, Roseville MN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Sherburne County Historical Society.

Beatrice "Bea" M. Pouliot, Age 92
Becker, MN
May 3, 1929 – October 13, 2021



Preceded by husband, Francis "Red" Pouliot; siblings, Harold, Pat, John, Margaret, Shirley, and Dorothy; and son-in-law, Harold. Survived by children, Sherrie Kolbinger, and Larry Pouliot; grandchildren, Brian (Bonnie) Kolbinger, Jeni (Lee) Kroal; great-grandchildren, Nate, Victoria, Andrew, Ashlyn, Owen, and Lauren; and other relatives & friends.

Bea was a longtime member of Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Becker (formerly known as Immaculate Conception) and former President of the Ballentine VFW Uptown Post. She was very social and had many, many friends. Her social life lead her on many adventures.

Her destinations included the casino, the bowling alley, the family cabin on the lake, Las Vegas, and even Hawaii. She will be greatly missed, but we will always remember her for her

lively spirit.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11AM, Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, 12100 Sherburne Ave, Becker, MN. Interment to follow Mass in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Becker, MN.

Arr. by Peterson-Grimsmo Funeral Chapel, Monticello. 763-295-2918. (www.peterson-grimsmochapel.com)

Bruce James Pfeffer, Age 65
Big Lake, MN
November 6, 1955 – October 11, 2021



Bruce grew up in St. Paul and graduated from Mechanic Arts High School. He spent 34 years working at Mate Precision Tool.

To know Bruce was an adventure of it's own, the memories that were created will provide an endless amount of stories and laughs. He cherished the time spent with family and was always looking forward to the next gathering.

Preceded in death by parents Jeanette Marie LeBlanc; Alfred James Pfeffer; niece Amber Menezes Scholl. Survived by his pekingese Gidget, who provided so much love and joy to his life; siblings Vickie (Mike) Kuta of Inver Grove Heights; Randy of

Bayport; Michelle Scholl of Champlin; 7 nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.

A special thank you to Anoka, Elk River and West St. Paul Fresenius Kidney Care for their support over the past 10 years.

Mass of Christian burial was, Friday October 22 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Mora MN. Burial Saturday October 23rd at Saint Joseph's cemetery in Brooks, MN.

Arrangements provided by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services, Dresser Methven Chapel, Mora, MN www.methvenfuneralhome.com

Theodore "Teddy" S. Friedman, Age 27
Colorado Springs, CO
Formerly of Becker
June 1, 1994 – October 9, 2021



Theodore Steven Friedman, lovingly known as Teddy, went to be with the Lord on Saturday morning October 9, 2021, in Colorado Springs, CO. Funeral services will be held at Bridgeview Church in Big Lake, MN on Saturday, October 23 at 12:00 pm. Burial to follow the service at the Becker Cemetery. Visitation was at Bridgeview Church on Friday, October 22, and one hour prior to the Saturday service at 11:00 am. Pastor Kevin Drehmel and Pastor Steve Royalty will officiate. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Becker.

Teddy died of a sudden illness.

Teddy was born June 1st, 1994, in New Hope, MN to Steven & Christina (Carlson) Friedman and moved to Becker MN, at a young age. He was homeschooled and participated heavily in football and track at Becker High school. Teddy felt called by the Lord to serve, he grew up ministering to others at church alongside his siblings. After High School he attended the University of Northwestern, St Paul, where he also played football, and then attended St Cloud State University. During college he worked at Becker Furniture World before enlisting in the U.S. Army, serving in the Infantry. One of his most treasured accomplishments in life was marrying his soulmate Macy and becoming a father to his precious daughter Kinley. They moved to Colorado Springs where he served as an Infantry Specialist at Fort Carson. Teddy will be remembered by those who loved him as that one in a million. Hardworking, loyal, selfless, and kind. He always had a heart for service whether it be serving the Lord, his family or serving in the US Military. Everyone knew to never take Teddy too seriously; he was always find-

ing a way to add humor into every moment of life. Anyone who knew Teddy also knows he spent countless hours in the gym (@pumpzoo). He was dedicated in every aspect of his life, giving 110% in everything he did. He was a selfless person who loved and lived life to the fullest. Teddy had future plans to go into law enforcement in Rapid City, SD alongside his brother. Teddy was a father, a husband, a son, a brother, an uncle, and a best friend.

Teddy is survived by his wife, Macy of Colorado Springs, CO; daughter, Kinley of Colorado Springs, CO; father and mother, Steve and Christina of Becker; brothers and sisters, Nick (Lisa) of Rapid City, SD, Tatianna (Joel) Phillips of Nashville, TN, Isaiah (Amanda) of State College, PA, Parker of Becker, Adair (Cody) Case of Bemidji, Kerry, Noah, Rainna, Alyssa and Johnny all of Becker; mother-in-law, Jody (Nick) Mattson of Duxbury, MN; father-in-law, Mark Erson of Plymouth; sister-in-law, Jade (Dom) Erson of Becker; brother-in-law, Reed Erson of Becker; six nieces and nephews with two on the way; and many other family & friends. Teddy was preceded in death by his brother, Benjamin, and dear grandma, Kate Carlson.

