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## PATRIOT



**THE BECKER SOFTBALL TEAM** celebrated with a cake in honor of coach Jason Baune's 300th career victory. See Mark Kolbinger's story on the milestone on page 11. (Submitted Photo).

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#### SPORTS NEWS

The Becker boys basketball team recently held their end-of-the-year banquet where they recognized their successful season and handed out awards. See the story on page 12.

#### RECIPES

The Patriot will be running weekly recipes from local chefs, cooks and food preparers. See yummy recipes on page 6.

#### AREA NEWS

The Great River Regional Library (GRRLL) has announced their brand-new Summer Reading Program! See the story on page 3.

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## Cuteness at Wild West Days!



**WILD WEST DAYS.** Arabella, Aurora and Athena Winkelman of Becker enjoyed the lupines in full bloom at Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, as well as the midway rides in Zimmerman (inset) during Wild West Days over the long Memorial Weekend. (Photos courtesy Jayme Winkelman Photography).

## Area Legions hold Memorial Day services



**HUNDREDS OF CROSSES** and flags adorned the Big Lake Cemetery Monday for the Legion services. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

By Bill Morgan  
Staff Writer

Legionnaires from Becker and Big Lake carried out a number of cemetery honors on Memorial Day, remembering fellow vets who have died since their service or didn't make it home.

**Becker**  
Beginning at the bridge over Co. Rd. 24, the Becker Legionnaires performed a special salute at 8:30 a.m. to fallen veterans who died over water. The second stop was at Snake River at 9 a.m., followed by an address at Reeds Cemetery in Santiago. At 10 a.m., the Legionnaires stopped at South Santiago and a half hour later at Danetown. The services finalized at the Becker Cemetery for an extended program.

At each cemetery, names of the fallen were solemnly and respectfully read off. The U.S. flag was raised from half-staff to full and Taps was played to a large crowd gathered.

Dozens of citizens attended the services and visited loved ones at their gravesites. Flowers and flags dotted the landscape as well as a few special tokens left by family members such as photos, poems, trinkets and memorabilia.

The Legionnaires invited all who attended to join them for a free lunch at the Becker American Legion, where food, beverages and fellowship commenced.

**Big Lake**  
The Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon organi-

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**News & Advertising Deadlines**

**NEWS DEADLINES**  
With the newspaper wrap up occurring Wednesday evening, all news items submitted to run that Saturday must reach our office by Wednesday morning by 11 a.m.

**SPORTS DEADLINES**  
Coaches and assistants are expected to contact our sports writers by Wednesday morning, 11 a.m. at the latest to have their information included in that week's publication.

**CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINES**  
Information for classifieds need to be submitted to our staff by noon Wednesday to be included in that week's publication of the PATRIOT.

## PAEMST finalists announced - Becker's Olson considered

Submitted Article

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

Review of the Minnesota applications for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) for 2021 has been completed.

Missie Olson of BHS is one of the three finalists.

This year, the applications were for secondary teachers and next year will be for elementary teachers. The applications included a video recording and a narrative

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**MISSIE OLSON**, biology teacher at BHS. (Submitted Photo)

## Johnson named BL's Outstanding Citizen

By Katherine Cantin  
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During the recent city council meeting, Deb Johnson received Big Lake's first annual outstanding citizen of the year award. Johnson is a long-time volunteer for the city, giving time to many groups including the Lions and Spud Fest.

Deb received a trophy during the council meeting after celebrating at a small reception before the meeting.

Mayor Paul Knier said the reason the city de-

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**DEB JOHNSON** was named Big Lake's 2021 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

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## Grandma D celebrates 95 years!



MANY OF DARLENE'S FAMILY were on hand to celebrate her 95th birthday at Coyote Moon last weekend. Back row: Cody, Lindsay, Lainey, Kelsey, Josh, Jeff, Jerry, Sheila, Joe, Dicky, Tim and Angela. Middle row: Hailey, Trisha, Mona, Randi and Lyla. Front row: Avery, Cheyenne, Grandma D, Ruby and Angela Berthiaume. Some of Darlene's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren could not make it that day and are not pictured. (Submitted Photo)

Submitted Article

Big Lake resident Darlene Lanz recently turned 95. Darlene owned the *Coffee Cup* in Becker from September 1978 to September 1985.

Darlene has been very active in her community her

entire life. She is a member of *Saron Lutheran Church*, a member of the *Big Lake Legion Auxiliary*, the *Quilting Club* and currently serves as president of the *Big Lake Senior Club*.

Darlene earned the nickname "Grandma D" from a few of her young

great, grand daughters who couldn't pronounce Darlene.

Darlene has four children, 10 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and one great great, grand child and two more on the way! Darlene also has two deceased grand daughters.

## BL Twp. approves land use for Eagle Scout project

By Katherine Cantin  
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One local boy scout, Scout Liam, approached the Big Lake Town Board requesting permission to use township land as a part of his Eagle Scout project. He wants to create a pollinator garden to help protect bees and other pollinator species. The garden will be located near walking trails at Lions Park.

Liam is working closely with Sherburne County to identify native plant species that will work well to support a pollinator population. He will prepare the land later this summer, and likely begin planting next spring.

Board member Norm Leslie, who had been discussing the project with Liam, assured the board that it was unlikely the garden would lead to any thikers being stung. The pollinators Liam hopes to attract will likely leave humans and animals alone.

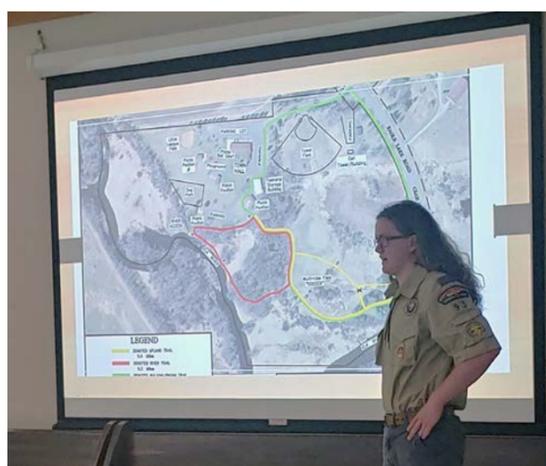
The board gave Liam their support to move forward with his project.

### Fire Dept. Report

Chief Hansen reported there were 36 calls for the department in April, including 16 for the city, 12 for Big Lake Twp., four for Orrock, and four mutual aid calls. Of those calls, nine were fires, which Hansen called a "significant amount."

Hansen gave a summary of the recent house burning event, saying it was a very successful training day.

Finally, he reminded the board and audience members that conditions



SCOUT LIAM presented his Eagle Scout Project—a pollinator garden—to the Big Lake Town Board. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

are very dry right now, and advised them to be careful with any fires outdoors.

### Sherburne County Update

Raeanne Danielowski and Bruce Messalt from Sherburne County visited the town board to give an update on the county, as they have been doing for other townships and cities within the county.

The county is working on a more efficient way to count absentee ballots, since they expect voters to use that method much more after this last election season. Last year, about half of all the ballots the county received were sent absentee. They also want to have better communication with the candidates and better language on reporting. The state reports the results live, and will say that 100% of counties are reporting, when it is more accurate to say that 100% of counties are reporting \*something.\* Last fall, some candidates were surprised to see the dramatic changes in num-

bers from the time when they went to bed to the time that they checked the polls in the morning.

Census data from 2020 should be coming in soon, but the county does have some expectations on what the information will show. The county's population will likely be just under 100,000. New homes are being constructed, which is great, because it creates a larger tax base for the county and drives taxes down (by virtue of having more houses from which to draw taxes.) On the other hand, Messalt was concerned about the crazy housing market. With everything selling significantly above asking price, it's likely the county will have to raise home values to match the market. So long as the home values rise at the same rate, it shouldn't be a huge issue—the county doesn't plan to tax residents more based on what they \*can\* tax, but it is still something to watch.

On the subject of



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## August Fest

Over 30hrs of concerts on 4 stages, workshops, food & merchandise vendors, kids activities, and plenty of jamming! Bands include: Sam Bush, Special Consensus, Caleb Daugherty Band, Sideline, Valerie Smith & Liberty Pike, Jim & Lynna Woolsey and many more.

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## BL Schools focus on social, emotional learning

By Katherine Cantin  
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(Reporter's note: Due to scheduling conflicts and technology issues, this reporter was unable to view the school board meeting of May 24. The following article was written based on the meeting agenda and other materials available from the schools' website.)

During the May 24 school board meeting, the board focused on implementing social and emotional learning during the upcoming school year.

### Social and Emotional Learning

The schools will be setting up a program to better focus on social and emotional learning (SEL) this upcoming school year.

In a survey conducted by *National 4-H Council* and the *Harris Poll* (2020) and *EdWeek Research Center Survey* (Harold & Kurtz, 2020), it was found that seven of 10 teenagers struggled with mental health in some way, and one in four students were reported as truant at some time during the pandemic. The school hopes to tackle these issues by working with staff and the *Minnesota Dept. of Education* to respond to the needs of the students that have been caused, or highlighted by, the pandemic.

Each school will have SEL goals for the upcoming year, and teachers will be instructed on incorporating SEL in the classrooms.

### POSA Appointments

The board approved two memorandums of

agreement appointing Keri Neubauer and Teresa Smock-Potter as principals on special assignment (POSAs) for the next two upcoming school years. Neubauer will be serving as an administrator for Big Lake Online, and Smock-Potter will be working as an SEL coordinator.

### Financial Update

Enrollment continues to be lower than in previous years, having decreased by one student during May. The budgeted enrollment has decreased by 11 students since the last adjustment, resulting in a loss of \$74,567 in general education aid. The school will be receiving \$91,926 in funding from the *Governor's Discretionary American Rescue Plan Funds* to help with summer school pro-

grams. The board will continue to monitor legislative decisions that will impact school funding as it is likely legislators will go into special session June 14.

### In Other Business, the Board:

- Reviewed their quality compensation (Q-Comp) study;
- Approved the final school year calendar for the 2021-22 year;
- Heard reports from the student liaison and the superintendent;
- Passed a resolution of non-renewal of teaching contracts (for probationary staff);
- Reviewed claims, personnel reports, and the finance report.

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## GRRL kicks off 2021 Summer Reading Program

Submitted Article

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

Get ready to color your world this summer with Great River Regional Library's 2021 Summer Reading Program!

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) will kick off the annual Summer Reading Program (SRP) on Monday, June 7th, continuing through Saturday, August 7th.

Registration begins on Monday, June 7th, and can be done in the Beanstack app, visiting [griver.beanstack.org](http://griver.beanstack.org), or by visiting your local library during open hours. Hours can be found at [griver.org/locations](http://griver.org/locations). Participants can track their reading in the Beanstack app or by using a paper slip, which you can return to your local library. Participants will also be eligible for prize drawings at the end of the program. Each branch offers a unique assortment of SRP prizes!

This summer's theme is Reading Colors Your World. The broad motif of "colors" provides a context for ex-

ploring humanity, nature, culture, and science, as well as developing programming that demonstrates how libraries and reading can expand your world through kindness, growth, and community. Library users young and old will be encouraged to be creative, try new things, explore art, and find beauty in diversity. The program is open to all kids, ages 0-18. The program divided into three categories: pre-readers (ages 0-3), ages 3 to 12, and teens.

Our mission of the program is simple: Encourage children and teens to read throughout the summer! Summer reading isn't just fun; it's extremely beneficial. Regular reading goes far in combating the "summer slide," the phenomenon of students losing academic footing during a long academic break. Students who join public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate – in some cases, significantly higher.

This program wouldn't be possible without our gen-

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Visit your local library to learn more about how your children can get involved this summer. The library is back to normal open hours. See your library's hours at [griver.org/locations](http://griver.org/locations). Visit the library's website for program details at [www.griver.org/kids/summer-reading-program](http://www.griver.org/kids/summer-reading-program)

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) provides library services at 32 public libraries and one to-go system in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright Counties. GRRL2GO is a locker system that allows you to pick up items at the Sartell Community Center. GRRL supplies the residents of Central Minnesota with nearly 1 million books, CDs and DVDs, 250 public computers, programming and information services.

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## Orrock talks town hall addition, road work

By Katherine Cantin  
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The Orrock board of supervisors had plenty to discuss during their May meeting, as they considered plans for an addition to town hall and prepared for summer road maintenance.

### Town Hall Addition

Once again, the board discussed building an addition to town hall. The current town hall is consid-

ered too small for voting, with last year's elections being held in the Sherburne County Snowmobile Trail Association trail shed.

The Big Lake Fire Dept. approached the board to consider also adding a fire substation to the town hall. The substation would allow for faster response times to calls in the township, and would allow the BLFD to recruit much-needed volunteers who otherwise would not be considered, since volunteers need to live within a certain radius of the station.

The board considered forming a sub-

committee to investigate the idea, but Treasurer Gary Goldsmith and Supervisor Paul Ellinger both were against this idea. They preferred to not take any action immediately, instead waiting to see if the BLFD comes forward with any more formal proposals, being ready to listen when that time comes.

### Roads

The township is continuing to fill cracks on its roads, though they ended up spending a little more on the project than they agreed upon in last month's meeting. Supervisor Adams admitted to spending a little more than the allotted \$12,000, thinking his limit was closer to \$15,000. Treasurer Goldsmith, along with

the other supervisors, teased the chairman a bit, reminding him that they told him to raise the limit at the last meeting, but he insisted he could get the work done for a lower price. Either way, spending the money now will result in saving money over the long run, and this is a light year as far as road projects go, so the board had no issue retroactively raising the limit.

Though it was not originally in the plan for this year, the board decided to go ahead with an overlay on 259th Ave. for similar reasons. Doing the maintenance now will result in savings over the long run and there is room in the budget for the added expense. They also thought

it would be prudent since surrounding streets are also being maintained, and they didn't want to receive complaints from property owners who felt their street was being neglected.

Mike Nielson has stepped down as town engineer in order to pursue a different job. Kevin Kruger, a junior employee of the same firm will be stepping up to take his place, with help from a more senior employee, Mark Erickson. The board asked Kruger some questions about technology that could help to better maintain township roads, and Kruger assured them that the firm was constantly exploring new tech when it came to road mainte-

nance and implemented the best measures.

The board recently found that they were lacking weight limit signs on some township roads, of which loggers had been taking advantage. They moved to purchase more signs and fix the issue as soon as possible.

### Treasurer's Business

A couple of over-payments were made by mistake to the clerk and to board members. Goldsmith recommended fixing this issue by counting them as payments in advance, and not sending paychecks to the affected individuals until the difference was met.



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zation held a wreath-placing ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial (corner of Hwys 10 and 25.) at 9 a.m. where two granite benches were dedicated to veterans and their families. Attendees were invited

to enjoy lunch at *Third Rail* in Big Lake where veterans were offered a free meal. At 10 a.m., the *American Legion* held a Memorial Day Ceremony at the *Big Lake Cemetery*. Pastor Marty Mably of *Lord of*

*Glory Lutheran Church* gave an impassioned speech on the importance of the holiday and people's roles in society. Members of the local scout programs laid tiny wreaths by each cross of the veteran whose

name was read off during the ceremony. Lunch followed the service at *Lions Park*.

## Clearwater and Clear Lake Legions hold cemetery services



MEMBERS OF THE CLEARWATER LEGION RIDERS traveled with Legionnaires from Clearwater and Clear Lake during their annual Memorial Day Cemetery Honors. (Submitted Photo)

By Penny Leuthard  
Contributing Writer

Legionnaires from Clearwater and Clear Lake performed a number of cemetery honors on Memorial Day, remembering fellow vets who didn't make it home.

Beginning at *St. Marcus Cemetery* at 9 a.m., the group next traveled to the cemetery on Hwy. 10, then on to *Highland Cemetery* in Hasty. From there they headed to the Clearwater area, stopping to perform services at *Mt. Hope Cemetery*, *St. Luke's Cemetery*,



PATRIOTISM. Long-time members of the Clear Lake Legion, Jerry Goenner (L) and Terry VnderEyck (R), were busy putting out flags at the St. Marcus Cemetery in Clear Lake in the days leading up to Memorial Day. (Submitted Photo)

and *Acacia Cemetery*. At each cemetery, names of the fallen were solemnly and respectfully read off.

Members of the *Clearwater Legion Riders* were part of the group traveling from area cemetery to area cemetery, bearing American flags and an MIA flag to help honor those who gave their lives for their country.

The Legionnaires ended their route at the *Clearwater American Legion*, where a brief ceremony was held followed by a lunch.

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decided to create an Outstanding Citizen award was to promote volunteerism in the community.

