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KASSON-MANTORVILLE scored this late TD to upset the Bulldogs in the state semifinals. See the story on pages 11-12. (Patriot photo by Bill Morgan.)

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Becker man still hunting after medical scare

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Becker resident Lewis Haberman celebrated an excellent hunting season on the back end of a crazy year. During the summer, Haberman suffered a pulmonary embolism, but survived, to the surprise of his doctors. After months of recovery, Haberman was excited to go on his annual hunting excursion, where he was able to bag the largest buck of his life.

Origins

Haberman grew up and raised his own family in Sherburne County. He came from a family with 13 siblings, and he in turn had eight kids of his own, of which two still live in the Becker area. One of his siblings is also still living in Becker. He and his daughter, Becky Withrow, joked that Haberman was (at least distantly) related to most of the Becker population.

Haberman left his parents' home at the age of 13 to live with his sister in St. Cloud. Sadly, when Haberman was about 20 years old, in 1954, his mother and three of his siblings died in a tragic car accident.

Haberman spent many years in Sherburne County, and raised his family in Elk River. Eventually, he purchased a resort on

Gull Lake in Brainerd, and he and his family moved up there.

For the last 22 years, Haberman and his partner, Barbara Bonin, have been living in Arizona, but they decided to move back to Becker, now living at Shepherd of Grace Senior Community, after Haberman's medical crisis this summer in order to be close to family. Haberman says he misses the Arizona temperatures!

Medical Issues

Haberman was on a trip to Montana to spend time with one of his sons when he fell ill and found he was having trouble breathing. He went to the hospital, where it was

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TWELVE-POINT BUCK.
Haberman shot a doe and a 12 point buck this hunting season after surviving a pulmonary embolism this summer. (Submitted photo.)



BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOLERS Brynn Johnson (trombone), Lillianna Janisch (clarinet), Katja Vaatainen (flute) and Tyler Olson (trumpet) recently got the opportunity to participate in the 2021 Winona State University High School Honor Band Festival. Students from high schools around Minnesota and Wisconsin come together to receive instruction from talented instructors and put together a concert. These four students did an amazing job representing their school. (Submitted photo.)

4-H'ers attend holiday craft workshop

Submitted article

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

"We look forward to this tradition every year in 4-H," said 4-H volunteer Karen Sakry. "This is a great opportunity to reach out to our community and enjoy watching the smiles on the faces of the youth."

Benton County 4-H held their annual Holiday Workshop plus Painting Class Thursday, Oct. 21st during MEA at the Foley

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DURING THE BENTON COUNTY 4-H HOLIDAY WORKSHOP plus Painting Class over MEA at the Foley Intermediate School, 4-H'er Valerie McKay from Saint Cloud, took a break from creating her fleece tie pillow to pose with 4-H Ambassador Lilly Ackerman, 10th grader from Sauk Rapids. (Submitted photo.)

Area Family Packs 3,090 Christmas Gifts for Kids

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The Friedman Family of the Becker / Big Lake area has completed an amazing project of packaging 3,000 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The girls spent many nights awake, sewing handmade goodies to put in the packages. The girls relied on their family, including their many siblings who live all over the country, to help them purchase materials, spend time sewing and packing, and reporting where good deals on goodies and supplies could be found.

History with the Project

The Friedmans have been involved with Operation Christmas Child since the project began in the 90's. Normally, they would do two or three boxes. However, in 2015, they decided to go bigger and did 37 boxes. The year after that, they went for 100. The number of boxes the family contributed ramped up over the years until they were contributing 1,000.

Tackling 3,000 Boxes

Rainna and Alyssa, two of the Friedmans' daughters, decided to take things up a notch this year. After praying



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Becker Middle School hosts annual Career Day

Submitted article

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

Tuesday afternoon was an exciting day at Becker Middle School, as the annual Career Day festivities allowed students the chance to consider what they might like to do once their school careers are finished.

Students in grades six, seven, and eight were treated to a variety of speakers representing careers from elected office to the trades and nearly everything in between.

"Career Day is an important chance for our students to understand the many opportunities that await them as they are transitioning into the high school and beyond," said Principal Chantel Boyer. "Exploring these different career pathways gives our students the chance to 'dream big' as they consider their adult lives."

Research suggests that the middle school years are important ones for exploring and developing a growth mindset that allows students to consider a variety of different career paths. Each year, Becker Middle School tries to improve upon the successes of the previous career days to give students the best possible exposure to a variety

of options.

"After our first Career Day two years ago, we wanted to continue to improve the experience for our students," said Assistant Principal Ted Aleckson. "This year we targeted careers in as many different fields as possible that require a variety of different educational backgrounds."

A total of 25 speakers came to the school to explain not only their job duties, but also the education required for the profession, as well as the future outlook for their chosen careers.



Overall, the speakers represented many different occupations, as well as varying levels of required training and education.

"We were excited to have a lot of individuals that work in the trades, but also individuals who have changed careers or have had multiple careers," Aleckson added. "We really want the experience to be authentic for our students and for them to understand that your career should align with your passions and interests."

Each student had the

opportunity to listen to four different career presentations and pose questions to the speakers.

"We really appreciate the partnership we have built with the different industries and speakers who have been a part of our Career Day," added Boyer.

This year's speakers included: Shane Mekeland, MN House of Reps; Cedric Frazier, MN House of Reps; John Watrin, Elie Concrete; Shahzad Ahmad, SCSU; Kristie Frydenlund, Liberty Paper; Renee Giles, Nursing; CJ Giles, Pipefitter; Eva Krone, EcoLab Human Resources; Doug Strom, ProAct; Matt and Lindsay Marquette, Realtors; Ashley Lewandowski, Chiropractor; Amanda Helm, Structural Buildings; Tina Hengel, Realtor; Mike Ganz, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers; Julie Blaha, MN State Auditor; Brandon Buesgens, Chiropractor; Brent Baloun, Law Enforcement; Bart Gevens, City of Becker; Joey Heath, Nursing; Mike Swedal, Classic Car Restoration; Razaan Byrne, Pediatrician; Staza Pany, Accounting; Sarah Kortmansk, Sherburne State Bank; Zach Gardner, Military.

SEE PAGE 4B FOR PHOTOS FROM CAREER DAY...

County offers grants to non-profits for COVID-19 recovery

Submitted article

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

Sherburne County Commissioners have approved a program that makes available grant money for nonprofits that have suffered losses from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible organizations can begin applying for those funds today. Qualify-

ing nonprofits may receive a one-time grant of up to \$20,000.

The Community Resource Recovery Grant Program will support organizations that provide county residents with housing services, food, childcare programs, employment opportunities and access to social and mental health services to help mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

To be eligible for the grant money, nonprofits must show at least a 20% financial impact directly related to COVID-19. For more information and to apply, go to www.co.Sherburne.mn.us and click on the news item "Nonprofit Grant Program" to find the link to the application.

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4-H'ers use drones to learn about invasive species

Submitted article

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

"Back to the simulator", said Jeremy Freeman, 4-H Extension Educator from Chisago County to Ann Olson, 4-H Extension Educator from Benton County, as he tried to stop the drone that was flying along the floor at the Benton County 4-H Drone Exploration Camp over MEA at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School.

The 4-H participants walked Ann back to the simulators and told her she needed to master the simulator before she could try to fly the drone again.

"You can't just fly without practicing," 4-H'er Evan Lamberg (AKA Shooter) eighth grader from Saint Cloud reminded. "You have to master flying while using the simulator, so you do not damage the drone."

On Friday, Oct. 22, adults and youths joined together to explore drones. The 4-H youths spent time building gates for courses to fly drones, practiced flying drones on flight simulators, flew a drone to determine the spread of invasive species in a corn field using virtual reality goggles and heard from drone expert, Todd Holland, Centra Sota Precision GIS/ERP Systems Manager from Centra Sota Cooperative from Santiago, MN.

During the day, the youths had a chance to do an Agriculture Drone Challenge. Helping to lead this station was crop advisor Adam Johnson also known as Hammer Storm (his call sign) also from Centra Sota Cooperative.

"I guess we should have called Centra Sota to come and spray the field," said 4-H'er Drew Arnold (AKA Red Bull), fourth grader from Foley as he realized, when flying the

drone, that the invasive species had spread from early in the season to middle season because they did not treat it.

As the youth continued to observe the invasive species later in the season, they found that without treating the crop, the invasive species took over the field.

"Now we will have no yield", said 4-H'er Jonathon Mersinger (AKA Bookman), ninth grader from Saint Cloud. "We put all that work into the crops and now we have zero produce and no income."

All the participants decided next time they would ask faster.

One of the favorite activities of the day was the opportunity to do some soldering. Chisago County volunteer George Sawyer led the youths all day in one-on-one experiences to soldering and showed them different techniques. Each youth had an opportunity to solder the wires from lights

to a circuit board, to connect and light up a shadow frame with their photo inside it from Drone camp.

"I just happen to have all of my soldering supplies in my truck" said Benton County 4-H Adult Volunteer Hans Mersinger as he walked in from outside with his arms full of supplies.

Hans also worked with youths one on one so that more youths could participate.

The day was a success considering the excitement of the youths that attended. All of the youths decided they definitely wanted to be sure we have another drone camp real soon.

To find out more about drone in Benton County 4-H, contact the extension office at 320.968.5077.



BENTON COUNTY 4-H EXTENSION EDUCATOR ANN OLSON (L) giving 4-H'er Hudson Kleine (R), sixth grader from Sauk Rapids directions as he wears the virtual reality goggles to give directions to the other youth that is flying the drone through the corn field during the Benton County 4-H Drone Exploration Day over MEA. (Submitted photo.)

Nelson sworn into BL school board

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During the recent election, Derek Nelson was elected to fill the vacant seat on the school board. The position was created when former member Lori Kampa resigned due to moving out of the area. Nelson beat the runner-up, Chelsea Hancock, by just over 100 votes.

Nelson was sworn into office at the regular board meeting last week Thursday.

Open Forum

Big Lake Mayor Paul Knier spoke during open forum to address the new board member. He congratulated Nelson, and said that he (Mayor Knier) would pray for him with his prayer group. He went on to invite Nelson to come pray with the group on Wednesday mornings.

Audit Presentation and Financial Report

The board heard the audit report for the 2020-2021 school year. The auditor, Matt Mayer with Bergen KDV, reported no findings in the presentation. Director of business services Angie Manuel went on to give the regular financial report. She again reported an increase in enrollment, mostly due to students who are enrolled in Big Lake Online. Currently, the enrollment has returned to pre-pandemic



DEREK NELSON swore an oath making him an official school board member. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

levels.