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City Public Notices

Clear Lake City Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clear Lake City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday November 1, 2021, at 7 P.M. at the Clear Lake City Hall, 7684 1st Ave West, for the purpose of discussing/reviewing and approval of the preliminary plat for the Parkside Development.
(Published in the *Patriot*: 10/23/21).

CITY OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Becker Planning Commission will hold a special meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearings at this meeting:

Approximately 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing: Preliminary Plat of Energy Park Eighth Addition. Applicant, City of Becker, and owner, Potter Investments, LLC have submitted an application for a Preliminary Plat for the consolidation of three existing parcels. The properties are identified as PID #60-491-0105, #60-491-0110, and #60-486-0215.

Following the above Public Hearing: Drainage and Utility Easement Vacation application. Applicant, City of Becker, has submitted an application to vacate the drainage and utility easement vacation on locted across Lot 2, Block 1 of Energy Park Seventh Addition and Lot 3, Block 2 of Energy Park Fifth Addition, Sherburne County, Minnesota.

Anyone interested in this proposal is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Mary Roe at P.O. Box 250, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to mroe@ci.becker.mn.us by 4:00 p.m. November 3, 2021.
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School Districts Public Notices

NOTICE OF LOCATION WHERE BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726 (BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the election judges for Independent School District No. 726 shall count the ballots cast in the School District's November 2, 2021 special election at the following locations:

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Township Public Notices

TOWN OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Becker Township Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021 at Becker Town Hall, 12165 Hancock Street. The Planning Commission will meet to consider the following application(s) and other planning and zoning related topics. Beginning at approximately 7:01 p.m. and following:

Public hearing for Kyle Schlieff – Applicant and Pauline Anderson – Owner. The owner and applicant have submitted a Preliminary and Final Plat Applications for the parcel located at 14898 102nd Street SE, Becker, MN.

Anyone interested in this request is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you wish to attend via Zoom, contact the clerk for details. If you have questions regarding the requests please contact the clerk at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN, 763-261-5301. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Lucinda Messman at P.O. Box 248, Becker, MN 55308 or by email to clerk@beckertownship.org by 4:00 p.m., November 9, 2021.
Lucinda Messman
Clerk, Becker Township
(Published in the *Patriot*: 10/23/21).

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Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 10/11/2021 - 10/17/2021



The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offense(s): Tara Lynn Frandsen, 44 of Monticello, MN 55362 - MSD DWI. Matthew Edward Walentiny, 34 of Princeton, MN 55371 - FEL 5th degree drugs, GM 3rd degree DWI & MSD obstruction. Darlene Jean Theodorson, 50 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - MSD domestic abuse no contact order violation. Evan William Senske, 26 of Princeton, MN 55371 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Suzanne Marie Johnson, 60 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - MSD harassment by mail. Taylor Joel Kapphahn, 33 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - MSD domestic assault. John Edward Gleason, 37 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - GM driving after cancellation - IPS. Jarell Eugene Draughn, 22 of St. Paul, MN 55104 - FEL 3rd degree criminal sexual conduct, 4th degree criminal sexual conduct & false name to police. Kristina Marie Turner, 34 of Federal Dam, MN 55649 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Corey Ronald Maxson, 18 of Litchfield, MN 55355 - FEL 5th degree drugs, GM carry a pistol without a permit. Justin Michael Habiger, 34 of Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 - FEL Flee Peace Officer in MV, 1st degree drugs, 5th degree drugs & Dept. of Corrections warrant. Jairo Missael Fernandez-Soto, 37 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - GMA malicious punishment of a child. Jennifer Natalie Bernard, 37 of Mountain Iron, MN 55768 - FEL fleeing a Peace Officer, GM 2nd degree DWI & MSD open bottle. Jerry Leonard Calhoun, 33 of Minneapolis, MN 55411 - FEL 5th degree drugs & MSD driving after revocation. Todd John Paumen, 51 of Becker, MN 55308 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Michael Antonio Wilson, Sr., 34 of Ridgcrest, CA 93555 - Benton Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Dakota Brandon Magney, 26 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - Dakota Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Aleah Dawn Becker, 40 of Watertown, MN 55388 - Sherburne Co. warrant. James Loran Crane, 48 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - Benton Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Simone Georgette Boyd-Evans, 24 of Onamia, MN 56359 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Travis John Hawkinson, 38 of Elk River, MN 55330 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Tone ThornLynn Blanks, 25 of Sandstone, MN 55072 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Adan Ahmed Ali, 25 of Saint Cloud, MN 56303 - Stearns Co. warrant. Shawn Robert Michals, 36 of Coon Rapids, MN 55433 - Anoka Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Sabriena Ann Hale, 26 of Anoka, MN 55303 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Paris Terrill Berry, 44 of Saint Cloud, MN 56301 - Sherburne Co. war-

