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MONDAY NIGHT MONSTER. Area resident Mike Neumann harvested this Sherburne County beauty Monday evening while hunting north of Becker (Submitted Photo).

BECKER
Area bankers discuss fraudulent checks, identify theft, phone scams, electronic withdrawals, etc. in a story on how to avoid these pitfalls. See the story on page 3.

BIG LAKE
The Big Lake School Board has changed their school hours to accommodate some parents' complaints. See the story on page 3.

CLEARWATER
Magic Bob held an entertaining show for kids recently. See the story on page 2.

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Clearwater area veterans awarded 'Quilts of Valor'

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

This year was Clearwater nonprofit organization Three of a Kind's 10 year anniversary, and as part of their celebration they awarded 10 area veterans with Quilts of Valor.

Quilts of Valor Foundation is a nation-wide nonprofit organization whose mission is to "Cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." The quilts are handmade by volunteers to thank them for their "service, sacrifice, and valor."

Each quilt includes the names of the people who named it along with the poem, "May this quilt keep

you safe from harm, may it be your good luck charm, I do not know your name, nor the mountains you face, but what you hold in your arms, is a quilter's embrace."

Along with the quilt, recipients are given a handwritten card explaining where their quilt came from and thanking them for their service.

Traditionally Three of a Kind has awarded Quilts of Valor to three veterans each year, however in honor of this year's 10 year anniversary members decided to award 10. In order to be considered a recipient, a person must be a veteran in the Clearwater area and working to give back by being active in the

Clearwater American Legion or other worthy cause. Veterans are nominated by people in the community and recipients are then chosen by Three of a Kind members.

The quilts were awarded during Three of a Kind's annual bike run and fundraiser in July. Each year the money raised during the fundraiser goes toward awarding three scholarships to Monticello High School students, which is the school the three men who inspired Three of a Kind attended. The rest of the funds are donated to Eagles Healing Nest, a refuge for veterans who are looking for help to



JAMES THIESEN'S QUILT OF HONOR was awarded to him by his best friend, Kat Radunz. (Submitted photo.)

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HORNET' RUNNERS TAKE STATE TITLE!

By Bill Morgan Editor/Staff Writer Reporter.Bill@PatriotNewsMN.com

The Big Lake boys' cross country team competed in the Minnesota State Cross-Country Championship at St. Olaf College in Northfield last Saturday, Nov. 6 and came home with the championship!

The Section 5AA Champion Hornet squad competed in the AA 5000 meter race against the top 16 teams in the state and top 48 individuals.

"It's been this team's goal to get to this meet and contend for a championship," said Hornet Head Coach Todd Trutna. "Now, they just had to contend with the nerves, control their excitement, and let their training take over."

When the gun sounded, the boys got themselves into good positions and then settled into their paces.

"Our team has done such an incredible job of knowing their paces this year," Trutna said. "They will let other runners make the mistake of going out too quickly and then

reel them in and pass them in the second two miles."

At the first mile split, Big Lake had the start they wanted and were in fifth place as a team.

"During the second mile, our team did a better job than most of holding pace," said Trutna. "And we moved into second place as a team."

The last part of the race has a tough uphill followed by a demanding downhill.

"The boys continued to move up and pass people that last mile," Trutna continued. "There were

some very nerve racking minutes after the finish as scores were tabulated, but it was finally posted that Big Lake had won the state team championship."

Big Lake's 92 points was 10 points better than Monticello and 16 ahead of the

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CVBC Quarterly Meeting Held in Clearwater



CVBC PRESIDENT GLENNA SOENNEKER took a minute during the introductions at the CVBC meeting to share about her Mary Kay business. She is pictured displaying one of several Christ-mas gift sets being offered for sale this holiday season. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

By Mary Nehring Contributing Writer

Clear Valley Business Connection (CVBC) held their quarterly meeting Thursday, Oct. 14th at Airborn Preserve

Disc Golf Course (formerly Eagle Trace Golf Course). The meeting was hosted and sponsored by Irrigation Management (owners Chris and April

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A Letter to Our Readers and Schools:

By Bill Morgan Editor/Staff Writer Reporter.Bill@PatriotNewsMN.com

Two weeks ago, I (Bill Morgan, Editor) inadvertently ran two letters to the editor whose authors opposed voting "yes" on the school referendums in our paper. This, after instructing other letter and column writers that the *Patriot* has a policy to not allow LTEs within one week of an election that have content in regards to said election. Completely my fault. We messed up.

The policy is in place to keep exactly what might happen from happening — an opposing viewpoint that can not be rebutted.

I (we) at the Patriot apologize with genuine resolve for the mistake we made in running the two letters to the editors. We have made adjustments and are building protocols for how we plan on handling election letters and columns moving forward. The schools of Big Lake and Becker have always been a priority for the *Patriot* and we strive each week to bring our readers the news from board meetings, school happenings, activities and sports as best we can. We hope we can salvage and uphold a solid working relationship with the schools and staff, teachers and board members.

Some of our dissenters have said we ran the letters and a previous column with "malicious intent" to harm the schools. That is so far from the truth. We have never done anything intentionally to "cut the legs off" from our local schools and we never will. Our interest is not to sabotage the efforts of our schools but to support and report on what we see, hear, feel and learn. As a reminder, the letters to the editor are opinion pieces written by our readers — not by us.

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Area News

Becker School Board talks election issues, CRT

By Katherine Cantin,
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The Becker School Board met on Monday to discuss happenings around the school, including a recent incident with the *Patriot Newspaper*.

Band and Choir Field Trip
Gretchen Bordson, high school choir director, presented the plan for the band and choir field trip for 2022. The plan was to bring the kids to Memphis for one week at the end of March and beginning of April. The students will take in museums, concerts, and one-on-one experiences to learn about the history of music. The students have been fundraising by selling coupon books and other items. Last year's trip was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Open Forum
Dan Olson, history teacher, spoke on two items before the board. He expressed his displeasure with the *Patriot Newspaper* in regards to the recent referendum election. He specifically noted the publication of a letter to the editor by Jim Newberger in favor of voting no in the election that was published the week before the election and a column earlier in the year. He claimed that these were published maliciously and encouraged the board to disassociate with the paper.

Olson also spoke about Newberger's mention of critical race theory (CRT) in the schools. He noted that CRT is not being taught in the schools, nor do the teacher or the board have much control over state requirements for material taught in class. He encouraged community members to take their concerns to their legislators.

The board responded by saying that they had attended several meetings for those who were concerned with CRT and given this information in the past.

Superintendent's Report
The school recently applied for ESSER III funding but was not approved, as they needed to change a couple of items on their application. There are several applications for which the

school is applying or has applied recently.

Vaccinations will be offered at the schools in the near future, pending collaboration with Sherburne County Public Health. The vaccine is not required for students to attend school.

Schmidt thanked the substitutes for all they have done in stepping up to help, and noted that more subs were needed. Later in the meeting, the board voted to increase sub pay to be more competitive in attracting new hires. The school also hired the video company which made the referendum promotional videos to make a video to attract new subs to the district.

Minnesota Family Council is interested in giving a presentation to the board on the legal side of LGBTQ+ issues. This will take place possibly in early 2022.

On a related note, Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) sent out a list of guidelines for creating policies relating to LGBTQ+ students.

OSHA emergency temporary standard may require the school to make sure staff is either fully vaccinated or have unvaccinated staff members produce a negative COVID-19 result each week, as well as wear a face covering.

had with the *Patriot*. He was concerned that false information was being presented to the public. He, along with several of the board members, considered looking for another option as far as switching to another legal newspaper or simply posting legal notices online.

Schmidt also addressed the Newberger column, stating that he had been in contact with Mr. Newberger, but had not received any information on where the former representative had received information on which to base his claims of CRT being taught in the schools.

Leadership and Educational Excellence Awards were awarded throughout the district to support staff: Laura Garding of the Primary School; Rikke Hansen of the Intermediate School; Eileen Schermer of the Middle School; Danielle Mullin of the High School; Mary Schuster, with technology; and Tom Risley with transportation. These individuals will be honored in a ceremony Nov. 17.

Several teachers from the district were honored in Oct. as well, including: Cindy Marholz of the Primary School; Anna Kunz of the Intermediate School; Sara Paterson of the Middle School; and Beth Kendall

ment Thursday evening (see results in next week's *Patriot*.)

The student council and the National Honor Society (NHS) recently took a leadership retreat and listened to motivational speaker Keith Hawkins.

The Becker girls' cross country went to state last Saturday, as did two of the boys, and had an excellent showing.

Over 100 people attended the NHS Halloween event that took place recently.

Band and choir concerts took place recently. The drama club continues to meet and practice for the musical, showings will take place in December. Winter sports are beginning.

Becker Backpack Buddies recently met and had a packing event. Backpack Buddies is a group that provides meals to students in need.

A celebration of Veterans took place at the school on Veterans' Day (Thursday).

Thanksgiving break will take place Nov. 24-26. The first trimester ends Dec. 2.

In Other Business, the Board:
• Canvassed the election results;
• Did a first reading for several school policies,

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Schmidt was concerned about losing staff members over this policy. The school will find out if this policy will be implemented in December.

Supt. Schmidt spoke further on the issues they

of the High School.
Student Rep. Report
Student representatives Madalynn and Kayla were excited to report on the success of the undefeated Bulldogs football team, which played in the state tourna-

including those regarding political activities, internet use, and school meals;
• Increased pay rates for substitutes.

Magic Bob wows kids at the Clearwater Library

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

Comedian and magician 'Magic Bob' was once again at the Clearwater Library to entertain kids with his show, "The Magic of Eric Carle." Eric Carle is an author and illustrator best known for his children's picture book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

The event had kids laughing and giggling throughout the entire participation, which featured audience participation and bug and flower themed magic tricks. The program was a Legacy Event put on through the library's parent organization Great River Regional Library.



MAGIC BOB MARCHES A CATERPILLAR up Claire 'the tree's' arm during his program at the Clearwater Library. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)



MAGIC BOB IS AMAZED to open the barn door to find that his spider had spun a web spelling the word 'read.' (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

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Area News

Big Lake middle, high school hours change

By Katherine Cantin,
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Superintendent Tim Truebenbach said that he received several complaints from parents that their students were not arriving at school early enough for the students to eat breakfast or stop at their lockers. Many times, the bus arrives right before class begins and students need to go directly to their classrooms. The solution the staff found was to change the middle school and high school start time by 10 minutes, starting at 8:30 rather than 8:20. Students will also be sent home 10 minutes later than before. Bus times will not change. Trueben-

LGBTQ students and their ability to feel accepted and safe at school.

Derek Nelson updated the board on the progress of the varsity cheerleaders. At the meeting, the students were preparing to attend their regional competition. Nelson said his students have worked very hard this year, and the teams have seen a lot of growth over the last few years.

Amy Kavilhog (spelling uncertain) spoke up about a desire to change the dress code to allow her son to wear a baseball cap in school. She claimed that many students wear more distracting articles of clothing such as animal ears and tails, and she wanted her son to be able to express



DEREK NELSON, coach of the Big Lake Cheerleading Team, gave an update on the team as they prepared for their regional competition. To the right, student representative Preity Persuad listens. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

bach said this plan would also work for the winter, when icy roads slow down the busses. The new start times went into effect Monday, Nov. 8. Information was mailed out to families that were impacted.

Open Forum

Christie Royce spoke about the school board election (note that this meeting took place before the November 2 election). She had listened to the school board candidate forum and was concerned about the candidates wanting to restrict bathroom use. She was concerned about the mental health of

himself through his clothing as well without being sent to the office.

Haley Dobbel also spoke about the dress code. As a student, she claimed that most of the clothing available for girls and women was not school appropriate and she had issues finding outfits that fit the school dress code.

Financial Report

Angie Manuel, director of business services, noted that the school was still seeing an upward trend in enrollment. The 2021 audit is nearly complete and will be presented at the November

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meeting. Accounting for the COVID-19 relief funding has complicated the process, leading to delays. Manuel also stated that she will be applying for several grants on the school's behalf in the near future.

Student Rep Report

Student representative to the board, Preity Persuad, noted that students were very happy to return to in-person classes after last year, and she hopes that the SEL policies adopted by the board will continue to help students transition. She also congratulated the boys cross county team on their win at state.

Election Information

A special meeting to canvass the votes of the election was held Wednesday, Nov. 10. If desired, the board can request a recount between the 10th and the 17th. The next regular meeting will be held Nov. 18, upon which time the winning candidate will be sworn into the board.

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Missing Absentee Ballots:

4,537 Anoka
13,248 Chisago
154,756 Dakota
8,630 Isanti
28,794 Wright



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Bankers talk about avoiding scams

By Katherine Cantin,
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Two weeks ago, the Patriot ran an article about spotting and avoiding scams. Representatives of Sherburne State Bank, Becker location, wished to contribute their expertise to this issue.

Candice Hanson, Chief Operations Officer, and Shannon Veches, BSA Officer, spoke on their many years of expertise in banking and the numerous scams they have seen over about the last 15 years, from fraudulent checks, to phone scams, to identity theft.

Fraudulent Checks

Hanson noted that fraudulent checks used to be very easy to spot when this scam first started. They were poorly made, and looked grainy. This is not the case any more. Now, if a scammer has a person's name and bank information, they can create a check that appears to be completely authentic. They can get banking information either by getting hold of a legitimate check written by the person or by finding the person's account information on the dark web (the

term "dark web" refers to shady websites that collect and sell people's personal information.)

Scammers can also get information on the victim's account information by tricking the person into depositing a check from them. When the check is deposited, they can see the account information and use that information to create fraudulent checks.

