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A BALD EAGLE wows the crowd during a Raptor Center presentation held in Clearwater recently. See Penny Leuthard's story on page 7 on the Becker, Big Lake and Clearwater library's special event. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

CLEARWATER'S MUSIC IN THE PARK COMPLETES FIRST FULL SEASON

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

Clearwater's first full Music in the Park season ended on a high note last week with the bluegrass band Singleton Street entertaining the crowds with a toe-tapping concert. The event was created as a way for local businesses to give back to the community as well as getting the community together outside.

Clearwater had hosted Music in the Park concerts throughout the summer in the past, however they were discontinued a number of years ago. With interest in bringing back the event rising, the Clear Valley Business Connection (CVBC) group took over the details and held three concerts last summer to gauge the community's interest.

The response turned out to be overwhelmingly positive, with members of the community embracing

this, the concert series was planned for a full summer season this year, with Alyx Johnson and Chelsie Lortz taking over the planning as co-organizers.

"Feedback on the concerts has been great," said Johnson. "People have commented how awesome it is to have them here so they don't have to go into St. Cloud."

Musicians for the events were found through referrals and a message on Facebook stating they were looking for bands to play throughout the summer. The response was amazing.

"There are a lot of talented people around the area," said Johnson. "The bands have all been great. We've had a good variety of music, with country appearing to be number one for getting people to come out."

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THE BAND 'RETRO' had the crowd's toes tapping with their large variety of genres during one of the August Music in the Park concerts. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

ing the chance to come out and enjoy live music with their family, friends, and neighbors. Because of



IT'S FALL SPORTS PREVIEW TIME! CHECK OUT YOUR FAVORITE TEAMS FOR BIG LAKE AND BECKER STARTING ON PAGE 11!

New restaurants opening soon?

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer reporter.bill@patriotnewsmn.com

People have been chomping at the bit, waiting for two new restaurants to open in Big Lake.

Willy's On The Water

In December of 2021, Long time Big Lake iconic restaurant Russell's on the Lake closed its doors for good. The property was purchased by persons who originally wished to convert the restaurant into a Willy McCoy's. However, rumor has it the two owner halves of Willy McCoy's could not come to an agreement on defining the restaurant in a specific way so Willy's on the Water was born.

Rumor also has it the slow process of converting the Russell's building to the vision of the new owner has been met with permitting and allowance issues — not the construction crew's lacksadaisical efforts. Originally, the new restaurant was slated to have a late spring, early summer open-

ing but as of this week, the date is slated for later in September — maybe?

From the viewpoint of passersby, it appears the inside of the building has pretty much been gutted and is being transformed throughout. The exterior of the building has seen the iconic turret torn down and traditional white siding being installed along with keeping parts of the brick facade.

In the back, a huge deck has been constructed as well as an extension of the building towards the lake. Down at the shore, a huge dock configuration has been assembled to allow for the parking of boats and other modes of water transportation for people wanting to access the bar/restaurant by water.

Willy's on the Water is located at 111 Jefferson Blvd. in Big Lake.

Bar 10 Bar 10 on Hwy. 10

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BIG LAKE
A Big Lake man went on a motorcycle trip this past summer that covered three continents! See his story on page 2.

BECKER
The Becker CIS 4607 Robotics team held a demonstration at the Minnesota State Fair last week. See the story on page 4.

COUNTY
Local Author M. M. Sudie will be speaking and signing her books at the Sherburne History Center next weekend. Check out the story on page 8.

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Save Our Sherco campaign gains steam

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

Energy grid instability has increasingly become a concern for Minnesota residents in the past several months, prompting the Center of the American Experiment (CAE) to launch their S.O.S. - Save Our Sherco - campaign.

Recently, many area residents have secured their yard signs and are working to bring attention to the matter in an effort to sway both Xcel Energy and the MN Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to reconsider their plans for the closure of all three coal-fired plants at Sherco within the next several years.

"This spring, the regional electric grid to which Minnesota belongs, the

Midcontinent Independent Systems Operator (MISO) announced that there was not enough reliable power plants on the grid to meet our expected peak demand, plus a margin of safety," says CAE Energy and Environmental Policy Fellow Isaac Orr. "This problem



will only get worse if Xcel Energy closes Unit 2 at Sherco next year. We are in a reliability hole, and the first thing we need to do is stop digging."

In addition to the yard sign campaign, the CAE has also launched a web-

site, SaveOurSherco.com, that allows people to send emails to Xcel and the PUC asking for their reconsideration.

Orr reports that in the opening days of the campaign, hundreds of petitioners have signed on to the cause and with Facebook ads launching early this past week, that number is expected to grow quickly.

Despite MISO's warnings about running out of electricity, there has been little movement in the state to remedy the situation with a postponement of the coal plant retirement.

However, a coal-fired plant in Missouri recently

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Big Lake man takes amazing trip over 3 continents

By Katherine Cantin,
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Big Lake local Kevin Staples went on a very unique trip this summer. He took his motorcycle all over Europe and into parts of Africa and Asia. In his desire to share some of the highlights of his tour with Patriot readers, Staples sat down with this reporter and recounted his journey.

Back before Memorial Day, Staples headed over to Germany, where he had arranged to have his bike shipped. He went without a plan, just a date when he had to be back home.

In honor of Memorial Day weekend, he decided to start the trip off by taking in some of the WWII memorials. Staples headed to the Normandy Memorial first. He said that when the staff saw his U.S. license plates on his bike, they made sure to give him an amazing personal tour.

From there, Staples meandered up through Denmark before deciding to change directions and head south through France and Spain and through the Strait of Gibraltar. He noted that the famous passage between Europe and Africa was open, but a negative



KEVIN STAPLES visiting a WWII memorial in Belgium. (Submitted photo.)

African continent. From there, he took a trip back through the Gibraltar Strait and headed north through the Andorra Mountains. Although the mountains were cooler due to high elevation, Staples was still roasting. He had to close all his jacket vents after tiny native wasps got into his jacket (a situation that was neither popular with the wasps or with Staples).

Staples continued heading east in search of friendly locals. In France, he was mainly ignored. He liked the locals in Slovenia



ENTERING SLOVANIA, Staples took a moment to snap a picture as he crossed the border. (Photo by Kevin Staples.)

and used the facilities to do maintenance on his bike. The people there were very friendly and helpful, and helped him to plan a route through Turkey.

The next day, he started making his way to and through Turkey. He loved the people there, who had big personalities and energy. Staples reported that driving in Turkey was kind of crazy, and a three lane road would quickly become a five lane road, as everyone crowded close together.

The weather year round is incredibly consistent, with very little in the way of seasons. Year round, temperatures are 80°F during the day and 60°F at night. Another great thing is the lack of mosquitos.

Staples began to work his way along the coast of the Mediterranean and headed back up into the mountains to avoid the heat. He ran into problems there, as several of the roads were deep under water. Staples said a local river had recently been dammed, causing lots of flooding on the mountain passes, and it took some work to find his way around.

His trip took him over the 1915 Çanakkale Bridge. The bridge runs over the Dardanelles Strait and is the longest suspension bridge in the world. It was only recently opened in March of 2022. Staples said the bridge was so huge

that as he drove up to it he assumed it was much closer than it was.

Staples headed through Greece and back to Bulgaria. He wanted to check out Montenegro and Albania but decided to make those countries their own trip in the future. He visited the Black Sea. He knew that on the other side of the large body of water there was fighting in Ukraine, but he was not able to see anything.

Finally, Staples headed back to MotoCamp in time for their Overland Traveler Convention. He got there a little early and helped out some of the other travelers with bike maintenance and repair. He even gave a presentation on tire wear to the attendees, as he'd been collecting research on the various brands he's used.

Upcoming Trips
Staples is already planning his next few years' of bike trips. He hopes to make a trip from the southern point of South America back home again. He also hopes to go through Nepal and India. Staples says he has plans for the next five years and isn't planning to slow down anytime soon!

About Staples
Staples grew up in Moundsview and has been living in Big Lake since 2010. He works for Branch Manager as an engineer. Staples used to own and operate a bike shop in Chisago.



A LOCAL MARKET in Italy. (Photo by Kevin Staples.)

COVID-19 was required in order to pass between the two continents.

Staples said that Africa was, "Nothing like what people said." He decided to take in the local markets and meet some of the residents. He would try to find the little coffee shops or restaurants that seemed like local favorites, and avoided anything that was for tourists. Oftentimes, locals who saw his U.S. plates would wave him over to sit and chat. He didn't speak the same language as the locals, but they were able to have conversations using hand gestures and photos.

As Staples continued on his journey, he decided that he couldn't take much more of the Saharan heat, and so made his way back to Spain. He visited a small town which is a part of Spain, although it is on the

and Austria better, as they were friendlier towards him, but they still maintained a distance. In Croatia, Staples said he felt right at home, as the people were very friendly and down to Earth.

"They're the kind of people who don't care how old the BMW is," Staples said.

Staples did some research on bike storage, and found a promising place in Bulgaria, so continued to head in an easterly direction. He spent a lot of time following a river through Romania, and enjoyed the gorgeous scenery. Staples noted that this was when his trip really started to feel amazing.

Staples made it to Bulgaria and found the bike place, called MotoCamp. Although not ready to end his trip, Staples stopped

BL Twp. addresses property issues

By Katherine Cantin,
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During the recent regular meeting, the Big Lake Town Board was notified of a proposed encroachment onto the township's drainage easement. A property owner in the Meadowlands development hoped to construct a shed which would encroach on the township's easement. After sending representatives to investigate the location, the board determined there would be no resulting issues in drainage, and agreed to a

license agreement with the homeowner to allow them to construct the building.

Another property in Sleepy Hollow development was brought to the board's attention as well. The owners had purchased the home already built. The owners hoped to construct a three season porch when they discovered that the home was not in compliance with the side setback. The home was supposed to have been constructed with a setback of 10 ft. from the side, but currently only has a setback of one foot. The board saw no issue as far

as the septic field or drainage was concerned, and they acknowledged that the situation was out of the owners' control. They provided positive comments to the county board of adjustment in favor of granting a variance. The county will have the final decision.

Roads
The supervisors hoped to schedule a road tour for this fall in order to get an accurate idea of the state of township roads. After a period with very little road following overlay work, the supervisors thought it might be necessary

to do some hydroseeding on the roads in question.

Supervisor Norm Leslie planned to look into redoing the Lions Park parking lot.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Decided to hire Riverland Exteriors to fix storm damage at Town Hall and Lion's Park;
- Heard committee reports from the board members;
- Reported they would soon be closing on the sale of the Knick Knack Knoll lot discussed at previous meetings.

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Orrock Twp. celebrates successful primaries

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer
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At the August meeting, the Orrock town board heard the sheriff's report, celebrated a successful primary election, and discussed township roads.

Primaries
Clerk Chris Weber reported that the primary elections were a success in the township. She reported nine absentee votes (down from 77 in 2020) and 271 in person votes (up from 220 in 2020.)

Sheriff's Report
A new officer was on hand to give the Sheriff's Report for Orrock township. Sgt. Austin Turner reported that there was not a significant change in calls for service in the township year over year. He reported on a few noteworthy calls, including some property damage off of Co. Rd. 4.

There was a vehicle pursuit which began in Isanti County and came through the township, when a woman suffering from mental health issues stole a vehicle.

Traffic stops are still up across the county. Turner noted that Co. Rd. 5 and 261st are two roads where the sheriff's office is seeing a particularly high number of traffic stops.



SGT. AUSTIN TURNER will be giving the Sheriff's Office reports now Sgt. Luke McLean has taken on a new position within the sheriff's department. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

Roads
The township ordered 28 street signs in accordance with their decision at the last regular meeting, paying \$1,691.

The board discussed the logistics of making 180th St. a minimum maintenance road. The road is located south of the Orrock Town Hall and goes back into the state forest. The road will be closed for four months out of the year and will not be plowed. A barricade and a sign will be erected at the end of the maintained part of the road during those months.

The board spoke

with road engineer Kevin Krueger on the pavement management plan proposal. This plan is updated about once every four years. The board requested that Krueger work to make the proposal more user friendly and understandable to the layman, which they hoped would make it more useful to the township than it has been in the past. Krueger agreed that changes could be made to the layout to make it more useful. The road committee planned to discuss the issue further.

The board is soliciting proposals for tree trimming. This time, they are being more clear with the details of the project after having a poor experience last year. Letters have been sent to homeowners who will be affected by the tree trimming, and those homeowners will have an opportunity to dispute the plan if they wish. Supervisor Paul Ellinger also requested that any contractors be made aware of the recently discovered presence of Emerald Ash Borers in the township, which is an invasive species, and be instructed to treat trimmings accordingly.

Supervisor Bob Hassett wished to make a personal note on the matter of tree trimming: during the annual tree tour, where supervisors review the trimming needs of the township, Hassett discovered he had dropped his keys. He noted two young women found the keys and returned them to him, and were very polite and kind. He wished to publicly thank them for

their assistance.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Noted there is still a need for firefighters at the BLFD;
- Heard about Treasurer Gary Goldsmith's efforts in cleaning up old escrow accounts;
- Made plans for some of the supervisors and the clerk to attend the annual Minnesota Association of Townships conference.

Vehicle crashes into BL home, cuts gas line

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer
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On Monday evening at about 8:17, Big Lake police officers were called to respond to a vehicle crash at 4644 Pond View Circle. The vehicle in question had crashed through the residence after the driver lost control of the vehicle while attempting a "burnout."

Upon arrival, it was discovered that the crash had severed the gas line to the home, and so police officers and firefighters evacuated the surrounding homes to ensure safety.

At the scene, the driver of the crashed vehicle presented signs of intoxication

and admitted to drinking. A breathalyzer test administered by police officers revealed the driver was over the legal limit.

The driver was transported to the Monticello Hospital for treatment of minor injuries, and is currently in custody with the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office. One occupant of the home also had minor injuries, but received treatment at the scene.

"I think that's the most important thing," said BLPD Chief John Kaczmarek, referring to the lack of serious injuries. "Kudos to the BLFD and BLPD for their quick and diligent actions."



THREE SONS HARDWARE GRAND OPENING. The Big Lake Hardware Store recently reopened under new ownership. Dave and Lori Ables are the new owners. Above: Store staff is pictured outside of the recently remodeled store. Below: Lori Ables (holding scissors) and her husband Dave Ables (right of Lori) held an official ribbon cutting ceremony with members of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce. (Photos by Katherine Cantin.)



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Coborn's joins CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion™ Coalition

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by Austin Vogler at Coborn's Inc.)

Employee-owned Coborn's, Inc. announced today that Chris Coborn, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), has joined the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion™ coalition. The organization is the largest CEO-driven business commitment to drive measurable action and meaningful change in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace.

In signing this commitment, Coborn's, Inc. joins a partnership of more than 2,200 CEOs pledging to cultivate a trusting environment where all ideas are welcomed, and employees feel comfortable and empowered to have discussions about diversity and inclusion.

Coborn's, Inc.'s Talent, Culture, & Human Resources Manager, Austin Vogler, introduced the pledge as part of the company's Diversity & Inclusion

tion Action Plan that was presented to store directors, senior company leadership, and members of the Board

our communities, guests, and most importantly our employees, want and need to see, hear, and feel our Brand Promise of being the Greatest Place to Work," said Vogler. "Joining the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion coalition provides us with the opportunity to share with and learn from other organizations who are at various stages in their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion journey and this pledge itself complements our plans for future work in

this area."

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CIS 4607 featured at MN State Fair

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

Being one of the top robotics team in the state of Minnesota and across the nation brings some responsibilities and privileges. Last Friday, the Becker Robotics FRC 4607 team fulfilled both categories as it participated as part of a 3 school demonstration at the Minnesota State Fair.

The event including showing visitors the robot, explaining the 2022 robotics challenge and even letting kids drive robots including Becker's 2022 Innovation Award-winning entry, "Midnight Bite".

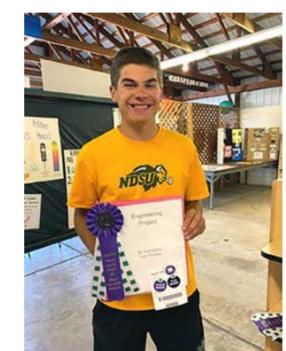
The three teams also participated in the daily fair parade, showcasing their robots in front of thousands of spectators.

This past year was another stellar performance for CIS 4607, as they won the State Title and were able to once again compete at the World Championships.



THE BECKER ROBOTICS TEAM FRC 4607 was one of the featured squads at the Minnesota state fair, earning the chance to share their love of the "varsity sport for the mind" with guests from across the state. They showcased their robot and participated in demonstrations to garner interest in STEM education and robotics. They even had the chance to march in the State Fair parade. (Submitted photo.)

