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CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER BECKER STUDENT and current College of St. Ben's sophomore diver Emi Quill, who earned All-American honors for the second straight season last week! She recorded two national qualifying scores in just five meets as a sophomore, and after sending in a video compilation, was selected by a panel of judges as one of the top divers in Division III! (Submitted Photo).

SPUD FEST Check out our story on this year's Ambassadors and the advertisers who made the pages possible. Spud Fest starts on page 2-3.

RECIPES The Patriot will be running weekly recipes from local chefs, cooks and food preparers. See yummy recipes on page 6.

FREEDOM DAYS Check out the events held so far this week as part of Becker's freedom days! See the story and pics on page 12.

Patriot logo and a rack of newspapers with a starburst saying "We are now in Palmer!"

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BULLDOG SOFTBALL TAKES STATE TITLE!



By Mark Kolbinger Contributing Writer

A dominant pitching performance from Emma Eickhoff and a monstrous home run from Kurstyn Patnode helped propel the Becker Bulldog girls softball team to its first ever state title Wednesday afternoon with a 4-0 win over Winona.

Eickhoff was amazing in the circle, as she picked up the shutout win and struck out at least one Winhawk batter in every inning but the second.

Patnode's huge 3 run home run in the top of the 7th inning provided insurance runs that the Bulldogs would end up not needing as they left no doubt as to who the best team in Class AAA was this year.

Becker had a pair of hits in the first inning and a total of three baserunners before Winona recorded the third out on a close play at the plate. It stayed even until the top of the third, when Becker's Ellie Gallus reached base on a bunt play. Maddie Sherman then lined a pitch to right field and Gallus scampered to third base, narrowly beating the throw.

Sherman tried to advance to second on the play, but was caught in a run down which allowed Gallus to head for home and beat the throw with a great slide.

It turned out to be the only run the Bulldogs would need, as Eickhoff settled into a rhythm and was aided by a couple of defensive gems from Cadence Koster and Patnode.

The score remained 1-0 until the top of the 7th, when the Bulldogs put together a two out rally. Gallus again had a big bunt single, which was followed by another hit from Sherman. Patnode then dug in for a great at-bat, going down 0-2 in the count before fouling off several pitches. Then came the big blast, a no-doubter that sailed over the fence and gave Eickhoff and the Bulldogs a bit of breathing room.

Winona led off the 7th with a single, but Eickhoff sent the next three batters down in order, including a pair of strikeouts to end the game and secure another championship trophy for Becker High School.

Look for additional game details, including comments from the coaches and players, in next week's Patriot.

Rock-A-Thon raises funds for mission trip

Submitted Article

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

The Becker Evangelical Free Church youth held a "Rock-A-Thon" fundraiser June 9 to help pay for a future mission trip next month.

The Rock-a-thon was held last Wednesday from noon until midnight (with breaks) where volunteers rocked in rocking chairs to raise money by collecting pledges for an upcoming mission trip from July 8-16.

The kids also held a bible study, played games,

rocked, took dips in the pool, bonded and got to know each other better.

All money raised is going to the Enesenada, Mexico trip for the missionaries to help pay for the building of two houses, flights and food for the team, orphanage help, and other mission opportunities including a new roof for a local orphanage.

Those that participated June 9 were: Anna Briggs, Ayla Brown, Megan Gamble, Liberty Lasher, Alayna Lindquist, Riley Norberg, Lucy Pink, Jour-

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BEFC VOLUNTEERS participated in a Rock-A-Thon to raise money to help pay for a mission trip to Mexico next month. (Submitted Photo)

SPUD FEST JAM-PACKED WITH FOUR DAYS OF FUN!

Submitted Article

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

Big Lake Spud Fest has returned and it all starts next week! Come on out and enjoy the great weather, the great events and get to know your neighbors from your community!

Thursday, June 24

At 4 p.m., the Festival begins to be set up.

The Big Lake Ambassador rehearsal get together happens under the Main Tent, kicking off

the festival from 3-5 p.m.

From 4:30-5:30 p.m., enjoy the Spud Fest Family Night at the



Big Lake Library (also, last call to get wristbands at advanced prices)

From 6-10 p.m. the carnival starts. From 6 - 9 p.m., concessions open at the main food tent (by the Big Lake Knights of Columbus).

From 6 -10 p.m., a talent show is hosted by the Big Lake Cheerleaders!

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Palmer wages war on potholes

By Mark Kolbinger Contributing Writer

The Palmer Twp. Board met Monday evening and heard several reports from county officials, and also showed off their new in-house solution for keeping roads repaired. After trying different solutions over the past couple of years, the board was recently able to purchase a used pothole patcher trailer and over the past week, the supervisors have been out using the hot mix to

bring area roads up to snuff.

"Since last Monday we've spread eight tons of tar," Chairman Mike Ganz reported. "It went real well and the tar kettle has heat so the mix stays hot longer."



In the past, the township has been at the mercy of the local hot mix plants and even when they could secure material, it usually had cooled off and was difficult to use once the crew hauled it back to Palmer. Another issue was that in the springtime, the Township

often had to wait until the plants opened to start addressing the tire-eating craters.

However, Palmer's tar kettle trailer has a diesel motor that keeps the tar hot, meaning it is much more effective and efficient than using cold patch material. In addition, Ganz noted that material can be stockpiled and then heated up and used on the township's, rather than the hot mix company's, schedule.

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BL Twp considers traffic issue with new apartments

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Two township residents from 144th St. (east of Big Lake off of Hwy. 10) spoke during the open forum section of the recent Big Lake Twp. meeting. The neighbors were concerned about a new proposed apartment complex coming to the area. The proposal had traffic for the building being routed through their neighborhood, which the two speakers didn't like.

One of the residents, Michelle Brisk-Wallace, said they liked their quiet neighborhood where kids could run around safely. She also was concerned the increased traffic could affect their home values.

A representative of the developer proposing the apartment building was also in attendance at the meeting. He reassured the board and audience that the developer was working with the city of Elk River (the building would fall within the city limits of Elk River) to do a traffic study. He also mentioned that the land to be developed was designated by the city as high-density residential, so, although residents of the area voiced concerns over increased traffic, the developer was not going beyond the parameters the city had set.

