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WANNA CATCH GREAT FISH ON OPENING DAY? Check out Josh Hagemeyer's, 10 Tips For Opening Day Walleye Success on page 11. Or, if interested in Sage Grouse, check out Nurturist Stan Tekiel's story on the bird's unusual mating ritual. His column can be found on page 8. (Submitted Photo)

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BECKER AREA
The Becker Library and Pebble Creek partner during Locally Grown fundraiser. See the story on page 5.

RECIPES
The Patriot will be running weekly recipes from local chefs, cooks and food preparers. See yummy recipes on page 7.

COUNTY NEWS
The Sherburne County Commissioners met Tuesday and issued a pair of proclamations for crime victims and bringing attention to the issue of child abuse prevention. See the story on the story on page 4.

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Bison Dig Day set for May 5



THESE ARE THE TWO BISON that Barthel's Farm reconstructed some years ago. One is now in Jamestown, ND, at the National Bison Museum and the other is at the Sherburne County History Center in Becker, MN. (Submitted Photo).

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was composed from an email sent to the Patriot).

Tom Barthel and Snake River Farms in Becker will once again be hosting Bison Dig Education Day, May 5, 2021.

About 25 years ago, Barthel and his family discovered ancient bison bones on their farm, esti-

ated to be 3,000 to 9,000 year old bones buried under the deep layer of peat that beds their Snake River.

Barthel says there are countless individual bones but they have also found complete skeletons.

"The complete skeletons are from animals that succumbed in quick sand, deep muck or perhaps broke through thin ice," said Barthel.

Barthel and his help-

ers assembled a skeleton over 20 years ago and that animal is now on permanent display at the National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown, N.D.

"About 14 years ago, we assembled a second animal at the request of the Sherburne County Historical Society," he said. "That skeleton is on permanent display at the Sherburne

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Xcel to use drones to inspect power lines

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sequestered from a posting composed from a letter from Xcel Energy and previous article.

In a letter sent out to Becker property owners two weeks ago, Xcel Energy representatives advised their customers that starting in late April, the company will be inspecting electric transmission lines via an unmanned drone.

Xcel says the drone has proven to be a safe

and cost-effective way to inspect transmission lines, but they warn property owners to stay away from the vehicle and never stand directly below its flight



path.

Siting and Land Rights Agent Brian Sullivan of Xcel Energy said, due to many variables — most notably the weather — Xcel cannot provide an inspection date, but he says the inspection most likely will

commence in late April and continue through the summer months.

Back in 2019, Xcel Energy was granted an expanded waiver from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to allow the use of drones over helicopters for its inspections. The waiver allows flight beyond visual line of sight, meaning the drone can fly beyond where the pilot on the ground can see it. Xcel says they have proven to the FAA it can safely operate drones beyond line of sight.

Clearwater/Clear Lake Business Expo is back May 2!

By Penny Leuthard
Contributing Writer

The Explore Clearwater/Clear Lake Business Expo is coming back Sunday, May 2, and participating businesses are excited to share who they are with the community. The event will once again be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the back of the Clearwater American Legion.

Hosted by Clear Valley Business Connection (CVBC), organizers are looking forward to a good crowd, posting signage around Clearwater and Clear Lake and running ads in the Patriot. The annual event was started by the business organization to promote shopping local.

"We're excited to bring the expo back to the community,"

said event organizer and CVBC Vice President Lori Johnson. "And we're excited to see everyone in person again."

Along with learning about local businesses, the community will have the chance to bring home freebies, purchase merchandise, and sign up for raffles and prizes. Employment opportunities may also be featured by businesses

looking to hire.

To date, there are a wide variety of businesses taking part in the event, including some that have participated since the beginning and some that are just taking part this year. Attendees will have the chance to talk to local retail and financial establishments as well as

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CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIOR SYDNE HINTERMEISTER who was named a part of the Minnesota Association of Honor Societies All Star Service Team for her leadership and service this year. Sydne has served as BHS's NHS president this year and has worked incredibly hard to creatively find ways for the chapter to serve people and our community as well as provide encouragement for students. (Submitted Photo).

Chauvin convicted on all 3 counts

By Bill Morgan
Editor/Staff Writer
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FORMER MPLS. POLICE OFFICER Derek Chauvin showed little emotion as the verdicts were read Tuesday by Judge Peter Cahill. (Photo captured from video.)

Tuesday, the jury reached its verdict in the Derek Chauvin murder case in Minneapolis and they came back with guilty verdicts in all three charges.

Chauvin was convicted of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in George Floyd's death in May of 2020. He will be sentenced at a later time and faces a recommended 150 months or 12-1/2 years in prison under sentencing guidelines for first-time offenders. But the prosecution is seeking a higher prison term due to "aggravating factors." So he may face up to 30 years in prison though the judge may sentence him to less.

Ken Martin, the chair of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, applauded the decision but challenged Congress and the state Legislature to deliver justice for Floyd

through policy change. "George Floyd should still be alive today, and until we pass serious police reform and accountability measures, the likelihood of this happening again here remains very high," Martin said. "Our state and

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Picnic Pavilion coming to Clear Lake

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

Although the timeline hasn't been finalized, Clear Lake area residents can look forward to the day when a picnic pavilion is located in the Township Park thanks to a generous donation from the Clear Lake Lions Club.

Township Chair Gary Gray announced at Tuesday night's Twp. Board meeting that the Lions had donated \$25,000 to help make the project happen.

Gray noted that with construction and materials cost currently sky high, there will need to be some fine tuning on the project and it could take place yet this summer or wait until the spring of 2022.

The supervisors were extremely pleased with the donation and are hoping it can become an entire community project to see the pavilion come to fruition.

"It's really a community project so having some community help would be cool," Gray said.

Supervisor Ross Imholte noted that the township would be happy to receive other monetary donations or in-kind services such as materials, concrete, dirt work or labor to complete the project.

Clean Up Day

The board heard from members of the

Clean Up Day Task Force as to the details surrounding the May 1st event, which will be held from 7:30 am until Noon.

The event has been moved to a new location — the Town Hall — and the supervisors are hoping that everyone is aware of that detail as the old location of the event is no longer township owned.

Some changes to the fee structure have been implemented in an effort to recover costs, but it was noted that the event is never a money-maker for the township.

The Task Force has been working hard on a new layout design for the event to keep it as efficient as possible for residents who are looking to dispose of items such as mattresses and box springs, all the way to scrap metal or old appliances.

Supervisor Bud Stimmler noted that he will place a sign near Co. Rd. 8 to help people locate the event since it is a new location. So far, the Task Force noted a dozen volunteer workers have been secured while more are being sought.

County Update

County Administrator Bruce Messelt spoke to the board and offered an update on the County's activities over the past year.

He noted that the county's population is nearing 100,000 residents, although final census numbers have yet to be released.

New construction across the county is

brisk, as over \$1 million in permit fees were collected a year ago, while the first quarter of 2021 is also at a record pace.

Home values are on the rise, with the average priced sale in 2020 being \$293,600. This represents about an 8% increase in home values and for the first time in history, home sales are exceeding the asking price on a consistent basis.

In transportation trends, Messelt noted some pre-COVID statistics that show approximately half of the working population in Sherburne leaves the county for work and 52% of residents commute over one-half hour to get to work (the state average is 30%).

Messelt noted that the commissioners have a goal to keep more people working within the county at well-paying jobs and as a result, they have instituted an Entrepreneur Lab that aims to help existing businesses expand. Three of four new jobs are created by existing businesses and the county is working hard to help current businesses thrive.

In terms of taxes, the tax rate has been trending down an average of 1.9% per year.

At the end of Messelt's presentation, Stimmler asked about the railroad crossings on County Road 8, as they are quite bumpy and could pose a hazard to unsuspecting drivers. Stimmler hoped for a permanent fix and in the meantime asked for a "bump ahead" sign to be placed. Messelt assured him that

he would connect with Public Works Director Andrew Witter and the issue will be investigated.

In Other Business, The Board:

- Reviewed the Sheriff's report which showed 79 calls for service, including 35 traffic stops;

- Heard from engineer Terrence Vander Eyk about the spring road tour, as well as a large Cottonwood tree that will need to be removed from the Sherwood Shores area before the early summer road project. Eyk also sought and received approval for a change order in the amount of \$1,250 so the Sherwood Shores reclaim project can start a few weeks earlier, allowing for a better reclamation process due to the temperature of the road bed;

- Approved a positive comment form for the county's Board of Appeals for a bluff variance request for Alex and Danielle Jones to construct a shed on their property;

- Reaffirmed their plans to construct the roadway in Sherwood Shores to modern engineering specifications and dimensions, including a shoulder. Gray reported good attendance at the recent meetings to discuss the project and reported that the meeting video will also be placed for public viewing on the township website.

Real Estate

Landlocked parcels draw attention of Becker Twp.

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker Twp. Board met Monday evening and worked its way through a long agenda, including a review of the township's landlocked parcels. It is an issue that has come to the forefront of zoning ordinance work, as more and more residential development is taking place across the township and people are requesting access to the properties.

Clerk Lucinda Messman has been looking into the issue and presented a map which indicated all of the landlocked parcels within the township. As part of her research, she also noted there were several roadways discovered that had been platted in the past but never built. Some of the original paperwork dates back to the 1970's and it appears some landowners are unaware of the existence of certain roadways and easements.

In one specific incident, a landowner currently accesses his property by using an easement through a neighbor's property but they are now in a dispute and the landowner would like to utilize a platted but unbuilt roadway for a new access.

This led to a discussion regarding the legal definition of a roadway and also whether or not the township had accepted the roadway as legal in the past. It was noted that in the past several years, the township did install Right of Way signs in many of these areas to help identify the township easements to surrounding landowners.

According to Township Attorney Kelli Bourgeois, there can be several factors that come into play in these scenarios. More research will be done on the issue and the board will look at options in the near future.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Dan Frank updated the board on the 145 calls for service in March, which included 59 traffic stops and 9 alarm security checks. In addition, Frank noted that there are quite a few fraud calls being reported to deputies, including one scam where callers ask for gift cards to be sent to an address to settle a claim. Legitimate businesses or companies will never ask for gift cards as a form of payment. Unemployment fraud also continues to be an issue and if residents experience either situation, they should not hesitate to contact the Sheriff's Office.

CMRP

Chair Brian Kolbin-

ger has been following the work of the CMRP and he reported that they are currently going through a bit of a restructure. The predecessor to the partnership was the Highway 25 Coalition that was seeking a new river crossing, but now the scope of the group has grown. Several participating entities are seeking clarification on the scope of the group and also appear interested in limiting its power so it does not become a governmental entity such as the Met Council or other similar planning organizations.

Kolbinger continues to serve on the committee and will report back with regular progress updates.

Roads

Supervisors Joe Danielson and Robin Boros continue to work on road issues and presented an update on 67th St., a shared roadway with Santiago Twp. Soil boring will be completed yet this spring and plans for moving forward will be implemented once that information is collected.

Fire signs were also discussed, as the township hopes to have a process to replace the current numbers with ones that also include the address. This can help clear up any confusion on which roads are which, especially when the road changes direction and is assigned a new number because of the curve. A plan for possible replacement will be reviewed at a future meeting, but for now sign contractor Jeff Peterson will remain in charge of replacing signs as needed. The project could be a significant undertaking as there are approximately 2,700 homes within the township.

The two supervisors also reported that a request for dust control on 77th street is being reviewed.

150 Years

Supervisor Luke Babler reported on plans for this summer's 150 year celebration which will coincide with the city's Freedom Days.

Banners have been ordered and a float will be planned for the parade. Some music options are being explored and some memorabilia celebrating the anniversary has been ordered.

Babler is also exploring how to feature the original Becker Fire Department water apparatus — a hand pulled 30 gallon tank — in the celebration. It is still located in the lobby of the Fire Department and was originally purchased in

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Clearwater/Clear Lake Area News

Lynden Twp. holds brief April meeting

By Penny Leuthard
Contributing Writer

Lynden Twp.'s April meeting was brief, consisting of various requests, inquiries, and updates along with notices of upcoming meetings and events.

Requests and Inquires

The township received a request from Stearns Co. to review Stearns Co. Ord. No. 618 Changes to Land Use and Zoning Ordinance. If the board wished to be more restrictive than stated in the ordinance the county asked to be contacted. Supervisor Dennis Niemi informed the board he had reviewed the ordinance and found no issues.

The township received a request from Stearns Co. Emergency Management for participants to help update the county's hazard mitigation

plan. A motion carried approving Chair Dave Johnson to participate in the group and to be reimbursed for his time and mileage.

The township received a request from the Stearns Co. surveyor to be given notice of road construction projects for 2021. Niemi will respond.

Johnson informed the board he met with *Midco* regarding a large project planned in the township; permits are pending. A right of way work permit is also pending for *Stearns Electric* for Co. Road 44 and 9th Ave. E.

Two inquires for variances were received by the township, one for a detached garage size exception on a 193rd Street E. property and one for a building expansion and allowable lot coverage on a Hubble Road property; no submissions for either have been received.

The township received an office expansion inquiry for *Johnson Materials* on 196th Street E; no submission has been received to date.

Other Business

The township received a garage and debris complaint at a property on Eaglewood Road. Supervisor Tom Plag-german reviewed the property and confirmed two vehicles with expired plates parked in the driveway along with tires, bikes, an outdoor motor, screen door, appliances, and more.

A motion carried to defer action to Stearns Co. as the property lies within shoreland and is within their jurisdiction.

A motion carried approving Resolution 2021-02, a resolution authorizing the town board chair and town clerk to execute customary contracts, agreements, and town documents by elec-

tronic signature and to waive the reading.

Oath of Office and Certificate of Election has been issued to Dennis Niemi and Jean Schermer. An Appointment of Deputy Treasurer has been issued to Dan Torgersen and an Appointment of Deputy Clerk has been issued to Kelli Schuh.

Spring Cleanup Day will be held on April 24 at the Clearwater Twp. Hall on Hwy. 24. The Explorer's Group will be volunteering.

The township's spring road tour was held on April 15, the results of which to be discussed at a later date.

A joint meeting was held with the Fire Study Group, Lynden Twp. and Clearwater Twp. on April 19, results of which to be discussed at a later date.

The next Lynden Twp. meeting will be May 3 at 7 p.m.

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Solar Comment

The board discussed the solar project that *Xcel* has proposed for a large number of acres within the township south of Highway 10.

The comment period is open and the Board has been focusing on items such as establishing roadways in the area in order to maintain access to businesses and commercial property in the same general area. There are also safety concerns on County Road 11, as well as traffic stacking issues that occur near there.

Danielson expressed his opinion that they needed to look at a comprehensive plan for the area because the PUC will have much of the final say on the project.

The board agreed that they had expected the area to be developed in an orderly fashion and it is hard to plan for someone locking down 1,200 acres all at once.

In Other Business, The Board:

- Approved the levy for 2022;
- Approved the donations as recommended from the annual meeting;
- Unanimously approved appointments for 2021 as follows: Kolbinger- Chair, Fire Board, CMRP; Wilkening-Vice Chair, Joint Planning; Babler- Weed Inspector, Fire Board; Danielson and Boros- Road Supervisors;
- Set the meeting calendar for the next 12 months which will include 2 monthly meetings in April and October because of an increased agenda;
- Held a public hearing regarding the draft franchise agreement for *Midco Communications*, which will be constructing and operating a cable system in the township;
- Approved a metes and bounds subdivision application from Mark and Susan Hettwer, who are splitting off a 20 acre parcel from an existing 78 acres on 97th street;
- Approved the low bids for several roadway projects, including chip sealing for Garden Grove, Georgia Circle and 127th street, as well as gravel for 127th and 67th Streets;
- Adopted the mileage reimbursement to be the same as the IRS Standard rate.

NEWSPAPERS HAVE A GREATER REACH

Although some businesses and advertisers believe newspapers are dead, as they transfer their efforts to digital marketing, newspapers continue to offer more reach than any other medium. A recent study showed that nearly 105 million people read the newspaper in print or online during the week nationally. It also showed that more than 110 million adults read the Sunday newspaper as part of their routine.

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Out of all the options, direct mail inserts scored the highest with 81% of adults saying they acted in the past 30 days after seeing an ad. Seven out of 10 respondents also said they regularly perused newspapers and magazines to seek out inserts. Even consumers who considered themselves "non-readers" used newspapers to find and cut out coupons, compare prices, and seek out sales in their local stores.

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Commissioners issue proclamations for Sherburne County Board

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday and issued a pair of proclamations, one to recognize crime victims and the other to bring attention to the issue of child abuse prevention.

Crime Victims

The board adopted a statement proclaiming April 18-24 as Victim's Rights Week in Sherburne County as part of the National Crime Victim's Rights Week.

Sherburne County Victim Services Coordinator Michelle Berner appeared before the board and read a letter that her department had received from a crime victim. This mother praised the efforts of the Sherburne County Attorney's Office in bringing the criminal to justice and also providing comfort to the family who had suffered the tragic loss of life of a loved one.

Last year, the Attorney's Office prosecuted nearly 2,000 cases, and Berner and her colleagues are there to help the victims of

these crimes in the navigation of the sometimes confusing and time consuming prosecutorial process.

The board commended Berner and the rest of the staff for their compassionate services to the families of victims.

Child Abuse Prevention

HHS Manager Jodi Heurung-Dick also appeared before the board and read a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

Heurung-Dick referenced the *STIRMN.ORG* website, which contains a plethora of resources for parents who may need assistance in navigating the many responsibilities with providing loving and nurturing homes for their children.

She also referenced her department's continuing partnership with Safe Families For Children, a non-profit aimed at helping to keep families intact.

Marissa Wood, an Early Intervention Social Worker for the County, spoke to the board and detailed specific efforts that are taken to provide assistance and support with the goal of preventing child abuse.

The commissioners then unanimously approved the resolution and thanked the many County staff who work with such delicate matters, noting that decisions to remove children from a home are extremely emotional and difficult, but sometimes necessary for the well-being of the child.

Budget

Assistant Administrator Dan Weber spoke regarding the 2021 budget process and announced the workshop schedule for August 5 and 6. This is the main work session where commissioners do the majority of the work in developing the following year's budget.

Commissioner Lisa Fobbe brought forward a request for the board to look

at the budget more from the lens of it being a "moral document" that not only lists the standard expenditures and revenues, but also reflects the priorities of the county. General discussion was held regarding the idea and the other commissioners approved of the concept, while Weber noted that such a discussion could be helpful to department heads in putting forth their recommendations. A date and time will be scheduled for a beginning discussion regarding priorities.

Weber also provided the board with some statistics related to revenues and expenses for the 2020 fiscal year, as well as early projects for 2021.

In general, new construction and permit revenue is booming, while revenue related to travel documents such as passports is down.

Stimulus funds are expected to be available to cover any losses the County might have encountered due to the pandemic.

County Administrator Bruce Messelt did note that Assessor Michelle Moen has done some preliminary work looking at assessed values for homes and because of the strong market, it appears that the market values are eclipsing assessed values by as much as 10 percent. While no decisions have been made and there is more data to collect, homeowners could perhaps expect assessed values to increase on their proposed tax statements for 2022.

Permit

County staffer Dave Lucas brought forward a closure permit request for the Becker Ash Landfill. This would allow for the closure and final cover for the ash landfill, plus a 20 year plan for post-closure care. The permit received unanimous approval.

COVID-19

CHS Administrator Nicole Ruhoff provided the board with an update

on the COVID pandemic and its effects on Sherburne County.

She noted that the fastest growing age group in terms of new infections continues to be those who are 6-19 years old. In just the last month, the county saw a 1% increase in this age group and Ruhoff pointed out that the last time any of the age brackets saw a 1% increase, it took three months time to increase by that level.

COVID variants are widely believed to be causing a majority of the new infections in this age group, seeing as studies have shown them to be more transmissible in younger age people.

Announcements

Messelt provided several updates to the board, including that \$22 million for the Zimmerman overpass made it into the MN Senate's budget bill. The money would be allocated from the ARPA Federal funds earmarked for Minnesota.

In addition, he updated the board on the proposed legislation that could affect the *Northstar* rail system and the commissioners felt it could be a good time to speak with the project partners to see where people's thoughts are on the service and how it has been affected by COVID.

Speaking of the proposed legislation, Commissioner Felix Schmiesing noted, "It's very important we understand what it all means. It's important we bring our partners into the discussion."