Community Ed Annual Report

Allen Berg, director of Community Education, gave a presentation on the previous year of community ed.

To mirror the new Big Lake City motto, the community education department adopted "Learn Big!" as their new motto.

This year, 12 early childhood classes were able to be offered in person. One success the department had is with their preschool pals class, where the kids can have an informal learning/playing time while parents can ask one of the early childhood teachers

questions in another room. And, of course, the outdoor classes continued to be very popular, and the number of these classes increased this year.

Student Rep Report

Preity Persaud noted that the students are nearing the end of their first trimester, and that it's been wonderful to be back in school. She again congratulated the boys cross country team for their excellent season. She noted that the pep rally held in their honor as some of the athletes went on to state competitions really made the students come together.

Superintendent's Report

Supt. Tim Trueben-

bach reported that negotiations with teachers are still stuck in a stalemate, but he still hoped to make some progress soon.

The Minnesota Dept. of Education was sending out mailers to families, mostly containing best practices and tips for handling the pandemic with students in school. Truebenbach noted that these practices are already in place at the schools.

Truebenbach invited the board members to attend the MSBA (Minnesota School Board Association) conference in January. Nelson agreed to attend.

Dec. 16, before the regular board meeting, the board will hold its truth in taxation meeting. This meeting will give information to taxpayers about their taxes for the school district. The public is encouraged to attend. The meeting will take place at 6:01 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Made a donation to MSHSL to offset student activity fees;
- Set the annual organizational meeting to Jan. 6, and set the Joint Powers meeting to Jan. 20.

MAYOR PAUL KNIER spoke during open forum to invite new board member Nelson to a prayer group. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



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Orrock visited by Planning & Zoning

By Katherine Cantin,
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Marc Schneider and David Lucas of the Sherburne County planning and zoning dept. visited the recent Orrock Twp. meeting to give the supervisors an update on the department. The department has a new administrator, Lynn Waytashek.

Every year, the dept. fields about 49,000 calls ranging from permit requests, variances, and complaints. Due to COVID-19, the dept. had to quickly take the permitting process online, but they found that it made the process much more efficient and are happy to offer that service to residents.

The two gentlemen also went over services offered by the county, such as grants and low interest loans to be used for updating septic systems. A home may not be sold until the septic system is in compliance, so this is a valuable resource for many.

Town Hall Expansion

The supervisors asked Lucas and Schneider to stick around as they discussed their plans for the town hall expansion.

On the note of septic compliance, the town hall needs to replace its tank. There was found to be a crack in the tank, exposing the water to the ground. This is not an urgent issue, but Clerk Chris Weber suggested avoiding drinking the water until a replacement can be made. The supervisors leaned towards finalizing building expansion plans before confronting the issue.

The supervisors also spoke with the planning and zoning representatives about variances needed to the north and east of the building for some of the possible expansion ideas.

The board planned to do soil borings and a land survey as part of their expansion process.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Luke McLean of the sheriff's office reported

a quiet month for the township. There continues to be speeders on Co. Rd. 4 and 5. One of the county plows hit a sign on Co. Rd. 15 and it needs to be fixed. Besides those two items, McLean had little to report, other than there will be a Sheriff's Dept. meeting in December, and he encouraged the supervisors to reach out with any concerns they might like to be addressed during the meeting.

Update on Foster Encroachment

During last month's meeting, the supervisors discussed an encroachment issue in which a resident dug up a part of the road and improperly placed a septic line. The supervisors asked the homeowner to put \$4,000 in escrow to ensure the issue was fixed properly in the spring, but the homeowner didn't want to do so. The homeowner claimed that the septic line only broke because other residents drove over it with a Bobcat, but the line was still improperly placed and needs to be fixed.

Shores of Eagle Lake

Although the township reached an agreement several months ago with the Shores of Eagle Lake development in regards to snow removal, the developer, J.P. Brooks, has yet to hold up their end and finalize the deal. Part of the road needs to be repaired in the development, but this has not yet happened.

The supervisors were concerned because they still don't technically own the roads in the development, but it's likely that the development will need to be plowed sometime in the weeks before the next monthly meeting, which is the next time that the board can approve and finalize the deal with J.P. Brooks, so long as they have upheld their end of the deal.

However, with tax paying residents living in the development, the supervisors were hesitant to not plow the roads and leave the residents stranded.

Plowing the roads could be a liability, because

if the plow causes any damage and the roads are not technically owned by the township, the township could get in some trouble.

In the end, the supervisors voted four to one in favor of plowing the roads anyway, as they wanted to do their best to serve those taxpayers and the risk of causing damage seemed minimal.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Tabled consideration of a setback due to the property owners not attending the meeting;
- Designated the town hall as the official polling location, though this may change back to the trail association shed depending on how quickly the town hall expansion can be done and whether there are any elections next year;
- Reviewed the treasurer's recent action of moving township funds into a money market account to receive a higher interest rate;
- Discussed participating in the county broadband program;
- Approved the joint community meeting date for Jan. 20, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Big Lake City Council Chambers;
- Approved an increase in pay for their road consulting firm, WSB, though Supervisor Paul Ellinger was curious to know whether the rate was still competitive.



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Happy Thanksgiving from the Patriot staff!

Area News

Becker farmer ordered to pay back \$1.4+ million to USDA

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sourced from AgWeek.com)

A Becker man has been sentenced to probation and community service and ordered to pay more than \$1.4 million in restitution for converting collateral that secured loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Robert Waldon John Anderson, 67, of Becker in central Minnesota, on May 6 pleaded guilty to one count of conversion of Commodity Credit Corporation security.

U.S. District Judge

Nancy E. Brasel sentenced Anderson to three years of probation, 150 hours of community service and restitution of \$1,403,578.40.

According to court documents, Anderson used false and fraudulent statements to obtain five CCC loans through the Farm Service Agency. As part of the loan terms, Anderson pledged to maintain bushels of corn as collateral, agreeing not to move or dispose of them without prior approval of the CCC. FSA officials noticed the bins that were supposed to hold the corn were almost empty.

member's name to avoid detection by the CCC," a statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office said. "The FSA also learned that Anderson orchestrated two fraudulent loans in the names of family members for which collateral grain never actually existed. In total, Anderson defrauded the USDA of \$1,425,718.36."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture-Office of Inspector General investigated the case, which was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarah E. Hudleston.

Rejoice Lutheran Church hosts Young At Heart

*By Mary Nehring,
Contributing Writer*

Attendees enjoyed themselves at the monthly Young At Heart event held at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater Thurs., Nov. 18.

The Young At Heart program is a non-denominational program of Social Concerns and Outreach teams, sponsored by Rejoice Lutheran Church in conjunction with support from other area churches. The program offers senior

citizens (55+) a meal the third Thursday of each month, preceded by activities at 11:00 a.m. and followed by a program. All area seniors are encouraged to attend.



LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS enjoyed the music and even danced to a few songs. Pictured is Sue Solberg and Margaret Heinks. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



REJOICE LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUNG AT HEART coordinator Linda Agre is pictured with the musicians who provided wonderful old time music at the event. Back row (left to right): Kittie Fenlason and Linda Agre. Front row: Richard Eckman and Travis Kent (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

Faith Lutheran Church hosts fall craft sale

*By Mary Nehring,
Contributing Writer*

A great time was had by all at Faith Lutheran's annual craft sale Saturday, Nov. 13th. People browsed for unique items at a variety of booths at the sale. Handmade items such as gnomes, felted Danish ornaments, scarves and mittens were available for

purchase. There were also teas, dish towels, jewelry, local honey, maple syrup, Christmas arrangements and a plethora of other items, books written by local authors, as well as delicious baked goods available for sale. Girl Scouts (Troop 266) were on hand selling festive Christmas wreaths and planters.



BOOK WORMS. Award-winning poet, essayist, and novelist Cynthia Frank-Stupnik visited with shoppers about several books she has written that were available for sale at Faith Lutheran Craft Sale in Becker Saturday, November 13th. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

WOMEN OF FAITH. Faith Lutheran Church ladies served up scrumptious goodies and free coffee at the sale to warm shoppers up. Pictured are long time church members Joyce Sowers, Judy Bowatz and Kathy Neill. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



DANISH FLAIR. Susanne Hohlen sold a variety of felted ornaments, tree skirts, candles, gnomes and delicious teas for sale at her booth at the craft sale. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



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Maya

is a 2-YO shepherd mix still is waiting for a home and someone to help her build her confidence. (Obedience training would be a great start!) Maya is a transfer from another facility, so she's relatively new to TCSS. We're happy to have her here, but we can tell she wants a home ASAP!



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is a shy but sweet 2-YO spayed cat who qualifies for our Fabulous Five Dollar Feline promotion. Tops on her holiday wish list? A comfy bed, scratching post, and a home (naturally!) Her adoption fee would be waived for a senior or veteran.



Sunny

is a 9-YO neutered Am Staff Terrier mix who is friendly and packed full of energy! He loves his daily walks, we'd recommend an Emily Weiss Walkie - which is great for dogs that pull and conveniently sold at the shelter.



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Grading Minnesota's Best Tradition

The teacher in me can't pass up an opportunity to assign grades to nearly everything I come in contact with, so this week I thought it would be fun to assess the one tradition that makes our state unique among all others.

When speaking about all things Minnesotan, one surely has to start with the renowned, time honored tradition known affectionately as the meat raffle. That's right, step aside Tater Tot Hotdish and all the other North Star state legends and customs, there's just no way any other ritual comes close to comparing to the act of gathering in an establishment and spending a small fortune for a chance to win something you could drive six miles down the road and purchase yourself.

Rumor has it, meat raffles actually started in Britain during WW2, but if you have been a resident of our fine state for more than a few months, there's a better than average chance you've been to, and participated in, spending a dollar on a chance to win a fine package of meat. You see, Minnesotans have taken this tradition to a whole new level. Just for fun, we reached out to some relatives in Florida about their meat raffle traditions and not surprisingly, their response was something akin to "what's a meat raffle?"

Simply stated, a meat raffle combines lotteries, beverages, shopping, hunting (if you win), competition, heckling, and the chance to donate some funds to a local, worthy charity. It can also be a good form of exercise if



By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

you happen to pick the lucky number (think doing bicep curls with a tube of hamburger).