**Aeon Housing Resolution of Support**  
*Aeon* housing approached the council asking for a letter of support as they attempt to come into the community. *Aeon* is a nonprofit company planning to construct senior housing, a number of units being dedicated to residents exiting homelessness.

*Aeon* was looking for support from the council as they seek funding and move forward with the project.

**JP Brooks Development**  
*JP Brooks* is looking to create single-family housing consisting of 60 homes with four out lots. As a part of their application process, they submitted their plan for feedback from the council.

Ken Halverson and Sam Hanson, council members who are veterans of the fire dept., were not fans of the close setbacks of the houses or the plan for vinyl siding, both of which can

lead to out of control house fires that spread throughout neighborhoods.

**Monthly Department Reports**  
Deb Wegeleben, head of finance, went over budget, spending, and revenue for the year to date, showing that everything was where it was expected to be for that point of time. Council again discussed possible

job. Parks and rec updated council on summer maintenance measures.

The wastewater dept. was feeling a little short handed as one employee retired and one left to pursue another job. They are also looking to fix up some old wells around the city in order to meet capacity needs.

in conversation with city employees, he was of the opinion that the liquor store employees were not being compensated enough for their work, and would like to address the issue in an upcoming council meeting. He also noted that recently he heard about a city building being repainted without getting proper approval, and has been painted far too frequently. He asked staff to present how this happened at the next council meeting in order to make sure things are done the right way in the future. Wilfahrt didn't think that any policies were violated, but Halverson still wanted to investigate the issue.

Council member Sam Hanson reported that at the recent *Beyond the Yellow Ribbon* meeting, three seniors from Big Lake High School came by who were planning to join the military after graduation. They held a reception for the teenagers and explained resources that would be available to them as military service members.



uses for excess liquor store revenue, but did not make any decisions during the council meeting.

Planning commission has received four applications for an open position in the department, which is more than was expected and department head Hanna Klimmek was excited to review the applications and pick the best person for the

launched a conversation about whether the council had too much oversight over board appointments or too little. In the end, they decided not to change the system they had at the moment, though the council members seemed willing to investigate the matter further in the future.

**Council Reports**

Halverson stated that

## Story Strolls coming to Sherburne County

Submitted Article

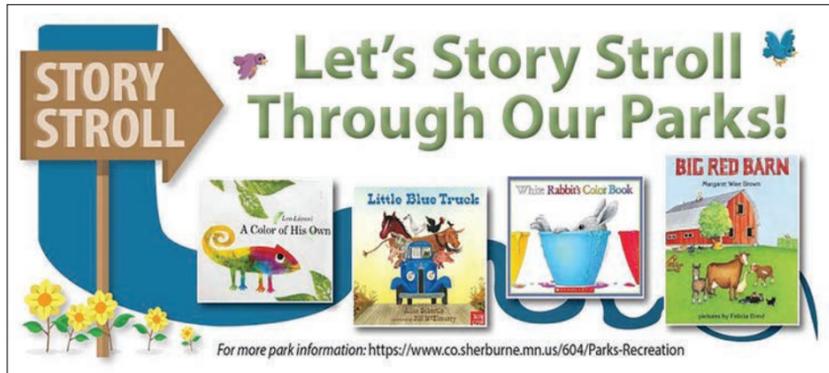
(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Sherburne County).

Sherburne County is excited to be partnering with Great River Regional Library and the Elk River Parks Department to bring four *Story Strolls* to the county! This project is funded through SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Program).

The series is part of the Great River Regional Library's Summer Reading Program for the Becker, Big Lake and Elk River Branches.

Each participant in the Summer Reading Program will receive a bookmark that can be stamped at each *Story Stroll*. Those who collect a stamp from each stroll on their book mark will be eligible for a prize at the library.

The event kicks off June 7 and runs through August 8. The stories will



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# Mayor proclaims June 14-19 for Freedom Days

By Katherine Cantin  
Staff Writer  
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During Tuesday's meeting, Mayor Tracy Bertram made a proclamation that Becker's annual Freedom Days events will take place the week of June 14-19, with "Grand Day" being Saturday the 19th. The event was cancelled last year due to COVID-19, and council members seemed excited to be getting back to the annual celebration.

**New Sports Courts**  
Two new pickleball courts and one new basketball court will be constructed at the green space behind the BCC. The project is being funded in part by contributions from the Lions Club, Knife River, and Cornerstone Concrete. Cornerstone Concrete will be doing the work of pouring the concrete as well, at a discount, in an effort to give back to the community.

The council also approved the construction with the use of modular sports tiles, which should make the courts harder and lower-maintenance than a more traditional acrylic surface.

**Committee Reports**  
Budget and finance: Becker Community Center (BCC) memberships are still down significantly. Before the pandemic, memberships had climbed to over 800, and they are currently down to around 600. The budget and fi-

nance committee expected that more memberships would be purchased in the fall, since summers tend to be a slower season for the BCC. The committee also reviewed plans for the golf simulators at Pebble Creek and looked at the fund balance policy.

**Police management:** The committee for police management has been looking at ways to recruit new officers, an issue that departments around the state are facing. One officer recently retired from

streets. As with any change to the city fee schedule, the council is required to hold a public hearing. The public hearing will take place during the next council meeting, June 15 at approximately 5:15 p.m.

**Accessory Structures Height Amendment**  
The community development dept., in review of city code, found that the current accessory structure height limit of 17 feet was causing issues for builders in the city. Council agreed to amend the code to allow structures up to 20 feet. Staff is planning to propose more changes to chapter 11 of the city code, but this was an issue they felt needed to be addressed quickly to help builders working in the community this summer.

**In Other Business, the Council:**

- Approved advertising for bids for the installation of the golf simulators at Pebble Creek;
- Awarded a bid for work on a city well, which will be partly paid for from the state bonding bill;
- Approved writing a supplemental letter of agreement to do work on sewer and water in the business park;
- Suspended some rules, such as alcohol use in streets, and approved a temporary liquor license for the Lions Club for Freedom Days celebrations;
- Called for a public hearing on the city's comprehensive plan to take place at the planning commission meeting, June 28 at 6 p.m.



the department, and another may possibly be recruited to another department. Two part-time officers are about to finish their training, which does help the situation, but the committee still wanted to see at least one more part time position filled. They are also hoping to fill a lieutenant position by August.

**Recreational Vehicle Permit Fee**  
The city is looking to implement a \$5 fee for recreational vehicles (ATVs, side-by-sides, golf carts, etc.) being used on city

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about the practices in science content, instruction, assessment, reflection and leadership.

The applications of the finalists will be judged at the national level and the White House will make the final selection. There will be a Washington, DC celebration, possibly next spring.

The Science finalists for this year are:

- Missie Olson, biology teacher at Becker Senior High School, presented an online experiment on homeostasis where the student groups directed the experiment.
- Meagan O'Brien, Biology teacher, at Washington Technology Magnet in St. Paul, presented an on-line class on Virology that includes a delivered kit and has students teach someone about viruses;
- Anne Zielske, chemistry teacher at Harding High School in St. Paul, presented an online lesson using Lego blocks to model chemical formula ratios.

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## Good turnout for Lynden Twp.'s cleanup day

By Penny Leuthard  
Contributing Writer

During their May meeting, Lynden Twp. board members discussed their spring cleanup day that was held in April at the Clearwater Twp. Hall. There was a good turnout for the event, with trucks filled to capacity.

The township received a bill from *West Central Sanitation* for \$4,046, which coincides with the amount of trash collected. Nine Stearns Sheriff Explorers volunteered at the event and will receive the proceeds from the sale of the scrap metal that was collected.

The board discussed improvements for next year's cleanup day, including a better check-in sheet and improved signage. Chairperson Dave Johnson will submit the billing from *West Central Sanitation* for SCORE Grant reimbursement.

### Inquiries

St. Cloud Community Development Director Matt Glaesman approached the board to inquire about urban expansion in the Opportunity Drive area. Although the city isn't currently looking for an orderly annexation agreement, he wanted to touch base on the subject as it hadn't been discussed for a number of years.

The board indicated the township's previous position hasn't changed; they don't oppose any landowner initiated requests as long as they're contiguous with the City of St. Cloud.

A variance inquiry was received from *Johnson Materials* on 196th Street regarding impervious surface and potential building overlapping their two parcels. The business has no plans to expand currently but may at some point in the future. Planning Administrator James Kantor confirmed with Jennifer Buckentine from SCES that the lots do not need to be combined for the variance, however they must be sold as one.

### Other Business

A variance request to allow the increase of impervious surface to just over 64% was received from *JK Landscape* on Hubble Road. Stearns Co.'s zoning ordinance requirement is 60%, which Lynden Twp. also follows. Wayne Stark from Stark Engineering provided the board with preliminary plans and a stormwater report; a plumbing permit has been completed through the state.

Stark was informed that plumbing should be done through the Twp. Building Inspector Nancy Scott, along with building permit applications. An amended CUP shouldn't be needed if there's no change to business operations.

A public hearing was set along with a Planning Commission site visit, after which written findings will be forwarded to the board with recommendations.

The fire study group presented their findings to Lynden and Clearwater Twps. at a recent joint meeting. The study found the estimated cost of a new fire hall and supporting equipment is approximately \$1.3 million. After review of five fire budgets it was determined there isn't enough savings to offset the cost, so financially it doesn't make sense for the townships to move forward with creating their own fire department at this time.

The board reviewed their spring road tour that was held in April; most items noted have already been completed. Supervisor Dennis Niemi indicated he would obtain estimates for fixing 200th Street and Franklin Road issues that were identified. Signs and posts have been ordered; Johnson will coordinate with Gary Schmidt on replacing.

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

*(Editor's Note: The Patriot plans to run a recipe or two each week from locals and their favorite recipe books. If you have one you'd like to share, contact the Patriot at 763-275-0275).*

### Grandma Lange's Cracklin' Cookies

- 2 cups ground crackling;
- 1 cup ground raisins
- 2 eggs;
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/3 cup sour cream;
- 2 cups flour;
- 1 tsp. soda;
- 1 cup nuts (optional)
- 1 tsp. cinnamon;
- 1 tsp nutmeg;
- 1/2 tsp. cloves;
- 1/2 t.sp. salt;
- 2 tsp. vanilla.

Grind together crackling and raisins. Mix together with the other



ingredients and drop from a spoon. Bake at 350°.

Submitted in memory of Rosa Lange

### Peppermint Dessert

- 1 (1lb.) package Oreo cookies;
- 3/4 cup crushed after-dinner mints or peppermint candy;
- 1 pt. whipping cream
- 2 1/2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Crush cookies with rolling pin. Pat crumbs into a 9 x 13 inch pan. (Keep a few crumbs aside for topping.) Whip the cream in a large bowl. Add the marshmallows, crushed candy and chopped nuts. Mix well. Spread on top of the crushed cookies. Sprinkle with the remaining crumbs. Refrigerate 24 hours, then serve.

Submitted in memory of Lolly Schwarzkopf

### Apple Macaroons

- 1 Tbsp. butter;
- 1 egg (beaten well);
- 1/2 cup sugar (creamed well with butter);
- Salt;
- 1/2 cup flour.

Line pie plate with 1-inch of apples and sprinkle with sugar/butter mixture, cinnamon and nutmeg. Then spread mixture on top and bake for 1/2 hour or until the apples are done. Bake in a 350° oven. Cool and serve with whipped cream.

Submitted in memory of Myrtle Shaw



## Granger charged with possession of narcotics

Submitted Article

*(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Big Lake Police Dept.).*

On May 22, 2021 at approximately 2:01 a.m., Big Lake Police Officer Guy Chaffee observed a vehicle pulling a trailer. Officer Chaffee observed the trailer did not have operational lights. Chaffee stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver, Ryan Granger, 42 of Crystal, MN. While speaking to Granger, Officer Chaffee detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Officer Chaffee advised Granger to step out of the vehicle where he



RYAN GRANGER, 42 of Crystal, MN was arrested and charged with possession of drugs last month. (Submitted Photo)

asked Granger about the odor. Granger admitted to smoking marijuana earlier in the day.

Chaffee advised Granger he was going to search his vehicle. Granger stated there would be a one-hitter in the vehicle. Officer Chaffee asked if he would find anything else and Granger stated there might be some methamphetamine in the vehicle.

The vehicle was searched and a plastic container with a green leafy substance was found in the driver's side door pocket. The substance field tested positive for marijuana. Behind the passenger seat was a purple-striped bag that contained a plastic baggie.

The plastic baggie contained a white crystal substance. The substance field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed 1.7 grams. Two hypodermic needles were found in a wooden box and two glass pipes with brown residue, consistent with methamphetamine use, were also found in the vehicle.

Granger was arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. Granger was charged by criminal complaint with; Felony Possession of a controlled substance and Petty Misdemeanor Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

## Becker Memorial Day lunch



BECKER BOY SCOUTS PACK 92 helped serve lunch on Memorial Day at the Becker American Legion Post 193. Pictured with Legion Commander John Riebel (in no particular order) Sam Nalty, Mavrick Pink, Simon Winter, Wyatt Kaproth, Toby Stahovich, Christian Picton, and Laura Picton. Not pictured Ben and Jacob Scherping. (Submitted Photo).

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BECKER AMERICAN LEGION POST 193 CHAPLAIN TIM HINDS along with his wife Paula Hinds, Legion Auxiliary President helped serve lunch on Memorial Day at the old Becker Fire Hall.

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## Scouts, Scoutmasters Honored



BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR (L to R): Christian Pitcon, Toby Stavovich, Ben Sherping, Jaxon Hance, Ryan Gunthmiller, Brodey Berger, Elijah Ward, Jakob Johnson, Simon Winter, Jacob Sherping, Wyatt Kaproth, Brandon Yaker, Zachariah Ward and Maverick Pink. If one is interested in joining Scouts, please email: beckerpack92@gmail.com. (Submitted Photo).



NATHAN WARD was awarded the Scoutmaster award recently. (Submitted Photo)

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# Editorials/Opinions

## Fighting Giants

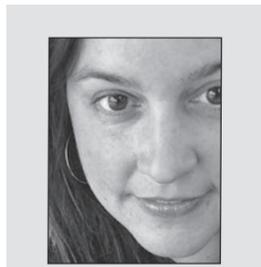
I recently drafted a one question survey, and submitted it to numerous individuals in preparation for a message I delivered at a local community church. The survey simply asked, "What giants are you facing?"

My nephew replied with the following clarifying question, "Problems?" Yep! That is exactly what we're talking about...problems! Now, on any given day we face a series of micro-problems to solve. That's not the kind we are focusing on here. We are talking about the situations or seasons that place us toe-to-toe with a "giant." Problems or obstacles that seem so big, they may appear insurmountable.

I received so many survey replies! I was pleasantly surprised at the open, honest answers. Some "giants" that people identified were; fear, doubt, overcoming past traumas, relationships, smoking, self-acceptance, confidence, health concerns, confidence in one's ability to reach people for Christ, worrying about things beyond control, re-stressing about the past, bitterness, and salvation of loved ones.

During my professional career in property management, I came to appreciate how valuable problem-solving skills are in conducting business. Of course, I would prefer to prevent a problem whenever possible, and avert the often greater effort it takes to come up with a resolution or remedy. I found that over time, I was able to grow my problem-solving abilities. I eventually came to appreciate how important it is to have the right kind of knowledge that you need to succeed - it can change your whole perspective on what appears to be an overwhelming problem.

Knowledge and wisdom are important tools for most situations. I was once



By Rev. Monica Parrish, Contributing Writer

given a very wise piece of advice, although I rejected it at the time. I worked for a very kind and smart company owner, his name was Loren. At the time I was about 20 years old. I can't recall what prompted the conversation, but I will never forget that Loren turned to me and said, "Do you know what I do when I am stressed out?" I replied, "no." To my surprise, he said, "I read the Bible."

I remember thinking, "weird!" and I rejected the advice internally. Oh, how thankful I am today for those who are willing to be obedient to God's prompting and boldly share the gospel! I am grateful that God is patient, merciful, and loving. Although I did not see it at the time, Loren was pointing me to the most valuable problem-solving advice, the ultimate problem-solving strategy guide for real life problems, small, medium, and giant. I don't want to even think of the needless hours I later would spend worrying about things beyond my control, and forfeiting the joy and peace that I have now found through a personal relationship with Jesus.

I never would have guessed that someday I would cherish the time I spend reading the Bible, or find myself quoting scripture relevant to issues that come up. Like David, I learned to rely on the Lord, and I don't face my "giants" alone anymore.