The board concurred and Messelt will work to schedule a time to facilitate such a meeting.

Messelt also informed the board that Sheriff Joel Brott is planning a Law Enforcement Memorial Program for May 7.

The Board of Commissioners will meet next on May 4 at 9 am.

Business Expo!



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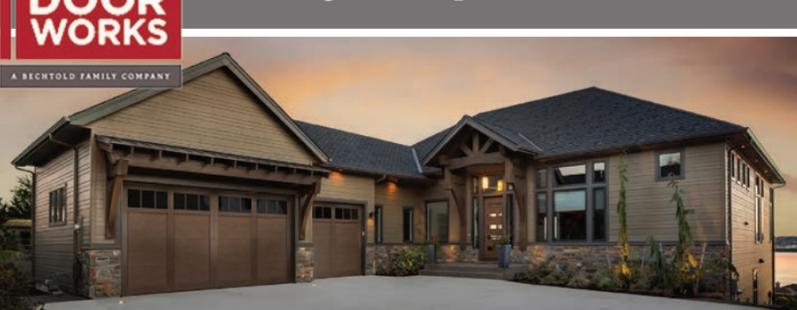
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New Efforts to Provide Fast and Reliable Internet to More Americans

Submitted Article

Access to reliable home broadband has never been more crucial. Over the last year, we've experienced a shift to remote work and virtual learning that will likely last far beyond the pandemic. This rapid shift has revealed just how inaccessible home internet is in the US, particularly in rural America.

Today, 28 percent of rural Americans – about 15 million people – have no access to high-speed internet. And nearly 40 percent of the rural Americans who do have access to high-speed home broadband only have a single option in their area. That means zero choice, which often means higher prices and slower internet speeds.

Lack of reliable home internet also has tremendous, short- and long-term impacts for students – like lower test scores and limited opportuni-

ties after graduation. Even before the pandemic, more than 9 million of America's 56 million school-age children did not have access to reliable internet and were unable to complete after-school assignments. Now, because of the pandemic, an unprecedented 50 million students across the country are learning remotely full- or part-time.

Aimed at bringing high-speed internet to those who need it most, *T-Mobile* recently launched its wireless internet solution, *T-Mobile Home Internet*, to more than 30 million households across the country, including 10 million homes in rural areas and small towns. Here's how it works:

Working just like any other broadband service by connecting wirelessly in your home instead of through a cable, *T-Mobile Home Internet* service makes use of the same extensive 5G network

T-Mobile smartphones run on in areas where the network has extra capacity. This service is available at a simple, fixed price of \$60 per month after *AutoPay* – equipment included – without data caps or annual service contracts. New customers can expect to see average download speeds of 100 Mbps, supporting streaming, zooming, remote learning, all at the same time.

T-Mobile Home Internet is available to anyone at an eligible address, regardless of whether they're a current *T-Mobile* customer or not. To get started, customers can check whether their home is eligible by visiting *t-mobile.com/isp*.

The pandemic has heightened and highlighted the importance of reliable internet access at home. Fortunately, new efforts are helping to expand access where it's needed most.

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Sherburne County is sponsoring a Grass Clipping and Leaf Drop-Off Event the weekend of **May 8th & 9th and Oct. 9th & 10th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (both days) at **Jan's Christmas Trees** located at **12519 37th St SE, Clear Lake, MN** (see map below).

Residents may deliver grass clippings, thatch, leaves, plants and flowers **free of charge**

Please note that wood, brush, logs and garbage will **NOT** be accepted.

In addition to this event, the cities of Big Lake, Becker, Elk River, and Zimmerman have permanent yard waste compost sites available to **ALL** County residents free of charge (*access card key required to enter sites*).



Directions

From Becker: go 7 miles north of Becker on Hwy 25, turn east onto 42nd Street, watch for signs

From Palmer: go east on 42nd Street, cross over Hwy 25, watch for signs

Questions

For additional information, please contact Gabrielle Holman with the Sherburne County Planning & Zoning Department at 763-765-4457 or Gabrielle.Holman@co.sherburne.mn.us



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Big Lake Area News

Becker Library and Pebble Creek partner during Locally Growin' fundraiser

By Penny Leuthard
Contributing Writer

Library received 10% of Pebble Creek's food and the staff at the golf course for their hard work and

people eating and then going out for a round of The Becker Library had set a Locally Growin'

The library is also starting to save for a non-traditional circulation item that will be announced in the future.

Becker Library and Pebble Creek Golf Course once again partnered up during Great River Regional Library's "Locally Growin'" fundraiser last month to help the library raise money for their branch. The goal of the fundraiser is to help each GRRRL library raise money for special items for their own branch; 100% of the Locally Growin' money raised by each library stays at that library.



beverage sales for the day, which equated to a check for \$358 donated to the branch.

support of the library," said Becker Librarian Jeannette Burkhardt. "It was a busy day for them on the 21st. I ate lunch there and saw

golf or coming in from the golf course and grabbing something to eat. It was a great day for both organizations."

goal of \$500 this year, which they plan to use for crafting and take and make supplies as well as Summer Reading Program prizes.

GRRRL's Locally Growin' fundraiser has become an annual March event. All donations, no matter the size, help the libraries get closer to reaching their goals. The donations are tax deductible and can be given directly to the patron's branch or donated online. The event is popular with patrons as all donations stay at the library where they were donated at.

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JACKIE WIPPER from Jazzy Nails with Jackie demonstrates one of her products to an expo attendee in 2019. (Archive photo by Penny Leuthard).

faith and community organizations like the Clearwater Library and the CVBC itself.

There's still time for interested businesses to sign up. Tables are free for CVBC members; nonmembers can purchase a table for \$50, which also covers an annual membership to the organization.

The expo is running concurrently with the Clearwater Legion's Sunday breakfast, which will be served from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts have just started up again, and attendees are encouraged to support both events.

For more information or to be a part of the Explore Clearwater/Clear Lake Business Expo, contact Lori Johnson at LoriADJ@frontiernet.net.

CVBC began in 1987 and includes businesses from the cities of Clearwater and Clear Lake, and Clearwater, Clear Lake and Lynden Twps. The mission of the organization is to promote area businesses and provide an environment for them to communicate and network.

Becker Public Works Asks Council For Upgrades

By Katherine Cantin
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Becker public works will be getting three major upgrades after this week's city council meeting. They will be moving forward with purchasing a new solar array, replacing pumps, and repainting a water tower.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Tracy Bertram started the meeting by proclaiming April 23 as Arbor Day in Becker. She encouraged residents to continue to plant trees in the community for future generations to enjoy.

Power Purchase Agreement

The city is engaging with Cedar Creek Energy to have a solar array installed at the wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). New Energy Equity is the financial partner of Cedar Creek Energy, and the city has come to an agreement on a contract for the project.

The solar array should offset a lot of the city's energy expenses over time, and staff expects the equipment should work for a long time.

Domestic Influent Pump Replacement

The influent well at the WWTF receives all domestic wastewater flow from the city. Three pumps move the wastewater in this well. The pumps are projected to have a life span of 9-12 years, and have currently been in use for 13 years.

The city received two bids to replace the pumps, the lower being at \$68,915. Staff asked council to approve a budget for the project at \$97,500. Council member Rick Hendrickson asked about the discrepancy in the amount for the bid and the requested amount for the budget, and Chris Lisson of the public works department responded that it was to cover the cost of replacing broken parts that might be discovered as the pumps are replaced.

Water Tower Painting

One water tower, of three total owned by the city, is due to be painted. The towers are painted regularly in order to ensure they have a long life and are preserved well. Central Tank Coatings will be engaged to clean and paint the exterior of the water tower at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. The word "Becker" will be painted on the side which faces Hwy. 10 at no additional cost.

Becker, Big Lake High School students walk-out



BECKER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS walked out of class on Monday to protest police brutality. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

By Katherine Cantin
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Students at both Becker and Big Lake High Schools walked out on Monday to protest police

brutality. The walkout was part of a statewide demonstration in response to the recent shooting in Brooklyn Center, as well as the Derek Chauvin trial.

Some students at Becker brought the issue a

little closer to home, chanting, "Becker, do better!" The chant was a response to recent incidents of bullying, affecting minority students at the school.

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After All

In 1964, the World Fair took place in New York. Walt Disney was in charge of the "Children of the World" tent. When the fair was done, Walt Disney set up the *It's a Small World* attraction at Disneyland. He contacted Richard and Robert Sherman to write a song. The rest is history.

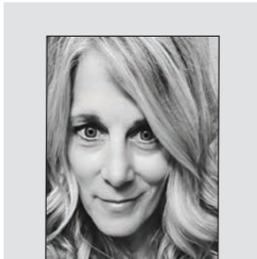
I had never given much thought to the phrase, *It's a Small World*. I remember hearing the song and singing it in school, but I didn't understand what it meant. Not till later.

Growing up in a small town, everybody knows everybody. They know who you are, where you live and your parents' name and so forth. Your hometown is your world.

I was dating Scott and we're going to meet with a school buddy nicknamed, "Earl." We get there and Scott introduces me, only to find out, we knew each other. We went to school together in Buffalo until the third grade and he moved to Monticello. I didn't know him by his nickname, so I was pleasantly surprised. My first dose of *It's a Small World* started.

There was a story that mom told about a trip her and dad took out west in the 90's.

They were heading to Spokane and stopped in Idaho. I don't recall exactly where they were, a restaurant or the lodge, but they started talking with this guy. He was friendly



By Shelley Berthiaume, Contributing Writer

and asked where they were from? Dad said, "You probably won't know of the place, but Buffalo, MN." He said, "I'm from there." He introduced himself and said he was a classmate of mine. Who would have thought, thousand of miles away from home, there was a connection?

Recently, Scott stopped in at a local paint store. A lady in front of him was asking the clerk if he could recommend a painter. He responded, "Yes, the one standing right behind you." Scott gave his number and left. She contacted him to see if he could stop by her place in Buffalo and give her an estimate. I knew the last name and went with.

I was talking with her as Scott was measuring. We talked about some of my relatives that knew some of her in-laws in Buffalo.

I asked her about a friend of ours that lived down the road. "Did you know him?" She said, "Yes." We talked about what a nice guy he was - always friendly.

"Where did you go

to school?" She replied, "Monticello." I said, "Scott is from Monticello, what year did you graduate?" She told me and it was the same year Scott had graduated. She left Monticello after junior high and graduated up north. What would be the odds of Scott and her being at the paint store at the same time? Two classmates, 40 some years later reconnect. To say we were surprised would be an understatement.

In today's world, I find some social media has brought about friendships in a good way and a chance to connect with people from all over. Like a pen pal.

I have a couple of friends from Africa, one from Honduras, one from Brazil and a classmate in Amsterdam. I enjoy learning of life in their country and they enjoy learning about mine. Our lives are different, but some of our values and thoughts are similar.

Is it just a coincidence or is there something more? I can't but help notice how intertwined our lives are. We come from different walks and yet there is a sense of commonality.

It's a world of laughter, A world of tears, A world of hopes and A world of fears, There's so much that we share, That it's time we're aware, *It's a Small World* after all.

I couldn't agree more.

Did Waters use official funds?

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

I know most of us have seen Brooklyn Center on the news as they experience protests and riots in the wake of a tragic incident between a citizen and law enforcement. During the protests on Saturday, Representative Maxine Waters, a Member of Congress from California, stood before a crowd of protesters in Brooklyn Center. She traveled to Minnesota to tell them to "stay in the street" - during a mandated curfew - and "get more confrontational" if former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin received a verdict of anything less than first-degree murder.

We all witnessed the destruction following the death of George Floyd. The rioting and lawlessness that accompanied the protests were too close to home. We do not need public officials that do not represent our state or community using inflammatory rhetoric, as we continue to rebuild from the damage done last year.

With this in mind, I sent a letter calling for Representative Waters to be censured and for a strong condemnation of her use of inflammatory rhetoric. I also asked that House Democratic leadership investigate whether she used official funds to travel out-



By Congressman Tom Emmer

side of her state and district to do so. I hope my colleagues from Minnesota, and across the nation, will stand with us this week as the House votes on a censure.

Life-Saving Transplants

The National Bone Marrow Donor Registry was established in 1987. In 1988, the name changed to the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), which was operated out of an office at the American Red Cross in St. Paul, Minnesota. This program has become a worldwide service and has facilitated more than 100,000 hematopoietic cell transplants with marrow, peripheral blood stem cells, and cord blood, and now conducts nearly 6,200 transplants a year.

The National Marrow Donor Program, more popularly known as "Be The Match" is still headquartered in Minnesota. In order for Be The Match to continue its operations and

support transplant patients and donors worldwide, they need funding reauthorization from the federal government every five years.

The TRANSPLANT Act, which I co-sponsored, reauthorizes the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and supports patients who need a potentially life-saving bone marrow or umbilical cord blood transplant. Last week, with my support, the House passed this important authorization, and I spoke on the House floor in favor.

This program is the single point of access for coordinating care for those in need of marrow transplants. They maintain the central database for marrow donors and cord blood units in one electronic database. This system has more than 22 million donors on the Registry, and more than 35 million donors worldwide. They also have exclusive access to 300,000 cord blood units, and nearly 783,000 cord blood units worldwide.

The TRANSPLANT Act also supports the Office of Patient Advocacy, which provides information, resources, and support to patients and families facing illnesses, and a Stem Cell Therapeutic Outcomes Database which collects and uses data about transplants to help patients live lon-

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Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

It has come to my attention that Becker community members may not believe the Constitution is being taught at BHS. I would like to assure everyone that students study the Constitution in many classes, including two trimesters during their senior year. Their instruction focuses on the rights and responsibilities of elected officials and citizens. It also reminds students that *We the People* means everyone. To accomplish this ideal of *We the People*, students must see themselves in the curriculum. When students don't see themselves in the curriculum, they often don't see themselves in the school, the community, or the world. I believe we should teach about the Constitution in ways that include all voices. We can support the constitution and Indigenous, LGBT, Black, and Brown students. The Constitution's 7,000 words are amazing, but it has its flaws, which have been corrected (partially) by its amendments. We need to move past either/or and think about this as both/and. The Founding Brothers created a document that allowed for change, and therefore, greater inclusion as our nation grew. For example, if not for the 15th, 19th, 23rd, and 26th amendment, only land-owning, white men would be allowed a voice and a vote.

Sincerely,
Dr. Heather P. Abrahamson,
Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Volunteering has looked very different for many people in the past year with COVID-19 restrictions and that includes the Catholic Charities Central MN Foster Grandparent Program. The Foster Grandparents would normally be in the classroom tutoring and mentoring students, now they are looking at creative ways that they can still serve youth without being at the sites or schools that they serve at.

Some Foster Grandparents have been pen-pals to students, some have been doing non-contact prep work, some have been volunteering virtually via computer with students, some have video-taped stories that can be played for students, some have made phone calls to students, some are in the classroom and some are on hiatus ready to go back when allowed. Foster Grandparents are always eager to help "their kids" and miss being with them.

Thank you to the Foster Grandmas and Grandpas and to all volunteers who have had a different roll during COVID-19 and have continued to help others. National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, is an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who lend their time, talent and support to causes they care about in our community. Thank you for making our communities outstanding.

Pat Braun
Area Supervisor
Catholic Charities Central MN Foster Grandparent Program

TO THE EDITOR:

Portland, Oregon: rioters barricaded the ICE headquarters with people inside and set it on fire. In 1998, Joe Biden called black people PREDATORS! Now, about all the democrats have going for them is the constant racism, or racist battle cry. During the Trump adm, illegal immigration was DOWN by 95%, Now, UP over 100%. When you invite

them in, they come. Why are democrats against "purging" dead people from voter rolls? We all know. Send out ballots and anyone can fill them out, no ID, no signature verification. 1983, Biden said packing the court was a "BONE-HEAD" idea. Now, not so much. Biden and democrats have created the greatest super spreader of all time with their open borders. Every Texas rancher has said that under Trump there was border control and they are begging Biden to do the same. Why is it that none of the disastrous border issues are covered by the left wing media? Finally, crime is exploding in every major Democrat run city and I think we all know why. 200,000 businesses have closed permanently and PP still gets \$500 million yearly from taxpayers. Bottom line, the adm allows over 20,000 illegal children into this country but we destroy our own. Oh, and don't forget, 52 police officers have been killed in 2021 but I guess that isn't newsworthy.

Regards,
Gordon Schmidt
Loretto, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

By chance, I caught most of the Becker Bulldogs girls basketball game on April 6. Having grown up in Elk River, I feel an affinity with Becker, so I was glad to see them beat the Hill-Murray Pioneers, and looked forward to the championship game set for April 9.

I tuned in as the National Anthem was playing to see the Marshall girls with their hands on their hearts. The camera then showed the Becker team. To my amazement, not one member of the Bulldogs had hand on heart; all had their hands behind their backs. I was so appalled, I turned off the game.

The Becker teachers and coaches have failed these student athletes. These girls now have an award, but they are evidently unaware that they have something far more important. Steams of immigrants crossing our southern US border as I write this know what these girls don't know, or have not been taught to appreciate. To be born a citizen of the United States, or to have the opportunity to live here, is something people die for every day. No other country, even with our flaws, can compare to the liberty and freedom we have in this country.

It's really too bad that the students in the Becker public schools are growing up without knowing this.

Thank you,
Georgia Dietz
St Paul, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

In your article, *Cen. Minnesotans tell Xcel, "We're no Fools"*, Xcel asserts that a new gas plant in Becker is needed to meet customers' electrical needs in all weather conditions. That is not true! Multiple reports, including the "Minnesota's Smarter Grid" study, clarifies that wind and solar energy will meet the future demand for power, including at peak times of use, because we have the technological capacity to develop the necessary energy storage to meet that demand.

Xcel also states the new gas plant will have 90 percent fewer carbon emission. In reality, the combined methane emissions during fracking, flaring, transportation, and burning gas will have

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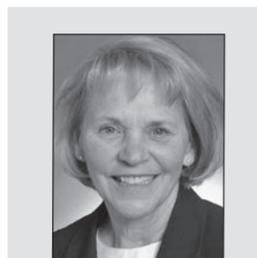
(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot from Mary Kiffmeyer's team).

With less than a month to go in session, my fellow legislators and I are continuing to spend many hours on the Senate floor working to set a state budget. While these omnibus bills bring much debate, we aim to pass a budget that is sensible for Minnesota after a tough year.

The Jobs Omnibus will put economic recovery for all of Minnesota at the forefront of everything we do. Our community has been hit hard by a year of restrictions and shutdowns, and this bill provides financial resources to businesses to help our local employers thrive and grow as we emerge from the pandemic.

Similarly, the Agriculture Omnibus will help our rural communities by providing targeted investments to address shortcomings in our current agriculture system that have been exposed by the pandemic, including problems with the availability of meat processors and the extensive financial and mental strain on our farmers.

As we further enter Spring and Summer, it is great to note that the Environment Omnibus will help protect our lakes and rivers, wildlife, and our outdoor traditions. Minnesotans take pride in caring for the



By Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer

land and this provides commonsense protections for the environment without burdensome government regulations.

In the past year, I have heard from many constituents with concerns about public safety. The Judiciary Omnibus bill focuses on keeping Minnesotans safe, gives crime victims the justice they deserve and provides increased support to our probation and corrections officers as they oversee offenders serving out their sentences.

In addition to the Judiciary Omnibus, there have been a couple of other notable measures pursued this session to keep our communities safe. This year the Senate's Transportation Committee approved a bill that will crackdown on distracted and reckless drivers who ignore school bus stop arms to help make sure kids are safe when they are at the bus stop. I find it unacceptable that we must even

consider that this level of irresponsibility and inattentiveness occurs around children and school buses. We won't let this continue. I am proud of my colleagues for bringing awareness to this issue and I hope Minnesotans will be reminded of the importance of abiding by stop-arm laws. Priceless life is at stake.

Additionally, on Monday I voted in favor of emergency funding for law enforcement, as requested by Gov. Walz. During these tumultuous times, it is vitally important for all of us to feel safe in our own homes, communities, and streets. The bill, S.F. 2441 secures \$2.75 million for the law enforcement response to civil unrest through the Interstate Emergency Management Assistance Compact and \$6.3 million for Minnesota State Trooper expenses related to the unrest and Chauvin trial; our American jury system works.

