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PIZZA DEPOT is celebrating 10 years in Becker and owner Jane du'Monceaux (above) explains how she feels so connected to the Becker community and shares some experiences and memories. See the story on page 10. (Submitted Photo).

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Independence Elementary received a STEM award recently and the Big Lake School Board discussed it at their latest meeting. See the story on page 2.

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Expo draws great crowd

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The Becker Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Craft Fair was held last weekend and the result was a resounding success!

It was estimated that over 200 people attended the event to visit and learn more of their community from 75 vendors.

This year's Expo had a different look as the typical in-line booth was scrapped and the exhibitors were given their 10x10 space to fill as they pleased. This idea created an open-air feel to the event much like an outdoor Farmer's Market.

Many exhibitors brought in backdrops or curtains for behind their booth, then set up a table

in front — some featuring the company or businesses logo. The tables were embellished with handouts, giveaways, games and business cards.

Many booths were simply tables featuring area crafters and their works. Paintings, candles, paper sculptures and clothing items were on display and available for purchase.

Some exhibitors offered product samples, coupons, giveaway items, games/ activities and contests to create interest around the event and get people "in-the-door".

Becker Schools had a booth where they put on display an aerial view of the school grounds and indications showing where the new construction items will occur and a timeline.

Becker City had a



SHERBURNE STATE BANK had a life-sized piggy bank walk the event and hand out free bags to visitors. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

booth with lots of giveaways and information on city activities and events and a map of this spring's road construction projects.

Becker Spine had a booth where staff could help evaluate and assess back issues and/or set up appointments for guests who are seeking relief from bodily pain.

Audrey Orton had a booth featuring Mary Kay Cosmetics and Elevier Women's Center had 3D models of fetuses at different stages of development.

Godfather's Pizza had a booth with sign-ups to win prizes and they also provided a food option for visitors out in the main lobby area.

And right at the front door, Becker Girl Scouts

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Sheriff's Dept. achieves prestigious "Triple Crown" Status

Submitted Article

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

The Sherburne County Sheriff's Office has achieved "Triple Crown" accreditation status with the National Sheriffs' Association, one of only 50 sheriffs' offices in the United States to do so.

Triple Crown status requires attaining simultaneous accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections

(CAC), the American Correctional Association (ACA) and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC).

Three of the four accreditations are for jail operations.

"We are proud of the dedication and commitment that our jail and clinic staff adhered to, giving the Sheriff's Office the ability to become accredited by the ACA and NCCHC," said Brian Frank, Jail Commander. "The Triple Crown is an honor that we hold in high regard."

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Incredible Donation to K9 Unit!



SUZANNE GRANGER (above, middle) presented the Big Lake Police Department with a \$10,000 check to be used for their K9 program. Granger is a recent transplant to the area, having moved from California to the city area eight months ago. Granger boasts that she is a great fundraiser and promised her commitment to the BLPD's goal of raising funds for any and all department needs. In the photo above, left to right are: Bruno (K9), Interim Chief Sam Olson, K9 Officer Guy Chaffee, Granger, Officer Tyler Hecht, Officer Sam Norlin and City Administrator Clay Wilfhart. In photo on the left, Chaffee presented Granger with a photo canvas of Chaffee and Bruno as well as a t-shirt and sweatshirt from the Big Lake K9 program. Bruno is a German Shepard Dog - Belgian Malinois Cross who arrived from the Slovakia Republic (Europe) in November of 2016. The name Bruno is a Germanic word meaning "shield or armor." "I love animals and I had the money and I wanted it to go to a good use," said Granger. "I encourage others to try and help out in any way they can, too." (Patriot Photos by Bill Morgan).

Gas prices surge in Minnesota

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Gas prices have been rising for several weeks now — and it's not like they were moderately-priced to begin with. Now, experts are saying drivers should expect even more pain at the pump later in 2022.

As of Monday, the average price for a gallon of regular gas nationally stood at \$3.44, according to AAA. Minnesota's average is right there, at \$3.43. That's an increase of eight cents in one week and 98 cents more than it cost one year ago. The last time drivers faced prices this high at gas stations was 2014.

St. Louis County in northern Minnesota cur-

rently has the cheapest gas prices in Minnesota, based on AAA estimates, at \$3.27 per gallon. Scott County has the most expensive gas prices at \$3.54 per gallon.

Sherburne County is

around \$3.53 a gallon.

Many feel the Russian invasion of Ukraine could drive energy prices to new heights.

In addition, we're also heading into the time of the year that seasonally pushes gasoline prices up by anywhere from 25 to 75 cents by Memorial Day.

However, Minnesota Legislators are floating the idea of a summer without gas taxes. Friday, DFL Representative Dan Wolgamott of St. Cloud joined Representatives Zack Stephenson, Kaela Berg, Jessica Hanson, and Dave Lisle-

gard in announcing a proposal to suspend the state gas tax from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Wolgamott says the bill provides financial and stress relief to Minnesotans.

"We need to suspend the gas tax to help relieve the financial stresses of rising prices and inflation," said Rep. Wolgamott. "This proposal will ease the pressure Minnesotans are feeling at the pump without jeopardizing funds for roads and bridges."

State Capitol Republicans were critical of the idea. Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller issued the following statement on Friday:

"This is just another election year gimmick from the Democrats. The best way to provide relief to Minnesotans is with permanent tax cuts that result in more money in people's

pockets every single paycheck, week after week, month after month, year after year."

The Senate GOP has proposed using \$3.5 billion of the surplus to cut the lowers income tax rate from 5.35% to 2.8%. That tax cut would be permanent and ongoing.

Republicans also want to exempt all Social Security income from state taxes, which would use \$539 million of the current surplus, and also be ongoing year after year.

Minnesota's gas tax is currently 28.5 cents per gallon. The proposal would use General Fund dollars to offset the loss in income. The Minnesota Department of Revenue reports the gas tax raised just over \$207 million during the summer of 2021.

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Elementary School receives STEM innovation award

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During the recent school board meeting, it was revealed the Independence Elementary School recently won an award on innovations as a STEM school.

Some of the successful programs the school has implemented which led to winning the award included:

- No hands up. Students are called at random to answer questions during lectures, rather than raising their hands to be called on.
- This makes it difficult for students to tune out of the lecture, knowing they could be called on at any time.
- Talk for 30 seconds. Students are asked to discuss the topic for a full 30 seconds and demonstrate their knowledge.
- BEE time. Standing for “Best Education for Everyone,” a quiet time is set aside during which students may research any topic they choose. An example shown during the meeting was one student’s powerpoint on “The History of Hockey.”

The presenters went on to share success stories they have seen in the classrooms.

Policy Readings

Usually, policies adopted have two or more readings before they are approved, but during the recent meeting the Big Lake School Board had several “one-read policies,” which will not appear before the board again. These were approved without multiple readings because they were deemed to have minimal changes to the current policy.

As always, further detail which cannot be replicated in this article may be found in the meeting notes located under the school board tab on the school website.

There were also several policies which had a traditional first reading. These included:

- Policy 415, Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults;
- Policy 722, Public Data Requests;
- Policy 801, Equal Access to School Facilities;
- Policy 901, Community Education;
- Policy 102, Equal Ed-



PRINCIPAL JONA DEAVEL (R) AND SUPERINTENDENT TIM TRUEBENBACH accepted the 2022 STEM Innovation Award on behalf of Independence Elementary STEM School. (Photo taken from Facebook page.)

educational Opportunity;

- Policy 206, Public Participation in School Board Meetings;
- Policy 213, Committees;
- and Policy 904, Distribution of Promotional Materials.

Behavioral Specialist

The director of community education asked the board to consider hiring a behavior specialist for the community ed department. Lots of families are signing up for ECFE classes, and those students who have some emotional challenges would benefit with early intervention from a specialist. This person would also work as a liaison to train teachers on how to best work with and teach these students. The board approved his request.

Health Assistant

Pre-pandemic, the school cut a health assistant position that the board felt was not needed at the time. However, that led to a work overload for the remaining staff after COVID-19 hit. The board opted to bring this position back in order to lessen the load on existing staff. The board was of the opinion that, had they known the pandemic was coming, they never would have cut the position in the first place.

Student Representative

The student representative congratulated the gymnastics team on their performance at state. She also spoke on restructuring the student council and making herself, as the student rep, more accessible to the student body.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Heard the American Indian Education Program gave its annual update for the school;
- Heard the monthly financial report;
- Approved bids for work at the High School and at Liberty Elementary;
- Passed a resolution which supported the federal government fully funding special education costs;
- Approved calendars for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years;
- Heard committee reports from the board members;
- Gave a brief performance evaluation to Supt. Tim Truebenbach.

Welcome to Big Lake!



WELCOME TO BIG LAKE PD'S NEWEST OFFICER, CHRIS THULL. Chris previously worked for Sherburne County Jails and grew up in the area. Chris filled the department's vacant position from a recent resignation. (Submitted Photo).

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had a booth selling Girl Scout cookies for people entering or exiting the event.

The Expo typically focuses on Becker area retail, service, restaurant, and other industries. The event is an opportunity for residents and visitors to learn about products and services offered by participating businesses and entities.

The Becker Area Chamber of Commerce featured a “Bingo Game” where guests were handed a slip of paper that had a grid of empty boxes to be “stamped” by booth vendors. Guests went to any of the 75 vendor booths and asked them to stamp their card with the booth’s unique circular stamp.

Guests then returned to the Chamber booth for tickets they could fill out to possibly win one of several prizes.

The Patriot Newspaper booth held two contests, one where local “celebrities” were pictured and guests were challenged to identify them. Another game at the Patriot booth was a bean bag toss where, for every bean bag successfully scored, the player was able to fill out a slip with a chance to win a huge gift basket full of fun items from the Patriot.

Tiffany McDowall’s name was drawn earlier this week as the prize winner and she stopped in the Patriot office Tuesday to claim her prize.



BECKER SCHOOLS had Dale Christensen (far left), Jeremy Schmidt (middle) and Chantel Boyer (right) man their booth and help answer any questions the public might have on the schools and the upcoming renovations. Minda Anderson (not pictured) was also a school representative during the event. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

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BL Twp. holds Board of Audit

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During last week's meeting, the Big Lake Town Board held their annual board of audit meeting, during which the board and the treasurer went over the records for the past year.

This is an annual process which takes place around this time of year. Another yearly practice is the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will take place March 8 (Tuesday). During the meeting, township residents have the opportunity to vote directly on the budget for next year. This meeting is open to all township residents.

Hwy. 25 & Co. Rd. 11
At the Big Lake community meeting earlier this year, representatives from Sherburne County mentioned "switching" Co. Rd. 11 and Hwy. 25. Essentially, this project would change the ownership of both roads, making Hwy. 25 a county road, and turning Co. Rd. 11 over to MnDOT to become a state highway. The reason the county is pursuing this project is

that Co. Rd. 11 has lots of heavy traffic coming from all over the state, whereas Hwy. 25 really only carries local traffic. Should the state accept the road, Co. Rd. 11 would be improved to state highway standards, likely seeing an increase in the lane size with turn lanes and/or bypass lanes.

The county has asked the communities that would be impacted by this project to adopt a resolution of support for the project, since if there is any dissent between community partners the state is not likely to be willing to complete the project with the county.

The Big Lake Town Board agreed to give their support to the project.

In Other Business, the Board:
• Heard an update from Fire Chief Seth Hansen, who also noted that the Fire Dept. Chili Cookoff will take place at Lupulin Brewing March 19;
• Spoke briefly on upcoming road projects;
The annual town meeting will take place this upcoming Tuesday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m.

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The accreditation from CALEA focused on the Sheriff's Office 911 dispatch operations.

"Since going through the process of attaining accredited status and becoming accredited, our communications center staff have been performing routine tasks with more uniformity and after implementing many new practices and procedures to be in compliance, there is much more accountability with both the telecommunications and the supervisors," said 911 Communications Manager Laura Anderson. "Attaining CALEA Communications accreditation status has been very beneficial for our center."

"Achieving accreditation isn't the end of the process, it's really the start," said Sheriff Joel Brott. "The ongoing evaluation process that occurs throughout the year ensures the Sheriff's Office is following the best practices in the industry on a continual basis."

St. Cloud man injured in CW Twp. accident

Submitted Article

A two vehicle accident in Clearwater Twp. sent a St. Cloud man to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries last Friday mning.