When we read the story of David & Goliath, an inexperienced youth facing a huge warrior, we learn that David trusted in God for the victory of the battle. Contrasted with the rest of the soldiers facing Goliath, which is found in 1 Samuel 17:24, "Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear." While they fled in fear, we see the contrast when comparing their reaction to David's confidence as he RAN to the battle line to meet the giant, he was confident that the battle belonged to the Lord, as we take a look at 1 Samuel 17:48-49, "As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground."

I pray this story encourages you to identify your own "giants" and then invite God to come alongside you, placing your confidence and trust in His strength, and letting the battle be His.

One scripture that ministers to me when problems arise is found in John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

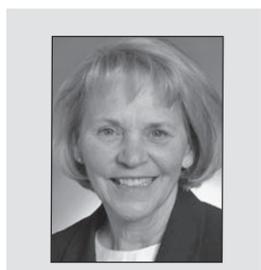


## Rent Help MN Can Help

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

I have heard from many of you regarding confusion over rental assistance for those who may have become behind on rent over the course of the pandemic as well as assistance for owners of rental properties where tenants are falling behind. With federal funding there is already a resource available for renters.

For renters across the state who have fallen behind on rent and utility bills at their current residence, *Rent Help MN* is a program to help catch up. This is a tenant-centered program, requiring individual renters to do the application work. *RentHelpMN* is run by the *Minnesota Housing Finance Agency* and while the program has been around for a few months, money is getting sent out rather slowly so apply as soon as you can.



By Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer

In the recent week, I have reached out to Sherburne County urging the county to join in with a new program for rental property owners in several Twin Cities counties (Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey) to help them recover some of the lost revenue from late or non-paying tenants. The *Zero Balance Program* allows property owners to receive payment for unpaid rent, utilities, fees, and three months of future rent. The landlords apply on behalf of the tenants but there are several stipulations to

be eligible for this assistance. It is my hope that Sherburne County will see the speedy success of this program in the neighboring counties and agree to join before our communities are hurt even more.

Over the weekend, I was grateful to join my *Big Lake Auxiliary* members along with members of the Legion to remember the incredibly brave fallen heroes of our communities. Whether rain or shine, this incredible group of people show up every year and do remarkable work! Thank you!!

As the rest of the budget agreement comes together, know that I remain committed to fighting for your needs at the Capitol in any way I can. I encourage you to reach out to my office with any questions, comments, or concerns. My email is *Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN* or you can call me at 651-296-5565.

## Letters To The Editor

### TO THE EDITOR:

Is America in a crisis? After the turmoil of the 70's when 2,000 plus bombs were detonated on American soil and homegrown terrorists set out to destroy this country, we did survive. Is today worse? Oh yes because of our present leadership, open borders, drugs flowing across our border 100 times more than in all of last year and the "woke" society is not concerned. Homelessness in sanctuary cities. Democrat run cities, is rampant and the "free" government money is keeping millions from work. The culture wars are out of control and the Critical Race Theory is as destructive to our youth as ever been seen before. The problem is that Biden and the Democrat party are literally watching from the sidelines because they know the open borders, for example, are their ticket to extended power. Bottom line, Americans who care had better wake up. The remorse you feel for your vote will not help.

Gordon Schmidt  
Loretto, MN

### TO THE EDITOR:

First, I would like to publicly thank the Big Lake PD for their exemplary and compassionate care they extended to our family when my husband was missing. The officers stopped several times through the long day and the office was the focal point for all information coming in from many sources. When we hear so much negativity toward the police now, Big Lake residents should be very proud of our department. Give them a compliment whenever you meet them.

Second, this incident made us aware that Minnesota is only one of seven states in the nation that does not have a "Silver Alert" - similar to the Amber Alert for children. A Silver Alert is for anyone over 63 who is reported lost or missing. If you have to wait 24 hours to file a missing persons report, with today's transportation, the missing can be far away. Please consider contacting your state representative, Mary Kiffmeyer and Paul Novotny, and request they consider this issue. We need to keep our elderly safe also.

Rosemary Sobalvarro,  
Big Lake, MN

### TO THE EDITOR:

Back in the 1970's parents of children with special needs worked diligently with politicians at all levels of government, educators, school administrators, school boards, and organizations like ARC to pass The 1975 Education for All Handicapped Children Act, which began the path toward EQUITY in education for children with special needs. So, it was quite surprising to see a letter to the editor in the *Patriot* that ended with the statement, "Equity has no place in Big Lake Schools..." (Saturday, May 15, 2021)

Equality means treating every student the same, EQUITY means making certain every student has the support they need to be successful. It means designing systems that ensure that every child has an equal chance for success. Equality is giving every kid a pair of shoes. Equity is giving every kid a pair of shoes that fits. Many individual children and even some populations of students face unique challenges and barriers. Equity in education requires understanding those obstacles and providing the supports to help students overcome the barriers. Shouldn't we all be concerned that every student has an equal opportunity for success? Not everyone in Big Lake believes there is no place for EQUITY in our schools.

Jeorgette Knoll  
Big Lake, MN

### TO THE EDITOR:

Many paused a few days ago to honor the ultimate sacrifice of patriots to defend our land. But, unfortunately, it appears that the adage "If you don't learn from history, you'll repeat it" is true. In the late 1700s,

Edward Gibbon wrote about the fall of the invincible Roman Empire. Are we on the same path? Rome was a world leader but fell to a barbarian horde. Rome was not defeated by a superior military force; it fell due to internal decadence. Sound familiar? Gibbon listed five defects in the Roman Empire that are prevalent in America today.

1). Divorce destroyed the nuclear family. Morality in the US shames Sodom and Gomorrah; 2). Rome raised taxes for free bread and circuses. Socialism offers freebies to grow the dependence on government; 3). Romans enjoyed food, drink, and the gladiators. We spend more on entertainment than on religion or charity; 4). Rome took pride in a mighty military. We depend on a mighty military, not God, to save us; 5). Roman leaders became self-proclaimed gods. In the US, the majority now does NOT identify with any religious faith.

Will we fall, or will we rediscover our foundation and not repeat history?

Dr. Phyllis E. VanBuren  
Clearwater, MN

### TO THE EDITOR:

What has happened to the Republican Party, the party of "compassionate conservatives", the "family values" party the "pro-life" party? All misnomers, I think! Their compassion is directed at the wealthy, the gun lobby, the drug lobby and other donors who help keep them in office. Family values went out the window as Republicans embraced Trump. Trump gave power and voice to the darkest underbelly of racism, hate and selfishness dwelling in this country. Many Republican leaders remain silent, refusing to question or challenge members who lie and make outrageous claims. We have a Republican, who at 18 raped and impregnated a 14 year old (yes, its rape if she is 14) running against a member of the House of Representatives who dared to tell the truth! Pro-life is one of the biggest misnomers! Republicans are proponents of capital punishment, pro-gun in spite increased mass shootings, anti-social aid programs; anti-regulation that addresses climate change or the environment. They call programs for the less fortunate "socialism". What have Republicans done to collaborate on health care, lower drug prices, raising people out of poverty, combatting racism and other measures that support life? The Republican Party has simply become the party of NO!

Joyce LeClaire  
Big Lake, MN

### TO THE EDITOR:

Today, more than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's — a number expected to double by 2050, including 99,000 in Minnesota alone according the Alzheimers Association. As a caregiver, I understand firsthand the impact this disease has on families across America. My mom was diagnosed in 2016 and her care fell solely on me and my sons. Caregiving was an emotionally, physically and financially draining role. We took on overwhelming tasks from assisting with daily personal care, to handling finances, and managing her ever changing symptoms, the loss of memory and more. All while trying to work full time and my sons were attending college. Thankfully, the bipartisan Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Act (S.56/ H.R.1474) would provide much needed relief for our nation's dementia caregivers. The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Act would provide grants to expand training and support services for unpaid caregivers of people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Through this bill, grantees including community health centers, senior centers, Area Agencies on Aging, and more, would reach diverse communities to provide this training and support for families and caregivers.

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## Fallen Soldiers Honored

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Tom Emmer team).

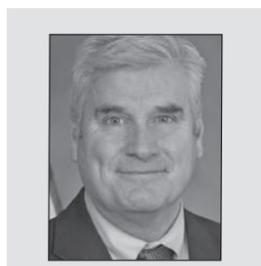
For many, Memorial Day marks the start of summer. While we treat the holiday as an opportunity to spend time outdoors, Memorial Day is meant to be a time for remembrance and reflection.

This weekend, we took time to honor the men and women who served this great nation but never made it home. So many have paid the ultimate price, so it is important that we give thanks to those who have sacrificed for our country.

Yesterday and every day, I hope everyone can find ways to recognize these brave men and women beyond the memorial holiday. I will continue to pray for our brave troops and their families who continue to make sacrifices in defense of our freedoms.

**Fallen Soldiers**  
On Monday, I attended a Memorial Day event at the Veterans Memorial Park of Blaine. This event honored the millions of Americans who perished in service to our country.

I was grateful to have the opportunity to meet and thank Steve Guider, who worked tirelessly to



By Congressman Tom Emmer

help install the memorial in *Veterans Memorial Park*. Throughout the entire park, his effort and hard work are evident. People like Steve truly are what makes this country so special. His commitment to honoring those lost will leave an impression on all who witness *Veterans Memorial Park* in Blaine.

I also joined Tom Lyons and *Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs* Commissioner Larry Herke on *Minnesota Military Radio*. I'm fortunate to have joined Tom on this important Memorial Day program many times before to talk about our work to support the men and women (and their families) who are dedicated in service to this great nation.

During our conversation, Commissioner Herke

and I discussed our continued partnership to end veteran homelessness. As usual, Minnesota is leading the way in addressing this problem with the creation of the nation's first state-wide registry of homeless veterans.

This effort has helped over 1,700 homeless veterans find housing since the state created the real-time registry. To date, the number of homeless vets has declined by 53 percent since 2010! State officials are now predicting Minnesota may become the fourth state in the union to virtually eradicate homelessness among veterans.

Serving in Congress is especially exciting when we are able to bring Minnesota-tested solutions to the federal level. That's why I joined my fellow Members of the *Minnesota Congressional Delegation* to ask the *Veterans Administration* to consider Minnesota's state-based approach to tackling veterans' homelessness when addressing nationwide homelessness among veterans.

I'll continue looking for ways to bring Minnesota solutions to Washington.



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# Area News

## Helping small businesses thrive in today's digital world

Submitted Article

Small businesses were hit particularly hard by the pandemic, with nearly 10 million American small businesses closing their doors at least temporarily over the past 15 months. Despite an uncertain economy, small business owners were resilient, creative and agile, shifting their business models to take advantage of e-commerce, many for the first time.

Before COVID-19, more than one in three small businesses had never reported a digital sale. Today, nearly seven out of eight small businesses are



selling goods and services online. For the millions of resilient small businesses still operating, the mass move to online and mobile shopping ushers in a new

era of opportunity. At the same time, additional resources will be needed to support them.

"For over a year, small businesses have faced one

unimaginable challenge after another," says Mike Katz, executive vice president, T-Mobile for Business. "At a time when mobile connectivity and internet access are required to advertise services, sell products and interact with customers, no small business should be without these necessary resources."

To help fuel the resurgence of small business, T-Mobile is offering the following solutions and benefits, available today:

- New smartphone plans. Staying viable in a mobile-first world requires affordable connectivity. To that end, T-Mobile is offer-

ing new smartphone plans purpose-built for business. Every plan includes unlimited talk, text, and data over America's largest, fastest, and most reliable 5G network, and high-speed mobile hotspot data to power whole teams on-the-go.

- High-speed internet. As bad as broadband access can be for consumers who must deal with high-prices and sparse competition, it's often actually worse for small businesses. Many business plans from traditional ISPs deliver the same service levels as residential plans, but for often twice the price. Small Business Internet from T-Mobile delivers fast, reliable connectivity without annual contracts or costly surprises, along with tech support from dedicated experts.

- Digital outreach. Today, two-thirds of Facebook users visit a local business page at least once weekly. In a world that packed a decade of digital transformation into the last year, it often takes digital savvy and the ability to reach customers online to succeed. Through a new program, Facebook Advertising on Us, small businesses can receive up to three one-on-one consultations with a Facebook Marketing Expert, along with educational resources. Plus, every small business

on T-Mobile with three or more lines can get \$200 in digital advertising to market their company on Facebook and Instagram.

"By pairing fast, reliable internet with digital tools, training and marketing support, we can help small businesses connect with their communities," says Mark D'Arcy, Facebook vice president of Global Business Marketing.

For additional resources, visit [t-mobile.com/opportunity](https://t-mobile.com/opportunity). To access a growing library of new original content on entrepreneurship, visit [t-mobile.com/business/magenta-edge](https://t-mobile.com/business/magenta-edge). Finally, beginning June 1, 2021 through July 9, 2021, small businesses nationwide are invited to visit [t-mobile.com/opportunity-sweepstakes](https://t-mobile.com/opportunity-sweepstakes) to enter for a chance to be one of six small businesses to win a 5G smartphone or tablet; or one of five to win a package of five 5G devices; or one of two to win a full 5G makeover with five 5G smartphones, a 5G tablet and \$5000 to spend on anything.

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## Pandemic Disrupts Critical Early Childhood Education



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While young children have been less vulnerable to COVID-19 health dangers, a new study finds that they've been tremendously impacted by the disruption to preschool activities triggered by the pandemic.

The National Institute for Early Education Research study finds that pre-K participation has tumbled during the pandemic. What's more it finds that children are spending less time outdoors and on certain key learning activities at home with parents and caregivers, and more time in front of screens.

Education experts say early learning opportunities are critical for young children's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development, as well as their mental health. New resources can help fill the preschool void and make this an enriching time for young children. To learn more, visit [www.pncgrow-upgreat.com](http://www.pncgrow-upgreat.com).

While the pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for families with young children, building a love of learning early on can help pave the way for a great future.



### LETTERS from page 7

Please join me and the Alzheimer's Association in asking Representative Emmer to cosponsor the Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Act.  
**Keri Larson**  
 Clear Lake, MN

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
 Many of us have questions about the direction our state is heading. What happened in the last election? What about all those Executive Orders? Did Xcel Energy pull the plug on Becker and cancel their plan to build a new gas power plant? What about our Second Amendment Rights and What's going on with our education system? Don't forget everyone's favorite topic - taxes. The House District 15B Republi-

cans will be hosting a FREE townhall meeting on Tuesday night, June 8th at Pebble Creek Golf Club in Becker. We will be holding it in the main dining area upstairs. State Rep. Shane Meke-land and State Sen. Andrew Mathews will be giving us a legislative report and will also be open for Q & A from the folks who live in the district. The start time is 7 p.m. Seating is limited. We hope to see you there! Audio and visual recordings of any kind will only be allowed with permission by the HD 15B Republicans. Thank you,  
**Jim Newberger, Chair, House District 15B Republicans, State Representative, retired.**

## Sherburne Commissioners to review exterior storage of vehicles

By Mark Kolbinger  
Contributing Writer

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday morning and tackled a number of items, from ARPA funded positions to performance standards for exterior storage of vehicles.

County Planner Marc Schneider along with Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator, spoke with the board regarding the historical perspective of how the county has addressed the issue of junk vehicles being stored on properties.

The issue dates back many years, including a survey in 2017 by the county that showed 5 of 7 townships wanted it addressed through ordinance or other legal remedies.

Lucas explained that since 2019, staff has received 250 solid waste complaints and many of the issues revolve around the storage of unlicensed or “junk” vehicles.

Specifically, there has been interest from many homeowners and several townships to deal with the issue, as these non-conforming properties can have a negative effect on surrounding property values, as well as posing environmental concerns.

In 2018, the county proposed some additional language that was met with lukewarm reception from some townships so staff went back to the drawing board and came up with plans to attend township meetings in 2020 to gather more information. Covid restrictions derailed that attempt at a consensus, leading to the current proposal that would

address the issue through performance standards aimed at regulating where the vehicles could be parked (improved surfaces).

Schneider was quick to point out that the issues were being targeted at residential developments that were platted subdivisions, such as those with 2.5 acre lots. He noted that the issue is much different on larger tracts of land where there can be things such as natural screening that mitigate the impact on neighboring properties.

Board discussion centered on issues such as the definition of a motorized vehicle, minimizing the nuisance created by the vehicle storage and the general aes-

position was hired to help fill some of the caseload. In addition, an office assistant position was reassigned because of the reduction in cases during the Covid shutdown and more help is needed in this area.

Overall, just one lawyer position had been added since Heaney took office in 2003.

In analyzing the numbers, the board gave permission to hire a permanent lawyer position now, as well as one in 2022 when the current contracted position will be re-examined. In addition, hours will be added to an existing part-time office assistant position to help clear the back log of cases.

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tics and environmental issues created by junk vehicles.