I remain committed to fighting for your needs at the Capitol in any way I can. I am always available to talk and encourage you to reach out to my office with your questions, comments, and concerns. My phone number is 651-295-5655 or you can email me at Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@senate.mn

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worse impact on the environment than coal. Methane is 84 times more dangerous to the environment than CO2.

Multiple studies have indicated that a new fossil gas plant is economically unsound. Xcel's 2019 Colorado Energy Report states: "We are not building any new gas generation, reducing the risk of stranded costs." Xcel is currently proposing to build a new billion-dollar fracked gas plant in Becker Minnesota. The burden of those stranded costs will be placed on customers' shoulders.

Wind, Solar, and energy storage works! We cannot replace one problem (coal) with another (fracked gas).

Chuck Derry
Clearwater, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

When it's school referendum time, we're often encouraged to vote yes "for the children". This time, that's not the case.

After last fall's survey, I agree there is an argument to be made for increasing our hands-on science labs and maintaining our facilities through repairs, upgrades and staff. However, I was disappointed to see that the school district greedily lumped all of their financial requests into one question.

Every. Single. Request.

But the biggest disappointment of all — "transitioning" of students. This idea, conveniently absent from the community survey, includes moving fifth grade students into the middle school. How often do we complain that our children grow up too quickly? While I am appalled at the irresponsibility of the "git 'er done" referendum question, the travesty dubbed "transition" is my primary concern. Ironically, I'll be voting no "for the children."

Danae Giebenhain
Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Patriot, you really got my hopes up when I read a brief April 8 article that there would be a longer one on April 15 about a Sierra Club press conference held to expose the financial and environmental risks that will result if Xcel builds a new billion-dollar fracked gas plant in Becker. "Finally, something about the gas plant", I thought. This is because I had read numerous *Patriot* articles submitted by Xcel which showcased any minor move they made to support renewable energy but, without fail, neglected to mention the gas plant.

Unfortunately, my hopes were dashed reading the April 15 article. Instead of reporting the facts presented at the press conference or investigating their veracity, the *Patriot* had Xcel rebut every point with tired industry misinformation about how great fracked gas is - all points designed to manufacture the reader's consent.

Patriot. This barely qualifies as journalism. And to the reader -- Don't be fooled by the *Patriot's* allegiance to our corporate overlords. In Colorado, Xcel has said "no" to new gas plants; why a billion dollar "yes" here? Is it because Xcel has the *Patriot* in their back pocket? Get the facts. Save the planet. Stop this plant."

Nancy Hassett
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

The world is upside down and the media is playing us. Think about what they talk about daily, fear and race! It is time to NOT trust everything they say or show. Do your research & open your mind. Climate change or climate emergency will be their next tactic. Censorship, cancel culture, wokeism, rioting, racism, lock downs, defunding the police, propaganda news and critical race theory are tactics that need careful attention. Our children & grandchildren are depending on us! Following are just a few examples, because of the limited space: COVID-19 death, drama and the vaccine; January 6th raid on U.S. Capitol; Russian collusion hoax; BLM organization hoax; 60 minutes editing of Desantis story; Jeffery Epstein child sex trafficking scandal; NY Governor Cuomo under investigation; 2020 Election fraud; Hunter Biden's laptop scandal; Illegal Immigration – the cages? When President Trump was in office he was raked over the coals for how people were treated; now the media is OK with how Biden is handling it even though it is 10 times worse.

Wanda Herkenhoff
Becker, MN

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ger. The reauthorization of this funding will ensure Be The Match can reduce the time patients wait for a transplant, protect access to transplants, and save lives through cellular therapy.

Sanctity of Life

Every life is precious, and I have made it a priority in Congress to support and defend life. Recently, I became a co-sponsor of an important piece of legislation that would put a stop to infanticide in our nation. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act will save lives and ensure the appropriate medical care is provided to survivors of abortions.

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act was introduced by my good friend and colleague, Rep. Ann Wagner, to ensure babies born alive after an attempted abortion receive the same care that any other baby born prematurely would receive. This legislation mandates that the health care practitioners perform necessary life-saving measures and admit the infant into the hospital if necessary. Any health care provider who does not comply with the requirements are subject to criminal penalties, and any individual who intentionally kills an infant surviving an abortion attempt is subject to a murder prosecution.

On April 14, 2021, I join my colleagues in signing a discharge petition to force a vote in the House of Representatives on this important legislation. A discharge petition will – if signed by a simple majority of 218 members of the House of Representatives – move the corresponding legislation to the House floor for a debate, and finally, a vote.

By refusing to hold a vote on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, House Democrats are allowing infanticide to continue in our nation. Life is too precious for this to be tolerated in our country, and I will

do everything in my power to support this bill's passage in the House of Representatives.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

This month marks the 20th anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and serves as a time for us to focus on the ways we can prevent sexual violence and support those who have experienced it. One in every six American women will be impacted by sexual assault, and someone is assaulted every 73 seconds. These heartbreaking statistics represent a life that has been forever changed by this horrible crime. That's why the month of April is so important and it is vital that we support survivors.

The first, and the most important, thing we can do is ensuring that we bring perpetrators of these crimes to justice—but that is easier said than done. Out of every 1000 assaults, 995 perpetrators will walk free, making sexual assault the crime where perpetrators are least likely to be imprisoned. What's more, only 23% of assaults are reported in the first place. We must craft a system for reporting and prosecuting assaults where survivors feel safe coming forward.

Earlier this year, I reintroduced the Abby Honold Act. This legislation was inspired by the story of a University of Minnesota student who was assaulted by a classmate. When she was questioned by law enforcement, however, Abby's body recoiled from the shock and shut down, leaving important details and facts about what happened inaccessible.

For many survivors of sexual assault, the story would end here and the crime would not have been met with justice.

But Abby's nurse was trained in trauma-informed interview techniques, an evidence-based practice, that enables professionals and first responders, such as law enforcement,

(Editor's Note: The Patriot plans to run a recipe or two each week from locals and their favorite recipe books. Have a recipe to share? Contact the Patriot!)

Crab Salad

- 1 pound Imitation crab meat;
- 1 shallot minced (you can use red onion if desired);
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise;
- 1/2 cup celery minced;
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika;
- 1/2 teaspoon dill;
- 1/4 teaspoon Kosher salt;
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper.

Submitted by *Jordie Stay.*

Deli-Style Chicken Salad

- 1/2 cup polonaise;
- 1/2 cup Miracle Whip;
- 1 teaspoon paprika;
- 1 teaspoon seasoning salt;
- 4 cups cooked chicken, cubed

- or shredded:
- 1 cup dried cranberries, dried cherries or grape halves;
- 1/2 cup chopped celery;
- 2 green onions, chopped;
- 3/4 cup chopped green pepper or apple;
- 1 cup toasted pecans, chopped;
- Ground black pepper to taste.

Submitted by *Sonya Stay.*

Butternut Squash Sweet Potato Soup

- 2 tablespoons olive oil;
- 1 small yellow onion, finely chopped;
- 2 carrots, peeled and finely chopped (about 3/4 cup);
- 1/4 teaspoon salt;
- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled and diced (about 5 cups);
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and diced

Recipe

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- (about 3 cups);
- 4 cups vegetable broth;
- 1/2 cup full fat coconut milk;
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder;
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger;
- 1/4 teaspoon curry powder;
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg.

In a large pot, warm the olive oil over medium heat. Add the carrot and onion, sprinkle with salt and cook for 5 minutes. Add the spices then stir together.

Next, add the diced squash and sweet potato to the pot, then pour in the vegetable broth and bring to a boil. Reduce to simmer and cover while allowing it to

cook for about 20 minutes or until all the veggies are very tender.

Using an immersion blender or regular blender, puree the vegetables until a thick, smooth consistency is reached. Transfer mixture back to pot then pour in the coconut milk. Stir to combine, then cook until heated through, about 5 minutes. Serve warm and enjoy!

Submitted by *Rosie Keeler.*



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Sage Grouse Has Unusual Mating Ritual

By Naturalist Stan Tekiela

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

The rights of spring are particularly interesting, especially in the bird world. I was thinking about this the other morning while filming a male Ruffed Grouse drumming on a log. But I wasn't thinking about the Ruffed Grouse, I was thinking about a close relative to the Ruffed Grouse, the threatened species, the Greater Sage Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*).

The Sage Grouse, also known as the Sagehen, is the largest grouse species in North America and lives in several western states. The Sage Grouse has been in the spotlight for decades when their populations started to drop dramatically about 50 years ago.

Like other members of the grouse family, Sage Grouse has an unusual mating ritual each spring. Males will congregate in displaying or dancing grounds called a lek. At the lek, the males gather pre-dawn and display, dance, and call loudly. Upwards of 30 to 50 males gather to display from late winter when there is often snow still on the ground into late spring when the flowers bloom. The grounds or area where the lek is located are often used every year for hundreds of consecutive

years by many generations of males. This makes the lekking ground extremely important and critical for the species survival.

It's funny, when you look at the lek, it doesn't appear any different from any other part of the sage brush land-



scape but presumably the birds are seeing something completely different with males traveling for several miles in all directions to converge on the same lek each spring. Perhaps this is just one more example of wildlife being able to perceive something that we humans cannot.

The males will start to strut in the dark, just before dawn and will continue for several hours. At some leks this same activity will take place in the evening just before sunset but in my experience, this doesn't happen all that often. The middle part of the day is spent feeding and resting.

The females gather

around the edges of the lek and watch the males perform. Presumably, the females are watching for specific traits or feather conditions. Or maybe it's the way the males dance or strut. It would be fascinating to know what the females are seeing to indicate the best male. Either way, I have spent many hours watching the males dancing and I can't see any difference at all. Another good example of the birds being able to detect something that we humans cannot.

In the lek there is one dominant male. This male tends to be at the center of the lek or at least the center of the other males who gather around him. This dominant male will breed with around 80 percent of the females who visit the lek. Typically, only two or three other sub-dominant males out of all the males that display at the lek will do all the mating each year.

Females approach the male of their choosing and they often copulate right on the spot. Sometimes the two of them fly off together for a brief encounter. Either way, copulation takes only seconds, and the male is right back to displaying. Females mate many times before they head out into the sage brush landscape to lead a solitary life of nesting and raising the young. Now for the bad news.

A recent report shows that Sage Grouse populations have declined 80 percent since 1965 across the 11 states in the west where Sage Grouse occur. What is more concerning is that more than half of that decline has happened in just the past 20 years. It was estimated that some 16 million Sage Grouse once lived across the high desert western states. It is now estimated that there are only about 200,000 to 400,000 left.

The reason for this incredibly steep decline in grouse population is the habitat they need to survive is being overtaken by housing developments, uncontrolled wildfires, and worse yet, uncontrolled grazing of cattle. In addition, there are several species of invasive grasses that have moved into the sage brush landscape thus changing the habitat, making it unsuitable for the Sage Grouse.

The report predicts that more than 50 percent of the current leks will become inactive due to these reasons over the next 20 years. No matter what, this would more than likely lead to very dire consequences for the amazing Sage Grouse in our lifetime. Until next time...

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Keeping wild families together: Simple steps for what to do when you find young wildlife

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge.)

Signs of spring come in many forms here in Minnesota. We at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service know that with the warmer temperatures comes the hope that the ground will begin to thaw and that spring isn't far behind.

As sunny days lure you outdoors to clean up your yard or garden, we wanted to share some advice from the team at Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge about what to do if you find young wildlife on your property. Take a few minutes to learn some simple steps to protect wildlife.

As the spring season ushers in a new generation of wildlife, your yard might be just the right mix of safety and shelter for wildlife that were recently born in underground dens, like American badgers and red foxes, and others that are hatching in high up nests, like bald eagles and great horned owls. While those youngsters might be harder to spot, white-tailed deer fawns are a more common sighting.

Hidden in plain sight

Spring is a vulnerable time for young deer. For the first six weeks after they give birth, female deer leave their newborn or young fawns curled up in a safe space while they venture off to find food. This may not seem safe to you, but for deer, this is all about safety. If adult deer took their young with them to find food, the journey would be slow, given the wobbly legs of their offspring. Curled up, a fawn's spotted coat and lack of scent allows them to largely remain undetected by predators while the adult is off finding food. If you spot a fawn in your garden, on your porch or even in a roadside ditch, leave them be and monitor them throughout the day from a safe distance. If the doe doesn't return within several hours, or the fawn has been crying at length without the parent responding, call a permitted wildlife rehabilitator for next steps.

Similarly, eastern cottontail rabbits leave their young alone in shallow nests, only returning to nurse them in the early morning and late evening. If you discover a nest in your yard, it's best to put the young rabbits back in their nest, cover them back up and keep your pets and children a safe distance away. If you're worried that the adult has abandoned them, call a permitted wildlife rehabilitator for next steps.

Raccoons might choose to take up residence under your porch or in your boat under the cover. These types of locations are similar to the tree cavities that they usually nest in and provide them a safe and quiet environment to raise their young. Early spring is the time to secure any holes or gaps and to add lighting (even a shop light) to any dark and cozy areas, before they have their young in May and truly set up shop. Similar to the rabbits, if you suspect that young are orphaned, call a permitted wildlife rehabilitator for next steps. We bet you're starting to see a trend in our advice! Simply put, when in doubt, keep a distance and contact your local wildlife rehabilitator for next steps.

Found a baby bird?

Another common animal you might come across in the spring are baby birds. If you spot a baby bird on the ground, the first step is to determine if it's a just-hatched nestling or a teenage fledgling. Nestlings

will be pink with minimal feathering and won't move much on the ground. Fledglings, in contrast, will be mostly feathered, though they might look awkward as they hop on the ground. Nestlings should be gently returned to their nest if you can find it. Don't worry that your scent will deter their parent from caring for them—that's a myth that needs to be busted. If you've instead encountered a fledgling, the best thing you can do is leave them be. This allows them to continue learning how to hop, fly and find food under the loose supervision of their parents.

If a bird starts building an unwanted nest on a structure, like over a light or under an overhang, you should address it sooner rather than later. Almost all birds native to the United States, including their nests and eggs, are protected by federal law. Once migratory bird eggs have been laid, federal regulations require that you leave the nest undisturbed until the chicks have left the nest.

Call first and save a trip

While we are happy to provide you with information, we'll most likely direct you to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Roseville (651-486-9453) or Wild and Free in Garrison (320-692-5417). Both locations are permitted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and specialize in taking care of orphaned or wounded animals. Unless the animal is injured or obviously sick, please call prior to bringing them in, as the trip is likely unnecessary. If the young rabbits or other animals are healthy, and the rehabilitator doesn't suspect that the parents have abandoned the young, you'll likely be sent back home and advised to return the young to their nest. It's always better for the wild family to stay together, if at all possible.

If you do need to bring wildlife to a rehabilitation center, there are a couple things to keep in mind. Most wildlife are protected by state and federal regulations which means that only permitted rehabilitators can take in and keep animals onsite. These regulations also can apply to transporting animals, so it's safest to call your local conservation officer before beginning the capture and transport process. If you are unsure what agency to call, call the Department of Natural Resources at 651-296-6157. Also keep in mind that there are always risks when trying to capture wildlife, and you need to keep your personal safety in mind.

Please note that we are unable to accept animals at Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge and that releasing animals onto the refuge is not allowed. Not only is this illegal, releasing wildlife from outside the refuge displaces other native animals and can potentially spread disease.

The best way for you to protect wildlife that you discover on your property is most often to give it space to move through the vulnerable time of raising their young. Keeping a respectful distance from your pets and young children is the best gift you can give wildlife. Enjoy the gift of getting a window into what spring means for your native wildlife.

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and is located near the cities of Princeton, Zimmerman, and St. Cloud, in central Minnesota. Website: fws.gov/refuge/sherburne.

Photo above by Debbie Koenigs, USFWS.

BL Twp denies annexation for new solar farm

By Katherine Cantin

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During the recent Big Lake Twp. meeting, one township resident approached the board hoping to annex his property on Hwy. 25 to the city. He wanted to do this since he was hoping to construct a solar farm on the property, and, according to county

ordinances, solar farms are only allowed within city limits, not in the townships.

The board was unanimously adamant in their refusal to allow the annexation. The city and the township have a joint resolution that no property is to be annexed to the city unless that property borders the city proper. This way, the city cannot grow from islands such as the waste-

water treatment plant, or, in this case, from the city's solar field which borders the concerned patry's property.

The resident, and a representative of US Solar, who hopes to construct the solar field, asked the board to consider making an exception this time, but, again, the board refused, not wanting to set a precedent of bending the

rules. Instead, Supervisor Larry Alford suggested that one or two members of the board, the resident, the US Solar representative, and representatives of the county all sit down and find a solution that would allow the resident to construct the solar farm without annexing the property to the city.

Cartway Public Hearing

The public hearing for the Westholter cartway was reconvened, then immediately closed. The landowners had worked out a compromise with their neighbors and withdrew their petition.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Luke McLean gave the sheriff's report to the town board. The department has seen an increase in security checks and requests for extra patrol so far this year, and has been having issues with local storage facilities along Hwy. 10. Most of these facilities are not secured with a fence, but do have adequate lighting and cameras. McLean believes that the extra officer presence is helping to solve the issue.

He asked the township to let the county attorney know if they had updated their ordinances recently, especially if those ordinances included any fines.

The sheriff's office is continuing to investigate fraud in which unemployment checks in county residents' names are being collected by individuals overseas.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Gave positive comments on a septic variance, which will ultimately be approved by the county;
- Discussed the purchase of the new BLFD Brush Rig;
- Heard the treasurer's report;
- Discussed the recent road tour and township roads in need of maintenance;
- And announced there will be a public hearing at the next regular meeting regarding entering into a franchise agreement.

PETNET WORKS

Working with the community to find homes for needy pets

 <p>JOSIE is looking for a low-key home without small children. She's an 8½, 4YO spayed black Lab mix who needs work with her anxiety. Josie seems to exhibit the typical "people-pleasing" behaviors of a lab. She also loves to play with any kind of toy.</p>	 <p>CHIPPY is a chatty 5YO spayed blue and white cat who'd be best as the only cat in her new home. Chippy's going to make some lucky someone a loving roommate and companion! Her adoption fee would be waived for a senior citizen or veteran.</p>	 <p>QWERTY is a 7YO spayed brown and white tabby cat, overweight at 14 pounds, so her new person should be prepared to work with her on some kind of killy weight watcher program. Qwerty's adoption fee would be waived for a veteran or senior citizen.</p>
 <p>DUSTY is a 10MO neutered grey Rex mix. Exercise and enrichment is important for bunnies. When out and about, Dusty will often hop into humans' laps for attention. His previous home reported that he did great with children of all ages.</p>	 <p>RUGBY is a 1YO neutered red tabby cat who'd respond well to interactive toys and will do best in a home where his personal boundaries are respected. His adoption fee could be waived for a senior citizen or veteran.</p>	 <p>CANO is a neutered 10YO Great Dane mix who looks like Scooby Doo! He may be selective of other dogs, so a meet and greet should be done with any resident dogs. This 83-pound guy is a gentle giant and will make a loyal and mellow companion.</p>

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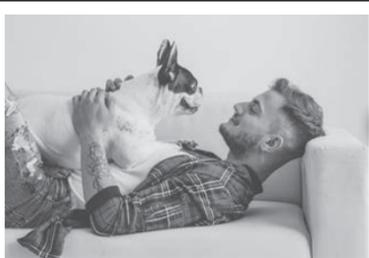
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national legislatures have work in front of them to pass real police reform and accountability measures to deliver on the promises we have made to ensure this never happens again.”

At a news conference, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison argued that the verdict wasn't "justice" but "accountability," which he framed as a step toward justice. "Although a verdict alone cannot end their pain," he said of the Floyd family, "I hope it's another step on the long path toward healing for them. There's no replacing your beloved Perry or Floyd, as his friends called him, but he is the one who sparked a worldwide movement, and that's important."

Appeals Court

Judge Peter Cahill, who read aloud the jury's verdict, said Chauvin, who was handcuffed and remanded to the custody of the Hennepin County sheriff, would be sentenced in eight weeks.

Chauvin's defense attorney Eric Nelson later asked Judge Cahill for a mistrial in light of comments made over the weekend by Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), who urged protesters to "get more confrontational" should Chauvin be found not guilty. Cahill rejected the defense's request but noted that Waters "may have given you something on appeal that may result in his whole trial being overturned."

