

Becker School Board hears from Dylan's Hope, NWTA

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September's regular Becker School Board meeting took place Sept. 13 due to Labor Day. The meeting kicked off with presentations from NWTA and Dylan's Hope.

Open Forum

Northwest Talent Academy (NWTA) presented to the board. NWTA is offered to gifted students grade 2-8. They offer programming to these students during the summer. They hoped to bring some of this advanced programming closer to the community, in Monticello. The presenters reported on their curriculum from this year and its success.

Currently, NWTA is in a partnership with eight local communities, but are looking to add many more soon.

Dylan's Hope representatives spoke next. They broke their previous record for the number of participants in their annual golf tournament this year with 250 golfers attending, and so were able to raise a lot of money for their cause of ending teenage suicide. They put money towards four track scholarships. They will be helping to bring a gold medalist to speak to the students (name not given.) Dylan's Hope also donated to Greater Minnesota's Spirited Adventures, which creates programming for Sherburne county students. Dylan's Hope purchased kayaking equipment for the group this year. Greater Minnesota matched the donations given by Dylan's Hope.

Betsy Armstrong also spoke during open forum to request that a rebuttal presentation be made for the board in response to the Out Front

Minnesota presentation made at an upcoming meeting. She also protested against having teachers ask for students' preferred pronouns, claiming it was an infringement on their privacy.

Superintendent's Report

Students Kayla and Madeline will be representing the student body this year. Both are members of the student council as well as members of several other sports and clubs.

The school foodservice staff recently took a trip to partner Norm's Farm Market. The school hopes to work with Norm's as much as possible, and purchase as much as Norm's can supply.

Absentee voting for the referendum opened Sept. 17. Eligible voters are able to vote during normal business hours at the school. An open house about the refer-

endum will be held Oct. 12 at the high school commons (next to the Performing Arts Center). More information is available at *BulldogsStrong.com*.

The board is hoping to schedule a presentation from Minnesota Family Council, which may come in the form of a special hearing. The date will be announced when it is decided.

All of the ESSER and CARES funding given to the school has been spent. The funding was used toward amplification systems in elementary classrooms, updating servers and hotspots, more busses, and other items.

Supt. Jeremy Schmidt attended a meeting at the Refuge Bar and Grill for concerned citizens who wished to know more about Critical Race Theory, or CRT.

"[I attended] that meeting just to hear what it was all

about, because we don't teach Critical Race Theory in our school," Schmidt said.

Curriculum Committee

Mark Swanson reported on his recent meeting with the Curriculum Committee. He, along with Cindy Graham, wanted to reiterate that the school does not have a lot of direct control over the curriculum standards, and though many concerned parents have been reaching out to the school board, there is nothing they can do about changing or maintaining the curriculum. Concerned parents will have more of an impact submitting their comments directly to the Minnesota Dept. of Education or to their legislators. The two went on to invite anyone who wanted to come to the curriculum committee meetings to ask as many questions as they had and create a discussion about the issues.

Fundraising

The board had a long discussion on the process of fundraising for different school clubs and sports, especially the proper way to treat funds coming from booster clubs. Several board members were concerned about booster clubs raising money to buy equipment and other items for school organizations, and whether it was appropriate, legally, to have the board officially recognize those donations, making the donated equipment school property. They asked Supt. Schmidt to look further into the issue.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Approved an increase in health insurance rates;
- Made a general fund transfer to the areas of School Readiness (\$75,000), Early Childhood (\$6,000), and Community Education (\$30,000);
- Reviewed school policies to match Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) standards (these will be adopted at a later meeting);
- Changed the November regular meeting to take place after the referendum election, so the board has the chance to canvas the votes, and furthermore stipulated that all regular meetings in November take place after the first Tuesday so as not to run into the issue again;
- Approved a preliminary levy, which will be officially approved at the truth in taxation meeting in December (the preliminary levy is not expected to be an accurate representation of the actual levy at this time).



MIKE+YOU=CURE. \$2,463.70 was raised this summer during the 11 week season of horseshoe leagues held Thursday nights at Beck's Pub selling pork chops. The money was donated to The American Cancer Society as a part of Mike+You=Cure. Pictured: Mike Garland, Chad Hanson, Emma Cook, Jenny Moudry, Peggy Garland and Missy (Garland) Luethmers. (Submitted photo.)

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4th annual Jessie's Wish benefit a huge success

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

It was a beautiful day for the fourth annual Jessie's Wish BBQ Cook-off & Benefit last Saturday in Clearwater, with people from all over gathering for food, fun, and remembering victims of domestic violence.

Jessie's Wish was begun after founder Gary Grant's daughter, Jessica Ludenia, was killed by her abusive boyfriend in 2017. Wanting to help other victims of domestic violence, Grant held the first Jessie's Wish Benefit the next year, donating the money raised to Anna Marie's Women's Shelter.

Once again held at Sam and Candy Samuelson's home outside Clearwater, people began arriving in the early afternoon and kept on coming, everyone eager to enjoy the wide variety of mouthwatering ribs and



other food, try their chance at winning great prizes, catch up with their neighbors, and just have fun.

On hand was award-winning leather artist and saddle maker Mike Bray, who brought his handmade tribute saddles; *Honor the Badge, Freedom Isn't Free, Saddle of Hope*, and *Tribute to the Troops* for attendees to enjoy. Also featured was his *Tribute to President Trump* saddle

and *Please Stand for the Flag* leather art picture.

Along with the food, attendees had a chance to win great prizes by purchasing raffle tickets and bidding on silent auction items. All prizes were donated, and included a Jägermeister cooler and fridge, metal art, gift cards, flat top grill, homemade Jeep table, a free tattoo, guitar, and two Traeger grills. There was also a 50/50 drawing and the always popular chicken bingo. Live music entertained the crowd throughout the day.

The day's main event was, of course, the ribs. After all the votes were cast in the cook-off a triple crown winner emerged, with Team 1 "I'm With Steve" winning Best Ribs, People's Choice, and new this year, Best of Show, the award for best decorated food tent.

"My heart goes out to all of you for all you've

done today," Grant said to the assembled crowd before he presented the cook-off trophies. "There isn't a better community than right here in this United States."

He and his family extended special thanks to family members, friends, sponsors, attendees, and the Samuelsons for hosting the event.

Anna Marie's Alliance is a domestic violence center and private non-profit corporation dedicated to providing safe shelter, support, and referral services for battered women and their children. They also work with the community on systems change and violence prevention in Central Minnesota.

Anna Marie's has sheltered nearly 16,500 battered women and their children since 1979. Advocates are available 24/7 by calling 320-253-6900. For more information visit www.AnnaMaries.org.

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Doty retires

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Kevin Doty, the president of Sherburne State Bank, is retiring after ten years with the bank.

"I'm getting old," he said, laughing. "It was just the right time."

Doty says he's going to miss his phenomenal staff.

"I interviewed almost everyone here," he said.

He stated that his staff is exceptionally talented and well trained, the bank having provided funding for further education for many of them.

He also says he's going to miss his customers.

During Doty's time



KEVIN DOTY, president of Sherburne State Bank, will be retiring after celebrating his 10 year anniversary with the bank. (Patriot archive photo.)

with Sherburne State Bank, he helped to open a new branch in Monticello,

a project he's especially proud of. There was a great opportunity for growth there, and the project broke even in record time.

He says he's also proud of the community service he and his staff do. In order to be an officer in the bank, employees are required to be a part of a community organization, such as serving on the township board or being a member of the chamber of commerce.

"It's been a lot of fun!" he said.

But he's looking forward to retirement. He and his wife plan to stay in the Becker area for a while, then move up north to be close to family.

Becker students selected to MN All-State Choir

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Becker High School Choir Director, Gretchen Bordson).

Becker High School senior Austin Clemen and junior Jada Soltau were selected to be members of the 2021-22 Minnesota All-State Choirs.

Both students recently took part in the All-State Choir Camp at St. John's University in Collegeville, August 3-7 which concluded with a choir performance in the Abbey Church on the university campus.

The selection process for students begins with auditions held in March each year. Annually, over 2,000 students audition for the all-state performing groups, with only a few hundred students from all over the state being selected to be a part of this elite program.

Austin and Jada will perform again at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis Feb. 19, 2022, during the Minnesota Music Educators Association Convention.



JUNIOR JADA SOLTAU (L) and Senior Austin Clemen (R) have been selected to be members of the 2021-22 Minnesota All-State Choirs. (Submitted Photos)

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Becker Council approves vaccination policy

By Katherine Cantin,
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Tuesday's city council meeting featured a heated discussion about Becker's COVID-19 leave policy.

As an incentive for city employees to be vaccinated, staff proposed creating a pol-

icy regarding sick leave. If a person contracts COVID-19 and does not have a vaccination, normal sick leave is used. If a person contracts COVID-19 who has been vaccinated, they are entitled

to 80 hours (2 weeks) of special paid sick leave. This could also apply for caring for a family member.

Council Member Rick Hendrickson asked this item be removed from the consent agenda, as he had in issue with it. He thought it was an unfair policy, since there are many reasons why a person

drickson voting against and Council Member Mike Doering not being present to cast a vote.

Council Reports

The council members reported on their various commissions and groups.

Hendrickson reported that the Economic Development Authority had a discus-

and recruitment, had some policy changes, and will soon hear a report on the compensation study.

Council Member Becky Olmsheid reported that the fire board would be "hiring" up to three new volunteer firefighters. Only three candidates showed interest in volunteering for the department, unfortunately. There will be an open house at the fire dept. Oct. 9.

Ski Trail Grooming

After having success last year, the city once again asked the county to provide trail grooming services for the city. The county has equipment the city does not, and the city is in turn able to support the county as it applies for grants in this area. Council approved a 3-year contract.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Called for a public hearing at the next regular meeting regarding the fee schedule;
- Approved moving forward with the purchase of some land from R.D. Offutt, in order to make a city parcel larger for a business project.

Becker Twp. faces continuing transportation issues

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Twp. Board of Supervisors met Monday evening and navigated an agenda heavy with transportation issues.

Twp. Engineer Wes Davis updated the board on several road projects, including the striping needed on 142nd St, which was recently resurfaced. The estimated cost was in the range of \$3,000, therefore he was authorized to seek a quote to finish the work as soon as possible. Supervisor Joe Danielson questioned the top layer wear course application on Garden Grove, and it was decided that the supervisors would make that a stop on their fall road tour, which was scheduled for Friday (yesterday). Supervisor Robin Boros mentioned that the driveway approaches on that same road will also have to be looked at, as some appear in need of additional work in that area.

Davis also provided an update for the shared project on 97th St, which will include the City of Becker and Clear Lake Twp. Because there is a state grant involved, the process and coordination will require a high level of pre-planning and Davis is already speaking with the stakeholder groups in an effort to create an application and construction timeline.

Other stops on the road tour will include 157th Ave., 67th St. and 127th Ave., as the supervisors will get to take a firsthand look at all the roads so they can plan accordingly for maintenance issues and budgeting in the future.

The board next discussed the minimum maintenance status of the connection between the cul-de-sac on 67th Street and Co. Rd. 11. Davis will create a plan to maintain the route in the most economically feasible manner and present it to the board in the future.

In another road related issue, Davis and attorney Kelli Bourgeois were asked to move forward with the agreement for 67th Street, since Santiago Twp. has requested to take over the construction supervision on the asphalt portion of the shared project.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Dan Frank updated the board on last month's statistics, which included well over 200 calls for service, including 87 traffic complaints. In addition, Frank noted that there have already been several school bus stop arm violations in

Becker Twp., with deputies taking swift and decisive action to put a stop to these dangerous situations.

County Update

County Administrator Bruce Messelt appeared before the board for his annual update, proving a wide array of information for the supervisors. He spoke of the current real estate market conditions and the effect this is having on the county's efforts in properly assessing property values. Because of the large increase in home sales and with many properties selling higher than the asking price, most residents can expect a significant upgrade to their assessed property values.

Messelt also discussed transportation issues, as well as several ARPA funded broadband projects. Currently, the county is doing broadband on a piecemeal basis, as there are 17 different internet providers servicing addresses in Sherburne County. Because there is not just a couple major providers, it is more difficult to accomplish larger projects that can serve a high number of residents.

Zoning

In zoning related news, Planner Mary Roe presented the supervisors with an encroachment and waiver of liability agreement for a property on 175th ave. After the current owners Joe Brenteson and his wife recently purchased the property and applied for an accessory structure permit, it was learned that a septic system had been constructed in a drainage and utility easement by the previous owners. The permitting process, as well as the title company, had failed to identify the issue, meaning an agreement was needed. The supervisors approved the agreement and the Brenteson's will review it in the coming days before deciding to whether or not to agree to the verbiage.

Supervisor Luke Babler asked what could be done to ensure these situations do not occur in the future and staff will investigate the most economically feasible and accurate solution for trying to catch easement issues before issuing permits.

The board will meet next for a regularly scheduled meeting Monday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. to review the 2022 budget.



STUDENTS LEARNING ABOUT GOVERNMENT. Becker High School offers a class called democratic citizenship taught by Heather Abrahamson. The class requires students to attend a local city council meeting, and these two motivated teens were the first of their class to attend. Pictured from left to right is Mayor Tracy Bertram, Council Member Rick Hendrickson, Council Member Robin Dingman, Student Charlotte Fleck, Student Shannon Jelks, and Council Member Becky Olmsheid. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

may choose to not be vaccinated and it is not the city's business to judge that person's choices.

After some discussion, the rest of the council approved the policy, with Hendrickson voting against and Council Member Mike Doering not being present to cast a vote.

Mayor Tracy Bertram reported that the Personnel Committee discussed hiring

on the housing market. The market is still hot at the moment, but is slowing down slightly, as it does in the fall.