Then there's the added bonus of the opportunity to do a little bragging. Nothing beats the feeling of hoisting a slab of ham over your head in a moment of triumph.

Nothing can turn neighbors against each other faster than a "meat hog" who wins multiple raffles in one night. In fact, several years ago my wife and I showed up at a meat raffle with our own wheeler cooler filled with ice and I boldly announced that I was there to "clean up" on the night's activities. True story, we won five times and filled our cooler with a plethora of pork packages while some of our friends were casting aspersions on us and accusing us of cheating and "rigging" the whole thing. Some of the other people were giving us death stares and I seriously considered sneaking out the back door. I don't have the statistics to prove it, but I sometimes think perhaps ten percent of the unsolved homicides on record could be traced back to meat raffles gone awry.

I've lost track of all the

places we've been across the land of 10,000 meat raffles to try out the different versions of this community celebration. We've even witnessed places that will make you wear a paper "pig nose" if you win multiple times. And yes, I have seen people fear for their well-being (yes, meaning me) if they happen to be an "out-of-towner" who wins a couple rounds. If you want to really live on the wild side, try throwing \$20 in a pull tab box and pulling a \$100 winner during the down time between meat raffles. This is guaranteed to produce at least one death stare and most likely a few loud, boisterous objections and threats that may or may not necessitate armed security for a person to get out of town. The really passive-aggressive people will come and ask you where you're from. At this point, it is imperative that you never reveal where you are really from, but instead pick a town not too far away and mention that you are "up for the night" visiting your grandma. No one wants to harm someone who is visiting their grandma.

In case you haven't figured it out yet, the meat raffle gets an A+ for a grade. It's fun, exciting (in a sort of weird way) and potentially dangerous all at the same time.

Not to mention, it's uniquely Minnesotan. Florida might have warmer weather, beaches, and many other great amenities, but most of those in the Sunshine State have never heard of a meat raffle. They just don't know what they're missing.

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

As we head into Thanksgiving, I hope all of you are able to enjoy time with family. Whether it's around the dinner table, watching football, or FaceTiming with relatives, there are few weeks during the year better than this to reconnect with loved ones and give thanks for those who are most important to us.

Quickly recapping last week's events in Washington; on Friday morning the House voted on President Biden's trillion-dollar tax and spend legislation. This package, according to the Congressional Budget Office, adds hundreds of billions of dollars to our debt. This will only increase the inflationary pressures already hurting every American household.

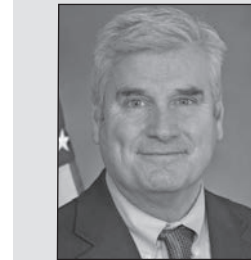
Now is not the time to be imposing new taxes and new mandates on our job creators, yet President Biden and Speaker Pelosi aim to do just that in order to push an out-of-touch agenda that will lead to higher prices and more government involvement in the lives of the American people.

I was disappointed in the passage of this package and I hope my counterparts in the Senate will stop this dangerous and reckless spending package from making it to the President's desk.

Thanksgiving

For those of you preparing the holiday meal this week – we compiled some helpful tips and tricks to avoid a food crisis!

Pets and Animals run-



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

ning through the house? Hosting the extended family with lots of people coming in from out of town? Start by cleaning your kitchen and utensils in order to keep bacteria out of your prep area. Wash your hands before, during and after you handle raw food.

Remember: Always separate foods. Keep raw meat and poultry separate from produce and cooked foods by using different cutting boards.

Never trust the "eye-test". Make sure to cook everything thoroughly. Use a food thermometer to ensure your turkey is safe to eat. The recommended internal temperature must reach 165 F in three places: the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the thigh and the innermost part of the wing.

Using a deep fryer? Be sure to set the fryer at least 10 feet away from your house, keep everything on a level surface, and remember: NEVER deep fry a frozen turkey.

Finally, chill your meal afterwards. Your food only has two hours before it becomes unsafe, and bacteria start to multiply. Make sure you put out just enough food for your guests and

place the rest in your fridge.

Ag Community

Last week the Minnesota Farm Bureau elected a slate of new leaders, including a good friend and Sixth District resident Dan Glessing as Farm Bureau President. Dan, his wife Seena, and their entire family have been tremendous assets to me and my office since being elected. I want to wish Dan, Vice-President elect Carolyn Olson, Board Members Peter Bakken, Keith Allen and Miles Kuschel all a hearty congratulations, and once again thank Kevin Papp for his many years of service at the MNFB! I look forward to working with all of you to further our shared goals for the agriculture community.

Yesterday, I joined Mark Dorenkamp of Brownfield Ag Network to discuss harmful efforts by the Biden Administration to weaponize the Internal Revenue Service against small business owners, farmers, and average Americans.

President Biden's trillion-dollar tax and spend plan included \$80 billion for the IRS to hire tens of thousands of new IRS agents. The bill would expand the IRS' "compliance and enforcement operations" in an effort to collect additional taxes from the American people to pay for their out of touch agenda. This provision will ultimately hit farmers, producers, and agricultural operations the hardest, and I will continue to fight against this egregious overreach.

A Thanksgiving Day Message

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

Friends and Neighbors, As we celebrate this Thanksgiving holiday, we are reminded of all that we have to be thankful for in this great country, state, and community. Here we have kind neighbors, loving family and friends, and brave men and women who sacrifice time with family to protect us and our freedoms.

I am especially thankful for the wonderful opportunity to serve my Senate District, along with each opportunity to connect with you in whatever way that may be. I am always happy to meet in person in our district, in my office here in St. Paul, or even simply



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

by phone. I am thankful for each and every one of you.

Our nation's first thanksgiving meal predates our nation's founding and was first celebrated in 1621. That was the year that Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast after so many colonists

starved the previous year.

Over two hundred years later in 1863, in the midst of a difficult and painful Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. In his proclamation, President Lincoln wrote of the "gracious gifts of the Most High God" that should be "acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people."

I sincerely hope for you to enjoy a thankful and grateful day and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving with "gracious gifts of the Most High God."

Sincerely,
Mary

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Sherronna Bishop of Grand Junction, Colorado earned the term "First Mom," when the FBI forced their way into her house with a battering ram. She is a homeschool mom who was instructing three of her four children at home on November 16th. On October 4th, AG Garland instructed the FBI's Counterterrorism and Criminal Divisions to tag concerned parents with the threat tag "EDUOFFICIALS," according to the first whistleblower against this administration. After destroying the house door, hand-cuffing Bishop, terrorizing her family, searching her house for a computer allegedly used in wire fraud and conspiracy, manhandling her 18-year-old daughter, and searching her entire house, the FBI did not explain their visit. Bishop shares educational information with other parents via her website, regularly attends schoolboard meetings, works for election integrity, and helped flip nine schoolboards in the last election. "First Mom" described her children as resilient. They studied the Constitution and know the proper role of government and law enforcement. Now, Bishop doubts that they will believe the FBI represent the "good guys." As she fought the "indoctrination" of CRT in the government-funded schools, she felt the force of "intimidation" from her own government. Her crime is exercising her First Amendment Rights.

Dr. Phyllis E. VanBuren
Clearwater, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Years ago when I first asked the question, "Why has my property taxes increased so much?", I was told because my property value had increased, and, as designed, that quieted me, . . . if my property is worth more, my taxes should be more yes? But I finally realized that not only had my value increased, so did everyone else's! My estimated market value increased by 9.21% this year, but if you ask the assessors, EVERYONE'S market value went up most 10% this

past year. So my taxes didn't go up because my est. prop value increased, it's because the county/city/school is spending more! Look at it this way. . . if you have (10), \$150,000 properties and the county budget is \$1,000, each property would owe \$100. If the following year all (10) of those properties increased in value to \$165,000, they would still only owe \$100 each if the budget stayed the same. Keeping with this simple example, someone built a new home/bank in our community, so now there are (11) properties, so the budget is now divided by (11) meaning everyone's portion is now less than \$100. Don't be fooled by increased property values, they are spending more money.

Bret R. Collier
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Tuesday morning, President Biden announced that the Department of Energy will release 50 million barrels of oil from the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve ("SPR"). The reason he gave for doing this is to lower the price of gasoline at the pump. High gas prices are hurting Biden politically. But the SPR was not established to be used as a political tool. It was created after the 1973 oil embargo, when the OPEC oil cartel raised prices 4-fold. Our economy runs on inexpensive oil. Our military requires adequate reserves of oil. The purpose of the SPR is to preserve national security in the event of a disruption in oil supplies. Its purpose is not to protect the President from the consequences of his disastrous energy policies. On his first day in office, Biden shut down the Keystone XL pipeline. Later, he halted fracking on federal land. So now, he's weakening national security to try to erase a problem he created. I would remind you that in 2019, under Trump, the United States was energy independent for the first time since 1957. But, y'know, those mean tweets . . .

Russ Armstrong
Becker, MN

Correction: R.E.A.L.

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Last week, staff at the *Patriot* inadvertently named Becker High School as hosting the R.E.A.L. event which instead was held at Big Lake High School. The *Patriot* apologizes for this error in our print edition.



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BHS Drama presents: Elf

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The Becker High School Drama Club has been working hard to prepare their musical for the year. This year, the club will be performing a stage adaptation of *Elf*.

Performances will take place December 3-5 at the following dates and times:



- **Friday,** Dec. 3, 7 p.m.;
 - **Saturday,** Dec. 4, 2 p.m.;
 - **Saturday,** Dec. 4, 7 p.m.;
 - **Sunday,** Dec. 5, 2 p.m.
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A story covering the performance will appear in an upcoming edition of the *Patriot*.

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New Coborn's store to open in Buffalo

Submitted article

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

Coborn's, Inc. is excited to announce the grand opening of a brand-new store located at 630 Ryan's Way, Buffalo. This store marks the 60th grocery store and 29th Coborn's supermarket in the company's retail portfolio. The company recently completed significant updates at its Coborn's location in Park Rapids and has several other locations currently being updated. This is the company's newest ground-up construction project since opening a new Coborn's Marketplace in Otsego, MN in 2020.

The new Buffalo location marks the latest updates in the company's ever-evolving formats to best-serve its guests. Chris Coborn, the company's Chairman, President and CEO said, "To meet the evolving demands of our customers, we are excited to be bringing

new enhanced services, an expanded assortment and enlarged bakery, deli, produce and meat departments, along with an inviting décor package and merchandising to make the shopping experience truly unique."