Attorney Alan Dershowitz maintained Chauvin's guilty verdict should be reversed on appeal because statements from prominent protestors like Democratic Rep. Waters unfairly pressured the jury. "The whole judicial system has been corrupted by identity politics," Dershowitz said.

Andrew McCarthy, a former Assistant United States Attorney in New York, criticized the judge presiding over Chauvin's trial for not sequestering the jury before its deliberations began, questioning if they could have been influenced by coverage of protests.

The odds of a successful appeal are not good, considering some 90% of appeals are denied across the United States.

An appeal in the case is a virtual certainty. But what issues Chauvin's lawyers raise to the appellate court are an open question, according to criminal defense experts.

The range in appeal possibilities could run from the possible bias of jurors, the refusal by Judge Peter Cahill to move the trial or sequester the jury or what some experts are saying were questionable jury instructions on some of the charges Chauvin is now guilty of.

Chauvin could also argue ineffective assistance of counsel — a last option, in experts' opinions, but one that could rise because lead defense attorney Eric Nelson did not often object to emotional witness testimony.

But while nearly every conviction yields an appeal, their success rate is about 10% or lower. This could be further hindered by the fact that in Minnesota, the appellate court is filled with elected officials, who would be tasked with potentially overturning one of the most high-profile murder cases in American history.

After the verdict, Chauvin, dressed in a gray suit, white shirt and blue tie, was quickly handcuffed transferred from the custody of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department to the Minnesota Department of Corrections. He was booked at 4:55 p.m. CT and put in a segregated unit, called the administrative control unit of the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Oak Park Heights.

Chauvin will be assigned an orange jumpsuit with a white T-shirt, a corrections spokeswoman said. MCF-Oak Park Heights houses about 475 inmates, all of whom are designated at either maximum or close custody levels, according to the department. He is expected to remain in custody for the eight weeks prior to sentencing in front of Cahill.

The trial for the three former officers who stood by is expected to begin in August.

BISON from page 1

History Center in Becker."

Many of the bones Barthel and family find are of a recently extinct bison species named Bison Antiquus. Bison Antiquus is the immediate ancestor of modern bison. Modern bison are identified by paleontologists as "Bison Bison".

"As it turned out, we apparently had the world's largest stock of Bison Antiquus skulls in the world, casually resting on a shelf inside our garage," said Barthel. "Many have viewed that shelf of skulls."

Several years ago, Barthel was contacted by scientists from the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs. Chief Scientist Dr. Jim Mead and COO Preston Gable visited the Barthel farm for a brief exploratory "dig" in 2018. They were in the planning stages for a new display and program based on Ice Age mammals and intended to anchor that work on North American bison which evolved and proliferated through the Ice Age.

There have been many communications and visits between the two parties since then.

In 2018, a major new display was built at the Mammoth Site. The educational display includes all the significant Ice Age species of bison. The largest element of the new display is a replication of a typical dig from Barthel's farm.

The replica is about 18 by 14 feet in size. It is incredibly well done and realistic. The Antiquus bones in the display all came from Barthel's farm.

A crew of paleontologists and helpers spent a week at the farm in May 2019 for a scientific dig. During the 2019 dig, interesting discoveries were made so the paleontologists are returning again this May, 2021, for another weeklong dig.

During that week, Wednesday, May 5 has been set aside as Education Day.

"This is the day for students, interested adults, teachers, home schooled groups and families," said Barthel. "No charge, of course. Come to the farm, visit the excavations site, talk to the scientists and see some bones."

Barthel says his farm can handle buses and he plans to shuttle people on hay wagons pulled by horses and antique tractors. Also, porta-potties will be on site.

"Email me (tom@snakeriverfarmmn.com) please if you plan to attend so that I can manage traffic flow and shuttles to the site."

Best regards. Tom Barthel.

Santiago Township tackles road issues

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Santiago Twp. Board met last Wednesday and dealt with a pair of road issues that have been off and on the agenda over the years. One of the roadways is in need of maintenance, while the other quandary includes how to address speeders on County Road 11 that runs through town.

Members of the Becker Twp. Board were present at the meeting to discuss future plans for 67th St., a shared roadway that helps to delineate the border between Santiago (to the north) and Becker (to the south).

It is not uncommon for roads to be shared between two different governmental units, therefore requiring plans for maintenance, construction and cost sharing of improvements. By meeting together, the boards were attempting to

clarify a process to address the future of the road and how to address chronic issues with its maintenance.

In the short term, the supervisors decided that the best course of action is to reclaim the asphalt and turn it temporarily into a gravel surface. This will allow the boards the time to conduct soil borings in the area to determine a root cause of the continued degradation of the roadway.

It is suspected that there could be peat soils under the foundation, thereby allowing the freeze/thaw cycle to wreak havoc with the road.

While the gravel will be a temporary fix to the road, it will allow the boards to further investigate the root causes of the problem and to collaborate on a more permanent road improvement plan for the future. The boards pledged to continue to work together in the future to de-

termine the best course of action.

Speed

Also of concern to the supervisors is the continued speeding issues that plague County Road 11. Over the years, the board has worked with the Sheriff's Office on additional enforcement patrols, as well as a speed sign in an attempt to educate drivers on the need to comply with the speed limit. The fact that the road continues for miles in a straight line on both sides of Santiago seems to exacerbate the issue, as some drivers continue driving much too fast past the several businesses and residences that are located along the route.

Because it is an issue that seemingly arises quite often and continues to generate complaints from the residents of Santiago, the board decided to look at additional options and longer term solutions to the issue.

In the meantime, the Sheriff's Office will continue to patrol the area and will issue citations as needed to encourage compliance with the speed limits.

Community

The board continues to investigate the sale of Station Two's former rescue truck, now that the newer vehicle has been placed into service. Once the title situation is cleared up, a decision will be made on moving forward with a price and method for the sale.

The board also discussed Saturday's (April 24) Clean Up Day, which is hosted again on the grounds of *Centra-Sota*.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 7 pm at the Santiago Town Hall.

St. Cloud Area School District Administrator Appointments

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted as a press release by the St. Cloud School District 742).

Superintendent Willie Jett recently announced new administrator appointments for the 2020-2021 school year.

Principal Deb Jokela has been named the new principal for Oak Hill Community School beginning July 1, 2021. Jokela assumes the position after Mike Rivard was recently named Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education for the district.

Jokela is well known in the District 742 community and brings over 25 years of experience as a teacher, special education supervisor, and assistant principal at Oak Hill. Most recently, Jokela served as Interim Principal of Elementary Education for the Distance Learning Academy.

Principal Brienne Hern has accepted a one-year special assignment for the 2021-2022 school year to work at the district office as a Principal on Special Assignment for Academic Acceleration and School Support.

In this position, she will work with the Research, Assessment and Data team, the Learning & Teaching Team, and assistant superintendents to assess the learning impacts of COVID-19 on our students and to design targeted academic interventions and supports.

Hern brings over 20 years of experience serving in our district as a math teacher and principal and demonstrates expertise in data analysis and strategic action planning.

Principal Heather Ebnet will serve as Interim Principal at Lincoln Elementary School in Hern's absence next year. Ebnet has many years of experi-

ence in the district serving as an intermediate-level teacher, academic coach, and assistant principal. In the past year, Ebnet served as Interim Principal of Secondary Education for the Distance Learning Academy.

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Public Health releases statement about COVID-19 vaccines

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was derived from the Wright County website).

Wright County Public Health has been fielding questions about what the COVID-19 vaccines are and what they aren't. There has been conflicting information put out ranging from claims that

the vaccine has caused a higher infection rate to the vaccine providing immunity from COVID — neither of which are true. Here is a statement from Wright County Public Health:

"Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have showed high efficacy at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection. This means those who were fully vaccinated in the vac-

cine trials were 95 percent (Pfizer) or 94.1 percent (Moderna) less likely to have symptomatic COVID-19 than those who did not receive the vaccine."

"After your final dose, it takes about two weeks for your body to build up protection. After those two weeks, you have good protection against illness.

"Being fully vaccinated is not guaranteed

protection from COVID-19 infection. Though the vaccines work very well, there is a small chance that those who are fully vaccinated could still get COVID-19."

Learn more about the available COVID-19 vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingsstoknow.html>.

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Sports News

Opening day fishing tips from Josh

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by professional guide and fisherman, Josh Hagemester).

10 tips for Opening Day Walleye Success:

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2. Try small, shallow, "no-name", warm lakes—especially this year (drive south?) Don't forget the river;

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4. Fish shallower than you think—2-5ft is not uncommon—even during a sunny day;

5. Fish deeper than you think—20-35ft deep

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6. Fish any possible current areas (creeks/rivers/wind) or shallow sand flats with new weed growth—day or night that's where the for-

age (and feeding fish) are found;

7. Stick to

green or chartreuse;

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Hornet sports team capsules

By Bill Morgan
Editor/Staff Writer
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The Big Lake Hornets sports teams had an eventful week. Following is an encapsulated rundown of games, meets, and matches.

Hornet Baseball

Big Lake fell to North Branch last Friday, 5-1. The Vikings and Hornets stayed tied at 0-0 until the fifth when Big Lake tallied their only run. In the sixth, North Branch exploded for five runs and held on to improve to 2-0.

Big Lake was coming off an opening game win over St. Francis (4-10) April 15 on the road. Next up, the Hornets took on Monticello Tuesday and Becker Thursday.

Hornet Softball

The Hornet ladies captured their first win of the

year last Thursday (April 15) with a 7-1 win over St. Francis to improve to 1-1. Five days earlier they suffered a defeat to Rockford (6-1) in their opening game of 2021.

Next up, they travel to Monticello Tuesday and host Becker Thursday.

Hornet Boys Lacrosse

The boys kicked off their 2021 season Tuesday against Chisago Lakes. Friday, they hosted Becker.

Hornet Girls Lacrosse

The Hornet girls dropped their first match of the season by getting drubbed by Chisago Lakes, 25-0. The girls traveled to Becker Thursday.

Other News

No other information was provided to the Patriot in regards to boys and girls golf, boys and girls track & field, boys tennis and the trap shooting team.



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Bulldog tennis still undefeated in M8

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker tennis team remains undefeated in Mississippi 8 Conference play this season with a pair of conference wins, while they stand at 7-2 overall despite playing some very difficult competition in non conference play.

Last Saturday, the Bulldogs traveled to Elk River and faced some tough competition, finishing the day 1-2.

In the opener, the Bulldogs lost a 5-2 decision to Harding High School.

"This was the best team we have played this year," Coach Hokan Bengtson said. "They are well coached, solid at all 7 positions and had great energy and focus."

Despite the loss, Bengtson noted the fine play of his team's #1 doubles team, as well as his #4 singles player.

"I was proud of our #1 doubles team of Ryan Bengtson and Eli Scheideman - they played really well beating a solid pair,"

Bengtson said. "Troy Nuest continued to play well at #4 singles, winning a tough 3rd set tiebreaker."

Elks
Next up, the Bulldogs faced Elk River, another powerhouse tennis team, and again fell 5-2.

"Elk River is a storied program in MN featuring one of the best coaches around in Randy Ronning," Bengtson said. "We had a really good shot at winning this match, but came up just short at #1 singles and #2 doubles."

The #1 doubles team of Bengtson/Scheideman duo continued its fine play, winning 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, while the 7th grade tandem of Landon Peterson and Sawyer Brown were dominant in their #3 doubles match, winning 6-1, 6-2.

Bison
In the final match of the day, Becker downed the Buffalo Bison, 5-2.

"Zach [Bengtson- #1 singles] played his best match of the year so far and Troy [Nuest] won a hard fought battle at #4 singles," Bengtson said. "We swept



BECKER'S #1 DOUBLES TEAM of Eli Scheideman (preparing to serve) and Ryan Bengtson have been solid competitors in the early season for the Becker boys tennis team (submitted photo).

the doubles to come away with the win."

The #1 doubles team of Bengtson/Scheideman remained undefeated on the year, extending their record to 7-0 overall.

Saints
On Monday, the Bulldogs traveled to St. Francis

and came away with the M8 Conference win over the Saints, winning 7-0.

"The guys played well on a cold, blustery day in St. Francis," Bengtson said. "Everyone won in straight sets."

Picking up singles wins were Z. Bengtson, Luke

Bordson, Bruce Kramer and Nuest.

In doubles, Scheideman/Bengtson won in the opener, followed by the teams of Wyatt Hiltner/Peterson and Nick Gruber/Brown.

Wildcats
Tuesday, the Bulldogs again blanked a M8 school 7-0 as this time the opponent was the Chisago Lakes Wildcats.

Z. Bengtson, Bordson, Peterson and Nuest were winners in the singles match, while in the doubles matches, Scheideman and R. Bengtson were gain perfect in winning 6-0, 6-0.

Hiltner and Brown then teamed up for the win at #2 doubles, followed by sophomores Kramer and Gruber who finished out the sweep with a win at #3 doubles.

"Tuesday was another good day of tennis for the team," Bengtson said. "The guys worked and stayed focused despite the cold temps and a few flurries at times."

Bulldog golf teams hitting the courses

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog golf teams are into the full swing of the spring season, with the girls picking up an early season Mississippi 8 Conference win, while the boys are working towards consistency on the course.

Last Thursday, the girls team traveled to Monticello for the first conference match and came away as the champions by firing a round of 377, a full 17 strokes better than second place Cambridge-Isanti.

"This was a big conference win for the Lady Bulldogs," Coach Anna Babler said.

Bulldog Ashley Reed placed 2nd overall with a round of 89, while teammate Emma Benson fired a 91, good enough for 3rd. Other scorers were: Gretchen Graftaas 98 (10th place), Layla Mathews 99 (11th place), Kylee Rick 107 (20th place) and Alexa Voller 107 (21st place). The huge win puts the girls in the lead after the first conference match, although the schedule heats up in the next several weeks with more consistent matches and better weather ex-



BECKER'S TUCKER RHODES addresses the ball and prepares to tee off at the first meet of the season (Submitted Photo).

pected.
Boys
Last Thursday, the boys team hosted a competition at Pebble Creek and faced some early season jitters, finishing in 10th place on their home course with a round of 364. Detroit Lakes was the winner, shooting a

total score of 306.

"We struggled on our home course," Coach Dan Olson said. "A lot of mental mistakes made by players, but understandable as it was our first competitive meet of the season."

Zach Stanz paced the team with a round of 82,

good enough for 17th place.
Monticello
Monday, the boys traveled to Monticello for a competition and again faced some inconsistencies in their swings en route to a round of 361. Maple Grove was the winning team with 303 total strokes.

"Players had some stretches of good golf mixed in with a few blow up holes," Olson said. "I need to get them to limit the damage on their bad holes."

Stanz again led the effort with a round of 84, while the rest of the team showed a bit more consistency: Matthew Martindale 91, Ethan Tobako 93, Tucker Rhodes 93, Brock Ramola 93 and Grayson Kipka 94.

M8
Tuesday, the boys opened up conference play with a match in Chisago Lakes and the Bulldogs showed some signs of strong improvement, lowering their score to a total of 350 strokes, good enough for 5th place.

"Another cold day for golf, but not an excuse as all teams played the same course and conditions," Olson said. "The boys are better golfers than their

scores are showing."

Princeton paced the M8 teams, placing first with a score of 311 strokes and setting the standard for the Bulldogs to aim for in the next several meets.

Stanz was again the leader for the Bulldogs, shooting a round of 82, while Matthew Martindale finished 14th overall with a round of 86. Other scorers included: Grayson Kipka 89, Ethan Tobako 93, Tucker Rhodes 99 and Brock Ramola 102.

Despite some of the early struggles, Olson is confident that his team can get back on track and shoot the scores each player is capable of on any given day.

"We are going to have to go back to the basics at practice to see if we can cut out the big numbers that seem to be plaguing our rounds," Olson said.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to continue play Thursday at Bullrush for their second M8 meet and then Rich Springs on Friday for a dual meet against Moorhead.

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Bulldog baseball team optimistic in 2021

By Bill Morgan
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Tyler Niedfeldt returns to the helm of the Becker Bulldog baseball team for the fifth straight season. Niedfeldt will be assisted on the field by Matt Eigen and Brady Taylor will be student manager.

Turnout numbers are down this year due in large part to the opportunities the spring sports season offers student/athletes. Niedfeldt has 43 players for grades 9-12 and 11 seniors to fill up 14-16 varsity spots.

"This is my fifth year as the varsity coach and ninth year in the program," said Niedfeldt. "I have a passion for teaching and coaching life lessons through hard work and teamwork."

Senior Luke Eigen is the team's lone 'captain' but Niedfeldt says his team consists of many great seniors!

"Mitchell Loudon has been with me since his sophomore year and has been a solid leader by example," he said. "We also have many servant leaders who are willing to do the unpleasant things like showing up early and staying late to help with equipment and raking and any other odds and ends things that need to be done. Matthew Huffman is a shining example of one of those senior leaders."

Over Niedfeldt's tenure, he's seen many great teams come through the ranks, but he's not sure his teams have developed any sort of sincere rivalry

against local teams. However, the team just east of Becker on Hwy. 10 could possibly be that rival.

"I wouldn't say that we have any rivalries in the traditional sense where two teams dislike each other and can't stand one another," he said. "We have a pretty natural rivalry with Big Lake just because of how close the two schools are and we play



each other in every sport throughout the entire school year."

"The other team that has bested us regularly would be Sauk Rapids-Rice," Niedfeldt says. "They have eliminated us in the playoffs each of the last three years by very narrow, come from behind victories. These two teams have been well coached and every time we play, we know that it is going to be a great game and that if we do not play well, we probably aren't going to win."

With COVID-19 protocols still in place yet this spring, Niedfeldt finds he and his coaches still have to keep the rules in mind to keep the kids safe.

"We are at the liberty of the virus and potential quarantines," he said. "As a staff, we are ensuring that our players are following the mask rules and keeping our pods small. We are continuing to

stay

socially distanced to the best of our ability and we know that we have a solid system in place to help avoid any contact tracing issues within our program."

Niedfeldt was an all state baseball player in Wisconsin both his junior and senior years. He was recruited to play collegiately and even had an offer from the Dodgers to look at joining their system in the minors, but ultimately chose to follow by passion for football and at-

tended SCSU on an athletic scholarship to play football for the Huskies.

No regrets for the head coach as he enjoys his place in the world of teaching kids the game he loves.

"The hardest, and best, part of coaching high school athletes is helping to guide them into becoming the best person they can be by using athletics to teach life lessons," he said. "The discipline and dedication it takes to commit to something bigger than yourself is a great starting point. The sacrifice athletes must make in order to thrive in their sport builds a strong work ethic that will lead them in their lives well after high school athletics. I know it did for me and that is what we are trying to accomplish in our program here at Becker."

With the added spring opportunities for student-athletes in lacrosse, rugby and even bass fishing, the coaches at Becker have an extensive athlete pool to recruit players to their teams.

"We have a very strong group of young players and the future looks great for the program," he said. "Mark Kolbinger has done an amazing job with our lower level teams getting and keeping kids interested and having fun so that they continue to come out year after year. They have enjoyed quite a bit of success along the way as well."

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Bulldog softball uses long ball to blast Tigers, Magic

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

Spectators beware: it might be hazardous to one's health to sit beyond the outfield fence when the Becker Bulldog softball team is in town. In the past week, they used a total of six home runs to pick up a pair of wins in Mississippi 8 Conference play.

It was a home run derby Tuesday night as the Becker Bulldog softball team downed the Princeton Tigers, 14-1. The Bulldogs knocked four pitches over the fence and several players on the team notched important "firsts" in their varsity softball careers.

The first "first" came from Maddie Sherman, who picked up the win in her first varsity start in the pitcher's circle, going seven innings and allowing five hits. Her control was spectacular, as she didn't walk a batter and she also picked up nine strikeouts.

The first long ball came from Brooke Hendrickson, who led off the second inning with a home run for the Bulldogs before Hannah Bartlett and Krista Paulson would add runs later in the inning to make it 4-0.

After a scoreless third, Cadence Koste hit her first varsity home run, a three-run shot to make it 7-0. In the fifth, Makenna Zerwas hit a two-run homer, also her first varsity home run, making the score 9-0. Later in the inning, Sherman reached on a single and pinch runner Kennedy Drehmel scored on a single off the bat of Kyla Henkemeyer, who picked up her first varsity hit and RBI.