When selling items online, such as with Craigslist or Facebook, it's important to not accept a check for the items. Ask to be paid in cash, or make sure that a card number or online transfer (such as Paypal) clears.

Phone Scams /

Electronic Withdraw

Some scammers will call their victims and get them to allow the scammer access to their computer and then log into their online banking account. This allows the scammers to capture the victim's username and password and withdraw funds from the account. If the victim does not have an online banking account, the scammer may instruct them to create an account, giving the criminal even greater access to the account.

Identity Theft

Once the scammers have access to the victim's computer, they can access other personal information as well, such as if the victim keeps information on their taxes, their contacts, their personal lives, etc.

It is also possible for the scammers to find this information online, if the victim has ever done any online shopping at a less-than-reputable site or on a site that has been hacked.

Using personal and banking information, it is even possible for scammers to take out loans and credit cards in the victim's name.

What Victims Can Do

There is one rule of thumb all people should follow to avoid falling for phone scams – hang up the phone and call the organization the scammer was imitating directly. For example, if the scammer says they are from Microsoft, call the Microsoft help line directly. The scammer will tell the victim not to hang up and can be very persuasive, making even intelligent people fall for these traps.

Hanson and Veches gave a couple of other good practices when dealing with

scammers. If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is, they say. Receiving an unexpected check in the mail is not good luck for the recipient. They also say the victims should question everything. Were they expecting this call or this check? What organization does the caller represent? Does this seem legitimate? If unsure, bank patrons can always call or come into the bank and talk to a banker about the issue.

If a scammer has taken out a credit card or loan in the victim's name, the victim can call the credit bureaus and have their credit locked. Credit Karma and other online services are a good way to monitor one's credit and be alerted whenever a new account is opened.

In this day and age, many, if not most, people will be victims of a scam, even if they are very careful. Businesses can be hacked and bad people can steal information in many different ways. Hanson and Veches urge bank patrons to check their account statement at least two to three times a week, whether this is through electronic banking, calling on the phone, or stopping in the bank.

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Becker mayor declares Nov. 8-12 kindness week

By Katherine Cantin,
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During last week Wednesday's council meeting, Mayor Tracy Bertram made a proclamation that the week of Nov. 8-12 would be Kindness Appreciation Week in Becker. This proclamation goes in hand with programming at the Becker Schools.

Supplemental Letter of Agreement

Council approved signing a supplemental letter of agreement with Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) for engineering work on the collaborative project between Becker City, Becker Twp., and Clear Lake Twp. on 97th St. Council Member Mike Doering asked why the city was having its own engineer take care of the city's portion of the project rather than have one engineer tackle the entire project. A representative from SEH said that the townships each had an engineer with whom they liked to contract, but the three firms would be working closely together to ensure there were no oversights resulting from any communication errors between the firms.

Pebble Creek Change Orders

City Administrator Greg Pruszinski presented change orders six and seven of the

Pebble Creek Clubhouse project. Change order six involves replacing more roofing than was originally planned, as staff was unable to find matching shingles for just a small area. Change order seven involved changing the plan for the parking lot so the snow plows won't tear it up over the winter, with additional work occurring in the spring to bring it back to the original specifications of the plan.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance:

The Becker Community Center is continuing to recover from COVID-19 losses.

Planning Commission:

The planning commission held a public hearing for edits to the chapter 11 ordinance. They also spoke about the fence ordinances and set a public hearing for other ordinance changes at their next regular meeting. One of the members of the planning commission is coming to the end of his term, so the commission will be accepting applications for the position.

Golf Committee:

Pebble Creek has continued to increase sales over the years. Construction to add the golf simulators is still underway. Concert at the Creek next summer will take place during Labor Day weekend.

The golf committee hopes that this will get more people to attend, as attendance has declined in the past few years. The Fabulous Armadillos featuring Chris Hawkey will be playing and food trucks will be available. The date may change as the golf committee determines interest in the event.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Heard the third quarter financial report from Mark Ebensteiner, head of the finance department;
- Approved updates to chapter 11 of city code, regarding adult entertainment establishments;
- Merged some properties within the industrial park;
- Made a change order to include a gate in the municipal well project;
- Purchased a new bucket truck for public works;
- Entered an agreement with Xcel Energy to allow Xcel to complete an environmental survey on city-owned property;
- Called for a public hearing for citizens who have outstanding utility bills with the city Nov. 16, which allows citizens to make their case to the council before the charges are added to their property taxes.

THE BECKER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE held their annual coat drive recently and collected 70 coats, many pairs of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. All donated items will stay in our community and be distributed through Compassion Connection as well as our local food shelf. If you would still like to donate, there is a drop box located at the Patriot office 14054 Bank Street, Becker. Pictured front, left to right: Kelly Schustak, LPI; Jessica Kylo, Sherburne State Bank and Amy Chmielewski, American Family. Back row, left to right: Brandon Buesgens, Becker Spine; Michelle Peacock, Becker Community Education; Jeremy Schmidt, Becker Public Schools and Amity Felton, Keller Williams Realty. Not pictured Christina Patten, St. Cloud Financial Credit Union. (Patriot Photo by Carol Hanson)





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Coborn's, Inc., retail locations to close for Thanksgiving holiday

Submitted article

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

Coborn's, Inc., will close its retail locations on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25 to allow its employees to spend the day with their families. This includes all Coborn's, Cash Wise, Marketplace Foods and Hornbacher's grocery stores, along with its liquor stores, convenience stores, coffee shops, online grocery pick-up and delivery, car washes and warehouse operations.

Retail locations will close at their normal time on Wednesday, Nov. 24 and reopen on Friday, Nov. 26 at their normal time. Self-service fuel pumps at Little Dukes, Coborn's Express and Holiday Station stores will remain open for holiday travelers.

"We are grateful for the remarkable work ethic and incredible dedication our employees have demonstrated this past year," said Chief Operating Officer, Dave Meyer. "Our employees have a strong commitment that has not gone unnoticed, particularly over these past many months and we know that our employees make Coborn's, Inc. a great place to work. We know they'll appreciate having the holiday to spend with family and friends."

County waives need for EIS

Submitted article

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

Nov. 2, 2021, the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners made a negative declaration for an EIS (Environmental Impact Survey) for Knife River "Bengtson Pit" located in Section 27 of Haven Township, Sherburne County. This is due to evidence found in an EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) that the project would produce no substantial environmental impact. Sherburne County is required by law to publish this information as a press release. For any questions, contact Mitch Glines, Sherburne County Planner, at Mitchell.Glines@co.Sherburne.mn.us or (763) 765-4466.

Area Chamber News



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Business After Hours
December 2, 4:30-7
Steil Ins. & Patriot News



Business After Hours
November 18, 5-6:30
Trails
Annual Membership Meeting
November 30, 11:30-1pm
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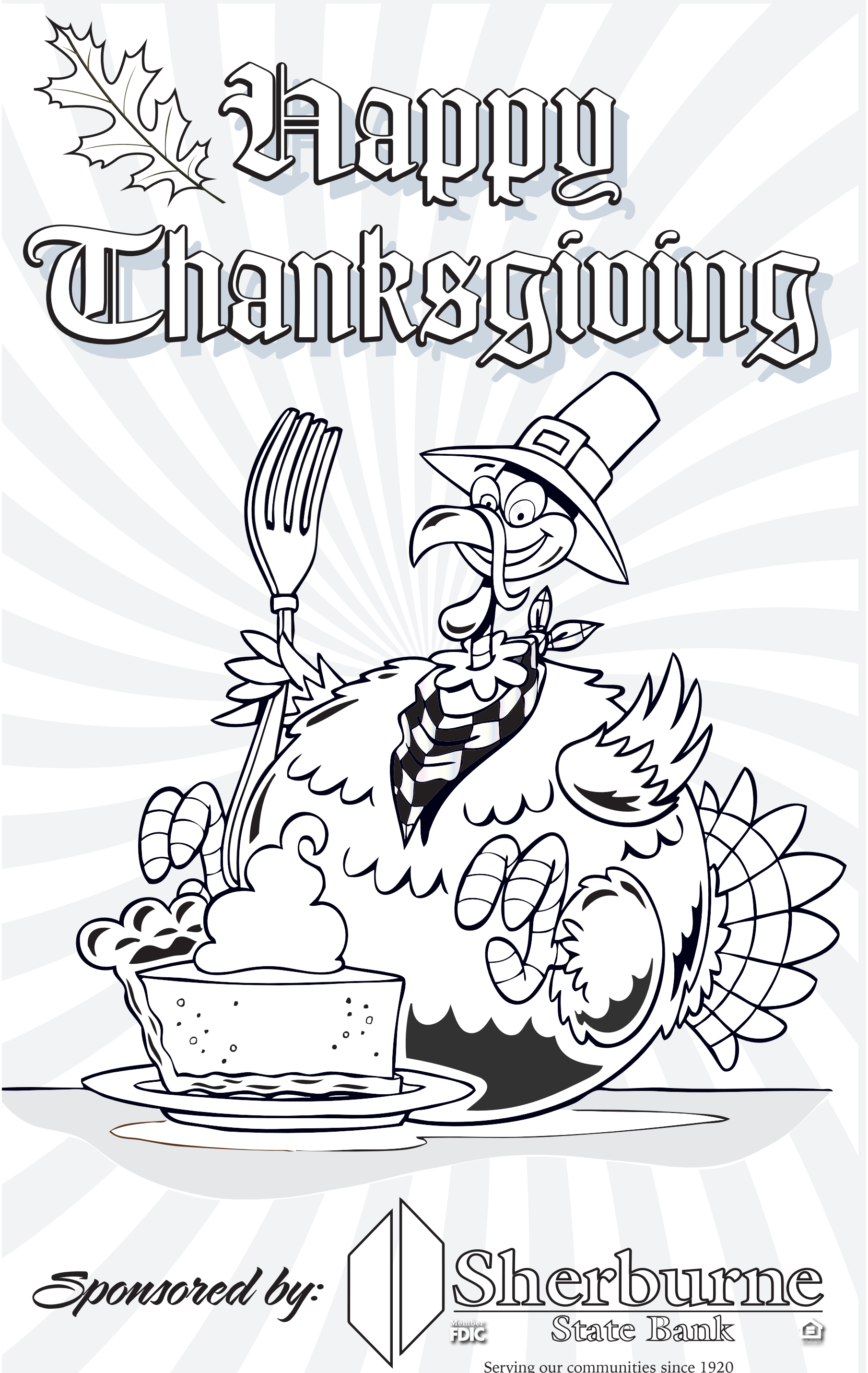
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A Veterans' Day Message

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

Every November, we remember the 327,000 veterans who make up part of our communities here in Minnesota. On Veterans Day, I am reminded again of how grateful I am to have these brave, courageous, and patriotic men and women who have made great sacrifices in order to protect our great country.

In addition to recognizing some of the strongest members of our society, it is important to look back at the history of the day. Following World War I, which was known as the Great War at the time, officially ended as the Treaty of Versailles was signed. President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11th in honor of the brave Americans who fought and helped to restore peace among nations.

First known as Armistice Day, the holiday's intent was



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

to celebrate and honor veterans of World War I; the name was changed to Veterans Day so that "a grateful nation might pay the appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation."

I hope this week, and every week, you take the opportunity to express thanks to those who have contributed so much in service to our country. Of the over 19 million veterans in our country,

each of them deserves special recognition, honor, and gratitude on this day.

I would like to send extra appreciation to the many veterans in our great District 30. You are an incredible addition to our community and homes. Thank you for your service.

If you would like to read more about the history of Veterans Day, the US Department of Veterans Affairs has many resources. For local resources, you may contact Sherburne County Veterans Services or call the office at 763-765-3100.

As always, please feel free to contact my office with your thoughts or legislative concerns. Please send an email to Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN or call at 651-296-5655.

Thanking Our Veterans

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

This week, we have the opportunity to recognize the thousands of men and women who freely took an oath to defend our nation from all enemies, foreign and domestic. Thursday November 11th was Veterans Day, a day to commemorate the formal end of World War I which occurred in the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

Our veterans are brave individuals who have carried out dangerous but important acts that provided for our way of life and the stability of the world as we know it. It is wonderful to celebrate our nation's veterans on Veterans Day – it is also important to celebrate our veterans each and every day. By thanking those who have served, you acknowledge the months spent away from home, away from family, and often, the months spent in harm's way.

This year, our veterans who served their deployments in Afghanistan are top of mind for me. As we all watched as the nation fell to the Taliban, our servicemembers who served in country watched years of hard work and bloodshed evaporate. Jacques and I continue to pray for those still in Afghanistan, and for the American servicemen and women who served in country over the years as they continue to grapple with this tragedy.

With these veterans in mind, I introduced the Same-Day Accountability Veterans Enhancement (SAVE) Act to ensure the Veterans Administration (VA) has accountability mechanisms in place to successfully offer same-day physical and mental health treatment to veterans in need. Same-day mental health care is available – but my legislation would ensure the VA is accountable for providing this service.

While policy solutions may help, I want to remind everyone to never underestimate the impact a simple "thank you" can have. These



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

heroes live throughout our communities in Minnesota and deserve our acknowledgment and admiration.

Efforts like these show our veterans we honor their service, and to all the veterans, I want to say thank you for serving in our Armed Forces. I am grateful for your sacrifices to protect our nation. Thank you for upholding and fighting for our freedoms and liberties we hold so dear.

Veterans: If you are in need of mental health assistance please call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1 or text 838255 or visit VeteransCrisisLine.net

Supporting Economic Growth, Main Street

As a member of the House Financial Services Committee, I am committed to promoting policies that help small businesses and entrepreneurs access capital, create jobs, and propel our economy forward.