BENTON COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITORS AND PARTICIPANTS!



4-H'ER KYLE SEGNER, (middle photo) graduate of Big Lake who received a Champion ribbon for Engineering Design with a project that he had dedicated a year of his time and energy to. Kyle also showed beef in the livestock area. (Submitted photo.)

THIS SCARECROW MAKEUP OF UNCLE "ANN" (RIGHT PHOTO) was outside the 4-H Exhibit Building to greet everyone. The sign said "4-H Wants You" designed by the Elk River Critters 4-H Club. For fun, the club added Benton County Extension Educator for 4-H's face to draw a crowd. Pictured here is Ann Olson with Uncle "Ann." (Submitted photo.)

BENTON COUNTY 4-H'ER RAELEE LYON, (left photo) an eighth grader from Becker (L) with 4-H'er Harper Moulzolf, third grader from Sauk Rapids (R) showing off their skills with their swine during the Benton County Fair Swine show a couple weeks ago. (Submitted photo.)

Editorials/Opinions

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Becker Schools Superintendent Jeremy Schmidt.)

Becker Public Schools are excited to welcome our students and staff back to school for the 2022-2023 school year. We have had a wonderful summer, but look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces as we continue to grow and improve on our previous successes, as well as learn from mistakes we have made along the way. The excitement of the new school year also may bring with it some anxiety. Our children have been used to a different schedule over the summer and it is important to create a school routine that allows everyone to be successful.

As we begin this school year, we would like to offer some helpful information to prepare our students for success. If your child is a little anxious about returning back to school or beginning school this year, here are some ways you can help as a parent.

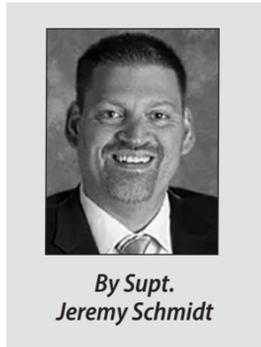
Create a routine to begin and end the day. This could include preparing the night before, looking over homework together, or positive messages being shared each day.

Be prepared to talk to your child about things they are excited about or nervous about.

Work with your child to provide them avenues to handle difficult situations they may be fearing about school (homework, lunch, recess, or other events).

Connect with staff at the school to provide support. School staff including teachers, support staff, counselors, and school administrators are available to help provide resources or connect with your child to help them through difficult times.

The Becker Public School District recently went through the Strategic Planning Process. During the process the Becker Public Schools Mission Statement was changed to, "Developing Self-Di-



By Supt. Jeremy Schmidt

rected Learners to Thrive in a Changing Global Community." We have all seen the changes that have taken place over the last few years. It is important



to continue to understand the value in having self-directed learners who understand our entire global perspective. In addition to this mission statement, Becker Public Schools staff works hard to encourage students to be resilient and mentally strong. There are opportunities for parents to engage their children to help support this. Opportunities such as those listed below will help to support the school in promoting a resilient and mentally strong culture.

Maintain positivity and create optimism. Statements such as "You were really trying on that assignment," "All that studying and practice is paying off," and "I can do this!" are very powerful in maintaining a positive attitude and culture.

Encourage and recognize small gains. Continue to set attainable goals and when those are met, reset them.

Share or journal about the school day. A great opportunity is to share positive things that happened during the school day as a family. You can also talk about challenges and brainstorm ways to overcome them. Journaling is a great

way for students to develop a routine and provides an opportunity to reflect on positive experiences and challenges as well.

With students coming back to school, we would like to remind everyone to be extra cautious in school zones and particularly during pick up and drop off times. The speed limit around the school when children are present is 15 m.p.h. When you see students at bus stops, please stay extra aware. Becker Public School buses have increased their cameras thanks to a grant through the State of Minnesota to help reduce school bus stop arm violations. It is the law to stop for school buses with flashing lights. Drivers must also come to a complete stop at least 20

feet from a school bus and remain stopped while the stop arm is out and lights are flashing. Failure to stop may lead to a gross misdemeanor, up to one year in jail and thousands of dollars in fines.

To continue to improve the learning environment and experience for our students, we would like to share our areas of emphasis this year. These have been shared with students upon their return to the school. While we don't limit the handbooks to these emphasis, these are areas we expect to improve over last year and previous years.

- Respect
- Attendance
- Tobacco and E-Cigs
- Proper cell phone use
- Proper dress and accessories including backpacks and hats.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information shared, please feel free to connect with your child's teacher or individual school building staff. We look forward to an exciting, positive, and productive school year.

You Don't Know What You've Got

"You don't know what you've got until it's gone." We've all heard this phrase throughout our lives. We nod our heads and agree without really thinking about it. The truth is, most of us do know what we had, we just didn't think we'd ever lose it.

Not that long ago I was inundated with pets in my house. At one point there were four dogs, three cats, and a number of miscellaneous fish and reptiles. Honestly, there were too many. At least one of them was always underfoot, there was animal hair everywhere and on everything, and pandemonium ensued every time the doorbell rang.

By the time our youngest daughter left home just over a year ago and took her share of the pets along with her we were left with just two dogs and one cat. A nice, manageable number.

Then we lost our 18 year old Jack Russell terrier, Max. Not long after that Little Girl, our four pound, yorkie, also passed away. The only pet left in our home was Katniss Le Mew, our tortoiseshell cat. And although she's a great cat it just wasn't enough.

The house was strangely and sadly quiet without the menagerie of pets running everywhere and greeting me enthusiastically when I came home. I haven't lived without a dog since I was a kid, and I didn't like it. I missed the chaotic life I'd had not that long ago. I missed my pack.

Into our lives came Lita, a one year old Jack Russell mix. I'd been checking out



By Penny Leuthard Contributing Writer

first couple of days she was devastated when we left her behind and ecstatic when we returned. She wouldn't let me leave a room without being glued to my feet.

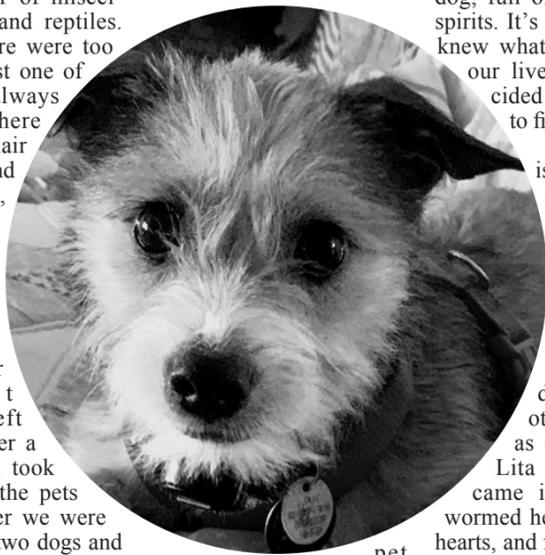
After a couple of weeks it was like she'd always been there. She was comfortable and confident of her place in our lives and her personality came shining through. I've honestly never met such a happy dog, full of life and high spirits. It's almost like she knew what we needed in our lives and had decided it was her job to fill that need.

The best part is that in looks, intelligence, and personality she's like a mixture of the two dogs we'd just lost.

My husband, who didn't want another dog, is just as enamored with Lita as I am. She came into our lives, wormed her way into our hearts, and filled the empty space we didn't realize was there.

I'm not going to tell you to not take your blessings for granted. We all know that. But I do want to tell you to watch for unexpected joy, as it can show up in unexpected ways when you're not looking for it.

I also want to put in a plug for rescue animals and rescue organizations like Ruff Start Rescue. You'll never find a more grateful dog than one that you've just given a forever home to. They're just happy to be loved and part of a family, and isn't that what we're all looking for?



rescue sites on occasion, looking for a small scruffy dog without high hopes of actually finding one. The majority of rescues seem to be big dogs, which I love, just not in my house. Looking through the photos of the latest group of dogs being brought to Minnesota by Ruff Start Rescue this spring, I came across a photo of the cutest, scruffiest dog who looked like she was smiling. I knew immediately she was the one.

We picked her up at the end of June from Ruff Start Rescue's office in Princeton. Within a couple of hours she'd sniffed out every inch of our house and much of the property and was happy to let us hold and pet her. For the

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Letters To The Editor

(Editor's note: Due to space constraints, the Patriot will publish up to 5-6 LTEs a week as space allows and carry over unpublished letters to the next week, if able. Also, we no longer have a policy which restricts letter writers from submitting political editorials a week prior to an election.)

TO THE EDITOR:
I started submitting editorials, because I thought people in our community were more connected/knowledgeable than myself about the inner workings of our community by "trusted" locally elected and campaigning officials and I wanted to get educated. Well, I got educated. Getting involved

has been positive and disheartening. Seeing friends/neighbors "bullied" into NOT exercising their Constitutional Right under the First Amendment to display/voice their opinions, because of personal targeted repercussions. How does this happen and how do we STOP IT? We rally as a community for what is right! Lies are being spread about "leasing" farmland/solar panel farms. Going as far as having Sen. Tina Smith visit the Sherco Plant in Becker, to discuss the plant shut down. Not the millions of dollars of environmental upgrades made to create "clean reliable energy" within the plant. Sound familiar? The "Green New Deal" is toxic. A local campaigning official is

shutting your food supply down, by leasing hundreds of acres of farmland, similar to our current Governor and Presidential administration, shutting you down. We need a Sherburne County District 4 Commissioner that we can trust, not one that hides behind fine print. Vote Jerome "Lefty" Kleis on November 8, to fight for you!
Shelly Alger-Peyton
Clear Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:
The Biden Department of Education is proposing a radical Rule change regarding Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex. Basically, this would allow males identifying as females

to occupy your daughter's spaces. Ideology, rather than science-based evidence, is the justification. Add your voice opposing this change by going to www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/07/12/2022-13734/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-sex-in-education-programs-or-activities-receiving-federal and click on "Submit a Formal Comment", due by Sept. 12, 2022. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was a triumph for women in the advancement of equal education opportunities which also included sports and a new equality for professional advancement. The proposed rules will eliminate those opportunities and result in

irredeemable harm to women and girls. The level playing field is destroyed with a redefinition of the current national question, What is a woman? "Fairness" in the treatment of women has long been a much sought after ideal, such as equal pay for equal work, and the overdue opening of military and law enforcement positions for women. The proposed rule would redefine "sex" as no longer understood to be an immutable characteristic, but instead merely a subjective self-declared and mutable "identity." Say NO to this change with your comment.
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St. Luke's holds Fall Parish Festival

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

Parishioners and the community at large once again came out in large numbers for St. Luke's Catholic Church's Fall Parish Festival, an annual event held at the end of August each year.

Following the Sunday mass, this year's festival included the Baskets from Heaven silent auction, country market, bingo, cake walk, games for the kids, face painting, fun competitions, and a DJ providing music and commentary throughout the afternoon. The much anticipated quilt auction was one of the highlights.

Guests at the event also had a lot to choose from when they were ready for refreshments, including an indoor dinner, food and beverage booths, and a beer stand.

Organizers extended thanks to those who donated items for the festival as well as parishioners who helped and the community for their support.

As always, all money raised by the fundraiser will go toward the parish building fund.



LOLA AND RUBY SCHWINGHAMMER (above) searched for prizes at the duck pond. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)



ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL brought in a large crowd (top right), with lots to take part in both inside and out. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

ALONG WITH GAMES FOR THE KIDS, St. Luke's Fall Festival offered fresh produce and baked items for sale (right photo). (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

Raptors visit library patrons

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

Library patrons in all three local locations – Clearwater, Becker, and Big Lake – had some unusual visitors this summer; raptors from the U of MN Raptor Center.

The interactive presentation-style program featured four species of raptors that call Minnesota home; a red-tailed hawk, an American kestrel, a great horned owl, and a bald eagle.

During the presentation held in Clearwater, the Raptor Center representative explained what makes a raptor and shared numerous facts with the large crowd, which was made up of bird lovers of all ages.

She shared the history of how the center came to rescue each of the four raptors, none of which were able to be released back into the wild. In between, members of the crowd asked questions about each



A BALD EAGLE wows the crowd during the Raptor Center presentation held in Clearwater. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)



CLEARWATER, BECKER, AND BIG LAKE LIBRARIES all had large crowds attend the Raptor Center presentation. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

bird and about raptors in general.

The specialized hospital at the Raptor Center admits around 1,000 birds

of prey each year with the goal of rehabilitating and releasing them back into the wild. The center trains future veterinarians and wildlife rehabilitators, con-

ducts research into raptors and the environment, and educates and inspires people with their educational programming.

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did just that, postponing plans for at least several years to shut down a power plant over concerns of grid reliability.

Orr notes that in other states and countries, authorities are scaling back their renewable energy plans because of the projected electrical shortcomings.

“Germany is restarting coal plants as a desperate attempt to lessen their dependency on Russian gas and two coal plants in Wisconsin will delay their retirements due to the capacity shortfall,” Orr says.

Locally, Becker Twp. resident Matt Marquette shared his concerns with the Patriot and stated his reasons for securing their S.O.S. signs.

“I am not an expert in power generation . . . however, I do see what is going on in Europe and California right now - they have made a pledge to ‘go green’ and they are experiencing an energy crisis that is unprecedented with experts saying it is going to get worse,” says Marquette. “Many Europeans are having to choose between heating or eating. I do believe that most people, including myself, are for ‘cleaner energy’ but aren’t willing to starve for it.”

Marquette says that he has witnessed firsthand what the Sherco plants have meant for the Becker community, including the many jobs they provide. He feels that the entire issue needs more study and testing to ensure reliability



S.O.S. In the past week, area residents have noticed signs proclaiming “Save Our Sherco” popping up in yards and along driveways across the area. Here, Becker Township Resident Matt Marquette is pictured with his sign that he put up Tuesday morning. Plans are in the works to make the signs available locally to other interested individuals. (Submitted photo.)

for the electrical grid.

“Do we have the infrastructure as a nation to support sending solar power from Arizona to Maine and then wind power from Montana to Florida,” Marquette wonders. “Everything that I have researched says that we aren’t even close. My vote is to keep the Sherco plants running full steam ahead until we have a reasonable and realistic resolution to these issues.”

According to Orr, plans are in the works for a local pickup option for people wanting to pick up their sign if they are interested. In the meantime, he suggests people visit the website to hear more information.

In terms of whether or not it’s too late to save Sherco, Orr says there is still time.

“It can be done, it’s a matter of whether Xcel will do what it needs to do to keep the lights on,” he says.



WILLYS ON THE WATER is in full construction mode as of this week with siding around the sides of the building being erected as well as a large deck and building expansion (inset photo on left). The owners also installed a large docking section that will allow boats and watercraft to moor right outside the backside of the restaurant. Owners hope to have Willys on the Water open by the end of the month. (Patriot Photos by Bill Morgan).



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and Co. Rd. 11 in Big Lake has been teasing customers with their opening date and have kept quite tight-lipped as far as what flavors of food they plan to serve.

Bar 10 owners have been posting to their letter board along the railroad tracks that the restaurant was “coming soon”. A month ago, they mentioned they were having a “soft” opening where they were going to feature a band on their premises and serve some of their dishes and cordials. As of recently, the sign reads, “Grand opening Labor Day weekend” and Eventbrite listed Bar 10 being open Sept. 3 for an event called, “Don’t Stop the Music Saturday Night Dance Party.”

Did it happen? Nobody knows for sure.

Ather Jameel is listed as the owner of the restaurant by the Minnesota Secretary Of State. Bar 10 has taken over occupancy of the old Monty’s Tropical Hideout location.

According to Bar 10’s website, *BAR 10 is inspired by American cuisine and authentic flavors. We’ve become a sensation through our creative bartenders and amazing staff providing incredible service. Our mission is to maintain our commitment to quality food, authentic beers, and fine products and to focus on hospitality with exceptional service. Our deep desire is to help people spend quality time with each other and become the center of our communities. We are best known for our love for food and beer, commitments to our clients, and our working attitude.*

They host weddings, work events, parties and they also cater.

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Local author M.M. Sudie to appear at SHC



LOCAL AUTHOR M. M. SUDIE will be speaking and signing autographs for her book series of fantasy fiction. The event is Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Sherburne History Center in Becker. Sudie has also displayed her books at local farmer's markets. (Submitted photo.)

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Sherburne History Center.)

M. M. Sudie, author of fantasy fiction, will speak and sign her books at the Sherburne History Center (SHC) Saturday, 17 September, at 10 am.