Corey Paul Anderson, 37, of St. Cloud was east bound on I-94 in his 2008 GMC Envoy behind a 2020 Volvo Tractor driven by Corey David Mcgee, 48 of Pitkin, LA. Anderson's vehicle lost control and side-swiped the rear end of the

Volvo trailer and came to rest in the south ditch. The road was reported to be of snow and icy conditions. Mcgee survived the accident with no injuries but Anderson was transported to North Memorial after emergency personnel arrived. Alcohol was not involved in the accident.

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Area News

BL City Council opposes state housing restrictions

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During last week's meeting, the Big Lake City Council discussed proposed bills regarding housing regulations.

There are currently several bills being proposed by Minnesota legislators that would restrict Minnesota cities in their ability to regulate housing.

"To me, it seems just so unnecessary that they're trying to push this through,"

said Mayor Paul Knier.

Council passed a resolution against these bills that would restrict the city's ability to regulate housing.

Open Forum

Phil Collins spoke in favor of the city opening up for bids for towing services. He owns two towing services, one in Elk River and one in Big Lake. He gave the council an overview of his history in the business and his capability to provide service.

Ember Coffee Variance Request

A variance request for a sign for the new Ember Coffee Company location at 450 Jefferson Blvd. (same building as Fudgin' Delicious Ice Cream and Olive to Tan.) The current sign at the lot is currently non-conforming with city code, so the new business needed the council's approval to use it.

The building was put up at a time where there were no ordinances in place for signage. This resulted in signage that is out of conformity with current code.

Honey Bees

Council adopted an ordinance allowing beekeeping in certain specified districts in the city, with stipulations on the number of colonies kept and where they may be kept.

Council had a discussion on whether a land survey was required for property owners in order to keep bees. In the end, a vote determined that it would not be required as council felt the staff had sufficient data to fill this need.

Orrock Twp. discusses road work, tree trimming

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During last week's Orrock Town Board meeting, the supervisors discussed upcoming road work projects and tree trimming.

Pine Crest Estates West

A developer approached the board hoping to move forward with the development of their parcel off of Co. Rd. 4 (north of Co. Rd. 5). The developer has been working closely with the county to ensure everything is done properly.

The board spent some time discussing the road to access the new development, 180th St. Currently, this is a minimum-maintenance gravel road, but the board figured a nicer road would be necessary to serve the residents who moved into these proposed homes.

In the end, the board opted to pave the road only to the point of access with the development, leaving the road which continues back onto state land as a minimum-maintenance road. The board accepted the offer from the developer to contribute \$10,000 towards seeing the road paved.

The construction

would be completed during scheduled road work on Co. Rd. 4. The board said the county would have their vendors take care of the street as well, with Orrock covering its share of the costs. Having the work done at the same time will save the township money. The township engineer, Kevin Kruger, noted that the mailboxes on Co. Rd. 4 which serve the residents of 180th St. could be moved to 180th after it's paved, making it safer for residents to check their mail.

Hiccups in Roads and Tree Trimming

The township recently sent out ads for bids for road work, which will be ready for the board to review at the next monthly meeting. Supervisor Paul Ellinger voiced his concern and disappointment that the process of awarding bids has not gone faster, as he had hoped to lock in a contract by now.

On a similar note, the board was disappointed in the tree trimming services they had received this year. The trimmer did not complete the job in the timeline stated, and in fact did not start the process until the deadline was quickly approaching. Due to snow conditions, the trimmer was also unable to clean up

the mess created during the trimming, and will have to come back to complete the job. The board agreed that the company would not be paid the full amount due until the mess was cleaned, and possibly would not be awarded bids for service in the future. The board also decided, unofficially, to be more specific about the terms listed in the contract to avoid this issue in the future.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Luke McLean gave the report from the Sherburne County Sheriff's office. He noted that it was a quiet month, with fewer COVID-19 related cases.

The one interesting event for the Orrock area was a vehicle ran into the cemetery, knocking over some headstones. As of the meeting, the department had no leads on who the driver of the vehicle was, as they immediately drove off. The McLean said they were also unsure whether the accident was caused by slippery conditions, alcohol, or another reason.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Provided favorable comments for septic and setback variances for a Mr. Christianson;
- Decided to pursue a partnership with Monti-

cello Animal Control for dog catching services, as the current dog catcher will no longer be able to provide service to Sherburne County;

- Gave an update on the progress of the town hall expansion;
- Entered into an agreement with Big Lake Twp. for the 2022 Recycle Day.
- Reviewed a population and building update provided by the county, based on number of the 2020 census;
- Held the annual board of audit.

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If you would like more information on any of these events or if you would like to become a member of these organizations please reach out to them:

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Lynden Twp. considers new 5-year road plan

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

The agenda for Lynden Twp.'s February meeting was filled with old and new business, most of which the board was able to get through quickly. These included:

- Supervisor Dennis Niemi reviewed the concept of a five-year road plan with SHE and obtained a verbal quote. The plan involves developing a map and potential costs associated with a project

which will help with budget planning. A motion carried not to exceed \$2,000 for the year.

- Twp. Attorney Michael Couri provided a sample road right of way ordinance for the board to review. A motion carried to set aside February 15 as a working session to review the proposed ordinance and possibly reconcile it with the township's current Ordinance 12.

- A motion carried authorizing dust control from Central Minnesota Dust

Control up to \$53,000.

- Schendzielos provided pricing for 2022 maintenance. Clerk Jenny Schmidt will prepare a contract and submit it for review prior to the March meeting.

- Niemi will follow up with Schendzielos concerning two signs that were damaged during ditch mowing last fall. Forty additional signs within the township are scheduled to be replaced.

- Official Twp. Building Inspector Nancy Scott

continues to work with Jerry Konz on the requirement needed to settle the building encroachment on property line issue on Huble Road.

- Quotes for central air and an HVAC system have been obtained. Niemi will obtain quotes for replacing the furnace and will contact the building inspector regarding any necessary permits.

- A motion carried authorizing the expenditure of \$213 plus any other materials necessary to complete

the township's storage project.

- The City of Clearwater Fire Commission reviewed last year's call report and budget numbers during their January meeting. The Fire Dept. needs additional firefighters; contact city hall if interested.

- The agenda for the March 8 Annual Meeting is finalized; a motion carried to recommend Lynden Twp. residents pass a proposed 2023 levy of \$592,438.

- A motion carried ap-

pointing election judges and absentee ballot board members.

- A motion carried approving the Tri-County Humane Society contract for 2022 with additional language stating a \$350 annual cap and no seized animals.

- The local board of Equalization and appeals meeting will be on April 12 at 6 p.m.

- The next Lynden Twp. Board meeting will be March 7 at 7 p.m.

1 Killed, 7 Hurt in Crash on Hwy. 23 in Foley

Submitted Article

(Editor's note: The following information was provided by the Minnesota State Patrol).

One person was killed and seven others were hurt in a head-on crash on Hwy. 23 in Foley.

The Minnesota State Patrol says the crash happened just before 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

Fifty-five-year-old Bruce Varner of Sauk Rapids died in the crash. One of his passengers, 80-year-old Patricia Lemke of St. Cloud has life-threatening injuries and is at St. Cloud Hospital. Another one of his passengers, 46-year-old Janet Lemke of Rice is at

St. Cloud Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the second car 26-year-old Logan Christensen of Letcher, South Dakota has non-life threatening injuries along with his three passengers. They were all taken to St. Cloud Hospital.

According to the state patrol report, A 2011 Ford Fusion driven by Christensen was traveling westbound when it crossed the centerline and collided with another Ford Fusion (2014) that was eastbound. The driver of the eastbound Ford was Varner. Christensen's passengers were all under the age of 25.

Crash east of Zimmerman kills Isanti woman

Submitted Article

(The following information was sent to the Patriot by the Sherburne County Sheriff's Dept.)

A 68-year-old Isanti woman died Saturday afternoon when the vehicle she was driving was hit broadside on Sherburne Co. Rd. 4, just east of Zimmerman, according to Sheriff Joel Brott.

Frances M. Morinville was driving east on Co.Rd. 4 at about 4:15 p.m. when her car was hit by a vehicle that ran the stop sign at Co. Rd. 19, according to

Brott. Morinville was pronounced dead at the scene.

The vehicle that hit her car was travelling south on 19 and Morinville was the only occupant in her vehicle.

The driver of the other vehicle was a 17-year-old from Elk River who was taken to the hospital, treated and released. An 18-year-old passenger in that vehicle also was taken to the hospital, treated and released.

Investigators did not detect any signs that alcohol was involved in the crash.

Rush City man dies in crash in Stearns County

Submitted Article

(The following information was submitted to the Patriot by the Minnesota State Patrol).

A man from Rush City was killed Tuesday morning when the semi truck he was driving left the road in Stearns County.

Randal Lee Miller, 60 of Rush City was east bound on I-94 when his truck went off the road to the left of the over-

pass for Jade Rd. The 2003 Freightliner semi went into the median, landed on Jade Road and came to a rest under the I-94 bridge in St. Joseph township.

The road conditions were deemed dry however, Miller was unbelted and unrestrained in the vehicle.

Responding personnel included the Stearns County Sheriff's Dept., the St Joseph Police and Mayo Ambulance.

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Editorials/Opinions

Such A Time As This

Growing up Catholic, the Lenten season was a very important time of the year in which Christians — typically those of the Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox traditions — would observe and prepare for the mournfulness of the death of Christ and the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

For me as an unsophisticated youth, Lent meant giving up meat on Fridays (no biggie) and getting a basket-ful of candy and toys on Easter morning.

The significance of Lent has a much larger essence to me as an adult.

The 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday is full of meaning and purpose as it parallels several crucial stories in the Bible.

In the Old Testament, God punished mankind by sending a flood over the earth for **40 days and nights**. The people of Nineveh repented of their sins with **40 days** of fasting. The Prophet Ezekiel lay on his right side for **40 days** as a precursor to the siege and destruction of Jerusalem. The Prophet Elijah fasted and prayed for **40 days** on Mount Horeb. Moses fasted **40 days and nights** while on Mount Sinai. Moses and the Israelites wandered in the desert for **40 penitential years** until they entered the Promised Land.

And of course, in the New Testament, Jesus Christ fasted for **40 days**



By Bill Morgan
Editor/Writer

and nights in the wilderness (where He was tempted by Satan -- Jesus triumphs) in preparation for the beginning of His public ministry. In the wilderness, Jesus prayed and fasted and that is the example we most assuredly should follow, especially in the times we are living today.

Each time our stomach growls during our fasting, it symbolizes how Satan urged Jesus to quench His own desires by turning a stones into bread. Every time we ignore the call to hit our knees in the morning it's as if the devil is laughing as he lays claim to all the kingdoms of the world.

Every time we pay heed to the mortal world (Satan's playground), we lose sight of the immortal and eternal world waiting for us in heaven. The Word of God is shown as a sword, the weapon that slashes through the enemy's lies.

As Jesus said to the imp, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Lent is more than ashes on the forehead and Easter Bunny visits. It is us followers participating in abstinence, fasting, confession and acts of mercy that help strengthen our faith and devotional disciplines. Fasting breaks superfluous attachments to material blessings and (ironically) stimulates our spiritual appetite. Humble service breaks the stranglehold of pride.

In the Book of Esther, her cousin, Mordecai (a member of the Jewish community), rebukes her as she swells with pride in her power and favor among the people — her selfishness over service.

"Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?'" (Esther 4:13-14)

And that's the "for such a time as this" God also sets before you and me.

Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Let's rise to the challenge just as Jesus rose for us.

Calling for Tax Cuts



By Sen.
Andrew Mathews

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Se. Andrew Mathews.)

Minnesota's Department of Management and Budget (MMB) today released its February revenue forecast, which provides information and outlook for Minnesota's financial picture. The report projects a surplus of \$9.253 billion for the next budget cycle, which is up from the previous \$7.7 billion surplus in the December forecast.

The latest budget forecast is a clear reminder of just how severely overtaxed Minnesotans are. In light of skyrocketing inflation rates, energy prices, and the cost at the gas pump, families' budgets have been hit hard and they need relief now. It's critical to get more money back in the pockets of working families and Minnesotans, and I will continue to push for a significant tax cut that is immediate and permanent.

Public Safety Priorities

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Rep. Paul Novotny.)

I joined House Republicans at a news conference Tuesday to unveil our 2022 public safety priorities. The package focused on three key areas; crime prevention and accountability for criminals; police recruitment and retention, and holding the criminal justice system accountable.