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Granite Electronics Inc	2,634.88
Hawk Analytics, Inc	4,995.00
Helmin Construction	22,131.67
John C. & Carrie Creswell	14,919.65
Kiesler Police Supply	7,649.95
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	16,015.29
Marco	8,255.58
Michael Schluender & Patricia Hein	13,950.00
Minnesota Monitoring Inc	3,019.50
Nellie Blonigen	14,915.17
New Look Contracting Inc	97,345.90
North Country Chevrolet Buick GMC	39,266.00
Roland A & Cynthia Creswell	14,915.18
Rutland Law, PLLC	6,280.00
Split Rock Management Inc	6,450.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	16,631.86
The Hartford	40,881.96
Thomson Reuters- West- Payment Center	2,179.68
Total Energy Systems LLC	4,614.00
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Mn Dept Of Revenue	743,245.85
State Of Minnesota	2,399.02
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CrossFit Elk River Inc	15,520.00
Elk River Travel Corp	20,000.00
GLM Displays LLC	20,000.00
Mason Schwartz Agency	10,000.00
Natures Dry Cleaning	10,000.00
Pinnacle Foods LP	20,000.00
Speed, Props & Pylons	20,000.00
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Federal Resources	2,206.98
Fidelity Security Life	2,358.50
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Galls, LLC	3,741.26
H & L Mesabi	17,700.00
H & R Construction Co Inc	3,800.00
HDR Engineering Inc.	32,077.08
Health Partners - Group Health Inc	23,659.88
Helmin Construction	42,903.67
High Line Software Inc	3,231.00
Hoglund Bus Co. Inc	3,385.24
Jeremy Burna & MJS Dirt Works LLC	15,906.00
Jeremy's Lawn Service Inc	4,188.00
Keefe Supply Company	17,499.12
Leads Online	3,226.99
Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP	3,000.00
Maxima Supply	4,103.92
McDowall Comfort Management	120,172.62
Medica	677,989.70
Minnesota Paving & Materials	1,641,785.49
Phoenix Supply	3,321.14
Presbyterian Family Foundation	13,898.68
SkyNorth Software	10,710.00
SRF Consulting Group Inc	36,309.93
Streichers Inc	2,136.91
Summit Food Service, LLC	31,154.23
The Pathfinder Network	2,190.00
Thomson Reuters-West-Payment Center	7,170.41
Treas Palmer Township	7,375.87
Warzecha Auto Works, Inc	2,795.92
WSB & Associates Inc	2,095.00
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Sherburne County Board of Commissioners
October 5, 2021 - County Board Meeting Minutes
Call to Order
The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on October 5, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Chair was at 9:00am.

- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda
- Fobbe/Dolan were unanimous to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as amended with the addition of Special County Board Meeting Minutes as item 2.17 Risk Management Specialist Travel to PRIMA as item 2.18.

Consent Agenda
Burandt/Dolan were unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Approved County Board Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2021
- Approved County Workshop Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2021

Limited Prosecution Agreement with Becker Township.
Attorney
Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

- Approved a limited prosecution agreement with Becker Township and authorized the County Attorney to execute the same. (On file.)

Identify “County Park Fund” on Levy Resolution for 2022.
Auditor / Treasurer
Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

- Approved and authorized the County Auditor-Treasurer to add a line to the 2022 Levy Resolution for “County Park Fund” and to identify within the General Fund the same within the property tax system. (On file.)

Commissioner & Manual Warrants. Auditor / Treasurer
Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

- September 14, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$163,821.69
- September 17, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$523,551.07
- September 17, 2021 Manual Warrants \$752,682.30
- September 24, 2021 Commissioner Warrants #1 \$3,033.50
- September 24, 2021 Commissioner Warrants #2 ARPA \$215,520.00
- September 24, 2021 Commissioner Warrants #3 \$2,859,023.11
- September 24, 2021 Manual Warrants \$10,917.72

Foster Care Transportation Agreement. Health & Human Services
Jodi Heurung-Dick

- Approved the foster care transportation agreement with Success Academy Charter School in St. Cloud. This agreement shall be in effect from October 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. (On file.)

HHS IFS Admin Warrants 9-24-21. Health & Human Services
Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved HHS IFS Admin Warrants as follows:

- September 24, 2021 HHS IFS Admin Warrants \$30,654.93

Revisions to Sherburne County Rules and Personnel Policies. Human Resources
Tammy Bigelow, Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

- Approved the two (2) recommended revisions to the Sherburne County Rules and Personnel Policies - Chapter 9.1.6.2 (Promotion) & 17.5.2 (Expense Policies). (On file.)

City of Elk River Recycling Day Expenditure. Planning & Zoning
Gabrielle Holman, Environmental Specialist

- Approved reimbursing the City of Elk River an additional \$763.58 to cover all eligible costs that were accrued during their spring Recycling Day event.

Revocation of Conditional Use Permit at the Request of Property Owner. Planning & Zoning
Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Approved by Resolution 100521-AD-2065 the revocation of an existing Conditional Use Permit (Doc # 260521), at the request of property owners. (On file.)

Final Contract Payment with New Look Contracting, Inc for Project # SP 071-601-024 for 2020 CSAH 1 Reconstruction. Public Works
Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Authorized final contract payment with New Look Contracting Inf for project # SP 071-601-024 for 2020 CSAH 1 Reconstruction from Hwy 10 to BNSF Railroad.