Sudie, a resident of Sherburne County, has been writing and self-publishing her work for several years. She has recently completed her fifth book in the Mark Brikyif series of fantasy fiction.

According to her website, Sudie began writing when television and movies failed to provide satisfying endings. From these early writings, she evolved into her current series of books. She is working to complete

three more books in the series in the near future.

Sudie is the third author to speak at the Sherburne History Center in this latest program series. The fourth and final presentation of writers will visit the SHC October 15. The Sisters in Crime mystery writers group will present a round table discussion of different writing styles and creating mysteries.

Sherburne History Center is located at 10775 27th Ave SE in Becker. Its website is www.Sherburne-HistoryCenter.org. The Sherburne History Center inspires and fosters a sense of community by providing resources to help people discover the past and gain perspective on the present so they can make informed choices about the future.

Zero rail levy proposed by county again for 2023

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Sherburne County Board Tuesday passed the preliminary 2023 Regional Rail Authority Levy in the amount of zero dollars.

It is the same levy the board has approved since the county implemented the Local Option Sales Tax in 2018.

On Sept. 4, 2018, the board of commissioners passed a resolution establishing a five-cent countywide sales tax to fund transportation. The tax was expected to generate an estimated \$3.2 million a year, with 30 percent of the total expected to be coming from non-Sherburne County residents.

The terms of the tax also allow the funds to be used on the Northstar and Link operations and maintenance, while the remaining portion is allocated for high-priority road projects.

Using sales tax money for Northstar reduces the county's property tax levy. Over the past three years, Northstar operating expenses were about \$1.4 million.

The board did not address the 2023 preliminary property tax levy and budget during Tuesday's agenda. They held a workshop afterwards and will bring it to a vote at the next meeting. The final budget and levy will be certified in December.

ARPA

The board approved ARPA expenditures totaling \$298,240.79. The biggest expense was an IT Storage project, which will replace the current data storage system. IT Director Brian Kamman said system is upgraded every five or six years.

Also approved was \$161,600 in community non-profit investment grants. Of that total, \$36,600 was awarded to The Wave for on-site weekly mental health services. The Wave is a youth center for middle school and high school aged youth and offers a mentor program, skills-building activities and speakers, and a social environment in which kids feel safe and loved and a sense of acceptance and belonging.

The Promise Neighborhood (PN) received a grant of \$125,000. PN helps low-income residents in the county in a number of ways: Providing assisted referrals to other organizations that offer supportive services; Offering emergency supports to clients to fill gaps, including direct payments to vendors to fill basic needs, including rent, utilities, transportation supports, prescriptions, clothing, diapers, formula, and other relevant needs; Boosting general employability for community members; Providing therapeutic interventions and counseling for staff and com-

munity members through group-work and in individual counseling.

Employee Benefits

The board approved the 2023 employee compensation plan, which includes a 3.5% range adjustment and 2023 Pay for Performance Compensation Plan for non-union employees, effective Jan. 1, 2023. It includes the following county contributions toward health insurance premiums: Single Contribution \$890.00; Single + Child(ren) Contribution \$1,124.70; Single + Spouse Contribution \$1,200.86; Family Contribution \$1,460.60.

Other Business

In other actions the board:

- Approved an Interim Use permit (IUP) for Tiller Corp. for mining sand and gravel on 155 acres in the Shoreland Overlay District of Rice Lake on Hwy. 169 near Co. Rd. 74 in Livonia Twp.;
- Approved a negative declaration for an Environmental Impact Statement for "The Oaks of Battle Brook," a residential standard preliminary plat consisting of 10 lots on 110 acres;
- Approved the final simple plat of Wire Addition, consisting of two lots on 16.35 acres at 108th Street NW in Baldwin Twp.;
- Approved a conditional use permit for Andrew Davis for a personal storage struc-

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Area News

Clear Lake endorses changes to developer's agreement

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Clear Lake City Council met Tuesday evening and tackled several agenda items, including several proposed changes to the developer's agreement for the next phase in the Hunter Lake Bluff development.

Consultant Todd Olin appeared before council, noting that was working as an intermediary between the developer and the City Attorney. He presented several proposed changes to the existing agreement and the council agreed to the terms. These items included a donation of approximately seven acres of land for a park and open

natural space in lieu of parkland dedication fees of \$1,150 per lot, the vacation of a short pedestrian path through part of the plat, and a reduction in an access path from 40 feet to 30 feet in width.

Council, however, denied a request to decrease SAC and WAC fees another 15%, noting that they had previously accepted a 15% reduction in these charges for the development. Mayor Tim Goenner also asked that any addi-

tional topsoil in the development be dedicated to the park area to ensure proper vegetation growth.

With the changes being given a verbal agreement, Clerk Kari Koren will forward documentation to the City Attorney and a revised agreement will be presented for adoption in the future.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Heard from Sgt. Andy Ochs of the SCSO, who reported on 71 calls

for service in August;

- Approved a re-zone request from CMP Attachments;
- Heard from District 4 Commissioner Candidate Gary Gray, who detailed his plans to implement Focus Group for townships and cities in his district if elected. Gray outlined his efforts across District 4, which he noted includes 36,000 acres of tillable farmland;
- Adopted the new rules and regulations for the Ball Field;
- Approved payment #1 for the water tower work in the amount of \$101,393.56;
- Approved the 2023 preliminary levy;
- Heard from Public Works Director Dustin

Luhning and authorized payment of \$5,350 to rectify an ongoing drainage issue within the city limits;

- Instructed Koren to come to the next meeting with a revised nuisance ordinance that would reduce the allowable length of vegetation within the city;
- Changed the time for the Oct. 12 budget workshop from 7 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to accommodate a fire board meeting;
- Agreed to gather information about the process of adding a four-way stop to the intersection of Nature's Edge and Trapper's Ridge Drive.



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Allegiant Airlines announces extension of nonstop service

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by Brian Myres, St. Cloud Regional Airport Authority Board Chair.)

Allegiant Airlines has announced the extension of Phoenix/Mesa and Punta Gorda/Fort Myers service

through mid-May 2023. This means an uninterrupted flight schedule from October 2022 through mid-May 2023.

The schedules to both destinations will be twice weekly non-stop through the winter season, which runs through mid-February 2023, and then Phoenix/Mesa service ramps

up to four times per week in mid-February through March. Florida flights will generally run Thursdays and Sundays while Arizona flights will generally run Wednesdays and Saturdays until mid-February when Mondays and Fridays will be added.

"We are excited to see the continuation of this Al-

legiant service, which indicates the success of this past spring season," said Airport Authority Board Chair Brian Myres. "The St. Cloud Regional Airport offers an easy, convenient way to travel to these warm weather destinations over the winter and spring season."

Allegiant had a great

2021-2022 winter season, which generally runs from October 1, through May. For the St. Cloud routes this past season, Allegiant recorded the most passengers since the 2018-2019 winter season, and the second most ever.

"We're happy to continue our relationship with Allegiant," said Airport

Director Bill Towle. "Allegiant has been a great partner offering a great service."

Allegiant has offered commercial air service at the St. Cloud Regional Airport since 2012. Check www.AllegiantAir.com for specific dates and fares.

...More 4H Benton Co. pics



THE BENTON COUNTY 4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING was filled with activities during the Benton County fair this past week. Leading the charge of the 4-H'ers and their families were 4-H staff (L-R) Summer Assistant Travis Boyle from Foley, Summer Coordinator Mary Goenner of Becker, Benton County Support Staff Megan Gerads of Foreston, Benton County Extension Educator for 4-H Ann Olson of Becker, Summer Assistant Brady Roberts of Sauk Rapids and Summer Assistant Donita Beehler of Foley. (Submitted photo.)

It's Hawkey season at Pebble Creek!



CHRIS HAWKEY was a featured artist along with the Fabulous Armadillos during last Friday's Concert at the Creek event at Pebble Creek. (Patriot Photo by Chris Meyer.)

MUSIC from page 1



BLUEGRASS BAND Singleton Street entertained the crowd for the last Music in the Park concert August 25. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

Different genres of music were featured at each concert, including country, folk, retro, bluegrass, and classic rock. All of the bands and musicians have been local.

The family friendly events have all been held at Eldorado Park in Clearwater.

"You can't beat the location," said Johnson. "It's easy access with lots of parking, a shelter for the bands to set up in, and a playground for younger kids who might have a hard time sitting still for a couple of hours."

She noted people loved the food trucks that were at the concerts as well, although there was an issue with one of the vendors not showing up for the first two events, leaving organizers with no food available for attendees.

"The vender had committed to the entire first month," said Johnson. "However they were a no-show at the first concert and called to cancel just an hour before the second concert, leaving us with no food trucks. It was disappointing."

Two 'movies in the park' events were planned amongst the concerts as well, however, due to weather conditions only one was able to actually be held.

"It's all been a learning experience," said Johnson. "The movie ended up going late into the evening because we had to wait for it to get dark enough to see it. Next year we're looking at holding them in the fall instead."

Organizers asked for thanks for be extended to the community and this year's sponsors for their support. A shout out was also given to Wright Co. police officers, who made it a point to be at every event throughout the summer.

Event organizers are taking September off and will then start planning for next year. They hope to be able to work even more closely with the community and want to talk to the city about what it takes to allow local organizations to sell food during the concerts for their own fundraising purposes.

The events are always in need of sponsors. Businesses and individuals interested in helping or just looking for more information are encouraged to contact Johnson at JohnsonMaterials@yahoo.com.

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Boys take second in Princeton

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Becker Bulldogs Boys Cross Country team traveled up the road to the Princeton Invitational hosted at Fairway Shores Executive Golf Course.

The 88 degree heat and muggy air made for a challenging evening to welcome runners to the 2022 racing season, but the Bulldogs showed up with a mission to make some big impacts and set a strong

and set some starting points for their season

“It was pretty cool that Denlan Harmoning had over a one-minute improvement in his pace from this time a year ago while Aiden Frommelt (13:57) and Thomas Cota (19:03) had over six-minutes of improvement. Frommelt was the first Bulldog to reach the finish line in the 3km and was followed by Jacob Kurhajetz (14:37). Next was Vincent Martin (15:15) and Denlan Har-

(18:14) improved his career best 5km time by six seconds while Tanner Felton (18:20) improved his best by 30 seconds en route to their top 10 finishes.

Next, was Evan Hubbard who narrowly edged out newcomer Alex Swanson with just over 19 minutes for the 5km. Senior Caleb Reckelberg (19:42) accomplished a top 25 performance with his big 22 second career PR.

“Caleb has been a consistent investor over the



THE BULLDOG VARSITY XC RUNNERS kicked off their racing season at the Princeton Invitational with a second place team finish. (Submitted Photo).

tone for the season.

Coach Dustin Weege saw a lot of nice performances to start off as nearly all returning runners saw improvements in the times compared to 12 months ago while a number of student-athletes also accomplished bettering their career best Personal Records (PRs). Mason Tschida, Caleb Reckelberg, Alex Swanson, Tanner Felton, and Parker Spindler all saw PR improvements in their 5km (3.1 mile) race, while Carson Schuster also had a PR pace with his 2km race.

Middle School
 The day started off with the middle school races on the course with the team earning third place. Eighth grader Weston Denne captured a top 10 spot in the 2km race with Carson Schuster and seventh grader Brandt Hemmelgarn close behind with 13th and 14th places.

Fellow seventh graders Tanner Schmitt and Keaton Colford rounded out the Bulldog harriers with their first ever XC races.

“It’s nice to see these young guys getting this early season meet in and working to figure out this different racing environment,” said Weege. “They responded pretty well and will continue to learn lessons all along the way.”

Junior Varsity
 Next was the JV race which was 3km for this first meet of the season. Six Bulldogs raced in the 3k

moning (15:33), then was Cota and newcomer Aiden Jacobs (19:42) as he started his XC career with the 3k.

“I look forward to seeing what these guys can do with the 5k next week as these guys found some paces with the 3k that can carry them decently through the 5k,” said Weege.

Varsity
 The last race of the evening brought the varsity boys to the line for the 5km trek over the hills and valleys. The 5km race allowed for additional runners in the event since the JV race was 3km, so 13 Bulldogs stepped up.

The Bulldogs approached the line with excitement for what this season can bring and they took off with each step moving forward toward their goals. The Bulldogs were led by Senior All-state runner Tyson Ricker. He raced ahead at a pace of about 5:30 per mile to win the race of the season by 35 seconds. Ricker’s time of 17:05 yielded him his third career XC race title.

Fellow returning state-entrant Mason Becker was next for the Bulldogs as he raced with a pack of runners from Heritage Christian (Maple Grove). Mason placed fifth in the event with a time of 18:09, which was not far from his state performance last Fall. Chasing shortly behind Mason was a pack of freshmen that are eager to make their marks in the varsity lineup. Park Spindler

years,” said Weege. “He’s worked hard and it is fun to see him starting off his senior year in such a positive way.”

Co-Captain Jase Tobako (20:15) was the next Bulldog to reach the finish line and then Senior Ryan Boecker (21:04) followed. Mason Tschida’s performance (21:50) was nearly a two minute improvement for his PR and teammate Alex Schermer (22:09) was shortly behind with a time that was 34 seconds better than his start last season.

Jonathan Drury (22:52) and Noah Bloch (23:53) were the next Bulldogs in the lineup and they also started their seasons off with marked improvements from last year.

As a team, the Bulldogs finished second behind Heritage Christian.

“This was a nice test to see where we’re at as a team and we look forward to getting back to work as we pursue some big goals,” Weege said. “I’m excited for what this team can do as they continue to work hard together and grow stronger as runners, as a team, and as young men.”

Up Next
 Next, the Bulldog harriers head to Monticello for a preview event on Saturday at the Bertram Regional Park, which is where the Section 5AA will be held in late October.

\$7,000 in scholarships highlight BASS team season

By Mark Kolbinger,
 Contributing Writer

The accolades keep pouring in for the Becker BASS team members, as the team recently held its scholarship awards ceremony.

“We presented \$7000 in scholarships for the first time directly to our team and our plan is to continue giving scholar-

way that the many mentors and sponsors of the team can show the students that they have support across the community.

“We spend time with these students, get to know them, believe in them and want them to know we are here for them,” Wright says. “I’m not sure if we could acknowledge them in a better way!”

In addition to the

ments.

Students also fished in the Student Angler Tournament Trail events (SATT), with the kids winning Team of the Year in points for the third consecutive year.

“We accumulate points by fishing SATT events and then total points from your top three SATT Tournaments equals our total,” Wright explains. “This is an extremely difficult feat



THIS YEAR, THE BECKER BASS TEAM started a new tradition by awarding scholarships for their graduating seniors. (Submitted photo.)

ships to future students” Coach Dusty Wright says. “For our inaugural year we were fortunate for the support from the Becker Lions, AMC Foam, Granite City Iron and Dan Gohman Painting for providing scholarship funds!”

The four seniors who applied for scholarships each received \$1000 from the Becker Lions and additional \$500 award winners included: Sam Hyttsten (Dan Gohman Painting), Parker Meyer (Granite City Iron), Scotty Bowles (AMC Foam), and Mason Doucette (Becker BASS). The team also presented \$500 team scholarships to two juniors, Logan Ahlbrecht and Alex Weismann.

“Not all kids are 4.0 students or can qualify for the majority of scholarships... our team listened to people like Dan Gohman and Jon Holm and built a plan to give scholarships to our team members,” Wright says. “We want them to know that we believe in them and want to help further their education be it college, technical school, community college, trade schools, or any other career advancement and/or apprenticeship.”

Wright says that the scholarships are just one

scholarships, the team also reviewed the season and mentioned other highlights at the end of the year banquet.

Wright listed off many new accomplishments for the team in 2022, which included starting many traditions that will continue into the future.

Some of these new initiatives included Tuesday night fishing (random local lake nights), day trippers, team and sponsor scholarship offerings, the team photo, a Becker only competition during “Virtual Fishing League”, and a multi-species tournament on Fish Donkey with “Grand Slam” category.

Wright also thanked the graduating seniors for all they have done to augment the success of the program, including Parker Meyer, Cole Wilhelm, Scotty Bowles, Sam Hyttsten and Mason Hyttsten.

In terms of honors for the team, Wright ticked off a litany of impressive results that proved once again the Becker BASS team is one of the elite teams in the state.

Becker participated in four team tournaments with 20 to 30 boats fishing in each one, as well as five Lund virtual fishing tourna-

to accomplish, even for one year. Three years is truly unexplainable.”

The past three years’ team winners have included Carter Hietala and Charlie Wright, Mason Doucette and Tristan Martin, and Maddie and Mason Doucette.