Last week, I reintroduced the Main Street Growth Act – which passed the House during the 115th Congress with unanimous bipartisan support – to encourage more early-stage Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) by facilitating the creation of venture exchanges. These specialized securities exchanges will help small and emerging growth companies gain access to the capital they need to grow and succeed.

We want to ensure small and emerging companies have a pathway to become the next Harley Davidson or Medtronic – starting in a garage and eventually earning the respect and admiration of the world.

Recognizing an Outstanding Supt.

Recently, the St. Cloud community learned some sad news – our friend and Superintendent of ISD 742 Willie Jett is leaving the St. Cloud School District at the end of the year. Throughout his tenure, Willie has become a great friend and remained an outstanding leader and educator in the Sixth District.

When he began serving as Superintendent in 2013, Willie instituted a thoughtful and strategic communications plan for the St. Cloud school. Willie's five-year plan addressed the school districts' growing community by re-allocating money for smaller class sizes, investing in English language programs, and leading school board retreats to outline learning objectives for the upcoming year. It was comprehensive, forward-thinking, and largely successful.

A few years ago, Willie was appropriately honored with the Minnesota School Public Relations Association's Leadership in Communication Award for this effort. This recognition is given to leaders in education who demonstrate extraordinary communication and public relations skills.

I honored Willie's service to our community on the House floor.

In a challenging atmosphere, Willie has always strived to express and prioritize the needs of the district over the issue of the day. Serving a diverse and growing community, Willie has been able to foresee the needs of the district as they transform and evolve. Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District is lucky to have had a leader like Willie – and we look forward to seeing what he does next.



Clear Lake Woman Wins Social Work Award

Submitted article

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

Carol Payne, a Licensed Social Worker from Clear Lake, has been selected by the Association of Social Work Boards to receive the 2021 Sunny Andrews Award for Outstanding Commitment to Social Work Regulatory Board Service. She will receive the award Nov. 20, 2021, when she will be honored during the ASWB Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly.

Payne has served as a member of the Minnesota Board of Social Work for 12 years, finishing her final term this year. She was appointed to the regulatory board in 2009 and served as board



chair from 2016 to 2018, vice chair from 2014 to 2016, and secretary/treasurer from 2012 to 2014.

The criteria for the award include:

- Upholding the integrity of a member board's functioning and processes;
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The award is named for a past president of the association. It is given annually by ASWB to a volunteer member of a social work regulatory board.

CLEAR LAKE WOMAN CAROL PAYNE received the Sunny Andrews Award for her social work. (Submitted photo.)

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Columns are also opinions of the writers and I hope our readers understand that fact.

To Superintendents Jeremy Schmidt, Tim Truebenbach, Board members, teachers, coaches and concerned readers, our utmost apology and our promise to try to regain your trust.

Bill Morgan, Editor

County considers tax-forfeited parcel issue

By Katherine Cantin,
Staff Writer
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An open hearing regarding a tax-forfeited parcel in Becker was held during Tuesday's county board of commissioners meeting.

The HOA for the parcel was dissolved when the homeowners decided to take the HOA duties upon themselves. The HOA was managed by a bank, which, since the HOA was dissolved, stopped paying HOA taxes, leading to the situation of the HOA being in tax forfeiture. Technically, this means that the homeowners do not have access to their homes. The board had the options of either reinstating the HOA or dividing ownership of the parcel amongst the homeowners.

One of the homeowners submitted a statement saying she was against reinstating the HOA, as she was on social security and didn't have money in her budget to pay HOA dues.

Marie Pflipsen of the City of Becker noted that the plat, the way it is set up currently, requires an HOA to be active in this area to manage the common utilities shared by the homeowners (private roadways, sidewalks, etc.).

Another resident stated that the homeowners were not made aware that they couldn't dissolve the HOA, and the city didn't change the zoning for the parcel despite the fact that the HOA was allowed to dissolve. She spoke in support of reinstating the HOA.

Another man, who was looking to purchase property in the parcel, also spoke in favor of the HOA

in order to take care of the common utilities. He also stated that the majority of the homeowners were in favor of reinstating the HOA, with the stipulation that it is self-governed.

Another resident urged the board to come to a decision immediately, as she needed to sell her home right away.

Another resident needed to move into a handicapped home, but due

etc.) did not sound insurmountable and he would like to see the homeowners work together to find a solution that worked for everyone.

The board eventually moved to direct the homeowners to work with county staff to form a viable plan for an HOA within 30 days, upon which time the board would make a final decision.

APRA Funding

Staff asked the board to approve a new staff member for the office of veterans' services, since the pandemic created more work for the office. Over the next several years, the funding for the position will shift away from the ARPA funding by percentages to eventually pay for the new position using taxes from the community, but without needing to raise taxes due to the growth of the community and the increasing tax base.

The board also approved funding for providing broadband to underserved areas of the county.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Declared adequacy of environmental assessment for Knife River and Tiller Corp. mining projects within Haven and Livonia Townships;
- Issued a closure certificate for Great River Energy Elk River Energy Recovery Station;
- Heard updates from the board.



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The Becker girls cross country team ran in mid-afternoon at St Olaf College last Saturday. It was the final race of the day — and of the year — as the Class AAA runners ran in the morning, the Class A runners ran at noon.

The weather got gradually warmer throughout the day and was around 70 degrees when the Bulldog girls ran.

“That was a bit warmer than we had hoped for but everyone runs in the same weather,” said Head Coach Trish Kealy.

This was the first year of the Cross Country State Meet having three classes. It was the first change since 1975 when they moved to two classes of running. Becker ran in the middle class this year in which they formerly were in the large class (Class AA) previously from 2005 on. Before that, they were in the small



BECKER'S FIRST FINISHER AT STATE was Ella McDonald who finished in 19:55.20 for 29th place. (Submitted Photo)

school class. (Class A). The Bulldog girls ran well and placed sixth as a team. Team scores were: St. Paul Highland Park 61,

Willmar 78, Alexandria 79, Marshall 114, Monticello 160, **Becker 189**, Delano 232, Mankato East 237, Mound Westonka 256, Hibbing 262, North Shore, 268, Mahtomedi 275, Two Rivers 290, Faribault 325, Plainville Elgin Millville 336 and St Anthony Village 430.

Becker was ranked eighth in the final Coaches' Poll of the year.

“We were looking to go for sixth place and so we were pretty pleased with our result,” said Kealy. “The top few teams were pretty much set to end up in the top with a possible shuffle of a position or two.”

Kealy's girls ran well, with a very nice race being run by ninth grader Ella McDonald, who pushed herself to stay up to be in contention for all state honors. She was very close — finishing in 29th (all state honors go to the first 25 runners) — and her time was 19:55.20.

“Ella has really come along these last few meets

of the season,” said her head coach.

Close behind McDonald was Becker's next two runners, Lexi Rose and Olivia Babler (both 10th graders). They finished in 34th and 35th and were very close to breaking the 20 minute mark! Rose ran 20:01.02 and Babler 20:02.10 for personal best times on the state meet courses.

“These two really challenged themselves and finished strong,” said Kealy.

Brooklyn Karel came in as Becker's fourth runner, coming in with a time of 21:26.22.

“She found herself in the unusual position of not having her teammates right by her, which can happen in such a large race,” Kealy said. “She handled it well and placed 89th out of 160 runners.”

Becker's final three runners pushed one another and encouraged each other throughout the race. Junior Bella Duncombe was Becker's final scoring runner

(#5) and placed 126th with a time of 22:08.60. Alea Briggs (10th grade) was 127th in 22:10.07. Tasha Berthiaume (10th grade) battled a knee issue but was still close, placing 87th with a time of 22:13.65.

Becker's alternate runners were Kayla Gruenes and Katelyn Brower and they were waiting in the wings before the race started in case they were needed.

“Our girls really were excited to make it to the state meet,” said Kealy. “It is such a special and unique experience. Their progress through the season has been so encouraging. This experience at this level will help them next year. With such a young team we are hoping to have another positive season next fall.”

Kealy also mentioned how it was so fun to have many parents and other Becker people at the meet.

“Thank you for all the support,” she said.

Girls CC wins Section 5AA title!

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The Becker Girls Cross Country team won the Section 5AA team championship held in Becker Thurs., Oct. 28! The victory moved them on to the state meet that was run on last Saturday (see separate story elsewhere in this week's *Patriot*).

Also of note, Head Coach Trish Kealy was named Section Coach of the Year by her peers.

The course and conditions were a bit soggy after a couple of rainy days but the temperature was ideal in that it was cooler than most of the regular season. Also, the winds were low and that always aids the runners when the breezes don't affect the racers.

“This was a huge win for the girls with making it to the state meet as a team is always a goal and always a difficult task to attain,” said Becker Head Coach Trish Kealy.

The girls team scores: **Becker 54**, Monticello 56, Spectrum 89, St. Cloud Apollo 149, Zimmerman 150, St. Cloud Tech 175, St. Francis 179, Foley 198, Princeton 203, Big Lake 235, Sauk Rapids-Rice 262 and Milaca 299.

“The healthy rivalry with Monticello that we have had for some time now, was once again in play,” said Kealy. “Both teams have been ranked in the state coach's poll.”

The Magic team ran a very good race, but on this day the Bulldogs were able to pull out the win by two points.

“Monticello is always a classy and well coached team,” said Kealy.

This race saw each of Becker's girls racing well and — even with wet conditions — Kealy had two girls attain PR times and one a season best.

“Ninth grader Ella McDonald really stepped up her efforts this race and challenged herself to stay up as close to the leaders as possible,” said Kealy.



THE BECKER GIRLS CC TEAM posed for a picture with their Section 5AA trophy last month at Pebble Creek. Left to right, Coach Callie Doucette, Brooklyn Karel, Tasha Berthiaume, Ella McDonald, Bella Duncombe, Olivia Babler, Lexi Rose, Alea Briggs, Katelyn Brower, Kayla Gruenes and Coach Trish Kealy. (Submitted Photo)

The eventual medalist was Hailee Zimple from Zimmerman, who ran 18:54.08.

Becker's McDonald was able to finish in fourth place with a PR time of 19:44.87 (her previous best was 20:40.7).

Only three and four places behind her were Becker's next two runners. Turning in another solid performance in seventh place with a time of 20:09.72 was Lexi Rose — who has been a consistent runner for Becker and once again proved her worth.

Olivia Babler placed eighth right behind Rose. Her time was a time of 20:12.13 for a 37 second PR. She has been dropping her times all season.

The Monticello girls at this point had Mahoney place second and had their next four runners come in all in a row to place 12th-13th-14th and 15th to finish their scoring runners. But Becker was not finished yet and the next three runners came in 17th-18th-19th to bring in to tally Becker's top six runners. Tasha Berthiaume kicked up her efforts and was Becker's fourth runner to come in. She placed 17th in a season best time of 21:12.96 (previous SB was 21:29.1). Brooklyn Karel



BECKER RUNNERS Tasha Berthiaume (front), Brooklyn Karel (middle) and Bella Duncombe (back) finished in tandem during the section race at Pebble Creek, Oct. 28. (Submitted Photo)

and Bella Duncombe were 18th and 19th with Brooklyn running 21:14.32 and Bella 21:17.11.

“Again, these girls used their pack running to engage on another to be better,” said Kealy.

The final Becker runner was Alea Briggs, just three spots back in 22nd — running a time of 21:38.92, which is just off her PR time.

“This put all of our runners through the chute before Monti's number sixth and seventh,” Kealy said. “We

were lucky to have our two alternates (Katelyn Brower and Kayla Gruenes) ready to go before the race in case they were called upon to replace a runner. It is good that we did not have to use our alternates but reassuring that we have quality runners waiting if needed.”

Kealy could hardly contain her pride in her team.

“They have worked together as a unit all season and improved each meet to get to the point they are at now,” she said. “They have run in a

ally focused manner and are not afraid of the challenge of each race. Their persistence over each course shows. They trust one another and have each other's backs! It is rare to have a team that works this well together.”

Kealy said she was extremely honored to be voted Section Coach of the Year by the coaches in her section.

“I have the utmost respect for them and it is truly a reflection of the girls on our team,” she humbly said.

“We would like to thank Pebble Creek Golf Course for allowing us to host our section meet on their course,” she continued. “They are always very gracious and patient with us. Also appreciation goes out to our activities office — Dave Niemi and Jesse O'Neill — for all their work and organization, and all the many workers who helped out. Not forgetting our parents and their concession stand and the Hubbard's for allowing us to set up some things in their yard!”

Ricker, Becker run well at state “Don’t Veer for Deer” campaign in full swing

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In the week after hosting the 5AA meet at the beautiful Pebble Creek Local 9, the Bulldogs boys cross country team continued to stay rather busy.

Training continued as Mason Becker, Tyson Ricker, and the girls team prepared for the MSHSL State Championship meet and the Bulldogs also celebrated their seasons with a shared awards night for the teams (check back next week for information from the awards night).

MSHSL State Meet

Two of the Becker boys traveled to St. Olaf to represent the Bulldogs in the MSHSL State Cross Country Championship meet. This was the first time for these guys and it was an adventure as the race is filled with many strong runners.

The course for the state meet has been at St. Olaf College in Northfield, since the early 1990's and it has been filled with lots of different types of weather. The conditions on Nov. 6 though were gorgeous compared to some past years. Having the temperature in the 60s and the sun shining made for a beautiful day, which was fortunate



THE BULLDOG STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNERS in Mason Becker and Tyson Ricker (middle) posed with their coaches, Patrick Drury and Dustin Weege. This was the first time in Becker history that two boys competed in the State Meet together. (Submitted Photo)

as this was the first time that the MSHSL had tried the new time schedule to accommodate the new Three-class system for cross country. The League had agreed to add a third class which meant two more races (one for boys and one for girls) had to be added into the time schedule.