He added, "We are excited to be re-entering the Buffalo community and offering the freshest products and the best guest service to our guests."

The location features an in-store Caribou Coffee café, along with drive-thru service, a designated area for curbside pick-up for guests who choose to order online and an onsite pharmacy and fuel station.

With this store completed, the company has now built or updated over two dozen of its locations to its new, next-generation format. The company first introduced the updated concept in its Coborn's stores when it opened its first Coborn's Marketplace in Isanti, MN in 2016. Since then, the company has remod-

eled several other Coborn's stores in Minnesota to this format, including most recently, stores in Park Rapids, Princeton, Sauk Rapids, New Prague and Clearwater.

Some features of the Buffalo Coborn's Marketplace include:

The Kitchen: This centerpiece area will serve made-to-order entrees that are packaged in-store for easy, convenient pick-up and quick at-home preparation. Delicious sandwiches and other grab-and-go breakfast, lunch and dinner options are just a few of the items guests will find in the Kitchen, in addition to Kabur Sushi.

Online shopping: Guests can place their order online by visiting Coborns.com or by shopping on any mobile or desktop device and have their order waiting for them for pickup at a designated timeslot they've chosen at the store. As more and more consumers are looking to save time, the online shopping service is be-

coming more and more popular. Both curbside pick-up service and home delivery will be available.

Unique Items in the Grocery Aisles:

- Expanded craft beverages including sparkling waters, ultra-premium water & teas;
- An expanded candy assortment;
- Snacking section;
- Variety of ethnic foods;
- A growing assortment of Four Brothers affordable specialty items, a line that pays tribute to the third generation of Coborn brothers who led the company to significant growth;
- Integrated natural and organic items, making it easier for shoppers to compare against the more traditional item adjacencies.

Caribou Coffee: An in-store Caribou Coffee Shop allows guests the opportunity to enjoy a warm or cool beverage while shopping, or in the comfort of a cozy coffee shop

environment. Additionally, the Caribou has convenient drive-thru service for commuters as well.

New Offerings in Meat and Seafood: In addition to the already wide selection of quality fresh meat products, several new items have been introduced, including a variety of smoked meats, Greater Omaha 1881 Certified Hereford Beef products, an expanded seafood selection and more. A brand-new signature Four Brothers Smoked Maple Sausage is being introduced in this location, made with fresh maple syrup produced locally in Bowlus.

MORE Rewards: The popular MORE Rewards program will also launch at the Buffalo Coborn's store. Guests can enroll in the free program at any time during store hours, or online at MoreRewards.com. The program offers ways for the guests to save on fuel purchase by earning Fuel Rewards, as well as perks and special promotions

to enrolled guests in the store's pharmacy, liquor store, and special emailed promotions sent exclusively to MORE Rewards members. Guests can download the MORE Rewards app to their smart phone on either Google Play or from the App Store on Apple.

Full-Service Pharmacy: An in-store pharmacy with drive-through service is located at the store front for patient convenience.

Inside, a private consultation room is also designated for our pharmacists to meet one-on-one with patients to discuss their pharmacy and health needs.

Coborn's Marketplace in Buffalo is led by Store Director Kristine Holthusen. Holthusen had previously been the Buffalo Natural Foods Manager prior to closing in 2016. She most recently served as store director at Coborn's in Clearwater. She has served the company in store leadership positions for over seven years.

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LEWIS HABERMAN'S FAMILY: (From left to right) Partner Barbara Bonin, Lewis Haberman, granddaughter Morgan Withrow, son-in-law David Withrow, and daughter Becky Withrow. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

discovered that he was suffering from a pulmonary embolism, which is a blood clot in an artery of the lungs. His doctors did not expect Haberman to survive, but he did. After months of recovery, Haberman is doing much better, and no longer needs constant oxygen.

Hunting

Lewis Haberman has

not missed one hunting season since his first at the age of 12. That means he has been hunting for the last 75 years in a row, without missing even one year. Haberman takes joy in hunting, and teaching his children and grandchildren to hunt as well. Haberman's recovery was fueled by the desire to go hunting this season, and he miracu-

lously was able to do so,

Haberman shot one doe from his deer stand, and as his sons were grabbing the animal, Haberman spotted a buck and shot it down too, surprising his sons who were unsure what he was shooting at. It was a 12 point buck, which Haberman said was the largest of his hunting career.

St. Cloud Area School Board Chooses New Superintendent

Submitted article

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

The St. Cloud Area School District has been honored to have Willie Jett as Superintendent for the last eight school years. Year after year, Superintendent Jett has proved himself as an invaluable asset to our students, families, employees, and the community at large. With the news of Superintendent Jett not seeking another contract, there is clear evidence that he has set District 742 up for success, even though he will not be at the helm next school year.

At a meeting recently, Board members voted unanimously to select Dr. Laurie Putnam as the next Superintendent, and she readily accepted the position, pending contract negotiations. The Board of Education works closely with all members of the Superintendent's cabinet, so we know their skill sets and have seen their leadership in action. Dr. Putnam has proved herself to be a leader of integrity, strength, and vision during her time in the district at South Jr. High, Kennedy Community School, and district-wide as Assistant Superintendent. Community members, staff, and students have had

the opportunity to see her calmly and courageously lead through unprecedented times and plan for the future as the leader for the District Strategic Plan. She is well-prepared to lead the ever-changing district as a voice of reason who deeply understands the district's unique strengths and opportunities.

"Dr. Putnam has experience at all levels; she has courage to make hard decisions and understands the issues. Most importantly, she knows the community, has a good administrative team in place, knows where we have been, where we are now and where we need to go. Dr. Putnam is a rising star that is a great educational leader now and will prove to be an even more exceptional leader in the future," said Dr. Leslie R. Green, 742 Board Member and Personnel Committee Chair.

The Board looks forward to working with both Superintendent Jett and Dr. Putnam to ensure a smooth transition of leadership which will maintain the direction of the district to engage, inspire, educate, prepare, and empower all learners to be successful in today's and tomorrow's society.

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PACKING PARTY! The Friedmans, along with many of their friends, packed over 3,000 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. (Submitted photo.)

was unable to include a stuffed animal in every box. They ended up being \$1,000 short. However, a family friend donated \$1,000 to the project in their brothers’ name, and they were able to go to the dollar store and purchase the rest of the stuffed animals.

Losing Teddy

The Friedmans were able to complete this project despite a recent loss in their family. Their son, Teddy Friedman, recently passed away. Teddy was serving in the military out of state when he contracted COVID-19 and died from the disease.

His mom, Christina Friedman, confessed that it was almost a help to have the project.

“I wasn’t going to be sleeping anyway,” she said. She stated that there were

many late nights where she was up sewing goodies for the boxes while crying her eyes out.

Thanks to the Community

The Friedmans are a large family with lots of friends in the area and around the country. They recounted many stories about the support they received for their project and their recent loss. Many pitched in whether they donated money or flew in from other states to help with the packing. They ended up completing 3,090 boxes.

Alyssa and Rainna Friedman masterminded an amazing project with the help of their friends and family, and will certainly go on to do many more spectacular things.



SISTERS ALYSSA (L) AND RAINNA FRIEDMAN (R) decided to send more gifts to kids around the world than ever before with Operation Christmas Child. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



MEMBERS OF THE FRIEDMAN FAMILY posed for a photo. From left to right is Alyssa, Johnny, Christina, and Rainna Friedman. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

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GRANDPA DENNIS CLARK (Center) a volunteer from the Foster Grandparent Program through AmeriCorps, was the official ironing assistant for the youth after they put together their design to make a perler bead key-chain. Participants with Grandpa Dennis are (L) Brennen Gilyard, second grader from Oak Park and (R) Drew Arnold, fourth grader from Foley at the Benton County 4-H Holiday Workshop plus Painting Class in Foley over MEA. (Submitted photo.)

Intermediate School.

“We look forward to this event every year,” said participant AnnaGrace Berger, sixth grader from Big Lake. “I love making all these crafts for gifts and I especially enjoy painting my very own masterpiece.”

During the huge crafting and painting, there were ten different crafting stations. One of the exciting opportunities was having Amy Kleine, a local artist from Sauk Rapids, work with three different groups of youths painting their own canvases. The youths were able to choose from three different themes for their canvases. The themes they could pick from were fall with a holiday tree, an owl, and pumpkins.

“My favorite part of the day was making a fleece tie pillow,” said 4-H’er Lauren Dahler, third grader from Foley. “It was difficult to cut but I was really glad that I did it.”

At each of the other stations, 4-H youth ambassadors and adult volunteers taught participants how to make a mason jar arrangement, perler bead key-chain, fleece tie pillows, set of cards, Jenga reindeer, rock painting, corn cob beads, a cd spring ornament, a Santa paint brush, and a canvas painting. The Holiday Workshop is a great example of the 4-H philosophy: adult volunteers providing youths opportunities to teach and lead other youths.

The lunchroom was filled with smiling and excited faces. The youths focused hard using glue guns, paint brushes and even hair dryers to dry paint on their projects. The Benton County 4-H Holiday Workshop is a day set aside for youths to get out of the house and spend a few hours making crafts from kits prepared by some of the 4-H groups in Benton County. Participants finished not only with boxes filled with Holiday crafts, but with an increased understanding of art, how to recycle “trash” into treasure and the value of making thoughtful, homemade (rather than purchased) gifts.

Extension educator Ann Olson said, “We would like to extend a huge thank you to Benton County 4-H Clubs and volunteers. Thank you to everyone who assembled craft kits, set up, taught and/or cleaned up. Thank you to the clubs that helped prepare the crafts and for the dedicated ambassadors along with adult volunteers that guided the success of the participants.”

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

During their November meeting last week, the Clear Lake Twp. Board of Supervisors welcomed Planners Addison March and Mitch Glines from Sherburne Co. Planning and Zoning.

March and Glines began their presentation with an overview of the department and recent Clear Lake Twp. activities, sharing that the Planning and Zoning office receives over 49,000 calls annually, and since the adoption of Zoning and Building Code have issued more than 68,000 permits. In 2020 8,321 building inspections were completed. In Clear Lake Twp. this year they have worked with 54 building activities, four solid waste violations, 26 SSTS Program activities, 19 environmental, and 12 zoning activities.