It is clear that public safety is top of mind for Minnesotans as crime is on the rise in the Twin Cities and around the state. As legislators, it is our responsibility to respond to the concerns of Minnesotans. That's why we are committed to working with law enforcement and other local officials to keep our neighborhoods are safe. The package of proposals introduced today will hold criminals accountable, recruit and retain quality law enforcement officers, and make sure the criminal justice system is following the letter of the law when sentencing offenders.

I am the chief author of several bills included in the House Republican proposal including:

- \$3 million crime prevention grant to Ramsey County Sheriff to coordinate violent crime prevention in the metro, including use of air patrol – House File 3327;
- Creating a new criminal offense of "carjacking" with increasing penalties for the level of violence perpetrated during the commission of the crime—



By Rep.
Paul Novotny

House File 3325;

- Electronic home monitoring is required if no bail is set for defendants accused of crimes against a person – House File 3406;
- Sentencing jury required for downward departures in murder cases and cases where the victim objects to a downward departure – House File 3407;
- Required stronger sentences for repeat offenders: requires judges to impose an aggravated durational departure, consecutive sentences for multiple current violent crimes if two or more priors and offender must serve entire sentence in prison; no early release – House File 3326;
- Catalytic Converter Database in Commerce Dept. – House File 3328;
- \$2.5 million education reimbursement grants for new peace officers who have been on the job at least one year – House File 3331;
- \$2.5 million set aside for reimbursement to peace officer education programs for use of force training – House File 3293;
- County Attorneys required to file charges for felonies when there is probable cause – House File 3482;
- Sentencing departures required to be posted on Sentencing Guidelines Commission website – House File 3330;
- Law enforcement agencies are required to report carjackings to BCA, which must include them in its annual Uniform Crime Report –House File 3329.

Addressing Carjackings

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

The upsurge of carjackings in our state is alarming and serves as a concern that must be addressed this legislative session. Recently, my colleagues and I in the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee heard two proposals that would help achieve just that.

First, we heard a bill, SF-2573, to establish the crime of carjacking. Under current law, carjacking is just considered robbery. However, it's important we clearly define carjacking in state statute to ensure mandatory minimums for this conviction. Right now, some people who are sentenced for carjacking are being let off too lightly. I believe it's critical there is a strong enough sentence to deter future crimes.

We also heard a bill, SF-3352, to require law enforcement agencies to report carjacking data to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Since carjacking is currently considered a part of the crime of robbery, it has not always been reported separately or accurately.

The bill heard in committee would address this by requiring a specific column for carjacking in the DPS' annual uniform crime report. This data would more clearly demonstrate the increase in carjacking across Minnesota. And if the bill to define the crime of carjacking also passes, it would be even easier for the agencies to report this data.



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

Roads & bridges:

From township roads to large state highways, the people of Minnesota rely on our roads and bridges to get around. And Senate Republicans recently proposed a massive new investment in roads and bridges using existing revenue.

In the past, Governor Walz proposed increasing the gas tax to fund these infrastructure projects, which would have also been tied to the price of inflation. Not only was this not a viable, long-term form of funding, but imagine how hard Minnesotans would have been hit by the rising inflation rates.

My colleagues and I instead want to pave the way to sustainable funding. We recently put forward a proposal to shift 100% of tax revenue from the sale of auto parts from the general fund to the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund (HUTDF). This would allow the state to

fund roads and bridges without raising gas taxes, tab fees, or sales taxes, and without adding a new mileage tax on commuters.

Currently, as shown by the attached chart, the HUTDF is made up of four sources of revenue and has a total revenue of \$2.6 billion. If signed into law, our proposal would provide more than \$314 million to the HUTDF for roads and bridges in 2023, \$324 million in 2024, and \$336 million in 2025, according to a nonpartisan Senate Fiscal analysis.

This new funding is very important for Minnesota's infrastructure. I believe using the auto parts sales tax revenue is a long-term funding stream, which has a much broader base and greater support than the gas tax increase.

February revenue forecast:

The Minnesota Department of Management and Budget recently released its February revenue forecast, which provides information and outlook for Minnesota's financial picture. The report projects a surplus of \$9.253 billion for the next budget cycle, which is up from the previous \$7.7 billion surplus in the December forecast. This may at first seem like exciting news, but the reality is that the surplus is so large because you are being overtaxed.

Therefore, my Senate Republican colleagues and I have proposed giving this money back to Minnesotans

in the form of a long-term, permanent tax cut. The proposal would reduce the first-tier income tax rate from 5.35% to 2.8% and eliminate the tax on Social Security.

If passed, the changes would provide \$8.51 billion in tax relief to taxpayers over the next three years and serve as our state's biggest tax cut ever.

State Surplus Opportunity for Tax Relief

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

Minnesota's budget surplus continues to expand and State Rep. A golden opportunity remains for providing tax relief at a time people are facing higher costs of living.

Minnesota Management & Budget issued its February economic forecast for the state Monday and it projects a \$9.3 billion biennial surplus. That figure is up \$1.5 billion from the already historic \$7.7 billion surplus projected in November.

State officials indicate "A higher income, consumer spending, and corporate profit forecast results in an improved revenue projection while spending is slightly lower in E-12 education and Health and Human Services."

The state already is



By Rep.
Shane Mekeland

fully funded for the biennium, meaning robust tax relief should be in store with the state's whopping excess revenue.

The state government is fully funded for the biennium and has \$10 billion left over. Meanwhile, Minnesota's families and businesses are stretched thin by price increases in the Biden-Walz economy. We have a real opportunity this session to provide

Minnesotans with meaningful, permanent tax relief, starting with ending our state tax on Social Security. We also must prevent businesses from absorbing a huge unemployment insurance rate increase on March 15. Anything less is unacceptable.

In its report, MMB also indicates the structural balance in the FY 2024-25 planning estimates remains positive and largely unchanged from November. It also says uncertainty due to inflation and geopolitical conflict pose risk to the budget and economic outlook.



Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

I saw today, the day that Putin invaded Ukraine, that the price of gasoline here in Big Lake jumped from \$3.39 to \$3.54. Note that a year ago the price was \$2.26/gal. (On November 12, 2020 it was \$1.91 and on January 20, 2021, when Biden took over the White House, the price was \$2.26/gal.) A couple observations. Be ready for the Biden administration to blame the entire (and future) increase in gas prices on the war in Ukraine, yet the \$1.13 increase from when Biden took office was due to his policies prior to this war. Also, why was there such a large price hike on the day that the war started? I thought the price was based upon the cost to replenish the tanks at the local gas station. It's going to take weeks for a drop in supply to physically make its way to the pumps here. Seems like the fuel industry is taking this opportunity to gouge the public. Just a couple observations. (FYI: My cost numbers in the letter above are from my gas receipts.)


Bret R. Collier
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Citizenship is part of one's identity—one's political DNA—attained at birth or through naturalization. *America's*

Creed, written by William Tyler Page in 1917 and accepted by the House of Representatives in 1918 still applies for US citizens—native-born and naturalized. He wrote that ours is a "Government of the People, by the People, for the People" with Government deriving its powers from the People, that our republic is established on "freedom, equality, and justice" won by patriots who sacrificed their all. The People's duty is to love the nation, defend its Constitution, obey its laws, respect its flag, and to defend it from all enemies. (paraphrase). As our country now focuses on the borders between Russia and its neighbors, many politicians ignore our open and unprotected border with Mexico. Illegal entrants arrive with expectations to the rights of US citizens without the responsibilities of citizenship, as outlined by Page. In 1955, J. M. Swing, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, defined the Meaning of American Citizenship. The naturalized citizens are neither a part of the country of origin nor hyphenated-Americans. Rather, they become an integral part of the free government of this land—citizens of the United States of America.

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Sports News

P/B/BL Girls 12U Hockey Team District 10 Champions

Submitted Article

A little less than five-years ago an idea was introduced to both the Princeton Youth Hockey Association and the Becker/ Big Lake Youth Hockey Association to combine the youth girls’ teams into a co-op. With the girls’ high school program co-op already in place, building a stable youth program where girls can consistency call a home was a main focus. This season, the first group of girls that started it all ended up on the top-rated, 12UB team in one of the most competitive districts in the state.

With a record of 18-2 in district play, this group of young ladies used teamwork, purposeful skating and the occasional dance party to stifle the competition in offense, defense and goaltending. They surprised many in the neighboring communities with an overall season record of 31-4-1.

Over the weekend, in true playoff form, the girls won the District 10 Cham-



CHAMPIONS! Back Row, left to right: Asst. Coach Jake Jeurissen, Haylee Donner, Daphne Luhman, Madysen Mogren, Elizabeth Mullen, Alix Roth, Isabel Skarohlid, Head Coach Todd Frederick and Asst. Coach Mike Peterson. Middle Row, left to right: Carissa Holm, Mackenzie Peterson, Ella Lukkari, Julie Frederick, Kaylyn Rickard and Emma Jeurissen. Front Row, left to right: Makenna Mogren. (Not pictured: Assistant Coach Eric Lukkari). (Submitted Photo).

pionship against Andover in triple overtime, winning their way to the Regional tournament in Cloquet, Mn as the #1 seed.

The season for 12U girls has been filled with much more than hockey.

In December, the girls were specifically chosen by the Elk River Association

and the Minnesota Wild to compete in a youth spotlight game alongside the 12U Elk River girls team. The girls were treated to a Minnesota Wild experience fully loaded with a surprise full house of spectators, guest coaches and a bus ride from their home ice of Princeton.

Not two days later, one might have caught these same girls in sub-freezing temperatures sponsoring a local Princeton family by volunteering to host a outdoor light show. Bundled up in as many layers as possible, the girls handed out candy, dog treats, and collected food and funds

spreading cheer for the night.

In late January, Princeton youth hockey and the Minnesota Hockey Fights Cancer organization partnered together to arrange a special game night to honor one of the 12U girls coaches who is currently fighting an aggressive form of cancer. The girls re-taped all their sticks purple, while the other coaches and officials wore special pins throughout the game. Fans were all given a chance to make a poster to honor someone in which they are playing for. With the help of the Champlin Park/Coon Rapids 12U Team, the game event helped raised funds for their assistance coach who will be watching from afar when they compete in regions this coming weekend.

The 12U girls coaching staff are incredibly proud of the work the girls have put into this season and how they have come together while supporting their communities. Good Luck at the Regional Tournament!

B/BL Pee wee B1 Team Region Bound



BECKER BIG LAKE PEEWEE B1 HOCKEY TEAM claiming their District 10 tournament trophy. Front row, left to right: Haven Karls, Finnegan Kellogg, Brant Rusin, Titus Borkoski, Max Klassen, Van Dugger and Hunter Heitkamp. Back row, left to right: Coach Brady Borkoski, William Emerson, Ashdon Draeger, Owen Zahler, Edward Lane, Caleb Martin, Jaxon Reiffenberger, Coaches Justin Reiffenberger and Justin Dugger. (Not pictured: Manager Nicole Klassen). (Submitted Photo).

Submitted Article

For the first time in decades, the Becker/Big Lake Hockey Association will be sending a boy’s team to their respective regional tournament.

The Pee wee B1 team had an explosive start to the season, winning 12 of their first 13 games, including a tournament in Little Falls.

“As a coaching staff, we knew we had great potential this season,” said head coach, Brady Borkoski. “Our team has a lot of talent, and coaches with a lot of experience. And we had a great start to the season. The kids really came together quickly as a team and learned how to play with each other right from our first game.”

Even with the great start, this season wasn’t without its challenges for the team. There was a point in the season where things didn’t look like they were heading in the right direction, including a streak of five losses in a row.

“With all the success we had early this season, our boys really didn’t face adversity until about the mid-point of the year,” said Borkoski. “At that point we had to learn how to come together as a team. Every team faces those challenges, and each responds differently.”

“Looking back, I’m glad it happened when it did,” continued Borkoski. “It gave the coaching staff time to address it, and allow the team to work together and overcome each challenge – building each other up instead of pointing out each other’s imperfections.”

It’s been several years since the hockey association has had a team advance to the regional tournament. They’ve had teams come close in the past, but struggled to reach the pinnacle of advancing past district play. This year, they got it done.

“We’ve been close in the past,” said Borkoski. “But in those critical games we have come up just a bit short. It was great to see our players come together, and beat a well-coached team that had beaten us four times already this season. It shows the character of our boys,

and what hard work can accomplish when you come together as a team. I’m so proud of this team.”