As a result, the AA boys race time was pushed back to a 2:30 p.m. start. This meant that the Becker guys had to manage their energy appropriately throughout the day in order to have great performances to cap off their seasons.

The pageantry of the state meet fortunately did not phase the Bulldogs as they were well prepared for the

day and focused on the things they had control over, primarily their attitudes. When the gun went off the field of 160 runners burst forward in a mad dash for the first corner of the course. Ricker and Becker managed well as they worked to start out a little more conservatively for the first mile. Mason was in 73rd place at the mile mark while Tyson was up ahead in 54th with his 5:17 split.

After the mile mark of the course, the runners returned to traverse through a large crowd of spectators. While the field was still packed, Tyson and Mason both worked to kick into action and catch opponents during the next segment.

Mason caught nine runners in the next mile as Tyson passed 30 guys.

In the third segment of the race, the Becker runners found their next gear and charged toward the finish line. Tyson managed to catch seven more runners in that segment while Mason caught five. Mason ran a fast time of 17:35.46 and finished the day in 59th place. Mason's time was about four seconds off of his PR time, but great considering the congested field and hilly conditions. Tyson Ricker managed to shave off about eight seconds of time for his PR performance at the meet and placed 17th. Tyson's time of 16:39.98 earned him All-State status which makes him the first All-State cross country boy runner since moving to the class AA. His time also places Tyson in the record books as it is the top time ever recorded for a Becker runner at the state cross country meet and the second fastest legitimate 5km race time of Bulldog history.

After the boys raced, they navigated their way through the crowd to find family and friends to celebrate with.

"It was so fun to see the following of folks that made the drive to St. Olaf to celebrate with the guys and knowing that a number of people were also tuned in on the livestream," said coach Weege.

Shortly then after their race, the Becker boys gathered their gear and prepared to move around the course again to cheer for the girls team as they competed in the state championship as a team.

There was a lot to celebrate for the Bulldogs and they look forward to continuing to reflect on the season while preparing for their next adventures with other winter, spring, and summer activities. The Bulldogs will look to return next season in great shape and will be looking forward to once again running the race with endurance.

Submitted article

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

With the calendar flipping to November, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) wants Minnesota residents to be aware of its "Don't Veer for Deer" campaign.

November and December are consistently the worst months for deer-vehicle collisions. While it may go against a driver's better nature, hitting the brakes and staying in the lane the driver is in is the best and safest approach.

Hitting a deer will cause damage, but swerving into oncoming traffic or swerving toward a ditch can have much more dire consequences than damaging the front end of a vehicle.

Wright County Sheriff Sean Deringer is no stranger to dealing with deer during this time of year. Deringer and his family made a drive to Fergus Falls last weekend and he saw eight or nine of the telltale signs of a vehicle taking down a deer – the typical blood stain on the roadway and/or a carcass laying on the shoulder – and those all had the appearance of happening within the previous 24 hours.

Deringer said three primary factors come into play each year as to why the number of crashes with deer take place from mid-October to mid-December. Last week alone, there were 13 reported crashes in Wright County involving deer and 10 in Sherburne County because two of

the three factors are already in full swing – and the third will be in effect later this week.

"In the fall of the year, deer are in rut, so that has them on the move because bucks are kind of losing their minds and they're chasing does," Deringer said. "The influx right now is that you have farmers taking out their corn and all the cover crop that deer tend to congregate in, which also gets them moving. This weekend is the hunting opener, so that adds even more movement because you have people in the woods and that pushes them."

The combination of these factors has deer moving at all times of the day instead of primarily at night, which is typically when deer and vehicles come in contact during the majority of the year. While nighttime is still the peak of when accidents occur (the peak periods being between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.), Deringer said drivers need to be alert at all times because deer can be in the middle of the road in a heartbeat.

"We see it too often where people swerve to miss a deer, go into the ditch, roll their car and other bad things happen," Deringer said. "Speed is the big factor. Drive the speed limit and, at night, drive below the speed limit. At this time of year you have to be aware of the eyes in the ditch. Fortunately, God made animals with glowing eyes when headlights hit them. Just be aware of your surroundings, pay attention and slow down."

To see statistics, data and safety tips provided by DPS, visit DPS.mn.gov.



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High School Hockey Predictions

With high school hockey about to officially start in a couple of weeks I thought it may be fun to give a few predictions as to who I believe will be in the State Tournaments this season and take a step away from the professional sports for a second. Now obviously this is pretty difficult to name an exact winner when some of the teams haven't even been picked yet but it can be fun to throw in some guesses as well.

The best way to start this is probably with a quick recap of what happened last season. The winners of last season's tournaments were Gentry Academy for the Boys' Class A state title and for the Class AA it was Eden Prairie, who many of us are familiar with, have won a title or two. As for the Girls' it was Proctor/Hermantown for Class A and Edina for AA, once again, teams that has been there a time or two.

It's expected those teams will make the tournament this season but there's always some surprises as well. For the Boys Class A side of things, it's to be expected that Hermantown will be there. Some other teams to be expected would be Warroad, Delano, and St. Cloud Cathedral. Many people don't get as hyped up for the Class A schools because they're considered smaller, but trust me, watching a game that has these teams in it is almost always entertaining.

As for Class AA in the boys, the bigger schools,

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Eden Prairie, Hill-Murray, Moorhead and St. Thomas Academy would all be schools I would expect to see this upcoming season. These games always attract a lot of attention and a lot of fans. To wrap up the boys' side of things, I'll mention one surprise team I think will make it through and possibly farther than just the first game.

For Class A I believe it could be the Monticello Moose, they've had a strong team in years past and I think they could have the potential to go farther. For Class AA I think it could be Roseau. They aren't exactly a surprise team because they are typically pretty good every year but they struggle to make it very far. This year could be different.

Now to the girls' side, the top teams will more than likely be back but as far as Class A is concerned, I think you'll be seeing Warroad, Breck, and the Rochester Lourdes. Some may question watching girls' games because they don't get to check like the boys do but they are

equally entertaining, and I have the perspective from both experience and watching to truly say they are fun to watch.

Class AA can expect Andover, Minnetonka, and Eastview to appear in the tournament this season. Eastview is a rather new up and coming team but I think they'll be a steady appearance in years to come. Andover is another team who has gotten good in recent years and it doesn't seem like they'll be going away any time soon.

When it comes to surprise teams, for Class A I think it could be River Lakes, a team that I grew up seeing form themselves as a team and slowly but steadily become a force to be reckoned with. Moving on to Class AA I believe it could be Maple Grove. I've seen their name appear off and on over the last few seasons and they could prove to be that team that sneaks up on you and takes it all.

As I stated at the beginning it's pretty hard to make predictions this early in the season unless you've done this sort of thing for years but it's also fun to try. It'll be interesting to see what happens going through this season and who makes it and who doesn't. I know I'm looking forward to a season that'll hopefully be full of as many games as possible. To all those high schoolers about to join their teams and go through try-outs and all of that, good luck on your seasons!

County board okays county grant program

Submitted article

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

Sherburne County Commissioners approved a \$1.5 million grant program to expand broadband service to unserved and underserved areas of the county.

The money will help bring reliable, affordable high-speed internet to more Sherburne County households and businesses, with the funds coming from the America Rescue Plan Act

of 2021. The grants will be awarded to service providers for eligible projects that provide service designed to reliably meet or exceed a symmetrical 100 Mbps download and upload speeds or, where symmetrical 100 Mbps speeds are not practicable, 100 Mbps download and at least 20 Mbps upload speeds.

"We are committed to working with providers to expand and upgrade broadband service in the County," said County Board Chair Raeanne Danilowski. "We will work as

hard as we can to make sure these grant funds address disparities in affordable and reliable broadband access throughout the County."

In order to be eligible for grant funds, all projects must be substantially completed on or before Dec. 31, 2024.

Sherburne County will accept applications for Broadband Access Grants through Dec. 31, 2021. The application can be found at the county's website: www.co.Sherburne.mn.us.

Sports News

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THE BIG LAKE HORNET BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM posed with their state championship trophy along with their coaches. (Submitted Photo)

pre-meet favorite, St. Paul Highland Park.

"It feels fitting after this year that it came down to Monti(cello) and us," Big Lake's coach said. "Our two teams definitely pushed each other all year and that competition paid off. All of the teams at this meet have talent and have put in a lot of miles, so it is an honor to be able to take the championship trophy back home to Big Lake."

Owen Layton was the top Hornet finisher in 11th place (16:34) and earned All-State Honors. A 10th grader, Owen, has now qualified for three state cross-country meets.

"Owen has been the most consistent runner of our top three," said Trutna. "In addition to qualifying for the state meet three times, Owen has also finished second individually three times in our conference championship. His pacing ability helps the rest of the team place themselves in the best position to avoid going out too quickly. Owen is one of our most experienced varsity runners on the team and is that 'rock' in our front pack."

Christian Noble was next across the line in 12th place (16:35) and earned All-State Honors. Christian, the lone senior on the team, has been the leader of this team all season.

"Christian is a special athlete who is a two-time state wrestling champion, in addition to making previous state meets in cross-country and track and field," Trutna said. "He is a competitive athlete with an incredible will to succeed that he uses to push himself and the team to be their best. After meets, the boys' varsity often goes out to eat together at Christian's invitation. That team bonding and togetherness can't be overlooked in our success. He started a team culture that will carry on after his graduation."

Jack Leuer was the third scorer in 18th place (16:44) and earned All-State Honors. Jack, a ninth grader, completed his first full season on varsity.

"Last year as an eighth grader, Jack competed on varsity towards the end of the season," Trutna continued. "Jack runs with such smooth power. He has used that ideal form to take off massive amounts of time from his PR. His improvement closed the gap from the second half of the team to the top half and allowed us to move from a good team to a team that could compete for a state championship."

Kade Layton was 21st (16:46) and earned All-State Honors. Kade, a junior, has qualified for his second state

championship.

"Kade had an injury at the start of the season that kept him out of a meet," said Trutna. "And he had a pretty bad sinus infection that he ran through towards the end of the season. Both of these things kept Kade from reaching the times that wanted early in the season, but those times began to drop and his confidence rose at the end of the season. Kade is a front runner, and he makes sure that our top runners don't get too complacent in their placing and continue to move up throughout the race."

The final scorer was junior Tanon Jacobson in 94th place (18:00). Tanon is the most improved member of the varsity team.

"Last year, Tanon was not on varsity nor was he one of our top JV runners," the Big Lake Head Coach said. "He was running in the mid to high 23s for 5k. He came off a good track season and ran consistently over the summer and by the end of this season was able to break into the 17s. That improvement helped to place more strength and consistency in our 5-7 runners."

Sophomore David Guyse was 106th (18:07). David has been the steady presence to the second half of our team.

"David really takes on the role that Owen has at the

front of our pack," Trutna said. "David's sense of pace allows our 5-7 runners to get out at a pace they can manage and race from. Not getting drawn out into paces that are too quick is a great skill and made David a key component of the squad, even when he finished outside our top five scorers."

Spencer Vold was 144th (19:05). Spencer, a junior, battled several injuries during the season.

"Spencer's injuries through the season didn't allow him to fully train the way he would have liked," Trutna added. "But even with that, he did improve his times from last year. His overall speed and strength were valuable during our training runs and workouts to help push our 5-9 runners to work hard."

Luke Hugo and Carter Erickson finished the season as Big Lake's eighth and ninth runners.

"Though they didn't get to race at the state meet, their presence with the team this week was important," Trutna said. "Luke and Carter both had varsity experience during this season and we were glad they could experience this meet with the team."



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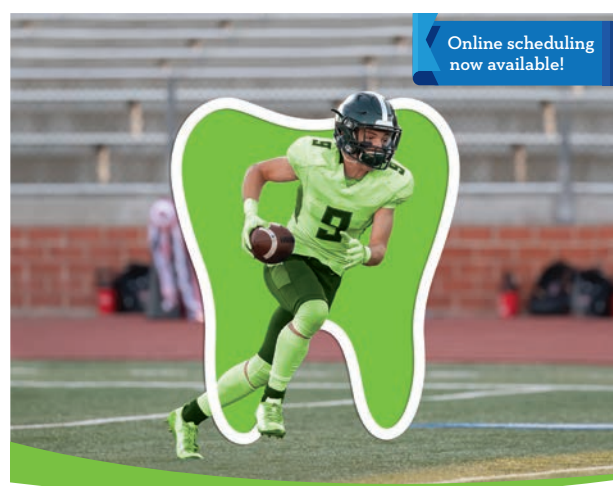


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Bulldog soccer team holds banquet

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The 2021 Becker Girls Soccer Team wrapped up their season with a banquet at

fun we've had together, on display tonight."

Varsity Awards

All Conference: Riley Norberg, Kennedy Rusin and Sarena St. Denis; All Conference Honorable Mention:



CAPTAINS WERE NAMED FOR NEXT YEAR'S SQUAD which includes: (left to right) Hailey Szabla, Rachel Fuller, Elizabeth Mackendanz and Ava Ewald. (Submitted Photo)

Pebble Creek, Nov. 4.

The room was packed with attendees who enjoyed good food, honors, laughs, and recollections of the season. Speeches from this year's captains were made, acknowledgment of parents who'd helped out during the season, good-natured roasting of varsity coach Ben Strom, a presentation of next year's captains, a slide show of photos, personal awards from seniors to underclassman, and the announcement of letter winners, as well as academic, team, and Mississippi 8 Conference awards.