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SIBLINGS CHLOE, FALLON, AND LEVI showed off their hard work at GRRL's mobile sign shop event at Big Lake Public Library. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

Library Patrons Make Handcrafted Signs

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Last week, the Great River Regional Library (GRRL) branches of Big Lake and Becker hosted a fun, mobile sign shop. The craft wagon, provided by Ready Go Art, included all the necessary tools for D.I.Y. enthusiasts to create their own cottage-inspired carved wooden signs, as well as experienced staff members to help them through the process.

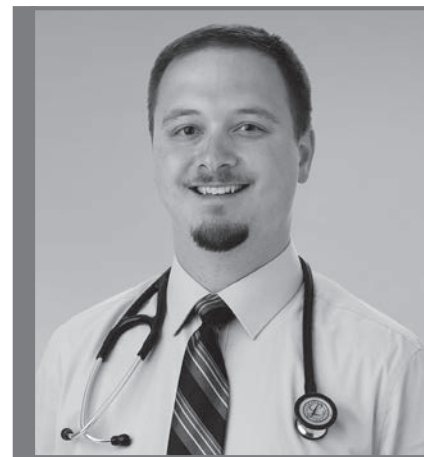
Peter and Monica of Ready Go Art said they have been creating signs all around the state for the last seven years. They are based out of the Twin Cities, and said that they have toured several GRRL locations this summer.

GRRL offers many activities and events for kids, teens, and parents. For a full list of events, visit GRRL.org/events.

Meet Cory Simning, MD, now at Stellis Health

Family Medicine Physician Cory Simning, MD, recently joined Stellis Health - Monticello Clinic. "We're excited to welcome Dr. Simning to our medical staff and back to his hometown," says Brent Wilde, CEO of Stellis Health. "He grew up in Big Lake and wanted to come back home to practice medicine."

"I loved growing up here – the community is great and my family is nearby," says Dr. Simning. "My approach to medicine is based on shared decision making and getting to know each other. I work together with my patients to figure out what is best for each individual based on their goals." As a family medicine physician, Dr. Simning enjoys all areas of medicine but particularly pediatrics, geriatrics, sports medicine and mental health.



Dr. Simning received his medical degree at the University of Minnesota Medical School and completed his family medicine residency at the University of Minnesota in Mankato. His bachelor's degree in biology is also from the University of Minnesota.

Board certified in family medicine, Dr. Simning is also certified to prescribe buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder. And, he has advanced cardiac and pediatric life support certifications. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, camping and almost anything outdoors, along with spending time with family and friends.

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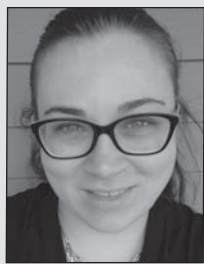
Are Pronouns an Invasion of Privacy?

Last week, during the open forum section of the Becker School Board meeting, one concerned citizen claimed it was an invasion of student privacy for their teachers to ask for preferred pronouns. I would like to refute this claim.

The way I see it, asking a student for their pronouns is no more invasive than asking if they have a preferred nickname. Both are geared towards ensuring the student is comfortable in their learning environment and creating a positive relationship between teacher and student.

I know that gender dysphoria, or being unhappy with one's assigned gender, is a difficult concept to grasp. I don't pretend to understand it myself. I was born female, and I'm happy to be female. I can't imagine why anyone would want to be anything other than the gender they were assigned at birth. I doubt I will ever understand.

That being said, there are



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Staff Writer

people who feel that way. In fact, more and more people seem to feel this way about themselves and their gender. It's a part of our culture, whether or not we understand why these individuals feel this way.

Transgender people matter. They matter because they are Americans, and all Americans matter. They matter because they are human, and all humans matter. They, like your sons and daughters, deserve an education where unacceptance does not cause

them to fail classes, drop out of school, and start their adult life with no support from the community where they were raised.

Jesus wants you to love all people. ALL people. Even the ones with whom you disagree. I'd argue that love is especially important when you disagree with a person's choices.

No, it is not always comfortable adapting to change and calling transgender people by different pronouns. But it can mean a lot to teenage students who are trying to find their place in the world. We've all been teenagers. It's hard figuring out who you are! Imagine trying to do so when the world doesn't approve of your chosen identity.

Regardless of your feelings towards transgender issues, I encourage everyone to take a moment and find the love and respect in their hearts that we owe to all our fellow Americans. It will mean the world to these kids if you can.

PPP Tax Refunds Finally Here!

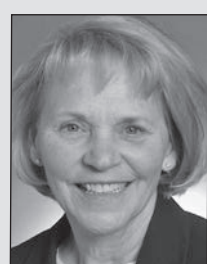
(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Mary Kiffmeyer.)

I always love this time of year with all of the kids returning to school, whether outside the home or at home. And this year is more important than ever. Every child has crucial learning needs every year. It is fun to see all the smiling faces of "first days" over social media.

PPP Refunds....Finally

During the 2020 Legislative Session, I worked hard to undo the MN taxing of PPP loans from the federal government. It has been tiring, frustrating, and at times it seemed to be a never-happening project. But, finally, Minnesotans will begin to see those tax refunds hitting their bank accounts soon.

I am glad for those of you who have been waiting so long and struggling with the uncertainty on this money. This is needed and promised so your business and family have a chance to survive this seeming-to-never-end pandemic. It was



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

promised and good to get it done.

Biden's Vaccines

Recently, President Biden announced sweeping mandates for our nation – every business with over 100 employees must issue a vaccine mandate for their company or employees must be tested weekly. This is clearly government overreach from the highest office and frankly, I am concerned for what this will do not only to our state but to the entire country. This is an incredibly dangerous precedent to set for businesses - not to mention nearly unenforceable and unconstitutional. Will busi-

ness owners become the "Vaccine Police" against their employees? This is private, personal information meant to be shared between one person and their doctor.

Following the pandemic, it has become increasingly hard to find employees to fill open roles in many sectors and this is simply creating further barriers between individuals or business owners from finding employment or hiring. There are simply too many unanswered personal questions, too many variables, and far too much overreach. We are Americans - in the land of the free - we do not need government babysitters for our businesses.

As your State Senator, it is my duty and honor to represent you at the Capitol. I would encourage you to reach out regarding any legislative issue now or in the future. I can be reached by email at Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN or please call me at 651-296-5655.

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to commend Shelley Berthiaume on such a wonderfully written article about the love of her special friend. Dogs truly are a gift, and while we are deeply saddened when they move on, after time we are able to look back on how much they made our lives better. Everyone who's lost the love of a dog, "man's best friend", knows the feeling, and, if they're like me, got a couple tears in their eyes while reminiscing on their True Friend. Beautifully written.

Marcus Thompson
Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Our Founding Fathers at Plymouth Rock tried socialism at the start. After they tried this, they were starving. They next tried capitalism, where people got to keep what they produced. With this method, the people flourished. People need to have an incentive to work. The harder they apply themselves the more they prosper. In the Soviet

Union after socialism was failing, they allowed individual garden plots. And garden plots were more productive, and people were able to sell/exchange product because of personal incentive. Why can't we see that, in the United States? Many people think the government is supposed to provide everything. But where does the government get its money to provide these needs? They get it from the workers that apply themselves and are trying to provide for themselves and their families. Government exists to provide what individuals cannot. Some examples are departments which provide service such as fire protection, police to protect against illegal actions, military to protect against other countries, and highway departments so we can get where we need to go. We need smaller government and fewer regulations to allow free enterprise to grow.

Barry VanBuren
Clearwater

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to the *Patriot Newspaper* for helping to get the news out about the Becker Alumni luncheon. Thank you to Tyler Stone (Pebble Creek) for making it a special day for so many! Thank you to Jeremy Schmidt, Becker's superintendent, for being at our function as well! I thank our committee members Ann Johnson, Eileen Ramala, Maryls Kolbinger and Teresa Warner. As well as so many others that helped that day, you were all a great help! I thank all those that joined us for the day, especially those who travelled far, we appreciate you! Our next years date will be Sept. 8, 2022 at Pebble Creek Golf Course, Becker, MN. always the Thursday after Labor Day. Mark your calendars!

Thanks again,
Audrey Orton
Committee Member
Clear Lake, MN

Oversight to COVID Relief Funding

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

Over the next two weeks, I will be in Washington, D.C. for a series of important votes. We are facing discussions on pressing issues such as infrastructure investment, funding for our military, and the possibility of a debt ceiling increase. As these debates occur, I will continue to keep you updated. In the meantime, please e-mail me to stay in touch.

COVID-19 Funds

Last week, during a House Financial Services markup, I offered an amendment to redirect \$35 million of the Democrat's proposed \$3.5 trillion budget to the Inspector General of the U.S. Treasury and the Inspector General of the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to ensure oversight of American Rescue Plan programs.

When it comes to identifying waste, fraud, and abuse in federal spending, there is no better investment of taxpayer dollars than the Inspector Generals (IGs). Last year, IGs returned approximately \$16 in savings for every dollar that we invested in their budgets.

The bipartisan CARES Act – one of the first COVID relief packages adopted in March 2020 – included \$35 million in funding for the Treasury Inspector General to conduct oversight of programs like the Coronavirus Relief Fund which consisted of \$150 billion in funding. In total, the federal government has appropriated trillions of dollars in new spending to help combat the impact of the COVID pandemic, however, Democrats failed to include any additional resources for the Inspector Generals charged with overseeing the \$1.9 trillion in new spending following their partisan passage of the American Rescue Plan earlier this year.

As we've seen, the Coronavirus Relief Fund has been exposed to waste, fraud, and abuse. Right here in Minnesota, the Sartell-St. Stephen's school district used COVID relief funds to procure an equity survey that alarmed students and their parents. This survey was not COVID related and was an entirely inappropriate use of funds. This is one example, but there are countless more. The need for oversight of COVID relief money is clear, and the American Rescue Plan has little to no current oversight.

My amendment would



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

provide additional resources to the Inspector Generals at the Dept. of Treasury and the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to ensure they are able to continue with their oversight work and keep a watchful eye on the use of taxpayer dollars.

Rental Assistance

As Aug. 1 approached, nearly 10 million Americans—roughly 3% of our population-- were facing eviction. Even though Congress provided \$46 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance, the Biden Administration had failed to distribute less than 2% of those funds to families in need.

Instead, Democrats relied on eviction moratoriums that bankrupted landlords and did nothing to help renters in the long run. Had Democrats prioritized getting money in the hands of vulnerable Americans and allocated those funds to the existing rental assistance program at the Dept. of the Treasury, we likely would not have needed eviction moratoriums. The threats of eviction once the moratoriums were ruled unconstitutional were entirely preventable.

Bottom line: Rental assistance still has not reached those who need it the most. During a Financial Services Committee markup last week, I offered amendments to help better target the disbursement of these funds.

First, I offered an amendment to allow the Inspector General of the U.S. Treasury to recover misappropriated funds from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and ensure their proper allocation. This will protect the emergency rental assistance program against waste, fraud, and abuse.

I also offered an amendment to modify the definition of an "eligible household" under the Emergency Rental Assistance program. This funding is desperately needed, but it should go to those who have the highest need – the low-income households who had their finan-

cial livelihoods wrecked by COVID.

Unfortunately, not a single Democrat on the committee supported either one of my amendments. Nevertheless, I will continue our work to ensure the funding allocated by the federal government to help Americans recover from the pandemic is sent and used by those who need it the most.

Alzheimer's Day

Tuesday was World Alzheimer's Day. As the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, there is still so much that is unknown about this devastating disease. Perhaps what's most frustrating is that a cure has yet to be discovered.

Nearly six million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's, and statistics show that rates of diagnosis are rapidly increasing. In fact, by 2050, the number of people sixty-five years and older with Alzheimer's is estimated to triple. We must find a cure to stop this relentless disease.

The National Institutes of Health in concert with other health agencies and outside organizations are implementing a National Alzheimer's Plan, an effort to establish timelines and milestones for research and prevention goals, including effective treatment of Alzheimer's by 2025.

I have long supported funding for medical research and will continue to do so. According to the Alzheimer's Association, a mere five-year delay in the onset of Alzheimer's will save more than \$220 billion and reduce the number of those afflicted by 5.7 million by 2050.

It is estimated that 200,000 Americans under the age of 65 are living with Alzheimer's. Because of their age, they are not eligible for federal support. As a result, I became a cosponsor of the Younger Onset Alzheimer's Disease Act. This important bill would provide the same resources to individuals with Alzheimer's that are younger than 60. I also became a cosponsor of the Improving Hope for Alzheimer's Act, which would enable access to care planning services available for individuals with Alzheimer's. These are just two small steps in a bigger race to improve the lives of the millions of Americans afflicted with Alzheimer's. More can and will be done.

Early Voting Now Open!

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

Big Lake Schools will be holding an election on November 2 asking voters to approve a crucial school funding measure to restore and renew our facilities. I am excited to share with you that early and absentee voting is now open! Registered voters can request a ballot by emailing Communications@BigLakeSchools.org, calling 763-262-2536 or stopping in the District Office from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday).

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

- Critical roof repairs/re-



By Supt.
Tim Truebenbach

placement;

- Improving indoor air quality and adding air conditioning at Independence Elementary STEM;
- Air conditioning of high school activity spaces including the main gym and auxiliary gymnastics gym;
- Updated career and technical education spaces to reflect the current market

needs to prepare students for life after graduation;

- Redesigned media center and special education spaces;
- Redesign of the Liberty Elementary parking lot to ensure smoother pick up/drop off times;
- And many more important updates to our facilities!

To provide our community an opportunity to learn more about this referendum, we will be offering a webinar and in-person informational session. Please join us for one or more of the upcoming events:

- Lunch and Learn: Bond Referendum Webinar (virtual). Grab your lunch and join us October 6, 2021 from 12 - 12:30 p.m. to learn more

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- Bond Referendum Informational Meeting & School Board Candidate Forum. October 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

I hope that you make it a priority to vote in this important election and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to vote as well. For more information, please visit our website at Referendum.BigLakeSchools.org.