Amended Agreement with SRF Consulting Group for TH 169 R-Cut Design and Construction Phase Services. Public Works
David Roedel, Assistant Public Works Director

- Approved an Amended Agreement with SRF Consulting Group in the amount of \$146,312 for TH 169 R-Cut Design and Construction Phase Services. The term of this amendment shall commence on the Amendment Effective Date of October 5, 2021 and shall terminate on the date that all obligations have been fulfilled and all deliverables have been approved by the County unless earlier terminated pursuant to the terms of the Agreement. (On file.)

Amended Agreement with HDR Engineering for County Road 43 Design Phase Services. Public Works
David Roedel, Assistant Public Works Director

- Approved an Amended Agreement with HDR Engineering in the amount of \$28,663 for County Road 43 Design Phase Services. The term of this amendment shall commence on the Amendment Effective Date of October 5, 2021 and shall terminate on the date that all obligations have been fulfilled and all deliverables have been approved by the County, unless earliest terminated pursuant to the terms of the Agreement. (On file.)

Park Memorial Request for Oak Savanna Park. Public Works
Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator

- Approved a request for a Leopold Memorial Bench to be placed at Oak Savanna Park.

2021-2022 Toward Zero Death (TZD) Safe Roads Grant and Authorizing by Resolution 100521-AD-2066 Execution of Grant Agreement. Sheriff
Joel Brott, County Sheriff

- Approved the acceptance of the 2021-2022 Toward Zero Death (TZD) Safe Roads Grant and authorized by Resolution 100521-AD-2066 Execution of said Grant Agreement. A total of \$8,110 will be eligible to be spent regarding traffic safety efforts via this grant award from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. (On file.)

Zimmerman Public Safety Building as Precinct 1 Polling Place for the City of Zimmerman. Sheriff
Joel Brott, County Sheriff

- Approved the City of Zimmerman’s request to utilize the Zimmerman Public Safety Building as a Precinct 1 Polling Place for the 2022 primary and general elections.

Special County Board Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2021. Administration
Approved Special County Board Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2021

Out-of-State Travel to Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) Institute 2021. Human Resources
Tammy Bigelow, HR Director

- Approved out-of-state travel for Staci Hecht (Risk Management Specialist) to attend the Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) Institute in Nashville, Tennessee on October 27 - 29, 2021. The total cost of attending is approximately \$1,873.

Announcements
Administrator Messelt provided facility updates pertaining to work being done on the roof, doors and flooring in the Government Center and reminded the group of upcoming meetings. The Board was polled to see when an ARPA Workshop would work best. The group consensus was to add the workshop to the October 19th County Board Meeting agenda.

Open Public Hearing
Public Hearing of On-Off Sale with Sunday Liquor License for Bar 10. Auditor / Treasurer
Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

- The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 9:06am, for On-Off Sale with Sunday Liquor License for Bar 10 (formally Monty’s Tropical Hideout).The Public Hearing was closed at 9:07am. Nobody from the public was present to comment. Schmiesing/Fobbe were unanimous to approve an On-Off Sale with Sunday Liquor License for new ownership of Monty’s Tropical Hideout (new name Bar 10), pending state approval, and authorized the Auditor-Treasurer and Chairperson to execute said license.

Open Forum
Brett Collier of Big Lake spoke regarding Tax Abatements.

Regular Agenda
Tax Abatement for Carlson Development Group LLC/Premier Marine. Administration
Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

Fobbe/Burandt to approve with a 4-0 vote Resolution No. 10052021-AD-2064 authorizing the requested abatement of the County Property taxes relating to the expansion project. Assistant County Administrator Dan Weber provided a presentation recapping the tax abatement for Carlson Development Group LLC/Premier Marine.(On file.) Commissioner Dolan recused himself from the item. Carlson Development Group LLC owner Chris Carlson was present for any questions. Commissioners requested a workshop on abatements for further understanding.

Final Standard Plat of Elk Lake Oaks - N.C. Contracting Inc. Planning & Zoning
Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Fobbe/Dolan unanimous to approve a requested Residential Final Standard Plat for “Elk Lake Oaks” consisting of (6) lots, with the following (6) Conditions, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission. PID # 01-031-1112. Legal Desc: That part of Government Lot 2 (full legal on file). Sec 31, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 20.37 acres in the General Rural District and within the Natural Environment Shoreland District of Goose Lake and within the General Development Shoreland District of Little Elk Lake.

Conditions:

1. Park dedication fees for six (6) lots at \$4,800. Fees are paid to Public Works prior to them signing the final plat mylars.
2. Must obtain driveway access permits from Baldwin Township and Sherburne County Public Works Department prior to driveway construction.
3. The individual(s) who hold the driveway easement will need to sign off on the plat or consent as they are interest holders.
4. An NPDES permit must be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat. (Completed)
5. A Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit from the Planning and Zoning Department is required prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat. (Completed)
6. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.

Final Standard Plat of Sanford First Addition – Sanfords - Liestman, LLC. Planning & Zoning
Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Schmiesing/Fobbe were unanimous to approve a requested Residential Final Standard Plat for “Sanford First Addition” consisting of (9) lots, with the following (5) Conditions as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission. PID # 01-010-1302. Legal Desc: Parcel A: That part of the Northeast Quarter (full legal on file). Sec 10, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 35.79 acres in the General Rural District.