"I think having it (banquet) at Pebble Creek was nice for the girls," said Head Coach Ben Strom. "To help celebrate the season and make it special for them and their parents. This was an enjoyable team to coach. Stats and records don't reflect that, but I think you saw the enjoyment of this season, and the

Ava Ewald, Rachel Fuller, Meagen Haessly, Adeline Kent, Elizabeth Mackendanz and Hailey Szabla; Most Valuable Player: Sarena St. Denis; Most Improved: Abby Atwood; Coaches Award: Amanda Miner and Cassidy Paumen; Rookie of the Year: Abby Atwood; Bulldog Award: Riley Norberg; Scholar Athlete: Rachel Fuller and Alli Knute; Team Spirit: Ava Ewald and Riley Norberg; Most Dedicated: Alayna Moeller and Kennedy Rusin; 2022 Varsity Captains: Ava Ewald, Rachel Fuller, Elizabeth Mackendanz, and Hailey Szabla.

Jr. Varsity Awards

Most Valuable Player(s): Daelyn Brannan and Lauren Huver; Most Improved: Alli Knute; Rookie of the Year: Lily Warren; Bulldog Award: Dakota Gay and Taylor May; Team Spirit: Za'Nya Baker; Most Dedicated: Karen Soulange.

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Bulldogs capture section title, head to state undefeated

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The Bulldogs played balanced football, solid defense and two TDs from Landen Goebel to propel them to the state quarterfinals this week.

Last Saturday they dismantled Detroit Lakes by a score of 35-15 on the road in Alexandria to capture the Section 8AAAA title!

The Bulldogs scored the first, second and third TDs of the game before the Lakers were finally able to dent the scoreboard. Becker's QB Ryan Bengtson found Logan Eisele from four yards out in the first quarter for the first score, then dropped in a beauty to Goebel early in the second from 15 yards out before Carter Callahan rumbled

into the end zone from two yards out halfway through the second to go up 21-0.

Detroit Lakes countered late in the first half with a 16 yard TD to try and make things interesting, but the Bulldogs weren't done.

In the third, Bengtson found Nick Berglund from 40 yards out to increase the score to 28-7, then found Goebel later in the third from 45 yards out to complete the Bulldog scoring.

Detroit Lakes would muster another TD late in the fourth, but it was too much ground to make up and the Bulldogs captured the section championship.

With the win, Becker moves into the state quarterfinals to take on the Academy of Holy Angels, who enter the state tournament with an 8-2 record. Becker remains undefeated



THE BECKER BULLDOG FOOTBALL TEAM defeated Detroit Lakes last Saturday to capture the Section 8AAAA championship, played in Alexandria. (Photo by Sara Waytashek).

at 10-0. Holy Angels has wins over Hill Murray, South St. Paul, Robbinsdale Cooper, Benilde-St. Margaret's, St. Louis Park, Waconia, LaSalle and St. Paul Academy/Minnehaha Academy/Blake.

Their two losses came to Orono (5-6) and Chanhassen (6-3).

Bengtson finished the Detroit Lakes game going nine-of-16 for 160 yards and four TDs. Goebel had the two catches for TDs and 60 yards total while Berglund had the one TD on three catches for 66 yards.

Goebel also had two interceptions on defense. Zach Bengtson had one and converted on all five PATs.

Callahan had the ball in his hands for 22 yards on 12 carries and the one TD.

Eisele had six carries for 62 yards and Bengtson carried the ball five times for 54 yards — an average of close to 11 yards per carry.

Dailen Adu-gyamfi had seven unassisted tackles and one assist while Dylan Weber had five tackles, two assists and one tackle for loss.

The other teams in the 8AAAA bracket for the state title include Fridley (8-2), Kasson-Mantorville (7-3), Grand Rapids (8-2), Orono (5-6), Simley (7-3) and Hutchinson (9-1).

The quarterfinal match against Holy Angels was played Thursday in Monticello and a full report on the game will appear in next week's Patriot. The winner moves on to play at U.S. Bank Stadium, the following Thursday (Nov. 18) against the winner of Fridley vs. Kasson-Mantorville.

The state title game will be played Nov. 26 at the same venue.



BULLDOG WIDE RECEIVER LANDEN GOEBEL dove across the goal line after catching a 15-yard pass from QB Ryan Bengtson to put the Bulldogs up 14-7 late in the first half. (Photo by Sara Waytashek).

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Liberty Paper Player of the Week

By Bill Morgan
Editor/Staff Writer
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Senior captain Landen Goebel was named "Player of the Week" for his outstanding game last Friday in Becker's 35-15 win over Detroit Lakes.

Landen is a starting defensive back. He had two key interceptions to stop drives by Detroit Lakes.

On offense Landen had two receptions for 60 yards



and two TDs. Coach Lundeen said, "Landen's play was amazing. He had his best game of the year when we needed him the most. I love watching him play football."

LANDEN GOEBEL was named Liberty Paper Player of the Game for his performance in the Nov. 5 game against Detroit Lakes. (Submitted Photo)

YOUTH OPENER. Tanner Felton, Becker, shot a deer during youth opener weekend near Evansville, MN. (Submitted photo.)

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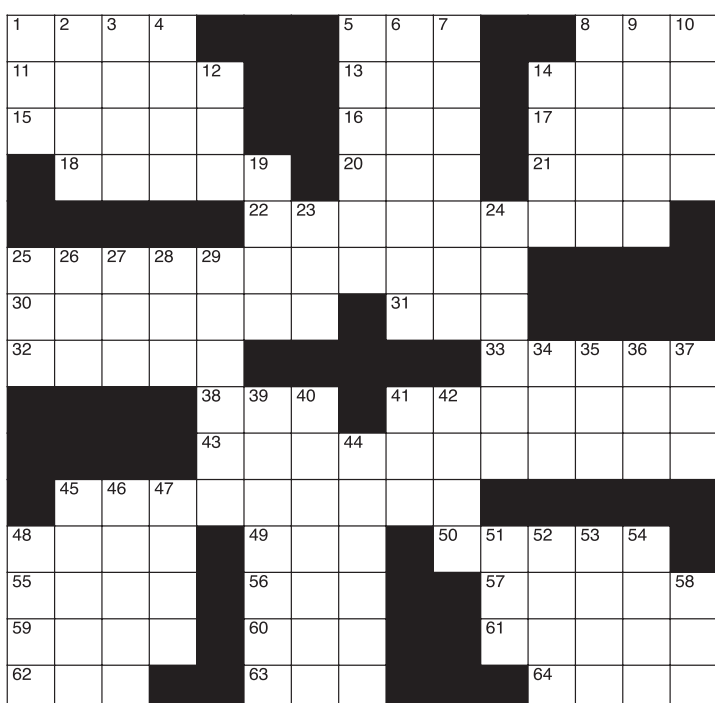
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17. Energy, style and enthusiasm
18. Simple shoe
20. Woman (French)
21. Abnormal rattling sound
22. Able to change
25. Future butterfly
30. Used in cooking and medicine
31. A street for nightmares
32. French modernist painter
33. Dishonors
38. Integrated data processing
41. Frameworks
43. Apply new materials
45. Where merch is displayed
48. American figure skater Lipinski
49. Cycles per second
50. Oohed and __
55. Dark olive black
56. Peyton's little brother
57. Plant in the bean family
59. A wife: __ covert
60. Born of
61. Arranges balls on the pool table
62. Title of Italian monk
63. Tooth caregiver
64. American feminist poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Dan Rather's old network
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. __ fide (Latin)
4. Sign of healing
5. Warm-blooded vertebrate
6. Model
7. Of or relating to plants
8. Plant of the heath family
9. Where to weigh something
10. Internal structure
12. __ Paulo, city
14. South Slavic person
19. A way to record
23. Have already done
24. As much as one can hold
25. Auburn legend Newton
26. Comedienne Gasteyer
27. Beloved dog Rin Tin __
28. Midway between east
and southeast
29. Call it a career
34. Former CIA
35. American time
36. Confederate general
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Travel downward
40. Made red-blue
41. Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc
42. Capital of Italy
44. Small bunches of flowers
45. Calvary sword
46. A distinctive, pleasant odor
47. A well-defined track or path
48. Cereal used to make flour
51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
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Mon. - Nov. 15, 2021:

- » The Keep America Beautiful Recycle Day
- » National Educational Support Professionals Day
- » National Bundt Day
- » American Education Week (11/15-11/19)

Tues. - Nov. 16, 2021:

- » National Button Day

Wed. - Nov. 17, 2021:

- » National Take a Hike Day

Thurs. - Nov. 18, 2021:

- » **BLS: School Board Meeting**
- » Great American Smokeout
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Becker Area Announcements

Becker American Legion Auxiliary

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

Becker American Legion Post 193

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

Becker AA Meeting

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

Becker Boy Scout Pack 92 Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum

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

Becker Evangelical Ministries

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

Becker Free Church (763) 261-4125 or register online at WWW.BECKERFREECHURCH.ORG (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

Becker Food Shelf

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

Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild

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

Becker Lions Club

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

Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle

The Becker Lions are collecting used eyeglasses (no cases please) and hearing aids. Collection buckets are located at the Becker Community Center, Insight Eye Care and Becker Food Pride. We are no longer collecting used cell phones or printer cartridges. If you have any questions please contact Lion Dale Seavert at (320) 290-5342 (phone or text) or by email at djseavert@gmail.com.

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

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

Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

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

Dementia Support Group

The fourth Wed. of each month at 10-11am, Room 19 at Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave. No

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Big Lake American Legion Post #147

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Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

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

Big Lake Al-Anon

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

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

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

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

Big Lake / Becker Mops

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

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

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

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meets second Tues. of each month at 11am. Meetings via Zoom due to COVID. Contact Recreation & Com-

munication Coordinator Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org or 612-297-6331 for meeting links or questions on the Committee Website: <https://www.biglakemn.org/443/Big-Lake-Bicycle-Advisory-Committee>.

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

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

Big Lake Day of Prayer

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

The Big Lake Lions

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

LC of Big Lake Lioness

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

Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Big Lake Women of Today

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

God's Grub Community Meal

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CLEARWATER UPCOMING NEWS

Young @ Heart

Nov. Community Young @ Heart will be held at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 Co. Rd. 75, Clearwater, MN 55320 on Nov. 18, 2021. Join us at 10:30 am for coffee & conversation, &/or cards, 11:30 for a Thanksgiving luncheon & program of music provided by Travis Kent, Richard Eckman & Kittie Fenlasen. There is a suggested donation for the meal & program. Please call Rejoice (320) 558-6851 for a reservation; we'd like to prepare a meal for everyone.

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Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC at Becker Community Center (BCC)
Mon., Nov. 15: Open All Day; 5am - Coffee's on; **10:30am - XMAS ZOOM with St. Cloud Fun Singers**
Tues., Nov. 16: 9am- Coffee, Conversation, Cards; **11:30am - Potluck Birthday lunch & salute to Veterans Lunch & Music with BASC favorites, Greta Leen & David Leathers**
Wed., Nov. 17: Open All Day; 5am - Coffee's on; **1pm - BASC Activity Meeting**
Thurs., Nov. 18: 9am- Coffee, Cards, Conversation; **11am - Jade with Tech Topics & help; 4pm - BASC BOARD MEETING**
Fri., Nov. 19: Open All Day; 5am - Coffee's on; **11:30am - Lunch on the Run at Charlie's in Becker**

Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271
BASC Coordinator: Carol Brunn
Activity Coordinator: Pat Throlson
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Marie Roelike Messer, Age 92 Becker, MN

January 2, 1929 - November 9, 2021

Marie passed away on 11/9/21.

Preceded in death by her parents Fred & Louise (Martin) Willemette; first husband of 43 years Benno Roelike; 2nd husband Richard Messer; siblings Francis, Vincent, and Bernard; son Jim; and daughter-in-law Donna. Survived by children Susan (Jerome) Bender, Janice (David) Graning, Sharon (Thomas) Woolhouse, Steven Roelike, Deborah (Michael) Madges, Wanda (Virgil) Potter, Pamela (Barry) McCalla, Keith (Suzette) Roelike, Mary (Tim) Messer, Brenda Jensen, Michelle (Jud) Erickson; daughter-in-law Patricia Roelike; siblings Ethel, Hazel, Fred, and Leonard; 31 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; 7 great-grand-



children; and nieces, nephews, other relatives & friends. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11AM, Monday, November 15, 2021, Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, 12100 Sherburne Ave, Becker. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to Mass at church. Interment to follow Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Becker. Arr. by Peterson-Grimsom Funeral Chapel, Monticello. 763-295-2918. (www.peterson-grimsom-chapel.com)

In appreciation, Marie's family wishes to thank everyone for all the kindness extended in your thoughts, prayers, and presence during this time.

Kenneth "Kenny" William Beehler, Age 58 Sauk Rapids, MN

August 5, 1963 - November 7, 2021



Kenny passed away at his home from cancer on November 7, 2021, surrounded by his family. Funeral Services will be 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 13, 2021, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Foley. Rev. Dr. Timothy Rehwaldt will officiate, and burial will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Foley. Visitation was from 4 to 8:00 PM, Friday, November 12 and from 10 to 11:00 AM, Saturday, both at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Foley. Service with Dignity provided by the Foley Funeral Home.

Kenny was born August 5, 1963, in St. Cloud to Donald and Sharon (Tarnowski) Beehler. He graduated from Foley High School, class of 1981, and attended Willmar Technical College where he studied Agriculture Business. He married Donita Templin on April 16, 1988, at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Gilman. He worked at Centra Sota for 35 years as an Agronomist Operations Manager. Kenny also was very involved with Benton County 4-H for 37 years as a leader, was on the Benton County Fair Board for 25 years and served two terms on the Foley School Board. He enjoyed helping others, working out on the family farm, attending his sons' sporting events and working score clock at Foley Wrestling matches.