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along with the Big Lake High School Chamber Choir under the direction of Mary Ebanks. Dozens of youngsters from Independence Elementary STEM stood with their hands over their hearts and said the Pledge of Allegiance while facing the giant flag hanging from a tall crane near the parking lot.

Pastor Kyle Sidlo of Saron Lutheran Church gave the invocation and prayer for the event.

Artist Ray "Bubba" Sorenson — an internationally known artist from Iowa painted the rock but was unable to attend Saturday's event. Sorenson painted a draped American Flag across the rock along with an American Eagle flying through the air with a purple heart medal



102-YEAR-OLD STELLA HUSO, Big Lake's longest living Gold Star mother was introduced Saturday. (Patriot Photo By Bill Morgan)

in its talons. On one side of the rock was a pictorial Sorenson painted a soldier deal-

ing with PTSD. The picture depicts a soldier's hand over his face expressing the silent

suffering experienced when a life-threatening event occurs, as seen in combat. The image recognizes that some wounds that our veterans struggle with are not always visible.

The ashes from a Big Lake combat veteran are painted into the uniform of this symbolic soldier picture.

Sorenson also painted a local sailor, Arthur Embretson, one of 306 lost sailors on the USS Cyclops when it sank near the North Carolina coast. Also painted on this side of the Freedom Rock is a portrait of Stella Huso, Big Lake's longest living Gold Star mother.

In honor of women who have and are serving in the U.S. military, Sorenson painted three local Big Lake

women surrounding Rosie the Riveter, who was used to motivate, represent and unite women during the WWII war effort.

During Saturday's dedication, a special front-row space was reserved for those whose lives are forever depicted on the rock. Blake and Paulson made sure the front row guests were acknowledged asking each to stand and wave to the crowd, even 102-year old Huso, who looks spry for her advanced age.

Brigadier General Lowell Kruse of Camp Ripley spoke on his duties and responsibilities of the servicemen he has under him. Commander Paul Seefeld of the American Legion Post #147 (and current Big Lake

City Councilmember) also gave a speech and invited all veterans to make use of the local Legions and their benefits.

Big Lake Mayor Paul Knier gave a moving speech honoring all military personnel and acknowledged once again the great efforts of Blake and Paulson in giving Big Lake a special monument. For over 10 years, Blake and Paulson organized veteran-focused events at their local church in Big Lake and worked diligently to bring this monument to active and inactive members of the military.

The Big Lake Freedom Rock is the fourth painted rock in the state of Minnesota.

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Outdoor News

Natural History of Black Bears

Standing in a small clearing, deep in the Northwoods of Minnesota, I was telling the participants in my Black Bear photo workshop some of the more interesting natural history facts about the American Black Bear. Things like how female bears are one of the few mammals to have delayed fertilized egg implantation after mating, or how these bears can lay down in the fall and rest/sleep for six or more months, then in spring get up and walk away without any muscle atrophy. These are just some of the things our American Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*) can do that we people really struggle to understand.

The American Black Bear is found only in North America and is the most widely distributed bear in North America. It can be found from Florida, up through New England and into Canada. It is also found in the west, up and



By Naturalist
Stan Tekiela

down the Rocky Mountains as far south as Mexico. It also ranges across Canada and into most of Alaska. It's estimated that 40 out of the 50 states have at least a small population of Black Bears.

Historically the American Black Bear split off from its sister species, the Asian Black Bear about 5 million years ago. Believe it or not, there were two other black bear-like species in North America in the past, the Short-faced Bear

and the Florida Spectacled Bear. Both went extinct during the last Ice Age about 10,000 years ago.

We have a total of three bear species in North America. The Black Bear, the Brown Bear (often called Grizzly) and the Polar Bear. The Brown Bears are broken down into several subspecies, which often leads to a lot of confusion about these bears. The most common is the Coastal Brown Bear found in Alaska and British Columbia. Kodiak Bear which is found on the island of Kodiak in Alaska and the interior Brown Bear which is called the Grizzly. Out of all these brown bears, the Grizzly is the smallest and Kodiak the largest.

Female Black Bears start to breed at three to five years of age. The mating season is in June and July. The female will mate with several males. The female's eggs become fertil-

ized right away after mating, but the eggs don't implant in the female's womb/uterus or start any development until several months later in November. The female's overall health, weight, stress levels, and other conditions dictate how many fertilized eggs will implant and start to grow into baby bears. The heavier and healthier the female the more eggs will be implanted. This is truly remarkable reproductive behavior.

The act of hibernation is another remarkable behavior. Black Bears in northern states and Canada enter hibernation in Oct and early November. Bears in the southern states, usually only the females with cubs or females that are pregnant go into hibernation, and for a much shorter period of time. The northern bears will hibernate anywhere from four to eight months depending upon where they are located.

During hibernation, bears don't eat, drink, urinate or defecate. Their heart rate drops from 50 to 60 beats per minute down to eight per minute and they only take one breath per minute. I have been inside a Black Bear's den in winter while it was hibernating and was amazed to see it breathing only once per minute.

Prior to entering hibernation, the bear spends upwards of 20 hours per day eating and packing on the fat. This stage is called hyperphagia. Some bears are able to put on up to 100 pounds of fat when bulking up for hibernation. Large males can put on more and smaller females put on less. Either way, a Black Bear's diet is about 85 percent herbaceous which means they are eating mostly plants. During my photo workshop the participants are often amazed that the bears act more like cows, with their heads down biting

off mouthfuls of grass.

During the photo workshop, we spend three days capturing images of Black Bears. This year we saw small cubs which were born this past spring, up in trees and following their mothers around as she looked for food. We saw several big adult males that weighed 600 plus pounds. These big males are impressive in their size and power. Everyone in the workshop agreed it had been an opportunity to spend quality time with these bears – an experiential kind of learning about the American Black Bear. Until next time...

Stan Tekiela is an author / naturalist and wildlife photographer who travels the U.S. to study and capture images of wildlife. He can be followed on Facebook.com, Twitter.com, Instagram.com. He can be contacted via his web page at NatureSmart.com.

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Inclement weather skirted at Lucky Lindy meet

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The Becker boys and girls cross country teams participated in the Lucky Lindy meet in Little Falls last Thursday and bot teams performed well.

Boys Team

The event was the 56th Annual Myron Ahle Lucky Lindy meet which is co-named for one of this year's Hall of Fame coach inductees who started the Little Falls cross country program.

With 22 teams in attendance at the meet, the Bulldogs battled with a number of factors including heat, large fields of runners, and the race was altered a bit in anticipation of some storms.

Three freshman in Jacob Peterson, Alex Schermer, and Jonathan Drury led the JV Bulldogs for much of the 5k race with Peterson and Schermer pulling ahead in the final mile, finishing with times of 23:05 and 23:07. Drury was behind just a bit in 23:35 and was closely trailed by Junior teammate Noah Bloch, who was striving to catch up and encourage Drury.

Landon Lahr (25:33) was the next Bulldog to cross followed by Vincent Martin (25:49). The next two yielded some strong season bests as Denlan Harmoning improved his time by 27 seconds while Aiden Frommelt improved 39 seconds. Thomas Cota approached his performance from last week, but was just 12 seconds behind that.

Next came the Boys Varsity race and the team of seven Bulldogs runners were back a bit in the first half-mile, but made good use of some downhills in order to start their journey moving forward. The first miles for the team were all under 6:45. The Bulldogs chipped away at competitors one-by-one and made gains during the race. Co-captain Ryan Nelson and freshman Alex Kinney stepped up and pushed forward with their first varsity



BECKER'S JV RUNNERS prepare at the line for their race at the Myron Ahle Lucky Lindy meet in Little Falls last week. (Submitted Photo)

races. Nelson ran his 5k in 22:07 while Kinney (21:11) accomplished an incredible season best in his varsity debut as he improved 1:16 for his 5k time.

Caleb Reckelberg and Co-captain Tyson Ricker also pushed onward to great races as they achieved a five second season best for Reckelberg while Ricker earned a four second personal record in his performance. Ricker's time and competitive racing managed to earn third place by edging out the runner from Rocori by 1/10th of a second and making Ricker the top AA finisher of the day.

"Ricker ran a nice, smart race to end up as he did as he continues his journey toward his goals," said Becker Coach Dustin Weege. "He's doing well at gaining understandings of the other racers and utilizing his assets well to finish appropriately."

Mason Becker finished with a time of 19:00 and Jase Tobako (19:08) was shortly behind while battling the heat. Next was Reckelberg and Kinney followed by the Ryan duo with Co-captain Ryan Boecker (21:31) and Nelson. Together, the Bulldogs finished 15th in the large field of A, AA, and AAA schools from which several

High racers lost out on their opportunity to compete as the whirlwind of inclement weather came into the area.

The Bulldogs traveled to Buffalo for the Bison Invitational before also embarking on the traditional Homecoming Football run. Check back next week for reports on those events.

Girls Team

Becker's varsity girls placed ninth out of the 19+ full teams that competed. Alexandria placed first. Each of the top nine placing teams is ranked in state in their respective classes.

Becker's girls ran a very competitive race despite the fact that two of their runners did not finish the race. The heat got the better of Bella

one another to be their best. This week, Olivia Babler led the Bulldogs with a 28th place finish in a PR time of 21:20.2. Coming in 41st and 43rd were Lexi Rose in 21:45.6 and Brooklyn Karel in a PR time of 21:59.0.

The final two Becker girls finished 58th and 59th. Katelyn Brower was excited to run a PR time of 22:28.6 and Tasha Berthiaume continues to bring her times down, running 22:32.6.

"The girls did really well staying together as a pack and supporting another for most of the race," said Kealy. "We look forward to having the entire team back at the next race to see our progress continue."

The JV girls had a great day placing second to Perham. Alea Briggs and Kayla Gruenes placed fifth and sixth (23:29.5 PR time for Alea) and 23:24.5 season best for Kayla.

"Kayla ran in second place for most of the race, pushing herself the whole way with Alea not far behind," said Kealy. "Alea had a great finishing kick to get her PR time."

In Becker's other scoring spots for Becker's JV, they had Raelee Lyon run a season best time by 20 seconds for 14th place, Natalie Trenz 24:42 for 16th and Regan Hausmann 24:54.3 for 17th.

"The entire group of Becker runners is working hard and pushing one another to be the best they can be," said Becker's head coach. "We need to give a couple shout outs to our managers, who are doing a great job as always. Abi, Chloe and Emilia are the best!"

"The Perham team showed wonderful sportsmanship when they worked together to move their large team tent over to cover Bella and keep her protected from the incoming bad weather. They were very helpful and kind."

Becker's next race was in Buffalo on Thursday.



LADY BULLDOG RUNNERS in Lexi Rose, Olivia Babler and Ella McDonald ran well but McDonald had to pull out of the race due to the excessive heat. (Submitted Photo)

are ranked highly in the state.

"We were pleased to see the reality that we placed ahead of four section teams while just two scored ahead of us," said Weege. "The Myron Ahles/Lucky Lindy meet really gives us a good look at quality competition and we are ready to put in the work to make gains and be competitive within our section and in the state. The day had its ups and downs but we are continuing to progress."

Unfortunately, the Junior

Duncombe and Ella McDonald but Coach Trisha Kealy anticipates both girls returning to competition in full form.

"We are so happy to hear that as we were concerned and had many inquiries from other teams as well, hoping that things were ok," said Kealy.

For the third meet in a row Becker had a new runner take the top spot, which makes for healthy races for the girls to continue pushing

Bulldog volleyball showing heart in tough losses

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog volleyball team may be coming up a bit short on the scoreboard, but Coach Patty Lindbom is proud of the determination her team has shown in some close losses.

"Our players are putting up a fight," Lindbom said. "They have been pushing hard to stay strong across the net."

Monday night, the Bulldogs dropped a close game to St. Cloud Tech, falling in five games to the Tigers.

Becker's offense showed some signs of life, as several players contributed to the team's hitting attack.

According to Lindbom,



EVELYN KREFT has had the hot hand for the Bulldog volleyball team, as she is leading the hitting attack (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

Evelyn Krefth "stayed hot" and led the team with 11 kills, hitting on 200 of her attempts and picked up five blocks for the Bulldogs.

Cami Ramola pitched in seven kills for the Bulldogs, while Alexis Goebel had four.

Defensively, Alexa Williams had 13 digs, followed by Macy Spear with 11 and Skylee Blomquist with nine. Piper Schmidt added three blocks for the Bulldogs.

Tuesday night, Becker traveled to Hutchinson to face

one of the top teams in the state, the Tigers, who sport an overall record of 13-4.

Becker fell in straight sets, 16-25, 23-25 and 20-25, but showed improvement throughout the matches.

Last Thursday, Becker traveled to Cambridge-Isanti for a Mississippi 8 Conference matchup with the Bluejackets and came away with a hard fought, 3-1 loss.

The Bulldogs were soaring early, as they won a nail-biter in the opening set 26-24 before the Bluejacket's veteran lineup took over and made things difficult down the stretch. Cambridge-Isanti picked up the wins in the next three sets, 25-12, 25-20 and 25-23 to seal the win.

Hornets Fall To 0-3

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The Big Lake Hornets football team dropped to 0-3 with a thrashing from the Willmar Cardinals in last week's contest.

"Willmar was a good team and we didn't do a lot of things right," said Big Lake Head Coach Bob Blanchard. "We only had two drives on offense and neither one of them resulted in points. Defensively, we didn't tackle well and we didn't do our jobs."

The final score was 65-0.

"I take 100% responsibility for the way we played on Friday," said Blanchard. "I didn't have our kids ready to play and I told our guys that would not happen again."