The team’s first game will be in Moose Lake, Fri., March 4 at 8 p.m. The tournament will be played over the weekend. The bracket is full of skilled teams, and some familiar faces that the team is excited to have the opportunity to play again. The expectations have been high from the start of the season, and the team knows there’s no letting down now.

“I’m excited for these boys to represent our communities in this way, and experience the result of all the hard work they’ve put in this year,” said Borkoski. “We’ve played some of these teams before, and we know we can skate with them. It will be a tall task to compete, but we’re up for it. Again, I’m so proud of these boys – they’ve earned this, and they deserve to be on this stage.”

Fee-free entrance days to MN state parks announced

Submitted article

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted by Minnesota DNR.)

On four days in 2022, all 75 Minnesota state parks and state recreation areas will offer free admission to everyone. Mark your calendar for these fee-free dates:

Saturday, February 19
Saturday, April 23
Saturday, June 11
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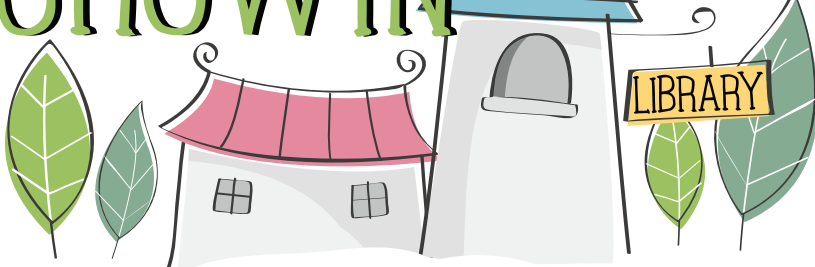


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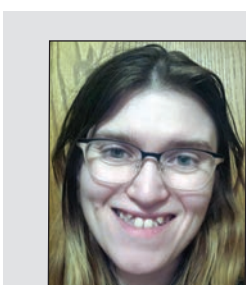
I was recently at a college hockey game between St. Cloud State University (SCSU) and the University of Minnesota-Duluth with my dad. The game originally was supposed to take place in December but was rescheduled due to COVID issues. When I was growing up my parents had season tickets to SCSU games and it was a family event nearly every weekend. It was also time to spend with my cousins who had season tickets as well.

Being able to be back in that arena really brought back a lot of memories even with all the renovations since the time I went to games regularly. This game was a little quieter than it used to be, mainly since it was during the week and also during a snow storm. It was also my first time at a hockey game since before COVID began nearly two years ago, it was great to be back watching hockey in person.

The game was great back and forth action, both teams were extremely fast and the hitting was more intense than I remember. It was so close it ended up going into overtime and a shootout. When I was growing up, college games didn't go to shootouts, they played one round of overtime and if they didn't score it stayed a tie.

This game went to a three-on-three overtime which is something I love both in the NHL and college level. That brings me to the main point, should the shootout be kept? Some fans hate the shootout while others love it. As far as college hockey goes, I loved watching the three-on-three overtime, it opened the ice up so much and allowed the players to really show their true talent as well as their speed. It wasn't only the offense that was visible but also the defensive side.

When it's just three players to each side, playing defense can be hard and it's fun to see how creative they can be when they don't have all five players to rely on. So, the overtime has to stay, but the shootout has



By Mariah Stark
Contributing Writer

some reasons it should stay and go.

Firstly, I love watching the talent in the shootout. There's always a thrill to watching a player go one-on-one with a goalie and seeing it from both perspectives. Being excited for your player to possibly score, and then watching and hoping your goaltender makes the big save. However, a shootout can throw the game for a strong team who possibly could have won had it not been for the breakaway. It can seem unfair to put it all on the goalie in the end or even the shooter.

The game I went to, it could have gone to either team. I've watched a number of shootouts but this one was quite different in the fact that the SCSU goaltender was super aggressive. Most goalies in a shootout go as far back into the net as they can to block as much as they can, but not this goalie. He came out about two feet above his crease on each shot he faced to challenge the shooter as much as he could.

Sadly, it didn't work on either shot, the first one the shooter beat him with a clean shot. The second shot was something I don't believe I have ever seen at that level, and that was the goalie poke-checking the stick of the shooter. It nearly worked too and it looked like it did from the stands, but he just barely missed and the shooter was able to slide it by him.

In my opinion I think the shootout should stay unless it's a playoff game, then it should be overtime until there's a clear-cut winner. Shootouts bring a

level of entertainment and skill that needs to stay in the game but overtime is the fair way to determine a winner. Using both in regular games is a great way to keep fans entertained and going to just overtime for playoffs is the best way to do it and I love it that way. I wish SCSU would have won in the end but UMD had the better shootout attempt. Here's to hoping I can get to another game soon because it had been way too long.

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

After securing a team win and the second state tournament appearance in school history a week prior, the Becker Bulldog wrestling team wrestled last weekend at Monticello in the Section 6AA individual wrestling tournament. Wrestlers needed to place in the top two in their respective weight bracket in order to qualify for the state tournament, and four Bulldog wrestlers did just that and won the chance to pursue a state championship at the Xcel Energy Center on March 4 and 5.

Sporting the Bulldog singlet at the state tournament will be Kaden Nicolas, Landen Kujawa, Mason Doucette and Bryce Kuschel.

"I thought our guys competed well this weekend," Coach Travis Holt said. "Making it to the state tournament out of section 6AA is no easy task."

Nicolas finished second in the 113 point bracket, losing a close championship match to Big Lake's Cash Sixberry on a 6-3 decision.

Kujawa was the champion at 120 pounds, as the freshman improved to 35-4 on the season with a 4-1 decision win over Annandale-Maple Lake junior Noah Grindele.

Five Big Lake wrestlers are headed to the state meet this weekend after finishing first or second in their weight class at the Section 6AA Tournament in Monticello Friday and Saturday.

Cash Sixberry, Christian Noble, Nolan Reiter, Dillon Brown and Johnathon Murphy each qualified with impressive performances in the 12-team individual sections.

Sixberry (39-2) took the title at 113 pounds.

After a first-round bye, he pinned Anthony Perez of Monticello at 1:16. He followed with a pin of Brayden Boots of St. Francis at 1:45 in the semifinals, then beat Kaden Nicolas of Becker, 6-3 in the championship match.

Noble (45-1) finished second at 126 pounds and lost his first match of the season in the title round. He pinned Blake Herbst at 1:31 to open the action. He followed with pins of Wesley Zuelke of Annandale-Maple Lake (0:41) and Quinn McCalla of Monticello (3:48) before losing a 2-1 decision to Tyson Charmoli (38-2). Noble earned second with a pin of Gabe Nelson of Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield at 0:17.

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Bulldog wrestlers send 4 to Class AA tourney



MASON DOUCETTE (LEFT) will represent the Bulldogs at the state tournament after winning his weight class at the Section 6AA tournament. (Photo by Ken Francis.)

Doucette also claimed the title, his at 152 pounds as he took a major decision, 16-7, in his final match.

Kuschel also punched his ticket to state with a second place finish after losing in the finals, 7-1, to Foley's Elijah Novak in the 285 pound class.

All four of the Bulldogs will start individual play on Friday in the state tournament.

There was also a host of Bulldogs who just missed out on a state berth by losing in the true second matches and settling for a third place

finish. True second matches are required when the second and third place finishers did not meet earlier in the tournament, therefore they wrestle for the chance to compete at state.

Ethan Anderson wrestled well at 138 pounds before dropping the match to Zach Pribyl of Annandale in a 6-3 decision.

Adam Jurek also finished in third place, falling 4-2 to Jude Link of D-C Litch at 160 pounds.

Bulldog Tyson Ricker made it all the way to the finals at 170, where he lost a

heartbreaker, 8-6, before falling in the true second match 4-3 in a very close decision to Monti's Alex Fearing.

At 195 pounds, Becker's Dylan Weber finished third after losing in the true second match, 6-3, while teammate Dylan Kolby was third at 220 pounds after his loss in the true second match.

Other place finishers for the Bulldogs included: Bennett Kujawa (fourth at 103), Drew May (fifth at 126), Nolan Muellner (seventh at 132), Ethan Duncombe (fifth at 145), and Ryan Nelson (seventh at 182).

During the tournament, Becker amassed 182 team points to finish in first place overall ahead of the second place Big Lake Hornets and their 160 points.

Looking ahead to the state tournament, Holt and his staff will be busy shepherding the team to its Wednesday tournament, followed by two days of individuals chasing their titles.

"This week will be a great experience for our team and we feel confident that our four qualifiers will be able to compete at a high level and stay focused during both tournaments," said the coach.

Look for complete details of the Bulldog team and individual pursuits of a state title in next week's Patriot.

5 Hornet wrestlers headed to state tournament

By Ken Francis,
Contributing Writer

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BIG LAKE'S DILLON BROWN has the advantage over Wyatt Witschen of Monticello in the 145-pound weight class. Brown went on to a 20-3 tech fall win, and later won the title. (Photo by Ken Francis.)

eton, 16-5.

Brown (35-11) took the title at 145 pounds. After an opening round bye, he beat Wyatt Witschen of Monticello by technical fall, 20-5. He beat Devin Steinhaus of Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield, 4-1, then followed with a 4-3 win over Cole Rudnitski of Foley in the championship match.

Murphy (38-7) won the 170-pound weight class. After a first-round bye, the eighth-grader pinned Alex Klatt of Annandale-Maple Lake at 2:13. He beat Sam Marx of Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield, 14-10. Then he edged Tyson Ricker of Becker, 8-6 in overtime for the title.

In other action, six more Hornets finished in the top six spots in their weight class but did not qualify for the state meet.

Ivan Lapointe (24-13) finished his season with a fifth place finish at 106 pounds. The freshman had

three wins in the tournament. He beat Anton Cox of Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield by tech fall, 16-1. He beat Cassen Brumm of Annandale-Maple Lake, 14-2, and he beat Kameron Moscho of Rocori, 8-2.

Cash Stortz (21-9) took fourth at 120 pounds with two wins. After a bye, he beat Timothy Kohl of Princeton, 16-2 and Gunner Hostetter of St. Francis, 7-2.

Carson Gellerman (18-13) placed sixth at 152 pounds. He beat Kieran Hixson of Sauk Rapids/Rice, 13-1 and pinned Griffen Fieldseth of Monticello at 5:15.

Tyler Dehmer (30-15) finished fourth at 160 pounds. He pinned Jacob Tilly of St. Francis at 1:58. He pinned Carson Cooper of Annandale-Maple Lake at 5:15. After a decision loss in the semifinals, he pinned Zack Jennison of Foley at 0:49 before a 6-3 loss to Adam Jurek of

Becker in his final match.

Trajan Mussehl (14-6) placed sixth at 220 pounds. He had a bye win and pinned Easton Johnson of St. Francis at 2:42 before falling to James Meuwissen of Annandale-Maple Lake in the fifth-place match.

Kane Lapointe (29-18) took fourth at 285 pounds. After a first-round bye, he pinned Cameron Smith of Sauk Rapids at 0:37. He lost to undefeated Elijah Novak of Foley, then pinned Ben Bauer of Monticello at 2:17. He lost by tiebreaker to Brendan Rokala of Dassel-Cokato/Litchfield, 4-1 in his last match.

Action at the state meet (Xcel Energy Center) began this weekend (March 4-5) with the preliminary round at 9 a.m. Friday and quarterfinals starting at 4 p.m. Semifinals start 9 a.m. Saturday, with championship matches starting 4 p.m.