The most important thing to Kenny was his wife, children and grandchildren and he will be greatly missed. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.



He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Donita, Sauk Rapids, and sons, Michael (Kassie), St. Cloud and Kevin (Alyssa), Becker, grandchildren: Vincent, Mason, Ivan, Harper and Hudson, parents: Donald and Sharon Beehler of Gilman and siblings: Tammy (Steve Goertz), Long Prairie, Dawn (Mark Johnson), Willmar, Randy, Foley, adopted sisters: Kim, Oakdale, and Ginger, Fort Meyers, as well as father and mother-in-law, David and Joan Templin, Gilman and sister-in-law, Denise Roberts (Brian Rudolph), Sauk Rapids, 12 nieces and nephews and aunts, uncles, cousins and many life-long friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, aunts and uncles.

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

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Becker Baptist Church

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

Becker Evangelical Free Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God

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

Snake River Free Church

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

Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church

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

Beacon House of Prayer

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

Free Grace United

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

• BIG LAKE

Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church

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

Bethany Bible Church

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

Bridgeview Assembly of God

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

SVEA Hill Covenant Church

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

Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock

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

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

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Riverside Church

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

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

Saron Lutheran Church

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

• SANTIAGO

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA

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

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

Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Gethsemane Church (ELCA) – Ronneby

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

Glendorado Evangelical Country Church

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

• CLEAR LAKE

Living Waters Church

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

Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

St. Marcus Catholic Church

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

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502, 10915 Duelm Road NE. Services: Sun. Mass 10am, Tues. Mass 8am.

• CLEARWATER

Clearwater United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Bible Church

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

Rejoice Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

Church of St. Luke

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

Tri-County Alliance Church

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

• SILVER CREEK

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

Silver Creek Community Church

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

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Obituaries

Jane Studanski, Age 75
Big Lake, MN
November 18, 1945 - October 23, 2021



Survived by son Derek; his father Earl Studanski; sisters Corrine (Gary) Bregenzer and Carol Heath; niece Dawn (Bregenzer) Zimmerman; Betty Jean Thomas and numerous other cousins.

Jane enjoyed gardening, fishing, road trips (the more random the better), cooking, crossword puzzles, and spending time with friends and family.

In lieu of a funeral, a celebration of her life will occur at a later date.

Norma “Bunny” Hartmann, Age 90
St. Cloud, MN
April 26, 1931 – November 3, 2021



Norma “Bunny” Hartmann, age 90, St. Cloud, MN, died Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at CentraCare Health Monticello Hospital.

A private family service was held Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at the Benson Funeral Home Chapel, St. Cloud, MN. Burial was in Clear Lake Cemetery, Clear Lake, MN.

Norma was born April 26, 1931 in St. Cloud, MN to Alois and Genevieve (Saatzer) Wink. She married James M. Hartmann on September 27, 1952 in St. Cloud, MN. Norma farmed with her husband for 34 years and was also employed by Merrill May Printing for 22 years. She was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church. Norma enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved to read and have coffee with her friends. Norma was a lover of animals and a good cook. Her farm cooked meals were

memorable. Norma will be remembered for her unforgettable laugh and was known by many as “Grandma Bun”.

Survivors include her children, Rodney (Jeanne) Hartmann of

St. Cloud, MN; Dan (Sharon) Hartmann of Albany, MN; and Jane (Les) Plath of Becker, MN; brother, Gene Wink of Kalispell, MT; sister, Carol Gross of St. Cloud, MN; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, James on July 3, 2010, brothers, Norman and John Wink, sister, Donna Pfannenstien and an infant brother, Charles Wink.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staffs of Coborn’s Cancer Center and Monticello Hospital for the compassionate care they gave to Norma during her final days.

Memorials are preferred to the Tri-County Humane Society.

Lowell “Topper” C. Beihoffer, Age 90
Becker, MN
August 23, 1931 – October 24, 2021



Memorial Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Faith Lutheran Church of Becker for Lowell C. Beihoffer, 90, of Becker, MN who passed away peacefully at his home on October 24, 2021. Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers will officiate and private family burial will take place at a later date. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church in Becker, MN. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Funeral Homes, Becker, MN.

Lowell was born on August 23, 1931 to George Leroy “Roy” and Inez (Hamann) Beihoffer in Hutchinson, MN. He married his first wife, Lois Ilo Junglaus on September 15, 1956 in Glencoe, MN and she passed away in 1982. He later married Catherine (Whitley) Anderson on February 15, 1991 at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church in New Hope, MN. Lowell proudly served for our country in the United States Navy during the Korean War. After the war, Lowell worked as an electrical engineer for Northern States Power which later became Xcel Energy. Faith was first on Lowell’s list and family came a close second. He was a member of Holy Nativity Lutheran Church in New Hope, MN for many years. When he moved to Becker, MN, he became a member of Faith Lutheran Church. He was also a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the American Legion in Gaylord, MN. Lowell was an avid outdoorsman and

birder as he loved to spend time gardening, fishing, and duck and pheasant hunting. Lowell also enjoyed traveling and “snow birded” in South Padre Island where he made many memories and friends. Lowell was a very hard working, caring, patient and an overall family man who will be dearly missed by all.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Beihoffer of Becker, MN; sons, Jon (Peggy) of Boulder, CO and David (Dawn) of Arpin, WI; grandchildren, Isaac, Anna, and William; sister, Virginia Simondet; step children, David Anderson, Debbie (Erich) Moller and Dean Anderson; and step granddaughter, Aleasha. He is preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Lois; grandson, Peter; brothers, Dale and Warren Beihoffer; and sisters Dorothy Heuer and Lois Poquette.

Memorials are preferred to American Cancer Society and Faith Lutheran Church of Becker.

Obituary, Guest Book, and Video Tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com

Janice J. “Jan” Wicks, Age 79
Clearwater, MN
June 10, 1942 – November 5, 2021



Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, November 11, 2021, at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in Clearwater for Janice J. “Jan” Wicks, age 79 of Clearwater who passed away on Friday, November 5, 2021, at the St. Cloud Hospital. Reverend Nathan Meyers officiated. Burial took place at the St. Luke’s Parish Cemetery, Clearwater.

Visitation was Wednesday at the Daniel Funeral Home in Clearwater and Thursday at the church.

Jan was born June 10, 1942 in St. Cloud, Minnesota to Gilbert and Irene (Watts) Jansky. She married Ron R. Wicks on February 20, 1965. The couple live in Colorado until moving to Clearwater in 2000. Jan was an active member of St. Luke’s Parish.

Janice is survived by her son, Jason; daughter, Liana

Henkel; three grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Jim (Sharon), Jerry (Barb), John (Bev), Joe (Mary), Tom (Barbe), Patricia (Gene) Miller, Eugene (Jackie), Dennis (Bev) and Mary Dockendorf.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronald; brothers-in-law, David Dockendorf and Wes Wicks.

Memorials are preferred to St. Luke’s Parish.

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Public Notices

Jones Lake Aeration Device Notice

FIRST NOTICE

Jones Lake in Clear Lake Township, T-33, M-34, R-29W, has a aeration device causing open water until ice is out.

Area affected are marked as of DNR requirements.

(Published in the *Patriot*: 11/13/21).

City Public Notices

CITY OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Becker Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021, at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearings at this meeting:

Approximately 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing: Preliminary Plat of River Oaks Estates Third Addition. Applicant and owner, Avalon Homes, LLC has submitted an application for a Preliminary Plat for the replat of seven existing parcels into four parcels. The properties are identified as Lots 19-25, Block 3 River Oaks Estates, Sherburne County, Minnesota.

Following the above Public Hearing: Conditional Use Permit Application for a drive-through coffee shop and potential future bar. Applicant, Jessica Treptau, has submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit for the property located at 14083 Bank St SE and identified as PID #60-406-0350.

Following the above Public Hearings: Chapter 11 C-COM, C- HWY, AG, and I-PRK Zoning Code Amendments to the City of Becker Land Use Regulation (Zoning) ordinance. Edits proposed include Zoning District language changes regarding food processing in Chapter 11 Section 11.40 (C-COM) Subdivisions 2 and 5, Section 11.41 (C-HWY) Subdivisions 2 and 5. Edits also include Zoning District language changes regarding livestock feeding yards, slaughtering of animals or stock yards in Chapter 11 Section 11.31 (AG) Subdivision 3 and Section 11.51 (I-PRK) Subdivision 3.

Anyone interested in this issue is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comment to Mary Roe at P.O. Box 250, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to mroe@ci.becker.mn.us by 4:30 p.m. November 29, 2021.
(Published in the *Patriot*: 11/13/21).

Probates

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

Court File No. 71-PR-21-160
Estate of Matthew Thomas Eiden,
a/k/a Matthew T. Eiden,
a/k/a Matthew Eiden,
Decedent.

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

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated August 14, 2020 ("Will") has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Mary Bergley, whose address is 3819 225th Lane NW, St. Francis, MN 55070 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 Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or 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 said Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd.5.
Dated: 10/27/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka
Sherburne Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Representative
M. Ryan Madison (ID# 0347802)
MADISON LAW FIRM, LLC 229 Jackson Street, Suite 120 Anoka, MN 55303
Phone: 763-251-2970
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(Published in the *Patriot*: 11/06/21; 11/13/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT SHERBURNE COUNTY TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File Number: 71-PR-21-135

Case Type: Formal Unsupervised

Notice of Remote Zoom Hearing

In re the Estate of Laurence John Rothi, Deceased

You are notified this matter is set for a remote hearing. This hearing will not be in person at the courthouse.

Hearing Information
December 09, 2021
Probate Hearing
3:00 PM

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Sherburne County Court Administrator
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 71-PR-21-166 Estate of Stanley Edward Peterson, Decedent.

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 12/9/2021, AT 3:00 pm, a hearing will be held in this Court at 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, July 8, 2014, ("Will"), and for the appointment of David Edward Peterson, whose address is 3916 N. Potsdam Avenue, #428, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UN-SUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

BY THE COURT
Dated: 11/02/2021
/s/ Gina DeVilbiss Hendry
Court Administration Deputy
Attorney for Petitioner
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STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 71-PR-21-162 Estate of: Thomas Edward DeMars, a/k/a Thomas E. DeMars, Decedent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

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 Jason E. DeMars whose address is 3671 Hamlet Avenue N, Oakdale MN 55128 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir 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 28 days from the date of 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 Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 10/27/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
Sherburne Court Administrator
Attorney for: Personal Representative
G. Scott Hoke
G. Scott Hoke, P.A.
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CHRIS VASECKA gave a presentation about his business, Irrigation Management. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

Vasecka). Lunch was provided by Coborns of Clearwater.

City reports were given and sheriff and county information was reviewed. Old business was discussed, including a recap of Music in the Park events that were held the summer of 2021. Alyx Johnson, committee chair, asked for feedback from members and gave a recap of the event. Plans were discussed on how to proceed for next year's event.

CVBC president Glenna Soenneker thanked The *Patriot Newspaper* for donating weekly ad space to local chambers with the intent to promote area events.

CVBC treasurer Eron Bordson held discussion about the possibility of increasing the dues for annual CVBC membership, as it has been several years since the fee was raised. The topic will be revisited at the next meeting of the CVBC. Bordson also gave a treasurer's report.

The possibility of starting a Clearwater/Clear Lake Farmers Market in 2022 was discussed. Lori Johnson, CVBC Vice President, is doing further research for this project.

There was conversation about moving forward with a newcomer booklet to reach out to people in the community. Pastor David Fogal (Tri-County Alliance Church) is spearheading this project. Members were encouraged to continue to invite business friends to the meetings.

Chris and April Vasecka, owners of Irrigation Management, gave a presentation and shared information about their custom underground lawn sprinkler business. The company does design, installation and maintenance of residential and commercial irrigation systems.

The next meeting of the CVBC will be held at Restoration & Construction Services in Clearwater (located near Kwik Trip) Thursday, January 13, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include the annual chili cook-off.

The goal of the CVBC is to bring Clearwater, Clear Lake and surrounding area businesses, industries and organizations together to foster growth, understanding and support.

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QUILT OF HONOR RECIPIENT GARY HALL and his grandson Dalton. (Submitted photo.)

get their lives back together.

Veterans who were awarded Quilts of Valor this year included Jim Eich, James Golden, Gary Grant, Gary Hall, Chris Marshall, Harry Schreiner, Jack Spencer, Chad Svenson, Jim Svenson, and James Theisen. As he has passed away, Spencer's quilt was awarded to his wife, Sally.

Other memorable events at this year's fundraising event included fireworks and a marriage proposal from a woman to her boyfriend. He said yes!

Three of a Kind is a nonprofit organization that was started by Shawn Thomas after three of his friends, Matt Steffens, Jeff Colbenson and Brett Johnson, each passed away unexpectedly. The organization sponsors a motorcycle ride each year to raise money in their memory.

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2016, and secretary/treasurer from 2012 to 2014.

The criteria for the award include:

- Upholding the integrity of a member board's functioning and processes;
- Enforcing the ethical performance of a member board;
- Giving selflessly of personal time and effort to support the work of a member board.

The award is named for a past president of the association. It is given annually by ASWB to a volunteer member of a social work regulatory board.

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Ordinance No. 246, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.50, SUBDIVISION 3 OF CHAPTER 11 LAND USE REGULATION IN CITY CODE

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

Chapter 11, Land Use Regulation

Section 11.50 Power Generation Industrial (I-PG)

Subd. 3. Conditional Uses.

This ordinance renames sexually oriented businesses to adult entertainment establishments to reflect the name change in Chapter 6 of City Code.