Schneider presented maps and pictures to show examples of problem properties, along with proposed solutions in terms of the percentage of improved surfaces allowed on different acreage lots.

Board Chair Raeanne Danielowski noted that she frequently gets calls about the issue and would like to see a solution brought forward. She cited a recent example that a property had to sell for \$20,000 less because a neighboring property was littered with junk vehicles. She said the issue has been discussed for too long and a solution needed to be found.

Commissioner Tim Dolan agreed and also wanted staff to look at the definition of a motorized vehicle (perhaps using the State of MN definition), as well as county regulations on what is allowed for accessory structures. His belief was that some land owners might be willing to park vehicles indoors if they could build larger outbuildings.

Commissioner Felix Schmiessing said he wasn't opposed to doing something on the issue, but cautioned that the ordinance should not allow "one neighbor to beat up on another".

Several members of the board also wanted to make sure that any changes would not result in staff being overwhelmed with policing the situation, while noting that the majority of people do comply with the current ordinance.

Schneider noted that many of the problem properties are repeat offenders, who temporarily bring things into compliance for a matter of months before relapsing into noncompliance.

Ultimately, the board voiced consensus for Schneider and other staff to bring the issue before the Planning Commission so they can weigh in on the possible solutions. Once their input is gathered, the issue will be brought back to the commissioners for further discussion and possible action.

#### ARPA

The board also spent a good deal of time looking at staffing requests as they pertain to the expenditure of the over \$18 million the county is set to receive from the Federal ARPA legislation.

County Attorney Kathleen Heaney spoke to the board about staffing levels in her office and the current backlog of court cases that have piled up during the Covid pandemic. Heaney stated that in the next several months there are 144 jury trials on the docket, whereas new felony cases are rising rapidly. With the addition of civil litigation backlogs, her office is understaffed and is looking to add to the lawyer ranks and support staff.

Since the retirement last year of her long-time chief deputy, a contract lawyer

Larson also brought forward a funding request for an Eligibility Specialist to help clear the applications on file for medical assistance.

All the added positions will utilize ARPA funds or revenue recapture provisions in the legislation for the first two years until the positions can be re-examined or eliminated if the need no longer exists.

In the area of affordable housing, Larson announced that the county did receive grant funding for a .5 position to address the issue. Because the county currently does not have a dedicated staff person working in this area, the commissioners agreed to use ARPA funding to make the position full time, as they have been seeing an increased need for housing assistance, especially as it relates to homelessness and the need for stable housing for workers for county industry.

#### Business Relief

Assistant Administrator Dan Weber presented some guidelines for the policy being developed for a third round of business relief.

This round will specifically be targeted to the pandemic and applicants will need to show a 20% revenue loss from the Q1 of 2019 to Q1 of 2021. In addition, there will be a \$20,000 maximum grant award and home based businesses will be eligible.

Commissioners directed Weber to create a separate program for nonprofits that will focus on areas such as mental health, housing and child care.

#### In Other Business, The Commissioners:

- Received a presentation by Deputy Roxanne Schreder and the Sherburne County Safe Roads Coalition;

- Approved the acceptance of the award for the Human Resource Information System Services to provide for services such as payroll, time and attendance and leave of absences, etc.;

- Approved AO Docs as a Technology Solution for Social Services Electronic Filing System;

- Received the COVID-19 Pandemic Update - from now on this update will be combined with the Public Health Board update done on an every other month basis;

- Approved sending a letter of concern to the City of Clearwater who recently voted to extend their subdivision ordinance into Sherburne County;

- Canceled their July 13th meeting and approved a special meeting to be held July 15th at 10 am;

- Approved the Social Services Electronic File System Replacement.

The next board meeting will take place at 9 am on June 15.

## Consumers to benefit from legislator's energy efficient leadership

Submitted Article

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

Minnesota's energy consumers came out of this year's legislative session as the beneficiaries of landmark legislation that will help their pocketbooks – and Minnesota's environment – for years to come. Legislators from both sides of the aisle came together and passed the most significant and advantageous reform to Minnesota's energy efficiency standards – a cornerstone of the state's energy policy – since the standards were implemented.

Connexus Energy applauds Representative Zach Stephenson for co-authoring The Energy Conservation and Optimization (ECO) Act (H.F. 164/S.F. 227). This essential legislation modernizes Minnesota's outdated energy efficiency standards and will help consumers lower their energy bills through money-saving programs, such as water heating and space heating and cooling. Plus, the provisions in the bill encourage the adoption of advancement in technology by expanding the value of load management programs to include electric vehicles, energy storage and time-of-use rates.

"I'm proud of the leadership role Minnesota's electric cooperatives played in working with a broad-based stakeholder group to create legislation that will benefit energy consumers in every corner of the state," said Greg Rid-



REP. DAN WOLGAMOTT (DFL-14B) co-authored the ECO Act to modernize outdated energy efficient standards. (Submitted Photo)

derbusch, Ramsey CEO of Connexus Energy.

"Connexus Energy is particularly excited about the improved benefits we will be able to pass along directly to our member-consumers because of the proactive provisions in the bill. Along with giving electric cooperative's more flexibility to help their members save money, the legislation also acknowledges the relationship between energy efficiency and its beneficial impact on carbon emissions."

"Please join me in thanking Representatives Zach Stephenson, Dan Wolgamott and others for voting to pass the ECO Act. Their leadership will translate into real savings for consumers and benefits to the environment. That's the true definition of a win-win for Minnesotans."

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## Baune earns 300th win

By Mark Kolbinger  
Contributing Writer

Becker's Jason Baune reached an impressive milestone Tuesday when his Bulldogs shutout the Willmar Cardinals in the opening round of the MSHSL softball playoffs, as the win was his 300th as head coach of the program.

In his 19 years as head coach (18 competition seasons when last year's COVID-19 cancellation is figured in), Baune has amassed an overall record of 300-132, which translates to nearly 17 wins per season compared to just seven losses.

So, coach, how does it feel to reach the milestone? "More than anything, I feel a sense of pride for our entire softball program because we have had so many talented, hard working players and so many families willing to sacrifice their time and energy for our program," says Baune, who has led the Bulldogs to six state tournament appearances during his tenure.

"Even more important than the 300 wins are the hundreds of girls that have hopefully learned life skills that have made them successful after their softball and school career ends. It brings me a lot of joy to see these young women become successful adults."

Baune is quick to point out that it's taken an entire coaching staff to bring so much success and the program in general has experienced a tremendous amount of stability in this area. In today's world of high school sports, having the same head coach for nearly 20 years in a sport is uncommon. Having the same core coaching staff together for that long is certainly a rarity.

Assistant Coaches Matt and Jesse O'Neill have been with Baune since the beginning, and they credit Baune's dedication as being a difference maker.

"We struggled our first three or four seasons, just learning how to teach the game," says Matt. "I think Baune has been successful because of the time and



THE BECKER SOFTBALL TEAM celebrated with a cake in honor of coach Jason Baune's 300th career victory (Submitted Photo).

effort he puts into the program, as he coaches just about every summer and is involved in the youth program."

Jesse O'Neill has been part of Baune's program for 18 years and she sees many of the same traits as keys to the program's success.

"He really cares about the whole student athlete, and he does the things in practices and in games that help our athletes become better softball players, but it is the things off the field that really make the difference," says Jesse. "He not only wants them to be the best players they can be, but he wants them to be the best people they can be and our players know that."

The connection outside of the school season is something that Activities Director Dave Niemi also sees as an important factor in the softball program.

"I think one significant thing that Jason has to get credit for since he has been the head coach is his total

involvement in developing the softball program in Becker from the ground up," says Niemi. "He spends time working with the youth coaches and players, and not just in passing on his philosophies and ideas to the coaches but in actually getting out to the practices and coaching the younger players and teams. Jason has developed relationships with those players long before they reach the high school team level, and that is a difference maker."

One of those players who spent time in the program is 2009 Becker graduate Rachel Bekius (nee Gilbert), who played four years on the varsity team and also spent summers during her college years coaching with Baune. She remembers the balance that allowed the team to be competitive, but still focus on the fun aspects of the game.

"When I think back now, I remember a culture of working hard, paying



JASON BAUNE SHOUTED ENCOURAGEMENT to a batter during Tuesday's playoff victory, his 300th win as head coach of the Bulldog's program (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

attention to the details, and playing the game the right way," says Bekius. "What I appreciated most about Coach Baune is that he has such a great balance of having high expectations but yet is able to have fun and keep the game in perspective."

Baune himself gives a great deal of credit to the players and numerous coaches, both school and summer league, who have been part of the program's success over the years.

"Matt has coached with me the last 19 years, starting as an unpaid volunteer, and he and I really form a strong team," Baune says. "Jesse has a very important role, not only as JV coach, but also as a 'softball mom' for many of the girls on the team."

He named numerous other coaches, both from Becker and across the Minnesota softball community,

as being key to shaping the way he approaches running his program. He holds one former coach, however, in perhaps the highest esteem.

"I think Judee Vesledahl has played the biggest role in the success of the Becker softball program," Baune says. "She built Becker Softball into a great program, started our youth program, and served as a great mentor to me."

In addition to the coaching staff and players, Baune expressed gratitude towards his family for their support and patience in all the times he has spent hours at the field instead of at home.

"My wife and family have been unbelievably supportive," Baune says, as he looks back at the past nearly two decades. "I have also been blessed to work with so many supportive families that have trusted myself and our coaching staff to do our best to help teach softball and life skills."

While Baune has established himself as a top coach, he gets reflective when he thinks of the state of high school sports and the future of programs across the state.

"As I read more and more stories about high school coaches being fired, pressured into resigning, or leaving because of a lack of support, I hope that we can slow that trend and become more supportive of those that choose to coach," Baune says. "While none of us is perfect, high school coaches are almost universally doing the best they can to make high school activities a fun learning experience for kids. I hope that families can learn to work with coaches to help them make a positive impact on kids, rather than being one more obstacle that makes coaching so challenging that they walk away from something that they love."

In other words, he hopes that more programs can enjoy the stability and success that have been trademarks of the Becker Bulldog softball team over the past two decades.

## Bulldog softball opens playoffs with shutout win

By Mark Kolbinger  
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog softball team saw its regular season come to a close last week as the final game with Maple Grove was canceled due to inclement weather. That left their season record at 13-6 and 11-3 in the Mississippi8 Conference, where the team tied with Big Lake for second place.

The Bulldogs earned the #2 seed in Section 5AAA and took on #7 seed Willmar on Tuesday and came away with a 7-0 win.

Bulldog pitcher Emma Eickhoff was too much for the Cardinals to handle, as she struck out the side in both the first and second innings. She would go all 7 innings for the Bulldogs, allowing 5 hits, walking two batters and amassing 14 strikeouts.

Offensively, the Bulldogs had just enough, as they finally broke out in the sixth inning to put the game away.

Senior Krista Paulson led off the first inning with



BULLDOG SENIOR KRISTA PAULSON kept a close eye on a pitch in the first inning of Becker's playoff win over Willmar. Paulson would eventually walk and score for an early 1-0 Becker lead (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

a walk before Kurstyn Patnode doubled to put two runners on base. Paulson then scored on a Cadence Koste groundout to give Becker the early 1-0 lead and it was all Eickhoff would need.

The Bulldogs added another run in the second inning when Makenna Zerwas doubled and courtesy

runner Ashlyn Croal scored on a Maddie Sherman single.

The game remained 2-0 until the Bulldog bats finally broke out for 5 runs in the bottom of the 6th. Koste led off the inning with a home run to make it 3-0. The next two Bulldogs were retired, but then the next 5 batters reached.

Paulson and Patnode each had 2-rbi singles in the inning. While the Cardinals threatened with a couple runners in both the 4th and 6th innings, Eickhoff slammed the door each time.

Zerwas and Sherman led the effort at the plate, as they each had 3 hits on the night.



BULLDOG PITCHER EMMA EICKHOFF was dominant in Tuesday's win, as she piled up 14 strikeouts (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

## Bulldogs boys hoops awards

By Mark Kolbinger  
Contributing Writer

Becker boys basketball coach Josh Ihrke announced his team's awards last week and the team was able to celebrate a successful season.

Individual and team awards were given, as was an overview of the season for each of the teams grades 9-12.

The future looks bright for the Bulldogs, who graduate just two Seniors (Carson Makarrall and Nick Knute) off this year's team and will gain an influx of talent from a pair of JV teams who went a combined 28-7 on the season.

For academic honors, five Bulldogs were named to the M8 Academic All

Conference team: Brady Paumen, Eric Seavert, Knute, Alex Weiss and Carter Callahan.

The entire team was also honored as the Section 5AAA Academic Champions from this past season, while Knute was honored as an Academic All State Class AAA player.

Earning M8 All Conference status were three Bulldogs: Paumen, Seavert and Knute.

The Best Team-mate award was given to Callahan, while the Most Improved trophy went to Paumen.

Knute added a Most Dedicated award to his haul, while Defensive MVP honors went to Alex Weiss.

Seavert was selected as the Team MVP, as well as the Scholar Athlete for his 3.92 GPA.



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## Bulldog tennis team, individuals advance in Sub-Sections

By Mark Kolbinger  
Contributing Writer

The Becker boys tennis team played winning tennis last week, as both the team and individuals scored well in the 8AA South Sub-section tournaments.

The Bulldogs opened team play last Wednesday with a convincing victory over the Apollo-Sauk Rapids Rice Storming Eagles, 7-0.

"We played well and enjoyed the amazing weather for this match," Coach Hokan Bengtson said.

Becker was extremely dominant in the singles matches, where they lost just one game total.

Number one player Zach Bengtson, #2 Luke Bordson and #3 Landon Peterson each claimed 6-0, 6-0 victories, while #4 Troy Nuest won 6-0, 6-1.

In the doubles matches, it was again all Bulldogs starting with the top team of Ryan Bengtson and Eli Scheideman who scored a 6-2, 6-2 win. The #2 team of Wyatt Hiltner and Sawyer Brown blanked their opponents 6-0, 6-0, while the third team of Bruce Kraemer and Nick Gruber earned a forfeit win.

The win puts Becker in the Section 8AA semifinals which was played at St. Cloud Tech on Wednesday

at Noon versus Bemidji. St. Cloud Tech and Alexandria were scheduled to meet in the other semifinal, with the winners meeting at 4 pm Wednesday in Sartell for the right to advance to the State Tournament.

**Individuals**  
Becker hosted the individual south sub-section tournament last Saturday, with several players making the lineup. For Tennis individuals tournaments, the top two individuals and doubles teams are seeded into a bracketed tournament.

Ryan Bengtson and Eli Scheideman earned the #1 seed in the doubles draw, while teammates Luke Bordson and Wyatt Hiltner earned the #5 doubles seed.

Zach Bengtson was seeded #2 in individual play, while 7th grader Troy Nuest earned the #5 seed. "Saturday was big day," Bengtson said. "Troy played really well, earning 4th place in the sub-section as our #4 singles player on our team and Zach played some of his best tennis of the year so far upsetting the #1 seeded player from Monticello 6-2, 6-1."

Nuest defeated a Senior from Apollo, a Junior from Monticello and a Senior from St. Cloud Tech, Emilio Estevez, to earn a spot in the Section tournament.



ZACH BENGTSON prepared to launch a serve in the individual sub-section tournament held last week. Bengtson pulled off a big upset over the #1 ranked player to claim the 8AA South Sub-Section title (submitted photo).

Bengtson scored a 6-0, 6-0 win over his opponent from Willmar in the opening round, followed by a 6-2, 7-5 win over Estevez before taking out the top seed from Monticello, Tyler Roussang, in convincing fashion, 6-2, 6-1.

Both players have earned the chance to play on Thursday, June 3 in the Section tournament.

In doubles play, Bordson and Hiltner played a great match but came up just short losing to the team that took 3rd place.

"Ryan and Eli played very well, winning the

Doubles tournament and setting themselves up well for a chance at a trip to state next Thursday," Bengtson said.

Becker's top doubles duo won a match 6-2, 6-1 over Monticello before defeating both of St. Cloud Tech's top teams en route to finishing in first place.

Thursday's individual Section tournament will kick off at 10 am in Sartell.

Look for complete details on the Bulldogs' pursuit of a state tournament berth in next week's Patriot.

## Out on the water!



FATHER SON FISHING TIME. Juan and Arthur Weidmann reeled in a keeper last weekend. (Submitted photo).

## Girls lacrosse team keyed for playoffs

By Bill Morgan  
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The Becker girls lacrosse team wrapped up their regular season May 25 with a win at home against Delano, 11-8. The team went 8-5 for the year and won three of their last four contests by beating Sauk Rapids/Rice, 19-3 and St. Cloud Area 13-9.