Other team notable accomplishments included having three Teams participate in the High School Nationals in Florence, AL, and two Teams qualify for High School Nationals 2023 (Tanner Paumen/Mason Nevala & Brayden Graning/Braden Koenig).

In addition, Reid McCalla and Aiden Holm won the TBF/MLF State Championship, which qualifies them for Nationals in 2023.

Speaking about the season to date, Wright says many goals were met.

“We were able to get kids out on the water, off their devices, on some cool boats, teach, fish and participate in local events,” says the coach. “Our goal, from a coaching standpoint, was to provide opportunities to fish and to learn. We had about 25 coaches and boat captains that we kept very busy. The amount of volunteers our team has without requiring it, is an incredible blessing.”

Bulldog tennis falls to Falcons

By Mark Kolbinger,
 Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the Becker girls tennis team fell in an extremely close match to the Foley Falcons, 3-4.

Seniors Ayla Brown (6-2, 6-1) and Dani Nuest (6-1, 6-0) led the singles match effort, winning in

style to give the Bulldogs a split, 2-2, in the four match singles bracket.

In the doubles matches, it was the #2 team of Kennedy Drehmel and Hannah Bartlett who picked up the win, scoring a tight 7-6 (1) and 7-6 (0) win.

Also seeing action for the Bulldogs in the singles matches were Lauren Croal

and Lily Anderson.

In the doubles action, Ali Groskreutz and Madison Bass teamed up, along with Samantha Mekeland and Payton Enerson. All the Bulldogs put up good fights in their matches, according to coach Nate Bucher.

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Bulldog swimmers cruise past Falcons



THE BECKER SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM knocked off Foley last week, a sign of good things to come for the Bulldogs. Pictured here is the exchange between Delaney Varney and Avery Maunu during the 200 Medley Relay. (Submitted photo.)

By Mark Kolbinger,
 Contributing Writer

It’s been a few years since the Becker Bulldog swimming and diving team members could boast that they beat the perennial powers from the north, the Foley Falcons. But after a convincing 100-83 win last Thursday, the Bulldogs have a little extra step in their swagger.

“It has been a long time since Becker has defeated Foley in swim/dive - they are a tough team,” Coach Tina Tamm said after the match. “When this season started I thought that we were going to have a good season, and now, starting out the season with a win over a tough team like Foley, I am sure we are

going to have a great season.”

The Bulldogs knocked off their rivals by coming out in mid-season form for the first meet of the season, as evidenced by 11 athletes posting section qualifying times.

“We had a number of girls make Section times on the very first meet,” Tamm said.

Hitting the qualifying times were: Grace Mork (200 free & 500 free), Joey Cox (200 IM), Grace Wynia (200 IM & 100 breaststroke), Tia Schaap (50 free & 100 free), Avery Maunu (50 free & 100 free), Meghan Swanson (50 free & 500 free), Lauren Woelfel, Karli Kirk and Lillian Bonsante (diving), Delaney Varney (100 but-

terfly & 100 backstroke), Laila Cook (100 free & 100 backstroke), and Arleigh Pudlick (100 backstroke).

While Tamm was impressed with her team’s early season performance, she was also appreciative of their work ethic and commitment to getting better.

“I anticipate that list to continue to grow throughout the season as many more of the girls are very close to the section cut times in different events,” the coach said.

The next action for the Bulldogs was scheduled for Thursday night against Chisago Lakes in the M8 opener. Look for details in next week’s Patriot.

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Bulldog volleyball ready to test their skills

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog volleyball team returns this year with some new players and a new coach who is spending the early weeks of the season getting to know the players and program.

At the helm this year for Becker will be Jess Vealetzek, and although this is her first varsity coaching job, she has 16 years of experience lead-

Megan Hoppe will serve as the JV coach this year and one of the focuses of the coaches will be developing the skills of the players, but also their overall character.

"I believe that just like a player, a coach should always do everything they can to continue learning more about the sport," Vealetzek says. "I look forward to working with young athletes and helping them to grow as athletes and individuals, on and off

during this season is to lead by example in every aspect of practice, competition, and off the court," Vealetzek says. "I expect that they will embody the values that we will be working to instill in every player involved in the volleyball program."

When it comes to goals for the team, the coach says that continuous improvement will be the focus and the wins and losses will be determined by that growth over the sea-



COACH JESS VEALETZEK, back right, and the Becker Bulldog volleyball team are excited for the new season. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

ing teams across several organizations and divisions.

"It is safe to say that volleyball runs in my blood as I grew up in a family that played volleyball all their lives, Vealetzek says. "My parents have both played volleyball for over 30 years. My mom had been a high-level player, coach, and referee for years and has taught me everything she knows about the sport."

the court, for many years to come!"

The Bulldogs will have tri-captains this year who will be looked upon for leadership and setting a positive example.

Seniors Evelyn Kreft and Lillian Berger, along with junior Maya Wenner, each bring experience that will be key as the Bulldogs learn a new system.

"My expectation of them

son.

"My biggest goal comes from the concept that I took from the book *Atomic Habits*; our goal for the season is to improve by at least 1% every time we step onto the court for practice or competition," says the coach. "By focusing on the process and putting the highest amount of effort into the foundational skills of volleyball, we will continue to build upon that foundation and whether the improvement is large or small, we will celebrate that improvement and strive to move forward, even if it is only 1% at a time."

In terms of the competition the Bulldogs will face, Vealetzek believes Monticello will be a tough opponent in the M8 Conference.

"Their team this season consists of almost every player that competed in the 2021 State Tournament," Vealetzek says. "Having coached a large number of those athletes and knowing that they have an excellent coaching staff, I expect that they will be an exceptional team."

The Bulldogs will be implementing some new offensive sets, but the coach isn't quite ready to reveal exactly what that will look like on the court.

"We will be working on a number of new technical and tactical strategies throughout the season and without specifically detailing what the plan will be, I can say that we will be working hard to be much more focused on intent and specific strategies tailored to our competition," says Vealetzek. "Our strategy will continue to evolve and will change depending on our opponent."

In her first few weeks on the job, the coach has been impressed overall by her new team.

"Becker High School has an amazing group of athletes that make up the volleyball program and the potential is there for them to accomplish great things this season and in the future," she says. "We are in the process of redefining our culture and building a stronger foundation and that's a lot to take on over the course of one season. I am looking forward to seeing where we go and bringing the school and community with us on the journey."

Returning letter winners will propel Becker girls tennis

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

A complete lineup for a high school tennis team is ten girls and the Becker Bulldogs will fill eight of those spots with returning letter winners. Translation? Look out, competition.

"Last year we were a team that was young and

cultivate the Becker Tennis culture that has been characterized by high integrity, a kind character towards our opponents, and a tenacious competitiveness."

Joining those two will be six other returning letter winners, including seniors Kennedy Drehmel and Hannah Bartlett, junior Lily Anderson and a trio

coach Alyssa Stevens (sixth year) and faithful volunteer coach Jen Anderson.

In terms of a key to this year's team, Bucher is focusing on pre-season practices on finding the right combinations for the doubles matches.

"With some of our players still only having a year of varsity under



THE BECKER BULLDOG GIRLS TENNIS TEAM returns enough experience that it could push for the top spot in the Mississippi 8 Conference. Pictured, back from left: Coach Jen Anderson, Ava Duncombe, Lauren Croal, Sammie Mekeland, Hannah Hyttsten, Payton Emerson, Ali Groskreutz, Kennedy Drehmel, Hannah Bartlett, Coach Nate Bucher. Front: Chloe Spear, Faith Bass, Kierra Pfingsten, Lily Anderson, Dani Nuest, Madison Bass, Ayla Brown, Olivia Nieken. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

the season to learn many things that we are building on this year," Coach Nate Bucher says. "We think we are in position this year to compete for the M8 title, with some close matches last year, and with more experience we will be looking to reclaim that title."

Bucher enters his ninth season as head coach and 14th overall in the program and he will rely on two senior captains - Ayla Brown and Dani Nuest - that will help set the tone for the team.

"They are not only leaders in their level of skill, but also in the way they encourage the rest of the team," Bucher says. "I expect much from them throughout the season when it comes to feeling the heartbeat of the team and really working hard to

of sophomores - Madison Bass, Lauren Croal and Ali Groskreutz. Bucher has a number of candidates that have been battling for the remaining spots on the team.

A year ago, his team spent most of the season in the middle of the pack before peaking at the right time and riding that momentum to a section runner-up finish.

This season, he thinks the team might be able to find its way back to that section title match.

"We think that we have another great shot at state, with our strong showing last year in the section finals," Bucher says. "We think that we have matured to have what it takes to be section champs."

Helping Bucher and the team pursue those goals this year will be assistant

their belts our doubles need to be the main focus of our practices," Bucher says. "Learning the pace of varsity doubles and the strategic opportunities is important. So we'll work on movements on the court as well as how to be aggressive in their net play."

However the year turns out in the wins-losses column, Bucher says this group is a special one that he enjoys being with each day at practices and matches.

"We're looking forward to a great season, we still have a group that is learning, but they are all very hungry to get better, which is really exciting as a coach," he says. "I am excited to work with this group who again are proving to be a lot of fun to coach and be around!"

Bulldog swimmers and divers have experience



THE BECKER BULLDOG SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM will rely on experience this season, as it returns 12 athletes who lettered in the activity a year ago. (Submitted photo.)

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

Last season, the Becker swimming and diving team had its best season in several years, winning seven matches and boasting a number of athletes who finished in the top eight in the Section meet.

This year, Head Coach Tina Tamm returns for her 23rd season and has 12 letter winners who will provide the overall experience necessary for the Bulldogs to challenge for putting a few athletes in the state tournament.

"Many of our letter winners placed in the top eight places at the Section meet a year ago," Tamm says. "We were close to having a few state entrants last year and this year we are looking to get a few of our girls to the state meet."

Providing leadership to this year's team will be four captains - Arleigh Pudlick, Delaney Varney, Sophie

Studer and Grace Wynia.

Joining Tamm on the coaching staff this year will be long-time diving coach Kayla Kalinowski (14th year) and assistant coach Avery Tamm (second year).

As the team gears up for the season, Tamm sees a great deal of flexibility in this year's squad.

"There is a whole bunch of talent across all the grades and I have the ability to strategically move the girls around into different events," Tamm says. "This gives them a chance to try different races and still lets us try for the win."

In terms of wins and losses and team goals, Tamm sees the potential to measure up to last year's incredible season and maybe even a bit better.

"We are looking to improve our overall season record," Tamm says. "We have a great group of girls and a lot of new talent. I anticipate a great season with

a lot of success."

As always, the Bulldogs will compete in the very tough Mississippi 8 Conference, as well as a competitive section.

"Monticello is always tough in the conference and they are also in our section," Tamm says. "Our section is tough all around, as all the teams put their best swimmers in the events and it makes for a very difficult field of competitors."

One reason for Tamm's optimism this year is the amount of work her girls have put in during the off-season. She is confident that it will pay dividends as the high school season kicks off.

"A lot of the girls train and compete with the club program during the winter and spring," says the coach. "That is a great benefit when it comes to the high school season. I am excited to see how this year goes."

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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Talented seniors to lead Bulldog boys soccer

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

With 11 talented seniors headlining the roster, the Becker boys soccer team could be in line for a special season. "This year our goal is to earn a conference championship. We have a lot of very talented players and

will serve as team captains, along with Brekken Klug. "Boyer is returning as our leading goal scorer, having scored 25 goals last season, he is hoping to improve on that number," Crowley says. "Klug is our rock in the midfield, he reads the game very well and will help keep our focus and shape during

Crowley says, noting that last season they had one shutout, scored and conceded 54 goals each and ended the year 7-2 overall. "If we can fulfill our smaller goals, I think that will help with our bigger ones. And, of course, the boys want to have fun. So as long as we're having fun, the rest will fall into



BECKER SOCCER. Head Coach Nick Crowley returns a lineup full of experience and talent, as the Bulldogs look to post a stellar season. Crowley is still hoping for a few more players to join this year's team. Pictured: Back Row - Coach Nick Crowley, Tate Salvevold, Cole Kalinowski, Evan Norberg, Hudson Romfo, Kevin Vogl, Nick Gruber, Kyle Vogl, Chris Stich, Sebastian Cabrera, Micah Boyer, Assistant Coach Damien Klug. Middle Row - Rowen Klug, Asher Olson, Noah Hoffmann, Oakley Esping, Brigham Ebert, Brekken Klug, Kaden Wilson, Alex Mendoza, Max Haugen. Front Row - Hayden Olson, Erik Kyaw, Kaidin Hartse, Sawyer Klug, Jay Olson, Braxton Knippenberg, Aidan O'Connor. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

a large group of seniors," fifth year Head Coach Nick Crowley says. "We have some high expectations for the season - which includes a push for state. We know that it'll take a lot of work, but everyone is on the same page."

Crowley's squad could be the most balanced Bulldog team in program history, as they have the offensive firepower to team with some excellent defenders.

"I think that we'll be pretty balanced on both sides of the ball," Crowley adds.

Three players who earned All-Conference honors a year ago return for the Bulldogs, including offensive superstar Micah Boyer and backline stalwarts Owen Kolbinger and Kyle Vogl.

Boyer and Kolbinger

games, while Kolbinger leads from the backline, and brings a lot of energy to the team."

In addition to his All-Conference performers, Crowley also mentions a host of other players who will hold key roles for the Bulldogs, including backline player Hudson Romfo.

"We have a large group of seniors, so we'll be relying on them a lot, but the addition of sophomore Erik Kyaw will be a great benefit on defense," Crowley says.

While the conference and section titles are goals for the team, Crowley says his squad has many other smaller goals they will be focusing on during the season.

"We want to have more shutouts than last season, we want to score more goals than we concede, and we want to be above .500,"

place. "

While the level of talent on the team is undeniable, Crowley continues to play the numbers game and is always looking for new players to give the sport a try. This year's team is slightly larger than last year, as he has 22 kids out at the high school level and 12 from the middle school.

However, in the end, it will be the senior class that will decide how far the teams goes overall.

"I think it will be a very successful year for us - a lot of these athletes have been on the varsity squad for four years, they have been pushing themselves to be better and better each season," Crowley says. "With 11 seniors in the squad, I think it will be a special season."

Strom hopes tough training brings results

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer reporter.bill@patriotnewsnm.com

Ben Strom returns as Becker's girls soccer coach and his assistant coaches are Abby Rothstein and Isabelle Sternquist. They have 34 student-athletes on the squad.

Strom has four girls designated as captains for the team this year. They are, Ava Ewald, Hailey Szabla, Liz Mackedanz, and Rachel Fuller.

"We have great captains this year, they are true leaders and will be extremely valuable this year," said Strom.

Based on his coaching technique from a year ago, Strom has learned the value of being tougher in training. With that, he hopes his girls will be more focused and diligent in their assignments.

"The hardest thing to

coach is the mental side of the game," Strom says. "Soccer is a team sport where everyone relies on their teammates and they are all required to be smart and creative on the field. "If anyone stops thinking the game doesn't go well."

Recent Results

Becker played St. Cloud Apollo Aug. 25 and won the match 3-1 despite the game being called early due to the home team's lights not working.

"We played well and moved the ball very intelligently," Strom said. "Our defense played really well."

Abby Atwood had 15 Clearances in the game

Ava Ewald, Morgan Vee, and Hailey Szabla each had a goal and Liz Mackedanz, Rebecca Lyon, and Ava Ewald each had an assist.

Rachel Fuller played fantastic in goal and had

four saves.

"She easily handled every shot they had," said Strom. "The lone goal was a result of miscommunication in the back."

On Aug. 31, Becker hosted Zimmerman but the home field advantage did not pay off. The Thunder smoked the Bulldogs, 6-0 to even Becker's record at 1-1.

"We did not play to our potential at all and could have played much better," said Strom.

Atwood had 17 clearances and Charlie Ebert had eight interceptions in the game.

Up Next

The girls played Southwest Christian at home on Tuesday of this week, then hosted Princeton Thursday. Check back next week for results from those matches.