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

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

/s/ Tracy Bertram,

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Julie Blesi,

City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CLEARWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-12

REPEALING PART I, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 4 – PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES BOARD OF THE CLEARWATER CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

City Code Part I, Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 4 – Public Service Activities Board is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and summary publication, which is hereby authorized by the City Council.

ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Andrea Lawrence Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

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CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CLEARWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13

ADDING PART I, CHAPTER 8 – RENTAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE TO THE CLEARWATER CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS: **City Code Part I, Chapter 8 – Rental Housing Maintenance** is hereby added to the Clearwater City Code as follows:

CHAPTER 8 – RENTAL HOUSING

Sec. 8.01 – PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this section to assure that rental housing in the City of Clearwater is decent, safe and is operated and maintained so as not to become a nuisance to the neighborhood or to become an influence that fosters blight and deterioration or creates a disincentive for reinvestment in the community. The operation of residential rental properties is a business enterprise that entails certain responsibilities. Rental premises owners, agents, and property managers are responsible to take necessary reasonable actions to ensure that the persons who occupy such rental premises, as well as neighboring properties, may pursue the quiet enjoyment of the normal activities of life in surroundings that are safe, secure, free from noise, nuisances, and annoyances, free from unreasonable fears about safety of persons and property, and free of drugs and crime.

Sec. 8.02 – DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this section the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them.

“Appropriate action” shall mean action which a reasonable rental property owner would take based upon the facts and circumstances of each case so as to prevent a recurrence of a disorderly use.

“Disorderly” or “disorderly use” shall mean proof by a preponderance of the evidence of one or more separate behavioral incidents described below:

(a) Illegal drug-related activity occurring in or near the rental dwelling unit. Illegal drug-related activity means the illegal possession or constructive possession, manufacture, sale, distribution, purchase, use or possession with intent to manufacture, sell or distribute a controlled substance, as defined in the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. § 802), or possession of drug paraphernalia per Minnesota Statutes, section 152.092.

(b) Any act or threat of violence including, but not limited to, the discharge of firearms, prostitution, intimidation or any other act that otherwise jeopardizes the health, safety or welfare of the owner, agent, manager, other tenants, tenant’s family members, guests or neighboring property owners.

(c) Minnesota Statutes, sections 609.75 through § 609.76 (prohibiting gambling).

(d) Minnesota Statutes, sections 609.321 through § 609.324 (prohibiting prostitution and acts relating thereto).

(e) Minnesota Statutes, sections 152.01 et seq., which prohibits the unlawful sale or possession of controlled substances.

(f) Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.401, which prohibits the unlawful sale of alcoholic beverages.

(g) Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.503, which prohibits the under-age use of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Clearwater City Code, Chapter 14, which regulates various public nuisances and prohibited uses of the property.

(i) Minnesota Statutes, sections 97B.021, 97B.045, 609.66 through 609.67 and 624.712 through 624.716, which prohibit the unlawful possession, transportation, sale or use of a weapon.

(j) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.72, which prohibits disorderly conduct, when the violation disturbs the peace and quiet of the occupants of at least one unit on the licensed premises or other premises, other than the unit occupied by the person(s) committing the violation.

(k) Minnesota Statutes, sections 609.185 through 609.205, which prohibit murder and manslaughter.

(l) Minnesota Statutes, sections 609.221 through 609.2231, which prohibit assault.

(m) Minnesota Statutes, sections 609.342 through 609.3451, which prohibit criminal sexual conduct.

(n) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.52, which prohibits theft.

(o) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.561 through 609.5632, which prohibit arson.

(p) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.582, which prohibits burglary.

(q) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.595, which prohibits damage to property.

(r) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.33, relating to owning, leasing, operating, managing, maintaining or conducting a disorderly house or inviting or attempting to invite others to visit or remain in a disorderly house.

(s) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.50, which prohibits obstructing the legal process.

(t) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.713, which prohibits terroristic threats.

(u) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.715, which prohibits presence of unlawful assembly.

(v) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.71, which prohibits riot.

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CLEARWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10

AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER 101, ARTICLE II – PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CLEARWATER CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

City Code Part II, Chapter 101, Article II – Planning Commission is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

PART II, CHAPTER 101, ARTICLE II – PLANNING COMMISSION

Sec. 101-23 - ESTABLISHED

There is hereby established a Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall be the city planning agency authorized by M.S. Section 462.354(1) as may be amended from time to time.

Sec. 101-24 -POWERS AND DUTIES

The Planning Commission has the powers and duties assigned to it under Minnesota Statutes, Section 462, Municipal Planning Enabling Act, by this Code, and state law.

Sec. 101-25 - MEMBERS

The Planning Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the City Council, or the City Council may sit as the Planning Commission. The Commission may include one member from the surrounding townships whose residence is within a five-mile radius of corporate city limits. Among the membership shall be at least one City Council member. Any member may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the City Council upon written charge. All Commission members shall have equal voting privileges.

Sec. 101-26 – TERM OF OFFICE

Members shall serve staggered terms of three years commencing on the first day of January in the year of appointment. Council Members appointed to the Commission shall be appointed annually. Absences from any three meetings in a year, unless excused in advance, may be

grounds for removal by the City Council, thereby creating a vacancy. In the event of any vacancy, the City Council shall appoint a person to complete the unexpired term.

Sec. 101-27 – OFFICERS

At the first regular meeting each January, the Planning Commission shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its appointed members. The Chair presides at all meetings of the Planning Commission and represents the Commission at other meetings as requested by the City Council. The Vice-Chair acts as the Chair in the Chair’s absence. The City Administrator or designee shall fill the role of Secretary to the Commission.

Sec. 101-28 - MEETINGS

A. *Regular Meetings.* The Planning Commission shall hold at least one meeting each month unless there is no business before the Commission, in which case the monthly meeting will be cancelled. City staff shall notify members via email of any meeting cancellation.

B. *Special Meetings.* Special meetings may be called by city staff if needed to comply with statutory deadlines, or at the request of a developer who shall reimburse the city for the costs of such special meeting. City staff shall contact members when scheduling a special meeting to ensure a quorum is available on the date chosen.

Sec. 101-29 - COMPENSATION

Compensation of the Commission members shall be established via Ordinance or Resolution of the City Council.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and summary publication, which is hereby authorized by the City Council.

ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Andrea Lawrence Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

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(w) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.78, which prohibits interfering with “911” phone calls.

(x) Minnesota Statutes, section 243.166 (predatory offender registration).

(y) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.229, which prohibits gang-related crimes.

(z) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.26, subdivision 1(8), which prohibits contributing to a child being runaway.

(aa) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.903, which prohibits racketeering.

(bb) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.53, which prohibits possessing stolen property.

(cc) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.749, which prohibits violating a restraining order or order for protection.

(dd) Minnesota Statutes, sections 609.255 and 609.25, which prohibit false imprisonment and kidnapping.

(ee) Minnesota Statutes, section 609.74, clause (1) and (3), which prohibit maintaining or permitting a public nuisance.

“Owner” shall mean any person, agent, operator, firm or corporation having a legal or equitable interest in the rental premises; or recorded in the official records of the state, county or municipality as holding title to the property; or otherwise having control of the rental premises, including the guardian of the estate of any such person, and the executor or administrator of the estate of such person if ordered to take possession of real property by a court.

“Rental premises” shall mean property which is rented to tenants for residential purposes, pursuant to a written or unwritten lease, and shall refer to all units in a multi-unit complex. The term “rental premises” shall not include rented lots in manufactured home parks, on-campus college or university housing units; Minnesota Department of Health licensed rest homes; convalescent care facilities; licensed group homes; nursing homes; hotels; motels; owner-occupied single-family dwellings; or residential dwellings that are rented to at least one parent, child, sibling, grandparent or spouse of the owner.

Sec. 8.03 – REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REQUIRED

Subd. 1 – Registration Required. No owner shall allow a person to occupy a rental premises, or a unit therein, without having a valid registration certificate from the City. Registration certificates shall be issued in the name of the owner and, in the case of a multi-family dwelling or apartment building, only one registration certificate is required and it shall apply to both the entire dwelling or apartment building as well as each individual unit therein. Any suspension of the registration certificate or the right to receive a registration certificate may involve the entire dwelling or apartment building, or any individual unit or units within the dwelling or apartment building, in the City’s sole discretion. **Subd. 2 – Application.** An application for a registration certificate shall be filed by the owner at City Hall and shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee, and in the case of a multi-family dwelling or apartment building, an additional per-unit application fee, as provided in the City’s fee schedule. Each application shall contain the following information:

(a) The name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the rental premises. If the owner is a partnership, the name of the partnership, address and telephone number of the managing partner. If the owner is a corporation, the name and address of the corporation, and the name, address and telephone number of the chief operating officer. If the rental premises is being sold on a contract for deed, the name and address of the contract vendee;

(b) The name, address and telephone number of an agent appointed by the owner to accept service of process and to receive or give receipt for notices under this section, if any;

(c) The name, address and telephone number of an agent actively involved in maintenance or management of the rental premises, if any;

(d) The legal street address of rental premises and the unit number for each unit offered for rent within the premises; and

(e) The details regarding the number and type of units offered for rent within the rental premises and the facilities incorporated in such rental units.

Subd. 3 – Code Compliance. Whenever the review of an application indicates that the rental premises complies with all provisions of the City Code, including any provisions of the zoning ordinances, the City Administrator or designee shall issue a registration certificate. Review of an application made under this section shall not include an inspection of the rental premises to determine code compliance, although residential tenants may request inspections pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 504B.185 or any other applicable law.

Subd. 4 – Deadline. An application for any dwelling to be converted to a use which would require a registration certificate shall be made and filed with at least thirty (30) days prior to such conversion.

Subd. 5 – Violations. Any owner required to register a rental premises under the provisions of this section and who fails to do so, or who allows a property to be occupied when the registration certificate is suspended, shall be guilty of a violation of this section. Each day that a rental premises is rented out without a valid registration certificate shall constitute a separate violation.

Subd. 6 – Registration Fee. The annual registration fee shall be set by the City Council by ordinance or resolution.

Subd. 7 – Penalty. Each violation of this section shall be subject to a

penalty fee set by the City Council by ordinance or resolution. Penalty fees imposed under this section are considered a lien against the property and may be assessed to the property taxes if they remain unpaid after 60 days.

Sec. 8.04 – TERM AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES; NON-ASSIGNMENT

Registration certificates will initially be required on or before July 1 of each year, starting on July 1, 2022. Each registration certificate shall expire on June 30 following its issuance and, accordingly, the maximum term length of a registration certificate shall be five years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a rental certificate shall expire on June 30 of any year if the associated rental premises was the subject of any unresolved enforcement efforts by the City under this section during the previous calendar year, irrespective of whether said enforcement efforts resulted in a suspension. All information required in Section 8.03, subdivision 2 must be resubmitted at the time of renewal, and renewal applications shall be submitted at least 30 days prior to expiration. Registration certificates may not be transferred or assigned.

Sec. 8.05 – CONDUCT ON RENTAL PREMISES

Subd. 1 - Any owner of rental premises shall be responsible to take appropriate action against persons occupying the rental premises who conduct themselves in such a manner as to cause the premises to be deemed disorderly under this section. Upon a determination by the City that a rental premises was used for a disorderly use, the City shall notify the owner in writing of such determination and shall direct the owner to take appropriate action to prevent further incidents of disorderly use. The written notice shall be deemed effective if mailed to the owner at the address where tax statements are mailed for the rental premises pursuant to Wright County records.

Subd. 2 - Upon a determination by the City that a second instance of disorderly use of the same rental premises occurs within 12 months of a written notice pursuant to subdivision 1 having been mailed, the City may suspend the owner’s registration certificate for up to 30 days, impose reasonable conditions on the owner’s registration certificate, or both, pursuant to the procedural requirements contained in subsection 8.06.

Subd. 3 - Upon a determination by the City that a third instance of disorderly use of the same rental premises occurs within 12 months of a second occurrence pursuant to subdivision 2, the City may suspend the owner’s registration certificate for up to 90 days, impose reasonable conditions on the owner’s registration certificate, or both, pursuant to the procedural requirements contained in subsection 8.06.

Subd. 4 - Upon a determination by the City that a fourth instance of disorderly use of the same rental premises occurs within 12 months of a third occurrence pursuant to subdivision 2, the City may suspend the owner’s registration certificate for up to one year, impose reasonable conditions on the owner’s registration certificate, or both, pursuant to the procedural requirements contained in subsection 8.06.

Subd. 5 - If, prior to a decision by the City to suspend a registration certificate or impose conditions under subsection 8.06, the owner of the rental premises provides affirmative proof that formal action has been taken to terminate the tenancy of those persons involved in the disorderly use of the rental premises, the City may forego such suspension or imposition of conditions.

Subd. 6 - All written leases for rental premises in the City executed after June 30, 2021 shall contain a clause providing that disorderly use, as defined in Section 8.03 of this chapter, shall constitute both a material breach of the lease and grounds for termination of such lease.

Sec. 8.06 – HEARING PROCEDURE

Before suspending a registration certificate or imposing conditions thereon, a hearing shall be held before the City Council at a regular or special meeting and the owner shall be afforded an opportunity to appear and be heard at such hearing after receiving at least 10 days’ written notice by mail. The notice shall state the date, time and location of the hearing and the reasons for considering the adverse action. At the hearing, the owner may present evidence of mitigating circumstances showing the absence of any need for adverse action. The City Council shall in good faith hear and consider all evidence in making a determination and, at the conclusion of the hearing, shall make a decision regarding suspension, the imposition of any reasonable conditions, both, or neither, and shall make findings on the record to support its decision. A decision by the City Council is final and shall be subject only to judicial review in accordance with state law. The City Council may postpone or continue a hearing for up to six months if, in its sole discretion, it determines that the owner has taken appropriate measures that will prevent further instances of disorderly use on the rental premises.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication, which is hereby authorized by the City Council.

ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Andrea Lawrence Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

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Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 11/01/2021 - 11/07/2021

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offense(s): John Michael Udell, 31 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - GM domestic assault. John Edmund Oys IV, 25 of Becker, MN 55308 - GM 3rd degree test refusal, MSD 4th degree DWI & obstruction. Chase Justin Abram, 32 of Little Canada, MN 55113 - FEL violate no contact order. Lee Roy Saldana, Jr., 37 of Moose Lake, MN 55767 - GM domestic abuse no contact order violation. Charles Steven Glammieier, 42 of Becker, MN 55308 - MSD domestic assault. Janetta Layanue Kahnplaye, 45 of Elk River, MN 55330 - GM interference with 911 call & MSD 5th degree domestic assault. Joshua Thomas Nistler, 32 of Elk River, MN 55330 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Bruce John Ziegmeier, 63 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - GM driving after cancellation - IPS. Mark Ryan McGinnis, 26 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - GM 3rd degree DWI. Jeremy Darrell Jones, 34 of Saint Paul, MN 55106 - GM driving after cancellation, & Ramsey Co. warrant. Allen Bernard Roering, 40 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - MSD domestic abuse no contact order violation, & Sherburne Co. warrant. Abduqadir Abdi Isaac, 25 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - fel domestic as-sault, FEL damage to property & Hennepin Co. warrant. Mitchell Steven Lasher, 28 of Elk River, MN 55330 - GM domestic assault. Zachary John Williams, 29 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL 1st degree damage to property. Kiley Lynn Casey, 21 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - Pine Co., Sherburne Co. & Wright Co. warrants. Shayla Angella Jackson, 23 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - Ramsey Co. warrant. April Carol Schwarzkopf, 40 of Clear Lake, MN 55319 - Sherburne Co. warrants.

Me-gan Renee Hall, 22 of Waite Park, MN 56387 - Sherburne Co. & Wright Co. warrants. Jessica Ann Delgado, 37 of Monticello, MN 55362 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Brennen James Telken, 28 of Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Justin Michael Johnson, 22 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Donta Hampton, 31 of Coon Rapids, MN 55433 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Elbert Taylor, 55 of Saint



Cloud, MN 56304 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Shawnasee Sharpee Ricci-Smith, 25 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Doyle Everett Lockett, 37 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - Hennepin Co. warrant.

Citations Issued: 1 smoking, chewing tobacco, or e-cigarettes prohibited in public or charter school, 1 motor vehicle registration - operate unregistered vehicle/without plates on public streets/highways, 2 traffic regulations - failure to obey traffic control device, 7 traffic - speeding - exceed limit, 5 traffic - speeding - exceed limit 55 mph where appropriate, 2 traffic regulation - driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, 4 traffic-driver's license-driving after revocation, 1 traffic-driver's license-driving after cancellation. **Total: 23**

Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of Nov. 1st – Nov. 7th

1-Nov: 1 garbage/littering, 1 CSC, 1 welfare check, 2 extra patrol, 1 parking complaint, 2 expired registration warning, 1 fire alarm, 1 speed / fail to move over for emergency vehicle / no proof of insurance / violation of an instructional permit Citation #596, 1 drive with no head-lights / fail to change address on Drivers License warnings, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 speed warning, 1 agency assist, 2 suspicious vehicle
2-Nov: 1 security check, 1 repossession info, 1 speed warning / Warrant, 1 medical, 1 recreational vehicle permit, 1 public assist, 2 speed warning, 1 fail to display registration, 1 equipment warning, 1 no proof of insurance Citation #597, 1 speed / no proof of insurance warnings, 1 speed / equipment warnings, 1 drive wrong way warning, 1 expired registration warning, 1 extra patrol, 1 equipment warnings / possession of drug paraphernalia Citation #598, 1 equipment / no proof of insurance warnings, 1 speed / no proof of insurance Citation #599
3-Nov: 2 extra patrol, 1 fire alarm, 1 agency assist, 1 speed warning issued, 1 expired registration warning / driving after revocation / no proof of insurance Citation #600, 1 turn signal warning, 2 speed warning, 1 driving after revocation / no proof of insurance Citation #601, 1 speed Citation #602, 1 accident, 1 public assist, 1 equipment warning, 1 warrant arrest / driving after revocation / no proof of insurance Citation #604, 1 expired registration warning / no proof of insurance Citation #605, 1 alarm, 1 fail to keep right warning / possession of small amount of marijuana Citation #606
4-Nov: 2 security check, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 no seatbelt warning / speed / no proof of insurance Citation #607, 3 suspicious activity, 1 equipment warning, 1 welfare check, 1 vulnerable adult intake,



1 extra patrol, 1 traffic complaint, 1 juvenile concern, 1 vehicle lockout, 2 speed warning, 1 violation of instructional permit Citation #608 / No insurance Citation #609, 1 equipment warning / no proof of insurance / Driving after Cancellation IPS

5-Nov: 3 speed warning, 1 winter parking warnings, 2 public assist, 1 accident, 2 alarm, 3 expired registration warning, 1 speed warning / Driving after Suspension Citation #610, 1 domestic assault, 1 agency assist, 1 speed / semaphore violation warnings, 1 equipment / fail to display registration warnings, 1 speed / driving after revocation Citation #612, 1 speed Citation #613, 1 speed Citation #614

6-Nov: 1 speed Citation #615, 1 suspicious person, 5 speed warning, 1 stop sign warning, 2 equipment warning, 1 security check, 2 open door, 1 suspicious activity, 1 extra patrol, 3 suspicious vehicle, 1 no proof of insurance warning / expired registration / intent to evade tax, 1 medical, 1 agency assist, 1 burning complaint, 1 no proof of insurance warning / expired registration Citation #616, 1 speed Citation #617, 1 expired registration warning / no proof of insurance Citation #618, 1 speed warning / no proof of insurance Citation #619, 1 traffic complaint, 1 driving with high beams warning / speed Citation #620

7-Nov: 1 agency assist, 3 extra patrol, 2 security check, 1 equipment warning / speed Citation #621, 1 equipment warning, 1 driving conduct warning, 3 speed warning, 2 parking on sidewalk warning, 1 failure to display registration warning, 2 medical, 1 found animal, 1 equipment / no proof of insurance warnings

Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings Nov. 1, 2021 - Nov. 7, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 161; 2021 Calls for Service: 9,426; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 36; Citations: 11; Arrests: 3; Medical Emergency Calls: 14; Mental Health/Check Welfare: 6; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 6

BLPD Arrests: John Udell – (Age 31 – Big Lake, MN) – Domestic Assault; John Oys – (Age 25 – Clear Lake, MN) – MS Obstruction, GM 3rd Degree DWI; Lee Saldana – (Age 37 – Waite Park, MN) – GM No Contact Order Violation

Sun., Nov. 7, 2021: Lake St. S./ Harrison Dr. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 1000 Blk Lake St. N. - Domestic Assault - Officers dispatched to a domestic disturbance, on individual found to have been assaulted, suspect arrested and booked into jail for Domestic Assault.

Sat., Nov. 6, 2021: Hwy 10/Industrial Drv. - 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; 700 Blk Rose Dr. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 20000 Blk 176th St. NW - Loud Noise - Report of loud alarm in the area; 800 Blk Eagle Lake Rd. N. - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; Kilian Blvd. SE/University Dr. - Court Order Violation - Vehicle stopped for traffic violation and found to be in violation of a no contact order. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges.

Fri., Nov. 5, 2021: Hwy 10/97th St. SE - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 600 Blk Minnesota Ave. - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juveniles, mediated by officers;



Eagle Lake Rd. N/Grace Dr. - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with Deer; Hwy 10/Eagle Lake Rd. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; Lake St. S/Norwood Dr. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

Thurs. Nov. 4, 2021: 700 Blk Katrina Ln. - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juveniles, mediated by officers; 700 Blk Lake St. N - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 5300 Blk Edinburgh Way - Court Order Violation - Report of the violation of a no contact order, investigation ongoing.

Wed., Nov. 3, 2021: 5000 Blk Edinburg Way - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.
Tues., Nov. 2, 2021: 600 Blk Minnesota Ave. - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 5500 Blk Aberdeen Way - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 5200 Blk Edinburgh Way - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls; 5300 Blk Edinburgh Way-Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; 500 Blk Minnesota Ave. - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

Mon., Nov. 1, 2021: 18000 Blk Traverse Ln. - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 600 Blk Rose Dr. - Theft - Suspect fled after shoplifting, located and detained, issued summons for Theft and issued Trespass Notice; 700 Blk Harrison Dr. - Property Damage - Report of damage done to vehicle window; 19000 Blk Meadow Ln. - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties.

Wright County Sheriff's Activity Report Period Ending Nov. 8, 2021



Nov. 1: David Franklin Bentley, 35, of Albertville, was arrested in Isanti Co. - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - interference with 911 call violation. Teresa Marie Morrow, 30, of Burnsville, was arrested in Chisago Co. - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. Michael Joseph Dale, 31, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Tony Zachary Steinhofner, 53, of Annandale, was arrested in Southside Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - an ordinance violation. Derek John Hemmingson, 38, of Delano, was arrested in Delano - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - 2nd degree DWI violations. Shannon Marie Caghey, 38, of Rockford, was arrested in Rockford - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Shawnasee Sharpee Ricci-Smith, 25, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations.

Nov. 2: Brandon Jerome Hasti, 34, of Hutchinson, was arrested in McLeod Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violations. Elbert Taylor, 55, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Benton Co. - Wright Co. warrant - driving after revocation & Sherburne Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Muhammad Ziad Wazwaz, 30, of New Brighton, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 4th degree DWI violations. John George Artus, 56, of St. Michael, was arrested in Buffalo - an Anoka Co. warrant - violation of no contact order. Brett Adam Iskierka, 32, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Ramsey Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Kristin Michelle Dennison, 40, of Delano, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 2nd degree

DWI refusal to test. Andrew Justin Palm, 36, of Maplewood, was arrested in Rockford - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Tina Louise Tomoson, 38, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Randall Gene Moody, 52, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Maple Lake Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - domestic

assault by strangulation violations.

Nov. 3: Susan Maria Potter, 23, of Onamia, was arrested in Mille Lacs Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Jerry Reeves Banto, 23, of Wayzata, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Steven Scott Aune, 31, no permanent address, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrants - drug violations & Mille Lacs Co. warrant - 3rd degree possession of controlled substance. Manuel Jesus Carchi, 49, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - Ramsey Co. warrant - 3rd degree DWI.

Nov. 4: Steven Lamarre Holbrook, 59, of Apple Valley, was arrested in Dakota Co. - Wright Co. warrant - firearm violations. Jean Paul Paquette, 42, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Ramsey

Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Kristopher David Williams, 33, of Rockford, was arrested in Rockford - charge of 3rd degree DWI.

Nov. 5: Jenna Lee Ennen, 37, of Monticello, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 1st degree sale of controlled substance violation.

Nov. 6: Jon Carl Rouillard, 56, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Rachel Lynn Dalbec, 25, of Corcoran, was arrested in Delano - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Maria Lynn Miller, 35, of Annandale, was arrested in Montrose - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. Nicholas Scott Simpson, 25, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Howard Lake - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Jacqueline Kelly Mishow, 52, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Southside Twp. - charge of 3rd degree DWI.

Nov. 7: David Allen Adler, 43, of Delano, was arrested in Delano - Hennepin Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI. Jeremy Richard Oreskovich, 44, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & 3rd degree DWI. Katelyn Jane Strasser, 31, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - contempt of court.

There were 29 property damage accidents, 1 personal injury accidents, 2 hit & run accidents & 14 car deer accidents.

There were 8 arrests - DWI, 2 underage consumption arrests, 3 school bus stop arm violations & 98 tickets - miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.



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

Question: I heard something about “Crash Responder Safety Week,” can you talk about that?

Answer: Crash Responder Safety Week runs November 8-14. The goal is to reach out to every emergency responder, driver, and passenger to educate them in how to play their part in ensuring safe responses at crash scenes. Crash scenes can be dangerous, and it’s in everyone’s best interest, from

emergency responders to passing motorists, to have the scene cleared quickly and safely.

Whether you are responding to a crash, involved in a crash, or passing by a crash, we all need to do our part to be sure that everyone makes it home safely.

For those working on or along the road:

- **WEAR** your high visibility vest or apparel.
- **IMPLEMENT** traffic control.
- **WORK** in the shadow of the blocking vehicle.
- **NEVER** turn your back to traffic.
- **MAINTAIN** situational awareness.

For those of you behind the wheel, slow down and move over. Your life and the lives of others depend on it.

The days are getting shorter and the nights longer as we approach winter, but throughout the year this has been a dark year when it comes to traffic deaths on Minnesota roads. We’ve surpassed 415 deaths on our roads and are on pace to have the most fatalities since 2007. The numbers aren’t just statistics. Each of those deaths represents someone who is a spouse, a child, a brother, sister, friend, co-worker, and neighbor. Lives are forever shattered by their loss. For employers, crash fatalities and serious injuries mean not only the loss of a friend and colleague, but of loss of valued talent and expertise.

We’re not alone here in Minnesota. Across the U.S. and even around the world, we’ve seen a startling increase in traffic crashes, resulting in injuries and fatalities, particularly due to excessive speed and lack of seat belt use.

Help keep emergency responders safe and help keep yourself and other motorists safe. Don’t become a statistic. YOU are important – to your families, friends, colleagues and everyone. If you drive, your time on the road is the most dangerous part of your day.

Drive smart and live.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Twp. 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).

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