Willmar was up 34-0 before halftime finally arrived. They scored on a 33-yard pass, a 15-yard scamper, a five-yard run, a 26-yard run and a five yard dive. Willmar scored on all five of its first-half drives, with Michael Price finding the end zone three times. He finished the game with 88 yards on seven carries.

In the second half, it was more of the same as they scored on a 10-yard pass, a three-yard run, a field goal, a two yard run and a 10-yard run.

The Cardinals finished with 326 yards gained on the ground. Willmar improved to 2-1 while Big Lake fell to 0-3. The Hornets take on Delano at home Friday night, Sept. 24.

"We look forward to a new week and a chance to get better and healthy for Delano," said Blanchard.

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Sports News

Girls soccer squad goes 0-1-1

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The Becker girls soccer team took on St. Francis at home Sept. 9.

They lost 11-1. Becker fell down 3-0 in first 10 minutes until junior Rachel Fuller passed to senior Riley Norberg for Becker’s lone goal at 29:37 left in first half.

Five minutes later, St. Francis scored their fourth goal and Coach Strom made a change at goalie replacing senior Amanda Miner with junior Liz Mackendanz.

“Amanda was bothered by pain in her knee at the beginning of the game,” said Strom. “It looked like she tweaked it out there, because she wasn’t able to come off her line like she has. So I put Liz in.”

At 4:10 left before half-time, a scary scene occurred when the Bulldogs leading scorer, junior Hailey Szabla, was taken off the field by ambulance after colliding with a St. Francis player.

“We are happy to report that she was released the following day and is doing well,” said Strom.



RILEY NORBERG protected the ball from a Hornet defender as she prepared to make a move on the ball. (Submitted Photo)

After a team prayer and brief warm-up following the delay, play resumed. St. Francis scored again with 0:9.1 seconds left to make the halftime score 6-1.

“We just weren’t mentally in the game after a situation like that,” said Becker’s head coach.

St. Francis scored another four goals in the first 10

minutes of the second half. The Bulldogs were able to keep the extremely aggressive Fighting Saints off the scoreboard for the final 24 minutes.

Saves: Miner, 4, Mackendanz, 5.

Versus Big Lake

Becker hosted Big Lake at home Sept. 14 and the match was left undecided.

Bulldog boys even record at .500

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

After a somewhat slow start to the season, the Becker Bulldog boys soccer team has found its offense and, as a result, they picked up a pair of wins to even their season record at .500.

Last Thursday, the team traveled to M8 Conference rival Chisago Lakes and came away with a shutout, 3-0 win.

The game was accentuated by yet another hat-trick from Junior captain Micah Boyer, who has been on an offensive tear over the past two weeks. For his offensive prowess, Boyer was recently featured as a prep spotlight athlete by the *Star Tribune*.

In the win over the Wildcats, Becker withstood an early flurry from their opponent, as Junior goalkeeper Nick Gruber had a couple of good saves in the first half to keep the Bulldogs in the game.

Then, in the 30th minute, freshman Tate Salvevold sent a through ball down the middle for Boyer, who took control and slotted the ball right past the keeper for a 1-0 lead. Less than a minute later, Boyer scored again in almost identical fashion, as Salvevold slotted the ball between the defense and found Boyer who put it into the back of the net. The Bulldogs took that 2-0 lead into halftime.

“Having a two goal lead is one of the most dangerous leads to have because a team can get too confident, or a mistake happens and the other team scores, then the lead is cut in half and momentum swings,” said Coach Nick Crowley. “But, we managed to hold onto a two goal lead for most of the second half.”

The Bulldogs, with five minutes left in the game, solidified the win with another goal by Boyer, who picked up his third hat-trick in as many games. On this one, Ander Alzaga dribbled through the center, past multiple defenders, before finding Boyer with a nifty pass. From there, the scorching hot Boyer took a touch toward the center and stroked it into the back of the net to make it 3-0.

“I am happy with the result, Micah scored some great goals,” said Crowley. “But, I’m most proud of our defense and Nick Gruber for getting our first clean sheet of the year, and the first of his varsity career.”

Hutch

Last Saturday, Becker hosted Hutchinson in a game that could help the Bulldogs extend the winning streak to four straight.

Becker came out on fire, with Boyer netting three goals to give Becker a big first half advantage. Assisting on two of Boyer’s goals, which gave him his fourth straight hat-

trick, were junior Hudson Romfo and captain Brekken Klug.

However, Hutchinson wasn’t ready to back off just yet, netting one shortly after the barrage, to pull to within 3-1.

After a brief lull in the middle of the half, the Bulldogs took it to the Tigers to slot three more away. Boyer scored again, assisted by Alzaga, before Alzaga scored the next two goals (assisted by Klug and Boyer).

An unfortunate defensive mistake just before half awarded Hutchinson with a penalty kick, which they converted to make it 6-2 at the half.

In the second half, the Bulldogs picked up a penalty of their own and Alzaga converted, earning himself a hat-trick to make it 7-2.

Before taking the rest of the night off, Boyer managed to score one more goal (his fifth total for the game) making it 8-2. Junior Kyle Vogl was the next Bulldog who managed to get on the score-sheet, as he nailed a 30 yard freekick making it 9-2 to finish the game.

“It’s nice to have a game like this every so often where we can get a lot of our subs in,” said Crowley. “There’s a lot to be proud of and our guys were on top of it tonight. Let’s just keep it going.”

Being that the match was promoted as “youth night”, any youth wearing soccer jerseys from their club team or favorite professional team got in free. Miniature soccer balls were tossed into the crowd during Becker’s introduction and prizes were given out during a halftime shootout at midfield for kids eighth grade and under.

Both teams had scoring opportunities on a breezy, yet cool evening, including a couple shots that rang off the crossbars.

Unfortunately for the clubs and the fans, the match ended in a 0-0 draw after two overtime sessions.

Becker had 20 shots, Big Lake had 17. Mackendanz had 11 saves

On a silly note, the Becker Bulldog girls riled the Hornet’s goalkeeper by crashing the net, looking for a mishandled rebound. The keeper would fall on the ball and have collapsing Bulldogs right there on her front porch.

“Big Lake’s goalkeeper kept them in the game,” Strom said. “We controlled the game and moved the ball well. Unfortunately, we couldn’t put one away. The girls worked so hard.”



Area Chamber News



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Becker tennis holds its own against large school competition

By Mark Kolbinger,
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Head Coach Nate Bucher’s Becker girls tennis team is youthful but talented, and they picked up some impressive wins in the past week over much larger schools.

Last Saturday, the Bulldogs traveled to Buffalo and came away with a 2-1 record, notching wins over Farmington and Moorhead before falling to the host Bison. While the MSHSL lists Becker’s enrollment as 844 students for competition purposes, the Saturday lineup showed Farmington’s MSHSL number at 2,104, Moorhead’s at 1,668 and Buffalo’s at 1,735. Despite being significantly smaller in numbers, the Bulldogs held their own.

In the win over Farmington, it was all Becker, as the Bulldogs blanked the Tigers, 7-0.

In the singles matches, #1 player Maddie Moe blanked her opponent in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0, while #2 player Dani Nuest was nearly as dominant, winning by a pair of

6-1 scores. Number 3 player Ayla Brown kept the rout intact with her own shutout win, 6-0, 6-0 before Lauren Croal closed out the singles sweep with a win in the #4 spot.

The doubles matches were a bit closer, but Becker still dominated the match with the duos of Jazlyn Toedter / Madison Bass (7-5, 6-3), Julia Peterson / Faith Gott (6-3, 6-2), and Kennedy Drehmel / Lily Anderson (6-4, 6-2) each picking up wins.

Spuds

In the second match win over Moorhead, the scores were closer but the Bulldogs eked out a 4-3 win.

Nuest and Brown scored convincing wins in their singles matches, while #4 player Lauren Croal had an unbelievable win that made the difference for the Bulldogs. Croal won the first set, 6-0 before falling in the second 4-6. That set up the third set and in the tie-breaker, Croal outlasted her opponent and scored a 20-18 win to seal the match.

“It was awesome,” said Bucher. “It was a tie-break instead of playing a full third set,

but she could have just played a full set!”

In doubles play, the #3 team of Drehmel / Anderson picked up the tightly contested win (6-7, 7-5, 11-9) to give the Bulldogs the match win.

Bison

Becker finished their tough day by taking on the Bison and came up short, 2-5.

Nuest and Brown again paced the team with wins over their individual opponents, but the Bulldogs just ran out of steam against a deep Buffalo squad.

Bluejackets

Tuesday evening, Becker continued M8 Conference play and dropped an extremely close match against Cambridge-Isanti, 3-4.

Moe played well at #1 singles, winning 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, while Brown picked up a 6-3, 6-1 win at #3 singles to give Becker a split in the singles matches.

In doubles play, there were some very close matches with the #2 team of Peterson / Gott picking up a 6-4, 6-2 win for the Bulldogs.

Eagle Lake cleared for Zebra Mussels

Submitted Article

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted by the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce).

In a previous article, Big Eagle Lake in Orrock Twp. was sampled for zebra mussel larvae (veligers) after a volunteer conducting aquatic invasive species surveys found an empty, half shell from a zebra mussel at the Eagle Lake public

access in August.

Following recent testing, Big Eagle Lake was cleared for having the invasive species, meaning that the shells (dead zebra mussels) that were found on the Starry Trek sampling at the boat launch probably came into the lake on someone’s vessel who had followed the Clean, Drain, and Dry protocols and prevented an infestation.

The SWCD and DNR worked with the BELIA

after the volunteer pulled up an empty, half shell from a zebra mussel at the Eagle Lake public access with some aquatic plants on a rake Aug. 21. The county and DNR say allowing those pesky invasives time to dry out is so important! Zebra Mussel veligers can live for 21 days if they have moisture to survive and they are microscopic.

Great news for Eagle Lake!



COACH STROM (R) gave a pregame speech before the Big Lake match Sept. 14. (Submitted Photo)



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Bulldogs improve to 3-0 with win over Tigers

By Bill Morgan
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The Becker Bulldog football team remained undefeated on the 2021 season with a late win over Chisago Lakes last Friday on the road.

After jumping out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, Becker withheld a comeback by Chisago Lakes in the third quarter and capped their road victory with a TD late in the third, then held on.

Becker dented the scoreboard first when Alex Weiss caught an eight-yard pass from QB Ryan Bengtson to kick off the scoring in last Friday's game against Chisago Lakes. (Photo by Sara Waytashek)



WR ALEX WEISS pulled in this pass from Ryan Bengtson to kick off the scoring in last Friday's game against Chisago Lakes. (Photo by Sara Waytashek)

son and crossed the goal line. The XP was good and Becker was feeling good.

The mood got better a little later on in the first when Carter Callahan scored on a four-yard gallop and after the XP, the Bulldogs were up 14-0, which is where the score was after the first half was completed.

In the third, Chisago Lakes closed the gap when Nicholas Wasko scored from 14 yards out to make it 14-7. On their next possession, Chisago Lakes tied the ball game at 14 when Wasko scored again, this time from eight yards out.

Before the end of the

third quarter, however, the Bulldogs recaptured the lead when Bengtson found Landen Goebel from 43 yards out for a score to make it 21-14. The defense took it from there as they shut out the Tigers in the fourth to preserve the win.

Becker gained 213 yards compared to Chisago Lake's 219. Becker ran 42 plays as opposed to 52 for the Tigers. The Bulldogs had three turnovers to Chisago Lakes' 2.

Bengtson was six-of-eight through the air for 90 yards and two touchdowns. Callahan gained 57 yards on 14 carries including the one TD. Goebel had three

catches for 65 yards including the 43 yard TD catch.

On defense, Dylan Weber led the squad with four tackles and two assists. Dailen Adu-Gyamfi also had four tackles on the night. Goebel had one interception and one fumble recovery.

Up Next

The Bulldogs hosted Hutchinson Friday night for Homecoming.



Liberty Paper Player of the Week

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Quarterback Ryan Bengtson was named Player of the Week for his outstanding game Friday at Chisago Lakes.

Ryan completed 80% of his passes including two for touchdowns. He also rushed for a number of key first downs.

Coach Lundeen said, "Ryan has been running our offense extremely well in all three of our victories. He is a great leader."



RYAN BENGTSON was named Liberty Paper Player of the Game for his performance in the Sept. 17 game against Chisago Lakes. (Submitted Photo)

Bulldog swimmers outpace Hornets, move to 4-1

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog swimming and diving team is showing the depth that Coach Tina Tamm talked about in the preseason and the results continue to be impressive. Last Thursday, the Bulldogs picked up a win over their Rivals, the Big Lake Hornets, before knowing down Ogilvie-Mora in a Tuesday night matchup this week.

In the win over the Hornets, Becker picked up wins in 11 of the 12 events.

"It was a good night for us against our rivals," Tamm said. "We took first place in all of the swimming events to get us the

win."

Picking up the victories for the Bulldogs were: Laila Cook, Grace Wynia, Delaney Varney and Avary Maunu (200 Med Relay); Cook (200 free and 100 Breaststroke); Wynia (200 IM and 100 Free); Tia Schaap (50 free); Varney (100 Butterfly and 100 Backstroke); Meaghan Swanson (500 free); Cook, Sarah Woelfel, Swanson, Maunu (200 Free relay); and the 400 free relay team of Wynia, Maunu, Varney and Swanson.

Tuesday night, the Bulldogs hit the road for a matchup with Ogilvie-Mora and again they came out on top.

"We finally got to

travel to another pool and going to Ogilvie's pool adds a little different twist to the girls' season as they have a meter pool," Tamm said. "When our girls swim there they feel like their times are slower but with the time conversion - they do realize that they swam better than they thought they did."

Becker again won several events, but their overall depth is what propelled them to the victory.

"Our divers came back after not winning at the Big Lake meet and swept the diving event," Tamm said.