Friday, they took on a Buffalo team that plays in

the Lake conference and has a very tough schedule. The Lady Bulldogs lost in overtime, 16-15.

"Everyone came together to play a phenomenal game," said Head Coach Anicca Lundeen.

The playoffs started on Tuesday (6/1) and if they win that game, the next match will be on Thursday with time, place and opponent to be determined



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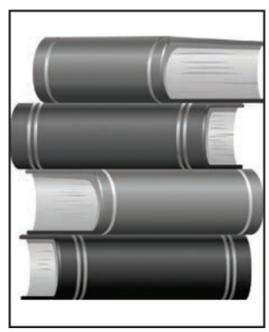
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**Answer:** This is a great conversation for "sharing the road" and has to do with commercial vehicle's making turns. It's important to pay close attention to commercial vehicles, especially as they go to turn or change lanes.  
Pay close attention to commercial vehicles' turn signals. Many commercial vehicles make wide right turns and must sometimes leave an open space to the right just before the turn. The rear wheels of a turning vehicle follow a shorter path than the front wheels; the longer the vehicle, the greater the difference. To avoid a collision, do not pass a commercial vehicle on the right side, if there is a possibility that it might make a right turn.  
In fact, passing any vehicle on the right is dangerous. Drivers, including those operating commercial vehicles, should only use the left lane for passing. Once you pass a vehicle, safely move back into the right lane to allow drivers to pass safely on roads with two-lanes or more.  
Preliminary reports show 57 people died and 1,036 motorists were injured in commercial vehicle-related crashes in 2020. It takes everyone paying attention, being aware of their surroundings, extending some courtesy and using some common sense to keep each other safe on the road. That is what "driving smart" is about."  
*If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO\_NW or reach him at, [jesse.grabow@state.mn.us](mailto:jesse.grabow@state.mn.us)).*

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# Announcements

## Game Time

### SUDOKU

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**Fun By The Numbers**  
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

**Becker American Legion Auxiliary**  
Meetings are held the second Tues. of every month at the *Becker Legion Hall* (Old Fire Hall), 7pm. Paula Hinds, President (763) 262-6679.

**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**  
Area 35 *Alcoholics Anonymous* meets Thurs. at 8pm at *Church of Mary of the Visitation*, 12100 Sherburne Ave., Becker. Joe (763) 262-0231.

**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.BECK-ERFRECHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.BECK-ERFRECHURCH.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](mailto: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](http://www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org).

**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. of each month at 6:30pm. in the *Senior Citizen Center* at *Big Lake City Hall*. Please contact Kathy at (763) 263-6093 for membership information.

**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](mailto: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. To volunteer call (763) 263-2432 or [www.blcfs.org](http://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.

**Big Lake Lioness**  
If you are interested in joining an organization dedicated to service within their community, come visit us the second Mon. of every month at the *Lions Park* on CR 5 in Big Lake. Social starts at 6:30pm & the meeting begins at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Big Lake Senior Center**  
The Big Lake Senior Club meets Tues., 1-4pm, *Big Lake City Hall*, 160 Lake St. North. We would love to have you join us for card games & conversation. Darlene (763) 263-7134 for information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Clearwater Area Friends of the Library**  
Are having a **Summer Kids Book Sale! Fri., June 18, 3-6pm & Sat., June 19, 10-1pm.** All donations go towards supporting the programs, services & facilities of the Clearwater Library.  
Contact Mary Torgersen, President of the Clearwater Area Friends of the Library (320) 492-6440 or [marytorgersen1@gmail.com](mailto:marytorgersen1@gmail.com).

**Clearwater Narcotics Anonymous**  
Meetings are at 7pm, Wed. night at Clearwater United Methodist Church, 405 Main St. Clearwater. (612) 607-4484.

**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](mailto:tjkolbinger@gmail.com).

**Duelm Lions Club**  
16th Annual Duelm Lions BBQ Pork Chop Dinner. Wed., June 9, 4-8pm. *Jack & Jim's Event Center* in Duelm. Dinner tickets \$15, must purchase tickets to enter event this year. Get your raffle & dinner tickets at *Jack & Jim's*, see bartender.  
Scheels gun & gift card raffle, \$40/ticket (only 400 sold). \$8,000 in prizes. Need not be present to win.

**Foley Fun Days**  
Mon., Tues., Wed., June 21-22-23. Parade is Wed., June 23 at 6:30pm. For info call Juanita at (320) 761-1003.

**FREE - Advocates for Independence**  
First & third Wed. of the month

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

**Free Grace Recovery**  
Sun. 6-8pm at *Clear Lake Town Hall*, 7684 1st Ave. W. Clear Lake. A light meal will be served at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. Justin or Renee at (612) 384-9069.

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

**God's Grub Community Meal**  
Second Sun. of every month, 4:30-6:30 pm. Saron Lutheran, Big Lake, 311 Lake Street South. Served curbside, ready to go.

**Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60**  
We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at *Saron Lutheran Church*, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.  
Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

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

**Palmer Day Volunteer's Needed**  
This year's Palmer Day is slated to be Sat., Sept. 11, 2021. Palmer Day has been held the Sat. after Labor Day every year the past 21 years with a parade, great food & beer for sale & more at the Park, proceeds are donated to local, non-profit organizations.  
Volunteers are needed to keep it going. Email Nancy Lorentz if interested or more info @ [nancylorentz@gmail.com](mailto:nancylorentz@gmail.com).

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

**Rivers of Hope**  
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**Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events**  
Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. Check *Snake River Church Facebook* page for updates. Annual MidSummer, Sun., July 11, 10:30am followed by potluck & sale.  
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.

**Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent**  
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**Wright County Community Action**  
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**Young @ Heart**  
Starting in July the Community Young@Heart will meet on the third Thurs. of every month at *Rejoice Lutheran Church*, 1155 Co. Rd. 75, Clearwater, MN. Join us: 10:30 to meet & greet old & new friends, 11:30 lunch (suggested donation), 12pm program.  
We are looking for volunteers to share music or a program. Contact Linda (320) 295-1117 or email: [agre5628@aol.com](mailto:agre5628@aol.com).

**This Week's Calendar Events:**

- Sun. - June 6, 2021:
  - D-Day: Anniversary
  - National Garden Week (6/6-6/12)
  - Canada: National Cancer Survivors Day
- Mon. - June 7, 2021:
  - National Cancer Survivors Day®
  - Bike to Work Week (6/7-6/13)
- Tues. - June 8, 2021:
  - National Call Your Doctor Day
  - World Oceans Day
- Wed. - June 9, 2021:
  - Hmmm...
- Thurs. - June 10, 2021:
  - Moon Phase: New Moon
  - National Iced Tea Day
- Fri. - June 11, 2021:
  - National Cotton Candy Day
- Sat. - June 12, 2021:
  - National Jerky Day
  - National Baseball Hall of Fame Dedicated: Anniversary, 1939

**Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events**

**BASC at Becker Community Center(BCC)**  
**June 8th:** 9:15am Card Club with cash prizes  
**June 10th:** Slavery's Reach Minnesota - a Legacy Zoom event - watch on BASC big screen TV.  
**Now on Tues:** 1 mile walk around BCC at 11:30am & join us on Fri. & play Cribbage at 11am.  
 Watch next week's *Patriot* for all BASC Freedom Day week's events - Back this year will be a Cock-A-Doodle Zoo.  
**BASC 763-528-0643**  
**Email:** [basc.becker@gmail.com](mailto:basc.becker@gmail.com)

**THE VOLUNTEER BRIDGE**

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**\*\*Critical Need for Volunteers**  
**Food Service with Elk River Senior Dining**  
 Volunteers are desperately in need to assist in cleaning up the dining area before and after meals. If kitchen help isn't your thing, volunteers also help in welcoming and registering seniors as they come in for their lunchtime meal. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from 10:00 - 1:00 pm at the Senior Dining Site in Elk River.  
**Meals on Wheels Drivers**  
 Consider a hot meal when you are unable to cook for yourself... So important! Delivery drivers are needed to ensure that those in need receive mid-day meals. Drivers needed Mon-Fri. Each route takes about an hour to deliver. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals out of Becker, Big Lake, Elk River and Zimmerman to those waiting in and around each of those communities. Offer to deliver from a community near you once per month, once per week, or even more!  
**Blood Pressure Recorder with Guardian Angels**  
 Take and record blood pressure, heart rate, blood oxygen level, and weight of independent seniors. Knowledge of normal levels is required, and CNA, LPN, or RN experience is preferred. Clinics most in critical need of volunteers are in Zimmerman on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9-10:00 am and in Becker on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 9-9:30 am.  
 If you are interested in volunteering in these or other opportunities, please contact:  
**RSVP Volunteer Program**  
 763-635-4505  
[heather.brooks@ci.stcloud.mn.us](mailto:heather.brooks@ci.stcloud.mn.us)  
[SherburneUnitedWay.org/Volunteer](http://SherburneUnitedWay.org/Volunteer)

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

**WIC** (Women, Infants & Children) is for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, recently had a baby, infants and children to their 5th birthday. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and referrals to health services/community resources. The service is free, and you or your children may be eligible. For more information, please call 763-765-4116 or 1-800-433-5239, or check out the website <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/hhs/wic.php>. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in the administration of its programs. WIC is an equal opportunity provider.  
**Immunization Tuesdays**  
 Sherburne County's Immunization Clinic offers free or low cost immunizations for children 18 years of age or younger and uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years and older in Minnesota who meet eligibility guidelines on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4000 or 1-800-433-5239.



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**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**  
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Pastor: Marty Mably, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10am.  
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Online: www.myriversidechurch.com, 763-263-2410, 2014 County Road 14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.

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Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 9am drive-in Worship, Sanctuary Worship 10am.  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School**  
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**Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)**  
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**Living Waters Church**  
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## Obituaries

**LARRY JAMES POSSEHL, AGE 75**  
**BIG LAKE, MN**  
**JULY 24, 1945 – JANUARY 8, 2021**

Larry passed away Friday, January 8, 2021, due to congestive heart failure and complications with pneumonia. He had his loving wife, Roxanne, of 42 years and his sons Jeremy Possehl and Jonathan Mussehl by his side at North Memorial Hospital.



Larry was born on July 24, 1945, in Elk River, MN. He grew up on the family farm where he acquired his hard work ethic and his passion for farming. Larry enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, doing chores around his hobby farm, driving Roxanne crazy, and BS'ing with anyone or any of his animals that would listen. Larry's hard work ethic brought him from the farm to numerous jobs in the Big Lake area, such as trimming Christmas trees at Tallakson's, working for Ewing's potato farms, and finally retiring from Sunny Fresh/Cargill, after working there for over 30 years. He spent his last summer working for Ewing's

to come full circle.

He was preceded in death by his mother Emily, father Ray, and siblings. He is survived by his wife Roxanne Possehl, son Jeremy Possehl (Nicole, Lilly, Ian), son Jonathan Mussehl (Heidi, Trajan) and numerous relatives and friends. A celebration of life will be held in the spring in hopes we can all get together and celebrate Larry's life by having one last party at Crazy's!

\*UPDATE\*  
Please join us on June 19, 2021 for the Celebration of Life for Larry. Ceremony is at Blue Hill Cemetery in Sherburne County (County Rd 9), Saturday June 19, 2021 at 11 AM. Luncheon will follow at approximately 12 PM at 11557 185th Ave SE Big Lake (Larry & Roxanne's home). Hope you can all come help us celebrate one last time at Crazy's!!!

**RONALD O. GILYARD, AGE 85**  
**PALMER, MN**  
**MAY 18, 1936 – MAY 25, 2021**

Ronald passed away peacefully with his beloved family by his side on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at the age of 85.



Ronald was born May 18, 1936 to Thoulow and Doris (Hohlen) Gilyard in Palmer Township. He married Lavonne Duflo on February 3, 1954 and they raised a family and shared a full life together, recently celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary. Ronald and Lavonne were truly soul mates and their devotion to each other continued until Ronald drew his final breath.

Ronald worked in the grain industry for a large portion of his life, starting at age 14 at Continental Grain in Savage, Mn. He then moved to Kansas where he continued his career until the late 1980's. Ron and Lavonne then returned to Minnesota to semi-retire and manage a private club on Lake Milona for the next 20 years. He was a pilot and owned several airplanes during his life. He and Lavonne managed the Amelia Earhart Airport in Atchison, Kansas for many years. Flying his airplane brought Ronnie so much joy. Even in the final weeks of his life, he talked to his kids of how he dreamed about flying again. He now has his wings and is with his Lord and Savior.

Ronald loved fishing, and hunting. He taught all of his children and eventually, his grandchildren, how to fish at a young age. He was always so patient with each of them,

baiting, taking fish off hooks, and dodging the poles as each learned to cast. He passed on his love for fishing, love of flying, and hunting to each of his children and grandchildren. He had a remarkable sense of humor. He made life fun, full of adventure, and he created tons of wonderful memories with those that were blessed to share his life. He was a loving and wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. He is loved and will be missed so much!

He is preceded in death by parents, Thoulow Gilyard and Dorothy (Oscar) Larson; sisters Elaine (Ernest) Erickson, and Verna (Glen) Wipper; infant brother; nephews Greg Wipper, Roger Erickson, Alan Erickson and Russell Breitung; sister-in-law, Dixie Myers; and brother-in-laws, Donald Breitung and Frayne Duflo.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Lavonne, his four children: Cheryl Fernholz (Ed) of Stockholm, WI, Barbara Beaman (Kelly) of Henning, MN, Dale Gilyard (Sandy) of Westport, SD, and Wanda Gilyard of Palmer, MN; and grandchildren Joshua, Jayna, Kyle, Thoulow, Marissa and Rebecca; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held Tuesday, June 8th from 6 to 7:30pm at South Santiago Lutheran Church and funeral will be held Wednesday, June 9th at 2pm at South Santiago Lutheran Church.

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## Probates

**STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-PR-21-41 Case Type: Informal Probate Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors**

**In Re Estate of: THOMAS J MITCHELL, Decedent (Deceased Person) 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 2/26/1993 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: **Mary Mitchell Lundeen**  
Address: **12876 Orono Road, Elk River MN 55330**

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: May 21, 2021.  
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka  
Court Administrator  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/05/21; 06/12/21).

**STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-PR-21-83 NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Estate of: Steven L. Winch, Decedent.**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 7/1/21, at 2:30 pm, a hearing will be held in this Court at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Katharine A. Thofson, whose address is 532 1st Ave. SE, Wells, MN, 56097 and Richard J. Winch, whose address is 640 7th St. SW, Wells, MN, 56097 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.  
Dated: 6/1/21  
/s/ Gina, DeVilbissHendry  
Court Administrator Deputy  
Attorney for Petitioners  
Daniel L. Lundquist  
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-PR-21-88 NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Estate of: James Lenard Clark a/k/a James L. Clark a/k/a James Clark, Decedent.**  
It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 7/22/21, at 2:30 pm, a hearing will be held in this

Court at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, July 25, 2017, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Colleen Jewel Sullivan, whose address is 8385 Sunnyside Road, Moundsview, MN, 55112 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.  
Dated: 5/24/2021  
/s/ Gina, DeVilbissHendry  
Court Administrator Deputy  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Jan C. Larson  
Johnson, Larson & Peterson, P.A.  
908 Commercial Drive  
Buffalo, MN, 55313  
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-PR-21-61 NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**In Re: Estate of: Juanita M. Ewert Also known as Juanita May Ewert, Decedent.**

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Jeffery Alan Ewert whose address is 31860- 151st Street NW, Princeton, MN55371 to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

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

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

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.  
Dated: 6/02/2021  
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka  
Court Administrator  
Law Firm for Estate:  
LuAnn M. Petricka Petricka Law Firm, P.A.  
150 South Fifth Street, Suite 3100  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
(612) 465-0945  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/05/21; 06/12/21).

## City Public Notices

**Ordinance No. 235, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.32, SUBDIVISION 5 OF CHAPTER 11 IN CITY CODE ADDRESSING ACCESSORY STRUCTURE MAXIMUM HEIGHT AND THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE IN THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.**

The following official summary of the ordinance referred to has been approved by the City Council of Becker as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the amendments.

Chapter 11, Land Use Regulation  
**Section 11.32 SECTION 11.32. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R- 1)**

Subd. 5. Lot, Yard, Area, and Height  
This ordinance revises the minimum lot size and minimum lot width for lots with public sanitary sewer available and raises the maximum height of accessory structures in the Single Family Residential Zoning District of the City of Becker.

A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person at City Hall any Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

This document hereby is made a part of this ordinance and is attached hereto.

/s/ Tracy Bertram, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
/s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/05/21).