The Tigers then put a run on the board in the bottom of the sixth to make it 10-1 and send the game to the seventh inning, where Zerwas would add a second home run, this time a three-run bomb to bring the final score to 14-1. Not to be



BECKER'S MAKENNA ZERWAS gets ready to touch home plate after hitting her second home run against the Princeton Tigers. (Submitted Photo).

outdone, Jada Soltau also added to the firsts with her first varsity hit.

Zerwas finished the night 2-for-5 with five RBI and Koste was 3-5 with five RBI as well. Kurstyn Patnode and Bartlett would each add two hits of their own in the dominating win.

Magic
Last Thursday, the Bulldogs defeated Monticello 12-4 behind Patnode's first varsity start at the pitcher position.

Becker put up two runs in the bottom of the first inning as Maddie Sherman drove in a run with a bases loaded walk and Brooke Hendrickson followed with an RBI single. The Magic answered with an unearned run in the top of the second, but the Bulldogs answered with two more runs in the bottom of the inning on RBI singles from Koste and Zerwas. The bottom of the third brought in two more runs on a two RBI double off the bat of Patnode, be-

fore a Hendrickson two-run homer in the bottom of the fourth made it 8-1.

Just when it looked like the Bulldogs might pull away, the Magic used a walk and four singles in the top of the fifth to pull to within 8-4. But Becker answered with two more runs in the bottom of the inning when Patnode hit a two-run homer, her first as a varsity player.

Consistency ruled the day as Becker again added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth on a Hannah Bartlett double. Patnode picked up the win, going all seven innings and allowing four runs (3 earned) on nine hits and two walks, while striking out seven. The sophomore also had a big night at the plate, going 4-for-5 with four RBI.

Hendrickson and Bartlett each added three hits for the Bulldogs, while Krista Paulson and Zerwas added two.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play at Big Lake on Thursday before hosting Cambridge-Isanti on Friday. On Tuesday, the Bulldogs head to St. Francis for a battle with the Saints. Complete coverage of the three games can be found in next week's Patriot.



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Girls track team takes 1st, 2nd in 2 meets

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Tuesday, the Becker Bulldog girls track & field team held their first meet of the season at home. Due to the inclement weather, the girls ran the meet indoors.

It was a dual meet with Princeton. Team scores were Becker 43, Princeton 29.

Senior captain Cassidy Pleoger had an impressive day, taking first in the 55 (7.81), 200 (29.67) and first in the 4x100 along with Paige Maunu, Lauren Woelfel and Regan Hausmann.

Also earning first place at this meet was Meghan Swanson running her first meet and taking the top spot in the 1600 (6:30.43). She was followed by Kayla Gruenes in second (6:31.55), Olivia Babler third (6:31.95) and Brooklyn Karel fourth (6:35.95).

Seventh-grader Katelyn Brower won her first race, the 400, with a time of 73.43 and another seventh grader - Naiya Hanson took third (79.17). This was the first ever track meet for the seventh graders.

Captain Grace Schendel also had a good start to her season, placing first in the shot put with an effort of 25'3" and senior Emma Borrego placed third (22'1").

Regan Hausmann captured second place in the 55 hurdles (10.04) and third and fourth in the long jump from Paige Maunu (14' 3 1/2") and Captain Jessica Gruenes (13' 4 1/2").

Becker's 4x800 relay started off the meet in strong fashion with a first place finish from the team of Meghan Swanson, Brooklyn Karel, Kayla Gruenes and Lexi Rose.

The girls finished the meet off with exciting and close competition with the 4x400 relay. Brooklyn Karel started off followed by seventh grader Raelee Lyon, and Kayla Gruenes who all ran well and kept the team very close to Princeton, who had the lead until Becker's fourth runner, Regan Hausmann took the baton! She ran a very aggressive race and passed the Princeton run-



PAIGE MAUNU (R) handed off the baton to teammate Lauren Woelfel (L) in the 4x100 race at Monticello last week. (Submitted Photo.)

ner on the first backstretch. From there the race was on as they battled it out over the final lap with Hausmann gutting it out for the win.

Becker did not compete in the pole vault, high jump and discus or 3200 as they were indoors and couldn't bring the pits back in.

"I'm very proud of the entire team on our first competition in two years," said Head Coach Trish Kealy. "Many of these athletes were competing in a varsity meet for the first time and were very supportive of all our teammates."

"We always enjoy competing against Princeton as they are well coached and always friendly - love the relationships that can be developed among the kids in this sport!"

Monticello Meet
Becker's second meet was held Thursday in Monticello at their fine facility.

This was a four team meet and the team scores were Monticello 128.5, Becker 61.5, Princeton 52 and Northwest Nighthawks 2.

Becker's 4x800 team of Lexi Rose, Katelyn Brower, Brooklyn Karel, and Kayla Gruenes started the running events off with a win running 11:06.9.

Hausmann took second in the 100 hurdles (18.25 her second best time ever)

Sarah Woelfel captured fifth (19.20), Lauren Woelfel followed (20.06) as well as Meghan Swanson (21.17) and Avery Boyer (23.08).

Cassidy Pleoger continues her success by taking first in the 100 meters (13.69) and Paige Maunu finished fourth (14.77).

"Cassidy and the entire first heat of runners had to re-run the race due to a timing malfunction so she basically had to win it twice," said Kealy.

The 4x200 team finished third, run by Raelee Lyon, Naiya Hansen, Alea Briggs and Emilia Hanson.

Becker's 1600 runners all improved their times from the last meet. Meghan Swanson came in fifth (6:03.99) Brooklyn Karel seventh (6:21.62) Kayla Gruenes ninth (6:22.67) and Olivia Babler 10th (6:24.01).

The relay team of Paige Maunu, Lauren Woelfel, Sarah Woelfel and Cassidy Pleoger placed second.

"We have had little time working on exchanges and had one that could be improved upon that will help our future races but the girls ran well," said Becker's head coach.

The Bulldog's 400 race had Katelyn Brower placing fourth (71.49 PR time), Raelee Lyon seventh (80.43) and Annika Howe eighth (29.29).

Instead of 300 hurdles, the host team elected to run a transition race of 200 hurdles because there has been little time for technique instruction yet this season.

Sarah Woelfel placed fourth (35.37), Regan Hausmann fifth (35.73), Lauren Woelfel seventh (36.50) and

Meghan Swanson eighth (37.18).

Lexi Rose placed third in the 800 with a time of 2:42.20 and Alea Briggs seventh (2:49.84).

Cassidy Pleoger came in third in the 200 (29.27), and Paige Maunu sixth (31.63).

The 4x400 team ran well and took first with the team of Katelyn Brower, Regan Hausmann, Kayla Gruenes and Lexi Rose (4:45.6 taking 11 seconds off their previous time).

Becker's field events competitors had a good day as well. In the shot put, Anna Briggs placed third (28'1") and Grace Schendel sixth (25'5"). In the discus, Schendel placed third (69' 8 1/2") and Anna fourth (69'3").

Anna Kuklok tied for sixth in the high jump (4'2"), In the long jump, Paige Maunu tied for third (13'11"). Lauren Woelfel earned a PR and first place in the pole vault with a vault of 8'6".

"I am so proud of the team and their willingness to adjust and step in when we need to make changes," said Coach Kealy. "Also their sportsmanship was much appreciated by the host school who commented on it to me. I also should mention what a great job out managers are doing for us!"

Becker has two meets this week, Tuesday at St. Francis and Friday at Pierz.

Bulldog boys track continues improvement

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday's meet in Monticello gave the Becker track teams a chance to compete outdoors for the first time this season and the boys team responded well with a third place finish. Head Coach Paul Schmidt noted that there were several small modifications to the meet, but otherwise it was conducted similar to how meets were ran prior to Covid restrictions.

"There was no 3200 run and the 300 hurdles were changed to the 200 hurdles, but otherwise it was a normal co-ed contest," said Schmidt.

Becker scored a total of 55 team points, with Monticello taking the win with its 108 team points. Other participants included Princeton (65 points) and the Northwest Nighthawks (26 points).

In this meet, points were awarded for individuals in 1st through 5th place, with the scoring system of six, four, three, two, and one points awarded, respectively. The top three relay teams also counted towards the team score and the teams were awarded Friday's meet in Pierz where we should have our full team back."

Becker was scheduled Tuesday this past week to travel to St. Francis but the meet was cancelled due to cold weather.

Leading Becker on the individual side was senior Cade Stommes, who took first place in the Pole vault at 10'6" and won the triple jump with a leap of 35'10". Cade was also part of the second place 4x400 team, along with Lukas Karel, Tyson Ricker, and Owen Angell (3:54.24).

Tyson Ricker took second place in the 1600 with a time of 4:45 and was part of the third place 4x800 relay team along with Karel, Mason Becker, and Alex Kinney (9:17).

Eighth grader Owen Angel had what Schmidt called "a great day", placing second in the Pole Vault (10') and third in the high jump (5'4").

"This was the first time Owen competed in a meet in these events," Schmidt noted. "He also took second place in the modified 200 Hurdle race with a time of 29.3."

Schmidt also credited Mason Becker with running a great 800 race, as he finished second with a time of 2:24.87. Alex Kinney took third in the event with a time 2:30.91 to add two points to the Bulldogs' total.

Carter Reckelberg continued to set personal records in both the triple jump — a 35'5" leap which was good for second place — and in the long jump with a 17'10.25" jump which was good for fourth place. Carter also earned a fourth place finish in the 400 with a time of 61.07.

Schmidt noted that Reckelberg and Alex Kinney are just eighth graders but have been stacking up well against the older competition.

"It was a great meet to again see our boys in action," Schmidt said. "We were missing a few athletes due to injuries and illness so we are looking forward to Friday's meet in Pierz where we should have our full team back."

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

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 Shelf. We are no longer collecting used cell phones or printer cartridges. If you have any questions please contact Lion Dale Seavert at (320) 290-5342 (phone or text) or by email at djseavert@gmail.com.

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

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

Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

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

Big Lake American Legion Post #147

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

Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

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

Big Lake Al-Anon

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

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

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

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

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

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

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meets second Tues. of each month at 11am. Meetings via Zoom due to COVID. Contact Recreation & Communication Coordinator Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org 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 Chamber of Commerce Community Fair

Sat., May 8, 10am-1pm. Held at the Big Lake High School Gym. Farmers Market will be set-up outside. COVID guidelines will be observed at this event.

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

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

The Big Lake Lions

Looking for community minded people to join our organization. If interested in getting involved with our organization, please contact any Lion member or send a note to P.O. Box

128, Big Lake, MN 55309 or (763) 263-2218.

Big Lake Lioness

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

Big Lake Lioness - May Day

Our club has been meeting the second Mon. of the month [with mask mandate & social distancing] & continues to review upcoming events/projects that can safely be done.

We will be highlighting our seniors on MAY DAY by delivering May Baskets to local seniors in Big Lake.

Big Lake Lioness Club Sponsors HS Seniors

Seniors have completed their applications & essays for scholarships from local organizations. Two \$1000 scholarships to two lucky seniors to help with their educational needs. Seniors interested in applying for the scholarship must write a 100 word essay on what 'Community Service Means to Me'. Essays are carefully chosen by two members of the Lioness Club to reflect the subject matter & announced at graduation ceremonies.

Big Lake Lioness Election for Officers

In April the club will elect new officers and in May the District Governor of 5M7 will install those officers. As June rolls around, we await the official word on Spud Fest and its activities. We all hope for a safer and healthier summer for everyone!

Big Lake & Orrock Township City of Big Lake 2021 Recycle Day

Sat., May 15. Town of Big Lake Maintenance Building, 20150 166th St. NW, 8am-1pm. For more info go to www.biglaketownship.com.

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.biglake-womenoftoday.webs.com.

Clear Lake City & Township Annual Clean Up Day

Sat., May 1, 7:30am-Noon. Bring your unwanted material & proof of residency to: 7938 116th St SE, Clear Lake Township Hall parking lot. Volunteers willing to work call Bud (320) 761-5793.

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 Valley Business Connection - Business Expo!

Explore Clearwater/Clear Lake. Sun., May 2, 10am-1pm, Clearwater American Legion, running simultaneously with the Sun. Legion Breakfast.

Raffles & Prizes!!!

Clearwater AA/Al-Anon

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

Clearwater AA Meeting

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

Clearwater Legion

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

Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

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

Clearwater Narcotics Anonymous

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

Dementia Support Group

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

FREE - Advocates for Independence

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

Free Grace Recovery

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

FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

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

God's Grub Community Meal

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

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60

We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309. Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

Mental Health Discussion Group

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

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.

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. Sat., May 8, 10am - 2pm spring sale. Plants, baked goods & soups for sale.

5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E n CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker. Mary (612) 219-8648.

Spring Market

Sat., May 1, 9am-1pm. Baked goods, decor, accessories, baby & kids, health & wellness, plants & more.

Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1860 Cty Rd 39 NE, Monticello.

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 home-ownership advisor, call Wright County Community Action at (320) 963-6500 ext. 238 today. Services are unbiased, confidential & free of charge.

Young @ Heart

Group meeting at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater, will be canceled until further notice. We will wait until the state allows churches & other gatherings to begin & then look at our group & make a decision.

Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC at Becker Community Center(BCC)
Monday through Friday, 5am to 5pm.
Coffee, conversation & daily newspapers. Pick up your April calendar at BASC. Watch for May return of Monthly lunch & music, 500 cards, movies & more.
BASC 763-528-0643
Email: basc.becker@gmail.com

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Be part of a new, ongoing volunteer opportunity hosted during youth drop-in hours! Volunteers are needed in two-hour shifts from 1:00-5:00 pm (shifts then being from 1-3 and 3-5 pm), Monday-Thursday. Duties include greeting and checking in our youth (be their first contact!), answering phones, receiving and recording possible donations that would come in. COVID guidelines are being followed in the center, including temperature checks, mandatory masks, and frequent sanitizing. Youth are encouraged to make appointments to maintain safe social distancing in the center.

Indoor and/or Outdoor Chore Service with Senior Community Services
People want to stay living independently in their homes as long as possible, but often need help with light household duties. Assist older adults to stay in their beloved home by helping with raking leaves, weeding, and other light yard cleanup activities. Opportunities to assist in changing light bulbs, general house organizing, and other indoor household tasks are also available.

If you are interested in volunteering in these or other opportunities, please contact:

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

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) is for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, recently had a baby, infants and children to their 5th birthday. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and referrals to health services/community resources. The service is free, and you or your children may be eligible. For more information, please call 763-765-4116 or 1-800-433-5239, or check out the website <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/hhs/wic.php>. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in the administration of its programs. WIC is an equal opportunity provider.

Immunization Tuesdays
Sherburne County's Immunization Clinic offers free or low cost immunizations for children 18 years of age or younger and uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years and older in Minnesota who meet eligibility guidelines on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4000 or 1-800-433-5239.

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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
Senior Pastor: Nathan Bucher, Youth Pastor: Kevin Drehmel, Director of Ministry to Children & Families: Amy Drehmel.
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Sunday Worship Service/Children's Church at 10:30 am - attend in person or watch live stream. Children's AWANA & Momentum Youth Group on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. www.beckerbaptist.org. Find us on social media.
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: Michael Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave. Mass Times: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8:30 am; Sun. 10:30 am. Masses held on 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
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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: Michael Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 440 Lake St N. Mass Times: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8:30 am; Sun. 10:30 am. Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. (Masses held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays in Becker)

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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. 9am drive-in Worship, Sanctuary Worship 10am.
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. Jan-June 8am, July-Dec. 10am.

• **DUELM**
St. Lawrence Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502 or 320-743-2481, 10915 Duelm 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
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• **SILVER CREEK**
Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Obituaries

**SHAYNE CHRISTOPHER MARTIN, AGE 42
BIG LAKE, MN
AUGUST 11, 1978 - APRIL 11, 2021**

Sadly, Shayne lost his long hard battle with leukemia. Shayne was born August 11, 1978 in Marshall Minnesota.

He is preceded in death by his beloved mother Patricia (Patt) Martin of Big Lake, Grandmother Beverly Hussong of Mission Texas, father Kevin Esping of Belle Plaine, the man he thought of as Dad, Joe Winkelman of Big Lake, Stepfather Dwight Martin of Ada Oklahoma, sister Schrae Martin of Minneapolis, Dearly loved Nephews he called 1, 2, 4 & 5. Chance, Skytaire, Jack, Ryder, and beloved niece Renny who was his no. 3. The two boys he called sons, Damen and Bryse Rose and many, many friends and co-workers.

Shayne was a light that shined so brightly in everything he did by touching all lives in his family, in the many friends and even people he did not know. The twinkle in his eyes, smile and his laughter will be remembered and loved

by all who are lucky to have known him. Shayne had a love for books and knowledge, which included his comics for humor. He enjoyed singing karaoke and brought pleasure to anyone lucky enough to hear him sing. From mastering swords with a man, he called brother (Trevor Faudeen) to his musketeers at the Fest. Teaching his niece & nephews and sons archery or knives, which brought him one of his greatest pleasures. He had love and compassion for animals and especially his pals Cyrius & Oliver (Ollie)! He was devoted to family and without his zest for life the world will be darker without the light of Shayne Martin.

Memorial services will be held on May 1, 2021 at 1:00 PM at *Greenwood Cemetery*, County Rd. 43, Big Lake, MN. Celebration of life to follow at his home at 141 Will St. Big Lake Minnesota from 2 to 6 PM.

**WILLIAM "BILL" THOMAS JACOBSON, AGE 84
CLEAR LAKE, MN
(FORMERLY OF BROOKLYN CENTER, MN)
OCTOBER 10, 1936 - MARCH 31, 2021**

Bill was born October 10, 1936 in Little Falls, MN to Ray and Rosella Jacobson. He attended Little Falls High School, where he developed lifelong friendships. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served from 1954-1957. He then enrolled at Moorhead State University, where he was quarterback of the football team and also played basketball and baseball. In college he met fellow student Cheryl "Cherry" Johnson and they married in 1960. Bill graduated with a degree in mathematics in 1961 and they moved to Minneapolis where Bill taught math in the Minneapolis Public School system for 30 years. He retired in 1991 but continued to teach night school for many years. Bill and Cherry had 6 children and made a home in Brooklyn Center, MN, where Bill loved to watch his children play sports, so much that he won the "Spectator of the Year" award from their school. Bill and Cherry enjoyed many travels, including 3 trips to Europe and wintering 17 years in Orange Beach, AL with long-time friends. In 2000, Bill and Cherry moved to Clear Lake, MN where they were able to enjoy time with family and spend many hours boating on the lake.

Bill was an avid golfer, playing almost every day in his later years. He and Cherry loved playing cards, and Bill taught all his children and grandchildren the finer points

of cribbage. He was a kind and gentle man who was always ready for a conversation, a beer, and a card game. He was an accomplished athlete who loved sports but was always modest. His Catholic faith was important to him throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Doris Bernardson, brother Melvin Jacobson and great granddaughter Lennox Granlund. He is survived by his wife Cherry, children Shelly (Michael) Meyer, Shawn (Ken) Springob, Paul (Charlotte) Jacobson, David Jacobson, Jennifer (Mike) Anderson, Christine Jacobson, grandchildren Lindsey (Cory), Garrett, Kelsey (Travis), Dylan, Ryan (Cori), Chloe (Mitch), Brette, Wyatt, Blakke, Alicia, Hope, Michael, and William, great-grandchildren Roman, Brayden, Brecken, Eleanore, Kinsley, and Bauer and many nieces and nephews.

Bill will be interred at the *Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery* in Little Falls, and a Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 22 at *St. Lawrence Church* in Duelm. Visitation will be an hour prior to the service. A gathering and luncheon will follow at the *Stone Creek Golf Club* in Foley. Arrangements have been entrusted to the *Williams Dingmann Funeral Home* in St. Cloud. The family asks that memorials be sent to *Alzheimer's Association*.

**DAVID J. GOHMAN, AGE 61
SAUK RAPIDS, MN
MARCH 20, 1960 - APRIL 15, 2021**

A celebration of life will be 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at the *Sauk Rapids VFW* for David J. Gohman, 61 of Sauk Rapids, who passed away on Thursday at the *St. Cloud Hospital*. Arrangements are entrusted to *Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Sauk Rapids*.