Conditions:

1. Park dedication fees for the 9 new lots at \$800 per lot, totaling \$7,200. Park fees must be paid prior to the Public Works Dept. signing the plat mylars.
2. Must obtain driveway access permits from Baldwin Township and Sherburne County Public Works Department prior to driveway construction.
3. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.
4. An NPDES permit must be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat.
5. A Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit from the Planning and Zoning Department is required prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat.

Final Standard Plat of J and J Meadows - Jon and Jeff Smith. Planning & Zoning
Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Fobbe/Dolan were unanimous to approve a requested Residential Final Standard Plat for “J and J Meadows” consisting of (5) lots, with the following (5) Conditions, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission. PID # 01-018-2300. Legal Desc: SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 18, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 33.07 acres in the General Rural District.

Conditions:

1. Park dedication fees for the 5 new lots at \$800 per lot, totaling \$4,000. Park fees must be paid prior to the Public Works Dept. signing the plat mylars.
2. Must obtain driveway access permits from Baldwin Township and Sherburne County Public Works Department prior to driveway construction.
3. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.
4. An NPDES permit must be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat.
5. A Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit from the Planning and Zoning Department is required prior to any land disturbing activities connected to this plat.

Amending Zoning Ordinance-260-Section 5, Definitions and Rules of Language Construction, Subd 2, Definitions, Add Definition of Setback Averaging, Section 14, Shoreland Overlay District, Subd 5.2 (A) Dimensions, Design and Utilities, Add Clarifying Language and Section 14, Shoreland Overlay District, Subdivision 3.1 (A) Permit Required, Add Clarifying Language. Planning & Zoning
Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Schmiesing/Burandt unanimous to approve Amending Zoning Ordinance-260-Section 5, Definitions and Rules of Language Construction, Subd 2, Definitions, to add definition of “Setback Averaging”; Section 14, Shoreland Overlay District, Subd 5.2 (A) Dimensions, Design and Utilities, to add clarifying language; and Section 14, Shoreland Overlay District, Subdivision 3.1 (A) Permit Required, to add clarifying language.

Vonco II License Modification. Planning & Zoning
Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator

- Schmiesing/Dolan unanimous to approve granting Vonco II a Modified Solid Waste License for the operations of: a Demolition Debris Landfill, Industrial Solid Waste Landfill, Source Separated Organics Compost Facility, Yard Waste Compost Facility, Processing Facility, and a MSW Transfer Station, with a term ending December 31, 2025. Solid Waste Administrator Dave Lucas provided the Board with updated changes from Vonco. (On file.)

Vonco Big Lake Closed Landfill - Annual Residential Well Sampling and Analysis. Planning & Zoning
Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator

- Dolan/Burandt were unanimous to approve the Fall sampling and analysis of six residential wells located downgradient of the Vonco Big Lake closed landfill, utilizing the services of Houston Engineering. Cost not to exceed cost of \$5,300. Dave also introduced Solid Waste Environmental Specialist Jerome Doede to the Board.

Appointment of Planning and Zoning Administrator. Administration
Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- Burandt/Dolan unanimous to approve the appointment of Ms. Lynn Waytashek as Planning and Zoning Administrator and Department Head, effective October 6th, 2021.

Recess Regular Meeting, Break
Reconvene Regular Meeting
Responses to “All Jail Food Service” Requests for Proposals (RFP) and Consider the Sheriff’s Office’s Recommendation to Award an Agreement for Said Services. Sheriff
Joel Brott, County Sheriff

- Jail Administrator Brian Frank delivered a summary of responses to the “All Jail Food Service” Requests for Proposals (RFP). Schmiesing/Dolan were unanimous to approve the Sheriff’s Office’s recommendation to award Trinity Services Group an agreement for said services. (On file.)

Addition of 10 hours to the Public Health Planner Position. Health & Human Services
Nicole Ruhoff, CHS Administrator

- Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to approve an addition of 10 hours to the Public Health Planner Position. The cost of the additional 10 hours from 11/1/2021 to 12/31/2023 will be \$69,693.68.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update and Recommended Approvals and Expenditures. Administration
Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

Approved the bi-weekly ARPA related expenditures as follows:

- Dolan/Burandt were unanimous to approve the expenses less than \$50,000 totaling \$79,896.92 (On file.)
- Dolan/Fobbe were unanimous to approve the expenses greater than \$50,000 totaling \$60,000 - Cyber Security Response Retainer Services. (On file.)
- Dolan/Burandt were unanimous to approve the Business Recovery Grants totaling \$70,000. (On file.)

Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership - Update. Administration
County Commissioners Raeanne Danielowski and Tim Dolan

- An update on the Central Mississippi Regional River Planning Partnership was provided by Commissioners Danielowski and Dolan.