Bulldogs hoping to build on last year



THE 2022 BECKER BULLDOG FOOTBALL TEAM. In no particular order: Alex Weiss, Isaiah Gardner, Mitchell Soltau, Julius Hendricks, Zach Bengtson, Jacob Drury, Grant Studer, Caden Hartkopf, Nate Kerzman, Logan Eisele, Tommy May, Carter Reckelberg, Ethan Duncombe, Eli Scheideman, Kaden Nicolas, Aaron Fingerson, Grayson Kipka, Ryan Bengtson, Nolan Jurek, Sawyer Brown, Isaac Daluge, Adam Thelen, Landon Jurek, Robert Leaders, Kaleb Tuftedal, Nolan Muellner, Jake Rosenow, Adam Jurek, Cody Klatt, Owen Angell, James Hartkopf, Matt Warhol, Harrison Kent, Braeden Beutz, Eddy Koop, Joshua Robinson, Alex Kinny, Jack Atwood, Landen Kujawa, Sawyer Anderson, Cody Schmidt, Josh Miller, William Hamacher, John Boecker, Mason Nevala, Anthony Hanson, Jacob Eich, Dylan Weber, Kendrick Tomasko, Reid Tripp, Bryce Halvorson, Cooper Wright, Lance Lysdal, Matthew Powell, Cody Becker, Preston Angell, Dylan Kolby, Trenton Michels, Cole Barringer, Aiden Holm, Collin Jensen, Collin Lietha, Charlie Wright, Tyson Vetsch, Colton Johannes, Maxwell Olson-burkman, Aiden Golley, Benjamin Duncan, Nabil Fisher, Dru Fitzsimons, Reid McCalla, Aiden Radeke, Jackson Duncan, Garrett Lane, Ben Strot, Chandler Davis, Kyan Blomquist, Connor Lucas, Kohl Vickroy, Titan Hoover, Scott Braun, Thomas May, Blake Hildebrandt, Ethan Guck, Adler Herdina, Jaxon Faul, Jack Wilson, Lakken Braun, Karter Pfingsten, Aiden Domingo-Maness, Dylan Johnson, Cash Pettit, Marshall Stefens, Riley Wilke, Dylan Johnson, Zach Stanger, Adler Herdina, Wyatt Bender, Evan Massey, Troy Nueest, Hunter Stang, Braden Koenig, Jakob Tuftedal, Quintrell Robinson, Jayden Hamacher, Johnathon Boecker, Bryce Paumen, AJ Riservato, Matthew Dickenson, Jace Stenberg, Matthew Warhol, Micah Horn, Cayden Goodell, Hunter Thorson, Christian Knute, Nik Hosier, Cooper Fisher, Jose Valverde, Deegan Schmidt, Thatcher Jurek, Nathan Riesgraf, Lane Lysdahl, Thomas Ostrowski, Christian Knute, Kellan Graning, Brayden Graning, Ryan Werner, Grady Muellner. (Photo by David Hyttsten of David's Photography.)

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer reporter.bill@patriotnewsnm.com

After one regular season game to start the season, the Becker Bulldog football team is 0-1 with a loss to Rocori Aug. 26.

Dwight Lundeen returns as head coach and he has his full plethora of coaching talents returning as well. However, this year, two new voices will be heard on the sidelines in two former players, Nick Radunz and Mitchell Dale.

Lundeen and his crew are training 64 athletes in grades 10 thru 12 to become better football players, friends, brothers, students, sons and grandsons.

Last year, Becker's team suffered a heartbreaking loss to Kasson-Mantorville in the state semi-finals that had everyone who witnessed the game, walk away with their heads shaking. They entered the matchup undefeated at 11-0.

Is it something they can put past them?

"We move on to a new year with many new players," said Lundeen. "But it is our goal to win the state each year - always trying to be playing our best come playoff of time."

Lundeen has QB Ryan Bengtson returning as a team leader and starter.

"He's a big reason we were 11-1 last year," said Lundeen. "He had a great summer, played on our 7-on-7 squad and is an all state kind of player."

Another player Lundeen will be looking for leadership from is Alex Weiss.

"He's a great receiver," the coach said. "He's strong and fast and is one of our captain leaders."

On defense, Lundeen has the likes of Harrison Kent, whose progression into a stalwart athlete mirrors the excellence his entire family represents.

"He's the leading tackler on our team," said Lundeen. "He's a Division 1 type of player. Will not come off the field much!"

The Bulldogs have been participating in two-a-day practices leading up to the regular season. Lundeen says his team is working very hard and they seem to have a good focus on their assignments.

Over the summer, as usual, Lundeen recruits his most talented players to participate in a 7-on-7 schedule of games. This year, they were undefeated as they played Brainerd, Gustavus and Buffalo teams.

"We had a great summer team camp in late July," he said. "We have very good numbers in each of the grades and many good football players coming up thru our school."

Next year, the team hopes to be setting foot on their brand new turf stadium that is being drafted for construction next spring.

"We are very excited about the plans," Lundeen said. "We hope to have our team and fans playing there in August of 2023."

Patriot reached out...

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Patriot Newspaper made every effort to connect with each and every sports team from both Becker and Big Lake for our Fall Sports Preview section.

Unfortunately, two Big Lake coaches, who were contacted for participation in this section, failed to respond. If, upon reading this, the coaches decide to respond, the Patriot would be happy to run those articles in our sports section in next week's issue.

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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Weege, Drury hoping for continued success

Kealy returns as CC coach, hires new asst.



THE 2022 BECKER BULLDOG BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. Row 1, left to right: Keaton Colford, Tanner Schmitt, Jacob Kurhajetz, Aiden Jacobs, Mason Tschida, Brandt Hemmelgarn, Carson Schuster and Weston Denne; Row 2: Mavrick Pink, Alexander Schermer, Caleb Reckelberg, Jase Tobako, Mason Becker, Parker Spindler, Evan Hubbard and Denlan Harmoning; Row 3: Coach Dustin Weege, Coach Patrick Drury, Jonathan Drury, Vincent Martin, Noah Bloch, Aiden Frommelt, Thomas Cota, Tanner Felton and Tyson Ricker. Not Pictured: Alex Swanson and Ryan Boecker. (Patriot Photo by Mark Kolbinger).

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Coaches Dustin Weege and Patrick Drury will be once again guiding the Bulldogs boys cross country team.

Though things will look a little different, according to Weege.

Due to a recent surgery, Weege is currently restricted from running and biking so he will be needing to do some coaching from his moped. Fortunately, this option has been working out so far, but Weege is eager to get back to a bicycle and eventually back to running again.

Pat Kealy also has offered to help out during the season on occasion for which the coaching staff is grateful.

The Bulldogs have 25 boy harriers that have been practicing around town this late summer and are looking to make some big impacts this season. They've been practicing 7:30-9:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday while mostly gathering at the Fieldhouse.

The roster of runners is as follows: Keaton Colford, Tanner Schmitt, Jacob Kurhajetz, Aiden Jacobs, Mason Tschida, Brandt Hemmelgarn, Carson Schuster, Weston Denne, Mavrick Pink, Alexander Schermer, Caleb Reckelberg, Jase Tobako, Mason Becker, Parker Spindler, Evan Hubbard, Denlan Harmoning, Jonathan Drury, Vincent Martin, Noah Bloch, Aiden Frommelt, Thomas Cota, Tanner Felton, Tyson Ricker, Alex Swanson and Ryan Boecker.

The Bulldogs return their full squad of seven runners from last season's section meet along with several talented reserves that have continued to develop well and are looking to be a part of that varsity line-up in the postseason.

"We have a great group of six seniors that will be fun to watch," said Weege. "Tyson Ricker, Mason Becker, Caleb Reckelberg, Ryan Boecker, Noah Bloch, and Vincent Martin will be working to guide the younger runners and share what they have learned through their experiences and investments."

Senior All-State runner and Co-Captain Tyson Ricker looks to lead the Bulldogs again and hopes to return to and improve upon his placement in the state cross country meet in November. Ricker was 17th in 2021.

Fellow 2021 cross country state entrant Mason Becker also hopes to return to the state meet and place well in his senior season.

Caleb Reckelberg is eager to perform for his se-

nior season as well as he has been a steady plotter in his progress through the years.

Junior co-captain Jase Tobako seeks to continue his quest in CC. Jase placed 25th in the section meet last season and has nearly gone under the 18-minute mark.

"He also looks to invest well in the team along with other teammates to help the Bulldogs rise to the next level," said Weege.

Additionally, Becker's ninth graders will be a group to watch as Parker Spindler, Evan Hubbard, and Tanner Felton all placed in the top 40 of last season's section meet.

Weege, his coaches and runners all say the Becker course at Pebble Creek stands out as being one of the best in its class and has a great location, good spectator visibility, good footing, and fantastic fan support. The Bulldogs work to chase the prize as well as there has often been a toy dog bone hanging from the lead cart.

"Each course/meet though the season though offers different challenges and neat things to celebrate," said Weege. "Starting off with Princeton's meet at Fairway Shores Golf Course in Zimmerman. It is a nice starting spot with good competition."

This year the Bulldogs will heading to Bertram Regional Park for the second meet of the season in order to get a preview of this year's section course and to match up with several section teams. Next, the Bulldogs head to the 57th annual Lucky Lindy/Myron Ahle meet in Little Falls, which is a big well-attended meet. After that, the Bulldogs go to Buffalo to take on the infamous Buffalo Heights hill which challenges the legs with the long climb.

"The 21 team event at Foley this year at the end of September will be a nice, relatively flat course to hopefully be speedy at," said Weege. "We look forward to hosting here at the beautiful Pebble Creek Local 9 on October 4."

Also on the docket is the 49th Annual Alexandria Lions "Meet of Champions" held at Arrowwood Resort.

"That has often stood out as a great meet as the Fall colors are typically in full display there and the elevation drop between the start and the finish line also helps," said Becker's head coach.

For the final regular season portion, the Bulldogs will be heading to the Princeton Golf Course for their Tiger Invitational. From there, the Bulldogs look forward to competing in the Mississippi

8 Conference Championship meet in Mid-October. At the end of October, the Bulldogs head back to Bertram Regional Park for the Section 5AA meet which brings stellar competition as one of the top sections of the state.

Weege and his team have been holding morning practices (Monday-Friday) during the weeks leading up to the school year. The Bulldogs intentionally hold early practices as it provides opportunities to 'beat the heat' from the August dog days.

"It tends to be a little clearer weather and helps to prepare student-athletes morning routines for the start of the school year," Weege says. "The early season practices are used to gain better perception of how student-athletes have continued their development from summer miles and activities."

Weege says his student-athletes test out a variety of paces that will be used for different training purposes during the season. Time is also spent getting to know each other better and establishing some shared and individual goals for the season.



THE 2022 BECKER BULLDOG GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. (In no particular order): Bella Duncombe, Kayla Gruenes, Regan Hausmann, Brooklyn Karel, Raegan Leaders, Meghan Swanson, Olivia Babler, Tasha Berthiaume, Alea Briggs, Lexi Rose, Ella McDonald, Natalie Trenz, Katelyn Brower, Raelee Lyon, Sophia Malisheski, Adelle Changamire, Aria Deidrick, Abigail Frey, Myka Maksimenko, Kendall Olson, Ava Scheiber, Lillee Stevens and Lorelei Swanson. Student managers are: Emilia Hansen, Naiya Hanson and Alyssa Brower. (Patriot Photo by Mark Kolbinger).

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Trish Reimer-Kealy returns as the Becker girls cross country coach. She has a new assistant coach this year in Camille Kantor, an Alexandria High School athlete and graduate. Kantor was a member of Alexandria's cross country team, their ski team and their track & field team.

Kealy and Kantor currently have 23 girls on this year's squad and three student managers (Emilia Hansen, Naiya Hanson and Alyssa Brower).

The roster includes seniors: Bella Duncombe, Kayla Gruenes, Regan Hausmann, Brooklyn Karel, Raegan Leaders and Meghan Swanson. Juniors: Olivia Babler, Tasha Berthiaume, Alea Briggs and Lexi Rose. Sophomores: Ella McDonald and Natalie Trenz. Freshmen: Katelyn Brower, Raelee Lyon and Sophia Malisheski. Seventh graders: Adelle Changamire, Aria Deidrick, Abigail Frey, Myka Maksimenko, Kendall Olson, Ava Scheiber, Lillee Stevens and Lorelei Swanson.

"Our entire varsity from last year were integral to the

success of our team," said Kealy. "Each athlete was very encouraging and challenged one another every day and every race." Kealy notes these athletes are each leaders who support each other and the team.

"Our girls on the JV team as well were helpful to one another," she said. "The older girls always help the younger ones learn the ropes. All of our seniors step up to lead each and every day and have been with the program for years."

Of all the school's courses Kealy's team visits each year, she and the girls have always liked the course at Little Falls.

"It's a beautiful course by the river and always good competition," Kealy said. "Also, we have liked the course at Alexandria at the Arrowwood Resort. It's another beautiful course and on the lake with outstanding competition."

Kealy notes her athletes, of course, have always liked their home course at Pebble Creek and are so lucky to be able to run there.

"It has been changing

the last few years and is always a work in progress," she says.

Early season is a time to get conditioning underway and assess the team. Kealy begins each new season with two-hour practices every day of the week and when school starts, they hold practices right after school.

"Every year is different. Our girls did a fair amount of running this summer and that will prove to be helpful," Kealy says. "Each athlete is different in confidence levels and belief in their capabilities. Many times they surprise themselves at what they can do as we progress through the season."

Kealy has been pleased that this particular group of girls have been very supportive and encouraging to one another since the season started.

In early August, Kealy was named the Class AA Girls State Coach of the Year after leading last year's team to the Mississippi 8 Conference title and the Section 5AA title while finishing 6th at state.

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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

New head coach for Hornet swim team



THE BIG LAKE HORNET GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE TEAM will have a new head coach at the helm this year. Amber Jodlowski (inset) has been hired as the team's head coach and she hopes to begin building a winning program immediately. (Submitted Photo).

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Big Lake Swim/Dive team is being coached by Amber Jodlowski for the 2022 season. She has 32 swimmers and divers on the squad and an amazing coaching staff which includes: McKenna Peterson, Hannah Storm and Heather Peterson. Jodlowski previously was the middle school swim coach for Big Lake five years ago. She moved into the as-

sistant coach for two years before she took a break to attend paramedic school. To her fortune, as soon as paramedic school concluded, the head coach position at Big Lake opened up and here she is!

Jodlowski has three captains this year. Jenna Nygard, Jady Kluk and Britney Krumrei.

"All three of them are seniors and they have been doing an amazing job being leaders for our team," said

Jodlowski. Jodlowski has high hopes for her athletes this year as she prepares the team with practices and workouts to start the regular season in top form.

"I see every team as our biggest rival," she said. "I like to go into every meet thinking we are there to try everything we can and put our best out there to compete."

Jodlowski is keen that she is developing a youthful and small team this year but with each practice she sees improvement.

"Monticello will be an exciting meet," she says. "Stacy Biegler is the head coach for Monticello and when I was in high school swimming, Stacy coached me for six years."

Jodlowski says Biegler coached her into the swimmer that she is today and admits it will be exciting to compete against her former coach this year and beyond.

Jodlowski says she started swimming in the seventh grade.

"While trying to figure out what kind of swimmer I was, I kept racing," she said. "Starting in ninth grade, I went to the state throughout my four years of high school."

Jodlowski hopes that kind of experience will help her connect and teach her athletes to build goals and work hard.

"Each year I kept getting better throughout state," Jodlowski said. "By my senior year I was All-State in the 50 free."

After her senior year, Jodlowski went to Minnesota State University Moorhead on a scholarship to swim for the Dragons. She was a top sprinter for them throughout her time there.

"I fell in love with swimming through my years of swimming and still love it to this day."

Through her experiences, Jodlowski believes she can mold her team into something pretty special.

"The hardest thing to teach in swimming is for the girls to believe in themselves," she said. "I believe in every one of my girls to swim their best and try new events. I've learned that believing in yourself is the best way to excel in swimming."

Jodlowski says if one can't believe in oneself, it'll be harder to reach one's goal. "Teaching the girls to believe in themselves is really something they need to find within themselves."

"My coaching philosophy is more than just in the pool," she says. "The girls I coach are hard working and motivated. They want to excel in swimming and diving and reach their goals."

Jodlowski says she goes into every practice and every meet with every one of the athlete's goals in mind.

"I coach to have them reach their goal," she said. "It might be something simple as being in all varsity events, lettering this year or more advance goals such as a state participant or being an all state athlete. I will be there for each swimmer and diver to achieve their goal."

Brust adds two new assistants



THE 2022 BIG LAKE HORNET GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM is excited to get out and have a successful season under the tutelage of Alisha Brust. (Submitted Photo).

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Alisha Brust returns as Big Lake's volleyball head coach. She has two new additions to her coaching staff in Gabby Sandford, who will coach B-squad this year and is a new physical education teacher at the high school, and Jess Shaughnessy, who will be coaching Big Lake's ninth grade team.

Brust and her staff currently have 43 athletes playing volleyball in their high school program. Of the 43, Brust has identified four players who are returning with quality varsity experience and will be team leaders.