There are 29 solar gardens that have been permitted within Sherburne Co. Although there are currently no solar farms larger than 40 megawatts within the county, there are proposals to help fill the energy gap that will occur with the closure of Xcel Energy’s coal fire plant.

In department updates, March and Glines indicated the permit system is in the process of being upgraded over the next year and they hope to be nearly



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Clear Lake Twp. awarded Great River Greening grant



ADDISON MARCH AND MITCH GLINES from Sherburne Co. Planning and Zoning provide department updates to the Clear Lake Twp. Board last week. (Photo by Penny Leuthard)

completely digital in the near future. With the goal of having more voluntary compliance, both low interest loans and low income grants are now offered to help property owners with failing septic systems.

Parks Update

Twp. Engineer Terrence Vander Eyk informed the board the township had been awarded a \$9,000 Great River Greening grant, which will be used to plant a pollinator habitat garden at Clear Lake Twp. Park. The township will pay the remaining \$1,000 of the project cost. A motion carried approving the contract.

The section of the habitat that has already been burned will be overseeded with prairie flowers yet this

fall; areas not burnt will be seeded next spring.

Supervisor Bud Stimmler explained the Clear Lake Fire Dept. had been out for a controlled burn on the east side of the park but everything was still too green, so they had been unsuccessful. Different options are being looked at with the hope that the area will be seeded yet this fall with another burn planned in the spring.

Road Report

Soil borings have been completed on 71st Street; both with similar results of peat underlying a silt and sand mix. Eyk presented an estimate from the geotechnical engineer who recommended a 4 foot subcut and then applying a geogrid.

The preliminary estimate total came to \$77,778, with an additional \$14,280 for future surfacing.

Eyk presented a second estimate that reduced the subcut from 4 to 2 ½ feet, bringing the cost down to \$55,912. He stated the project need was high priority, indicating it should be completed within two to three years.

In the meantime, the township will look at the possibility of removing the road’s bituminous material and applying two inches of class 5 gravel in the spring.

Eyk and Chairman Gary Gray will work on a three year road plan for the township.

Eyk reported that he looked into the drainage issue complaints from a Sherwood Shores 43rd Ave. property and believes it’s just the nature of that road.

Other Business

A motion carried reappointing Gray and Eyk to three year terms on the Co. Planning Commission.

The board announced they have filled their open clerk position.

The sheriff reported 103 calls for October, including 54 traffic stops, five medical, two DWIs, and one theft.

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

Sports News

Bulldogs gather to celebrate volleyball season

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Head Coach Patty Lindbom and the Becker Bulldog volleyball players met last week for the team's annual banquet, where award winners were announced and the season was celebrated.

Lindbom honored each of the seniors on the team, and applauded them for their contributions to the program over the years.

"This year's seniors will be greatly missed on the court," Lindbom said.

Lindbom's squad started the year as a mostly inexperienced unit on the floor, as eight different Bulldogs earn their first varsity volleyball letters, including: Skylee Blomquist, Ellie Buntrock, Lily Berger, Kate Mehlich, Macy Spear, Piper Schmidt, Maya Wenner and Kiley Fobbe.

Also earning at least their second letters in the sport were an experienced group in Cami Ramola, Alexa Williams, Alexis Goebel, and Evelyn Krefl.

In a nod to the academic prowess on the team, the Scholar Athlete award was presented to Macy Spear, whose cumulative GPA is 4.0.

Blomquist was honored as the Defensive Player of the Year with her 114 digs on the season, while Alexis Goebel won the Most Improved award.

Evelyn Krefl was named the team's MVP, as she amassed 104 kills,



THE BECKER BULLDOG VOLLEYBALL TEAM met last week to celebrate the season and announce the many award winners for the season. (Submitted photo.)

a .167 hitting percentage and 40 blocks on the season. She also was the lone Bulldog named Mississippi 8 All Conference, while Cami Ramola and Maya Wenner each earned M8 Honorable Mentions.

Ramola, Blomquist and Goebel were then honored for their work as captains for this season.

As Lindbom and the coaching staff said goodbye to this year's seniors,

she also noted the excitement she has for the returning players.

"We are excited for the upcoming players next year," said Lindbom.

EVELYN KREFL (right) was named the MVP of the Becker Bulldog volleyball team. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)



Bulldog boys soccer celebrates season

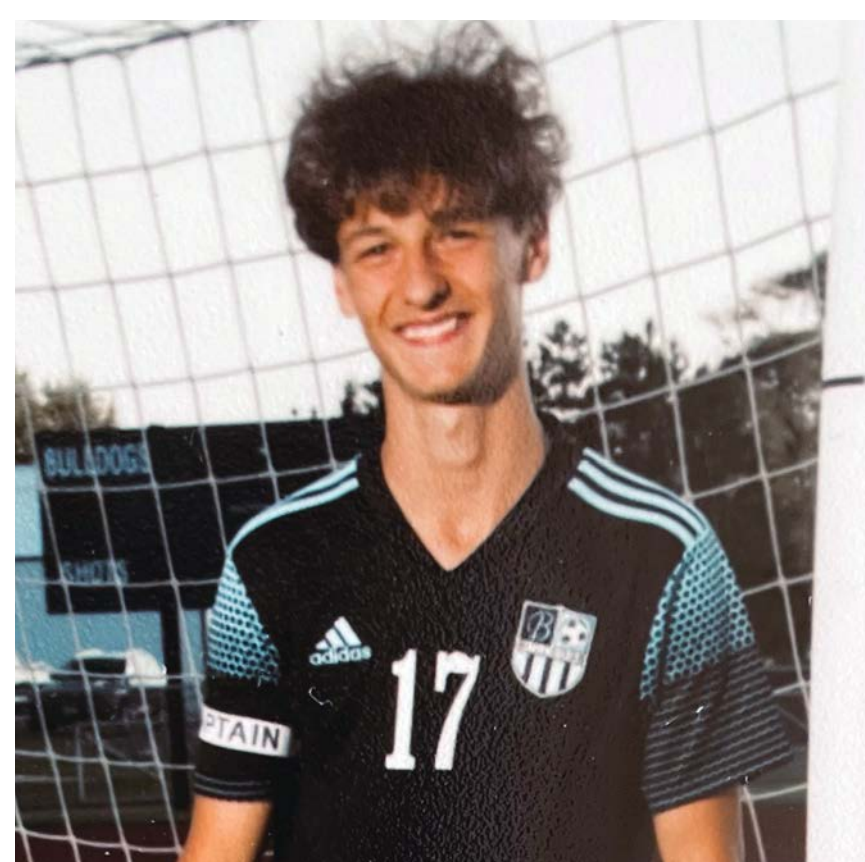
By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog boys soccer team held its banquet last Monday and celebrated one of the best seasons in program history. Head Coach Nick Crowley presented several individual awards, but also focused on a season that saw the Bulldogs take a huge leap forward as a program.

"It was a good celebration to cap off an unexpectedly successful season," said Crowley. "We had the most total goals scored in one season with 47 (next highest was 38 goals in 2009) and we were 4-3-0 in the conference."

Crowley focused on his team's much improved offense, as the Bulldogs had five games where they scored more than four goals, and they also scored in all but two games this season.

"Finishing the year off at 7-7-2 (7-6-2 in the regular season) was impressive since we dropped our first four games," added Crowley. "We started the year by playing some of our toughest competitors, but then we bounced back to .500 with a four



MICAH BOYER was named team MVP and will be one of the cornerstones of the Becker boys soccer team next year, as a large group of returning letter winners should spell success for the 2022 version of the team. (Submitted photo.)

With the team's improvement, the Bulldogs captured the attention

of their Mississippi 8 opponents this season as four players were

named M8 All-Conference: Junior Forward Micah Boyer, Junior Defender Kyle Vogl, Junior Defender Owen Kolbinger, and Junior Forward Ander Alzaga. Honorable Mention awards went to Junior Midfielder Brekken Klug, Junior Goalkeeper Nick Gruber and Freshman Defender Evan Norberg.

In the team awards segment of the banquet, Crowley presented seven awards that reflected the votes of the team, including: Most Improved: Nick Gruber, Defensive Player of the year: Kolbinger, Offensive POY: Boyer, Most Dedicated: Boyer, MVP: Boyer and Golden Senior: Jakob Johnson. Junior Kevin Vogl was named the Scholar Athlete on the team.

In announcing the scoring statistics for the season, Crowley noted Boyer's 25 goals and Alzaga's 14 goals as being tops on the team, while Klug was recognized for his five assists.

"It was a fun season, and we are looking forward to next year because we have some pretty high goals and expectations for ourselves for the 2022 season," said Crowley. "Our team plans to compete for the top spot in the M8, host a section game and put together a playoff run, and have a goal differential of more than 10. I think these guys will put in the work to make that happen."



BECKER NATIVE EMI QUILL swept the diving competition Saturday afternoon to pace the College of Saint Benedict swim and dive team in a tri-meet with St. Kate's and UW-Eau Claire. (Submitted photo.)