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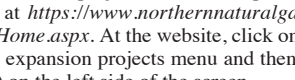
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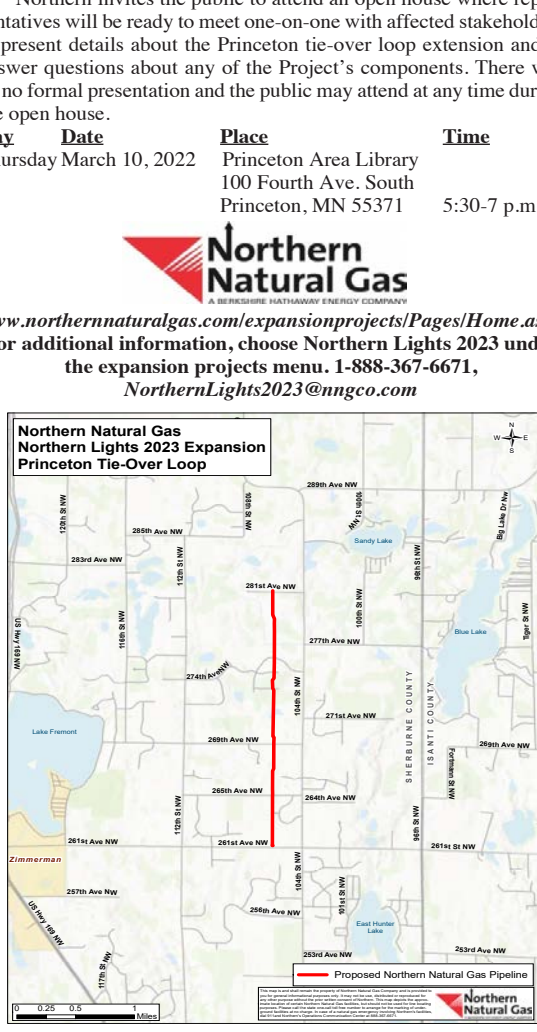
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Bulldog girls ready to defend section title

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

With the final regular season game in the books, the Becker girls basketball team spent the week preparing for the Section 5AAA tournament. The Bulldogs received a first round bye as the top seed and Saturday (today) will play host to the winner of Tuesday night’s contest between #4 Princeton and #5 Zimmerman in matchup at 2 p.m. The Section finals are scheduled for March 10 at 5 p.m. in North Branch.

On the other side of the bracket, Tuesday night’s game featured #2 Chisago Lakes taking on #7 Big Lake, while #3 Monticello faced #6 St. Francis.

As his team looks to defend its Section title, Becker coach Dan Baird has a simple game plan for his Bulldogs.

“Our strategy is no lapses... any lapse now and you’re going home!” Baird said, referring to the single elimination format of the playoffs from now until the state tournament.

A review of the stats show that the Bulldogs will

be heavy favorites in the Section.

The Bulldogs enter the tournament averaging 76.4 points per game and 31.2 rebounds. They are also impressive in assists per game (17.2) and steals (13.9).

“We’ve consistently scored all season even when we’ve had some lapses on defense, we’ve continued to score,” Baird said. “Therefore, we’ve been extremely productive.”

In terms of their record, the Bulldogs were a perfect 14-0 in M8 Conference action, and they sport a 21-4 mark overall against one of the toughest non-conference schedules played in the entire state of Minnesota.

Offensively, Becker has nearly perfect scoring balance, with all five starters averaging well into the double figures.

Dani Nuest leads the pack with 16.4 points per game, followed closely by Ayla Brown (15.2), Adeline Kent (14.9), Alexis Rose (13.6) and Maren Westin (12.2).

“In our section, it is hard for teams to match up with our five starters as

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we’ve had all five girls go for 28 points or more in a single game this season,” Baird said. “Therefore, we need to exploit the mismatches if possible. Also, continue to work hard on defense, but no team in our section can score with us.”

Saints
Last Thursday, the Bulldogs took on St. Francis in the regular season finale and played incredible defense en route to a 70-17 win over the Saints.

Becker led 42-9 at half-time, as the Bulldogs raced to an impressive lead and were a step faster than the

Saints all night, committing just four fouls as a team.

The Bulldogs amassed 22 steals as a team and had just 11 turnovers.

Becker scoring: Dani Nuest, 17; Maren Westin, two (five assists); Ayla Brown, 21 (five steals); Adeline Kent, 13 (five rebounds); Alexa Voller, five; Lauren Croal, three; Alexis Rose, seven; Liz Mackedanz, two.

Senior night magic helps Bulldogs down Monticello

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

Last Friday, the Bulldogs hosted the Monticello Magic for a Senior night matchup and came away with a 73-61 win. The victory put Becker into second place in the Mississippi 8 Conference with two games remaining in the season.

Offensively, it was a challenging game at times for both teams, but Becker did enough in the second half to extend their slim, 30-29, halftime lead for the victory.

“It was fun to see the team buy in to execute a defensive game plan to win a tough conference game,” Coach Josh Ihrke said. “It took all of the guys to buy in.”

After an even first half of the game, Brady Paumen hit a pair of shots to open the second half on a high note for Becker, but that was followed by a pair of Bulldog turnovers.

Next, Seavert hit a long three, followed by an Alex Weiss basket and Becker had a lead. However, on the next four possessions Becker committed another two turnovers and missed a pair of shots.

Another Becker turnover led to a Magic layup and Monti’s first lead of the second half, 40-39 with 12:57 remaining in the game. After the Magic hit another shot, Bulldog Hayden Harmoning nailed a long three-pointer from the deep left baseline to tie it up at 42.

It was back and forth from that point until there was 7:23 left in the game, when Becker built a seven point lead on five straight points from Seavert.

Monticello wouldn’t



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT. The Becker Boys basketball team celebrated Senior Night last Friday with a win over the Monticello Magic. Pictured are Hayden Harmoning, Nick Berglund, Carter Callahan, Tristan Pickwall and Eric Seavert. (Submitted photo.)

go away, however, as they hit a big shot to pull within 62-59 with two minutes left in the game.

Seavert then took over the game, as the Senior hit a shot for Becker before Monti answered again, this time putting on the full court pressure. Seavert was fouled on the inbound pass, earning him a shot at the bonus. Then, the Monti player picked up a technical foul for protesting the call, giving Seavert four shots from the free throw line. He hit the front end of the 1-and-1 and then hit the next three free throws to give Becker a 71-61 lead with under a minute to play.

“Eric Seavert and Brady Paumen had a great game on both ends of the floor and controlling the boards,” Ihrke said.

Overall, Becker out-rebounded the Magic 40-30 for the game.

With the win, Becker headed into its final week of regular season action with a pair of road contest, March

3 at St. Francis and March 4 at Big Lake (re-scheduled from inclement weather postponement last week). From there, it will be sectional tournament time.

“I am excited to see the growth of the team and where this can lead us as we approach the section tournament next week,” Ihrke said.

Becker scoring: Weiss, nine; Nick Berglund, four; Julius Hendricks, seven (five assists); Ryan Bengtson, two; Harmoning, seven (four assists); Seavert, 23 (10 rebounds); Paumen, 17 (11 rebounds); Carter Callahan, four.



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Becker Speech team shows well in Forest Lake, Princeton



SPEECH TEAM. Members of the Bulldog Speech Team who placed at the Princeton meet last weekend included (from left to right) Bryn G., Alyssa O., Austyn C., and Arleigh P. (Submitted photo.)

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer
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Alyssa O. and James S. were the individuals on the Becker Speech team to take home awards at the Feb. 19 speech meet in Forest Lake. Alyssa placed seventh in the Creative Expression category, and James took fourth in poetry honor finals.

“Being surrounded by those who enjoy the thrill of competition is a really great feeling,” mused James.

Last weekend, the Talking Bulldogs headed

to Princeton, where they had a phenomenal showing. Alyssa O. took second in Creative Expression, Austyn C. took first in Poetry. Alyssa and Austyn also teamed up for the Duo category, claiming seventh place. Arleigh P. grabbed the top spot in Informative honor finals, while Bryn G. received an honorable mention in the same category.

Overall, Becker claimed third place as a team in the “small schools” division.

The Bulldogs will head to Sauk Rapids this weekend.

Clear Lake Man Gets Jail for Sexually Assaulting Girl



SHAWN ALAN SHANEY, 54 of the Clear Lake-area. (Submitted Photo).

Submitted Article

(Editor's note: The following information was provided to the Patriot by Sherburne County).

A Clear Lake-area man was sentenced Thursday to three years in prison for sexually assaulting a girl younger than 15.

Shawn Alan Shaney, 54, previously pleaded guilty to third-degree criminal sexual conduct. Prosecutors asked for an upward departure from sentencing guidelines, which called for probation.

Judge Walter Kaminsky granted the prosecution mo-

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tion and sentenced Shaney to prison. Kaminsky cited the victim's particular vulnerability, including the fact that she was in a foster home at the time of the assault.

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Pizza Depot celebrating 10 years

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Pizza Depot, a popular mainstay eatery in Becker is celebrating their 10th anniversary this week and next.

Jane du'Monceaux has been running the establishment for a total of 20 years, counting the 10 years they existed as Salda Depot. She currently is transitioning into retirement status while her own children (Morgan and Brady) learn the business and keep it thriving.

She has 17-29 employees and they do dine-in, take n' bake and delivery. They also offer catering services.

"We have always advertised that what makes our pizzas special is that we put extra love in each and every one we make," says du'Monceaux.

She mentioned there was a time she had customers help 'make' their pizza.

"They chose the sauce, crust, etc through many taste testing events we put on while developing our pizza," She said. "And we have stuck with that recipe for over 20 years now."

She says the business focuses on using fresh ingredients and they make each pizza to order.

"We just do the best we can to listen to the wants and needs of our customers," she says. "Give them a fair value, take care of any issues that arise, and be as honest as we



THE TOPPINGS OF THE PIZZA DEPOT CREW include (left to right) Brady, Jane, Kayla (Brady's wife) and Morgan du'Monceaux. Becker's Pizza Depot is celebrating their 10th Anniversary this week and next. (Submitted Photo).

can in business."

The Inside Scoop

The Pizza Depot store houses a dining area that can accommodate up to 75 people. They also have the luxury of closing off a section for customers looking to hold a meeting, a birthday party or family gathering. They also have picnic tables set up outside during the summer months.

"We have a couple arcade games and a play area just for young kids, too," said du'Monceaux. "We also have boardgames and cards that you can play at your table."

If one is craving delicious pizza, the Depot is the spot but it's not just all about

the pizza. They also serve fantastic salads, toasted sandwiches, pasta, and feature nine flavors of Kemps ice cream. Every Wednesday thru Friday they serve homemade lunches, too.

Their drinks are Pepsi products and water.

Deliver More

Pizza Depot's delivery radius is up to seven miles but for an extra \$1/a mile, they will travel as far as 12 miles away from the store.

"During snowstorms, we limit our area to 'no ditches' (in town only)," said Pizza Depot's boss. "We care about the safety of our drivers and don't want them going in the ditch."

Great Work

Though du'Monceaux is fully staffed at this time as far as workers, however, the business still takes in applications for future openings.

"We are constantly accepting applications," she said. "But sometimes we don't have a position open. Spring and fall is when we are typically hiring, as a group of kids graduate high school, so we need to replace them."

Community Alliance

"This is an area that is extremely important to us," said du'Monceaux. "We donate every chance we get — to a family who loses their home to fire, we offer to feed them until they get back on their feet — to donating to all

possible — to privately feeding someone who is down on their luck and just hungry — to doing fundraisers."

"This is our home and these are our people; we're here to support them in any way possible," she continued. "We are chamber members, and we are in the parade every year, and have participated in numerous expos."

Pandemic Blues

Besides Becker, du'Monceaux also owned and operated the Pizza Depot in St. Cloud up until the middle of January. After seven years and a limited staff, they closed their doors at 2848 2nd Street South.

"We couldn't find help during the pandemic and just couldn't run it by ourselves

anymore," du'Monceaux said. "Mental and physical exhaustion set in and with no end in sight to this labor shortage, we made the hard decision to quit fighting it."

Decade Memories

What sticks out in the mind of du'Monceaux as she reflects on a decade of serving the Becker community?

"There are numerous things that come to mind," she said. "We had a catering job that was HUGE — much larger than anything we'd ever done to date, and we executed it flawlessly."

She also remembers a memory of destroying the gun safe when they took over the suite next door And of course, there's her employees.

"Watching the kids who work for us grow and mature, and seeing how hard they work and how they work together has been a joy to experience," she says. "For me personally it's been watching my two kids, Morgan and Brady, take over the business as I slide into retirement. It has given me a lot of pride."

"The biggest thing for us is to thank our customers for their support over the years. We wouldn't be here without them!!"

Area townships to hold elections, annual meetings

By Patriot Reporters Mark Kolbinger, Katherine Cantin and Penny Leuthard

Grassroots politics and local decision making will be on the agenda Tuesday night at Township Halls across Sherburne County, as local elections and annual meetings will be held at many locations.

Local township government is perhaps the best example of direct democracy in America's republic system of governance, as these meetings are the place where citizens can have the greatest amount of input into items such as local expenditures and budgets.

Annual meetings are places where citizens can play a direct role in shaping the direction of their local governments on policy decisions. Here's a look at a few of the issues expected to be topics of conversation at many annual meetings.

Several townships have elections from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., with the annual meetings to follow.

Santiago

Polls will be open at the Santiago Town Hall, as Supervisor Dave Jehoich and Clerk Kathy Woolard are on the ballot running unopposed for their respective seats.