Events wins for the Bulldogs included: 200 medley relay (Laila Cook, Grace Wynia, Delaney Var-

ney, Avary Maunu); 200 IM (Grace Wynia); Diving (Sarah Woelfel); 100 Butterfly (Delaney Varney); 100 Backstroke (Delaney Varney); 100 Breaststroke (Grace Wynia).

With the win, Tamm's squad moved to a 4-1 record on the season and the team is starting to see the Section tournament ahead. It's a challenge the coach believes her team is ready to handle.

"We are looking to continue to add wins and are starting to look ahead to the section meet," Tamm said. "We are about one-third of the way through the season and continue to add girls to our Section roster."



Catch Co. sponsors Bassmobile for student anglers

By Katherine Cantin,
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Patriot staff was recently made aware of a misidentification made in

the 9/11/21 issue of the paper. In the story about the Becker and Big Lake Bass Team meet, it was stated that the Bassmobile was sponsored by Fleet Farm. While Fleet Farm does do

sponsorships with the team, Catch Co. sponsored the Bassmobile.

Catch Co.'s CMO Ryan Watson stated, "Catch Co. is passionate about rescuing people from the indoors and

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ers to get out on the water."

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A Message from CentraCare President and CEO Ken Holmen, MD



Dear Community Members,

CentraCare recently made COVID vaccination a condition of employment. Since making the announcement, some community members have asked for clarification on the "why" behind our decision, which is the purpose of this letter. The following realities weighed heavily in our thinking:

Nothing is more important to us than keeping staff, clinicians, patients and community members safe. Data tell us that the vaccine is the most effective tool to do this. CentraCare's own physician experts rigorously evaluated the most credible scientific information and agreed with national experts — requiring our staff to be vaccinated is the best way to keep our community safe.

The safety profile of this vaccine is unprecedented. We have known for decades that vaccinations and public health measures are effective tools to combat infectious disease. Operation Warp Speed, a federal effort to accelerate vaccine development, leveraged more than a decade of coronavirus research. It established processes and delivered a safe and effective vaccine in a remarkably short time frame. CentraCare alone has administered more than 180,000 vaccine doses, with 360 million doses given in the US and 4.6 billion worldwide.

The current COVID surge is devastating hospitals nationwide and overwhelming already-exhausted clinical teams. It is creating a shortage of much-needed ICU and medical-surgical beds. And it is taxing fatigued caregivers who only want this pandemic to end. We all do. Without vaccine intervention, however, this scenario will only worsen and potentially push our health system beyond its ability to serve. We simply need to look to our colleagues in states with lower vaccination rates and fewer available healthcare resources to see what could happen. Children's hospitals are full. There are more COVID-related deaths in 2021 than in 2020. Our best hope of reversing these trends is the vaccine.

Evidence is crystal clear that adults and children who are currently suffering and dying from COVID-19 are almost exclusively unvaccinated. This is particularly heartbreaking knowing that the vaccine could have prevented their suffering. Multiple studies have documented that the vaccine is proven to minimize the risk of serious illness, hospitalizations and death.

CentraCare's purpose — to listen, then serve, guide and heal — leaves no choice but for us to demonstrate through action the best evidence-based public health practices during this once-in-a-century pandemic. 750,000 residents in the communities we serve are depending on us to do this. We've promised to guide you to safety in these frightening times. Getting vaccinated is our primary tool to accomplish this goal and manage the pandemic.

Requiring a COVID vaccine is consistent with our approach to many other requirements of employment that have been in place for years. As an employer in healthcare, CentraCare has several requirements for employment which ensure that our people, processes and care are of the highest quality. Examples include: testing, licensure, education, CME, refresher courses, and more. We also require other vaccinations, infectious disease testing, notification of exposures to employees and patients, background checks, drug and alcohol policies, and the list goes on. These and other measures are designed to fulfill our purpose, and indeed our higher calling to be in healthcare.

All of these reasons for requiring the vaccination point to one conclusion: **having a fully vaccinated staff is the right thing to do.** The science tells us so. And our purpose confirms it. The vaccine is our best hope for leading our community out of this pandemic. We simply will not get there without it.

We are encouraged that since we announced the vaccine requirement, 96 percent of CentraCare physicians and advanced practice providers are vaccinated, and the majority of our staff are vaccinated, with vaccination rates continuing to climb. We have mobilized resources to ensure that any of our staff or volunteers who need or want to learn more about COVID vaccinations, or their safety, can have their questions answered.

The past twenty months have been hard for those of us privileged to work in healthcare. We know they have not been easy for you either. Rest assured that as we move toward brighter days — yes, they will come — CentraCare will be relentlessly focused on doing what science guides us to do in the interest of keeping you safe. Your safety has always been our top priority and our purpose for being. Requiring vaccination of our extraordinary staff and clinicians is the latest in a long list of practices designed to protect you.

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Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC at Becker Community Center (BCC)

Mon., Sept. 27: Open All Day
5am - Coffee's on
10am - Cribbage

Tues., Sept. 28: 9am - Coffee, Cards, Conversation
11:30am - Walk Around BCC (1 mile)

Wed., Sept. 29: Open All Day
5am - Coffee's on
10am - Bean Bag Bowout - try your luck in our BCC backyard

Thurs., Sept. 30: 9am- Coffee, Cards, Conversation
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Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271
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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 in St. Cloud at Cash-Wise (East) 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? Come see us, no appointment necessary!

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.

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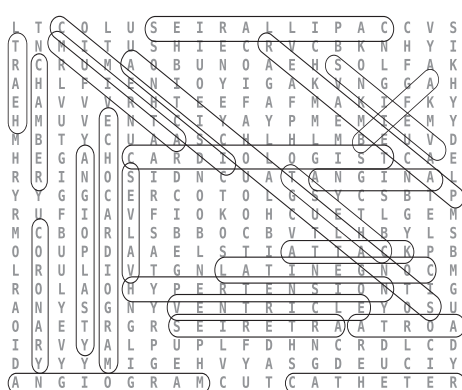
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This Week's Calendar Events:

- Sun. - Sept. 26, 2021:**
» "Gilligan's Island" TV Premiere
- Mon. - Sept. 27, 2021:**
» **BLS - Homecoming Week**
» World Tourism Day
» Ancestor Appreciation Day
- Tues. - Sept. 28, 2021:**
» **BLS - Homecoming Week**
» World Rabies Day
» National Chocolate Milk Day
» Moon Phase: Last Quarter
- Wed. - Sept. 29, 2021:**
» **BMS - Parent/Guardian Sign up Fall Conf. (10/14 & 10/19)**
» **BLS - Homecoming Week**
» National Coffee Day
» National Women's Health & Fitness Day
- Thurs. - Sept. 30, 2021:**
» **BLS - Homecoming Week**
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» NNA Annual convention & Trade Show (9/30-10/2)
- Fri. - Oct. 1, 2021:**
» **BLS - Homecoming Game**
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- Sat. - Oct. 2, 2021:**
» **BLS - Homecoming Dance**
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Lachlan Lahr, a resident of Becker, received a AAS Natural Resources - Geospatial and AAS Natural Resources - Forestry degrees, from Itasca Community College, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Lahr, is a 2018 graduate of Becker High School.



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Becker Area Announcements

100th Anniversary Becker American Legion Post 193

Come help us celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Becker American Legion Post 193, Sat., Sept. 25, to be held at the Old Fire Hall (12155 Hancock St.), Becker. 5:30pm free spaghetti dinner followed by short program along with games & prizes. Open to all veterans & their families.

Becker American Legion Auxiliary

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

Becker American Legion Post 193

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

Becker AA Meeting

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

Becker Boy Scout Pack 92 Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum

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

Becker Evangelical Ministries

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

Becker Free Church (763) 261-4125 or register online at WWW.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 djseavert@gmail.com.

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

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

Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

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

Dementia Support Group

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

Great River Faith in Action

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

Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events

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

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

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 Area Announcements

Big Lake Ambassador

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Big Lake American Legion Post #147

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

Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

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

Big Lake Al-Anon

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

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

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

Big Lake / Becker Mops

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

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

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

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee

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

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

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

Big Lake Day of Prayer

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

The Big Lake Lions

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

LC of Big Lake Lioness

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

Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Big Lake Women of Today

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

God's Grub Community Meal

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

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60

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

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

Moms in Prayer

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

Orrock Sand Dunes Lions Club

Our mission to improve Orrock & the surrounding areas! Contact us at: lions@gmail.com or facebook.com/OrrockSandDunesLionsClub.

Red Cross Bloodmobile

Sept. 27, 2021 the Lioness will be hosting the Red Cross Bloodmobile at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Big Lake from 12 - 6pm. Everyday blood donors help patients of all ages: accident & burn victims, heart surgery & organ transplant patients, & those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. One blood donation may help up to three lives. Those, who wish to donate much needed blood can do so at www.redcross.org.

Clear Lake / Clearwater Area Announcements

Clear Lake Legion

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

Clear Lake Lions

Meets the first & third Tues. of the month at 4180 105th Ave., Clear Lake at 7:30pm. Please contact any Lions member or one of the officers listed on our website: www.clearlakelionsmn.org

Clear Lake Lionesses

The Clear Lake Lionesses is a non-profit organization of women who support the people of the local area. We have monthly meetings from Mar. to Nov. For information call (320) 743-3534.

Clear Valley Business Connections

Meets quarterly on the 2nd Thurs. of the month from 11:30am-1pm at various locations. Glenna Soenneker, President, (320) 267-4361, clearvalleybc@gmail.com.

Clearwater AA/Al-Anon

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

Clearwater AA Meeting

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

Clearwater Area Friends of the Library

Clearwater Area Friend of the Library are currently accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs & CDs for their used bookstore located in the Clearwater Library. Donations are tax deductible & can

be dropped off at the Clearwater Library. Textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, outdated medical books, mazines, & moldy books cannot be accepted. All proceeds from the sale of used books are used to support the programs, services & equipment of the Clearwater Library.

Clearwater American Legion Post 323 & Auxiliary

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

Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

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

Clearwater Narcotics Anonymous

Meets at 7pm, Wed. night at Clearwater United Methodist Church, 405 Main St. Clearwater. (612) 607-4484.

Clearwater Masonic Lodge No. 28

Meets first & third Sat. (Sept-June) at 7:30pm, 205 Oak St, Clearwater. www.clearwater28.com.

Cloverleaf Chapter 128 Order of the Eastern Star of MN

Meets at 7:30pm second & fourth Wed. (excluding Jan. & Feb).

Free Grace Recovery

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

Lions Club of Clearwater

Meets second Tues. of the month at 8pm. Clearwater Lions Pavilion. www.clearwaterlionsmn.com

Silver Bullet Saddle Club

PO Box 399, Clearwater, MN. President Jeremy Scott, (763) 691-4880. www.silverbulletssaddleclub.com

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Young @ Heart

Starting in July the Community Young@Heart will meet on the third Thurs. of every month at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 Co. Rd. 75, Clearwater, MN. Join us: 10:30 to meet & greet old & new friends, 11:30 lunch (suggested donation), 12pm program.

We are looking for volunteers to share music or a program. Contact Linda (320) 295-1117 or email: agre5628@aol.com.

Miscellaneous Organization Announcements

Every Child Deserves a Family! WE NEED YOU!

Sherburne County is recruiting Foster Homes! Family Foster Care offers a temporary home until children can be safely reunited with their families or achieve permanency through kinship care or adoption. Foster Care is the 24-hour care of a child in a home that meets the child's basic need for food, shelter, clothing, medical & dental care, privacy, safety, & adult supervision.

Children enter Foster Care whose families are experiencing difficulties, have special medical, emotional, or developmental needs or who struggle with their own issues such as mental health, behavior, or truancy. Foster Care is the least restrictive out-of-home placement option & most likely a family setting.

Please contact: Chelsea Doherty (763) 765-4033 or chelsea.doherty@co.sherburne.mn.us.

FREE - Advocates for Independence

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

FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

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

Mental Health Discussion Group

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

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

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

Rivers of Hope

Advocates for ending family violence, is a non-profit community based agency offering advocacy, support, education & referral services for victims of family violence. Working in partnerships w/schools, law enforcement, social service agencies & the court system in Sherburne & Wright Co. (763) 295-3433 or 1-800-439-2642 or info@riversofhope.org. Free & confidential. Phones answered 24/7.

Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent

Local schools & organizations need caring adults like you! Orientation, training & ongoing support are provided. Pat Braun (612) 390-0617.

Wright County Community Action

You have been affected & are having or are anticipating having difficulty paying your mortgage. WCCA is here to help you navigate your options & keep your home. To speak with a homeownership advisor, call Wright County Community Action at (320) 963-6500 ext. 238 today. Services are unbiased, confidential & free of charge.

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• BECKER

Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

Becker Baptist Church

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

Becker Evangelical Free Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God

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

Snake River Free Church

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

Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church

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

Beacon House of Prayer

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

Free Grace United

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

• BIG LAKE

Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church

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

Bethany Bible Church

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

Bridgeview Assembly of God

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

SVEA Hill Covenant Church

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

Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock

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

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

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Riverside Church

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

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

Saron Lutheran Church

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

• SANTIAGO

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA

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

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

Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Gethsemane Church (ELCA) - Ronneby

Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.

Glendorado Evangelical Country Church

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

• CLEAR LAKE

Living Waters Church

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

Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

St. Marcus Catholic Church

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

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502 or 320-743-2481, 10915 Duellm Road NE. Services: Sun Mass -- Jan-June 10am, July-Dec. 8am.

• CLEARWATER

Clearwater United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Bible Church

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

Rejoice Lutheran Church - ELCA

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

Church of St. Luke

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

Tri-County Alliance Church

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

• SILVER CREEK

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

Silver Creek Community Church

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

Obituaries

H. Glenn Lahm, Age 91 Becker, MN

December 5, 1929 – September 16, 2021



Glenn passed away on September 16, 2021 at the St. Cloud Hospital. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, friend to many, a man of great faith, and a great joke and story teller.