Being that the apartments would be in Elk River, the board had limited ability to voice their opinion. They do have the ability to give input on how the township's roads are used in this project. The board was unsatisfied with the current proposal. They explored a couple of different options to divert traffic directly to Hwy. 10, but the developer's representative stated that MnDOT was

against creating a new intersection on the highway.

No action was taken during the meeting on this issue, but the board said they would be in communication with the developer and would be on the lookout for the traffic study whenever it is available, all in order to find a better solution to the traffic issue.

Board Reports

Mark Hedstrom reported good news from *Big Lake Community Education*. The organization had been projecting to end the academic year with only \$2,000 left over in funds, but after applying for and receiving several grants, they will instead be ending the year at more than 400,000. They were considering ways to spend the money, including cutting down enrollment costs for community ed classes.

Town clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas gave a couple of announcements at the end of the meeting, as well. The *Big Lake Food Shelf* will be distributing food to residents at the *Lions Park* on select Mondays this summer: June 21, July 19, and August 6. She also reminded board and audience members that the next meeting will be June 23, and there will be a public hearing regarding transitioning Co. Rd. 79 to a township road and 209th Ave. to a county road.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Called for a public hearing on the intent to consider a franchise agreement with Midco;
- Recommended the county approve a new plat within the township;
- Discussed the progress of road maintenance in the township.

driven around Big Lake to see the other apartment buildings and found the *Marketplace Crossings* proposal to be far lacking in comparison.

The council and staff proceeded to have a long discussion on what was allowed by city code and the standard held by other apartments in the city. In the end, the council decided to table the discussion and allow the developer to come back with another proposal.

Open Forum

Two residents stood up to speak about the importance of the right to bear arms, and asked that the council pass a resolution declaring Big Lake a 2nd-amendment safe city. One resident also suggested asking the *Sherburne County Sheriff* to write a letter of support, or show his support in another way, for this resolution.

Another citizen stood up to chastise the city on the condition of the American and POW flags as they were presented on Memorial Day. He said the city needed to purchase new flags, and that the city should have had an opportunity to purchase a

flag or borrow one from the police or fire departments before Memorial Day. (Mayor Knier noted at the end of the meeting that the flags have been replaced and apologized to the local Veterans for the state of the flags.)

One final resident endorsed Sam Olson as the next police chief of Big Lake as the council considered candidates for the position.

Monthly Reports

BLFD

The Big Lake Fire Dept. had 28 calls for the month of May. Chief Seth Hansen went over the successful live burn training that took place in Orrock last month, stating the firefighters were able to do 11 runs before the house was burned to the ground. He reminded residents to be careful with burning, since this is the season for grass fires.

Council member Halverson brought up the topic of billing for fire dept. services, which is an idea the department has been considering. This would affect only those who do not live within the area of the fire department's jurisdiction (visiting individuals.) Halverson was of the

opinion that this was a bad idea. Chief Hansen let the council member know that the plan was to bill individuals' insurance companies, and it was a practice done by several surrounding communities.

"If they pay, they pay, if they don't, they don't," he said in regards to billing for service.

The idea is still only being considered, and no formal decision will be made soon.

BLPD

The Big Lake Police Dept. had 820 calls for service for May. Acting Chief Matt Hayan noted that a group of people had gone through some cars in Big Lake to steal items such as wallets, credit cards, and even a handgun. He reminded residents to lock their car doors at night to help prevent this type of crime. Council Member Paul Seefeld added that it was a good idea to leave house lights on overnight to help further deter criminals.

Council Member Sam Hanson (who is also a member of the BLFD) stated that the police dept. better, "bring

[their] A game" to the inter-departmental softball game at Spud Fest.

Finally, the chief spoke with the council about reinstating the officer reserve program.

Engineering

The street improvement project has been slightly delayed, but should be underway soon. The project is set to end in early November. The project will be completed in phases, starting west of the lakes and working around to Powell St. on the east side.

Student Liaison

Summer vacation has begun. A very successful graduation was held June 4. The school board will be focusing on social and emotional learning over the next school year, after many students reported struggling with mental health during COVID-19 shutdowns.

Administrator's Report

There have been issues with parking at *Lakeside Park*. The park is much more popular than it was in 2019, and it appears COVID-19 is not the only reason why, as lots of visitors continue

to visit the park. There will be a more increased police presence at the park as a result, during the park's busiest hours.

City staff has been asking residents to irrigate only every other day: addresses ending in an odd number may irrigate on odd numbered days, even addresses may irrigate on even numbered days. This is to make sure city wells are not completely used up. City parks have also switched to being irrigated every other day. This is not required by city code, but staff hopes residents will do so voluntarily during the dry conditions.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Approved a preliminary and final plat for a resident who wished to build a garage on a parcel bordering his residential property;
- Accepted a donation from *Fine Lines Decorating LLC*, who provided labor and materials to paint the outside of the Police Dept.

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THURSDAY

4:30PM-5:30PM
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4PM
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6-10PM
CARNIVAL
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6-9PM
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6-10PM
TALENT CONTEST HOSTED BY BIG LAKE CHEERLEADING (MAIN TENT)

JUNE 27

SUNDAY

8AM
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

NEW 9AM-2PM
SPUD DAZE MARKETPLACE COME SHOP AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL VENDORS

9AM-NOON
POTATO PANCAKE BREAKFAST (SPONSORED BY BL LIONS) (MAIN FOOD TENT)

10:30AM-?
BEER STARTS POURING (MAIN TENT) (EVERYONE WILL BE CARDED - BRING ID!)

NOON-4PM
CARNIVAL
(USE YOUR SESSION PASS OR MEGA PASS)

11AM-3PM
COME DANCE TO MUSIC PLAYED BY ELECTRIC STEEL (MAIN STAGE)

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FRIDAY

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COME DANCE TO MUSIC PLAYED BY THE DEPARTURES



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MIDNIGHT
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LAST CALL IS AT 11:30PM. (EVERYONE WILL BE CARDED - BRING ID!)