David John Gohman was born on March 20, 1960 in St. Cloud to Herbert and Angeline (Theis) Gohman. He spent much of his childhood on the Mississippi River, hunting, fishing and simply being on the water. He continued this into his adulthood. David was the oldest son in his family, and he took that important leadership role seriously. He married Katie Schotl and they later divorced. He worked at *X-cel Optical* for 26 years as a customer service manager. He was well respected inside and outside *X-cel* in the optical field. He married Tootsie (Schlichting) Kiffmeyer on October 30, 2020. David was very family oriented and loved spending time with his grandkids, nieces and nephews by the pool. He loved to visit with others, as he truly

had the gift of gab. David was a great cook and he enjoyed entertaining. He was a member of the *St. Cloud Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie 622* and volunteered much of his time with the *Sauk Rapids VFW Post 6992*. David will be remembered for being full of laughter and nearly always having a smile on his face.

Survivors include his wife, Tootsie of Sauk Rapids; mother, Angeline of St. Cloud; daughters, Angiela (Brandon Morris) of Cold Spring and Nicole (Dustin) Morris of Sauk Rapids; daughter in law, Kristy of St. Cloud; stepdaughter, Nikki (Joe) Miller of Otsego; sisters and brother, Patricia (Barry) Ryan of Sandstone, Kathryn (Alec) Stier of Eagles Point, OR, Karen (David) Johnson of Sartell, Thomas of St. Cloud and Melissa (Craig Erickson) Gohman of Sartell; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Herbert, in 2012 and son, Joshua in 2020.

Obituary and Guest Book available online: www.williamsdingmann.com

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Public Notices

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE
 WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association (henceforth the Declaration) dated August 11, 2003 and recorded in the office of the County Recorder in and for Sherburne County, Minnesota on August 18, 2003 as Document No. 518022 which said Lien covers the following described property situated in the County of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Lot 4, Block 10, Harrison's Cove, CIC No. 39, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Sherburne County Recorder. Street Address: 677 Independence Drive, Big Lake, MN PID #65-520-1008

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by Nicole Nelson as unit owner to Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association, the principal amount of Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-five Dollars and No/100 (\$3,255.00) for assessments through March, 2021; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt or any part thereof, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota at Sheriff's Main Reception in the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Dr. NW, Suite 100, in the City of Elk River in said County on June 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney's fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owner, her personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on December 3, 2021. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

Dated: March 17, 2021
HARRISON'S COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
FULLER, SEAVER & SWANSON, P.A.

/s/ Timothy D. Fuller 32694
 12400 Portland Avenue South, Suite 132
 Burnsville, MN 55337
 (952) 890-0888

Attorneys for Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 03/20/21; 03/27/21; 04/03/21; 04/10/21; 04/17/21; 04/24/21).

Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 71-PR-21-45 AMENDED NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT OR DISTRIBUTION AND FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL NOTICE TO CREDITORS EX-EMPT ESTATE
In RE: Estate of: Suzanne Marie Aldrich Decedent

Notice is given that a petition has been filed requesting that the Estate assets be summarily assigned and distributed without probate administration.

The petition also requests the probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's last will dated August 24, 2007.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with this Court prior to the hearing or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections or claims are filed or raised, the Court may issue a decree distributing or assigning the Estate's assets.

It is Ordered and Notice is now given that the Petition will be heard on 5/27/2021 at 2:10 pm by this Court at the Sherburne County Government Center, located at 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, MN 55330.
 Date: March 6, 2021

/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry
 Court Administrator Deputy
 Attorney for Petitioner
 John A. Markve, #264969
 Kassandra K. Heinrich-Wydra, #396510
 Makve & Zweifel, P.L.L.C.
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 Maple Grove, Minnesota 55369
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 71-PR-21-53 NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT

In RE: Estate of: Thomas Edward Hoaby, a/k/a Tom Hoaby, Decedent.

Judy Musto Hoaby ("Petitioner") has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent.

It is Ordered that on 5/27/2021 at 3:30 pm a hearing will be held in this Court at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, MN 55330, on the petition.

The petition represents that the Decedent died intestate more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court determine the descent of such property, and assign the property to the persons entitled.

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 petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order a provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing. Publishing this Notice and Order in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401(3).

Date: April 6, 2021
 /s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry
 Court Administrator Deputy
 JEDDELOH & SNYDER, PA
 Gwen M. Anderson, MN# 169766
 803 West Saint Germain St.
 St. Cloud, MN 56301
 Telephone: (320) 240-9423
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 ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 71-PR-20-181 ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In RE: Estate of: Donald LeRoy Sutton, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of May, 2021 at 1:50 pm, a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Elk River, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated September 29, 2020, and for the appointment of Kim Pierzina, whose address is 805 NW 7th Street, Chisholm, MN 55719 as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Clerk of the Court within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred. Date: March 1, 2021
 /s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry
 Court Administrator Deputy
 April A. Lindstrom (ID#0386599)
 Attorney at Law
 545 Highway 23 East Suite 203
 Milaca, MN 56353
 320-774-1900
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/17/21; 04/24/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 71-PR-21-52

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In RE: Estate of: Brian Allen Espe aka Brian A. Espe, Decedent.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:
 It is Ordered, and Notice is given that on 5/27/2021, at 1:30 pm a hearing will be held in this Court at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, Minnesota 55330, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated January 8, 2009, ("the Will"), and for the appointment of Julia A. Espe, whose address is 7023 - 41st Avenue SE, Clear Lake, Minnesota 55319, 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 at the hearing. If proper, and if no objections are filed, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets, 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. Date: April 8, 2021
 /s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry
 Court Administrator Deputy
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Jacqueline M. Schuh (#208140)
ENGELMEIER & UMANAH, P.A.
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 (320) 230-0406
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/17/21; 04/24/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 71-PR-21-32 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In RE: Estate of: Richard H. Fink, Decedent.

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated December 27, 2017, ("Will"), has been filed with the Court. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Court has informally appointed Patty A. Meyer, whose address is 6101 NE River Road, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to 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. Date: April 2, 2021
 /s/ Patricia A. Kuka
 Court Administrator
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 Claudia M. Revermann
 Revermann Law, P.A.
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-PR-21-27 NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (IN-TESTATE)
In Re: Estate of EVERETT WAYNE STETLER, Decedent.

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Colt Stetler, 11925 - 257th Avenue NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398, as the personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. §524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Date: 04/16/2021
 /s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
 Registrar Court Administrator
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 Attorney for Applicant
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Ex Parte Order

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File Number: 71-FA-21-99 Notice of Issuance of Emergency (Ex Parte) Order for Protection by Publication (Minn. Stat. § 518B.01, subd. 8) In the Matter of Nicole Lee Connor vs MARCEL DICKERSON

To Respondent:
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Ex Parte Order for Protection has been issued in this case. You may request a hearing if you contact the court administrator's office within 12 days of the date of publication of this notice. You may obtain a copy of the Ex Parte Order for Protection and the form to request a hearing from the court administrator's office at the following address:

Sherburne County District Court
 13880 Business Center Drive, Suite 100
 Elk River, MN 55330-1692

Failure to request a hearing or to obtain a copy of the Ex Parte Order will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.

Dated: April 16, 2021
 /s/ Patricia A. Kuka
 Court Administrator
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/24/21).



City Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WATERMAIN LOOP CROSSING I-94 IMPROVEMENTS CITY OF CLEARWATER CLEARWATER, MN

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Proposals for the work described below will be received online through *QuestCDN.com* until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read online via the Microsoft Teams link below:
 Microsoft Teams Link: <http://tiny.cc/ClearwaterWtrmnLpCrossJ94>
 Call: 612-428-8778 / Conference ID: 526 147 129#

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately:

545	TON	AGGREGATE SURFACING CLASS 5
310	SQ YD	BITUMINOUS PATCH
585	LIN FT	24" HDPE PIPE CASING - DIRECTIONAL DRILLED
4670	LIN FT	12" PVC WATERMAIN
585	LIN FT	12" PVC WATERMAIN TRENCHLESS
3100	CU YD	COMMON TOP SOIL BORROW
10950	SQ YD	HYDRAULIC MATRIX, FERTILIZER, AND SEEDING
1	EACH	OVERHEAD FILL STATION

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Prevailing Wage Rates, Truck Rentals, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goals, Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions, Buy American Iron and Steel Provisions, and Responsible Contractor Certification.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete by 07/01/2022.
PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #7680818 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$45.00. Please contact *QuestCDN.com* at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

BID SUBMITTAL: A bid shall be submitted online no later than the date and time prescribed. For this project, the City will only be accepting online electronic bids through QuestCDN. To access the electronic bid form, download the project document and click online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

BID SECURITY: A Proposal Bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Clearwater shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

DATED: 4/14/2021
 /s/ Ms. Annita Smythe
 City Administrator
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/17/21; 04/24/21).

School District Public Notices

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726 (BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 726 (Becker Public Schools), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

School District Question 1 Approval of School District Bond Issue

Yes
 No

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker Public Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$37,500,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of classroom additions, the creation of flexible academic spaces and student commons areas, remodeling and equipping of career and technical education classrooms and facilities, construction, equipping and installation of an athletic field, upgrades to HVAC, plumbing, electrical and lighting systems, remodeling and updates to flooring, cabinetry and doors, remodeling and equipping of kitchens and cafeterias, the repair, replacement and installation of the roofs at the intermediate school and high school, the construction of a transportation and bus facility, the remodeling and equipping of media centers, and the construction of secure entrances and security and safety improvements to all schools sites?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The combined polling place for this election and the precincts served by that polling place will be as follows:

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Becker City Hall
 12060 Sherburne Avenue
 Becker, MN 55308

This combined polling place serves all territory located in Independent School District No. 726; Sherburne County, Minnesota. Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the combined polling place designated above. The polls for said election will be opened at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the combined polling place on election day.

Dated: January 4, 2021
 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
 /s/ Ryan Obermoller
 School District Clerk
 Independent School District No. 726
 (Becker Public Schools)
 State of Minnesota
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/24/21; 05/01/21).

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Sherburne County Public Notices

DOCUMENT 00 1113 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

- GENERAL**
- The Owner of this Project is: Sherburne County
13880 Business Center Drive
Elk River, Minnesota 55330
 - The Architect for this Project is: Braun Intertec Corporation
11001 Hampshire Ave. S.
Bloomington, Minnesota 55438
 - General Contractors are invited to submit a Bid for the "Roof Replacement" at the Sherburne County Government Center located at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota.
 - The work of this project is generally described as consisting of the following:
 - Roof replacement of the existing ballasted single-ply roof systems on roof areas 3,4,5, and 6 with new ballasted single ply roof systems. Area 7 is a fully adhered single-ply roof to be replaced in kind. Salvage ballast for Owner.
 - Sheet metal flashing shall be removed and replaced with new 24 ga gi color-coated sheet metal.
 - There is one pyramidal skylight which needs to be replaced.
 - Bids to be submitted for the roofing replacement as one (1) project.
 - The Owner will receive sealed Bids (mailed or delivered) to the Sherburne County Government Center Maintenance Department no later than 1:00 PM local time, Tuesday April 27, 2021. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the close of bids will not be accepted or returned to the Bidder. No oral, telephonic, or electronically submitted proposals or modifications will be considered.
 - A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 1:00 PM at the Sherburne County Government Center, outside Entry D under a black canopy. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Meeting is mandatory. The Architect will review the bidding procedures, Bidding Documents, and other conditions with interested Bidders and will answer questions.
 - All bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope plainly labeled with Owner's name (Sherburne County), project name (Roof Replacement), and bidder's name, prepared in accordance to Section 00 2113 - Instructions to Bidders.
 - Bids shall be based on a single, lump-sum contract with provisions for unit price adjustments to the contract based on increases/decreases to the quantity of work. Submit your offer on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. **All bids shall include and meet all of the requirements for prevailing wages. There is no union requirement.**
 - Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the maximum bid price, executed by the Bidder as principle and by surety company authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota, payable to Sherburne County, conditioned that if the principle's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to the Bidder, the Bidder will, within ten (10) days after Notice of Award has been executed, execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of the Bidders bid and a contractor's bond as required by law and regulations. The bid security of the two lowest bidders will be retained until the Notice of Award has been executed, but no longer than thirty (30) days. The bid security is a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract for the work described within the Bidding and Contract Documents. Countersignature of a bid bond is not required under this section.
 - Performance bond and labor and material payment bond will be required from the successful bidder, each equal to the amount of the Contract Sum, with approved surety, covering faithful performance of Contract and payment of obligations incurred in performance of Contract.
 - No Bid may be read or considered if it does not fully comply with the requirements of this Advertisement for Bids, and any Bids received that are deficient with the requirements of this section will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately.
 - Bids will be awarded on the basis of the lowest, responsible, and responsive Bidder as determined most favorable to Sherburne County's best interest. Sherburne County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any informality in any Bid, and to hold all Bids for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of opening Bids.
 - It is anticipated that construction will begin on May 10, 2021. The Owner is requesting that the Contractor provide an anticipated construction schedule including start date and substantial completion that they feel they can schedule the work in with bid submission. Describe the proposed project approach and construction schedule, assuming a May 4, 2021 notice to proceed. Schedule shall include demolition, excavation, and installation, product selection and submittals and project closeout.
 - Bids are required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submittal.
 - Submit Bids on the Bid Form provided.
 - Refer to Document 00 2113 - Instructions to Bidders for additional information.
- 1.2 BIDDING DOCUMENTS**
- Plans and specifications can be seen and examined at the Sherburne County's website.
- 1.3 DATES OF PUBLICATION**
- April 10, 2021
April 17, 2021
April 23, 2021
(Published in the *Patriot*: 04/10/21; 04/17/21; 04/24/21).

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SAP 071-602-005 CSAH 2 (124th St) to East County Line
SAP 071-602-006 CSAH 2 from Hwy 169 to 500' South of 323rd Ave NW

SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE is hereby given that SEALED Bid Proposal Packages will be received by the Sherburne County Engineer at the office of the undersigned until **1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 12, 2021** for the following project:

The Major Quantities of Work are:

REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	S Y	89,981
CONSTRUCT BY PASS LANE	EACH	2
EXCAVATION - COMMON	C Y	415
AGGREGATE BASE & SHOULDERING	TON	16,234
FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION	S Y	28,551
MILL BITUMINOUS SURFACE	S Y	12,723
SP 9.5 & 12.5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	TON	30,164
PAVEMENT MARKINGS	LF	30,500

Receipt of Bid Proposal: Bids will be received at the Public Works Office, located at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330 until **1:00 PM, Wednesday, May 12, 2021**.

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The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids & waive informalities.

Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 9th day of April 2021.
Signed: /s/ Bruce Messelt, Sherburne County, Minnesota

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CP 071-PM-021 various county roads

SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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The Major Quantities of Work are:

YELLOW MULTI COMP PAINT F & I	GALLON	269
WHITE MULTI COMP PAINT F & I	GALLON	4,398
YELLOW STRIPING PAINT F & I	GALLON	5,542
WHITE STRIPING PAINT F&I	GALLON	5,564
FLOATATION GLASS BEADS APPLIED	POUND	205,524

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Sherburne County
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION
Warrants Approved For Payment 3/08/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
5 Payments less than 2000	7,465.53
Final Total:	7,465.53

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SP 7106-89, SAP 071-030-008
TH 169 RCUT AT CSAH 25/CSAH 19

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EXCAVATION - COMMON	C Y	5,260
EXCAVATION - SUBGRADE	C Y	2,680
COMMON EMBANKMENT	C Y	1,660
SELECT GRANULAR EMBANKMENT	C Y	4,030
REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	S Y	6,450
AGGREGATE BASE	C Y	3,040
BITUMINOUS PAVING	TON	2,600
9-40 & 9D-40 LIGHTING UNITS	EACH	8

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders:

- in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;
- in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;
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- in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.
- If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

- "It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."
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Sherburne County
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Warrants Approved For Payment 3/15/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Alerus Financial	19,149.72
Mn Dept Of Revenue	498,207.60
5 Payments less than 2000	6,992.39
Final Total:	524,349.71

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Sherburne County
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION
Warrants Approved For Payment 3/26/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
6 Payments less than 2000	7,846.18
Final Total:	7,846.18

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Sherburne County Board of Commissioners
April 6, 2021 - County Board Workshop Minute
The Board Chair opened the County Board Workshop Meeting.
Discuss Options for Enhanced Community Communications/Possible Additional Print Materials. Administration
David Unze

Media Specialist Dave Unze and Commissioner Fobbe presented and discussed current countywide communications strategies and potential addition of additional print-based communications for households without computers, broadband, and/or smartphones. The Board provided direction to County staff. Sample newsletters from other surrounding communities and counties were shared with the group.

Review Park Land/Fee Dedication and Discuss County Fee Schedule Relating to Shoreland Filling and Grading and/or Alteration Fees. Administration
Bruce Messelt, County Administrator, Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney, Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head, Nancy Riddle, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Reviewed and discussed with County staff the current Park Land/Fee Dedication Ordinance. The Board provided feedback. Director of Public Works Andrew Witter informed the group of the current process.

Solid Waste Programs Update. Planning & Zoning
Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator

Solid Waste Administrator Dave Lucas to present on the Solid Waste Management Plan. Due to time constraints and complexity of the issues, the Board requested the discussion items be broken into sections for a future workshop. Lucas and his staff agreed and will return for future workshops to discuss the items.

Adjourn Workshop Meeting
/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Chairperson
/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator
(Published in the *Patriot*: 04/24/21).

Sherburne County
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION
Warrants Approved For Payment 3/10/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
OBO Amazon	4,576.13
OBO CDW Government	3,729.30
OBO Dacotah Paper	4,457.68
OBO Vent- A- Hood of the Twin Cities	2,714.00
57 Payments less than 2000	16,883.43
Final Total:	32,360.54

(Published in the *Patriot*: 04/24/21).

Public Notices

Sherburne County Public Notices

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners April 6, 2021 - County Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order
The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on April 6, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Vice Chair at 9:00am. Commissioners Danielowski and Dolan attended the meeting via WebEx, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 and as authorized under County Board Resolution No. 032020-AD-1944: Declaring a Local State of Emergency. The Board recognized the staff and victims affected in recent events at the United State Capital.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.
Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda.
Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to approve Regular Meeting Agenda as modified with the amended agreement for Consent Agenda Item 2.21 and a Letter of Appeal that was added to Regular Agenda item 5.4. Both documents were sent to the Board and available for public review at the Board meeting.

Consent Agenda
Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to approve Consent Agenda as amended with Consent Agenda item 2.20 moving to item 5.1a on the Regular Agenda.

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2021.

CSAH 8 Conduit Lease Agreement with Midcontinent Communications. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator
Approved CSAH 8 Conduit Lease Agreement with Midcontinent Communications. The lease will generate \$5,632.50 annually for the first 5 years of the agreement. The lease rate will then be reviewed every five years, as per the terms of the Agreement. The term of this agreement shall be for thirty (30) years and shall automatically renew in one (1) year increments unless terminated pursuant to Section 6. (On file.)

Two-Month Extension of Office Space Lease Agreement with Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator
Approved a two-month extension of the current Lease Agreement for General Office Space with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), pending review by the County Attorney's Office and final approval as to form. The two month lease payment of \$240 (\$120 per month) would be deposited into the general fund. Original term of the lease was April 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021. (On file.)

Commissioner & Manual Warrants. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer
Approved Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

- March 10, 2021 Manal Warrants BMO Harris Peard Feb 2021 \$32,360.54
- March 12, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$736,266.34
- March 12, 2021 Manual Warrants \$7,465.53
- March 19, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$239,024.79
- March 19, 2021 Manual Warrants \$524,349.71
- March 26, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$1,690,394.09
- March 26, 2021 Manual Warrants \$7,846.18

Approval of the 2020 Carryovers and Designations for the Financial Statements. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer
Approved the list of deferred revenues and restricted amounts required by law. Authorized standard carryovers and the carryovers requested by departments to the 2021 Budget. Authorized the designation of fund balance in the Special Revenue, Debt Service, and Capital Projects funds according to the County's fund balance policy and accounting standards. (On file.)