Chairman Stuart Nelson also called on residents recently to come to the annual meeting to discuss the issue of broadband within the township. Sherburne County and Midco have proposed that the supervisors consider spending a significant sum of their ARPA money to extend broadband to a few, select areas within the township. In response, the supervisors have asked for more public input to determine if the expenditures are worth the return, as only a small number of households will be served by the fiber extensions.

Palmer

Current board chair Mike Ganz is on the ballot in Palmer, as he is also running unopposed for the supervisor seat. Water quality on the area lakes, as well as transportation issues continue to dominate the recent agendas in the township.

Recently, the board also has discussed a land acquisition to possibly establish a yard waste compost facility that would also be able to accept weeds that are commercially harvested from the lakes. The board does plan to hold a public hearing on the issue in the future.

Becker

Meanwhile, in Becker Twp., supervisor and Planning Board Chair Brad Wilkening is the lone candidate on the ballot, as he seeks re-election.

The board plans to undertake an ordinance review in the near future, including

a public hearing, on loosening the restrictions on home based businesses.

Just this week, Clerk Lucinda Messman noted at the township will be looking for public input into the ordinance draft language.

Orrock

The Orrock Twp. meeting will take place at 7 p.m. March 8. There will be no election that day, as board supervisors are elected in the fall, during general elections.

Some of the hot topics during the meeting will include the renovation of town hall, making it larger to accommodate Orrock's growing population during election days. There will also be an update on the past year in the township.

Big Lake

The Big Lake Twp. meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. No elections will be held for the township, as supervisors are elected during

general elections.

Big Lake is somewhat unique in that they usually prefer to have the voters elect to reconvene the meeting in September. This gives the treasurer more time to work on the budget. A preliminary budget will be presented at the March 8 meeting, and township residents may choose to accept the budget and set the tax levy at that time.

The township usually welcomes some guest speakers to share information from around the community during this meeting, as well.

Lynden

Mark your calendar and plan to attend Lynden Twp.'s annual meeting Tuesday, March 8--meeting begins promptly at 8:15 p.m. after the polls close for the annual township election. Be sure to vote for candidates for the township treasurer and for the township supervisor. Residents can vote at township

hall between 2-8 p.m.

The annual meeting will include highlights of the past year's business in Lynden Twp. including general ordinance updates, road reports, and a review of township spending in 2021. The most important agenda item is the opportunity to vote on the proposed 2023 operating levy, i.e. the township portion of your 2023 taxes payable. The levy directly impacts the township portion of your property taxes. Whether you are new to the area, or have lived here for years, the annual meeting is a great way to stay informed.

The election results will be announced at the end of the meeting. Plan to vote and to attend this important once a year meeting.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Breathe noisily
5. __ Nui, Easter Island
9. Reddish browns
11. Simple shoes
13. Produce alcohol illegally
15. Home to famed golf tournament
16. Tax collector
17. Famous people
19. Urban area
21. Units of syllable weight
22. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
23. Dismounted
25. Actor Damon
26. Vietnamese offensive
27. Retail term
29. Netted
31. Partner to carrots

33. Witnesses
34. Caulked
36. Satisfy
38. R&B performer __ Lo
39. Monetary units of Macao
41. Give advice, explain
43. Possesses
44. Turn back
46. Gentlemen
48. One who fertilizes
52. Italian monk title (prefix)
53. Parties
54. Type of horse
56. Cuts in half
57. Raises
58. Expresses contempt or disgust
59. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

CLUES DOWN

1. Illinois city
2. One of the original disciples chosen by Christ
3. Young form of a louse
4. Type of powder
5. Finger millet
6. Share a common boundary
7. Assumed as a fact
8. Provide clear evidence of
9. Invests in little enterprises
10. A way to be
11. Monies given in support
12. Fashion accessory
14. Steal
15. Becomes less intense
18. Geological times
20. Hooray!
24. Monetary unit

26. Male reproductive organs
28. Earnings
30. Close by
32. Small integers
34. Fixed in place
35. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
37. Large, imposing building
38. A rooflike shelter
40. Stiff, hairlike structure
42. Print errors
43. To show disapproval
45. Body of traditions
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49. __ Clapton, musician
50. Dangerous illegal drug
51. Infrequent
55. Sound unit

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- Employee Appreciation Week 3/7-3/11
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- National School Breakfast Week (3/7-3/11)

Tues. - Mar. 8, 2022:

- CVS: No School, Mid-Winter Break
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Wed. - Mar. 9, 2022:

- CVS: No School, Mid-Winter Break
- National Meatball Day
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Thurs. - Mar. 10, 2022:

- BLS: Timester 2 End
- CVS: No School, Mid-Winter Break
- National Salt Awareness Week (3/10-3/16)
- Moon Phase: First Quarter
- National Money Show (3/10-3/12)

Fri. - Mar. 11, 2022:

- BLS: No School
- CVS: No School, Mid-Winter Break

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

Car Seat Distribution Classes: Monday, March 7, 2022 1:30-3 pm, and Tuesday, March 22, 2022 9:30-11am at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River. If eligible, residents of Sherburne County can receive a car seat for a \$20 suggested donation. Call to find out income guidelines (families who are on WIC or children on medical assistance are automatically eligible). Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4112 or 1-800-433-5239.

First Steps Central MN Personal Nurses: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright County have a team of Personal Nurses who connect with families that are pregnant or recently had a baby. Our Nurses offer support and information to be the best parent you can be, have a safe, loving home for you and your baby, connect to resources in your community to get things needed for your baby, and find ways to continue your education and develop job skills. The program is at no cost to you. Call 763-276-0441 or visitwww.firststepscentralmn.org for more information.

HIV testing: Free and confidential testing is available by appointment at: Sherburne County Health and Human Services, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN 55330. Contact our HIV tester at 763-765-4000.

Immunization/ Covid-19 Vaccine Tuesdays
Sherburne County Public Health is offering free Covid-19 Vaccine, and offering 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.

Outreach in St. Cloud: The Sherburne County Wellness bus will be at Salem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 9:30-3pm. HHS staff will answer questions about public assistance programs and assist Sherburne County residents in applying for, or maintaining, benefits. Need Help with Food, Child Care, Medical Assistance, Housing, Utility Disconnects, Evictions? Walk ins welcome!

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.

***Drop-in Childcare:** Need someone to watch your children while you renew your driver's license, attend a court hearing, apply for a passport, or conduct other business at the Sherburne County Government Center? Free childcare is now available for children ages 6 weeks -12 years. 2.5 hour time limit. Hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 9am – 3:30pm and Friday 9am – noon. Parent/caregiver will be provided with a pager and must remain on premises. Guidelines and capacity limits apply.

Announcements

Becker - Organizations

Becker American Legion Auxiliary

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

Becker American Legion Post 193

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

Becker AA Meeting

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

Becker Boy Scout Pack 92 Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum

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

Becker Evangelical Ministries

Every Wed., 6-7:30pm at Becker Middle School. GYM 45 - growing young men. HIS KIDZ - K-3rd grade. G.I.R.L.S. GROUP - 4th & 5th grade girls.

Becker Free Church (763) 261-4125 or register online at WWW.BECKER-FREECHURCH.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 dj-seavert@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.beyondtheyellow-ribbon.org.

Dementia Support Group

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

Great River Faith in Action

If you are a senior, age 60 & above, family caregiver or an individual in need of services, Great River Faith in Action can provide volunteer transportation, chore services & grocery shopping assistance, as

well as caregiver groups. Call (763) 263-4277.

Snake River Free Mission Church

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

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

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

Big Lake - Organizations

Big Lake Ambassador

"Empowering young ladies of Big Lake to be women of tomorrow through Community Service. To promote leadership, professional development & personal growth with an opportunity to earn an educational scholarship. Core Values - Honesty, Respect, Loyalty & commitment." Information about program email: biglakeambassadors@gmail.com or biglakejuniorambassadors@gmail.com.

Big Lake American Legion Post #147

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

Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

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

Big Lake Al-Anon

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

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

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

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

Big Lake / Becker Mops

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

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

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

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee

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

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

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

Big Lake Day of Prayer

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

The Big Lake Lions

Looking for commu-

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

LC of Big Lake Lioness

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

Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Big Lake Women of Today

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

God's Grub Community Meal

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

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60

We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.

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

Moms in Prayer

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

Upcoming Becker Events

Faith in Action's Annual Gala

Sat., Mar. 19, Rockwoods in Otsego. It will be a fun evening with a new comedian (Patrick Albanese, Triple Espresso), a delicious dinner, silent & LIVE auction items, a Wine Wall & best of all hearing how God is working in our community!!

Tickets are available on our website www.grfia.org or call (763) 263-4277. Hope to see you there!! Sponsors: Pellco, Beaudry Oil, PEM, Morrell, Becker Furniture World & more.

Call for Artists

Sherburne Area Visual Arts Showcase (SAVAS) committee is issuing a call for artists for our 2022 show. The show is scheduled for Mon. June 13-Sat., June 18, hosted at Sherburne History Center in Becker. SAVAS features fine art & photography by adult artists from the local area (sorry, not quilts or crafts). No cost, just a \$25 refundable deposit.

Sherburne History Center is located at 10775 27th Ave SE in Becker. For more information, or to register as a SAVAS artist, call Mike (763) 275-2210 or email mbrubaker@sherburnehistory-center.org

Upcoming Clearwater Events

March Young @ Heart

Will be held at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 County Road 75, Clearwater MN, Mar. 17, 2022, beginning at 10:30am with cards, coffee, & conversation. Lunch (suggested donation) will be served at 11:30am with a 90th Birthday of one of our volunteers & then a St Patrick's Celebration to follow. Please hit the thrift shop if your closet will not support the "wearin' of the green!" We will have trivia, door prizes & Birthday Cake for Betty who will be 90 yrs. old on Mar. 17th. How better to celebrate two special occasions? Hope to see you all there!

Public Notices

Public Notice

Notice of non-bonafide sale on April 5, 2022, Sherburne County Sheriff's Department. 6125 115th Ave, Clear Lake, MN 55319.

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Assumed Names

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with the exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **Honu Beginnings**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **6102 175th Ave Becker MN 55308 USA**

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name:

Erin M. Pirnat

Address:

6102 175th Ave Becker MN 55308 USA

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SIGNED BY: **Erin M. Pirnat**

MAILING ADDRESS: **6102 175th Ave Becker MN 55308 USA**

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Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Probate Court File No.: 71-PR-22-25 In Re: Estate of James P. Zinken, Jr., Decedent

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of April, 2022 at 3 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above-named Court at Elk River, Minnesota, on petition of James Zinken III, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirs of the above-named decedent, and for the appointment of James Zinken III, whose address is 115 5th Avenue South, Cold Spring, MN 56320, as personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, a personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: February 28, 2022

/s/ Jordan Gregorich,

Deputy Court Administrator

Attorney

Willenbring, Dahl, Wocken & Zimmermann, PLLC
Laura L. Martin (0330176)
318 Main Street; P.O. Box 4 17
Cold Spring, MN 56320
Telephone: (320) 685-3678
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Other Civil - Quiet Title Court File No. 71-CV-22-144 Nott Company, Plaintiff, vs Princeton Opportunities, Inc. also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein, Defendants. SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney an answer to the Complaint which is herewith served upon you within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Big Lake Public Schools #727 Notices

Legal Notice

Cost-Reimbursable RFP for Food Service Management Company

Attention: Food Service Management Companies
Big Lake Schools is requesting proposals for school food service management services. The Food Service Management Company would provide management services according to requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Minnesota Department of Education.

To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals, contact: Angie Manuel, Director of Business Services at a.manuel@biglakeschools.org or 763-262-2536.