1PM-5PM
BIG LAKE ROBOTICS DOING DEMOS (MIDDLE SCHOOL AREA)

1PM-10PM
BINGO TENT OPEN (9:30 BLACKOUT)

NEW 1:30-3:30PM
BL AMBASSADORS CORONATION (UNDER MAIN TENT)

1-6PM
WOMEN OF TODAY KIDS FUN CRAFTS (BY THE TENNIS COURTS)

4:15-5:15PM
DANCE CARAVAN OF OTSEGO (MAIN STAGE)

8PM-MIDNIGHT
COME DANCE TO MUSIC PLAYED BY SWEET SIREN (MAIN STAGE)



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BL City not in favor of apartment proposal

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During the recent meeting, the Big Lake City Council heard from residents at open forum, heard an updated proposal for *Marketplace Crossings*, and heard department updates.

Marketplace Crossings

The council heard a presentation on *Common Bond Community's* plan to develop an apartment building off of Marketplace Dr. The council had given their opinions on the proposed development at another recent council meeting, saying they would like to see outdoor living space for each unit and covered parking added to the plan. The developer revised their proposal to include 18 covered parking stalls and communal outdoor areas, rather than individual outdoor spaces.

The board as a collective was unsatisfied with the changes the developer had made to the proposal.

"Build to our standards," Ken Halverson repeated several times, stating he had

Area News

Big Lake Ambassadors say goodbye to 2019-20 royalty

Submitted Article by the Big Lake Ambassador Scholarship Program

The mission of the Big Lake Ambassador Scholarship Program is "Empowering young ladies of Big Lake to be women of tomorrow through Community Service. To promote Leadership, Professional Development and Personal Growth with an opportunity to earn an Educational Scholarship. Core Values - Honesty, Respect, Loyalty and Commitment."

Each year a panel of judges crowns up to six young ladies in grades 3-12 to represent the town of Big Lake. Before the girls are chosen, they participate in our candidacy program, called SPUDSCHOOL and focus on the core values we represent. The crowned young ladies attend various events around Minnesota and serve the Big Lake community through community events and participation, working at the food shelf, volunteering with the Knights of Columbus, and helping the school district. After completing their year

of royalty, Big Lake Ambassadors are awarded a scholarship to be used in post secondary work or towards enrichment activities locally.

The Big Lake Ambassador Scholarship Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Big Lake Ambassadors who will be ending their reign and crowning new royalty on Saturday June 26 on the SPUD-FEST grounds at 1:30 PM. Rose, Allie, Kalie, Issie, and Ella all served a two year term from 2019-2021 and Calissa served 2020-2021. The girls wore their crowns well, helping to establish our new candidacy program, working endless hours within the community, and meeting many new faces while always wearing a smile. This all would not have been possible without the help of Toni, Amy, Brad, Katie, Ed, Lori, Joel, Jon, Hollie, Lindsey and Derek.

We look forward to seeing where you go in life, always wear that invisible crown! Next year we hope



to see you back as we celebrate 50 years of SPUD-FEST!

— Sincerely, Your Directors, Katrine and Laurel.

ROSE, ALLIE, KALIE, ISSIE, AND ELLA all served a two year term from 2019-2021 and Calissa served 2020-2021. (Submitted Photo).

100-mile bikers raise money for human trafficking survivors

By Katherine Cantin
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Last Saturday at Lions Park in Big Lake, several bikers participated in the fifth annual *Running for Justice Bike-a-Thon*. The riders sponsored by companies and individuals in an effort to raise money to go towards helping victims of human trafficking and raising awareness of the issue. Funds raised throughout the year go to various groups, but this event specifically raised money for the *Stories Foundation*.

Riders and Volunteers

Several bikers and volunteers participated in Saturday's event. In all, three riders did the full, 100-mile ride that day, five participated in the 50 mile ride, and five did a 20-mile ride. One biker participated in the 100 mile ride virtually, last month. Through the sponsorship program, registration, and campaigns by the group, \$20,000 was raised for the cause, though they will continue to accept donations through the end of June at their website, RunningForJustice.org.

Other volunteers include the road crew, who follow the bikers in their vehicles and make sure they are safe, and the greeters, who cheered on the riders as they returned from their ride.

Susie Wiegel has organized this annual bike-a-thon for the last five years. She runs the group with her family. She and her son, Scott, were two of the 100-mile bikers who participated on Saturday, along with Molly Winters, a 50-mile rider who decided to double her effort.

"I give Jesus Christ the glory, for directing me to start this organization and leading [us] in it," Weigel said, on founding the organization.

COVID-19 Changes

"We did our first two Bike-a-Thons from Duluth to Elk River, 75 miles a day for two days," Weigel said. For the last two years, because of a smaller turnout due to COVID-19, they decided to bring the event closer to home. They also held a live Share-a-Thon on Facebook as they rode, so others could participate

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2021 graduates party all night!

By Katherine Cantin
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The graduating seniors of Becker and Big Lake recently attended their *All Night Grad Parties*. After the crazy COVID-19 year the teens had last year, many were happy for an opportunity to let loose and have fun.

Big Lake

More than 100 seniors attended *Big Lake's All Night Grad Party*. The party planning committee, co-chaired by Chris Leeseburg and Cassie Schommer, was held in the *Liberty Elementary School*, which the committee decorated to have a board game theme.

Students had the opportunity to play life-size versions of classic board games such as *Monopoly* and *Life*, as well as other activities such as bounce houses and *Naz Can Racing*.

"No one anticipated that you would have two hard years of high school to navigate during a pandemic," said Schommer, in a message for the graduating class. "We hope that all that you've gone through

can be used as a learning experience as you enter the next chapter of your life. We are proud of you!! Proud of how resilient you all are. Proud that you hung in there and finished this chapter."

Schommer went on to give a big thanks to the planning committee, businesses that donated to the party, Sheriff's office, BLPD, BLFS, the school district, and the volunteers who helped run the event.