"Senior setters Anna Lund and Tristyn Deckard are both valuable leaders and will be looked to offensively," Brust says. "Senior Kendal Kopp will be helping out on the outside and is an outstanding defensive player, and junior Emma Nagorski comes in and is able to hit anywhere on the floor and is a strong blocker

for us at the net."

Brust believes in athletics, it is of the most importance for students to be active and enjoying themselves.

"We have kids who do go from one program to another because it is a better fit for them," said Brust. "One of the best parts of our athletic programs are we support each other and help players find their best fit."

Brust says with volleyball in particular, she really puts an emphasis on making sure the athletes are placed where they will have the most growth and success in volleyball.

"We want them to feel valued as a part of their team and the program," she says. "We always encourage good food choices and push water intake with our players. They are all pretty responsible with proper nutrition."

Brust says she and her coaches focus on core values and building life skills to make good citizens, not just good players.

"We are very lucky to have such great families in the program that support all the girls and the coaching staff each season," Brust says.

Recent Results

The Hornets are currently sitting at 1-5 on the year. They kicked off the regular season Sept. 1 against a very good Mayer Lutheran team (ranked #1 in A volleyball) and lost 3-1. They then played in the Albany Early Bird Tournament last Friday and lost to Sauk Centre, 2-0 and Cathedral, 2-0 in pool play. They then lost 2-1 to Maple Lake before beating Osakis, 2-1 in the second round of pool play.

On Monday, Big Lake hosted Mound Westonka and lost the match, 3-0. Scores were 25-19, 25-22 and 25-14.

Up Next

The Hornets traveled to Delano Tuesday and hosted Monticello Thursday. See next week's Patriot for full details.

BL runners ready for a fast start



THE BIG LAKE BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS warmed up on the track prior to their practice last week. The Hornets open the season with a home invitational Tuesday. (Photo by Ken Francis.)

By Ken Francis,
Contributing Writer

The Big Lake boys cross country team has high expectations for the coming season.

The Hornets won the state championship last fall, and most of the team is back this season.

Big Lake lost one of its top runners and outstanding athlete when Christian Noble graduated this June.

He was always one of the top three finishers for the Hornets, and one of four Big Lake All-State runners from last year. He will definitely be missed.

But the team is almost as strong this season. Back are the Layton brothers, Kade and Owen, who were 1-2 in many meets last season and helped lead the Hornets to the state title. Also back is Jack Leuer, just a sophomore but a veteran of distance running. He was the fourth Hornet finisher in most meets last season, and he had an outstanding track season running the 1600 and 800 meters. He was part of the 4x800 team at state with Noble and the Layton brother that set a new school record.

Also back is Tanon Jacobsen, runner who continued to improve with every meet last year. He did the same during track season in the 3200 meters. He is likely to be the team's fourth runner this season.

David Guyse continues to develop and is competing with Spencer Vold and two younger runners - Alton

Ahmed and Gavin Flavin, for the 5-6-7 spots on the team.

"We went into last year thinking we could reach the podium, the top three at state," says Coach Todd Trutna. "We're in the same position this year. We're about as optimistic as we were last year."

For the girls, Emilee Doperalski is likely to be the top runner again this season. Just a junior, Doperalski started running varsity as an eighth-grader.

The Hornet ladies didn't fare as well last season as a team after a good 2020 season where they took fourth in the conference and had four All-Conference finishers. They lost a few to graduation, and are now looking for some help from some of the younger runners.

And it doesn't help that the overall numbers are

down for the girls.

"We haven't rebounded since the pandemic," says Trutna. "We're competing against volleyball, soccer and swimming for runners."

Erin Kjellberg is coming off an injury and will be one of the stronger runners. She had a good track season in the 3200 meters.

Campbell Slattery has done well and along with Jenna Ages and Rylie Ostrem, will probably round out the top five scorers this season, unless someone new steps up a makes an impact.

Big Lake finished low in the conference last year, but hopefully that will change this season.

"I think this year we can work into the middle," says Trutna.

The Hornets open the season with a home invitational 4 p.m. Tuesday at Liberty Elementary School.

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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Johnson hopes to improve on 6-win season



THE 2022 BIG LAKE HORNET GIRLS SOCCER TEAM is being coached by Brady Johnson, Kelly Dilger and Derek Holman. (Submitted Photo).

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Brady Johnson returns to the helm of the Hornet girls soccer team and he brings along the same assistants he had last year in Kelly Dilger (varsity assistant) and Derek Holman (JV). They have 34 players in their program this year and a roster has not yet been finalized.

Johnson will be looking to four team leaders to help guide the squad to success in 2022. Kady Dilger (GK/Junior), a two-time M8 All-Conference selection is one of those leaders. This is her fourth year as

varsity goalkeeper. She was in the top 10 in saves this past year for Class AA.

"She is the team captain and leads by example through her hard work," said Johnson. "She is a role model to younger players in the program."

Rylie Sternquist, a junior forward, was a M8 All-Conference Honorable Mention last season.

"She was the leading goal scorer this past year and will continue to score lots of goals for our program," said Johnson.

Defenseman Paige Erickson, a freshman, started every game last season as an eighth grader at multiple different positions.

"Paige has taken the biggest step forward in the program over the last nine months," said Johnson. "She is a mixture of tenacity and skill and we will count on her to play a big role in our team."

Alexis Moen, a junior midfielder, was a M8 All-Conference player this past season.

"Lexi plays as a defensive mid which requires her to cover a vast majority of the field chasing and tackling the other team," said Big Lake's head coach. "Her selfless and hardworking nature is always on display."

Johnson says the year before he joined the program, he had graduated 8-10 seniors in the program including three collegian soccer players. Last year, he saw seven new players join varsity who were asked to start immediately.

"Considering the context of our season, the players did a fantastic job with a 6-8-2 record," he says. "It was supposed to be a complete rebuilding year for the program yet the youngest team in the conference found a way to be competitive in every game including a 2-1 vs. Zimmerman — a team who went on to the section finals."

Johnson says his first goal for the program was to create an environment that allowed the 12 varsity underclassmen to grow.

"The players were amazing in contributing to our overall team culture," he said. "This has helped to motivate many of our young players to work hard for the program. I'm excited to see that transfer to this upcoming year."

Despite the subpar record last year, Johnson said the teaching and coaching required a lot of trial and error for getting players set up with the correct role and figuring out the best way to communicate with each individual.

"I was still swapping players positions half-way through the season to get the best version of the team," he said. "Whereas heading into this year, I have a much better understanding of where each player is going to help the team be the most successful."

Additionally, Johnson says, "last year I wanted a specific style of play and the players will be able to learn and adapt from last year considering we have 13 returning varsity players."

BL boys soccer more experienced this season



PLAYERS ON THE BIG LAKE BOYS SOCCER TEAM worked on passing while being defended during last week's practice. (Photo by Ken Francis.)

By Ken Francis,
Contributing Writer

The Big Lake boys soccer team should see a big improvement during this season.

Coach Mike Baldwin, in his third year with the team, says his players are continuing to mature. Last year's team had one senior - a foreign exchange student. There were two juniors, but the rest of the squad were sophomores, freshmen and some eight-graders.

"They could all play and were moving the ball. But they were going against seniors and juniors," he says. "It was hard to compete battling for a ball against that strength and speed."

The team finished 3-9-3, but were competitive. Baldwin expects the maturity, as well as experience playing together, will trans-

late into more wins this season.

"We're bigger, stronger, faster, an inch or two taller and maybe 10 to 15 pounds heavier playing teams that may have lost six or seven seniors," he says. "We've been together for a few years. We pretty much have the same starting lineup."

Baldwin believes the team's strength is the defense, starting with All-Conference goalkeeper Tyler Huver, who has been playing since eighth grade. His backup is Austin Brethorst, also strong in net.

Outside backs Conner and Logan Rosenthal, seniors, can control the ball in the midfield as well as junior centerback Zack Medlock.

"They did well last year and will be better this year," says Baldwin.

"They've gotten bigger and faster."

As far as offense, the team doesn't have one "go-to" player.

The foreign exchange senior forward Frank Djalla was last year's leading goal scorer. It will be different this season.

"We'll spread the scoring around. It's a team effort," says Baldwin.

The Hornets have a busy schedule, with games almost every other day during some stretches. But Baldwin believes his team is up to the challenge.

"We'll be more competitive in the conference," he says. "I'm looking forward to a good season."

Big Lake opened the season Thursday at home against Little Falls. They host Rockford 4:30 p.m. Monday. Results next week.

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Girls soccer expecting big things this season



THE BIG LAKE GIRLS SOCCER TEAM practiced offense and defense during an inter-squad game last Wednesday. They open the regular season at home Monday against Rockford. (Photo by Ken Francis.)

By Ken Francis,
Contributing Writer

The Big Lake girls soccer team is looking forward to a good season this fall.

Second-year Coach Brady Johnson has good reason to be optimistic because of how well the young team performed last season.

The year before he took over (the 2020 COVID-19 season), Big Lake had its best season ever. But that team graduated nine seniors, and Johnson was left with a team with much less experience. There were many eighth and ninth graders and a brand new starting lineup.

"We were expecting a rebuilding year," says Johnson. "But we surpassed that with a 6-8-2 record."

And of those eight losses, the Hornets were competitive against some of the better teams, like Monticello and St. Francis - a team that went to state.

A big reason for their success was their last line

of defense, goalkeeper junior Kady Dilger, who routinely made 18 to 25 saves a game to keep the score within reach. She has been playing varsity since eighth grade and is back to make an impact again this season.

Some of the other players who will contribute to the team's success are forward Rylie Sternquist, last year's leading scorer; Paige Erickson, a ninth-grader who has excelled already in practice this season and is playing with more confidence; Lauren Huver, a senior who transferred from Becker; and senior Savannah Baker, one of the team's captains who plays right mid-field and has been a varsity player since eighth grade.

The team has just two seniors, but the other younger players have had one year more of experience playing together.

"We expect to make a step forward," says Johnson. "Last year we tied for fifth in the conference.

I think we can make a push for third or fourth and improve on our six wins."

Another goal for Johnson is to win a section playoff game.

"This program has never won a section game," he says. "That should be an expectation for this year."

The Hornets have revised their schedule to play against more non-conference teams with equal ability this season.

"Last year we'd go into games against teams like Watertown-Mayer ranked near the top, and we would have to sit back and play defensively," says Johnson. "This season we'll play more teams competitively and be able to attack."

The Hornets open the season at home with games against Rockford Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Cambridge-Isanti Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Hornets' comeback falls just short

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Thurs., Sept. 1, the Big Lake Hornet football team faced off against a tough foe in Chisago Lakes and came up just a little shy on the scoreboard, 28-20 in their first game of the 2022 season.

The game was played in Chisago Lakes. Big Lake dented the scoreboard first, when Trent Josewski rambled in from eight yards out to go up 6-0. The Hornets decided to go for two and Jonah Mallberg reeled in a short pass from Carson Gellerman to put the visitors up 8-0 in the



second quarter.

Chisago Lakes answered a short while later with a TD of their own and converted their XP to put the score at 8-7, which was the score at the half.

Chisago Lakes came out storming the field in the third quarter and tallied two more TDs to go up 21-8 before Josewski scored for the Hornets from one yard out to close the gap.

Chisago Lakes went up two scores moments later on a 21 yard run but Big Lake didn't give up as Wudson Nehwah scored from eight yards out to bring the score to within eight. The two-point conversion

failed and the clock eventually ticked down and out as the Hornets fell to 0-1 and Chisago Lakes improved to 1-1 on the year.

Big Lake ran 58 total plays and gained 258 yards, mostly on the ground (229). Gellerman was three-for-six for 29 yards through the air.

Josewski had a great night, gaining 145 yards on 24 carries while scoring twice. Nehwah had one TD on seven carries for 65 yards.

Mallberg caught three passes from Gellerman for 29 yards to lead all wide receivers.

On defense, Mallberg

had four tackles and two assists. Nolan Miller had three tackles and three assists as well as Trevor Lien.

Charley Pishney and Jonah Blackman each had one fumble recovery.

Up Next

The Hornets played St. Cloud Apollo Friday night. Check back next week for full results.



Bulldog girls CC squad captures 1st at Princeton

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Thurs., Sept. 1 the Becker girls cross country team competed at the Princeton Invitational held at the Fairway Shores Golf Course.

The Becker girls had a great start to their season by taking home the champions at this meet.

"It was a very hot day which produced some challenges for all the competitors but in the end everyone persisted and ran well," said Becker Head Coach Trish Kealy. "We have not had that kind of heat so it was very important to stay hydrated and in the shade as much as possible. Despite the challenges we were very happy with the results and efforts of our team."

Team scores were: **Becker 35**, Spectrum 60, Zimmerman 79, Cambridge-Isanti 91, Heritage Christian 110, Pine City 129. Incomplete teams were Elk River, Princeton, and Braham.

The girls varsity race had 56 total runners and the individual medalist was Hannah Boese from Spectrum with a time of 19:46.1. The Becker girls placed six girls in the top 13 with runners in the top 15 being awarded medals. The #1 runner for the Bulldogs



GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM at Princeton invitational held their plaque they received for taking first place. (Submitted Photo).



THREE OF BECKER'S TOP RUNNERS rounded a corner at Princeton. (Left to right) Adele Changamire, Ella McDonald and Lexi Rose (in white). (Submitted Photo).

was seventh grader Adele Changamire in fifth.

"She ran a very good time for her first 5K - 20:39.2."

The rest of Kealy's girls are veterans and ran very well with most of them showing better times for this first meet of the season that they did at last year's first meet. Lexi Rose came on strong with a nice effort of 21:05.2 for sixth. Ella McDonald was eighth in 21:40.4. Coming in at 10th and 11th were Olivia Babler (21:58.1) and Bella Duncombe (22:04.2).

"Those were our top five scoring runners," said

Kealy. "The rest of the varsity racers also did very well in spite of the heat."

Alea Briggs placed 13th to earn a medal as well with a time of 22:06.2. Brooklyn Karel rounded out Becker's varsity seven and ran 23:35.1 for 22nd place.

"We also had several other competitors who chose to run the 5K race," said Kealy.

Katelyn Brower finished 28th (24:15.1), Kayla Gruenes 30th (24:41.2), Tasha Berthiaume 35th (26:00.6) and Natalie Trenz 39th (26:20.2).

"For those runners not

quite ready to compete at the 5K distance, the JV racers ran a distance of 3K," Becker's head coach said. The Bulldogs had four girls at this distance with 42 girls competing overall. Regan Hausmann placed seventh, Sopia Malisheski ninth, Raelee Lyon 12th and Raegan Leaders 18th.

"Without a fifth runner, we did not have a full team score," said Kealy.

The Middle School team was comprised of seventh graders who ran their first ever CC race. The girls placed second as a team, just three points out of first.

BL girls soccer team cruises, 8-0

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Big Lake girls soccer team won its second straight game Tuesday, outperforming Hutchinson on offense and defense in a commanding 8-0 win.

The Hornets wasted no time gaining control of the game. Alexis "Lexi" Moen intercepted a clearing pass 20 yards out and fired a shot past the Hutchinson goalkeeper just 3:41 into the game to open the scoring.

The Tigers managed to keep Big Lake at bay for awhile by keeping the ball in the middle of the field for the next 15 minutes. But the Hornets started to get the ball upfield and kept up the pressure. With 20:49 left in the half, Rylie Sternquist put in a rebound off the crossbar to give Big Lake a 2-0 lead.

That seemed to give the Hornets lots of momentum, and they kept the ball in Hutchinson's end for a good part of the rest of the half. At 24:35, Savannah Baker took a cross from Sternquist and tipped it past the goalie for a 3-0 lead.

Less than two minutes later, Moen avoided two defenders and scored her second goal of the game from 10 yards out to make it 4-0.

Big Lake closed out the half when Adeline Hitter knocked in a rebound for a 5-0 halftime lead.

Hutchinson changed its goaltender to start the second half, and the Hornets tested her right from the start. She was up to the task at the beginning, but about 10 minutes into the half, Moen completed a hat trick with a shot from 20 yards out for her third goal and a 6-0 Big Lake lead.

Three minutes later, Emma Borer took a shot from the middle of the penalty box and beat the goalie low to the right to make the score 7-0.

Hutchinson worked hard to move the ball after that and spent some time in Big Lake's half of the field with good ball control. But they never really had a decent scoring chance to test goalie Kady Dilger.

Halfway through the period, the Hornet offense started attacking, continuously passing the ball

upfield along the right sideline to Sternquist for breakaways. They had lots of scoring chances but couldn't make the final pass for a goal.

Then, with 14 minutes left, Paige Erickson launched a hard shot from the top of the penalty box. It slipped just under the crossbar for the final goal in Big Lake's 8-0 win.