Food Service Management Companies may submit proposals to:

Angie Manuel, Director of Business Services

Big Lake Schools District Office

501 Minnesota Ave, Big Lake, MN 55309

Big Lake Schools reserves the right to reject any proposal for a sound, documented reason or to reject all proposals if there is an insufficient number of proposals.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for March 14th, 2022, at 2:00 pm at Big Lake Schools District Office, 501 Minnesota Ave, Big Lake, MN 55309

All proposals must be submitted no later than 2:00 pm on April 11th, 2022. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to Angie Manuel, Big Lake Schools, and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Proposal.
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Sherburne County Recorder Vital Statistics Marriage Application Report February 2022

Trent Joseph Midas and Jodie Leigh Berryman of Clear Lake; Meghan Marie Reistad of Menomonee Falls, WI and Jacob John Zoesch of Hartford, WI; Jonathan Lee Morse and Lynn Marie Woolhouse-Remarick of Elk River; Jessica Audrey Johnson of Elk River and Cody Patrick Eischen of Big Lake; Tony Lee Nicken and Traci Ann Rondeau of Big Lake; Amy Janelle Hagman and David George Brown of Zimmerman; George Allan Wetzel and Janis Rae Johnson of Big Lake; Lauren Christine Radtke and Justin Rodney Haeckel of Big Lake; Ryan Christian Lien of Big Lake and Kayla Marie Kranitz of Rogers; Stephanie Ann Lachner and Lucas Earl

Bolton of Big Lake; Kirsten Elizabeth Garding and Broderick Thomas Aleckson of Becker; Lamech Orina and Gladys Nyansarora Onukoh of Otsego; William David Newstrom and Staci Lynn McGuire of Zimmerman; Ryan Daniel Schiltz and Aminata Diawaramof Elk River; Victoria Kravtsova of Coon Rapids and Joseph Vitalyevich Veselovskiy of Saint Francis.



Summons

This action involves, affects and brings into question title to real property lying and being in the County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 1,
Princeton Industrial Park,
Sherburne County, Minnesota

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the object of said action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the owner in fee of the property described above and that the Defendants, and each of them, have no right, title, estate, interest or lien in or upon the said real estate.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that no personal claim is made by Plaintiff against any of the Defendants.

Civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution processes as provided in Rule 114 of the General Rules of Practice for the District Court. Alternative Dispute Resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other

processes set forth in the rules. You may contact the Court Administrator for further information about these processes and about resources available in your area.

Dated: 2/16/2022

FENSKE LAW OFFICE, PLLC

/s/ Jeffrey J. Fenske, #150502

Attorney for Plaintiff

2096 James Avenue

St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

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Email: jeff@jfenskelaw.com

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Township Public Notices

City of Clearwater Public Hearing Notice

Wellhead Protection Plan Amendment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clearwater City Council will conduct a Public Hearing during the regular City Council meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Clearwater City Hall, 605 County Rd 75, Clearwater, Minnesota, to discuss amendments to the city's Wellhead Protection Plan.

The city is in the process of developing a Wellhead Protection Plan amendment for its drinking water supply wells as required in the Minnesota Wellhead Protection Rule (part 4720.5350, subparts 1-3). A copy of this document is available at City Hall for your review. Consistent with the Wellhead Protection Rule (part 4720.5350, subpart 4), this Public Hearing has been scheduled to discuss issues and address all comments related to the document.

If you wish to address the City Council regarding the proposed amendment, please plan to attend the Public Hearing, or you may submit your written comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to asmythe@clearwatercity.com or mailed to PO Box 9, Clearwater, MN 55320.

Annita M. Smythe

City Administrator

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS PALMER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Palmer Township, County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. March 8, 2022, at which time the voters will elect:

One Supervisor to fill the office for a three-year term currently being held by Michael Ganz.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:05 P.M., to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The annual election and meeting will be held at the following location:

**Palmer Township Hall
4180 – 105th Avenue
Clear Lake, MN 55319**

The Board of Canvass will meet following the Annual Meeting.

Amy Bragelman

Police & Sheriff Reports

Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 02/21/2022 - 02/28/2022

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offense(s): John Clarence Segler, 42 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - GM driving after cancellation - IPS. Brian John Kurzejeski, 47 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL domestic assault - strangulation. Michael Griffith Villalobos, 29 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - GM driving after cancellation - IPS. Paul Edward Kammerer, 55 of Saint Michael, MN 55376 - GM 2nd degree DWI & GM 3rd degree DWI. Dani Lee Priebe, 64 of Becker, MN 55308 - Sherburne Co. apprehension & detention order. Kevin Scott Heland, 36 of Frazee, MN 56544 - Beltrami Co. warrant. Shelly Alice McDade-Ruff, 47 of Saint Cloud, MN 56301 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Dustin Tolentino, 34 of Minneapolis, MN 55406 - Hennepin Co. warrant. Derec Joshua McKinney, 32 of Forest Lake, MN 55025 - Dept. of Corrections & Sherburne Co. warrants. Tone Thorn-Lynn Blanks, 26 of Sandstone, MN 55072 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Austin Brian Davis, 21 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Antwan Markese Kidd, 41 of Saint Cloud, MN 56303 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Kegan Griffith Frausto, 25 of Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 - Sherburne Co. & Stearns Co. warrants. Anthony Scott Kororus, 34 of No Permanent Address - Sherburne Co. warrant. Shari Lee Agenter, 32 of Milaca, MN 56353 - Sherburne Co. warrant. William Michael Hass, 47 of Elk River, MN 55330 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Rob William Hommerding, 43 of Cold Spring, MN 56320 - Anoka Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Katherine Anne King, 43 of Elk River, MN 55330 - an Anoka Co. warrant. Matthew Edward Waletiny, 35 of Princeton, MN 55371 - Sherburne Co. war-

rant. Brianne Taylor Schueppert, 23 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - Sherburne Co. warrant. **Citations Issued:** 1 smoking, chewing tobacco, or e-cigarettes prohibited in public or charter school; 3 motor vehicle registration - operate unregistered vehicle/without plates - public streets/highways; 1 motor vehicle reg-



istration - operate vehicle with expired registration; 11 traffic - speeding - exceed limit; 2 traffic - speeding - exceed limit - 65 mph - freeways & expressways; 3 traffic - speeding - exceed limit 55 mph where appropriate; 1 traffic regulation - seat belt required - driver & passengers must use; 2 traffic regulation - driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle; 1 traffic regulation - owner who is not driver must later produce proof of insurance if required; 1 traffic regulation-uninsured vehicle-owner violation; 4 traffic-driver's license-driving after suspension; 6 traffic-driver's license-driving after revocation; 1 Baldwin Twp.: running at large. **Total: 37** **Calls for Service:** 1 stop arm violation; 1 theft; 1 assault; 3 drugs/narcotics; 1 DWI; 6 disturbing the peace; 6 harassment;

1 property damage; 5 DAR/DAS/DAC; 1 crimes against administration of justice; 1 trespass; 5 fraud complaint; 1 animal lost; 1 property found; 2 abandoned vehicle; 1 accident - mv fatal; 4 accident - mv personal injury; 10 accident - mv property damage; 4 accident - vehicle v. animal; 2 animal complaint; 1 conservation; 3 dog complaint; 3 fire - vehicle; 1 gas leak/smell; 1 alarm - carbon monoxide; 2 death; 23 medical; 3 mental case; 5 domestic; 7 public assist; 9 agency assist; 3 alarm - security; 15 civil complaint; 184 officer initiated traffic stop; 10 traffic complaint; 3 snowmobile complaint; 10 suspicious vehicle; 3 juvenile complaint; 1 attempt to locate; 25 security check; 20 extra patrol; 1 deliver message; 15 check the welfare; 1 repossession; 2 cross arm malfunction; 9 parking complaint; 6 jail medical; 23 paper service; 1 recovered stolen motor vehicle; 2 suspicious activity; 3 hazardous road conditions; 24 miscellaneous officer; 9 background check; 1 open door; 6 warrant arrest; 29 transport; 1 pick up orders; 1 equipment problems; 2,911 hang up; 6 court book & release; 2 follow up; 1 juvenile runaway; 3 public lift assist; 1 tobacco; 3 vehicle lockout; 3 vehicle off road. **Total: 544** **Feb. 2nd:** Joseph Korienek - Fremont Ave in the city of Zimmerman reported the theft of package that was delivered to the residence. Items sent were LED bulbs valued at \$100. **Feb. 19th:** Brian Maas reported burglary of fish house - Eagle Lake in Big Lake Twp. Items taken are K-Drill auger (grey & orange in color), 3 fishing rods, Samsung 40-inch TV, & DeWalt cordless drill. Value of items taken is \$1,058.

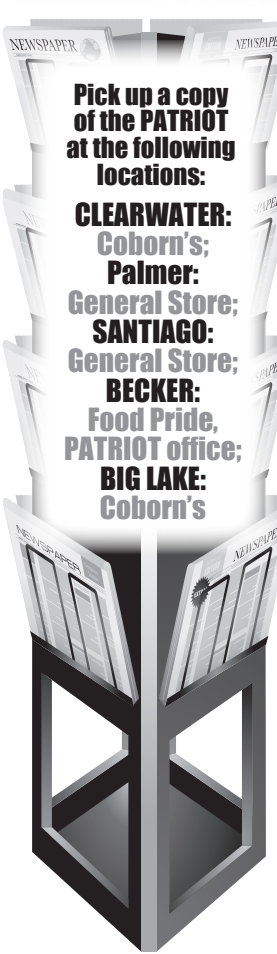
Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings Feb. 21, 2022 - Feb. 27, 2022

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 160; 2022 Calls for Service: 1,299; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 67; Citations: 14; Arrests: 2; Medical Emergency Calls: 6; Mental Health/Check Welfare: 3; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 4 **BLPD Arrests:** Michael Villalobos – (Age 29 – St Paul, MN) – Driving Canceled IPS; Dustin Tolentino – (Age 34 – Minneapolis, MN) – 3 Hennepin Warrants **Sun., Feb. 27, 2022:** County Rd 43 – Traffic Stop – Stop for equipment. Driver had a limited license and was cited; Pleasant Ave - Juvenile Complaint – Officers called for a disorderly juvenile. **Sat., Feb. 26, 2022:** Hwy 10 – Suspicious Person – An officer saw a person walking in the lane of Hwy 10. The officer made contact and found the party had three Hennepin County Warrants. Party was arrested and booked into Sherburne Jail; Delta St - Hit and Run - Report of a hit and run while vehicle was parked on the road; Hwy 10 – Traffic Complaint – Report of a vehicle Eastbound Hwy 10 from the area of Becker with occupants passing a wine bottle around. Officers did not locate the vehicle; Kingsbarn Alcove - Civil Complaint - Officers mediated a civil dispute over child custody issues; Lupine Ln – Animal Call – Report of a dog bite taken; Martin Ave – Domestic – Officers mediated a domestic disturbance. Parties separated; Hwy 25/County 11 – Traffic Stop – Stop for equipment. Driver and passenger found to have consumed alcohol underage. Driver tested and cited with Underage Drink and Drive. Passenger cited with Minor Consumption. **Fri., Feb. 25, 2022:** Lake Ridge Dr/Saint Andrews Ln – Traffic Stop – Equipment violation stop. Driver was found to have a Can-

celed Inimical to Public Safety driving status. Driver was arrested and booked into Sherburne Jail; Loon Loop - Civil Dispute - Officers requested to mediate a dispute over custody of a dog; Helen Way – Traffic Complaint – Resident driving recklessly through the neighborhood. Party contact by officer.; Edinburgh Way - Fraud – Report of fraudulent activity on Facebook; Lakeside Park - Loud Noise - Report of loud music. **Thurs., Feb. 24, 2022:** Oak Ln/Forest Rd – Vehicle Off Road – An officer assisted with a vehicle



stuck in a snowbank and the driver was locked out; Jefferson Blvd - Hit and Run - Report of a hit and run while vehicle was parked in a parking lot; Minnesota/Phyllis - Vehicle Crash - Vehicle crash with no injuries. Report taken; Englewood Dr – 911 Hang Up – Several 911 calls from a phone with no service. Officers checked the area and made contact at several residences where the signal came from. No issues found; Sterling Dr – Security Alarm – Officers responded. Party on site with permission to be there; Station St – Fire Call – Fire alarm at an apartment building. Faulty sensor. No issues; Highline Dr/ Tartan Ln – Suspicious Vehicle – Officer contacted an occupied vehicle on the street with no lights



Wright County Sheriff's Activity Report Period Ending Feb. 28, 2022

Feb. 21st: Douglas Bosire Abuga, 45, of St. Michael was arrested in St. Michael - charge of Domestic Assault. Christopher Anthony Watson, 36, of Buffalo was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree criminal sexual conduct.

Feb. 22nd: Justin Nicholas Boggs, 34, of St. Cloud was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 4th degree criminal sexual conduct. Jason Paul Grignon, 36, of Buffalo was arrested in Rockford - charge of 5th degree-controlled substance.