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Becker, Sherburne County, Minnesota will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at approximately 5:00 p.m. to consider changes to the City of Becker, City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2.19 relating to the fee schedule.

/s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/05/21).



## Township Public Notices

### Town of Becker, Sherburne County, Minnesota Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Becker Town Board will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021 at Becker Town Hall, 12165 Hancock Street. The Town Board will hold public hearings regarding the following:

**7:03 p.m. Easement Vacation Application** –Frank & Tera Kasowski, III, owners and Boulder & Spud Land Company, LLP, applicant have submitted an Easement Vacation Application between the land at 8509 119th Ave SE, Clear Lake, MN and the parcel to the south identified as by parcel identification 05-508-0232

Anyone interested in this item is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Lucinda Messman at PO Box 248, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to [clerk@beckertownship.org](mailto:clerk@beckertownship.org) by 4:00 p.m. on July 16, 2018.

Thank you.  
Lucinda Messman, Becker Township Clerk  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/05/21).

# DEADLINES

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## Sherburne County Public Notices

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**CP 71-642-020 CR 42 from CSAH 1 (S) to CSAH 9**  
**CP 71-670-019 CR 70 from CSAH 3 to 229' East of CSAH 3**  
**CP 71-670-020 CR 70 from CSAH 3 to N Co Line**  
**SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

NOTICE is hereby given that SEALED Bid Proposal Packages will be received by the Sherburne County Engineer at the office of the undersigned until **1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 23, 2021** for the following project:

**The Major Quantities of Work are:**  
MILL BITUMINOUS SURFACE S Y 85,280  
AGGREGATE BASE & SHOULDERING TON 1,680  
TYPE SP 9.5 & 12.5 WEARING COURSE MIX TON 16,211  
PAVEMENT MARKINGS L F 78,443

**Receipt of Bid Proposal:** Bids will be received at the Public Works Office, located at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330 until **1:00 PM, Wednesday, June 23, 2021.**

**Bid Opening:** Proposals will be opened by the County Engineer after the hour set for receiving bids at the Sherburne County Government Center. The bid opening is open to the public and will be held in the Maple Room A conference room at the Sherburne County Government Center; 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River MN 55330. As a courtesy to our bidders, the bid opening may be attended via online through WebEx. Information for accessing the bid opening via WebEx will be provided in the bid proposal package.

Plans & specifications may be examined at the office of the Sherburne County Highway Engineer, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330, or at <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php> & follow the Construction Projects & Bids (eGram) link. A user ID & password is required to download the Plans & Specifications. Contact Public Works at 763-765-3300 to obtain.

**The cost to download the Plans & Specifications is free. The cost to obtain a hard copy of the Plans & Specifications is \$50.00 with an additional \$10.00 mailing fee.**

**TO SUBMIT A BID – A Bid Proposal Package must be purchased. The cost to obtain the Bid Proposal Package is \$10.00.** Requests are made to the Sherburne County Engineer, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330.

Requests must be accompanied by check, draft, or money order, payable to the Sherburne County Public Works. Bids must be accompanied by a **Certified Check or Bidder's Bond** made payable to the Sherburne County Treasurer as a proposal guarantee for at least **5% of the amount of the bid.**

No bidder may withdraw their bid (which shall include the Certified Check or Bidder's Bond) within 15 days after the scheduled closing for the receipt of bids.

The County Board will consider award of the contract at the July 13, 2021 County Board Meeting contingent upon County Engineer & County Attorney review. It is the County's intent to begin construction the **middle part of August 2021 and completed by middle part of September 2021.**

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids & waive informalities.  
Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 21st day of May 2021.  
/s/ Bruce Messelt, Sherburne County, Minnesota

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Sherburne County has designated its official website as <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php>. Official publication of bids, requests for information, and requests for proposals will be done on the official website as an alternative means to disseminate solicitations of transportation construction and maintenance projects. (Published in the *Patriot*: 05/29/21; 06/05/21; 06/12/21).

### Planning and Zoning Administration NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sherburne County **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION** will meet at **6:00 P.M. June 17, 2021**, at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota to hold a public hearing for all unincorporated areas of Sherburne County in which the County has zoning and land use authority, to consider the following application(s) and other planning and zoning related topics.

**In response to COVID-19, we will continue to practice social distancing at our Planning Advisory Commission Meeting. The board room will be set up with 6' between chairs for our board members and applicants and residents that wish to comment. Depending on the amount of people in attendance you may be asked to wait in the hall outside the room until your particular hearing. Thank you for your understanding during this time.**

**Amendment to the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance:** Amend Section 5 Definitions and Rule of Language Construction, Subdivision 2 Definitions, looking to establish the following definitions: Improved Parking Surface, Motor Vehicle and Operable Motor Vehicles.

**Amendment to the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance:** Amend Section 17 General Development Regulations, Subdivision 2 Parking and Loading Regulations, proposal to establish Permitted Parking Areas for Platted Lots.

**Amendment to the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance:** Amend Section 18 Administration and Enforcement, Subdivision 3, Board of Adjustment.

- Subd.1(A) modifies the criteria for appointing members to the Board of Adjustment and includes additional changes in response to comments the Commissioners received at the March Township Association meeting. Specifically, the current draft removes prior draft requirements for appointing a city resident and mandating one member form each commissioner district. The current draft now emphasizes a goal of appointments based on geographic diversity, to the extent possible based on the applicant pool.
- Subd. 1(B), (C) (D) and (E) were added or modified to be consistent with the rules governing appointments and operation of the County's other boards and commissions.
- Subd. 1(B) language was further amended pursuant to County Board direction of April 20th, 2021 regarding who may serve on the Board of Adjustment.
- Subd. 2, 3 and 4 were added or modified to reflect current practice and to be consistent with the rules governing the County's other boards and commissions.
- Subd. 5 is amended to add clarifying language.
- Subd. 6 is amended to specify that any appeal to the Board of adjustment must be filed within 30 days of the order or decision being appealed, and to add clarifying language.
- Subd.7(E) is added to specify that the Board of Adjustment may add conditions when granting a variance, which is current practice.
- Subd.7(F) is amended to remove the requirement that an applicant submit a Township comment form as part of the original application.
- Subd.7(G) is added to provide a process for the Board of Adjustment to receive Township comments on an application.
- Subd.7(H), (I) and (J) are modified to clarify language and to reflect the current process in administering applications.
- Subd.7(K) is modified to current law and to provide clearer language on variance criteria.

A full copy of the proposed changes is available for viewing from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Sherburne County Zoning Office, Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN

The hearing of these requests is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this hearing.

Recommendations made by the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board may be subject to further action by the Township of Baldwin, the Township of Livonia or the Township of Big Lake, and the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners.

Recommendations that are forwarded to the County Board from this public hearing will be heard at the July 15th, 2021 County Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:00 AM in the County Board Room located at the Sherburne County Government Center.

Nancy Riddle, Zoning Administrator  
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# Public Notices

## Sherburne County Public Notices

### Sherburne County Board of Commissioners May 18, 2021 - County Board Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order**  
The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on May 18, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Chair was at 9:00am.

- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda
- Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to approve Regular Meeting Agenda as amended with the following changes; item 2.12 department change from Planning and Zoning to Public Works, item 5.2 removed from the agenda, and note that HR Director Tammy Bigelow and Risk Management Specialist Staci Hecht will be present for questions pertaining to item 5.3.

**Consent Agenda**  
Dolan/Burandt unanimous to approve Consent Agenda as amended.

- Approved Regular Meeting Minutes: May 4, 2021.
- Approved Workshop Meeting Minutes: May 4, 2021.

**Use of Volunteers and Unpaid Interns Policy. Administration**  
*Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator*

- Approved the new Use of Volunteers and Unpaid Interns Policy. (On file.)

**Office Space Lease Agreement with Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Administration**  
*Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator*

- Approved a 1-Year Lease Agreement for General Office Space with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), pending final review by the County Attorney's Office and approval as to form. The lease would run from June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022 with a lease payment of \$2,124.

**Resolution #051821-AD-2040 Authorizing Participation in the Performance Measures Program. Administration**  
*Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator*

- Approved Resolution #051821-AD-2040 Authorizing County Participation in the State of Minnesota's Performance Measures Program. (On file.)

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

Approved Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

- April 30, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$1,178,845.34
- April 30, 2021 Manual Warrants \$7,819.75
- May 7, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$320,331.90
- May 7, 2021 Manual Warrants BMO Harris Peard Apr 2021 \$97,780.63
- May 7, 2021 Manual Warrants \$7,927.95

**Monthly Auditor-Treasurer Report for April 2021. Auditor / Treasurer**  
*Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer*

- Accepted the April 2021 Report from the Auditor-Treasurer as presented.

**04/30/2021 HHS OBO Warrants. Health & Human Services**  
*Amanda Larson, HHS Director*

Approved HHS OBO Warrants as follows:

- April 30, 2021 HHS OBO Warrants \$4,733.49

**HHS Housing Subsidies Letter for Big Lake CommonBond Development. Health & Human Services**  
*Amanda Larson, HHS Director*

- Approved an HHS Housing Subsidies Letter for Big Lake CommonBond Development for Permanent Supportive Housing Units. (On file.)

**2021 Roofing Repair & Replacement at the Government Center Campus. Maintenance**  
*Steve Becker, Maintenance Department Head*

- Approved and entered into contract with McDowall Companies as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$349,470.00 with a total project cost not to exceed \$400,000 including potential contingencies for the roofing repairs and replacement on sections 3,4,5,6 and 7 at the Government Center Campus site, pending final County Attorney approval of said contract terms. Work is scheduled to begin in mid-to-late June 2021 and a completion date of October 2021.

**Non-Permitted Site Cleanup Program for Bonnie Proell Property, located at 10333 165th Ave SE. Planning & Zoning**  
*Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator*

- Approved a contract for services with Wrick Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$375, to allow cleanup of the Bonnie Proell property located at 10333 155th Ave SE, Becker MN. (On file.)

**Offer and Purchase of Property for Realignment of CR 33 (PIN 75-114-4320). Public Works**

*Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head*

- Authorized the Public Works Director, on behalf of Sherburne County, to present an offer and purchase agreement for property required for realignment of CR 33 (PIN 75-114-4320).

**Amended Agreement with WSB for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 12 Design and Construction Phase Services. Public Works**  
*Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head*

- Approved an Amended Agreement with WSB in the amount of \$184,124 for County State Aid Highway 12 Design and Construction Phase Services. Original term start date of September 19, 2019 and shall terminate on the date that all obligations have been fulfilled and all deliverables have been approved by the County, unless earlier terminated pursuant to the terms of the Agreement. (On file.)

**RAISE Grant Application Contract with SRF Consulting. Public Works**  
*Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head*

- Approved a professional services contract with SRF Consulting, Inc. for assistance with the federal RAISE Grant Application for the US 169 and CSAH 4 Interchange in Zimmerman. Term shall commence on May 18, 2021 and shall terminate on the date that all obligations have been fulfilled and all deliverables have been approved by the County. Total cost not to exceed \$28,426.00.

**2021 State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Patrol Grant. Sheriff**  
*Joel Brott, County Sheriff*

- Approved the acceptance of the 2021 State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Patrol Grant in the amount of \$6,375 to provide additional boating safety patrol hours during high watercraft use periods. Grant start date of May 14, 2021 and end date of September 6, 2021.

**Announcements**  
**County Information and Board Correspondence. Administration**  
*Bruce Messelt, County Administrator*

- County Administrator Bruce Messelt informed the Board of a Thank You Letter from USFWS regarding efforts to seek construction of a Visitor Center at the Sherburne National Refuge. The Sherburne Water Conservation District requested to the County pre-identify its Policy Committee member; Commissioner Barbara Burandt volunteered for the committee. Messelt also reminded the Board of the upcoming NACo Annual Conference travel and lodging information.

**Open Forum**  
**No one was present.**

**Regular Agenda**  
**Proclamation of May as Foster Care Month and Announcement of Award Winners. Health & Human Services**  
*Julie Mlsna, Social Services Supervisor*

- Fobbe/Burandt unanimous to approve Proclamation of May as Foster Care Month. Following Board approval, Social Services Supervisor Julie Mlsna announced this year's award winners as follows: Child Foster Care Award to Wendy and Terry Bohn, Adult Foster Care to Vicky and Dave Warrant. Lead Social Worker Mitch Fennell presented the 2021 Foster Child of the Year Award to Anjal Champion. Champion spoke words of thanks to the County social worker's and staff.

**COVID-19 Pandemic Update and County Response. Administration**  
*Nicole Ruhoff, CHS Administrator, Bruce Messelt, County Administrator, Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator, Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer*

- Dolan/Fobbe unanimous to ratify the County Auditor/Treasurer's submittal of an application on behalf of Sherburne County for receipt of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (American Rescue Plan or ARP) in the amount of \$18,887,342.00. Assistant Administrator Dan Weber presented on the ARP highlighting potential usage, guideline requirements, revenue loss examples and recovery of lost revenue, and next steps in the process. HHS Director Amanda Larson presented on COVID related staffing needs for HHS and County Attorney Kathleen Heaney also presented on staffing needs for Attorney's office. CHS Administrator Nicole Ruhoff presented the Board COVID-19 statistics and updates including testing rates, positivity rates, 14 Day formula and school updates, hospitalization rates, vaccination update, MDH Pilot project selection update, and funding resources. County Administrator Bruce Messelt updated the Board on the recent mask mandate lift and how it has been applied to the Government Center and staff. HR Director Tammy Bigelow and Risk Management Specialist Staci Hecht were available for any questions.

- Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to approve the ratification of the Uni-

fied Command E.O.C.'s recommendation to the Board pertaining to COVID-19 protocol throughout the Sherburne County Government Center.

- Schmiesing/Dolan unanimous to approve Resolution 051821-AD-2042 amending Resolution 032020-AD-1944 Declaring a Local State of Emergency to facilitate a return to normal conduct of public meetings of County Boards, committees and commissions. (On file.)

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

**Commissioner Dolan** - Elk River Comp Plan meetings, Ground Breaking at Sport Tech, City of Elk River, Big Lake and Becker meetings, Magic Fund, CMRP Task Force, AMC Jail Population Task Force

**Commissioner Fobbe** - AMC Futures Conference, Princeton City Council Meeting, Baldwin Township Meeting

**Commissioner Schmiesing** - Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, MICA, MCIT

**Commissioner Burandt** - Council on Aging Joint meeting, CAMHI Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, First Steps Joint Powers

**Commissioner Danielowski** - Central MN Task Force, National Prayer Breakfast in Big Lake, Sport Tech Groundbreaking, Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, APO Board Meeting,

**Adjourn Regular Meeting, Open Community Health Board Meeting**

**Community Health Board Consent Agenda**  
**Community Health Board Regular Agenda**

**Adjourn Community Health Board Meeting, Recess**  
**Reconvene, Open County Workshop Meeting**  
**Adjourn County Workshop Meeting**

**Commissioner Warrants**

4/30/21	232,316.78	General Revenue Fund
	103,640.94	Public Works Fund
	46,523.91	Solid Waste Fund
	27,861.49	Jail Commissary Fund
	81.93	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	5,355.33	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	739,140.27	Agency Collections
	2,491.80	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	21,432.89	Towns & Cities Collections
	1,178,845.34	Total

**Manual Warrants**

4/30/21	7,819.75	Agency Collections
	7,819.75	Total

**HHS OBO Warrants**

4/30/21	1,339.30	OBO Amazon
	1,172.60	OBO First Book
	493.77	OBO Innovative
	420.00	OBO Jim's Mille Lacs Disposal
	774.44	OBO Red Roof Inn
	533.38	10 Payments less than 300
	4,733.49	Total

**Manual Warrants**

5/7/21	7,927.95	Agency Collections
	7,927.95	Total

**Manual Warrants BMO Harris Peard**

5/7/21	94,805.72	General Revenue Fund
	1,668.22	Public Works Fund
	160.87	Jail Commissary Fund
	1,125.82	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	20.00	Agency Collections
	97,780.63	Total

**Commissioner Warrants**

5/7/21	131,955.06	General Revenue Fund
	22,534.99	Public Works Fund
	10,191.84	County Ditch Fund
	3,024.59	Law Library Fund
	5,279.84	Solid Waste Fund
	30,691.19	Jail Commissary Fund
	33,136.18	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	82,526.21	Agency Collections
	992.00	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	320,331.90	Total

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Chairperson  
/s/ Bruce Messelt, County Administrator  
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### Sherburne County Board of Commissioners May 18, 2021 - County Board Workshop Minutes

The Board Chair opened the County Board Workshop Meeting.  
**Update on County Rural Highway and Intersection Safety Efforts. Public Works**

*Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head*

- The County Board received an update on County Rural Highway and Intersection Safety Efforts from Public Works Director Andrew Witter. Highlighted areas were on progress with the County's State of the Safety plan for planning efforts/system evaluation, recent projects, and fund-ing.