Donors of prizes and funds for the party included: *Big Lake Spud Fest*; *Camping World - Monticello*; *ERX Motor Park*; *Gess What's Cookin'*; *H&G Marketing*; *Knights of Columbus*; *Father Joseph Linn Council #9140*; *Mac's Mini's*; *Olson & Son's Electric*; *Woodland Work Designs*; *Gold Donations (\$200-\$499)*; *Big Lake Lioness*; *BNSF Railway*; *City of Big Lake*; *City Clips - Elk River*; *The Bank of Elk River*; *West Metro Buick GMC*; *Zimmerman Fire Department*; *Silver Donations (\$100-\$199)*; *Avalon Salon - Elk River*; *Bernicks*; *Cargill - Big Lake*; *Dahlheimer Beverages*;

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Becker

Becker's *All Night Grad Party* took place at *River City Extreme*, where students had the ability to play arcade games, bowling, pool, laser tag, cornhole, bingo, blackjack, photo booth, and board games. They are also entertained by hypnotist Terry DeVolt.

The event and prizes were purchased with donations from many area businesses, including: *American Family Insurance - Amy Chmielewski*; *Angell's Construction*; *B & J Evergreen*; *Becker Collision and Glass*; *Becker Lions*;

Becker Township; *Becker True Value*; *Clear Lake Lions*; *Color Street Nails - Amanda McDonald*; *Country Lumber*; *Dr. Gruenes Family Dentist*; *Fantastic Sams*; *Firebugz*; *Fulfillment Distribution Center Inc.*; *Food Pride*;



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BECKER STUDENTS gambled for chips during their all night grad party. (Submitted Photo.)



SEVERAL BECKER GRADS played twister. (Submitted Photo..)



BECKER GRADS sat around the campfire. (Submitted Photo.)



TWO BECKER GRADUATES rocked out with Guitar Hero at their grad party at River City Extreme. (Submitted Photo..)



BIG LAKE GRADUATES CORY (L) AND DEVIN (R) played a game of giant Jenga. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



BIG LAKE GRADUATE KATIE won the \$100 grand prize at this game by punching a hole in the Hornet. Prizes ranged from \$5 to \$100. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



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2nd Amendment, Palmer traffic discussed at county

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

It was a packed house in the meeting chambers Tuesday morning, as the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners met and were joined by dozens of citizens who were in attendance to show support for the consideration of a resolution declaring Sherburne County a 2nd Amendment sanctuary.

The board started the meeting with an open forum session, during which a maximum of five residents are allowed to address the board for up to three minutes each.

The first speaker, Jim Newberger, asked that Chair Raeanne Danielowski amend the rules to permit more than five speakers, as long as the 15 minute total time limit was not exceeded.

Danielowski agreed to the request and Newberger went on to name a list of area legislators who support the second amendment resolution before yielding the microphone to Jim Bonin.

Bonin, who serves as the leader of the Sherburne 2A Defenders, asked the board to add the resolution to an upcoming meeting agenda and to pass it as soon as possible.

Several additional speakers addressed the commissioners, proclaiming the importance of the Constitution, before Big Lake City Councilman Paul Seefeld spoke about the Veterans in the room and the oath they have taken to uphold the Constitution. He also asserted that two townships have taken a stance in favor of the resolution and he hopes that there are cities that will be joining the effort in the near future.

Wendy Nelson spoke about her experience in traveling to the Metro area to take a class in order to receive her permit to carry. At that class, she said she learned that the reason the rioting didn't spill over last summer into North Minneapolis is because the community formed a local militia, who patrolled the streets and protected their families and businesses via their 2nd Amendment rights to bear arms. She urged the commissioners to "think deeply" about the resolution and what it would mean for Sherburne County residents.

Two other speakers, including Dennis Smith of Big



DENNIS SMITH OF BIG LAKE spoke to the commissioners about the 1,000 signatures he collected supporting the 2A resolution (Screen capture from video feed of meeting).

Lake, spoke of their efforts in collecting a total of over 1,300 signatures in support of the initiative.

With that, the fifteen minutes was over and Danielowski thanked the attendees for their thoughtfulness and respectfulness in sharing their concerns.

Palmer Pilot

For many months, the



THE INTERSECTION AT CSAH'S 3 AND 20 will be the site of a pilot project, as Sherburne County works on reducing accidents at rural intersections. LED lighted stop signs will be added, as well as a data collection tool to track how the county can make roadways safer (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

county has been collecting data and looking at safety improvements along the Co. Rd. 20 corridor, specifically where it intersects with Co. Rd. 3.

Two different speed studies have been done, following MnDOT requirements, and signage has been added, along with rumble strips and highly reflective markers.

County Administrator Bruce Messelt has worked with several county departments, as well as Commissioner Felix Schmiesing and local citizens and Palmer Twp. officials, all of whom have concerns about the safety of the rural intersections.

The result was a proposal from Messelt to conduct a pilot program study at the intersection by adding LED lighted stop signs and working on a policy for the county to be able to address similar intersections.

An analysis of statewide data has allowed Sherburne to move ahead with improvements, but Messelt felt that

having local data could be important and would reflect local driver behavior.

In addition, the pilot program would look at enhanced traffic controls such as dynamic speed signs and the role they can play in helping to control speed on certain county roads.

Public Works Director spoke in support of the study, noting it would allow his staff the opportunity to develop the policy as they collect data.

The initial costs of the project would be in the range of \$15,000 and the commissioners agreed it would be money well spent.

Schmiesing made a motion in favor of the project, noting that while data is important, sometimes community input to also factor into the equation.

All five commissioners voted in favor of the pilot project.

Messelt's review

Human Resources Director Tammy Bigelow spoke to the board regarding the upcoming performance evaluation for Messelt, seeking input into the process and timing.

Current practice includes gathering multi-rater feedback from department heads and other personnel, along with Messelt's self-evaluation (referred to as a 360 degree review).

Schmiesing felt it important for the board to have on retainer an outside employment attorney to guide the board and answer questions if any arose during the review process. He felt it would put the County Attorney in an awkward position if she were to get stuck in the middle of any issues because of her close relationship working with both the commissioners and Messelt.