Feb. 23rd: Maurice Edward Crumble-Somerson, 32, of St. Cloud was arrested in Sherburne Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree-controlled substance. Ryan Matthew Granger, 43, of Crystal was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree-controlled substance. Shane Lee Jensen, 46, of Minnesota was arrested in Kandiyohi Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree-controlled substance. Douglas James King, 57, of Anoka was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - financial transaction card fraud. Ember Mae Mickelson, 40, of Monticello was arrested in Monti-

cello - charge of 2nd degree DWI. **Feb. 24th:** Kiley Lynn Casey, 21, of St. Cloud was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrants - theft & 1st degree burglary. Ruben Antonio Coliman, 33, of



Monticello was arrested in Monticello - Wright Co. warrant - theft. Dominick Joseph Grangroth, 27, of Howard Lake was arrested in Monticello - charge of 1st degree DWI. Danielle Grace Hanson, 29, of Buffalo was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Andrea Marie Laviolette, 34, of Otsego was arrested in Otsego - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Darrien James Leffler, 50, of Cokato was arrested in Cokato - Wright

Co. warrant - driving after cancellation/inimical to public safety.

Feb. 25th: Scott Andrew Gunderson, 42, of Annandale was arrested in Annandale - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI. Joshua David Hagebusch, 43, of St. Louis Park was arrested in Scott Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 4th degree DWI. Jacob Edward King, 27, of Monticello was arrested in Monticello - charge of 5th degree-controlled substance. Trevor Theodore Tussing, 31, of Waverly was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - convicted felon in possession of ammo/firearm.

Feb. 26th: Jason Paul Remington, 51, of Annandale was arrested in Annandale - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Cornelius Knight Von Lichtenstein, 50, of Buffalo was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 1st degree burglary.

There were 43 property damage accidents, 6 personal injury accidents, 5 hit & run accidents & 3 car deer accidents.

There were arrests 11 - DWI, 0 underage consumption arrests, 3 school bus stop arm violations & 126 tickets - miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.



Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of Feb. 21st – Feb. 27th

21-Feb: 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 Winter Parking violation / Admin Citation #3886, 1 security check, 2 extra patrol, 1 Winter Parking violation / Admin Citation #3887, 1 road hazard, 1 alarm, 1 speed warning, 1 alarm, 1 possession of drug paraphernalia Citation #098, 1 dog bite, 1 open door, 1 disturbance, 1 equipment warning **22-Feb:** 1 extra patrol, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 record check, 1 found property, 1 motor vehicle theft **23-Feb:** 1 extra patrol, 1 Winter Parking Violation / Admin Citation #3838, 3 agency assist, 1 record check, 1 expired registration / driving after revocation Citation #099, 1 suspicious activity, 1 lift assist, 1 suspicious person, 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 equipment / expired registration warning, 1 drive with high beams warning, 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 suspicious vehicle **24-Feb:** 1 driving after cancellation Citation #100, 1 expired registration warning, 2 theft,

2 alarm, 1 medical, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 security check **25-Feb:** 1 accident, 1 juvenile concern, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 repossession, 1 Potentially Dangerous Dog Notification / Dog at large / Admin Citation #3611, 1 snowmobile complaint, 1 stop sign violation / Citation #102, 1 public safety, 1 traffic complaint, 1 warrant arrest, 1 vehicle lock-out, 1 security check, 1 stop sign warning, 1 no proof of insurance warning / speed Citation #103



26-Feb: 2 extra patrol, 1 open door, 1 expired registration warning, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 civil, 1 traffic complaint, 1 medical, 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 speed warning, 1 equipment / no proof of insurance warnings, 1 speed / no MN drivers license / no proof of insurance warnings, 1 suspicious person, 1 expired registration / fail to transfer title warnings **27-Feb:** 1 extra patrol, 1 Winter Parking violation / Admin Citation #3839, 1 Winter Parking violation / Admin Citation #3840, 1 Winter Parking violation / Admin Citation #3841, 1 Winter Parking violation / Admin Citation #3842, 1 Winter Parking violation / Admin Citation #3843, 1 Winter Parking violation / Admin Citation #3844, 1 Winter Parking violation / Admin Citation #3845, 2 alarm, 1 stop sign warning, 1 stop sign / no Drivers License in possession warnings, 1 speed / equipment warnings / Driving after Suspension Citation #104, 3 speed warning, 1 Speed Citation #105, 1 speed Citation #106

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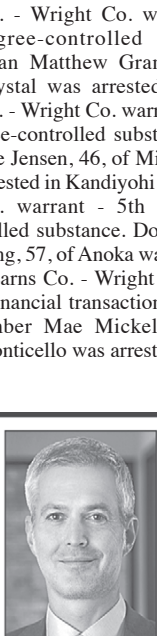
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Becker Baptist Church
 Pastors: Nathan Bucher (Senior), Kevin Drehmel (Youth) & Amy Drehmel (Dir. of Child/Fam. Ministry), 763-261-4202, 11951 Hancock St. Services: Sun. Worship/Children 10:30am, Sun. School 9:15am, Wed. AWANA/Youth Group 6:30pm during school year. www.beckerbaptist.org.
Becker Evangelical Free Church
 Pastors: Patrick Drury (Senior), Chris Salvendy (Youth), 763-261-4125, Becker High School, Office: 11373 150th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Teaching/Fellowship 10am.
Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church
 Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month. (Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays in Big Lake).
Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers & Vicar Molly Wills, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 8:30am, Wed. Confirmation 5:30pm, Senior High Youth Group 1st & 3rd Wed. 6pm www.faithlutheran-becker.org.
Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God
 Pastors: Gerry Bass & Sarah, 763-220-6004, 13140 1st St (SW Corner of Becker Furniture World). Services: Sun. Bible Study/Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.
Snake River Free Church
 Pastor: Steve Johnston, 612-219-8648, 180th St SE. Services: Sun. Worship/ Sun. School 10:30am., Hymn Sing is second Sun. of every month.
Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church
 Pastor: Ken Hanson, 763-262-2177, 15455 59th St SE. Services: Sun. Praise & Worship 9:30am, Wed. Family Fellowship 7pm.
Beacon House of Prayer
 Pastors: Brian & Linda Holmes, 763-263-3771, 12264 Pleasant Ave. Services: Thurs. Worship 6:30pm.
Free Grace United
 Pastor: Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001, Becker High School, 12000 Hancock St, Enter door 11. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

• BIG LAKE
Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church
 Pastor: Bill Nixon, 763-263-2287, 20455 187th Ave NW. Services: Sat. Worship 9am, Sat. Sabbath School 10:15am.
Bethany Bible Church
 763-263-2167, 511 Eagle Lake Road. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.
Bridgeview Assembly of God
 Pastor: Steve Royalty, 763-263-6274, 20500 County Road 11. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Wed. Service 6:30pm.
SVEA Hill Covenant Church
 Pastor: Don Bellach, 763-263-6322, 16392 235th Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.
Cornerstone Baptist Church
 Pastor: Gordon Langdon, 763-263-7878, 15300 County Road 35.
Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock
 763-263-7990. www.hopetherefuse.weebly.com.
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 Pastores: Juan & Patricia Aguayo, 763-607-5403, 21 Lake St N. Services: Sat. 6pm.
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 Pastor: Marty Mabry, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10am.
Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church
 Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 440 Lake St N. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm; Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month (Masses held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays in Becker).
Riverside Church
 Online: www.myrcc.church, 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.
Saron Lutheran Church
 Pastor: Kyle Sidlo, 763-263-2209, 311 Lake St. S. Services: Sun. Worship

9:30am, indoors or livestream.

• SANTIAGO
South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA
 Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 8am in Sanctuary Worship, 10am in Sanctuary. Audio broadcast in parking lot for both services.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School
 Pastor: Timothy Zenda, 763-662-2570, 18977 17th St. Services: Sun. School/Bible Class 10:30am, Divine Worship 9am.
Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 Pastor: Shari Routh, 920-573-0193, 1100 186th Ave NE. Services: Sun Good Shepherd 9am, Sun. Glendorado 10:30am.
Gethsemane Church (ELCA) – Ronneby
 Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.
Glendorado Evangelical Country Church
 Pastor: Sam Alfano, 763-662-2244, 16999 Glendorado Road NE. Services: Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

• CLEAR LAKE
Living Waters Church
 Pastor: Mark Stahl, 320-292-0250, 7830 Church St. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Wed. Bible Study 6:30pm.
Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
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SHED Church - Non-Denomination in Palmer
 Pastor: TBD, 320-241-0123, Palmer Town Hall, 4180 105th Ave. Services: Sun. 5pm.
St. Marcus Catholic Church
 Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Sat. Confessions 4:15pm, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. 8am.

• DUELM
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• CLEARWATER
Clearwater United Methodist Church
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Rejoice Lutheran Church – ELCA
 Pastor: Jim Bump, 320-558-6851, 1155 County Road 75. Services: Sun. School that begins in Worship 9:30am. Livestream worship at Rejoice's Youtube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJGuBda4orT9TWYi5vmGw
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Obituaries

Thomas “Tom” W. Berry, Age 74
 Becker, MN
 April 4, 1947 – February 23, 2022

taught firearm safety training and was the proud owner of the famous “Dork” the Emu. He loved cooking, even if it was a bit experimental and loved to make his famous bacon-wrapped weenies that always seemed to disappear before the main course even came. Tom enjoyed craft beer and blackberry brandy. He was a collector of everything from machines and tractors to cooking utensils. Tom loved practical jokes was known for saying “I’m so good I scare myself”. He was also known for his “Tomisms”, which are his made up acronyms that he liked to say and add in his morning “sock report”. Tom was patient, level-headed, logical, had wisdom of many things, and always had a good attitude. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. As Tom would say “JMF”.

Survivors include his children, John Guilfoyle, Heather (John) Coppedge, Ginger (Devin) Skille, and Kimberly (Nathan) Wheeler; brothers and sister, Jim (Deb) Berry, Bob (Connie) Berry, and Judy (Richard) Martin; 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Tom was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Maureen on March 3, 2015; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Rod & Gun Club.

Janice Kay Bender, Age 75
 Laporte, MN
 May 21, 1946 – February 22, 2022

Janice passed away at Sanford Medical Center in Bemidji on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. She was born on May 21, 1946, in St. Paul, MN the daughter of Donavon and Norma (Lyte) Bump.

Janice grew up in St. Paul and graduated from St. Agnes Catholic School in the summer of 1964. She went to work for Fingerhut and married Dale in 1967. Since Dale was still active-duty Army, they moved to Texas for a little while before moving to Los Angeles, California. Janice took a job with Triple A Auto Club. She transferred her position to stay with the company when they moved back to St. Paul in 1970. They were there for a few years before moving to Kansas City, KS with their daughter Joy. Janice decided that it was more important to stay at home to raise Joy which she took pride in. Janice and Dale continued moving to various locations until retiring in Laporte on July 5, 2015. Janice loved being a grandma. She was very vital in raising her two grandchildren. Doing so brought her extremely close to each one of them. Janice enjoyed nature, watching hummingbirds at the feeder and spending time with her lap dog, Ruthie. She took time to watch her soaps and her two favorite game shows, Wheel of Fortune and Jeop-

ardy. Janice’s family would like to thank the Havenwood Care Center of Bemidji for taking such good care of her during her last year.

The family that Janice joins again are her parents; Donavon and Norma and one brother; Richard Bump.

Those she leaves behind to cherish her memory are her husband; Dale Bender of Laporte, daughter; Joy (Josh) Bender-Quayle of Bagley, sister; Diana (Allen) Edwins of Inger Grove Heights, two grandchildren; Michael and Gabriel of Bagley, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

A celebration of Janice’s life will be held at a later date. Janice’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com

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The City of Kerkhoven, MN, Public Works Department, is seeking a full-time Public Works Supervisor starting immediately. A complete job description and benefits package is available upon request.

Minimum requirements: Possess a MN Class D Water Operator's and Class C Sewer Operator's License and able to obtain a Class B Driver's License within 6 months of employment. Have a valid MN Class D Driver's License and a satisfactory driving record. All applicants will be required to have a physical and are subject to a drug test. **Starting wages \$53,830-\$71,780 per year/DOQ**, plus excellent benefits. This is a non-union position.

TO APPLY: All applicants must complete and submit an application for employment packet. Application forms can be obtained at City Hall Monday-Thursday from 8am-5pm and Fridays 8am-noon or by calling 320-264-2581 or by email: kerkhovenclerk@gmail.com. Application deadline Noon on March 11, 2022.

Submit completed applications in drop box or by mail to: City of Kerkhoven, 208 N 10th St, PO Box 116, Kerkhoven, MN 56252. The City of Kerkhoven is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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