Commissioner Correspondence, Committee Reports, Upcoming Meetings, Future Agenda Items
Commissioner Fobbe - Capital Investment Tour, Planning & Zoning Interviews, GRRL Board Meeting, Rum River 1 Watershed 1 Plan, Strategic Planning Meeting, Pat Carr Retirement Party, Princeton Airport Meeting, MnDOT & FAA Meeting
Commissioner Dolan - Excel Breakfast, CMRP, Strategic Planning
Commissioner Schmiesing - Strategic Planning, Special Emergency Services Board Meeting
Commissioner Burandt -Rum River 1 Watershed 1 Plan, Strategic Planning, AMC Bridging the Divide, Pat Carr Retirement Party, AMC Breakfast, Lobbyist meeting, SCHSAC, IEIC Meeting
Commissioner Danielowski - Senate Bonding Tour, Planning & Zoning Interviews, Connexus Energy Update Webinar, 7W Broadband Webinar, Options Board Meeting, CMRP, Pat Carr Retirement Party, County Road 43 Meeting, Lobbyist Meeting
Adjourn Regular Meeting, Break
Reconvene, Open Workshop Meeting
Adjourn Workshop Meeting
Commissioner Warrants (1)

9/14/21	16,051.69	General Revenue Fund
	147,770.00	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	163,821.69	Total

Commissioner Warrants

9/17/21	199,934.86	General Revenue Fund
	201,380.11	Public Works Fund
	21,780.39	Solid Waste Fund
	39,611.75	Jail Commissary Fund
	326.49	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	19,635.51	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	40,881.96	Agency Collections
	523,551.07	Total

Commissioner Warrants

9/17/21	752,682.30	Agency Collections
	752,682.30	Total

Commissioner Warrants

9/24/21	30,361.93	Human Service Fund
	293.00	Children’s Mental Health Collaborative
	30,654.93	Total

Warrants

9/24/21	4,185.14	Centracare Health Ed & Pro Develop. Dept
	528.00	Lexis Nexis
	700.00	M C A A EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
	392.56	McCoss/Daniel J
	1,692.14	Office Of MN.IT Services
	490.00	Seven County Process Servers, LLC
	9,998.10	Sherburne Co Sheriff
	4,050.00	Sherburne County Auditor Treasurer
	6,068.00	Women & Youth Community Action Network
	2,550.99	22 Payments less than 300
	30,654.93	Total

Commissioner Warrants #1

9/24/21	3,033.50	General Revenue Fund
	3,033.50	Total

Commissioner Warrants APRA

9/24/21	215,520.00	General Revenue Fund
	215,520.00	Total

Commissioner Warrants #3

9/24/21	257,805.58	General Revenue Fund
	1,801,962.45	Public Works Fund
	49.46	Human Service Fund
	697.50	County Ditch Fund
	7,926.12	Law Library fund
	24,141.87	Solid Waste Fund
	26,030.68	Jail Commissary Fund
	689.24	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	31,284.95	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	707,733.98	Agency Collections
	701.28	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	2,859,023.11	Total

Manual Warrants

9/24/21	1,954.97	General Revenue Fund
	8,962.75	Agency Collections
	10,917.72	Total

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Board Chairperson
/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator
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Sherburne County Board of Commissioners
October 5, 2021 - County Board Workshop Minutes
The Board Chair opened the County Board Workshop Meeting. GIS Update - Economic Development Website & Preview Adopt-A-Drain Website. Public Works

Brett Forbes, GIS Coordinator

- GIS Coordinator Brett Forbes displayed the new GIS website used to promote economic development and presented a preview of the Adopt- A -Drain collaborative website.

IT Review of the Cloud, Market, and Innovation. Administration
Brian Kamman, IT Director

- IT Director Brian Kamman provided the Board with the County’s current IT operations, specifically cloud and storage solutions. Direction was provided from the Board and an update will be planned for follow-up.

Adjourn Workshop Meeting
/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Board Chairperson
/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator
(Published in the *Patriot*: 10/23/21).

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR SHERBURNE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Sherburne County is currently taking applications for volunteers to serve on the Sherburne County Board of Adjustment. This Board meets one time a month on the second Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Sherburne County Government Center in Elk River, MN and is paid a per diem plus mileage. This Board reviews variance requests and appeals in the unincorporated areas of the County. If you have an interest in serving, please contact the Sherburne County Zoning Department at (763) 765-4450 or 1-800-438-0578 for an application or on-line at <https://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/308>

The application deadline is November 19, 2021. Appointments will be made by the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners. (Published in the *Patriot*: 10/23/21).

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Planning and Zoning Administration REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF NEW PERMITTING SYSTEM

Prepared By:
Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Administration
13880 Business Center Drive, Ste 101
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October 2021

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SECTION 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The County of Sherburne (County) Planning and Zoning Administration (Zoning) is seeking proposals from qualified proposers to provide for a permitting system that will meet the specifications identified in this Request for Proposal (RFP). It is our objective to purchase a customizable permitting system to meet the Land Use and Permitting needs of County Zoning and County Solid Waste. The customized permitting system will automate the permitting and land use processes and provide County Zoning Staff with a flexible comprehensive solution.