It was the second straight shutout for the Hornets. Last week, they beat Cambridge-Isanti, 1-0 in a game where they had trouble controlling the ball. "We defended and didn't have the ball for the majority of the game," said Coach Brady Johnson. "But when we did win the ball back, we were really good at getting the ball up the field."

That strategy paid off late in the game when Moen scored after a throw-in with eight minutes left with an assist from Sternquist.

The Hornets were out-shot, 12-3 in the game, but withstood the pressure to get the win.

"It was a gritty performance," said Coach Johnson.

With Tuesday's win, the Hornets are 2-0-1 on the season and have allowed just one goal in three games.

They played St. Francis Thursday and visit Monticello Monday, results to follow next week.



ALEXIS MOEN beats the defense on her way to a second half goal. She scored three goals in Big Lake's 8-0 win over Hutchinson. (Photo by Ken Francis.)

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4	5	2	6	7	8	9	1	3
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Thurs., Sept. 15: 9am-Cards/Conversation; 10:30am-Memories of the Brave w/Doug Ohman See library for details; Bobbie V Show-registration deadline.
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Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271
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Fri.:	1-5pm	10am-5pm	3-6pm
Sat.:	10am-1pm	10am-1pm	10am-1pm

Announcements

Becker - Organizations

Becker American Legion Auxiliary

The auxiliary meets the second Tues. of the month at 7pm. For info please contact Paula Hinds (President) at (763) 262-6679 or see John Riebel or Nellie Simpson at Becker True Value.

Becker American Legion Post 193

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

Becker AA Meeting

Becker Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thurs., 8pm at Mary of the Visitation, 12100 Sherburne Ave, Becker. For information, call/text (320) 247-4732 or email beckeragroupmn@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.becvkerfreechurch.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 (763) 691-3852 or email: beckerlions@gmail.com.

Becker Lions Club

Meetings are held the second Mon. each month at 7pm at Becker City Park. Emma Cook (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 Bill's Family Foods. We are no longer collecting used cell phones or printer cartridges. If you have any questions please contact Lion Dale Seavert at (320) 290-5342 (phone or text) or by email at djseavert@gmail.com.

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

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

Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

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

Compassion Connection

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Dementia Support Group

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

Great River Faith in Action

If you are a senior, age 60 & above, family caregiver or an individual in need of services, Great River Faith in Action can provide volunteer transportation, chore services & grocery shopping assistance. We are community supported by individuals, organizations & businesses. Our two fundraisers each year are in Mar.-Gala at Rockwoods, & Aug.-Golf Scramble in Becker.

We are looking for volunteers to help elderly or disabled people in our community. Especially volunteer drivers. FIA also has a Furniture for Families Program that assists struggling families with basic furniture needs when they have no other place to turn. Call (763) 263-4277 or www.grfia.org.

Snake River Free Mission Church

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

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

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

Big Lake - Organizations

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Big Lake American Legion Post #147

Meets the first Thurs. of the month @ 7 pm. 29 Lake Street, Big Lake 55309. Please contact Commander Paul Seefeld (612) 801-7731.

Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

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

Big Lake Al-Anon

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

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

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

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

Big Lake / Becker Mops

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

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

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

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

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

Big Lake Day of Prayer

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

The Big Lake Lions

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

LC of Big Lake Lioness

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

Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Big Lake Women of Today

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

God's Grub Community Meal

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

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 65

If you or anyone you know is 65 or under & have been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, you are welcome to attend our group. We meet the third Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.

Specific topics will be scheduled along with open forum. Family/Friends are welcome! Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

Moms in Prayer

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

Annandale Upcoming Events

U.S. House Candidates & Apple Pie Night

For Congressional District 6, Sept. 15, Thurs. 6:30-8pm. Annandale Pavilion (upper level), Annandale Municipal Park. Speakers: Incumbent:

representing Rep. Tom Emmer: Zachary Friemark Senior Campaign Advisor to Tom Emmer. Opponent: Jeanne Hendricks-Democrat-Farmer-Labor nominee.

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Becker Upcoming Events

Sickle Cell Awareness Month Blood Drive

Becker Community, Fri., Sept. 16th, 12:30-5:30pm. Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave, Becker. Check-in inside the Community Center. Sign-up mbc.org/searchdrivers and search sponsor code 9650. Questions? Contact MBC (888) GIVE-BLD (888-448-3253.)

Clear Lake Upcoming Events

Clear Lake Fire & Rescue Open House

Oct. 1, 2022, 1-3pm, Clear Lake Fire Hall, 8670 1st Ave West, Clear Lake. North Helicopter, free giveaways & free food, fire truck rides, games bicycle drawings & more.

Clearwater Upcoming Events

Clearwater Library

Free book event. Sat., Sept. 17, during regular library hours (10am-1pm) sponsored by the Clearwater Friends of the Library. All books are free.

Sept. Young at Heart

Sept. 15, 2022, 10:30am, Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 County Road 75, in Clearwater. We are lucky to have Travis Kent, Kitty Feniason & Richard Eckman providing a musical program following lunch. Doors are open at 10:30am and the coffee is on. Lunch will be at 11:30am (free will offering) with the program to follow. Please call the church office: 320-558-6851 to reserve a meal. You can also email the church: rejoice@rejoicelutheranchurch.org.

Clearwater Fire Dept.'s Motorcycle & Car Run fundraiser

Sat., Oct. 8. The run takes off at 11am. from the Clearwater American Legion & returns at 4pm., after which there will be a spaghetti dinner, silent auction, & live music.

Elk River Upcoming Events

Thumbs Up 5K & 10K Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Event

9th Annual Thumbs Up 5K & 10K Run/Walk/Bike event. Sat., Sept. 17, Woodland Hills Regional Park in Elk River. Raises money for awareness & help families, friends & loved ones who have lost someone to suicide. 7am-2pm. Contact Katie Shatsky, Executive Director (763) 772-5912 or info@thumbsupportmentalhealth.org

Monticello Upcoming Events

Faith Lutheran Church 37th Annual Fall Festival

12449 Clemente Ave NW, Monticello, (763) 878-2092. Sun., Sept. 11th, Worship 10am. Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches, 11-12:30 includes chips, beans, coleslaw & bar. Free hot dogs for kids. Live music: 11am-1pm, MN Back Porch Band. Silent Auction starts at 1pm, Country Store, Kids Activities.

Public Notices

Sherburne County Recorder Vital Statistics Marriage Application Report August 2022

Gregory Richard Miller and Courtney Mae Willard of Saint Francis; Jonah Michael Selley and Hallie Marie Chmielewski of Big Lake; Leslie Albert Mazo and Debera Deanne Walters of Princeton; Hannah Marie Mitchell and Jordan Dakota Hubbard of Zimmerman; Gabrielle Reece Lewis of Nowthen and Jordan Tyler Lukanen of Backus; Todd Joseph Olin and Jeannie Marie Schommer of Becker; Kevin Michael Schwietz and Kelsey Jean Ramberg of Big Lake; Matthew Joe Johnson of Becker and Kelsey Rose Schmitt of Cold Spring; Connor Thomas Loscheider and Sabrina Nicole Busby of Princeton; Brent Allen Streeter and Lynn Renee Holtzleiter of Elk River; Robert Paul Hammer and Carrie Ann Olson of Becker; Michael Steven Marino and Jessica Rae Davis of Princeton; Helena Godo Korvah and Marcus Patrick Johnson of Big Lake; Ashley Dale Brewer and Donald John Pederson of Becker; Gabriel Ellison Sandler and Elena Erkman of Elk River; Clayton Allen Wilson and Tiffany Marie Zinken of Big Lake; Nikita Lynn Schultz and Zachary Dean Thayer of Zimmerman; Buffy Jo McGraw and Troy William Vetsch of Princeton; Randy Michael Ivesdal and Nicole Lea Kirk of Big Lake; Lucas Bradley Hase and Heather Dianne Bean of Zimmerman; Zachary Joseph Godette and Kailee Christine Seifert of Big Lake; Chad Douglas Warnke and Pamela May Bergee of Elk River; Eric Danial Coash and Jennifer Leeann Finseth of Elk River; Dustin Carl Neseth of Zimmerman and Greta Elizabeth Ogren of Elk River; Nicolas Scott Reinke and Nicole Lynn Stevensen of Elk River; Donna Lynn Kohls and Raymond George Kimmes Jr of Big Lake; Irene Sarcilla Perez and Philip Remington Bryans Jr of Otsego; Andrew Leon Swanson and Casey Nicole Otto of Zimmerman; Jena Denae Willey and Troy Hansuk Stanislawski of Elk River; Vickie Lynn Golen of Princeton and Lawrence Paul Weiss of Fertile; Connie Lillian Cardinal of Saint Cloud and Timothy Joseph Adelman of Becker; Shane Dustin Hybben and Renee Louise Swanson of Elk River; Jared Jonathan Griner Aiden and Cheyn Estridge of Elk River; Eli Hjalmer Larson and Kaitlin Sue Braiedy of Zimmerman; Jennifer Lynn Thomas and Mark Thomas Gomilak of Big Lake; Brooke Marie Farland and Derek Robert Fay of Otsego; Dustin James-Kenneth Lefebvre and Michelle Lynn Besler of Big Lake; Bryan Michael Kalinoski and Shianna Marie Gano of Corcoran; Alison Lane Walsh and Joseph Ryan Connick of Becker; Nick Alan Anderson and Melinda Jean Reineke of Elk River; Savannah Morgan Banken of Dayton and Lonnie Duane Lewellen of Big Lake; Alex James Erickson and Kelsey Evelyn Whitcomb of Becker; Michael Gleisberg and Nadine Lynn Walker of Elk River; Fernando Moreno Aguirre and Luz Griselda Alejos Ruiz of Big Lake; Courtney Paige Dutton and Victor Allan Clay Aanerud of Saint Francis; Rachelle Elizabeth Theis and Dakota Thomas Triden of Princeton; Silas Daniel Reek and Courtney Rose Ostroot of Saint Cloud; Derek Michael Barrett and Katelyn Jean Redberg of Becker; Steven Michael Quist and Madelynn Marie Jensen of Zimmerman; Danielle Lee Gunder and Taylor James Ruggiero of Becker; Jesse Lyle Dahlheimer and Rachel Sara Roberts of Otsego; Justin Michael Moody of Elk River and Alicia Louise Winslow of Zimmerman; Monde Sitali Akakulu of Albertville and Enoch Anya Nyakondo of North Saint Paul; Mariah Kay Ratajek and Conner Daniel Swigart of Big Lake; Simplicio-Alan Clemente and Breen Stephanie Eik Breen of Zimmerman; Sean Alexander Stuart and Katherine Mary Posterick of Otsego; April Lee Fore and Maxwell Kenneth Neeley of Zimmerman; Adam Michael Weis and Kathleen Victoria Johnson of Big Lake; Desiree Lianne Williams and Cameron Lee Mcallister of Big Lake.



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ASSUMED NAME: Promark Partners Insurance Services

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 501 Office Center Drive, Suite 215 Fort Washington PA 19034 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S): Name: Patriot Growth Insurance Services, LLC

Address: 501 Office Center Drive, Suite 215 Fort Washington PA 19034 USA

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Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE COURT DIVISION

Court File No.: 71-PR-22-112 In Re: Estate of Cindy J. Lane, also known as Cindy Jean Lane, Deceased.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS: Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of John A. Lane, whose address is 11907 Emery Village Drive N, Champlin, Minnesota 55316, as personal representative of the estate of the above names decedent, has been made. 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 and the personal representative is empowered to fully administer the estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of his letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate, unless objections thereto are filed with the court (pursuant to Section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the clerk of the Court within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred. Dated: August 24, 2022 /s/ Pamela Kreier Registrar Dated: August 24, 2022 /s/ Patricia Kuka Court Administrator Attorney Paul W. Flower (0126950) Paul W. Flower, P.A. Attorney at Law 6467 Vagabond Lane N. Maple Grove, MN 55311 Tel: (763) 843-7850 (Published in the Patriot: 09/03/22; 09/10/22.)

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: 71-PR-22-110 In Re: Estate of Floyd P. Johnson, a/k/a Floyd Paul Johnson, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AND FORMAL DETERMINATION OF SURVIVING CHILDREN OF DECEDENT

It is Ordered and Notice

is given that on September 29, 2022, at 9:30 am., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota 55330, on a petition for the determination of Decedent's heirs and the determination of Decedent's surviving children. This hearing will be held remotely. Contact Sherburne County Court Administration for appearance instructions.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the Court will determine and order that the heirs and surviving children of the Decedent are: Scott Norman Johnson, James Robert Johnson and Robert Paul Johnson.

Dated: August 23, 2022 /s/ Patricia Kuka Court Administrator

Dated: August 24, 2022 /s/ Jordan Gregorich Deputy Court Administrator

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Public Notices

Becker Public Schools #726 Notices

SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TITLE: Becker Public Schools-Intermediate School Additions & Renovations (IAQ)
LOCATION OF WORK: Becker Public Schools-Intermediate School
 121000 Hancock St
 Becker, MN 55308
OWNER: Becker Public Schools
 12000 Hancock Street
 Becker, MN 55308
 763-261-4914
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: ICS
 1139 Franklin Ave Suite 1
 Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
 612-412-1492
 Contact: Dan Hiemenz
 Dan.hiemenz@ics-builds.com
ARCHITECT: MLA Architects
 12 Long Lake Road Suite 17
 St. Paul, MN 55115
 651-770-4442
STRUCTURAL: ERA Structural Engineering
 2550 University Ave West Suite 423-S
 Saint Paul, MN 55114
 651-251-7570
MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: CMTA
 1331 Tyler Street NE Suite 201
 Minneapolis, MN 55413
 612-249-5600
CIVIL ENGINEER: Bolton and Menk, Inc.
 7575 Golden Valley Road, Suite 200
 Minneapolis, MN 55427
 507-794-5541

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
 The project consists of two phases with multiple work scopes for all of the work necessary for the construction of additions and renovations including but not limited to an entry way and office addition, mechanical renovations, and classroom renovations.

BID DATE AND LOCATION:
 Sealed Bids will be received, then publicly opened and read aloud at: **Becker Public Schools District Office, 12000 Hancock St., Becker, MN 55308** Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to **2 p.m. local time on September 15th, 2022. Enter Door #1 on the East side of the High School.**
 Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:
 The bidding documents (Proposal Form, Drawings and Specifications) will be available for download after August 26th, 2022 to prospective bidders and subcontractors by contacting Owner's Program Manager, ICS. Please contact Kris Shattuck at 612-808-9855. ICS can also provide locations of Builders Exchanges holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.
BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:
 Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to assure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:
 Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.
 Bids are to include sales and use taxes.
 Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.
 Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.
 Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.
 Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bids) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.
 Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to; (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to: (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on their investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which the Owner deems to be in their best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.
 Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.
BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:
 Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is ADVISED to visit the site and to fully inform themselves and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.
 Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings, and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.
 No extras will be allowed to the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of their failure to study and record their own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid. Nor shall it be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and it's Sub-Contractor(s).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:
 A Pre-Bid conference will be held at **9 am on September 1st, 2022 at 12000 Hancock St. Becker, MN 55308** If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference at **12100 Hancock St. Becker, MN 55308**. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation as to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.
START DATE:
 Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is October 3rd, 2022. Pre-construction and submittal work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises no later than June 5th 2023. With site examination and construction team planning prior to that.
SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:
 Owner requires all work to be substantially complete by October 25th 2024.