Born in Sumner, Nebraska on December 5, 1929, Glenn was one of Harry and Hazel (Knox) Lahm's eight children. He learned the value of hard work, growing up in a large family during the Great Depression and Dust Bowl years. His strong work ethic continued throughout his life until his health declined in recent years.

Following graduation from Sumner High School, he worked locally until entering the military in 1951 where he served as an Army clerk in Japan during the Korean War. After his return, he married Helen Anderson on March 25, 1954 in Becker, MN. Together they had 3 children: Susan, Steven and Ryan. They were married for 47 years until Helen's death in 2001. In 2007, Glenn married Loyce Morris in Becker, MN, where they lived and were active in their church and community.

Glenn was a committed church member who willingly served in many roles. One of his loves was to work with young children, especially in Awana Cubbies at church and at the local elementary school as a Foster Grandparent. He leaves a legacy and will be missed.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Loyce; his daughter, Susan (Mike) DeLong of Milwaukee, WI; his sons, Steven (Ann) Lahm of Minneapolis and Ryan (Stacy) Lahm of Lino Lakes; 16 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; brothers, Stan (Lucille) Lahm of Ames, IA, and Roger (Karen) Lahm of Spirit Lake, IA; sister, Connie (Robert) Hansen of Chicago, IL; Lois' daughters, Lynel (Tim) Johnson of Becker and Esther Kaiser of Lino Lakes; many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Helen; sisters, Naoma Newquist and her husband, Glen, and Phyllis Savant and her husband, Jack, and Ilia Wright and her husband, Dale; brother, Murl Lahm and his wife, Deloris; and granddaughter, Sarah Paige Lahm.

A Celebration of Glenn's life will be held at a later date yet to be determined, at the Becker Baptist Church, 11951 Hancock St, Becker, MN. Watch for details at Peterson-Grimsom Chapel website (see link below).

Memorials in Glenn's name may be directed to Jesus in Haiti or Compassion International.

Peterson-Grimsom Chapel
763-295-2918 www.peterson-grimsomchapel.com

John W. Nixon, Age 73 Clearwater, MN

December 26, 1947 – September 13, 2021



John served as a volunteer service officer with the St. Cloud VA for many years, garnering awards including the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. He was a member of the Clearwater American Legion, serving twice as the Commander, and as the 10th District Commander.

John enjoyed nature and he was an avid outdoorsman. His home was filled with windows where he watched the wild life and the seasons pass. John treasured the time spent with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Marnie Nixon (Chad Burt) of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Michael Nixon (Jackie Kolbinger) of Becker, Minnesota, and grandchildren, Ella and Elijah Burt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Jim and Mary Nixon

St. Cloud Hospital. Military honors will be provided by the Clearwater American Legion. Following the service, refreshments and fellowship will be held at the Clearwater Legion. Burial will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021 at Lakeside Cemetery in Balaton.

John was born on December 26, 1947 in Tyler, Minnesota to Floyd "Chub" and Bethlyn (Herron) Nixon. He graduated from Balaton High School and proudly served in the United States Air Force during Vietnam.

Todd D. Geertsema, Age 57 Burtrum, MN

September 29, 1964 - September 20, 2021

Todd passed away on September 20, 2021, from Huntington's disease.

Todd is survived by his wife, Kimberly Geertsema, children Connor and Morgan Geertsema, and parents Tom and Margaret Geertsema.



There will be a celebration to honor his life on Saturday, October 16th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Todd and Kim's home located at 4325 Acorn Rd in Burtrum, MN 56318.

Norlyn S. "Nels" Nelson, Age 67 Becker, MN

September 5, 1953 – August 25, 2021



Norlyn was born September 5th, 1953 to Norton and Agnes (Wiberg) Nelson. He spent his younger years living in Coon Rapids until the family moved to Becker in 1963. He graduated from Becker High School in 1972. Flooring installation was his profession for many years until retirement. Norlyn enjoyed working on his cars and motorcycles. Motorcycling was his greatest passion. Time spent with fellow riders made for many treasured memories.

His interests included fishing, music and photography. Norlyn loved Jesus and shared Jesus' love with others. He had a giving heart and found great joy in blessing others with gifts. Many memories were made riding odyssey, 4-wheelers, dirt bikes and racing remote control cars with family.

Norlyn was survived by siblings: Noreen (Harry) McCalla, Norton (Barb) Nelson and Lonnie (Anne) Nelson.

Ida Mae Zahler, Age 92 Clearwater, MN

January 4, 1929 – September 16, 2021



On Thursday, September 16, 2021, Ida Mae Zahler, loving wife and wonderful mother of seven children, passed away at the age of 92.

Ida was born on January 4, 1929, in Buffalo, MN to John and Clara Kingelhoets. She married Alvin Nicholas Zahler on November 3, 1948, they

were married for 73 years and had one son and six daughters.

Ida was a social butterfly, and a ray of sunshine to all who had the privilege of knowing her. She loved dancing, music, painting, baking and cross stitching.

Ida was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers: Jerry, Ivan and Jim, son Jerry and her granddaughter Krista Ambers. She is survived by her husband Alvin, six daughters: Carol, Sandy (LeRoy), Cheryl, Lynn (Robin), Shelly, Susan (Scott), grandchildren, great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, October 9th at the Clearwater Legion in Clearwater, MN from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Court File No. **03-PR-21-1791**
Estate of
Mary A. Castonia
Decedent.

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It Is Ordered and Notice is

given that on October 19, 2021, at 1:15(p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated June 8, 2000, and for the appointment of Rachel Rios, whose address is 1705 Sunset View Circle, Apopka, Florida 32703, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

BY THE COURT
Dated: September 14, 2021
/s/ Referee Susan Solheim
Of District Court
Dated: September 14, 2021
/s/ Carmen F. Bertram
Court Administrator – Deputy

The hearing will be held remotely via zoom. If you wish to participate contact Court Administration for the remote hearing information prior to the hearing date. Attorney for Personal Representative Edward R. Shaw
Ed Shaw Law
722 South 6th Street
Brainerd, Minnesota 56401
Attorney License No: 0262912
Telephone: (218) 825-7030
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(Published in the Patriot: 09/18/21; 09/25/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA
TENTH DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. **71-PR-21-138**
In Re the Estate of
Danny L. Beck,
Decedent (Deceased Person).

Notice and Order for Hearing on Petition for Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

It is ordered and notice is given that on October 14, 2021, at 3:00 (p.m.) a hearing will be held at Sherburne County Courthouse – Elk River, MN for the formal probate of a document that is claimed to be the original Will of the Decedent, dated June 27, 2018, and for the appointment of:
Name: **MATTHEW BECK**
Address: **20951 145TH ST NW, ELK RIVER, MN 55330**
as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration

Any objections to the petition should be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing.

NOTE: You will need to pay a filing fee when you file the objection. If you cannot afford the fee, you can ask for a fee waiver (see <http://mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=19&p=69>).

If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT:
Date: September 13, 2021
/s/ Gina DeVilbiss Hendry
Court Administrator Deputy
(Published in the Patriot: 09/25/21; 10/02/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. **71-PR-21-135**
In Re: Estate of
LAURENCE JOHN ROTH, aka LAURENCE J. ROTH, aka JOHN ROTH, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It Is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 09, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Elk River, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated June 27, 2016, and for the appointment of Vicky Louise Sager, whose address is 71190 – 235th Street, Dassel, MN 55325 as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or

filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

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

BY THE COURT
Dated: 09/20/2021
/s/ Gina DeVilbiss Hendry
Court Administrator Deputy
FLUGEL, ANDERSON, McLAUGHLIN & BRUTLAG, CHARTERED
Kelsey J. Stock, MN #402213
25 NW 2nd Street, Suite 102
Ortonville, MN 56278
Telephone: (320) 839-2549
Facsimile: (320) 839-2540
E-mail: kstock@flugellaw.com
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
(Published in the Patriot: 09/25/21; 10/02/21).

Restraining Order

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. **71-CV-21-753**
Case Type: **Harassment**
Lynnea Jean Larcom OBO
Minor Child,
Petitioner
vs
Clifford Fred Holden,
Respondent

Notice of Issuance of Harassment Restraining Order by Publication
To Respondent:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Harassment Restraining Order has been issued on July 28, 2021.

A hearing has not been scheduled. You may request a hearing on this matter by filing a Request for Hearing HAR301 with the Court within twenty (20) days of the date this Notice is published. You may get a copy of the HRO from the court administrator's office at the following address: 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, MN.

Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or to get a copy of the Harassment Restraining Order will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.
Date: September 17, 2021
/s/ Barbara Hudak
Court Administration
(Published in the Patriot: 09/25/21).

DEADLINES

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City Public Notices

FIRE PUMPER TRUCK
Clearwater is seeking bids for the sale of a 1996 Freightliner/Toyne Pumper Fire Truck; Watertous 1500 GPM Midship Pump; 1,000 gallon onboard capacity; 21,548 miles. Single Agent Foam System; Driver/Passenger Side 6" & 2.5" suction; Driver/Passenger Side 2.5" discharge; includes 250 ft. of 2.5" hose. Passed pump testing July 2021; passed DOT inspection Aug. 2021. All bids need to be mailed to: City of Clearwater, PO Box 9, Clearwater, MN 55320 or emailed to: asmythe@clearwatercity.com by 4:30 p.m. on Sep. 30 and will be considered on Oct. 11 at the regular city council meeting at 7 p.m. Any questions, please contact Fire Chief Ryan Pridgeon at (320) 267-9635.
(Published in the Patriot: 09/11/21; 09/18/21; 09/25/21).

Township Public Notices

Becker Joint Planning Board
ORDINANCE 2021-03
An Ordinance Rezoning Property Located at 14879 River Street Southeast from Agriculture (AG) to General Rural (GR)
The Becker Joint Planning Board so ordains:
Section 1.
The Official Becker Joint Planning Board Zoning Map shall be amended as follows:

EXHIBIT A
That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 33, Range 28, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 02 degrees 27 minutes 22 seconds West on and along the West line of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 272.14 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 12 seconds East and parallel with the North line of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 237.29 feet; thence South 68 degrees 01 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 225 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence North and parallel to the West line of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the North line thereof; thence East along the North line to a point on said North line distant 861.19 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 35 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 494.55 feet; thence North 68 degrees 01 minutes 44 seconds West to the point of beginning.

Together with an easement for driveway purposes over and across the West 33 feet of the North 272.14 feet of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; and over and across a strip of land 33 feet in width the South line of which is described as follows: Commencing at a point of the West line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, 272.14 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; thence East parallel with the North line of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 237.29 feet; thence South 68 degrees, 01 minutes, 44 seconds East a distance of 375 feet and there terminating.

An ingress and egress easement over and across that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 33, Range 28, Sherburne County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at a point on the West line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter distant 272.14 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 12 seconds East parallel with the North line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, a distance of 237.29 feet; thence South 68 degrees 01 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 375 feet; thence North 35 degrees East to the North line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter being the point of beginning of the easement to be described; thence South 35 degrees West, a distance of 180.1 feet; thence North 63 degrees 35 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 184.84 feet; thence North 43 degrees 14 minutes 27 seconds West, a distance of 90.35 feet to the point of beginning.

Shall be rezoned General Rural (GR) from Agriculture (AG).
Section 2. Effective Date.
This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication.
Adopted this 13th day of September, 2021.
(Published in the Patriot: 09/25/21).

TOWN OF BECKER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Becker Township Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021 at Becker Town Hall, 12165 Hancock Street. The Planning Commission will meet to consider the following application(s) and other planning and zoning related topics. Beginning at approximately 7:01 p.m. and following:

Public hearing for G & M Outdoor Services, LLC & G&M Outdoor Holdings, LLC – Applicants and Ace & R LLC – Owner. The owner and applicant have submitted a Preliminary Plat Application and are requesting to rezone the parcel located at 15794 County Road 50, Big Lake, MN from General Rural to Commercial.

Public hearing for Kenneth Montague – Applicant and Safe, LLC – Owner. The owner and applicant have submitted a Conditional Use Permit Application to establish a smoothie and sandwich shop, in a portion of the building located at 16484 149th Street SE, Big Lake, MN.

Public hearing for Gary "Shooter" Frederickson and Wanda Woolhouse, both are applicants and owners. Both have submitted rezoning applications to rezone the property located in Section 5, Township 33N, Range 28W, and identified as parcels 14933 River Street SE and 14975 River Street SE, Becker to be rezoned from the Agricultural District to the General Rural District following amendment of the Comprehensive Plan.

Public hearing for Bruce Rousseau, Owner and Wolf River Electric, Applicant – Variance Application. Request to allow a front setback variance at 19099 113th Street SE, Big Lake, MN.

Public hearing for Mike & Lucinda Messman, owners/applicants – Variance Application. Request to allow a front setback variance at 13595 170th Ave SE, Becker, MN.

Anyone interested in these requests is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you wish to attend via Zoom, contact the clerk for details. If you have questions regarding the requests please contact the clerk at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN, 763-261-5301. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Fran Seeley at P.O. Box 248, Becker, MN 55308 or by email to clerk@beckertownship.org by 4:00 p.m., October 11, 2021.
Fran Seeley
Deputy Clerk, Becker Township
(Published in the Patriot: 09/25/21).

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Sherburne County Public Notices

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners September 7, 2021 - County Board Meeting Minutes Call to Order

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on September 7, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Chair was at 9:00am. Commissioner Dolan was absent from the meeting.

- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda
- Schmiesing/Fobbe were unanimous to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

Fobbe/Schmiesing were unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with the removal of item 2.11.

- Approved County Board Meeting Minutes: August 17, 2021.
- Approved Joint Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2021.