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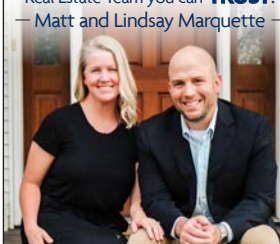
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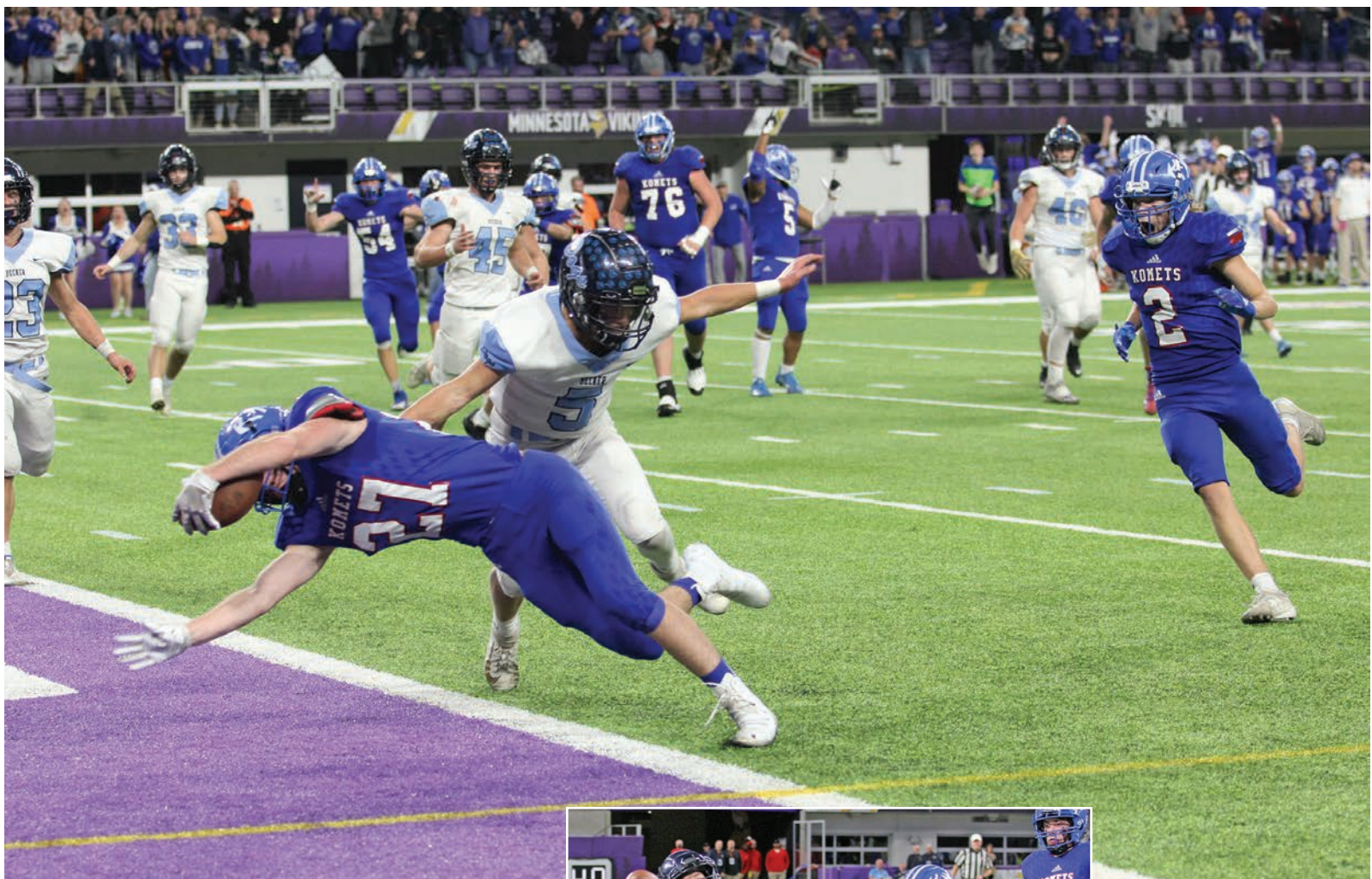
Last Thursday at U.S. Bank Stadium, the Becker Bulldog football team saw their 2021 state title hopes fall to the hands (and feet) of Matthew Donovan, Kasson-Mantorville's senior quarterback.

Donovan proved to be too much to handle for the Bulldogs in the latter stages of the game, after Becker clung to the lead in the game until the final few seconds.

Becker entered the semi-final game as the #1 seed with an impressive, 11-0 record. They were favored in their game against the KoMets and looked poised to make the championship game when they led 17-3 late in the third quarter.

That was until an interception and run back to Becker's three yard line turned the tide and sent the Bulldogs reeling in the final 12 minutes.

Less than one minute into the fourth quarter and just moments after the crucial interception, Donovan scored the first of his three touchdowns. The Bulldogs had no answer for Donovan, who not only quarter-



KASSON-MANTORVILLE'S BROOKS BUCHANON stretched over the goal line with nine seconds left to lift the KoMets to a 24-20 win over the heavily-favored Bulldogs in the State 4A semifinals playoffs. Defending on the play was Becker's Zach Bengtson. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).



AS IF FORETOLD, this pass just eluded Nick Berglund late in Thursday's game, emulating the missed opportunity the Bulldogs had in finishing off the KoMets. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).



BECKER WIDEOUT LOGAN EISELE (R) celebrated Becker's first TD with QB Ryan Bengtson (L). (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

backed the team, but he was their #1 ground gainer and was also in on kickoffs and punts. Another crucial play came in the fourth when Becker had to punt the ball away holding a slim lead. Donovan reeled in the kick, dropped it, scooped it up

and eluded Bulldog tacklers for a 40 yard return.

Later, Donovan was weaving his way through the Bulldog tacklers again on a QB option and as he was being tackled, his helmet was ripped off and the Bulldogs suffered a costly, 15-yard facemask penalty.

That moved the KoMets deep into Bulldog territory where they eventually would score to tie the game at 17-17.

Becker kindled a spark and produced a scoring drive capped with a go-ahead field goal for a 20-17 lead from Zach Bengtson with just over 1:30 to go.

The game began slow and both teams were a little shoddy in the first quarter, trying to find a groove to settle in. The Bulldogs got the first score when QB Ryan Bengtson found WR Logan Eisele for a seven-yard TD just a minute or so into the second quarter. The Bulldogs built the lead later when Zach Bengtson converted a 36-yard field goal with just three seconds to go in the first half.

Things got a little tight in the third when the KoMets drove the field and converted a field goal of their own to bring the game to 10-3. However, just three minutes later, Bengtson found Alex Weiss from

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34 yards out to increase the lead to 17-3. All was looking well for Becker until defensive end Gavin Giesler stepped in front of a screen pass and raced 56 yards to Becker's three with the interception.

That sparked the KoMets and shook the Bulldogs.

Becker went three-and-out on its next possession and could have gotten the spark back had Donovan not had the big punt

return, all the way to the Becker 27. Five plays later, the KoMets were in the end zone again, this time capped by a 3-yard Donovan run with 6:38 left. That tied the score at 17-17.

Becker used a 26-yard field goal to regain the lead, 20-17 with 1:30 to go and all the planets seem to be aligned...Until Donovan made Becker Mellow, Yellow.

The KoMets were left

with a minute and half and 80 yards to work with, needing a touchdown or a field goal to tie. They started their final crack at it from their own 20. On the drive, Donovan had a big run of 19 yards, setting K-M up at the 50. Donovan found Giesler with an eight-yard pass after that, ran the ball 14 yards, and ran it four yards to the Becker 14 on the same play when the Bulldogs tackled

him by the facemask. Then, there was one more six-yard run by him with 22 seconds left.

Donovan finished the deal when on second down from the seven, he found Brooks Buchanan with a pass in the left portion of the end zone with nine seconds left and the Bulldogs were stunned.

The extra point was converted by K-M to make it 24-20 and the game es-

entially sealed.

Donovan finished with 134 yards on 25 carries. He was seven-for-18 through the air with one TD completion and one interception.

Becker's Carter Calahan finished with 106 yards on 18 carries to lead the Bulldog ground game. Bengtson was 10-of-18 for 132 yards and two TDs and one interception.

As far as the passing

game, Buchanan had four catches for 32 yards and one TD. Becker's Alex Weiss had four catches for 79 yards and a TD.

The KoMets are hoping to win their first state championship Nov. 26, back at U.S. Bank Stadium, taking on Hutchinson.



KICKER ZACH BENGTON (#5, left) was a star all season long, converting the majority of his extra points and field goals to help Becker go 11-0 leading up to the semifinal game. Bengtson's two field goals helped give Becker two leads at 10-0 and 20-17. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).



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THE BULLDOGS STRUGGLED to contain Kasson-Mantorville's QB Matthew Donovan (Middle, below) as the KoMets defeated the Bulldogs 24-20 in last Thursday's semifinal at U.S. Bank Stadium. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

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6	3	4	1	9	8	2	5	7
1	7	6	2	3	5	4	8	9
2	8	5	6	7	4	9	3	1
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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

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

Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild

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

Becker Lions Club

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

Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle

The Becker Lions are collecting used eyeglasses (no cases please) and hearing aids. Collection buckets are located at the Becker Community Center, Insight Eye Care and Becker 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.

Great River Faith in Action

If you are a senior, age 60 & above, family caregiver or an individual in need of services, Great River Faith in Action can provide volunteer transportation, chore services & grocery shopping assistance, as well as caregiver groups. Call (763) 263-0274 or after hours (763) 263-4277.

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.

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

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Big Lake American Legion Post #147

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

Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

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

Big Lake Al-Anon

Meetings held Mon., 7pm at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church - Big Lake Annex, "lawn chairs outdoors when weather permits."
Newcomers encouraged - we are a very welcoming group! Laurie (763) 218-5330.

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

Meets the first Tues. Mar.-Dec. at 7pm in the Senior Citizen Center at Big Lake City Hall. Please contact Kathy at (763) 263-6093 for information.

Big Lake / Becker Mops

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

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

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

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meets second Tues. of each month at 11am. Meetings via Zoom due to COVID. Contact Recreation & Communication Coordinator Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org or 612-297-6331 for meeting links or questions on the Committee Website: <https://www.biglakemn.org/443/Big-Lake-Bicycle-Advisory-Committee>.

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

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

Big Lake Day of Prayer

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

The Big Lake Lions

Looking for community minded people to join our organization. If interested in getting involved with our

organization, please contact any Lion member or send a note to P.O. Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309 or (763) 263-2218.

LC of Big Lake Lioness

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

Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Big Lake Women of Today

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

God's Grub Community Meal

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Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

Moms in Prayer

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

Upcoming Becker Events

Eagle Award Celebration

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

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

Cemetery, Clean-up by Dec. 11

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

Upcoming Big Lake Events

Shopping with Santa

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

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

Upcoming Elk River Events

Breakfast in Bethlehem A Free Family Event

Sat., Dec. 4, 9am-12pm. Come enjoy a Free Breakfast, walk through a beautiful Nativity scene Gallery, & let your kids participate in the All Kids Kazoo Revue. Christmas shop at the Bethlehem Boutique & Stable Sweets Bake Shoppe!
Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, 15550 190th Ave NW, Elk River (Hwy 10 & CR 15).

Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 11/15/2021 - 11/21/2021

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offense(s): Brandon Peter Currie, 34 of Monticello, MN 55362 - FEL 3rd degree burglary & Hennepin Co. warrant. Dayshon Devon Johnson, 23 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - FEL domestic assault. Benjamin Prado Acosta, 44 of Saint Paul, MN 55106 - GM 3rd degree DWI. Tonya Isabelle Keltner, 46 of Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Anthony Eugene Meyer, 36 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL domestic abuse - order for protection violation. Christopher Troy Beckers, 25 of Princeton, MN 55371 - FEL 5th degree drugs, obstruction with force, & Mille Lacs Co. warrant. Nathan Scott Jones, 31 of Otsego, MN 55330 - FEL fleeing in motor vehicle, GM 3rd degree DWI & MSD driving after revocation. Mason Curtis Cousins, 25 of Otsego, MN 55330 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Lindsey Marie Nystrom, 32 of Kimball, MN 55353 - FEL 5th degree drugs, MSD possession of hypodermic needle & MSD small amount of marijuana. Hsar Pway Moo, 29 of Elk River, MN 55330 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Kelly Przybsz Lockwood, 50 of Goodhue, MN 55027 - GM 2nd degree DWI. Charles Steven Glammieier, 42 of Becker, MN 55308 - MSD domestic abuse no contact order violation. Cory Lyn Love, 42 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Terron Donae Honeycutt, 31 of Elk River, MN 56304 - FEL domestic abuse no contact order violation. Sara SueAnn Rose, 23 of Elk River, MN 55330 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Michael Robert Bujarski, 46 of Clear Lake, MN 55319 - GM 2nd degree DWI. Trevor Robert Campbell-Berry, 25 of Forest Lake, MN 55025 - FEL 5th degree-controlled substance, GM 2nd degree DWI, MSD possession of hypodermic needles & Wright Co. warrant. Eric Wright Burns, 33 of Princeton, MN 55371 - MSD domestic assault. Suzanne Marie Frank, 38 of Becker, MN 55308 - FEL theft. Abdi Aziz Ahmed Abdi, 21 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Gabriel John Armbrust, 31 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - Hennepin Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Kimberly Ann Spangler, 62 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Eddie Cornelious Dillon, Jr., 72 of Little Falls, MN 56345 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Derrick Anthony Cummings, 43 of

Saint Cloud, MN 56303 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Tisha Leigh Clifford, 40 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Raymond Lee Schaaf, 30 of Deer River, MN 56636 - Itasca Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Rolanda Natasha Lott, 35 of Maple Grove, MN 55369 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Anthony Steven Kalland, 41 of Princeton, MN 55371 - Morrison Co. & Washington Co. warrants. August Htoo, 30 of Saint Paul, MN 55106 - Hennepin Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Jason Patrick Sullivan, 42 of Monticello, MN 55362 - Mille Lacs



Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Linus Wah Segbe, 23 of Waite Park, MN 56387 - Sherburne Co. warrant. April Joy Waldhoff, 44 of Duluth, MN 55806 - Sherburne Co. warrant.
Citations Issued: 5 smoking, chewing tobacco, or e-cigarettes prohibited in public or charter school, 12 traffic - speeding - exceed limit, 12 traffic - speeding - exceed limit 55 mph where appropriate, 1 traffic regulation - school bus - fail to stop, 1 traffic regulation-uninsured vehicle-owner violation, 1 traffic - DWI - operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, 1 traffic - DWI - operate motor vehicle - alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours, 1 traffic-driver's license-driving after suspension, 2 traffic-driver's license-driving after revocation, 1 expiration of driver's license - over 21, 1 assault-5th degree-fear of bodily harm or death, 1 assault-5th deg-inflict or attempt bodily harm, 1 domestic assault-misdemeanor-intentionally inflicts/attempt to inflict bodily harm - another, 1 disorderly conduct - brawling or fighting. **Total: 41**
Calls for Service: 1 stop arm violation, 1 burglary, 4 theft, 1 theft - motor vehicle, 4 assault, 4 drugs/narcotics, 4 DWI, 6 disturbing the peace, 5 harassment, 1 criminal sexual conduct, 1 crimes against administration of justice, 1 crimes against government, 4 trespass, 4

fraud complaint, 1 animal lost, 1 property found, 1 abandoned vehicle, 3 accident - mv personal injury, 7 accident - mv property damage, 2 accident - mv property damage hit & run, 11 accident - vehicle v. animal, 2 animal complaint, 11 conservation, 7 dog complaint, 1 dog bite, 1 animal bite, 2 fire - other, 1 fire - dwelling, 1 alarm - fire, 2 gas leak/smell, 1 death, 39 medical, 5 mental case, 1 alarm - medical, 5 domestic, 7 public assist, 19 agency assist, 12 alarm - security, 10 civil complaint, 171 officer-initiated traffic stop, 7 traffic complaint, 2 garbage/littering, 2 suspicious person, 7 suspicious vehicle, 9 juvenile complaint, 14 security check, 28 extra patrol, 1 deliver message, 18 check the welfare, 1 cross arm malfunction, 3 parking complaint, 5 jail medical, 53 paper service, 7 suspicious activity, 4 hazardous road conditions, 22 miscellaneous officer, 3 background check, 5 warrant arrest, 27 transport, 1 jail incident, 1 predatory offender registration, 1 911 hang up, 20 court book & release, 1 extradition, 1 follow up, 1 juvenile runaway, 4 public lift assist, 1 tobacco, 4 vehicle lockout, 4 vehicle off road. **Total: 622**
Nov. 2nd: Jennifer Corrigan - River Rd SE in Clear Lake Twp. reported the theft of Karavan aluminum trailer with an aluminum deck & drop-down rear gate. Value of the trailer is unknown currently.
Nov. 4th: Tyler Hersel reported the theft of equipment from job site near US Highway 10 & 60th St SE in Haven Twp. Items taken are Honda generator, Universal portable rectifier, Cortalk Power Interrupter & lock. Value of items taken is \$4,820.
Nov. 6th: Abigail Funt reported the theft of items from her vehicle overnight at residence - 165th Ave SE in Santiago Twp. Item taken was wallet & contents; Holiday Gas Station - 165th Ave SE in Becker Twp. reported gas drive off in the amount of \$65.81.
Nov. 8th: Joe Hyatt reported the theft of items from job site - 55th Ave SE in Haven Twp. Items taken are DeWalt power tools (Impact Drill, Brushless Drill, Rotary Hammer, & batteries), Makita jack hammer & Klutch brand socket set. Value of items taken is \$4,011.62.
Nov. 9th: Holiday Gas Station - 165th Ave SE in Becker Twp. reported gas drive off in the amount of \$113.27.

Nov. 15: Krystal Anne Hanson, 52, of Litchfield, was arrested in Cokato Twp. - Wright Co. & McLeod Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Scott Andrew Gunderson, 41, of Annandale, was arrested in Maple Lake - Chisago Co. warrant - 1st degree burglary. Randall Gene Moody, 53, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Maple Lake Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - domestic assault by strangulation violations. Abigail Jillian Werness, 18, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 4th degree DWI violations. Britta Sunde Connors, 23, of Delano, was arrested in Delano - Wright Co. warrant - domestic assault violations.
Nov. 16: Hailey Marie Oachs, 27, of Mapleton, was arrested in Delano - charge of 3rd degree DWI.
Nov. 17: Tara Cori Budke, 22, of Erhard, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of receiving stolen property. Ian Vyacheslav Boyce, 29, of Erhard, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance, Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & an Otter Tail Co. warrant - 2nd degree burglary. Tyler David Rickman, 29, of Wahpeton, ND, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & an Otter Tail Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Joseph Darrell Skogen, 44, of Coon Rapids, was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrant - violation of domestic abuse no contact order. Freddie LeRoy Scott, 59, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Howard Lake - charge of violation of harassment restraining order.
Nov. 18: Daryl Kim Jungroth, 47, of Elk River, was arrested in Otsego - Stearns Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Dain Bradley Barrett, 52, no permanent address, was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright

Co. warrant - theft violations. Jose Martinez, 57, of St. Paul, was arrested in Ramsey Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI violations. Leticia Angelica Nunez, 26, of Wyoming, was arrested in Buffalo - Scott Co. warrant - false information to law enforcement. Jesse Mark Miller, 40, of Buffalo, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Jeffrey Bruce Henry, 58, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - Wright Co. warrant - driving after cancellation inimical to public safety.



lic safety violations. Brent Gregory Bartholdi, 30, of Waite Park, was arrested in French Lake Twp. - charges of 1st degree sale & 1st degree possession of controlled substance. Patricia Kay Patzold, 36, of Litchfield, was arrested in French Lake Twp. - charges of 1st degree sale & 1st degree possession of controlled substance. Angela Yvonne Knox, 33, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrants - theft violations.
Nov. 19: Kaitlyn Alyssa McKee, 31, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Buffalo - Hennepin Co. warrant - theft. Bailey Layne East, 29, of Akeley, was arrested in Crow Wing Co. - Wright Co. warrant - identity theft violations. Stanley James Peppin, 36, of Foley was arrested in Buffalo - Morrison Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation.

Christopher Antonio Przybylinski, 20, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of domestic assault.

Nov. 20: Susan Ann Masterman, 38, of Becker, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Rory Andrew Fischer, 38, of Becker, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Michael Karl Berzins, 36, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Montrose - charges of 1st degree burglary, domestic assault & trespassing. Steven Robert Keesling, 27, of Monticello, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Lawrence Daevon Guy, 30, of Plymouth, was arrested in Monticello Twp. - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Brice Eddie Jeska, 27, of Delano, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - Wright Co. warrant - theft & Hennepin Co. warrant - disorderly conduct.
Nov. 21: Rogelio Delagarza, 42, of Sauk Rapids, was arrested in Otsego - Wright Co. warrant - 4th Degree DWI violations & Benton Co. warrant - false information to law enforcement. Randall Michael Robeck, 59, of Rockford, was arrested in Rockford - charge of domestic assault. Mark Ryan Pearson, 44, of Oak Grove, was arrested in Otsego - Hennepin Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Sherburne Co. warrant - driving after cancellation inimical to public safety.
There were 18 property damage accidents, 6 personal injury accidents, 3 hit & run accidents & 15 car deer accidents.
There were 5 arrests - DWI, 2 underage consumption arrests, 5 school bus stop arm violations & 97 tickets - miscellaneous traffic/parking violations reported this week.