**Adjourn Workshop Meeting**  
/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Board Chairperson  
/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator  
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### Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

**Warrants Approved On 5/07/2021 For Payment 5/07/2021**

Vendor Name	Amount
Braun Intertec Corp	4,977.50
BroMax Contracting LLC	9,580.83
Cardinal Investigations	8,500.00
CGW Law Office	4,050.00
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	6,825.00
Dacotah Paper Co	4,264.84
David & Victoria Jordan	6,609.00
E- MDs	2,394.00
Elk River Municipal Utilities	59,971.98
Food Express Usa	2,064.24
Keefe Supply Company	17,065.74
League of Mn Cities Insurance Trust	2,754.00
Minnesota Native Landscapes	4,350.00
Mn Dept Of Health	3,697.50
Natural Resources Services Inc	3,075.00
North Central International	2,440.64
Phoenix Supply	2,033.13
Q- Matic Corporation	3,314.40
Rutland Law, PLLC	5,100.00
Securus Technologies	8,544.83
State Treasurer	36,896.00
Stearns County Environmental Services	2,132.00
Suburban Tire Wholesale Inc	3,513.60
Summit Food Service, LLC	33,079.87
The Hartford	41,899.11
Tyler Investigative Services	2,185.35
90 Payments less than 2000	39,013.34
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>320,331.90</b>

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### Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

**Warrants Approved On 4/30/2021 For Payment 4/30/2021**

Vendor Name	Amount
Baker Tilly US, LLP	2,445.00
Bureau Of Criminal Apprehension	7,105.00
Centerpoint Energy	17,746.76
Century Link	2,019.57
City of Becker	2,406.42
City of Elk River	10,290.34
City Of Zimmerman	26,956.47
Connexus Energy	6,231.02
Delta Dental Of Minnesota	28,168.38
Edinger/Richard	2,673.84
Fidelity Security Life	2,308.07
Granite Electronics Inc	3,564.12
HDR Engineering Inc.	8,864.64
Hess & Jendro Law Office, P.A.	3,380.00
High Line Software Inc	2,674.00
Houston Engineering Inc	5,614.50
Marco	8,002.28
Marco Inc	5,640.75
Medica	689,111.40
MHSRC/Range	2,225.00
Minnesota Elevator, Inc	2,656.64
MN Department of Agriculture	21,876.00
North Country Chevrolet	88,726.08
Office Of MN.IT Services	2,850.82
Omnicare Inc	19,001.37
Patriot News MN	3,865.86
Rocky Mountain Construction	5,835.00
Securus Technologies	9,538.45
Sherburne Co Trail Assoc	15,225.36
SHI International Corp	65,599.63
Star Tech Computing Inc	6,337.50
The Wiley Law Office, PC	13,250.00
Treas City Of Elk River	18,941.64
USPS- POC (postage meter)/Quadient	16,826.00
Videotronix Inc	9,893.58
Western Detention Products Inc	4,022.80
Windstream	2,306.98
83 Payments less than 2000	34,664.07
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,178,845.34</b>

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### Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

**Warrants Approved For Payment 4/30/2021**

Vendor Name	Amount
5 Payments less than 2000	7,819.75
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>7,819.75</b>

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### Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

**Warrants Approved For Payment 5/07/2021**

Vendor Name	Amount
5 Payments less than 2000	7,927.95
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>7,927.95</b>

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### Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

**Warrants Approved For Payment 5/07/2021**

Vendor Name	Amount
OBO Amazon	5,372.08
OBO CDW Government	4,641.22
OBO Dacotah Paper	3,575.27
OBO Dell	44,877.00
OBO Nor- Tech	20,690.00
62 Payments less than 2000	18,625.06
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>97,780.63</b>

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# Police & Sheriff Activity Reports

## Sherburne County Recorder Vital Statistics Marriage Application Report May 2021

Kayla Grace Anderson of Elk River and Nicholas David Albold of Big Lake. Kristina Marie Rice of Minneapolis and John Robert Lombardi of Apple Valley. Thomas Martin Cunningham and Linda Kay Louise of Monticello. Megan Gail Czanstkowski and Justin Bruce Johnson of Becker. Anthony Bernard Stein of Elk River and Nicole Elaine Yanisch of Eagan. Dylan Randy Sandberg and Codi Lynn Goodwill of Zimmerman. Keith Allen Woods and Leah Martina Andrews of Becker. Kayla Ardell Dieterichs and Ethan Earl Martinez of Big Lake. Derek Lawrence Kaipos Sachs and Crystal Anuenue Alohilani Sachs of Big Lake. Cody Michael Townsend and Arianna Denise Borgeson-Carriveau of Elk River. Mitchell Riley Phelps and Megan Lee Lundgren of Becker. Emily Grace Lengquist and Brett Scott Anspach of Elk River. Jamie Lynn Hall and Matthew Randall Noren of Big Lake. Joseph Patrick Donohue of Big Lake and Kaitlyn Marie Pilz of North Branch. Jackie Lynn Stocke and Jacob Paul Molitor of Becker. Jenna Marie Helgeson of Clear Lake and James Fowler Christensen of Hawthorn Woods, IL. Wesley Paul Kalsow of Apple Valley and Katie J June Vande Brake of Big Lake. Teri Jo Arradondo and Blake William Ebel of Zimmerman. Jacob John Tschida of Zimmerman and Morgan Marie Pritchard of Big Lake. Jesus Hosain Gutierrez and Maria Antonia Ramirez-Cruz of Zimmerman. Nolan Jacob Anderson and Lauren Ashley Gillquist of Elk River. Jersey Wayan Escalona and Samantha Lambert of Zimmerman. Courtney Marie Trombley and Travis Wayne Kok of Zimmerman. Lisa Kay Dahl of South Haven and Todd William Olson of Zimmerman. Emily Elizabeth Ruhland of Saint Michael and Andrew Thomas Braun of Buffalo. Danielle Marie Healy and Cory Douglas Hartje of Elk River. David Lee Mielke and Jennifer Rose Christen of Zimmerman. Leyton Julius Becker of Fairmont and Montana Marie Lawrence of Princeton. Alexia Rose Marie Bjerke and Ted E Swanson of Plymouth. Robert Arthur Bauer and Sarah Ruth Hunt of Saint Francis. Isaac Michael Sletto and Alysha Linnea Thielen of Manhattan, KS. Madison Ann Reichert and Ryan Jacob Sandhoefner of Elk River. Zachary Quinn Beaumaster and Claire Elizabeth Macki of Becker. Abby Lauren Collins and Jenna Mae Stein of Big Lake. Kyle David Johnson and Samantha Marie Erickson of Zimmerman. Andrea Lynn Thesing and Brent John Denninger of Elk River. Chandler Shawn-David Hanover and Saraya Luetta Jayne of Elk River. Keshoun Deon Crofton of Chicago, IL and Alexa Jade Jones of Big Lake. Austa Danielle Yarrow and Adam Tyler Esselman of Becker. Thomas Ryan Brant and Julie Ann Jenkins of Rogers. Bobbie Lynn Junker and Winslow August Albright III of Saint Cloud. Samuel Raymond Schaffer and Lauren Elizabeth Raisanen of Big Lake. Juan Carlos Flores Chavez and Ramona Ozoria Vasquez of Elk River. Tania Viveros Torres and Brian Charles Kitzman of Richfield. Rochelle Renee Hickerson and Mitchell Richard Boser of Elk River. Madison Grace Love of Zimmerman and Dawson John Olson of Big Lake. Juan Carlos Flores Chavez and Ramona Ozoria Vasquez of Elk River. Kyle Robert Rowley-Duresky and Jaime Lynn Lacroix of Zimmerman. Chase Henry Olson of Zimmerman and Alyssa Marie Nielsen of Ramsey. Brooke Marie Hache and James Wyatt Hippie of Milaca. Alexandra Rae Nungesser and Pascual Calvyn Venter of Maple Grove. Thomas Gunther Lind and Shelby Reh Belden of Becker. Edgar Sanchez-Rojas of Elk River and Cindy Amparo-Espinoza of Litchfield. Christian Arthur Sorenson and Sarah Jean Ball of Big Lake. Melanie Lou Burma and Douglas Thomas Milroy of Princeton. Brandon Lee Chambliss and Kendra Marie Hibbison of Zimmerman.



NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 05/24/2021 - 05/30/2021

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offense(s): Matthew Donald Dooley, 35 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - MSD harassment restraining order violation. Donell Jermaine Williams, 18 of St. Cloud, MN 56304 - FEL domestic assault. Jason Eric Lysne, 41 of Le Sueur, MN 56058 - MSD domestic assault. Terry Thomas Olson, 46 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - FEL drugs 5th degree, Aitkin Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Jonathan Michael Smith, 45 of Isanti, MN 55040 - FEL drugs 5th degree. Christopher Shawn Tinklenberg, 35 of St. Cloud, MN 56304 - FEL drugs 5th degree. Angela Reniece Harris, 35 of St. Paul, MN 55130 - MSD domestic assault (2 counts), Dakota Co. & Hennepin Co. warrants. Justin Lee Mendiola, 32 of Elk River, MN 55330 - MSD domestic assault. Kara Ann Carlson, 34 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL 5th degree controlled substance, child endangerment. Mackenzie Rae Lindquist, 24 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL 5th degree controlled substance (3 counts). Colin Aaron Sinkfield, 42 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - GM domestic assault. Jennifer Sue Ketchum, 29 of Saint Joseph, MN 56374 - FEL drugs 5th degree, Benton Co., Carver Co. & Wright Co. warrants. Sergey James Somers, 30 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Bryant Garth, 25 of Fridley, MN 55432 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Cornelius Shajuan McNeal, 21 of Brainerd, MN 56401 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Abduqadir Abdi Isaac, 24 of St. Cloud, MN 56304 - Hennepin Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Jodee May Gamache, 33 of Mora, MN 55051 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Paul Timothy Soltvedt, 52 of Elk River, MN 55330 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Jeremy Allen Glass, 31 of Saint Paul, MN 55104 0 Dept. of Corrections & Sherburne Co. warrants. Dwight Preston Steele, Jr., 40 of Sacred Heart, MN 56285 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Jerry Len Walden, 36 of Little Falls, MN 56345 - Sherburne Co. & Washington Co. warrants. Amber Lee Scherr, 35 of Saint Paul, MN 55104 - Dakota Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Anthony James DeMarco,

28 of Princeton, MN 55371 - Dept. of Corrections warrant. **Citations Issued:** 1 running at large - Big Lake Twp., 1 drugs - possess over 1.4, 2 drugs - possess/sale small amount, 3 drugs - possess drug paraphernalia, 21 speed - exceed limit, 3 driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, 2 driving after suspension, 3 driving after revocation, 1 driving after cancellation, 2 domestic assault - misdemeanor, 1 open burning - prohibited materials. **Total: 40**  
**Calls for Service:** 7 theft, 1 assault, 2 drugs/narcotics, 1 disturbing the peace, 7 harassment, 6 property damage, 3 DAR/DAS/FAC, 2 crimes against government, 1 trespass, 9 fraud complaint, 3 animal lost, 3 missing person, 2 animal found, 7 property found, 2 abandoned vehicle, 3 accident - mv personal injury, 10 accident - mv property damage, 1 accident - mv property damage hit and run, 7 accident - vehicle v animal, 6 animal complaint, 2 conservation, 2 dog complaint, 2 dog bite, 1 fire - other, 2 fire - vehicle, 1 fire - vehicle, 1 fire - grass, 1 alarm - fire, 2 gas leak/smell, 2 death, 34 medical, 4 mental case, 2 alarm - medical, 1 miscellaneous public, 2 domestic, 10 public assist, 18 agency assist, 16 alarm - security, 9 civil complaint, 130 officer initiated traffic stop, 20 traffic complaint, 1 garbage/littering, 3 suspicious person, 10 suspicious vehicle, 8 juvenile complaint, 1 fight, 37 security check, 15 extra patrol, 1 loud music complaint, 1 deliver message, 11 check the welfare, 3 burning complaint, 6 boating complaint, 4 ATV complaint, 4 shooting complaint, 1 fireworks complaint, 1 cross arm malfunction, 6 parking complaint, 5 jail medical, 29 paper service, 16 suspicious activity, 3 hazardous road conditions, 2 hazardous materials, 28 miscellaneous officer, 13 background check, 3 warrant arrest, 1 funeral escort, 30 transport, 2 jail incident, 2,911 phone alarm, 5,911 hang up, 9 court book & release, 1 follow up, 8 kennel inspection, 2 juvenile runaway, 6 vehicle lockout, 1 warrant attempt. **Total: 624**



## Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of May 24th - May 30th

**24-May:** 3 security check, 1 road hazard, 1 speed warning, 1 fire alarm, 1 hit & run accident, 1 welfare check, 1 public assist, 1 equipment / suspending object warnings, 1 equipment warning, 1 suspicious vehicle  
**25-May:** 1 extra patrol, 2 equipment warnings, 1 turn signal warning, 1 speed warning, 1 agency assist, 1 record check, 7 crosswalk violation warning, 1 seatbelt violation warning, 1 suspended object warnings, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 public assist, 1 security check, 1 stop sign warning, 1 stop sign warning / no proof of insurance Citation #218  
**26-May:** 1 agency assist, 1 wrong way parking warning, 1 equipment warning, 3 record check, 1 miscellaneous public, 1 criminal sexual conduct, 3 extra patrol, 2 welfare check, 1 failure to yield, 1 suspicious activity  
**27-May:** 3 security check, 2 speed warning, 1 turn signal warning, 1 driving conduct warning, 3 extra patrol, 1 agency assist, 2 medical, 1 stop sign / no proof of insurance Citation #219, 1 suspended object / following too close warnings, 1 expired registration warning / no proof of insurance Citation #220, 1 speed Citation #221, 1 equipment warning, 1 driving after revocation / no proof of insurance Citation #222

**28-May:** 1 driving after suspension Citation #223, 3 driving conduct warning, 2 extra patrol, 4 suspicious vehicle, 1 noise complaint, 1 equipment warning / driving after revocation Citation #224, 5 speed warning, 1 found animal, 1 suspicious activity, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 accident, 2 stop sign warning, 1 crosswalk violation warning, 1 agency assist, 1 failure to listen to lawful order warning, 1 suspicious person, 5 equipment warning, 1 registration warning, 1 disturbance  
**29-May:** 1 traffic complaint, 2 equipment warning, 1 fail to move over for emergency vehicle warning, 1 driving after suspension / no proof of insurance Citation #225, 1 4th degree DWI / Citation #226, 5 theft from vehicle, 3 miscellaneous officer, 2 agency assist, 2 ATV complaint, 1 lift assist, 1 juvenile concern, 1 security check, 1 suspicious vehicle  
**30-May:** 1 stop sign warning, 1 equipment warning, 1 speed warning / stop sign Citation #227, 1 medical alarm, 1 speed Citation #228, 1 Exhibition driving / Admin Citation #3547, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 speed Citation #229, 1 open door, 1 911 hang-up, 1 agency assist



## Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service - Jail Bookings May 24, 2021 - May 30, 2021

**Call for Service Summary:** Total Calls for Service for Week: 168; 2021 Calls for Service: 4,580; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 41; Citations: 5; Arrests: 2; Medical Emergency Calls: 12; Mental Health Holds: 1; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 9  
**BLPD Arrests:** Joseph Bue - (Age 22 - Clear Lake, MN) - Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI; Colin Sinkfield - (Age 42 - Big Lake, MN) - Domestic Assault  
**Sun., May 30, 2021:** Lakeside Park - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 200 blk Jefferson Blvd - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of a narcotic. Arrested, see bookings for charges.  
**Sat., May 29, 2021:** 400 blk Shore Acres Dr - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed, 289th Ave/100th St - Agency Assist - ATL for vehicle involved a shooting, officers located the vehicle, driver fled and shot at officers while in pursuit, pursuit ended in Elk River where driver was reported deceased with self-inflicted gunshot wound. See media release.  
**Fri., May 28, 2021:** 115 Henry Rd - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 50 blk CR 43 - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing; 2000 blk 204th Ave - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing; 19300 blk Karen Ln - Property Damage - Report of dam-

age done to vehicle; Eagle Lake Rd/Washington Ave - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.  
**Thurs., May 27, 2021:** 300 Fern St - Trespassing - Report of a suspect at property who was not welcome there, mediated by officers; 129 Henry Rd - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties.  
**Wed., May 26, 2021:** 711 Rose Dr - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juveniles, mediated by officers; 129 Henry Rd - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; 600 blk Rose Dr - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing.  
**Tues., May 25, 2021:** 100 Lake St - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.  
**Mon., May 24, 2021:** 4500 blk Sterling Dr - Domestic Assault - Officers dispatched to a domestic disturbance, on individual found to have been assaulted, suspect arrested and booked into jail for Domestic Assault; 20100 blk 204th Ave - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 400 blk Washington Ave - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 700 blk Minnesota Ave - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance.