Victim Witness Grant. Attorney

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

- Approved the acceptance of the victim-witnesses grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023, in the sum of \$83,200 per year, and authorized the Sherburne County Attorney to sign the grant agreement. (On file.)

Public Hearing for October 5th 2021 to consider On-Off Sale Li-

quor License Application - Bar 10. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, Auditor/Treasurer

- Approved the setting of a public hearing for October 5th, 2021 and authorized the Auditor/Tresurer to publish notice of set hearing in the September 11th, 2021 Patriot News to consider the issuance of On-Off Sale Liquor License for Bar 10.

Commissioner & Manual Warrants. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, Auditor/Treasurer

Approved Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

- August 10 2021 Manual Warrants BMO Harris Peard July 2021 \$48,804.21
- August 13 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$2,739,504.23
- August 13 2021 Manual Warrants \$7,979.25
- August 20 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$228,379.56
- August 20 2021 Manual Warrants \$690,063.92
- August 27 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$983,763.56
- August 27 2021 Manual Warrants 10,038.49

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to Apply for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program. Health & Human Services

Tony Masters

- Approved Resolution 090721-AD-2061 authorizing Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to apply for the Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program. (On file.)

Central MN Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Membership, Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding, and Bylaws. Health & Human Services

Nicole Ruhoff, CHS Administrator

- Approved ongoing membership in the Central Minnesota Healthcare Preparedness Coalition, including approval of annual participation, execution of the Mutual Aid MOU, and agreement with proposed Bylaws. Membership start date of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Children’s Mental Health Respite Grant Amendment. Health & Human Services

Jodi Heurung-Dick

- Approved and accepted a Children’s Mental Health Respite Grant Amendment, extending the Grant to June 30th, 2022 and increasing the Grant amount by \$20,602. (On file.)

HHS IFS Admin Deb 8-20-21. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, Director of HHS

Approved HHS IFS Admin Warrants as follows:

- August 20, 2021 HHS IFS Admin Warrants \$262,966.09

Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Grant Program Amendment. Health & Human Services

Nicole Ruhoff, CHS Administrator

- Accepted grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Health in the amount of \$250,700 for the Year 2 Budget Period, 11/1/2021-10/31/2025, of the 5-yr program timeline in order to perform duties and responsibilities related to the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant. (On file.)

Funding to Purchase a Plow Truck. Maintenance

Steve Becker, Maintenance Department Head

- Approved \$40,000 for the purchase of a 2022 F350 plow truck for Property Maintenance.

Clear Lake Township Park Dedication Fund Request. Public Works

Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator

- Approved request for Park Dedication Funds for Clear Lake Township in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Announcements

County Administrator Bruce Messelt reminded the Board of the upcoming AMC Fall Policy Conference on September 16th-17th at the Arrowwood Resort & Event Center in Alexandria. An update on the Government Center’s roof work and flooring was also provided.

Public Hearing

On-Off Sale Liquor License for Kinitski’s Grill & Bar. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

- A Public Hearing was held for an On-Off Sale Liquor License application for Kinitski’s Grill & Bar, now under new ownership, effective October 1, 2021. The Public Hearing opened at 9:04am and closed at 9:04am. No one was present for public comment.

- Schmiesing/Fobbe were unanimous to approve the On-Off Sale Liquor License application for the new ownership of Kinitski’s Grill & Bar, pending state approval, and authorized the Auditor/Treasurer and Chairpersons to sign and execute said license.

Open Forum

No one was present.

Regular Agenda

Final Standard Plat for Carlson Farm-Ziegler Custom Homes Inc. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Fobbe/Burandt were unanimous to approve a requested Residential Final Standard Plat for “Carlson Farm”, consisting of (9) lots, with the following (6) Conditions, as recommended by the Planning Commission. PID # 01-013-4100 and 01-013-4101; Legal Desc: W 985 ft of E 1875 ft of N 1/2 (full legal on file); Sec 13, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township; 80 acres in the General Rural District.

Conditions:

1. Park dedication fees for 9 lots at \$800 per lot, totaling \$7,200. Park fees must be paid prior to the Public Works Dept signing the plat mylars.
2. Must obtain driveway access permits from Baldwin Township prior to driveway construction.
3. An Access Permit will be required prior to accessing County Road 38 and shall be constructed according to Public Works Engineering Standards.
4. A copy of the NPDES permit for this project must be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to any ground disturbing activities taking place on site.
5. A Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit application is required to be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to any ground disturbing activities taking place on site.

6. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application by Cardinal Enterprises, LLC for a Drive-in Retail Service to Operate a Pet Grooming, Dog Daycare Boarding Business. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Schmiesing/Burandt were unanimous to approve the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application by Cardinal Enterprises, LLC for a Drive-in Retail Service Use to operate a pet grooming, dog daycare, boarding business, with the following (10) Conditions and Findings of Fact, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission; PID # 10-335-1345; Legal Desc: That part of Govt lot 3 desc as (full legal on file); Sec 35, Twp 33, Rge 28, Big Lake Township; 3.34 acres in the Mississippi Special Use District.

Conditions:

1. Hours of operation would be 7AM-7PM Mon-Saturday
2. A building permit is required from the Planning and Zoning Department for any alteration to the existing building.
3. Any signage shall comply with the sign ordinance and a sign permit is required.
4. Any solid, liquid or pet waste must be handled and disposed of according to any applicable County or State regulations.
5. All exterior lighting shall be directed down and away from public right-of-way, and any adjacent residential use.
6. Any removal of bituminous between the building and the river requires a shoreland alteration permit from the Planning and Zoning Office.
7. The CUP holder and/or property owner shall permit the County to inspect the property, including the building used for the business during normal working hours. Further, the CUP holder shall allow the County to inspect any business records for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the terms of the CUP.
8. Before boarding animals is permitted a commercial kennel license will be required from the Planning and Zoning Department no more than 10 dogs may be boarded.
9. The applicant shall be required to remove the existing bituminous surface identified on the site plan Board Packet Attachment D prior to the County issuing a commercial kennel license.
10. The applicant shall permit the County to revoke the following Conditional Use Permit from this property Permit number 49958 and Recording Document number 775492 and pay the \$46.00 recording fee.

Findings:

1. That the Conditional Use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity.

Commercial uses are permitted within this zoning district, with a conditional use permit. There have been several other commercial uses of this property in the past including a retail store and bar restaurant. This use will be a low impact use. It is not anticipated this will diminish or impair values of neighboring properties.

2. That the establishment of the Conditional Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. The applicant is looking to maintain and improve this underutilized property. No expansion of the building or the parking lot are proposed. This use will not impede the development of surrounding vacant properties.
3. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. This is an existing development that has adequate utilities, access and drainage for the proposed use.
4. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use. There is sufficient access and parking for this proposed use.
5. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result.

It is not anticipated to cause offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration to the immediate area all pet waste must be properly disposed of using a licensed waste hauler.

Zoning Ordinance-256-Section 17, General Development Regulations, Subd 2, Parking and Loading Regulations Proposal. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- The Board agreed to go with the Planning Commission’s recommendation and take no action regarding amending the Zoning Ordinance-256-Section 17, General Development, Subdivision 2, Parking Regulations by establishing Permitted Parking Areas for Residential Platted Lots.

Comment Letter to MN PUC Regarding Proposed Xcel Sherco Solar Project. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

- Fobbe/Burandt were unanimous to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a Comment Letter to the MN PUC regarding the proposed Xcel Sherco Solar Project. (On file.)

2021 Solid Waste Management Plan. Planning & Zoning

Gabrielle Holman, Environmental Specialist

- Schmiesing/Fobbe were unanimous to approve County Board Resolution 090721-AD-2060 and adopt the 2021 Solid Waste Management Plan. (On file.)

Increase in the SSTS Low Interest Loan Program Budget from \$500,000 to \$750,000. Planning & Zoning

Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator

- Burandt/Schmiesing were unanimous to approve an increase in the approved 2021 SSTS Low Interest Loan Program Budget from \$500,000 to \$750,000 to allow for additional loans to be considered during the remainder of the 2021.

Public Health COVID-19 Workforce Development Grant. Health & Human Services

Nicole Ruhoff, CHS Administrator, Amanda Larson

- Schmiesing/Fobbe were unanimous to approve the acceptance of a \$159,780.18 grant from the Minnesota Department of Health to strengthen public health’s infrastructure in response to COVID-19, to include hiring of a part-time Public Health Planner (salary and benefit cost of \$71,245), for the grant period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023.

Health and Human Service Director’s Update. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, Director of HHS

- The Health and Human Services Director, Amanda Larson presented a brief update on notable department activities, projects, and programs.

Economic Development Authority’s (EDA) Recommendation to Guide Comprehensive Land Use Plan Map Change. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator, Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Schmiesing/Fobbe were unanimous to approve the County EDA’s recommendation to encourage the land use for parcel 75-844-0020 via the newly proposed Elk River Comprehensive Plan to Mixed-Use with the understanding that County Staff work in conjunction with the City of Elk River Staff to ensure flexibility depending on developers’ needs.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update and Recommended Approvals and Expenditures. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

Approve the bi-weekly ARPA related expenditures:

- Burandt/Fobbe were unanimous to approve expenses less than \$50,000 totaling \$28,556.33. (On file.)

- Expenses greater than \$50,000.
 - o Burandt/Schmiesing were unanimous to approve the Parks - Trail Grooming & Maintenance Equipment totaling \$143,100. (On file.)
 - o Fobbe/Burandt were unanimous to approve the Admin & Maintenance Payroll Costs totaling \$60,164.34.
- Fobbe/Burandt were unanimous to approve Business Recovery Grants totaling\$119,841.00. (On file.)

Recess Regular Meeting, Open Regional Rail Authority Adjourn Regional Rail Authority, Reconvene Regular Meeting Resolution #090721-AD-2059 Setting the 2022 Preliminary Levy for the Regional Rail Authority. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

- Fobbe/Burandt were unanimous to approve Resolution #090721-AD-2059 setting the 2022 Preliminary Levy for the Regional Rail Authority at \$0. (On file.)

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

Commissioner Burandt - Night to Unite, ISD 728 meeting, Fair Board meeting, Address Trauma, Planning Commission meeting, Community Partners meeting, Elk River City Comprehensive Plan, Council On Aging meeting , CAMHI, SCHSAC, Public Health Luncheon, Lobbyist Interviews

Commissioner Fobbe - Luncheon Public Health, Safe Schools meeting, Tri-County Solid Waste, ISD 728 meeting,

Commissioner Schmiesing - AMC Strategic Planning, Tri-County Solid Waste meeting

Commissioner Danielowski - Public Health Luncheon, EDA, Options meeting, Big Lake Township Meeting, Bonding Tour meeting, Lobbyist Interviews,7W Long Range Transportation Plan meeting, Invited all to Nystroms Residential Treatment Center Open House

Adjourn Regular Meeting, Recess

Reconvene, Open Closed Session

Closed Session Pursuant to Minn. Stat.13D.05, Subd. 3 (b) to Discuss Litigation Strategies. Attorney

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

- The Board and staff conduct a Closed Session pursuant to Minn. Stat.13D.05, Subd. 3 (b) to discuss litigation strategies relating to Civ. No. 19-CV-02776 (Jillian Nordby vs. Sherburne County).

Close Closed Session, Open Closed Session

Closed Session for Negotiation Strategy (M.S. 13D.03).

Human Resources

Tammy Bigelow

- County Board and staff entered into Closed Session for discussion of labor negotiations, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.03.

Adjourn Closed Session, Recess

Reconvene, Open Workshop

Adjourn Workshop

Manual Warrants BMO Harris Peard

8/10/21	42,003.80	General Revenue Fund
	16.96	Public Works Fund
	1,185.75	Human Service Fund
	241.99	Solid Waste Fund
	540.04	Jail Commissary Fund
	4,815.67	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	48,804.21	Total

Commissioner Warrants

8/13/21	232,579.16	General Revenue Fund
	2,258,286.29	Public Works Fund
	49.46	Human Service Fund
	59,804.59	Solid Waste Fund
	30,029.04	Jail Commissary Fund
	253.69	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	116,260.33	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	42,241.67	Agency Collections
	2,739,504.23	Total

Manual Warrants

8/13/21	7,979.25	Agency Collections
	7,979.25	Total

Commissioner Warrants

8/20/21	262,449.79	Human Service Fund
	80.00	Agency Collections
	436.30	Children’s Mental Health Collaborative
	262,966.09	Total

Warrants

8/20/21	20,323.66	Benton County Public Health
	1,090.01	Breezy Point Resort
	2,790.75	Captivated LLC
	23,337.92	Central Mn Jobs & Training
	369.00	DNA Diagnostics Center
	469.12	Graves-Petron/Trisha
	2,332.81	Hennepin County
	528.00	Lexis Nexis
	16,865.20	Main Street Family Services
	805.00	Seven County Process Servers, LLC
	4,531.20	Sherburne Co Sheriff
	162,653.49	Sherburne County Auditor Treasurer
	5,302.00	Stearns Co Human Services
	369.00	Videotronix Inc
	16,860.69	Wright County Health & Human Services
	4,338.24	41 Payments less than 300
	262,966.09	Total

Commissioner Warrants

8/20/21	89,076.87	General Revenue Fund
	68,725.14	Public Works Fund
	975.00	County Ditch Fund
	5,624.85	Law Library Fund
	20,689.00	Solid Waste Fund
	23,494.04	Jail Commissary Fund
	18,561.78	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	565.40	Agency Collections
	667.48	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	228,379.56	Total

Manual Warrants

8/20/21	1,955.47	General Revenue Fund
	688,108.45	Agency Collections
	690,063.92	Total

Commissioner Warrants

8/27/21	465,764.81	General Revenue Fund
	455,399.06	Public Works Fund
	1,164.00	Human Service Fund
	560.00	Law Library Fund
	6,394.16	Solid Waste Fund
	11,173.29	Jail Commissary Fund
	72.40	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	12,287.84	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	30,948.00	Agency Collections
	983,763.56	Total

Manual Warrants

8/27/21	10,038.49	Agency Collections
	10,038.49	Total

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator

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Public Notices

Sherburne County Public Notices

Office of the County Auditor-Treasurer County of Sherburne County State of Minnesota Public Hearing:

To all persons having an interest in the land described in this notice:

You are notified that the Sherburne County Auditor-Treasurer has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of classifying or reclassifying and sale of Tax-Forfeited Land situated in the County of Sherburne. The County Auditor-Treasurer is acting under authority, granted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, 282.135 by the Board of Sherburne County Commissioners.