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Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

Becker Baptist Church

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

Becker Evangelical Free Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God

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

Snake River Free Church

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

Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church

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

Beacon House of Prayer

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

Free Grace United

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

• BIG LAKE

Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church

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

Bethany Bible Church

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

Bridgeview Assembly of God

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

SVEA Hill Covenant Church

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

Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock

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

IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church

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

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Riverside Church

Online: www.mycr.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, 10915 Duell 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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Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings Nov. 15, 2021 - Nov. 21, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 180; 2021 Calls for Service: 9,782; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 22; Citations: 46; Arrests: 8; Medical Emergency Calls: 12; Mental Health/Check Welfare: 9; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 1

BLPD Arrests: Brice Jeska – (Age 27 – Delano, MN) – Felony Warrant; Susan Masterman – (Age 38 – Becker, MN) – Felony Warrant; Lindsey Nystrom – (Age 32 – Kimball, MN) – Felony Controlled Substance; Rory Fischer – (Age 38 – Dassel, MN) – Gross Misdemeanor Warrant; Kelly Lockwood – (Age 50 – Hawley, PA) – GM 2nd Degree DWI; Kimberly Spangler – (Age 62 – Big Lake, MN) – Gross Misdemeanor Warrant; Travis Palm – (Age 30 – Otsego, MN) – GM 2nd Degree DWI; Trevor Campbell-Berry – (Age 25 – Pine City, MN) – Felony Controlled Substance, GM 2nd Degree DWI

Sun., Nov. 21, 2021: 400 Blk Lexington Ave. - Court Order Violation - Report of the violation of a no contact order, investigation ongoing; 17900 Blk 205th Ave. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed.

Sat., Nov. 20, 2021: 100 Blk Lee St. - Loud Noise - Report of loud music, Unable to locate; Eagle Lake Rd./Park Ave. E. - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located on an outstanding arrest warrant, transferred custody to Wright County; 500 Blk Fair Meadows Dr. - Motor Vehicle Tampering.

Report of vehicle gone through overnight, investigation ongoing; 19300 Blk Karen Ln. - Theft from vehicle- Report of property theft from vehicle, investigation ongoing; 700 Blk Eagle Lake Rd. - Motor Vehicle Tampering. Report of vehicle gone through overnight, investigation ongoing; 500 Blk Evergreen Circ. - Theft from vehicle - Report of property theft from vehicle, investigation ongoing; 500 Blk Karen Ln. - Theft from vehicle - Report of property theft from vehicle, investigation ongoing.



Fri., Nov. 19, 2021: 165th Ave SE/157th St. SE - Felony Narcotic Arrest. Vehicle stopped for traffic violation. Two parties found to have outstanding arrest warrant. Another party Arrested for 5th degree drugs. See bookings for charges; Hwy 10/CR 43 - 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; Eagle Lake Rd N./Hwy 10 - Hit and Run - Report of a hit

and run vehicle crash; 200 Blk Jefferson Blvd - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located on an outstanding arrest warrant, booked into jail; 500 Blk Eagle Lake Rd. S - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 300 Blk Donna Ct. - Harassment - Officers investigated a report of harassment via mail. **Thurs., Nov. 18, 2021:** Hwy 25/200th St. NW - 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; Hwy 10/168th Ave. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 18800 Blk Freeport St. NW - Felony Narcotic Arrest. Driver stopped for traffic violation. Felony narcotics located. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges. **Wed., Nov. 17, 2021:** 100 Blk Euclid Ave. - Trespassing - Report of a suspect at property who was not welcome there, suspect removed by officers. **Tues., Nov. 16, 2021:** 100 Blk Henry Rd. - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 100 Blk Eagle Lake Rd. N. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed. **Mon., Nov. 15, 2021:** 16000 Blk Houghton Dr. - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; 20300 Blk Junegrass Dr. - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls.

Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of Nov. 15th – Nov. 21st

15-Nov: 3 medical, 2 agency assist, 1 lift assist, 1 speed Citation #631, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 motor vehicle theft, 1 permit to purchase, 1 funeral escort, 1 record check, 2 accident, 1 follow-up, 1 extra patrol, 1 equipment warning, 1 speed Citation #632, 1 speed Citation #633, 1 suspicious person, 1 open door, 1 juvenile concern

16-Nov: 1 extra patrol, 2 stop sign warning, 2 suspicious vehicle, 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 medical alarm, 1 public safety, 5 miscellaneous public, 1 record check, 1 civil, 1 expired registration Citation #634, 2 equipment warning, 1 driving after revocation Citation #636, 1 stop sign warning, 1 fail to dim headlights warning, 1 speed warning, 1 expired registration / no proof of insurance warnings

17-Nov: 1 equipment warning, 1 winter parking ordinance / Admin Citation #3877, 1 winter parking ordinance / Admin Citation #3878, 2 extra patrol, 1 winter parking or-

dinance / Admin Citation #3879, 1 record check, 1 agency assist, 1 security check, 1 speed warning, 1 drive without headlights warning, 1 theft from vehicle, 1 extra patrol

18-Nov: 1 agency assist, 1 medi-

cal, 1 winter parking ordinance / Admin Citation #3928, 1 winter parking ordinance / Admin Citation #3929, 1 911 hang up, 1 extra patrol, 1 careless driving / possession of small amount of marijuana Citation #637, 1 noise complaint



19-Nov: 2 welfare check, 1 illegal dumping/littering, 1 vehicle lock-out, 1 accident, 3 record check, 3 speed warning, 1 vulnerable adult intake, 2 expired registration warning, 1 permit to purchase, 1 expired registration / expired DL warnings / failure to transfer title Citation #638, 1 agency assist, 3 equipment warning, 1 juvenile concern, 1 revoked registration warning, 1 Misdemeanor DANCO violation / felony threats of violence, 1 extra patrol

20-Nov: 1 security check, 2 miscellaneous officer, 2 harassment, 1 disturbance, 1 fraud, 1 medical, 1 revoked registration warning, 1 lift assist, 1 speed Citation #640, 1 extra patrol, 1 RO suspended license / drive was not RO

21-Nov: 1 harassment, 1 welfare check, 2 speed warning, 1 speed Citation #641, 1 no proof of insurance Citation #642, 1 public assist



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

Question: I just heard about “Winter Hazard Awareness Week.” Can you talk about that?

Answer: Great topic as we are at that point and time of year. Here is some information we shared on the Minnesota Department of Safety’s blog.

“It seems our pleasant fall has come to an end as Minnesota officially welcomed the first real wave of winter weather. It’s tempting to forget about winter’s cold bite, isn’t it? But we know what’s coming ... even if our first snowfall and colder temperatures came a little later this year.

The fact is, winter weather can freeze out a lot of our plans if we aren’t adequately prepared. From holiday travel, to participating in seasonal sports, Winter Hazard Awareness Week reminds us of important safety tips to get us through the coming months.

For example, if you’re one of the many Minnesotans who doesn’t bat an eye at driving in winter weather, take a moment to congratulate yourself—then complete your Winter Safety Checklist. It starts with winterizing your vehicle to minimize your chances of breaking down when it’s cold and snowy out.

Travel throughout Minnesota can be significantly impacted any time there is snow and wind, so it’s important to be ready. Do you have a winter survival kit in your car? Creating a kit won’t take much time and could make all the difference for you and your family. Always look at weather predictions before you leave. If your phone doesn’t have a built-in weather app, here’s a list of weather alerts or emergency preparedness and warning apps you can sign up for.

Before you even leave your driveway, make sure to check road conditions. If authorities have issued no-travel advisories, then delay your drive. Next, be sure to tell someone where you’re going and notify them when you arrive safely. If you don’t report when you’re supposed to, you’ll be easier to find on the way. And if you have to wait for help in your car, make sure you know what to do—and what not to.

Your phone becomes indispensable during winter outings (but please don’t surf or text on it while driving). Do you know what information to give a 911 operator if you’re in an unfamiliar area? Snowplows will soon be a common sight on Minnesota roads, and it’s critically important to stay safe around them. Among other things, it’s important to stay back at least five car lengths to allow for a snowplow’s slow speed and the additional stopping distance needed for wet or icy conditions.

You may be sad to say goodbye to fall, but remember that winter is more enjoyable when you’re safe and sound.”

More information can be found <https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20211115-winter-hazard-awareness-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 @MSPPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).



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Foreclosures

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Date: November 18, 2021

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

- The time allowed by law for redemption of mortgagors or mortgagors' personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.
- The date on or before which the mortgagors must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. § 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. § 580.23 is July 12, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGORS OR THE MORTGAGORS' PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINN. STAT. § 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

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Probates

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 11/10/2021

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

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS

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

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

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

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

Sherburne County Public Notices

Planning & Zoning Administration NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sherburne County Board of Adjustment will hold a Board of Adjustment Meeting at **6:00 P.M. on December 9, 2021** at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota to consider the following applications. A hearing will not begin before the time set.

Board Member Roger Johnson will be attending the meeting remotely from the following address:
14322 W Heritage Dr.
Sun City West, Arizona 85375

The location is open and accessible to members of the public.

Members of the public who would like to attend the meeting remotely please contact the Planning & Zoning Office at 763-765-4450 by 3:00 P.M. on December 9, 2021 for meeting access.

TRACI THOMPSON: (Property Owner: Timothy Warren Phillips) Requesting a 60' variance in setback from the OHWL of Rush Lake for a septic system upgrade. Required setback from a Recreational Development Lake is 100'. Address: 10749 56th St SE, Clear Lake, Mn Legal: Cedar Point Lots 55 & 56, Block 6 Sec 27, Twp 35, Rge 29 .47 Acres Palmer Township Agricultural District and within the Recreational Development Lakeshore District of Briggs Lake & Rush Lake.

TONY WIDMER & JAY MITTELSTAEDT: (Property Owners: Russel T & Patricia L Widmer) Requesting a 52' variance in setback from the OHWL of Rush Lake for an addition on existing house. Required setback from the OHWL of a Recreational Development Lake is 100'. Address: 5454 114th Ave SE, Clear Lake, Mn Legal: Hi-Lo Park Lots 35 & 36 Sec 27, Twp 35, Rge 29 .65 Acres Palmer Township Agricultural District and within the Recreational Development Lakeshore District of Rush Lake.

The above hearings are open to you and any interested person, in opposition to or support of the request. The hearing of this request is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this hearing. (Published in the *Patriot*: 11/27/21).

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PHOTOS FROM PAGE 2'S CAREER DAY...



STATE REP SHANE MEKELAND presented his job duties to 7th graders during the BMS career day. (Submitted photo.)



CHIEF BRENT BALOUN was one of the presenters to the 8th grade classes during BMS career day. (Submitted photo.)

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JOHN WATRIN of Elite Concrete shared the duties of his career with sixth graders during the BMS career day. (Submitted photo.)

AREA REALTORS MATT AND LINDSEY MARQUETTE spoke about entrepreneurship during the BMS career day. (Submitted photo.)