Commissioner Tim Dolan sought clarification from Schmiesing about the plan, asking if the outside counsel would simply be a contingency plan in case something did arise. He also noted that Messelt's contract currently calls for agreement if any changes to the review process are to be implemented.

Schmiesing replied that the outside counsel may never be used, but the board should have plans in place before the process begins and it had nothing to do with

County Attorney Kathleen Heaney's qualifications. He stated he didn't want to put either she or Messelt in an uncomfortable situation, a stance that was echoed by Commissioner Lisa Fobbe.

Messelt was asked about his comfort level about the changes and he said he will review the contract and can work with Chair Danielowski on agreement for the details.

"Whatever the board wants, we will make work," Messelt said.

The commissioners set the date for the review to coincide with the August 1 meeting.

Business Relief

Assistant Administrator Dan Weber presented a business relief program to the board that spells out guidelines for distributing some of the county's ARPA funds.

The program will call for a \$20,000 max grant to affected businesses who can show a significant revenue loss comparing the first half of 2019 to the same period in 2021.

Sole proprietorships will have a \$10,000 limit and will use data from the same period when applying for the relief.

At the urging of Dolan, the board also directed Weber to look at a livable wage requirement for businesses, something the county already uses in its tax abatement application.

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Area News

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During the spring road tour, the supervisors were able to do an inventory of the areas that needed attention and while Ganz believes they were able to address most of the needs, he encouraged residents to contact the township hall to report any issues.

County Update

Sherburne County Administrator Bruce Messelt appeared before the board for this annual update and shared a variety of information pertaining to the county's efforts over the past year.

He discussed items such as the St. Cloud airport request to change to a regional airport authority, as well as last year's CARES expenditures and the upcoming ARPA funds and how they might be used.

Two items specific to Palmer Twp., however, brought the most discussion with the board: the proposed park on Big Elk Lake and rural intersection traffic safety.

Ganz noted that the township would like some communication regarding the proposed park, especially since it lies within the township's boundaries and could perhaps remove over 400 acres from the tax rolls if it were acquired and developed by the county.

Messelt agreed that they would provide increased communication moving forward, as he would have Parks Director Gina Hugo be in touch about updating the board on a regular basis.

Messelt noted that the plans for the park have shifted dramatically since the first iteration, with a focus on passive use and preserving the history and native archeology that is tied to the area.

Treasurer Roger Johnson noted that many of the current plans are in line with the past work of the *County Parks Commission*, which he was a part of for years until it was disbanded several years ago.

The other area of discussion related to rural traffic safety and specifically the CSAH's 3 and 20 intersection, which has been the site of several crashes over the past few years. In fact, the entire rural corridor has been of concern to the board, as well as residents, for some time.

Messelt noted that in the past year, the county has made several safety enhancements to the intersection, including rumble strips and increased visibility and amount of signage. Two separate traffic studies have been done in the area to gather data about best practice solutions to the ongoing crash issues. The results showed that driver indifference is the biggest obstacle, but that the county can increase safety at the intersection by a range of 15-22% with the current improvements.

Several area residents quizzed Messelt on what they perceived as slow action to address the intersection, asking why studies had to be done instead of taking immediate action to alleviate some of the risk. LED lighted stop signs seem to be the preferred application that the residents believe could help the situation.

Messelt noted that even the county is subject to the planning and regulatory processes of MnDOT and roadways have to meet two of four established criteria to be eligible for the upgrades. The CSAHs 3 and 20 only met one criteria so additional studies had to be done to get approval for the increased control apparatus.

In addition, Messelt explained that the county must use data in looking at the traffic issues to ensure other conditions are met, for example that insurance coverage will be valid.

However, he also said that he understands the sensitivity of the issue and the concern of area residents. As a result of the citizen engagement over the past months, he felt that the county has been able to gather important local data that he supports a pilot project to install the LED signs at this location. He would also propose to set up an ongoing study to look at conformity issues and data collection across the approximately 40 county rural intersections with similar features.

His plan was to present the pilot project to the board of commissioners on Tuesday and seek funding to get it initiated this year

(Editor's Note: The Patriot plans to run a recipe or two each week from locals and their favorite recipe books. If you have one you'd like to share, contact the Patriot at 763-275-0275).

Poor Man's Cake

- 1-1/2 cups flour;
- 1/2 teaspoon salt;
- 1 egg;
- 1 cup sugar;
- 1 teaspoon soda;
- 1 small can fruit cocktail.

Mix and bake for 45 minutes at 350°. Use a nine-inch square pan.

HOT CARAMEL SAUCE

- 1 cup cream;
- 1/2 cup sugar;
- 1/2 cup brown sugar;
- 1/2 cup butter.

Mix and boil for five minutes. Serve cake with hot caramel sauce.

Submitted in memory of Lynne Larson



Meat Balls & Sauerkraut With Dumplings

- 2 pounds ground beef;
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper;
- 1 egg;
- 1 tablespoon salt;
- 1 small onion;
- 1/2 cup rice;
- 1 teaspoon paprika.

Mix together in order given. Form a ball the size of a golf ball. Place in a three, or four-quart kettle, in which sauerkraut has been placed at the bottom. Then, place a row of meatballs. Pour enough water to cover. Simmer on top of stove for 40-45 minutes.

DUMPLINGS

Mix together 1/2 cup milk, 1 cup flour and 1 teaspoon baking powder. Let set for 1/2 hour. Drop by spoonful over sauerkraut and meat balls. Cook for 10 minutes without removing cover. You can also make Bisquick dumplings, if you prefer.

Submitted by Judy Johnson

Terri's Hot Dish

- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef;

- 1 small onion, chopped;
- 1/2 cups celery, chopped;
- 1/4 tablespoon chili powder;
- 1 can cheddar cheese soup;
- 1/4 package Mozzarella cheese or whatever cheese is desired;
- 1 can mushrooms;
- Salt and pepper, as needed;
- 1-8oz. package of noodles;
- Dash of garlic powder;
- 1 can tomato soup.

Fry ground beef, brown with onion, celery and seasonings. Add cheddar cheese soup and mushrooms; simmer for 20 minutes to 1/2 hour. Cook noodles; drain and add. Simmer more. Add Mozzarella cheese until melted; stir. This hot dish does not have to be baked.