Approval of Working Capital Cash Flow. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer
Approved the Working Capital Cash Flow, whose amount will be shown in the financial statements as Unassigned Fund Balance per our board approved resolution #121520-AD-1999.

Resolution Allowing for Partial Reimbursement to Sherburne County Townships and Cities for Gopher Bounties for 2021. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer
Approved Resolution 040621-AD-2037 reimbursing one half of the amount paid for gopher bounties to participating Sherburne County Towns and Cities, not to exceed \$1.00 per gopher during calendar year 2021, according to MS 348.12. Any bounties must be presented to the County Auditor no later than March 1, 2022. (On file.)

Transfer of Money to the YES (Year-end Saving) Account. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer
Approved the transfer of excess budget dollars, after the required carryovers have been accounted for, in the amount of \$519,732, into the YES account (Year End Savings).

Ongoing Acceptance of Clothing Donations. Community Corrections

J. Hancuch, Director of Community Corrections
Approved the continued acceptance of donations from Community Corrections and Judicial Branch staff for offenders and their families through December 2021.

Donation to HHS from Phillips Distilling Co. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, Director of Health & Human Services
Accepted a donation of a \$50 e-gift card to HHS from Phillips Distilling Company.

HHS Contract with Patron Transportation. Health & Human Services

Jodi Heurung-Dick, Social Services Manager
Approved a new contract for transportation services with Patron Transportation, for the period of April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Budgeted project request in the amount of \$5,000.00. (On file.)

HHS IFS Admin Deb 3-19-21. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, Director of Health & Human Services
Approved HHS IFS Admin warrants as follows:

- March 19, 2021 HHS IFS Admin Warrants \$277,740.52

Annual Replacement of Desktops and Laptops. Information Technology

Brian Kamman, IT Director
Approved the purchase of new desktops and laptops to replace existing equipment. The budgeted cost is \$195,000.00 for the annual replacement.

Additional Human Resources Department Positions. Human Resources

Tammy Bigelow, HR Director
Approved additional positions in the Human Resources Department for Benefits and Wellness Business Partner (Grade 14) and Human Resources Business Partner - Sheriff's Office (Grade 14). The 2021 personnel cost (partial year) of these two new positions is approximately \$100,000 and would be paid from the Sheriff Enterprise Fund. **Use of \$33,000 from YES Account to Install Humidification Systems in Three Data Server Rooms. Maintenance**

Steve Becker, Maintenance Department Head, Brian Kamman, IT Director

Approved use of \$33,000 from the YES Account to install humidification systems in the three (3) identified Data Server Rooms.

Registered Land Survey (RLS) for Ostwald & DeMarre Property in Big Lake Township. Planning & Zoning

Nancy Riddle, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Approved and authorized execution of a Registered Land Survey for the Ostwald & DeMarre Property in Big Lake Township (PID#10-113-4400 & 10-113-4404), Sec 13, Twp 33, Rge 27, Big Lake Twp, with Property Address: 20702 - 145th Street NW, Elk River, MN 55330.

Amended Agreement with Bolton & Menk for County State Aid (CSAH) 13 Design Phase Services. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head
Approved an Amended Agreement with Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$104,000 for County State Aid Highway 13 Design Phase Services. Agreement shall go into effect on April 6, 2021 and shall terminate on the date that all obligations have been fulfilled and all deliverables have been approved by the County, unless earlier terminated pursuant to the terms of the agreement. (On file.)

Low Bidder for 2021 Overlays Project Under Contract #19015 (CP 71-607-020, CP 71-643-020, CP 71-655-019, TWP 05-2021-01 & TWP 20-2021-01). Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head
Approved the Low Bidder, OMG Midwest Inc. (dba Minnesota Paving & Materials), with a bid of \$3,888,602.25 for the 2021 Overlays project, to include Project Numbers:

- CP 71-607-020 CSAH 7 from Hwy 10 to St Cloud Airport;
- CP 71-643-020 CR 43 from Elk River bridge to CSAH 15;
- CP 71-655-019 CR 55 from Hwy 10 to CSAH 6;
- Becker Township resurfacing various roads; and
- Clear Lake Township resurfacing Shorewood Shores roads.

with the Becker Township and Clear Lake Township projects contingent upon approval from Becker and Clear Lake Townships for their portion of the project.

State of Minnesota Agency Agreement for S.P. 7106-89. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

Approved Resolution 040621-AD-2038 Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 1044374, between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Sherburne County for S.P. 7106-89. This agreement will be effective on April 6th, 2021 and shall expire when all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled. (On file.)

Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation. Sheriff

Joel Brott, County Sheriff
Approved a proclamation designating the week of April 11-17 as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Sherburne County to recognize the men and women who perform the difficult task for operating the County's 911 Dispatch Center.

Appointment of Extension Committee Members. U of M Extension Office

Lori Vicich, Regional Director
Approved the following appointments to the Sherburne County Extension Committee:

- 1) Ms. Arianna Cariveau (District 2). 3 year term commencing April of 2021
- 2) Ms. Vicki Simcoe (District 3). 3 year term commencing April 2021
- 3) Ms. Arabelle Rohs as a youth member. 1 year term commencing April 2021

Announcements
No announcements were provided.

County Information and Board Correspondence. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator
Nothing to report.

Open Forum
No one was present.

Regular Agenda

Park Dedication and Memorials Policy and Guidelines. Public Works

Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator
Schmiesing/Dolan unanimous to table the Park Dedication and Memorials Policy and Guidelines. Staff will take the suggested changes from the Board and come back at a future meeting for Board approval.

Update from the Great River Regional Library. Administration

Karen Pundsack, Great River Regional Library
Karen Pundsack presented an update on the Great River Regional Library (GRRL) System. Highlighted updates were how GRRL has adapted through COVID and 2020 data and statistics. Commissioners thanked Karen and GRRL staff for all their efforts through the pandemic.

Final Standard Plat of Country Oak Meadows 1st Addition-JDA Builders, LLC. Planning & Zoning

Nancy Riddle, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Fobbe/Dolan unanimous to approve a requested Residential Final Standard Plat of "Country Oak Meadows 1st Addition" consisting of (6) lots, with the following (5) Conditions, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission. PID # 01-010-3400. Legal Desc: The East 668 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (full legal on file). Section 10, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 20.19 acres in the General Rural District. Commissioner Danielowski provided her approval via telephone.

- Conditions:
1. Park dedication fees for 6 lots at \$800 per lot, totaling \$4,800. 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 NPDES permit must be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to being scheduled for final plat approval. Completed
 4. A Stormwater and Erosion Control Permit application is required to be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to being scheduled for final plat approval. No ground disturbance may begin prior to the Zoning Department issuing the Stormwater & Erosion Control Permit. Completed
 5. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.

Final Standard Plat of "Hunter Estates"-Jethro Carpenter. Planning & Zoning

Nancy Riddle, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Dolan/Schmiesing unanimous to approve a requested Residential Final Standard Plat for "Hunter Estates" consisting of (5) lots, with the following (7) Conditions, as recommended by the Planning Commission. PID # 01-029-1100. Legal Desc: NE 1-4 of NE 1-4 (full legal on file). Section 29, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 38.35 acres in the General Rural District and within the Natural Environment Shoreland District of Unnamed Lake 710042.

- Conditions:
1. Park dedication fees for 4 lots at \$800 per lot, totaling \$3,200. Park fees must be paid prior to the Public Works Dept signing the plat mylars.
 2. An Access Permit will be required prior to the access construction and according to Public Works Engineering Standards.
 3. Existing driveway to Lot 2, Block 1 is required to be removed per Public Works comments received.
 4. The house and one (1) accessory building are located in the 150' lake setback and 70' road right of way setback and are considered legal non-conforming structures. If these structures are destroyed by more than 50%, they must be rebuilt to meet the required setbacks.
 5. An NPDES permit must be submitted to the Zoning Department prior to being scheduled for final plat approval. Completed
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Interim Use Permit (IUP) Application for 1 MW Solar Farm- USS Golly Gee Solar, LLC. Planning & Zoning

Nancy Riddle, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Schmiesing/Danielowski unanimous to approve Interim Use Permit (IUP) Application for 1 MW Solar Farm, PID #20-129-4100. Legal Desc: That Pt of NW ¼ fo SE ¼ lying N of Ctr (full legal on file), Section 29, Twp 34, Rge 29, Clear Lake Twp. 41.63 acres in the Agricultural District, with the nineteen (19) Conditions and Findings of Fact as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission with changes made to Condition 12 on the type of trees to Eastern Red Cedar and spacing at 12' apart. Also, the County Board added an additional condition #20 that the applicant must submit a new Site plan and Landscape Buffer plan reflecting what was approved.

- Conditions:
1. Building permit required for on-site supply structure if over 200 sq ft in size.
 2. Building permit required for installation of solar panels with engineered plans submitted.
 3. If the required privacy fence around the perimeter of the facility exceeds 7 ft in height it will require a building permit with engineered plans. A chain link fence with 3-strand barbed wire will be constructed.
 4. A Stormwater Erosion Control permit will be required from the County Zoning Dept prior to any grading on the property and prior to a building permit being issued.
 5. Must obtain an NPDES permit from the MPCA and provide a copy to the County Zoning Dept prior to commencing construction.
 6. Property owner shall ensure that MPCA day & nighttime noise standards are not exceeded at any time.
 7. Operational hours allowed during construction of the facility are Monday through Friday 7AM - 7PM.
 8. Decommissioning of solar panels and related facilities must occur in the event the IUP expires or is terminated, and/or the solar panels are not in use for twelve (12) consecutive months. Must follow the Decommissioning & Reclamation plan date stamped January 28, 2021.
 9. Prior to issuance of a building permit for the project, the applicant shall provide financial security in the amount of \$25,000 per MW, in favor of Sherburne County, to guarantee compliance with the decommissioning plan, site restoration and other terms of this Permit upon project termination or termination of this Permit. The financial security shall be in a form acceptable to the County and, at a minimum, shall consist of a cash escrow to be deposited with the County in an amount no less than 50% of the total required financial security, with an initial deposit of 25% of the total amount deposited prior to issuance of the building permit and eight and one-third percent (81/3%) of the total amount deposited annually for three years on or before the anniversary of the issuance of the building permit. The remaining amount of the total financial security shall be provided by way of an irrevocable letter of credit, which shall be in a form acceptable to the County Attorney's Office and provided prior to the issuance of a building permit, and shall meet the following minimum standards (addi-

tional standards may be required): the irrevocable letter of credit shall be issued by a federally chartered or State of Minnesota chartered banking institution with a branch office located within Sherburne County; shall be issued in the name of the County of Sherburne; shall be issued in an initial amount no less than 75% of the total financial security required by this Permit; shall permit the County to draw on the funds upon demand based on the County's determination of non-compliance with the terms of this Permit; shall be for an initial term to be established and shall automatically renew for additional terms unless the bank gives the County at least 60 day written notice of an intent to terminate the credit at the end of a term; shall permit the County to draw upon the letter of credit for the full amount in the event a replacement letter of credit acceptable to the County is not issued at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the existing letter of credit; and shall provide that the letter of credit may not be amended without the written permission of the County.

10. No activities may occur onsite until applicant submits a signed an interconnection agreement as required in Section 17, Subd 17 (1A) of the ordinance and proof that the scope of the project is permitted by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.
11. The site will be revegetated within 30 days after construction with a low growth & low maintenance native pollinator friendly seed mix not exceeding 24 inches in height. The property will be treated & maintained as needed during the spring & summer months to manage vegetation growth. Property owner will be responsible for vegetation control & weed management during the project's operating life.
12. Must install 6 foot tall Eastern Red Cedar trees around entire perimeter of the solar farm, that will be shown in a new Landscape Buffer Plan to be submitted before recording. The trees must be planted no more than 12 feet apart. All planted trees on the property must be maintained and watered as necessary for the duration of the permit. Any dead trees must be replaced on a yearly basis.
13. This IUP is to be valid for 40 years until December 31, 2061. This IUP is valid for USS Golly Gee Solar LLC and John & Lynette Golly.
14. Access to the proposed solar farm shall be via CSAH#8 in the southwest corner of the property.
15. Decommissioning of project shall involve removal of all project components, including without limitation, solar panels, panel trackers, anchors, supports, mounts, inverters, underground electrical components underground conduit housing & all underground footings & posts.
16. Signage and emergency contact numbers must be posted at the access driveway to property.
17. The findings in Section 18, Subd 6, Item 4 of the Zoning Ordinance have been made.
18. The applicant shall allow the County to inspect the property during normal business hours.
19. The applicant shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
20. The applicant shall submit to the Planning & Zoning Department a revised site plan and Landscape Buffer Plan that shows 6 foot Eastern Red Cedar trees to be planted around the entire perimeter of the solar farm and with the plan specifying the type of fencing that was approved by the County Board.

FINDINGS:

1. That the Interim 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. The proposed location of the solar farm is in an existing agricultural field. The closest adjoining neighboring house is approximately 280 feet to the east. The remaining land adjacent to the solar farm is all agriculturally farmed properties. The perimeter of the solar farm will be planted with trees to reduce visual impacts to adjoining properties.
2. That the establishment of the Interim Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. The IUP will be valid for 40 years. If the property owner no longer wants solar panels the infrastructure may be removed, and the site can either go back to farming or be utilized for a new use. The property the solar farm is proposed on is zoned Agricultural District and could not be subdivided to less than 40 acre properties under current zoning requirements.
3. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. Driveway access to CSAH #8 has been approved by the County Highway Department. Utility lines necessary to transfer the electricity exist adjacent to the property.
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 plenty of parking available on this property needed for construction and operations.
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. Construction of the site will cause short term noise and additional traffic. Once the solar farm construction is complete traffic will be minimal and consist of company vehicles inspecting the panels on a weekly/monthly basis

Engineering Design Services Contract with SRF Consulting Group Inc. for TH 10 and TH 25/CR 52 in Becker. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head
Schmiesing/Dolan unanimous approve Engineering Design Services Contract with SRF Consulting Group Inc. for TH 10 and TH 25/CR 52 in Becker. The cost for these services is \$510,000 with 100% being reimbursed through the Communities Energy Transition (CET) Grant. Term of this agreement commences on April 6, 2021 and shall terminate on the date that all obligations have been fulfilled and all deliverables have been approved by the County.

Display of Green Card Voices Exhibit at the Sherburne County Government Center. Health & Human Services

Lisa Fobbe, Amanda Larson
Fobbe/Schmiesing unanimous to approve a display of Green Card Voices Exhibit at the Sherburne County Government Center. The fee for the Green Card Voices exhibit is \$1,000 per month has been waived.

Sherburne County Comment Letter on Proposed Elk River TIF District #27. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator
Danielowski/Schmiesing unanimous to approve the amended Tax Increment Financing Comment Letter and authorized the Assistant County Administrator to submit to Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors prior to the Public Hearing scheduled for April 19, 2021.

Amended language is as follows:
The County's TIF policy states that the Board will review TIP proposals for housing projects based on the extent to which the project will contribute to the availability of housing for persons and families of low to moderate incomes. The County understands that this is a redevelopment TIF district. However, the County encourages the City to consider analyzing the project as both a redevelopment district and a housing district to determine whether a housing district might be more appropriate. The County seeks information will help us determine whether the project fits with the County's goal of providing necessary affordable housing for the community in future projects.

Community Living Infrastructure Grant through the Department of Human Services. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson
Fobbe/Danielowski unanimous to approve Health and Human Services Department request to apply for the Community Living Infrastructure grant through DHS. The total amount of funding available is \$2,685 for FY2022 and 2023, an increase of \$1.1 million statewide. Term of this grant shall be July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2023.

COVID-19 Pandemic Update and County Response. Administration

Nicole Ruhoff, CHS Administrator, Bruce Messelt, County Administrator, Tammy Bigelow, Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator
County Administrator Bruce Messelt provided the Board with a Legislative update pertaining to waivers during the height of the pandemic. CHS Administrator Nicole Ruhoff provided COVID statistics for Sherburne County and the state over the first year of the pandemic. HR Director Tammy Bigelow updated the Board on the County State of Emergency declaration for teleworking and feedback that was collected from Department Heads. Assistant County Administrator provided the Board with an update on the Sherburne County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Consensus of the Board was to move forward with development of the preliminary ARPA plan.

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

Commissioner Burandt - DHS COVID Steering Committee meeting, Framework 2030 Presentation, SCHSAC, American Rescue Plan presentation, American Legion presentation,

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Commissioner Fobbe - GRRL Finance Meeting, GRRL Board of Trustees meeting, Baldwin Township Parks Meeting, SUP, AMC Futures Planning meeting, Livonia Township Meeting, Tri-Cap Executive meeting, Tri-Cap Executive Search meeting, Patti Kukowski Retirement Party, 1 Watershed 1 Plan, AMC Futures, CMJTS meeting, Princeton Airport Authority Meeting, Baldwin Township Meeting,		
Commissioner Dolan - Funding Commission, EDA, Attorney General Opioid, CMRP meeting, CMRP Task Force, CMRP Executive Meeting, Frame Work 2030 presentation		
Commissioner Schmiesing - AMC Board of Directors Meeting		
Commissioner Danielowski - County Road 43 discussion, Central MN Violent Offender Task Force meeting, CMRP, Framework 2030 presentation, Federal Youth Recovery Overview Discussion		
Adjourn Regular Meeting, Open Workshop		
Adjourn Workshop		
Manual Warrants BMO Harris PCard		
3/10/21	28,034.72	General Revenue Fund
	1,363.96	Public Works Fund
	159.26	Solid Waste Fund
	1,389.35	Jail Commissary Fund
	1,413.25	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	32,360.54	Total
Commissioner Warrants		
3/12/21	236,818.99	General Revenue Fund
	240,249.79	Public Works Fund
	50.54	Human Service Fund
	976.98	Law Library Fund
	7,946.45	Solid Waste Fund
	23,733.22	Jail Commissary Fund
	5,051.00	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	179,418.67	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	42,020.70	Agency Collections
	736,266.34	Total
Manual Warrants		
3/12/21	7,465.53	Agency Collections
	7,465.53	Total
Commissioner Warrants		
3/19/21	63,765.77	General Revenue Fund
	111,822.22	Public Works Fund
	2,323.59	Law Library Fund
	19,276.80	Solid Waste Fund
	21,378.41	Jail Commissary Fund
	416.68	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	19,949.32	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	92.00	Agency Collections
	239,024.79	Total
Manual Warrants		
3/19/21	7,961.64	Agency Collections
	7,961.64	Total
Commissioner Warrants		
3/19/21	19,149.72	General Revenue Fund
	505,199.99	Agency Collections
	524,349.71	Total
Commissioner Warrants		
3/19/21	277,467.52	Human Service Fund
	93,276.00	Children's Mental Health
		Collaborative
	277,743.52	Total
Warrants		
3/19/21	591.00	Assn of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
	945.60	Becker Primary School
	1,530.30	Big Lake School Dist c/o Melanie Bray
	792.49	Captivated LLC
	38,742.52	Central Mn Jobs & Training
	600.00	Central MN Mental Health Center
	1,000.00	Fraboni, MD/Americo
	2,152.50	Hennepin County
	12,998.58	Innovative Office Solutions, LLC
	348.00	Lexis Nexis
	1,923.45	Mn Dept Of Human Services-SWIFT
	47,785.00	Qualtrics, LLC Dept 880102
	535.39	Real Time Translations, Inc
	425.00	Seven County Process Servers, LLC
	3,891.60	Sherburne Co Sheriff
	161,622.24	Sherburne County Auditor Treasurer
	1,859.85	17 Payments less than 300
	277,743.52	Total
Manual Warrants		
3/26/21	589.90	General Revenue Fund
	7,256.28	Agency Collections
	7,846.18	Total
Commissioner Warrants		
3/26/21	874,251.45	General Revenue Fund
	5,573.24	Public Works Fund
	77.53	Human Service Fund
	522.00	Law Library Fund
	22,927.02	Solid Waste Fund
	31,869.17	Jail Commissary Fund
	86.04	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	15,863.94	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	738,232.59	Agency Collections
	991.11	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	1,690,394.09	Total
/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Chairperson		
/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator		
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Sherburne County	
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved On 3/19/2021 For Payment 3/19/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
Auld's Communications	4,922.39
Cargill Inc	36,594.86
Century Link	2,081.88
HDR Engineering Inc.	8,758.42
Hoisington Koegler Group Inc	9,528.00
Keefe Supply Company	7,968.46
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	22,968.38
Marco	7,581.71
Patriot News MN	5,061.90
Plaisted Companies Inc	2,245.22
Securus Technologies	7,361.89
SRF Consulting Group Inc	35,839.82
Stanley Convergent Security Solutions	2,524.98
Summit Food Service, LLC	17,255.96
Thomson Reuters- West- Payment Center	2,190.01
Trilogy Properties of MN LLC	18,751.05
US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	4,105.59
Wilson HVAC Co	7,361.00
70 Payments less than 2000	35,923.27
Final Total:	239,024.79
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Sherburne County	
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved On 3/26/2021 For Payment 3/26/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
Anoka County	82,728.00
BOE Electrical Contractors	2,072.00
Centerpoint Energy	24,479.82
CGW Law Office	4,425.00
City Of St Cloud	21,525.25
Connexus Energy	6,369.48
Daikin Applied	3,001.11
Delta Dental Of Minnesota	27,085.22
Elk River Municipal Utilities	47,650.59
Esri Inc	41,077.00
Fidelity Security Life	2,308.07
Freedom Homes	9,574.00
Further	3,020.50
Great River Regional Library	340,065.50
High Line Software Inc	5,348.00
Houston Engineering Inc	12,899.00
Keefe Supply Company	14,333.48
Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP	3,000.00
Loxex, Inc	8,759.66
McKesson Medical Surgical Government	2,653.13
Medica	679,093.80
MN Dept of Employment & Economic Dev	3,163.64
Palmetto Fitness	8,366.73
Presbyterian Family Foundation	9,699.76
Rutland Law, PLLC	9,430.00
Securus Technologies	6,137.31
Sherburne Co Agriculture Soc	8,287.50
Sherburne Co Historical Society	43,900.00
Sherburne Co Swcd	79,733.50
SHI International Corp	74,468.20
State Treasurer	29,095.50
Summit Food Service, LLC	17,246.32
Thomson Reuters- West- Payment Center	3,880.15
Tradewinds Electric LLC	9,055.00
Videotronics Inc	6,130.77
Xcel Energy	4,492.24
97 Payments less than 2000	35,838.86
Final Total:	1,690,394.09
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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, May 10, 2021 at Becker Town Hall, 12165 Hancock Street. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearings:

7:01 p.m. Zoning Amendment, Correction of legal description for property previously rezoned from Agriculture to Commercial. Wruck Excavating submitted an application and received approval to rezone parcel 05-009-3105, located along Trunk Highway 10 S9 T34N R28W described as NE ¼ of SW ¼ N of Hwy, Becker, MN.