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## Wright County Sheriff's Activity Report Period Ending May 31, 2021

**May 24:** Shawnasee Emonic Johnson, 20, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Washington Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree assault violations. Jennifer Ann Marie Uden, 39, of Bloomington, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co., Scott Co. & Washington Co. warrants - theft. Jonathan Allen Klisch, 34, of Anoka, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Kitty Marie Winter, 57, of Blaine, was arrested in Monticello - Hennepin Co. warrant - theft. Thomas Edward Nelson, 60, of Blaine, was arrested in Monticello - charges of receiving stolen property, 5th degree possession of controlled substance, criminal damage to property & Washington Co. warrant - theft. Zakaria Abdi Khalif, 19, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Monticello - charge of receiving stolen property. Shueb Afi Ibrahim, 21, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Monticello - charge of receiving stolen property. Feisal Aden Dirir, 19, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Monticello - charge of receiving stolen property. Bryant Joe Erickson, 40, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Dempsey Kegan Ostvig, 28, of Eden Prairie, was arrested in Woodland Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - 4th degree DWI violations.  
**May 25:** Joshua Arnold Jonas, 24, of Clearwater, was arrested in Clearwater - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & obstruction of justice. Markus James Jones, 56, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - fugitive from justice charge. Miller Jermaine Johnson, 40, of Crystal, was arrested in Scott Co. - Wright Co. warrant - check forgery violations. Bobby Thornton, 42, of St. Paul, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Ramsey Co. warrant - theft. Thomas Michael Charest, 40, of North Branch, was arrested in Chisago Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Caneisha Lynn Fitch, 25, of Hutchinson, was arrested in McLeod Co. - Wright Co. warrant - violation of domestic abuse no contact order. James Touy Becker, 44, no permanent address, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - false information to law enforcement violations. Jeremy Lance Jackson, 44, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - terrorist threat violations. Dawn Love Foss, 42, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Middleville Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - receiving stolen property violations. Lorenzo Prince Strauder, 23, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - driving after revocation & weapons violation. Kyle Francis Donlan, 31, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of domestic assault.  
**May 26:** Aprilynn McClurg, 44, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI. Jeffrey Brian Bolgrea, 44, of Hoffman, was arrested in Steele Co. - Wright Co. warrants - 2nd degree DWI violations. Kelley Kaulieska Martin, 51, of St. Paul, was arrested in Ramsey Co. - Wright Co. - child neglect violations. Debbra Lynn Swoboda, 51, of Forest Lake, was arrested in Albertville - charges of possession of shoplifting gear & theft. Shayla Rose Dufner, 27, of Rockford, was arrested in Rockford - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance.

**May 27:** Eric Ernest Anderson, 51, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Terry Alan Clifton, 58, of Waverly, was arrested in Buffalo - MN Dept. of Corrections apprehension & detention order - violation of domestic abuse no contact order. Vincent James Tran, 22, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - charges of domestic assault & violation of an order - protection. David Michael Walter, 58, of Montrose, was arrested in Marysville Twp. - charges of 3rd degree DWI test refusal, driving after cancellation inimical to public safety, criminal damage to property & hit & run collision.  
**May 28:** Cristel Ann Knutson-Demars, 37, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrant - receiving stolen property violations. Michael Neal Rinnels, 37, of Isanti, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree assault & an Isanti Co. warrant - domestic assault by strangulation. Jessica Marie Painschab Johnson, 47, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree sale of controlled substance violation. Dawn Love Foss, 42, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Howard Lake - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Daniel Michael Volney, 39, of Watertown, was arrested in Delano - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Dustin Hunter Brown, 25, of Annandale, was arrested in Buffalo - charges of criminal vehicular operation & receiving stolen property. Ryan Scott Pederson, 46, of Albertville, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 3rd degree DWI.  
**May 29:** David Allen Klein, 66, of Bloomington, was arrested in Monticello - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Marc Proell, 61, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Albion Twp. - charge of 5th degree assault. Randy Lynn Navin, 41, of Monticello, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 3rd degree DWI refusal to test.  
**May 30:** Davier Xavier Atiya Mendoza, 20, of Elk River, was arrested in Otsego - Wright Co. warrants - false information to law enforcement & violation of an order - protection. David Lawrence Pillatzki, 44, of Litchfield, was arrested in Montrose - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - parole violation. Samantha Anne Fisher, 29, of Shakopee, was arrested in Buffalo - Carver Co. warrant - dog license violation. Steven Joseph Shipley, 38, of Clearwater, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of domestic assault.  
**May 31:** Jordyn Ann Smith, 23, of Anoka, was arrested in Anoka Co. - charges of domestic assault & obstruction of legal process. Randi Marie Gravelle, 34, of Buffalo, was arrested in Albertville - charge of 3rd degree DWI refusal to test. Chrissa Marylades Nyberg, 39, of Otsego, was arrested in Albertville - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance.  
**There were** 19 property damage accidents, 6 personal injury accidents, 7 hit & run accidents & 7 car deer accidents.  
**There were** 7 arrests - DWI, no underage consumption arrests, 2 school bus stop arm violations & 128 tickets - miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.



## To Protect & Serve





# Congratulations to the Class of 2021 Graduates!

## Tips to pay for college this fall

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What does paying for college during life's "new normal" and current economic climate look like? A new survey highlights parent plans and concerns regarding the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

The *College Ave Student Loans* survey of parents of undergraduate students conducted by *Barnes & Noble College Insights* found that of those planning to help their child pay for college, 52% said the pandemic will make it more difficult to pay this fall and 45% said it's changed how they plan to pay, with 51% using more savings, 45% borrowing more in student loans, and 27% taking out a parent loan.

Despite new challenges, the commitment to higher education remains steadfast: 93% of families agree obtaining a college degree is more important than ever.

"The pandemic has presented new obstacles, yet as this survey highlights, families are incredibly resilient and determined to help their child obtain a higher

education," says Angela Colatriano, chief marketing officer of College Ave Student Loans.

If higher education costs are on the horizon for you, the survey results suggest keeping these tips in mind:

- Anticipate spending more. Parents across the board reported college expenses being more than they expected, including college tuition and fees (81%), room and board/rent and food (77%), school activities and fees (61%) and books and supplies (57%). Plan and budget accordingly.

- Plan to use multiple sources. While 78% of parents put money aside for their child's education, only 17% said savings could cover the full cost. Be prepared to look at a variety of funding sources.

- Maximize financial aid. Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) every year your child attends college.

This important form is the gateway to scholarships, grants, work-study and federal student loans. If your financial situation has sub-



DESPITE THE CHALLENGES parents and graduating students face during the post-pandemic days, months and years ahead, 93% of families agree obtaining a college degree is more important than ever. (Todd Warnock / iStock via Getty Images Plus(c)).

stantially changed since last year, reach out to your school's financial aid office for help and resources.

- Search for scholarships. Grants and scholarships were the top method used to pay for college, ahead of parent savings and income. One easy one to consider is the \$1,000

monthly scholarship sweepstakes from College Ave.

- Tune up your credit. Of those surveyed, 53% plan to use student loans and 26% plan to use parent loans. Get a copy of your credit report and review your credit score, particularly if you think you may need private student loans

in addition to federal. Reach out to the credit reporting agency to address any errors. Credit history and credit score will impact whether you're approved for a private student loan, as well as the interest rate.

- Encourage your child to contribute. Sixty-nine percent of parents expect

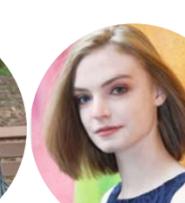
their child to help chip in and 52% expect their child to find a job while in college.

- Balance other financial commitments. When it comes to balancing other commitments, you can take comfort that you're not alone. Fifty-eight percent of parents are stressed about balancing their retirement and paying for college. Look at your balance of retirement savings, obligations, and goals to give you a clearer picture on where you stand and what you can afford to contribute towards college.

A majority of families surveyed wish more planning resources existed. If that describes you, check out the savings strategies and insights from college and personal finance experts available at collegeave.com.

While funding the 2021-2022 school year may be more difficult than you previously anticipated, having a solid plan and knowing all your options can help ensure a college education remains within reach.

\* = National Honor Society    \*\* = Top Ten Percent    \*\*\* = Top Ten Percent and National Honor Society

 Altina Ahamed	 Brianna Albrecht	 Alec Anderson	 Emery Anderson	 Kaitlyn Avila	 Jordan Bagne	 Jacob Bahe	 Aubrey Barthel*
 Austin Barzee	 Michelle Bauer*	 Tyler Beach	 Brennan Bebeau	 Luke Bellor	 Nicole Bengtson	 Kaleb Benson	 Kendra Berg*
 Lilly Berglund	 Beau Beutler	 Dakota Bier	 Joseph Biers	 James Bloom	 Jacob Boe**	 Will Boeckman*	 Reed Bottema*
 Addison Bowne***	 Codi Bunting	 Kyle Burrows	 Jacob Butkevicius	 Ava Carbert**	 Mary Carlin*	 Zachary Carlson	 Jerry Carrol
 Jocelyn Casavant***	 Corban Caverly	 Daniel Chmielewski	 Kylee Choate	 Zachary Collins	 Skyler Curtis	 Kaitlin Cusick	 Mackenzie Cypull
 Alexis Daniels***	 Gianna DeLorenzo**	 Amelia Degen	 Jordan DeMars	 Mary Dickey	 Hailey Dickson***	 Janaya Dimkpa	 Jadon Draeger
 Cole Duchene	 Allyson Dudley	 Dilynn Dudley	 Taylor Edmonson***	 Kian Eisenschenk**	 Brittany Ellis	 Shawn Erickson	 Zachary Evans
 Jason Farrand	 Derick Featherston	 Makenna Fendrich***	 Garrett Flaten	 Isaac Flicker**	 Karsyn Forgey*	 Rose Fradella	 Jon Freund



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 Autumn Hardy	 Noah Hart	 Caleb Hayes	 Gino Hayes	 Lillian Hayman	 Tristan Hegdahl	 Desiree Heinz	 Emma Hess*
 Jordan Hogan	 Annika Holl*	 Taylor Holthues***	 Gavin Holum	 Megan Houser	 Mia Huberty***	 Dallyce Huizenga	 Joshua Hunt
 Erin Iaquinto	 Jack Iverson*	 Anna Jeffreys**	 Morgan Johansen	 Andrew Jost	 Madison Karch	 Tanner Kasper	 Kaitlyn Kaufmann
 Patrick Kayitare	 Grace Kluk	 Ilyssa Kohman	 Blake Krumrei	 Alexander Kuntz	 Savannah LaClaire	 Aurora Lamere	 Sophia Lange
 Helayna Larson*	 Sierra LeDesma	 Keisy Leiva Padilla	 Josephine Lentz***	 Neriah Loehrs	 Isabella Loftus*	 Madelyn Lommel	 Lynette Lozano*
 Masoka Lubobi	 Josephine Luetmer	 Nicholas Lumm	 Mesa Maag	 Ashley Madison	 Cory Martin	 Kholton Martin	 Lily Martinez
 Kelsey McAlpin	 Kayla McClure	 Marissa McClurg***	 Damian McIntire	 Ashton McKenzie	 Jayden Mclearn**	 Ciara Melendez-Sanford	 Nicholas Merten

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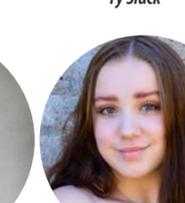
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 Jeremy Phyle	 Tristan Pirness	 Hannah Preston	 Justin Ramlochan	 Mitchel Reasoner	 Hannah Renslow***	 Emma Rezac*	 Jacob Richter
 Reggie Riebel	 Zachary Robeck	 Erin Rootes***	 Brandonlee Ruddock	 Trenten Rupar	 Lukas Ruppelius	 Austin Rydberg	 Jessica Sandberg***
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 Kayleigh Schwabke*	 Mitchell Scott	 Devon Sheehy	 Yasmin Shire	 Savannah Sienko*	 Carly Silva	 Ty Slack*	 Rayanne Slepica**
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Sophie Wesolowski\*



Audie West



Nevaeh Widstrom



Wyatt Windhorst\*\*\*



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Zachary Woodward



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*The following students did not submit a class photo:*  
 Alexia Cole, Elaina Cox, Carter Conavatti, Krystle Dos, Zachary Dostal,  
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**Class Motto:**

*"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." — Dr. Suess*

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## Exploring the connection between Math and the Arts



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While often thought of as two completely distinct subjects, art and math are intrinsically entwined. Not only can learning the fundamentals of one subject help a student excel in the other, but combining the subjects can make the traditionally intimidating field of math more accessible and approachable.

As more attempts are being made to integrate the arts into STEM learning at school, you can reinforce the intersection at home in the following ways:

- Explore history: Encourage your child to read books that explore the collision of art and math, such as "The Golden Ratio: The Story of Phi, the World's Most Astonishing Number." While authored by an astrophysicist, it's meant

for readers of all backgrounds to enjoy.

- Say cheese: Photography incorporates many mathematical principles. Take a photography course together to examine how focal length, aperture and shutter speed affect images.
- Visualize it: Be sure your child is equipped with a top notch graphing calculator that provides visual support for mathematical exploration. Using a graphing calculator, students can apply mathematical formulas to create their own designs, art and even drawings. Look for a high-definition, easy-to-operate option, such as the fx-CG50 graphing calculator from Casio, which has the programming language Python built right into it, giving students the freedom to program the calculator to creatively arrive

at solutions. Or check out Classpad.net, a free, all-encompassing online calculator alternative, with all the functionality of a handheld calculator.

- Enjoy fine arts: From the Dutch graphic artist M.C. Escher and his world famous lithographs, woodcuts and wood engravings, to the contemporary American sculptor Bathsheba Grossman who uses 3-D printing and computer programming to design mathematical sculptures, there are many visual artists for whom math is the very basis of their work. Take time to explore their collections and get inspired.

With a hands-on approach to mathematics and art, you can help your child foster a love of both subjects.

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## Do You Have What It Takes to be in the Peace Corps?

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Are you an older adult looking for your next big adventure? The Peace Corps is encouraging U.S. adult citizens to volunteer their service abroad to promote world peace and friendship.

While the Peace Corps temporarily suspended volunteer operations at all posts in March 2020 due to COVID-19, the agency is working to return to service and is accepting applications.

In time for Older Americans Month in May,

a legacy of the John F. Kennedy presidential administration along with the Peace Corps itself, here's what to know:

**Experiences Vary Widely**

Partnering with communities abroad to develop sustainable solutions for the world's most pressing challenges, the Peace Corps has served in 61 countries globally. Volunteers serve in such sectors as education, health, youth in development, agriculture, community, economic development, environment and Peace



Corps response. Over 240,000 American citizens

-- 13,898 of whom served over the age of 50 -- have served in the Peace Corps since it was established 60 years ago in 1961.

Recent older American volunteer experiences have ranged from working closely with a women's business association in Moldova to help develop small enterprises, to working with the Ministry of Education in Fiji in establishing a solar-powered digital library system and revamping its textbook warehouse.

**Older Volunteers are Valued**

According to Peace Corps officials and returned volunteers, not only are older Americans uniquely qualified to serve because of their perspectives and experiences, they are viewed and respected as an asset to their new communities.

They're also recognized back home. Indeed, the Peace Corps honors the contributions that older adults bring to service through the Lillian Carter Award. Established in 1986, the award is named for former President Jimmy Carter's mother, Lillian Carter, who served as a health volunteer in India in 1966 at age 68. Awardees have demonstrated a

commitment to civic engagement and service, advancing the Peace Corps mission of promoting world peace and friendship and strengthening Americans' understanding of the world and its people. The award ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. EST on Zoom.

**Getting Started**

There is no upper age limit to Peace Corps service and many volunteers have served into their 80s. Interested applicants can connect with a recruiter to learn more and get the application process started by visiting [peacecorps.gov](http://peacecorps.gov).

While experiences in the Peace Corps are as unique as the individuals and communities involved, building friendships and working locally to address pressing challenges serves as a fulfilling second act for many older Americans, giving volunteers a way to embrace a new purpose in retirement or following other careers.

### Congratulations, Big Lake graduates!

We wish our Old National scholarship recipient **Jolie Nehwah** and the entire 2021 class the best of luck for the future.

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