1.2 PROJECT INFORMATION CONTACT

Questions concerning content of the RFP shall be in written format, sent by U.S. Mail or E-Mail and directed to the below listed name, must be received prior to 4:30 p.m. on November 2, 2021.
Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Administration
Attention: Carrie Winter, Office Supervisor
13880 Business Center Drive
Elk River, MN 55330
OR
Carrie.Winter@co.sherburne.mn.us

1.3 PROJECT TIMETABLE

The following timetable will be followed during the course of the RFP process:
A. Request for Proposals Issued: October 19, 2021
B. Deadline for Written Questions: November 2, 2021
C. Written Response, Addenda Sent: November 10, 2021
D. Deadline for Proposals (by 4:30 p.m.): November 17, 2021
E. Job Notification: December 21, 2021

SECTION 2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 PURPOSE

It is our objective to seek a modernized permitting system that enhances the Citizen experience, improves the Land Use and Permitting process of County Zoning and integrates the Solid Waste Division. The successful proposer will present a permitting system that will be used for customer submission, tracking, processing, permitting and payment of fees. The customer submission will result in less time spent with data entry and more time more efficiently spent on the permit process for an improved customer experience.

The Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Office issues approximately 2,500 permits annually for multiple project types and fee calculations. The current permit system is utilized for this process. The successful proposer will integrate the information from our current system as well as programs, as listed in the Scope of Work, into the new system. The successful proposer will be mobile-friendly for both the customer and the staff who is utilizing the program in the field.

The successful proposer will include robust reporting options with the ability to customize, will be agile and easy to maintain.

2.2 SCOPE OF WORK

The successful proposer is required to complete the following Scope of Work during the course of the project:
A. Integration-Integrate the current Microsoft CRM permitting system and Sherburne County systems including GIS Hyland OnBase, AS400, existing data in Windows Explorer, Forte payment system and Outlook. These systems need to be integrated to allow the permitting program to pull/push accurate and current data from these systems.
B. Import Data-Import data from our existing systems, into the new system. This includes a shared drive and the current Microsoft CRM permitting system. The file share is approximately 50 MB and the Access database is approximately 8MB.
C. Creation of Forms-Utilize existing forms and integrate these electronically into the new permitting system. Provide letter generation tools and training for form template changes, utilizing Microsoft Word or similar functionality.
D. Permit Reviews-Ability to utilize concurrent review process for all applications.
E. Parcel Activity Log-Inclusion of activity
F. Process -Document, understand, and automate the current Land Use and Solid Waste system processes within your solution.
G. End User Documentation-Sherburne County will write the Quick start guide for employees.
H. User Acceptance Training (UAT)-The successful vendor will work with key users to test the new permitting system. The successful vendor will gather information and feedback from users in order to make the necessary changes recommended by users. The total user count of the permitting system will be 28 users of which 11 users are view only.
I. Changes after UAT-The successful vendor will make changes to the forms, processes and workflows within the new permitting system according to the user feedback gathered during the testing phase.

J. Clean Data Import- All of the data used for the testing phase will be removed from the new permitting system by the vendor. The successful vendor will import clean data from the Microsoft CRM system.
K. Training- The successful vendor will train users on how to use the new permitting system.
L. Go Live Date- The vendor along with County IT will have staff available for the official go live date to assist users on-site with questions and issues that may arise.
M. Report Writing- The successful vendor will train an individual from County IT, Zoning and Solid Waste on how to write reports for the new permitting system.
N. Citizen Portal- The successful vendor will provide a public facing portal for information and interactive permitting services.
O. Mobile- The successful vendor will provide mobile users access to the permitting and payment program
P. Electronic Plan Review- The successful vendor will provide users the ability to receive, review and mark up plans.
Q. The desired solution would rely upon internal employee User Identification and Access Management as derived from the Sherburne County Microsoft Active Directory and Multi-Factor Authentication tools.
R. Necessary computer applications will be compatible with a Windows 10 desktop environment or comparable functionality.

2.3 CLOUD-BASED STANDARDS

A. Security Standards. Off-site solutions may be provided in a secure cloud-based or secure vendor-provided environment. The hosted data service should meet or exceed SOC3 standards and FedRamp requirements.
B. Microsoft Compatibility. Cloud or vendor-provided hosting solutions should be able to leverage Microsoft ADFS for a single sign-on experience for Planning and Zoning Department staff.

2.4 ITEMS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY-

Software. The County will provide software for the permitting project. Our servers are virtual servers running on VMware within an on-site virtual server cloud environment. The table below describes the servers in more detail.

Servers	Purpose	Roles/Description
govCRMapp	Application	Discovery Web Service Organization Web Service Web Application Server Deployment Tools Email Router
govCRMfes	Services	Asynchronous Service – Processes queued asynchronous events
govCRMssrs	Reporting	Microsoft Dynamics CRM Reporting Extensions – Provides reporting functionality by interfacing with the Microsoft Dynamics CRM system and Microsoft SQL Server Reporting Services.
govCRMweb	Web	ADFS Server – Internet Facing Deployment
govDB	Database	SQL Server – Installs the MSCRM_ CONFIG database on the SQL Server

2.5 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Sherburne County will pay 40 percent of the total cost of the project upon the completion of Step H in the Scope of Work. Another 40 percent of the cost of the project will be paid upon completion of Step K in the Scope of Work. The County will pay the remaining 20 percent of the cost of the project 90 days after the Go Live Date.