Anyone interested in this item is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you have questions regarding the requests please contact Lucinda Messman at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN, 763-261-5301. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Lucinda Messman at P.O. Box 248, Becker, MN 55308 or by email to lucinda@beckertownship.org by 4:00 p.m., May 10, 2021.

Lucinda Messman
Clerk, Becker Township
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CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO MID-CONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS TO MAINTAIN A CABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA; SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS

The Town Board of the Clearwater Township on the 1 day of March, 2021, adopted an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Granting A Franchise To Midcontinent Communications To Maintain A Cable Communications System In Clearwater Township, Minnesota; Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying The Grant Of The Franchise; Providing For Regulation And Use Of The System; And Prescribing Penalties For The Violation Of Its Provisions" This ordinance grants a cable television franchise to Midcontinent Communications to operate cable service in Clearwater Township for a period of 10 years. The franchise agreement sets the terms of operation of the cable system, authorizes the installation of cable facilities in the City's rights of way, requires Midcontinent Communications to comply with all applicable laws and recommendations, and sets other terms of operation for Midcontinent Communications' cable television franchise.

The Clearwater Town Board has approved the text of this Summary for publication and has determined that this Summary clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance. Complete copies of the Ordinance are available from the Township Clerk.

Approved by the Clearwater Town Board this 1 day of March, 2021.

CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
/s/ Rose Thelen, Town Board Chair
ATTEST:
/s/ Jean Just, Town Clerk
(Published in the Patriot: 04/24/21).

PUBLIC NOTICE
CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP WRIGHT COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA
Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-004
A RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

The Board of Supervisors for the Town of Clearwater, Wright County, Minnesota, now hereby ordains that on the 5 day of April 2021, the Clearwater Township Board of Supervisors adopted the above Ordinance. Due to the lengthy content, a brief summary follows:

An ordinance to administer and regulate the public right-of-way in the public interest, and to provide for the issuance and regulation of right-of-way permits, pursuant to the powers granted under Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules.

The "Right-Of-Way Management Ordinance" shall take effect and be in full force immediately following its adoption and upon publication of this summary. A copy of the Ordinance can be viewed by contacting the Town Clerk at (320) 274-8049. An additional copy of the Ordinance will also be on at the local public library and the Wright County Law Library.

/s/ Rose Thelen, Chairman
ATTEST:
/s/ Jean Just, Clerk
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Sherburne County	
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved On 3/12/2021 For Payment 3/12/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
Amherst H Wilder Foundation	15,000.00
Auld's Communications	5,027.00
BOE Electrical Contractors	2,628.72
Braun Intertec Corp	4,182.50
City Of St Cloud	5,260.00
Daikin Applied	10,248.50
David Turch and Associates	4,000.00
Design Electrical Contractors Inc	5,051.00
Food Express Usa	2,295.66
Geocomm Inc	46,486.00
H & R Construction Co Inc	5,400.00
Health Partners - Group Health Inc	22,044.36
Jeremy's Lawn Service Inc	10,170.00
Johnson Repair	2,197.68
Keefe Supply Company	11,305.66
Knife River	208,088.68
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	16,200.54
MEnD Correctional Care, PLLC	203,663.31
Minnesota Monitoring Inc	5,181.00
New American Funding	2,239.00
ReCollect Systems Inc	6,300.00
Securus Technologies	7,935.05
Split Rock Management Inc	6,450.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	31,877.49
Switchboard Advertising, LLC	2,500.00
The Hartford	41,101.20
Tri County Lumber Inc	5,912.77
Windstream	3,241.12
102 Payments less than 2000	44,279.10
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Police & Sheriff Activity Reports

Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of April 12th-April 18th

12-Apr: 1 fire alarm, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 alarm, 1 speed Citation #142, 1 speed warning, 1 suspicious activity, 1 hands free violation Citation #143, 2 miscellaneous public, 1 juvenile concern, 1 gas leak/smell, 2 expired registration warning, 3 record check, 1 public safety, 2 medical, 1 speed Citation #144, 1 security check

13-Apr: 1 sidewalk parking warning, 1 911 hang-up, 1 found property, 2 record check, 1 civil, 1 window tint warning, 1 animal complaint, 1 expired registration Citation #145, 1 security check



14-Apr: 2 agency-assist, 1 theft, 1 record check, 1 welfare check, 1 fight, 1 driving after suspension Citation #146, 1 suspicious vehicle

15-Apr: 1 security check, 2 theft, 1 equipment / suspended object warning, 1 civil, 1 agency-assist, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 speed warning, 1 fraud complaint, 1 traffic complaint, 1 expired tabs warning / Driving after revocation Citation #147 / possession of marijuana Citation #148

16-Apr: 1 burning complaint, 2 security check, 1 open door, 1 equipment warning / driving after revocation & possession of drug paraphernalia Citation #149, 1 record check, 2 agency-assist, 1 hands free violation warning, 1 civil, 1 dog complaint, 1 turn signal warning, 1 no proof of insurance / driving after suspension Citation #150 possession of drug paraphernalia Citation #151, 1 suspicious activity, 1 driving conduct / equipment warnings, 1 driving conduct warning

17-Apr: 1 parking complaint, 1 fireworks complaint, 1 expired registration warning, 1 window tint warning, 1 speed warning, 1 traffic complaint, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 medical, 1 2nd degree DWI, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 equipment warning, 1 loud music complaint

18-Apr: 1 speed warning / driving after revocation Citation #152, 2 agency-assist, 1 fire alarm, 1 medical, 1 dog complaint, 1 civil, 1 accident / 3rd degree DWI, 1 welfare check



Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service - Jail Bookings Apr. 12, 2021-Apr. 18, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 219; 2021 Calls for Service: 3,476; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 35; Citations: 9; Arrests: 4; Medical Emergency Calls: 7; Mental Health Holds: 1; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 5

Big Lake Police Arrests: Michael Payne - (Age 42 - Big Lake, MN) - Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI; Dylan Lee - (Age 20 - St. Cloud, MN) - Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI; Benjamin Tschida - (Age 36 - Elk River, MN) - Felony DANCO Violation; Anthony Korous - (Age 33 - Big Lake, MN) - Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI

Sun., Apr. 18, 2021: 100 blk Eagle Lake Rd - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 400 Fern St - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 19591 Station St - Court Order Violation - Report of the violation of a no contact order, investigation ongoing; 100 blk Jefferson Blvd - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; Powell St/Glenwood Ave - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

Sat., Apr. 17, 2021: CR 43/205th Ave - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 129 Henry Rd - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; Hiawatha Ave/Hill St - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

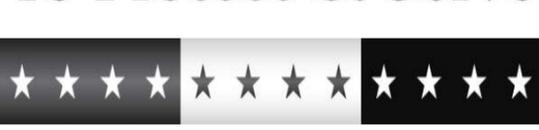
Fri., Apr. 16, 2021: 210 Maple Ln - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; Hwy 10/CR 50 - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of a narcotic. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 18700 Traverse Ln - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; Hwy 10/168th St - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 196th St/Highland Trl - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juveniles, mediated by officers; 600 blk Norwood Ln - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing.

Thurs., Apr. 15, 2021: 300 blk Lake Ave - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 19595 Station St - Property Damage - Report of damage done to windshield of truck; 300 blk Lake St - Court Order Violation - Report of the violation of a no contact order, suspect arrested.

Wed., Apr. 14, 2021: 100 blk Eagle Lake Rd - DWI - Driver reported to be huffing something, found to be under the influence, arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 4000 blk Lake Ridge Dr - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; 400 Fern St - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties.

Tues., Apr. 13, 2021: Hwy 10/CR 15 - Vehicle Crash with Injuries. Party transported to hospital; 4600 blk Pond View Cir - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties.

Mon., Apr. 12, 2021: Hwy 10/Jefferson Blvd - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 600 blk Rose Dr - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 20100 blk 204th Ave - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; 19200 blk Eagle Lake Rd - Trespassing - Report of a suspect at property who was not welcome there, suspect was cited; 19200 blk Eagle Lake Rd - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties.



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

Question: Can you talk about motorcycle safety going into Spring riding?
Answer: Here is some helpful information that was shared on the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's blog: Finally, some sunshine and warmth: The perfect time to dust off your motorcycle and get back on the open road, if you haven't already. There are a few riding hazards that only spring can bring. Best to know how to navigate them safely. And while you're at it, how about signing up for a rider training course?

Sometimes the things your city or town did to help mitigate the effects of snow and ice during the winter - that is, laying down sand or gravel on the streets - can prove hazardous for motorcyclists in the spring. Keep an eye out for it especially at intersections and turns.

Cycles of freezing and thawing can also make the pavement crack and buckle. This can result in anything from uneven surfaces to large potholes, so watch the road carefully. And remember that the ice may not be entirely gone yet. Spring nights can still get pretty cold, which can cause snow runoff to refreeze. Watch for it especially in shady spots or on early morning spring rides.

No matter what season it is, remember to wear full, brightly colored protective gear, including a DOT-approved helmet. It'll keep you visible to other motorists and protect you in case of a crash.

A great way to sharpen up your skills after the long winter is to take a rider training course from the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center (MMSC). The MMSC rider training program has served riders for more than 35 years with affordable, high-quality, professional training and education. Training starts in April at sites throughout the state.

Before you think training is just for beginners, consider this: The MMSC offers training for every skill level. For example, the Intermediate Rider Course is a great way to warm up for this year's riding season or practice on a new motorcycle. All riders should take a training course every couple of years to keep their skills sharp. It also makes for a fun day out on your motorcycle.

So visit motorcyclesafety.org to read about course offerings and register for training courses. Then you can ride safely throughout the season with confidence.

<https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20210329-spring-motorcycle-safety-training.aspx>

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 04/12/2021-04/18/2021

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offense(s):

Franklin James Benjamin, 61 of Onamia, MN 56359 - FEL fleeing in motor vehicle & driving after cancellation-IPS. Justin Michael Johnson, 21 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - FEL 4th degree assault (2 counts), GM interference with 911 call & GM obstructing. Joshua Aaron Melendez, 34 of Saint Louis Park, MN 55426 - MSD violation of order for protection. Benjamin Anthony Tschida, 36 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL violate no contact order (2 counts) & Morrison Co. warrant. Virgil Brian Klinkner, 32 of Saint Cloud, MN 56301 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Craig William Scheidt, 50 of Bowlus, MN 56314 - Sherburne Co. warrant.

Citations Issued: 1 drugs - possess/sale small amount of marijuana - no remuneration, 1 drugs - possession of drug paraphernalia - use or possession prohibited, 1 motor vehicle registration - operate vehicle with expired registration, 1 motor vehicle registration - display cancelled/stolen/revoked plates, 1 motor vehicle registration - unregistered-certificate revoked, 1 traffic regulations - failure to obey traffic control device, 17 traffic - speeding - exceed limit, 1 traffic regulation - keep to the right, 1 traffic regulation - passing - overtaking vehicle fails to pass to left/safely clear, 1 traffic regulation - driver fails to stop for stop sign, 7 traffic regulation - driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, 1 traffic regulation-uninsured vehicle-driver violation, 2 traffic-driver's license-driving after suspension, 4 traffic-driver's license-driving after revocation, 1 expiration of driver's license - under 21, 1 assault-5th deg-inflict or attempt bodily harm, 2 disorderly conduct - offensive/abusive/boisterous/noisy/obscene, 1 all-terrain vehicles-fail to renew registration. **Total: 45**

Calls for Service: 3 burglary, 8 theft, 2 assault, 5 drugs/narcotics, 2 DWI, 2 disturbing the peace, 5 harassment, 2 obscenity, 2 property damage, 2 DAR/DAS/DAC, 1 crimes against administration of justice, 6 trespass, 18 fraud complaint, 3 animal lost, 1 property lost, 1 missing person, 1 animal found, 2 abandoned vehicle, 3 accident - mv personal injury, 11 accident - mv property damage, 1 accident - mv property damage hit and run, 6 accident - vehicle v. animal, 1 animal complaint, 2 conservation, 2 dog complaint, 1 fire - other, 1 fire - vehicle, 2 fire - grass, 1 alarm - fire, 23 medical, 10 mental case, 1 alarm - medical, 2 miscellaneous public, 3 domestic, 11 public assist, 23 agency assist, 13 alarm - security, 14 civil complaint, 1 administrative, 89 officer-initiated traffic stop, 23 traffic complaint, 4 suspicious person, 10 suspicious vehicle, 6 juvenile complaint, 1 attempt to locate, 21 security check, 13 extra patrol, 2 loud music complaint, 1 deliver message, 7 check the welfare, 1 burning complaint, 4 ATV complaint, 2 repossession, 2 fireworks complaint, 1 parking complaint, 4 jail medical, 1 jail medical guard, 33 paper service, 1 recovered stolen motor vehicle, 7 suspicious activity, 30 miscellaneous officer, 7 background check, 13 transport, 2 911 phone alarm, 1 equipment problems, 2 911 hang up, 6 court book & release, 2 follow up, 1 public lift assist, 3 vehicle lockout, 2 vehicle off road, 2 warrant attempt. **Total: 502**

Apr. 5th: Arielle Vanderbeek reported the theft of a lightbar from her vehicle while parked at Zimmerman Bowl on Gateway Drive in the city of Zimmerman. Value is estimated at \$119.

Apr. 6th: Holiday Gas Station on US Highway 169 NW in Zimmerman reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$72.

Apr. 7th: Jason Allen reported the theft of lumber taken from a build site on 272nd Ave NW in Livonia Twp. Value is estimated at \$2,891.42.

Apr. 12th: Raymond Heinen reported a theft from his vehicle while parked on Lincoln Ave SE in Haven Twp. Item taken was a Kicker speaker valued at \$100.

Apr. 13th: Jeffrey Rossberg on 221st Ave NW in Big Lake Twp. reported the theft of a package from his porch. Item taken is an Alpine car stereo and installation kit. Value is estimated at \$640.

Apr. 18th: Lukas Rusin reported the theft at Viking Storage on 31st St SE in Haven Twp. Renter reported the theft of a catalytic converter from their RV. Value of the item taken is unknown at this time.

Wright County Sheriff's Activity Report Period Ending April 19, 2021

Apr. 12: Amanda Irene Muchko, 30, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - possession of burglary tools & Kandiyohi Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Leslie Albert Davis, 56, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. Dylan James Ganske, 35, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - Wright Co. warrants - violation of an order for protection & 1st degree criminal damage to property violations. Ernest George Sorensen, 57, of Delano, was arrested in Delano - charge of violation of domestic abuse no contact order.



Apr. 13: Zachary Michael Hirsch, 29, of Savage, was arrested in Clearwater Twp. - charge of false information to law enforcement, Dakota Co. warrant - check forgery & Hennepin Co. warrant - 1st degree aggravated robbery. Thomas Robert Mueller, 56, of Minnetrista, was arrested in Carver Co. - Wright Co. warrant - domestic assault violations. Ashley Rose Nelson, 28, of Saint Paul, was arrested in Goodhue Co. - Wright County, Mille Lacs Co. & Ramsey Co. warrants - theft, Hennepin Co. warrant - financial transaction card fraud & Kanabec Co. warrant - receiving stolen property. Sarah Elizabeth Burrington, 35, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Monticello - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & identity theft & an Anoka Co. warrant - theft. Benjamin Wayne Thielke, 33, of Rockford, was arrested in Rockford - Wright Co. warrant - aggravated harassment violations.

Apr. 14: Jordan Michael Linn, 29, of Foley, was arrested in Morrison Co. - Wright Co. warrants - theft & check forgery & Hennepin Co. & Wright Co. warrants - possession of counterfeit currency. Dillon Neil Lyrek, 28, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - MN Dept. of Corrections apprehension & detention order - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Nathan Emery Leaf, 37, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI violations. Andrew Mark Warn, 26, of Delano, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree burglary violations. Steven Robert Keesling, 27, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of violation of an order for protection.

Apr. 15: Tomas Israel Acosta, 40, of St. Steven, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - driving after suspension violations. James Robert Hanson, 60, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Wright Co. warrants - 3rd degree & 5th degree possession of controlled substance violations. Timothy Allen Hanson, 55, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Teresa Joann Hanson, 59, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Christopher Mathias Klein, 34, of Buffalo, was arrested in Rockford Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - predatory offender registration violations. Luke Patrick McLane, 28, of Annandale, was arrested in Albion Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - domestic assault violations. Damien Robert Graham, 48, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Monticello - charge of domestic assault. Key Bigg Johnson, 38, of Annandale, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 4th criminal sexual conduct violations.

Apr. 16: Markeis Chenier Roberts, 20, of Crystal, was arrested in Delano - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Syrena Sol Rodriguez, 25, of Owatonna, was arrested in Monticello - Steele Co. warrant - disorderly conduct. Andrea Lynn Mitchell, 31, of Waverly, was arrested in Marysville Twp. - charge of domestic assault. Perry John Bondhus, 53, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of violation of harassment restraining order. Michael John Alexander, 45, of Rochester, was arrested in Otsego - Isanti Co. warrant - theft.

Apr. 17: Adam Wiley Lynch, 28, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - charges of 3rd degree DWI & 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Alexander James Meneley, 27, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Maple Lake - charge of domestic assault by strangulation. Roxanne Marie Holm, 41, of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - charges of criminal vehicular operation & 2nd degree DWI. Amber Nicole Livingston, 35, of Elk River, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 3rd degree DWI.

Apr. 18: Michael Kevin Johnson 35, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of domestic assault by strangulation. Adam Lee Hoffmeister, 48, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of violation of an order for protection.

There were 13 property damage accidents, 5 personal injury accidents, 3 hit & run accidents & 1 car deer accidents.
There were 5 arrests - DWI, No underage consumption arrests, 3 school bus stop arm violations & 69 tickets - miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.

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