Submitted by Terri Larson

(Editor's note: the project was approved Tuesday morning by the county - see related article).

BOA

In related county news, Supervisor Demeules and Treasurer Roger Johnson both expressed their dismay at the board of commissioner's plans to enact an ordinance that would prohibit elected officials from serving on the county's *Board of Adjustment*.

Both Johnson and Demeules are current members of the BOA and they see their service on that entity as important to Palmer's residents.

Demeules noted that Palmer sees one of the highest number of applications for variances, etc. that come before the board, while other jurisdictions see hardly any (Elk River and Becker) since they handle their own zoning.

Public Safety

SCSO Commander Bob Stangler reported on last month's 108 calls for service, which included many traffic stops and several reports of suspicious activity. The same report-

ing period from 2019 and 2020 yielded 84 calls each year, according to his records.

Several boating complaints were registered, resulting in warnings and citations being issued.

Last month, Stangler had promised the board that he would investigate the ability to issue citations during high water emergencies on the local lakes when the "no wake" zones are declared. Since then, Ganz and Stangler have communicated several times and the issue seems to have been worked out so it will be placed on the July agenda.

Ganz noted that recently there have been complaints about dogs in Palmer Park, but when he has responded to the issue, the canine owners have claimed they are service dogs. The board was looking for guidance on the issue and Stangler stated that he will look into the legal aspects of such reports and bring information back next month.

Fire Chief Ron Koren next gave an update on

the department's activity, which showed 37 calls in the past month, including 16 in Palmer (14 medials).

Koren noted that as the meeting was happening, he had crews performing required pumper testing to ensure that the department is able to respond to fire situations where water has

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Becker's Roe, Pflipsen talk Comprehensive Plan

By Katherine Cantin
Staff Writer
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June 2, Becker City officials Mary Roe (city planner) and Marie Pflipsen (community development director) set up a table at *Becker City Park* to field questions about the proposed comprehensive plan for the city. The two women said not too many people showed up to ask questions that day, but they had a lot of interest at a similar event at *Pebble Creek* recently, especially from families and individuals who had recently moved to the area.

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The city's comprehensive plan is a roughly 20-year plan that sets up direction and goals for city growth. The plan covers nine different topics: Image and Opportunities; Land Use; Transportation; Parks and Recreation; Natural Resources; Housing; Utilities and Community Facilities; Economic Development; and Finance. The outline of the city's plan can be found at *Becker2040.WP-ComStaging.com*. There is also a survey available at the site for citizens who wish to voice their opinions about the plan. A public hearing about the plan will be held at the next planning commission meeting, June 28, 6 p.m. in the city hall council chambers. The public hearing will be the last opportunity for citizens to voice their opinions about the plan before the plan is brought before the city council.

Image and Opportunities

The Image and Oppor-



BECKER'S MARIE PFLIPSEN (L) AND MARY ROE (R) answered questions and gave away goodies June 2 about their 2040 Comprehensive Plan at Becker City Park during their "Remark at the Park" event. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

tunities section of the plan highlights areas in the city that can be further developed or improved, especially regarding city streets. It indicates areas where traffic will naturally flow and where improvements can be made to city streets.

Land Use

The Land Use section of the proposed plan outlines Becker's needs as it continues to grow. It outlines the challenges of having Hwy. 10 divide the city into separate halves and the competition for industrial-type businesses from Monticello and Big Lake. This section also includes a map indicating sections of land use, such as those for residential, commercial, industrial, etc.

Transportation

The Transportation section indicates the need for more road, sidewalk, and bike infrastructure, while also highlighting the benefits Becker already has, such as access to the *BNSF*

Railway and the *Northstar* bus line.

Parks and Recreation

Independently of the city's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the parks department created its own growth plan in 2019. Some of the goals in the plan include promoting health and wellness of Becker citizens and ensuring all residents are within walking distance of a park.

Natural Resources

Being situated between the Mississippi to the south and Elk River to the north, Becker has plenty of green-space and wildlife habitat for residents to enjoy. The city aims to mitigate runoff and issues stemming from development in order to preserve Becker's natural resources.

Housing

During the last year, there has been a lack of all types of housing, but trends from further back show that the city is especially lacking in inventory for renters and first-time

homebuyers. Going forward, the city hopes to be more proactive in attracting developers to the area and seeking out housing for starting homes and rental opportunities for families.

Utilities and Community Facilities

The biggest issue the city faces regarding utilities is the simple need for expanded infrastructure. The industrial park is growing, and therefore needs water and sewer hookups. With the expansion of the industrial park comes a greater need for housing for industrial park employees, which also require utility infrastructure.

Economic Development

The city's plans for economic development include, of course, expansion to the business park, but staff hopes to expand the park in a controlled manner, to make sure that incoming businesses have the resources they need (such as access to the river, rail lines, etc.) while making sure to maintain a sense of order, so traffic and access to these resources doesn't create issues going forward. Staff also wanted to create a more cohesive "sense of place" along the First Street corridor - the commercial area that runs along the north side of Hwy. 10 - and turn it into more of a true commercial district.

Finance

The city will continue to pursue various sources of funding for all of these projects, be it grants, state aid, or finding the most efficient uses of taxpayer dollars.

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Letters To The Editor

Why I Opposed the Referendum

During last week’s Becker School board meeting, the board members got on the topic of reviewing the recent referendum. About a month ago, the referendum was voted down by 11 votes. The board is going to re-evaluate their proposal and present a new referendum to the voters.

During this discussion, one board member presented his opinion on why the referendum failed: The board had failed to properly educate the voters on what they needed and why.

What!? NO! The board did NOT fail to educate the voters. In my opinion, the board did a PHENOMENAL job with their public outreach! They had a dedicated website which clearly explained everything they wanted, they had open house events, letters in the paper, flyers in the mail, the whole shebang. They got over 1,200 voters to come to a non-presidential election! That’s amazing! And NOT the reason the referendum was voted down.