SECTION 3.0 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

3.1 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Qualified vendors shall submit their proposals using one of the following two methods; 1) PDF format, or 2) In writing with one (1) original and two (2) copies, printed back-to-back, by 4:30 P.M. CT on November 17, 2021. Failure to submit a proposal on time may be grounds for rejection of the proposal. The proposal shall be addressed to:

Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Administration
Attention: Carrie Winter, Office Supervisor
13880 Business Center Drive
Elk River, MN 55330
OR
Carrie.Winter@co.sherburne.mn.us

All proposals must be received in completed form by November 17, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. CT Proposals received after that time will not be accepted.

3.2 PROPOSAL CONTENT

Submitted proposals shall contain the following to be considered complete and valid:
A. Cover Letter.
B. Proposer must include the following information:
1. Proposer Identification;
2. Description of the Proposer's previous experience with the services called for in the Scope of Work;
3. Any potential conflicts of interest;
4. Itemized Bid Estimate; and
5. The proposer must include an estimated start date and end date for the project.
C. Proof of Insurance.

3.3 PROPOSAL EVALUATION & SELECTION

A. Selection Criteria. The County will review each proposal to identify the Vendor that most closely meet the County's needs. Although cost will be considered in the award process, cost will not be the determining factor. Emphasis will be placed on the quality and functionality of the software, quality of customer service offered by the Vendor, the availability of the Vendor to provide timely delivery, the availability of the Vendor for sup-

port services, and other experience and customer service factors. After review of the proposals, a recommendation will be made to the County Board for a contract award.
B. Additional Information Requests. The County reserves the right to request additional information or clarification from Proposers during any phase of the proposal evaluation process. During the evaluation and selection process, the County has the right to request the presence of Proposer's representatives and answer specific questions. Notification of any such requirement will be given as necessary.
C. Disqualification. Any one or more of the following may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a Proposer and the rejection of the proposal or proposals:
1. Incomplete Proposal Submittal.
2. Conflict of Interest with the County or its agents.
3. More than one proposal for the same work from an individual, firm, or corporation under the same or different name.
4. Lack of qualifications or experience.
5. Unsatisfactory performance record; judged from the standpoint of references.
6. Failure of the Proposer to be properly licensed or insured.
7. Any other reason to be determined in good faith to be in the best interests of the County.
8. Failure to comply with any qualification requirements of the County.

D. Contract Award. Issuance of this RFP and receipt of proposals do not commit the County to selecting a Vendor or otherwise awarding a contract, nor does it obligate the County to pay for any costs incurred in preparing and submitting proposals in anticipation of a contract. The County reserves the right to postpone opening for its own convenience, to accept or reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP, to negotiate with other than the selected Vendor, should negotiations with the selected Vendor be terminated, to negotiate with more than one Vendor simultaneously, or to cancel all or part of this RFP.
E. Selection. The County will notify the successful proposer following approval by the County Board.

SECTION 4.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4.1 COUNTY RIGHTS

The County may investigate the qualifications of any Vendor under consideration, require confirmation of information furnished by the Vendor, and require additional evidence of qualifications requested in this RFP. The County reserves the right to:
a. Reject any or all proposals if such action is in the public interest;
b. Cancel the entire RFP;
c. Issue a subsequent RFP;
d. Remedy technical errors in the RFP process;
e. Establish a short list of proposers eligible for interview after evaluation of written proposals;
f. Extend the deadline or accept late proposals under extenuating circumstances at its discretion; and
g. Negotiate with any, all, or none of the proposers.

4.2 PRE-CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES

Pre-contractual expenses are defined as expenses incurred by the proposer in: 1) preparing its proposal in response to this RFP; 2) submitting that proposal to the County; 3) negotiating with the County on any matter related to this RFP; 4) any other expenses incurred by the proposer prior to the date of execution of the proposed agreement. The County shall not, in any event, be liable for any pre-contractual expenses incurred by the proposer in the preparation of their proposals.

4.3 CONTRACT AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The selected Vendor will be required to enter into a contract with the County defining the parties' roles and duties. The County will use its standard contract terms and conditions, which will be available on request. The Vendor will be required to maintain the following insurance coverages, with the County listed as an additional insured:

- Commercial General Liability Coverage in the amount of \$1,500,000 each occurrence and \$3,000,000 annual aggregate.
- Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by Minnesota law and Employer's Liability Coverage.
- Cyber Liability Coverage for claims arising out of its services and including, but not limited to, loss, damage, theft or other misuse of data, infringement of intellectual property, invasion of privacy and breach of data in the amount of \$2,000,000 each occurrence and \$4,000,000 annual aggregate.

4.1 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

The selected Vendor will be an independent contractor and nothing contained in any contract awarded shall be construed to create the relationship of employer and employee between County and the Vendor.

4.4 PUBLIC INFORMATION

Data submitted to the County in response to a RFP are private or nonpublic data until the responses are opened. Once the responses are opened, the name of the responder becomes public. All other data in a responder's response to a RFP are private or nonpublic data until completion of the evaluation process. "Completion of the qualification process" means that the County has entered into a contract with the selected Vendor. After the County has completed the evaluation process, all remaining data submitted by all responders are public with the exception of trade secret data as defined and classified in Minn. Stat. § 13.37. A statement by a responder that submitted data are copyrighted or otherwise protected does not prevent public access to the data contained in the response. Proposals submitted in response to an RFP become the property of the County and will not be returned.

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