END OF SECTION 00 11 13
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Township Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Orrock is seeking right-of-way tree/brush trimming & removal quotes, for certain areas of the township.
 The Trimming RFQ and location maps can be obtained on the township's website: www.orrocktownship.com/2022-tree-trimming or by contacting the township Clerk: clerk@orrocktownship.com.
 Quotes are due by Monday September 26, 2022 at 5:00PM and may be returned by Mail: Orrock Township, Attn: Trimming Quote, 26401 - 180th St. NW, Big Lake, MN 55309 Email: clerk@orrocktownship.com
 /s/ Chris Weber
 Clerk Orrock Township
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Big Lake Public Schools #727 Notices

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

This represents a summary of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Big Lake Public Schools #727. A complete set of minutes will be on file at the District Office and on our website at www.biglakeschools.org upon Board approval.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools, was called to order on August 25, 2022.
- II. ROLL CALL
 All Board members were present.
- III. APPROVE AGENDA
 A motion passed to approve the agenda.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 Chair Reasoner and the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance
- V. OPEN FORUM
 No participants
- VI. DISCUSSION OF AND ACTION RELATED TO INVESTIGATION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
 A motion passed to classify data regarding school board members as public data not personnel data.
 A motion passed to approve censuring Board Member Nelson. After reviewing and discussing the resolution, a motion passed to amend the motion to include changes to the resolution censuring Member Nelson.
 A five-minute recess was called at 7:44 PM at which time Board Member Nelson left the meeting. The meeting resumed at 7:49 PM.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 A motion passed to approve the following:
 - A. PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - B. CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS
 - C. CREDIT CARD REPORT
 - D. PERSONNEL
 - E. FINAL READING AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES
 - F. APPROVAL OF ONE READ POLICIES
 - G. SCHOOL BOARD POLICY ANNUAL REVIEW
 - H. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
- VIII. DONATIONS
 A motion passed to approve the donations.
- IX. FINANCIAL REPORT
 A motion passed to approve the financial report as presented.
- X. STUDENT HANDBOOK APPROVAL
 A motion passed to approve the Student Handbook for 2022-2023 as presented.
- XI. BIG LAKE ONLINE HANDBOOK APPROVAL
 A motion passed to approve the Big Lake Online Handbook for 2022-2023 as presented.
- XII. RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN
 Superintendent Truebenbach reviewed the plan.
- XIII. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
 A motion passed to approve the Strategic Plan with the noted updates.
- XIV. FIRST READING OF POLICIES
 No discussion
- XV. COMMITTEE UPDATES
 No Finance Committee meeting; Policy Committee continues to review policies. Brown will take Nelson's place in the Policy Committee; No Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting
- XVI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
 Brown will take Nelson's place as School Board Representative for Negotiations with Support Staff.
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT
 A motion passed to adjourn the meeting.
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Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 08/29/2022 - 09/04/2022

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne Co. Jail for the alleged offense(s): Paige Elizabeth Binek, 19 of Swanville, MN 56382 - MSD 4th degree DWI & MSD open container; John Alan Bailey, 73 of Elk River, MN 55330 - GM criminal abuse by caregiver & MSD domestic assault; Nicholas Jeffrey Smith, 33 of No Permanent Address - MSD trespass & MSD disorderly conduct; Terance Boimah Gbawo, 23 of No Permanent Address - MSD domestic assault (2 counts); Rodney Bernard Jones, 53 of Champlin, MN 55316 - MSD domestic abuse no contact order violation; Ethan Daniel Boutin, 26 of Sartell, MN 56377 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Romey Livette Ferguson, 21 of Rogers, MN 55374 - GM 2nd degree DWI, MSD 4th degree DWI & MSD careless driving over 100 mph; Wilian Josue Quintanilla Melgar, 28 of Coon Rapids, MN 55433 - MSD 4th degree DWI; Tiffany Ann Johnson, 38 of Saint Cloud, MN 56301 - FEL 3rd degree-controlled substance for possession; Dylan Stephen Burk, 22 of Princeton, MN 55371 - GM no insurance; Adam Stanley Parson, 24 of Waite Park, MN 56387 - MSD 4th degree DWI. Benjamin Anthony Montroy, 27 of Saint Michael, MN 55376 - GM driving after cancellation - IPS; Aaron William Vierimaa, 50 of Springfield, VA 22150 - MSD domestic assault; Dominic Ryan Erickson, 18 of No Permanent Address - FEL 5th degree-controlled substance for possession; Zacharia Wyatt Thomas, 32 of Princeton, MN 55371 - FEL domestic assault for strangulation & MSD domestic assault; David Lyle Sharp, Jr., 34 of Otsego, MN 55330 - GM 2nd degree DWI & Carver Co. warrant; Joshua John Adler, 36 of Becker, MN 55308 - Sherburne Co. warrant; Dennis John O'Malley, 70 of No Permanent Address - Sherburne Co. warrants; Myra Joe Anderson, 42 of Braham, MN 55006 - Sherburne Co. warrant; Loretta Jean Kramer, 43 of Hibbing, MN 55746 - Sherburne Co. warrant; Alexander Eugene Blackstone, 31 of Lakeland, MN 55043 - Washington Co. warrant; Shawn Lavell Washington, 48 of Saint Cloud, MN 56304 - Benton Co., & Sherburne Co. warrants; Jennifer Lee Misamore, 43 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - Wright Co. warrants; Jenifer Tyler Quinn, 47 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - Anoka Co. warrant; Guadalupe Deleon Flores, 46 of Minneapolis, MN 55414 - Sherburne Co. warrant; Clay Andrew Haber Kamp, 51 of Elk River, MN 55330 - Sherburne Co. warrants; Haneed Abdufetah Mohamed, 26 of Saint Cloud, MN

56304 - Sherburne Co. warrant; Nicole Dawn Schmidt, 30 of Milaca, MN 56353 - Sherburne Co. warrant; Austin Lee Norsten, 29 of Monticello, MN 55362 - Sherburne Co. warrant; Richard Earl Fawcett, 39 of Minneapolis, MN 55408 - Benton Co., & Sherburne Co. warrants; Tracy James Taylor, 61 of Elk River, MN 55330 - Sherburne Co. warrant; Jasper Orlin Thompson, 29 of Aurora, MN 55705 - Sherburne Co. warrant; Michael James Smith, 29 of Elk River, MN 55330 - Sherburne Co. warrant; Jose Guadalupe Rios, 39 of Faribault, MN 55021 - Sherburne Co. warrant.
Citations Issued: 1 drugs - possess over 1.4 grams marijuana in motor vehicle; 3 drugs - possess/sale small amount of marijuana - no remuneration; 2 drugs - possession of drug paraphernalia - use or possession prohibited; 1 motor vehicle registration - operate vehi-

cle-driver violation; 1 traffic - DWI - operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol; 1 traffic - DWI - operate motor vehicle - alcohol concentration 0.08 within 2 hours; 1 traffic - open bottle law; possession; crime described; 1 drivers' licenses - instruction permit violations - persons 18 years or older - requirements; 1 traffic-driver's license-driving after suspension; 6 traffic-driver's license-driving after revocation; 1 expiration of driver's license - over 21; 1 ZI: growing grass; 1 assault-5th deg-inflict or attempt bodily harm; 1 theft-take/use/transfer movable prop-no consent; 1 off highway motorcycle. **Total: 62**
Calls for Service: 2 burglary; 2 theft; 2 assault; 6 drugs/narcotics; 2 crimes against family; 1 DWI; 4 disturbing the peace; 4 harassment; 2 obscenity; 4 property damage; 4 DAR/DAS/DAC; 8 fraud complaint; 6 animal lost; 1 property lost; 3 animal found; 3 property found; 6 accident - mv personal injury; 10 accident - mv property damage; 1 accident - mv property damage hit & run; 5 accident - vehicle v. animal; 4 animal complaint; 3 conservation; 5 dog complaint; 4 alarm - fire; 1 gas leak/smell; 3 death; 28 medical; 5 mental case; 2 alarm - medical; 5 domestic; 10 public assist; 14 agency assist; 5 alarm - security; 8 civil complaint; 230 officer initiated traffic stop; 15 traffic complaint; 1 garbage/littering; 7 suspicious person; 9 suspicious vehicle; 3 juvenile complaint; 117 security check; 27 extra patrol; 1 loud music complaint; 9 check the welfare; 6 boating complaint; 2 ATV complaint; 5 shooting complaint; 2 repossession; 2 fireworks complaint; 1 cross arm malfunction; 6 jail medical; 35 paper service; 1 recovered stolen motor vehicle; 9 suspicious activity; 5 hazardous road conditions; 17 miscellaneous officer; 16 background check; 5 warrant arrest; 30 transport; 1 jail incident; 1 equipment problems; 4 911 hang up; 3 court book & release; 1 city ordinance violation; 1 public lift assist; 2 vehicle lockout; 1 vehicle off road; 2 warrant attempt. **Total: 750**
Aug. 22nd: Dawn Doyle - Main St in Zimmerman reported the theft 1999 Chevy Tahoe (tan with blue stripes) from the underground garage at The Depot - Main. Estimated value of the vehicle taken is \$5,000; Kilian Trucking - 30th St SE in Haven Twp. reported the theft of Wabasha semi-trailer (white in color). Estimated value is \$15,000.

cle with expired registration; 1 motor vehicle registration - unregistered-certificate revoked; 1 traffic collision - collision with unattended vehicle - notify victim or police; 13 traffic - speeding - exceed limit; 2 traffic - speeding - exceed limit - 65 mph - freeways & expressways; 14 traffic - speeding - exceed limit 55 mph where appropriate; 1 traffic regulation - failure to drive in single lane; 1 traffic regulation - driver fails to stop - stop sign; 1 traffic regulation - vehicle registration/permit/plates required; 1 traffic regulation - driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle; 1 traffic regulation-uninsured vehicle-owner violation; 3 traffic regulation-uninsured vehi-



Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service - Jail Bookings August 29, 2022 - September 4, 2022

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 162; 2022 Calls for Service: 6,406; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 27; Citations: 3; Arrests: 4; Medical Emergency Calls: 16; Mental Health/Check Welfare: 8; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 9.
BLPD Arrests: Nicolas Smith arrested on Eagle Lake Road North for disorderly conduct and trespassing; Jennifer Quinn arrested for warrant and 5th degree possession; Adam Parson arrested for 4th degree DWI; Aaron Vierimaa Sr. arrested for 5th degree domestic Sun., Aug. 29: Juvenile complaint on Maple Street of loud music; Family domestic on Maple Street, mediated; Fraud complaint on Lakeshore Drive, investigation continues; Harassment complaint at Holiday, male party left when advised; Suspicious activity on Eagle Lake Road N, possible fight, nothing found.
Mon., Aug. 30: Male driving motorized scooter without valid license, long form complaint sent to county; Civil complaint on Lee Street, mediated prior to our arrival; Fraud complaint on Rose Drive, victim good prior to arrival; Civil complaint on Aberdeen Way, mediated; Disturbance Lakeshore Drive, juveniles shooting airsoft pellets at walkers. UTL; Domestic arrest on Hill Street; Agency assist for Hennepin County Medical examiners, death notification; Assist County with two vehicle crash at Hwy 10 and County 11; Juvenile lost at Eagle Lake Road and Bermuda, returned to parents; Harassment complaint at Station Street apartments, juveniles gone on arrival; Juvenile harassment complaint on Pleasant Ave, investigation continues.
Tues., Aug. 31: Repo info on Monroe Street; Male arrested for DWI Hwy 10 and Lakeshore Drive; Civil complaint on Eagle Lake Road N, standby for property removal; Civil complaint on Hill Street, questions answered; Driver cited for driving after revocation at Lakeshore Drive and Sherburne Ave; Driver arrested for

warrant and 5th degree possession at Martin Ave and Fern Street; Disturbance at Sandy Beach, parties left; Verbal domestic on Crescent Street, mediated; Civil standby to retrieve property on Marcia Drive.
Wed., Sept. 1: Suspicious Activity, two parties walking through yards near Tarry Town and Lake St S, contact made, no problems; Civil standby on Marcia Drive to retrieve property; Welfare check of female possibly "huffing" at a local business; Civil standby to retrieve property on Lake View Lane; Civil complaint on Eagle Lake Road N, separation issues; Missing juvenile on Junegrass Drive, child found hiding in residence; One vehicle accident on Teal Street, driver cited for reckless driving.
Thurs., Sept. 2: Suspicious package left on doorstep off Crescent Street, unknown party came and took package; Verbal domestic on Henry Road, mediated; CSC reported on Corinne Drive, investigation continues; Harassment complaint on Lake View Lane, mediated; Assist Elk River PD with traffic complaint.
Fri., Sept. 3: Assist County on traffic stop Hwy 10 and Lakeshore Drive.
Sat., Sept. 4: Disturbance at business on Lake Street South, mediated; Male arrested for disorderly conduct and trespassing at Kwik Trip; Civil standby while property owner inspects rental property on Donna Court.



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Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS)
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Becker Baptist Church
Pastors: Nathan Bucher (Senior), Kevin Drehmel (Youth) & Amy Drehmel (Dir. of Child/Fam. Ministry), 763-261-4202, 11951 Hancock St. Services: Sun. Worship/Children 10:30am. During the school year: AWANA for Kids/Sun. School 9:15am. Midweek Connect for Kids 6:30pm. Please register Kids on our website. Youth Group: Wed. 6:30pm. www.beckerbaptist.org.
Becker Evangelical Free Church
Pastors: Gerald Deppa (Interim 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 & Vicar Molly Wills, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 8:30am, Wed. Confirmation 5:30pm, Senior High Youth Group 1st & 3rd Wed. 6pm www.faithlutheran-becker.org.
Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God
Pastors: Gerry Bass & Sarah, 763-220-6004, 13140 1st St (SW Corner of Becker Furniture World). Services: Sun. Bible Study/Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.
Snake River Free Church
Pastor: Steve Johnston, 612-219-8648, 180th St SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Sun. School 10:30am., Hymn Sing is second Sun. of every month.
Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church
Pastor: Ken Hanson, 763-262-2177, 15455 59th St SE. Services: Sun. Praise & Worship 9:30am, Wed. Family Fellowship 7pm.
Beacon House of Prayer
Pastors: Brian & Linda Holmes, 763-263-3771, 12264 Pleasant Ave. Services: Thurs. Worship 6:30pm.
Free Grace United
Pastor: Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001, Becker High School, 12000 Hancock St, Enter door 11. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

• BIG LAKE
Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church
Pastor: Bill Nixon, 763-263-2287, 20455 187th Ave NW. Services: Sat. Worship 9am, Sat. Sabbath School 10:15am.
Bethany Bible Church
763-263-2167, 511 Eagle Lake Road. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.
Bridgeview Assembly of God
Pastor: Steve Royalty, 763-263-6274, 20500 County Road 11. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Wed. Service 6:30pm.
SVEA Hill Covenant Church
Pastor: Don Bellach, 763-263-6322, 16392 235th Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.
Cornerstone Baptist Church
Pastor: Gordon Langdon, 763-263-7878, 15300 County Road 35.
Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock
763-262-0028. www.hopetherefuge.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 & 10:30am.
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.myrc.church, 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.
Saron Lutheran Church
Pastor: Kyle Sidlo, 763-263-2209, 311 Lake St. S. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am, indoors or livestream.

• SANTIAGO
South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA
Pastor: Courtney Young, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 8am. and 10 am.
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.
Glendora 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.
Glendora 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
320-699-0876, 7830 Church St. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Starting in Sept. Wed. night Kids Club at 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.
SHEd Church - Non-Denomination in Palmer
Pastor: TBD, 320-241-0123, Palmer Town Hall, 4180 105th Ave. Services: Sun. 5pm. www.sheadchurch.org.
St. Marcus Catholic Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Mon. & Wed. Mass 8am, 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. School that begins in Worship 9:30am. Livestream worship at Rejoice's Youtube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJGuBda4orT9TWYt5wmGw
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.

• SAINT CLOUD
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Pastor: Joshua Reber, 320-252-3315, 3000 County Road SE. Worship: Sun. 10:15am.

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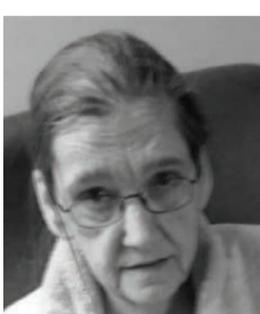
Obituaries

Harold "Mac" McWilliams, Age 86
Big Lake, MN
August 18, 1936 – August 18, 2022



all. He loved to teach others the skills he knew. Mac had the best sense of humor and always had a joke to tell. Mac's family meant the world to him. Mac is survived by his loving wife Mary, of 37 years, children and Bonus children; Deanna (Tim) Bunker, Greg (Paula) McWilliams, Gerald (Tina) McWilliams, Chuck (Jamey) Johnson, Teresa (Gary) Smith, Tammi Johnson, 12 Grandchildren, 11 Great Grandchildren, sisters Joni, Anna and his beloved dog Benji. Mac is preceded in death by his parents Glen and Ione, sisters Faith and Glenda, and Grandson Dustin. A Celebration of Life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Monticello on Friday, September 30th at 11 a.m. Visitation is 1 hour prior to the service.

Diane M. Knute, Age 66
Big Lake, MN
November 26, 1955 – August 30, 2022



A celebration of life will take place at a later date for Diane M. Knute, 66 of Big Lake who died on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at her daughter's home in Big Lake. Diane was born November 26, 1955 in Sterling, Illinois, to Elwood and Alice (Balsley) Anderson. She worked at the local McDonald's for 20 years and was loved by everyone!! Diane is survived by her daughters, Christy (Josh) Whitted of Waconia, Carrie (Jesus) Gutierrez of Big Lake and son Casey Knute of Waconia; 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and infant son.

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