Of course, I can’t speak for all the voters, but I’d like to share why I opposed the referendum. Now, I did not vote, since I had just moved out of the area and therefore was not eligible, but as a reporter in the community and a long-time Becker resident, I did have my own opinion on the issue, and having spoken to some other residents, and seen Facebook posts of people who did vote, I know my opinion doesn’t differ significantly from others who opposed the referendum.

I, and others, opposed the referendum because the board asked for astroturf to be installed on the practice football field. Even though, in their original survey, they found little support for adding artificial turf to



By Katie Cantin,
Staff Writer

the practice football field. Quite possibly because they already have an excellent varsity field with astroturf already on it! The board argued that the maintenance fees would be lower in the long run for artificial turf. They said that all the sports teams, not just football, would have a chance to use the field. They said that it would help with Becker’s lack of greenspace for sports.

And yes, these points were all well-communicated to the public. But there are a few reasons why some of us opposed the idea, regardless.

Replacing an existing greenspace with an artificial greenspace doesn’t do much to help the issue of Becker’s lack of greenspace. It just makes one area a bit nicer.

All sports teams will get to use the field? When I was in high school, the giant parking lot in the front of the PAC was installed. One of the arguments for the installation, as I recall, was to help with student parking, as there was not enough room. Do you know who was allowed to use the lot? Staff and event parking only. I’m fairly certain that’s true to this day!

And even if maintenance fees are lower and the field is a better quality, some people just don’t particularly like the idea of covering the ground with plastic

turf. Some would simply prefer we just kept the grass and paid a bit more in maintenance.

The survey to the public last fall showed there was not much support for the field. Only around 50% of those polled said they would support it. Sure, that number was higher when voters were asked if they would support the project if it could be done without increasing taxes. BUT the board knew the results of that poll were skewed in their favor: the ones responding to the poll were most likely school age families and school staff. Of course they’d be more receptive! But those groups are not the only ones who will be paying for the project. So the rest of the public made their opinion heard on election day.

But now the board has a chance to try again! So please, school board members, don’t ask for the same thing in a different bow: I doubt anyone is truly against adding classrooms and spaces for the tech classes: we know that there is a legitimate need for those. But this is not the way to get your artificial turf. The voters have said “No.”

If you truly believe the astroturf is a worthwhile investment, why not go out to local businesses and ask for the money that way? What’s wrong with fundraising? Sure it’s a lot of money, but you don’t have to raise it all at once. Get those middle and high school athletes to sell magazine subscriptions and seasonal treats. Once they’ve worked hard raising the money, they’ll know it was their efforts that made the field a possibility and they’ll appreciate it more than they would if it was only given to them.

Special Session Going Into OT

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted by the Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer team).

This week marks the beginning of the 2021 special session.

Going into overtime like this to balance the state’s biennial budget is not what I wanted but I am confident that my colleagues in both the House and Senate will come together for Minnesotans. A balanced budget will be the end result, no matter how messy it may get until then.

An issue that I have had my eye on for a while has returned to the public sphere once again, and that is the issue of managing Minnesota’s historic sites and buildings. The Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) has been in charge of management, upkeep, sales, and general oversight for many years with one glaring problem - they are a nonprofit organization. This poses an issue because nonprofits are not under the same rules as state-run organizations, but this specific nonprofit is in charge



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

of state-owned properties.

Because of this quasi-loophole, the state legislature has been left out of many decisions made on behalf of these properties and sites. There are no open meeting laws, records are few and far between, and many other important information on how these decisions have been made are missing or were simply never recorded because there was no transparency requirement. I believe the state should have a significantly larger role in the preservation of our history and be included in decisions regarding sales or changes to these sites. We

need transparency in our history, regardless of how ugly it may have been.

One exciting part of this special session is that you are finally able to come back to the Capitol and participate in the legislative process! The Capitol building is officially reopened to the public! It is always so special to see the faces of constituents wandering through the beautiful, historic building in awe at the stories that have become legends within these walls. Besides the beauty of the building, you can even come to watch the Senate and House in session! It’s more exciting than TV, I promise.

As the rest of special session unfolds, know that I remain committed to fighting for your needs at the Capitol in any way I can. I encourage you to reach out to my office with any questions, comments, or concerns. My email is Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN or you can call me at 651-296-5565.

TO THE EDITOR:

Memorial Day will be here in days, a day that we citizens show honor and respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our liberties. These liberties are many and can be neatly summed up in the Bill of Rights. Possibly the most important of these is the First Amendment, which guarantees the right of free speech. The rights guaranteed by the First Amendment are quite broad, so broad in fact, that it even guarantees the right to turn what was a nice front yard on the outskirts of town into an offensive display of “political” signage, complete with obscenities as well as bastardized American flags. In total, it’s a display of the lie-fueled hate that led to an attempted coup d’état on January 6, 2021. Offensive it is, but protected by the First Amendment. However, something else comes into play here, respect for our community, as well as respect for non-community members who may pass by. It would be a sign of respect for others if the property owners were to remove these offensive displays. Any veteran who should pass by would likely be wondering, “I served my country to protect this?”

Rick Wittwer
Clear Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

For five years, Americans have been put through 100% fake news information on the false Russian collusion and the Deep State (the folks who tried to undermine Trump election from day one), top FBI agents, the Clintons and every top Democrat in DC. The lies and deception kept us on edge and the frosting on the cake was COVID-19, manna from heaven for the Democrats. Now, we are left with total incompetence in all policies that will keep America last, beginning with our energy dependence on foreign oil and the open border policy which will soon see one million border crossings with 45,000 get aways according to the border patrol. One might ask, where are they? Remorse for Biden voters has set in and already we see the aftershock as foreign leaders see their opening to, once again, rip Americans off and put us in the same position of America last which we endured through the last Democrat run country. Elections do matter and this last one has proven to be the disaster the informed tried to warn Americans about.

Gordon Schmidt
Loretto, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Could the Patriot consider “fact-checking” our local politicians’ comments? It would be so refreshing to hear both sides of an issue instead of only partisan talking points. To wit, the article

Being Good Stewards

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted by the Congressman Tom Emmer team).