The parcel to be reviewed is **Parcel #60-487-0105 Lot 1 Block 1, River Bend Second Addition, Section 32 Township 34 Range 27 located in the City of Becker, MN**, Tax forfeited September 10, 2020 to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of delinquent taxes. The City of Becker responded within 60 days of notice as objecting the proposed sale of undivided interest of the property to benefiting property owners. This meeting is an opportunity for the public to speak or present comments in regard to the classification and sale of the parcel. This notice is given no more than 90 days and not less than 60 days before the date of the meeting.

**Tuesday November 2nd, 2021
At 9:05 a.m. or shortly thereafter**

**Sherburne County Government Center County Board Room
13880 Business Center Drive NW Suite 100
Elk River, MN 55330**

Public Hearing to be held at the regularly scheduled County Board meeting. A copy of this notice will also be on the County's web site at www.co.sherburne.mn.us under tax forfeited land. If you need further information, please contact Diane Arnold Sherburne County Auditor-Treasurer at 763-765-4363. Any written comments received prior to Tuesday November 2nd will be public and shared with the County Board.

Diane Arnold
Sherburne County Auditor-Treasurer
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Sherburne County Board of Commissioners September 7, 2021 - County Board Workshop Minutes The Board Chair opened the County Board Workshop Meeting. • Commissioner Dolan was absent from the meeting. County Solar Language Regarding Decommissioning Escrow. Planning & Zoning

Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator

• The County Board provided direction regarding preparation and presentation of proposed changes to address Solar Decommissioning Escrow Requirements.

2022 Budget Update & Discussion. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator, Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

• Assistant County Administrator Dan Weber provided the Board with an update on the 2022 Budget & Levy preparation.

Sherburne County Representation on Tri-Cap Board of Directors. Administration

Lisa Fobbe

• Commissioner Lisa Fobbe provided the group with background information about the Tri-Cap Board of Directors. The County Board provided direction on how to move forward with representation on the Tri-Cap Board of Directors.

Notice by Baldwin Township to Terminate Joint Powers Agreement. Administration

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney, Lynn Waytashek, Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator, Tim Sime, Asst. County Attorney, Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

• The County Board provided direction to staff on how to proceed with Notice of Termination of Joint Powers Agreement with Baldwin Township and related request to waive 1-year effective date.

Adjourn Workshop Meeting

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Board Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved For Payment 8/24/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
State Of Minnesota	2,031.00
State Of Minnesota	2,220.50
3 Payments less than 2000	5,786.99
Final Total:	10,038.49

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved For Payment 8/12/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
State Of Minnesota	2,157.00
4 Payments less than 2000	5,822.25
Final Total:	7,979.25

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved On 8/27/2021 For Payment 8/27/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Anoka County	11,900.00
Aubol/Carl T	20,851.75
Braun Intertec Corp	4,809.25
Carol Miller & Fobbe Well LLP	6,250.00
Centerpoint Energy	11,932.08
Connexus Energy	7,099.50
David H. Aubol	20,851.75
David Turch and Associates	4,000.00
Edinger/Richard	2,673.84
Elk River Municipal Utilities	70,945.91
Ess Brothers And Sons Inc	2,156.00
Franz Reprographics	4,086.11
Further	3,066.00
Government Management Group Inc	4,500.00
Guardian Fleet Safety	10,027.86
HDR Engineering Inc.	10,245.12
Health Partners - Group Health Inc	22,498.75
Hoisington Koegler Group Inc	3,908.75
Jeremy's Lawn Service Inc	8,376.00
JL Theis Inc	64,566.47
Keefe Supply Company	6,741.00
Marco Inc	34,659.96
McDowall Comfort Management	51,253.69
Meyer Contracting, Inc	337,940.25
MN Tactical Officers Association	3,920.00
Omnicare Inc	9,446.70
Presbyterian Family Foundation	12,553.68
RR Brink Locking Systems Inc	2,176.00
Sherburne Co Public Works	3,476.00
Sherburne Co Swcd	35,951.00
SRF Consulting Group Inc	53,282.74
State Treasurer	30,948.00
Wiley Reber Law	13,250.00
Zoom Video Communications Inc	64,764.00
75 Payments less than 2000	28,655.40
Final Total:	983,763.56

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved On 8/13/2021 For Payment 8/13/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
AAA Striping Service Inc	141,982.10
AT & T Mobility	5,917.90
Becker Boy Scouts Troop 92	2,433.00
Becker Collision & Glass Inc	3,355.26
Braun Intertec Corp	5,459.50
Carefree Cleaning LLC	5,672.00
CGW Law Office	4,500.00
Corporate Connection	6,724.00
Food Express USA	2,532.80
Keefe Supply Company	23,414.02
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	16,011.52
Marco	7,992.68
Marco Inc	35,002.30
Mark Haglund & DTB Management LLC	22,500.00
Maxima Supply	2,554.52
MENd Correctional Care, PLLC	190,800.81
Minnesota Paving & Materials	2,083,569.19
MN Dept of Transportation	7,939.24
Natural Resources Services Inc	6,700.00
Northland Business Systems	6,777.33
SHI International Corp	4,528.59
Split Rock Management Inc	6,450.00
Stearns County Environmental Services	5,772.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	15,696.92
Switchboard Advertising, LLC	2,500.00
The Hartford	41,075.67
Treas Big Lake Township	14,646.64
Treas City Of Big Lake	9,764.42
Treas Orrock Township	8,137.02
US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	4,543.08
Windstream	3,343.24
86 Payments less than 2000	41,208.48
Final Total:	2,739,504.23

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved On 8/20/2021 For Payment 8/20/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Braun Intertec Corp	5,071.00
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	4,725.00
Deano's Collision Specialists Inc	6,339.04
Doug McConnell Construction LLP	2,604.00
Elite Lift Truck, Inc	2,816.03
Franz Reprographics	4,075.00
Guardian Fleet Safety	18,423.18
Hess & Jendro Law Office, P.A.	4,209.59
High Line Software Inc	2,674.00
Keefe Supply Company	8,408.90
Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP	3,000.00
Martin- McAllister Consulting Psychologist	3,000.00
Mike Lentz & Rotz Septic &Excavating Inc	20,000.00
Minnesota Monitoring Inc	3,410.50
Parallel Technologies Inc	14,872.48
Stanley Convergent Security Solutions	2,524.98
Streichers Inc	2,405.19
Summit Food Service, LLC	16,020.13
Thomson Reuters- West- Payment Center	5,904.37
WSB & Associates Inc	48,479.90
118 Payments less than 2000	49,116.27
Final Total:	228,379.56

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved For Payment 8/10/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
OBO Amazon	6,861.48
OBO Dacotah Paper	3,123.90
OBO Dell	12,000.00
OBO ECM Publishers	2,215.20
OBO National Gang Crime Research Cent	2,800.00
56 Payments less than 2000	21,803.63
Final Total:	48,804.21

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved For Payment 8/19/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Mn Dept Of Revenue	678,486.94
State Of Minnesota	2,210.25
State Of Minnesota	2,195.26
6 Payments less than 2000	7,171.47
Final Total:	690,063.92

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Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 09/13/2021 - 09/19/2021

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offense(s): Anthony John Self, 34 of Monticello, MN 55362 - MSD domestic abuse - violate order for protection. Norma Ann Czajkowski, 28 of Minneapolis, MN 55415 - FEL 5th degree drugs, MSD possess brass knuckles & MSD possess hypodermic needles. Darlene Jean Theodorson, 50 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - FEL 2nd degree assault & MSD domestic assault (2 counts). Michael Paul Finken, 39 of Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Troy Vincent Gottwald, 45 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - MSD domestic assault. Jenny Lynn Votava, 48 of Saint Cloud, MN 56301 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Dion William Sonneman, 36 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - FEL 1st degree drugs, Dept. of Corrections & Sherburne Co. warrants. Alexander William Bondeson, 21 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Florence Michele Remer, 55 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - MSD domestic assault. Jennifer Lee Misamore, 42 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Edward Thomas Misamore, 49 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - FEL 5th degree drugs & Wright Co. warrant. Michael James Smith, 28 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL 5th degree drugs & MSD drug paraphernalia. Michael Anton Walton, 40 of Waite Park, MN 56387 - FEL felon in possession & MSD domestic abuse no contact order violation.

Citations Issued: 1 drugs - possession of drug paraphernalia - use or possession prohibited; 3 motor vehicle registration - operate vehicle with expired registration; 1 traffic - reckless driving; drives consciously disregarding a substantial or unjustifiable risk; 1 traffic - duty to drive with due care - speed greater than reasonable; 16 traffic - speeding - exceed limit; 3 traffic - speeding - exceed limit - 65 mph on freeways and expressways; 6 traffic - speeding - exceed limit 55 mph where appropriate; 1 traffic regulation - driver fails to stop for stop sign; 2 traffic regulation

Wright County Sheriff's Activity Report Period Ending Sept. 20, 2021

Sept. 13: Jesse Floyd Mayes, 33, of Robbinsdale, was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrant - receiving stolen property violations. Christopher James Berthelsen, 26, of Little Falls, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrants - theft violations. Brent Allen Barkhausen, 43, of Monticello, was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrants - 3rd degree DWI & violation of an order - protection. Russell Wesley Hanson, 26, no permanent address, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & theft violations & Morrison Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Ethan Paul Coons, 19, of Buffalo, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Marissa Jo Qunell, 39, of Rockford, was arrested in Rockford - charge of 3rd degree DWI refusal to test. Daniel Eric Kaeter, 42, of St. Stephen, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 2nd degree DWI.

Sept. 14: Scott Joseph Charbonneau, 43, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. Pearlina Sadia Townsend, 38, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of domestic assault. Jason Clifford Wehmas, 43, of Rockford, was arrested in Rockford - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Glasco Lonnie Wortham, 26, of St. Paul, was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. H Taylor Joel Bohnenstingl, 29, of Elk River, was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI violations. Jessica Marie Martinez, 25, of Inver Grove Heights, was arrested in Da-kota Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI violations. Daniel Byron Gordon, 33, of Mont-rose, was arrested in Montrose - charge of domestic assault by strangulation. Ashley Lynn Kramer, 33, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Maple Lake - charge of domestic assault. Dalton Zachary Demarais, 22, of Milaca, was arrested in Maple Lake - charge of domestic assault. Tyler William Horstman, 32, of New Hope, was arrested in Maple Lake - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Craig James Grimlie, 35, of Monticello, was arrested in Silver Creek Twp. - charges of 3rd degree burglary & violation of harassment restraining order. Dylan David Beilke, 26, of Sauk Centre, was arrested in Clearwater Twp. - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Stearns Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance.

Sept. 15: Gregory Haakon Olson, 40, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - receiving stolen property & theft violations. Tanner David Crane, 19, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 1st degree burglary violations. Joseph Lee Williams, 46, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Pamela Lynn Meyer, 57, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 2nd degree DWI.

Sept. 16: Tyler James LaFave,

27, no permanent address, was arrested in Howard Lake - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - 2nd degree burglary violations. Edward Thomas Misamore, 49, of Big Lake, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Camron Michael Peirce, 35, of Fridley, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Michael Strempeke, 32, of Randall, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - driving after revocation violations. Vladimir Petrovich Koop, 38, of Delano, was arrested in Buffalo - MN Dept. of Corrections apprehension & detention order - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Valerie Olive Mabera, 52, of Brooklyn Park, was arrested in Monticello - Wright Co. warrant - 1st degree DWI violations. Marvin Smith, 61, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Monticello - charges of indecent exposure.

Sept. 17: Jeffrey Allen Szaflarski, 41, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 3rd degree DWI refusal to test. Jay Brian Vasquez, 46, no permanent address, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree assault violations. Travis Joshua Fairbanks, 30, of Ogema, was arrested in Monticello - Becker Co. warrant - issuance of dishonored check.

Sept. 18: Brandon Daniel Eggen, 22, of Milaca, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Kiontae Jamaal Robinson, 20, of Albertville, was arrested in St. Michael - Wright Co. warrant - driving after suspension violations. Valerie Olive Mabera, 52, of Brooklyn Center, was arrested in Monticello - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - 1st degree DWI violations. Toree Rose Pool, 28, of Watertown, was arrested in Delano - Wright Co. warrant - theft & 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Connor Michael Kuhlman, 22, of Delano, was arrested in Buffalo - charges of 2nd degree DWI & violation of domestic abuses no contact order.

Sept. 19: Andrew Lynn Lynas, 33, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Steven Ray L. Sanchez, 33, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 2nd degree DWI refusal to test. Gavin Eugene Ovshak, 22, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Tammy Lynn Harbinson, 51, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - violation of an order - protection.

Sept. 20: Chantal Marie Scott, 30, of St. Michael, was arrested in Albertville - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Richard Anthony Penaz, 48, of Sandstone, was arrested in Montrose - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance.

There were 32 property damage accidents, 1 personal injury accidents, 4 hit & run accidents & 5 car deer accidents.

There were 14 arrests - DWI, 1 underage consumption arrests, 8 school bus stop arm violations & 117 tickets - miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.

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