I always enjoy my time traveling around Minnesota’s Sixth Congressional District. These last few weeks spent in the district were full of discussions about how we can spur economic growth, keep our communities safe, and preserve our right to self-determination.

ICYMI

On Sunday, I joined Esme Murphy on *WCCO TV* to talk about a few of the issues currently being discussed in Congress.

Among several topics, we discussed the ongoing conversation around police reform, which I believe should focus on strengthening the community-law enforcement relationship. In Minnesota, we have outstanding examples of how best to do this, like the *St. Cloud Police Dept.’s* work to invest in a Community OutPost, or a “COP House.”

The “COP House” brings law enforcement and residents of the local community together in a way that helps build trust and rapport. I talked to Esme about the success of this initiative and the bill I introduced, which would make this effort a national federal pilot program.

Rural America

The Waters of the United States rule, often referred to as “WOTUS,” was proposed in June of 2014 by the *US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* and the *US Army Corps of Engineers*. The effort sought to give federal agencies greater regulatory powers over bodies of water, like streams and wetlands, which greatly expands their authority beyond the limits approved by Congress. This overreach added another layer of federal bureaucracy on millions of Amer-



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

icans and in some cases, threatened the livelihoods of farmers, ranchers, and business owners across the nation.

WOTUS is a prime example of the type of sweeping regulation instituted by the Obama Administration; it expands the size, scope, and authority of the Executive branch. We can all agree that we should be good stewards of our land and waterways, but that goal cannot come at the expense of our nation’s farmers, manufacturers, and home builders.

I opposed the Obama Administration’s attempts to implement the WOTUS rule and was pleased when the Trump Administration repealed it in 2020. The Trump Administrations’ work to repeal and replace WOTUS with the Navigable Waters Protection Rule was a more targeted effort to help improve the quality of our environment while providing clarity and predictability for Americans.

Unfortunately, the Biden Administration has announced they are not only officially reopening the definition of WOTUS but will likely remand the 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule through the court process. I’ll continue to fight for local land management and against efforts to give the federal government more control over Minnesotans’ natural resources.

Medical Innovations

about Newberger’s town hall included biased opinions and outright distortions. Regarding Sherco, Rep. Mekeland said Xcel was “considering pulling out of Becker under pressure from the PUC and environmentalists.” In fact, the PUC will only consider Xcel’s plans later this summer. And environmentalists, like the rest of us, can only weigh in during the PUC public comment period, ending June 25. If Xcel does decide against a new \$ 1+ billion-dollar fossil gas plant that will emit 3.5 million metric tons of carbon per year, be obsolete in 10 years, and leave rate payers with millions in stranded assets, it is because they examined alternatives and realize they can meet our energy needs without a new plant, save rate payers an est. \$2.2 billion over 15 years and be 100% carbon neutral by 2040. If Xcel has changed its mind, it is because they are being economically smart, responsible stewards and good corporate neighbors. It is win for all of us. And Patriot, please could we have both sides?

Rose Thelen
Clearwater, MN

(Editor’s Note: The Patriot was in attendance at the Townhall meeting unlike anyone from the environmentalist groups. The fact-checking is unnecessary since the facts were stated at the meeting, coming straight from the speakers’ mouths.)

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Russell Cox family in regards to the amazing response to our recent tragedies. We have been overwhelmed in the most amazing ways by the compassion shown to us by the people we call our family, friends and our community. We wish we could have thanked each and every one individually, and we tried where and when we could to find an address and send a card. But for those we haven’t been able to track down, please know that you have touched our lives in profound ways; and God has carved a special place in our hearts for each and every one of you. We want to thank you all for going on this journey with us, and to tell you that we are exceptionally grateful. You have all been so amazing, and the outpouring of your love for ourselves, our Dad and Spencer’s beautiful wife Liz, has been incredible. For those who have donated money, a meal, and your time, just know that we are counting these blessings and ask that you are blessed in return.

All our Love-
Russell Cox, Liz Garvais Cox, Macoy (Nicole) Cox, Jena (Kent) Backes, Casey (Kyle) Kosloske, and Logan Cox

The National Marrow Donor Program, more popularly known as “Be The Match,” is headquartered in Minnesota. In order for Be The Match to continue its operations and support transplant patients and donors worldwide, they need funding reauthorization from the federal government every five years. This program has become a worldwide service and has facilitated more than 100,000 cell transplants with marrow, blood stem cells, and cord blood. Be The Match has grown to a point where this once small and unknown Minnesota entity now conducts nearly 6,200 transplants a year.

The Transplant Act, which I co-sponsored, re-authorizes the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and supports patients who need a potentially life-saving bone marrow or umbilical cord blood transplant. Recently, it was signed into law after passing the House Floor in April with my support!

I have had the privilege of touring Be The Match in Minneapolis and seeing firsthand the amazing work they do. I was proud to support continued funding for their efforts and will continue to do anything I can to help them provide these life-saving efforts.





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Still Surprised By What I See

By Naturalist Stan Tekiela

Everyday in nature is a new and exciting adventure. Even after 40 plus years of working with wildlife in some of the most beautiful places, I still learn new things and surprised by what I see or what I learn. All of this creates a sense of wonder and amazement in my mind. It also keeps me going each morning when I get up pre-dawn and head out for the day with only a handful of hours of sleep.

Right now, I am in the middle of my Common Loon photo workshop and tour season. Each year, photographers from around the world book time with me. I take them out to photograph Common Loons (*Gavia immer*) from my customized boat.

Each morning and evening during the season, I am out on my boat with up to five or six photographers.

This means I am on the water teaching about loon behavior and helping my clients capture some amazing images of these iconic birds of the northland. It also allows me to log an unprecedented number of hours watching and studying these black and white beauties.

Recently I observed two things that really made me take notice of some new things. One evening I was approaching a family of loons from across the lake. I could see one of the adults was very upset and splashing about and preforming an aggression dance. This is where the loon stands up, out of the water, holding its bill tightly down to its chest while giving a loud call. This is called the penguin dance or vulture stance, because of the way the loon looks while performing this aggression display.

Through my binoculars I could see something large

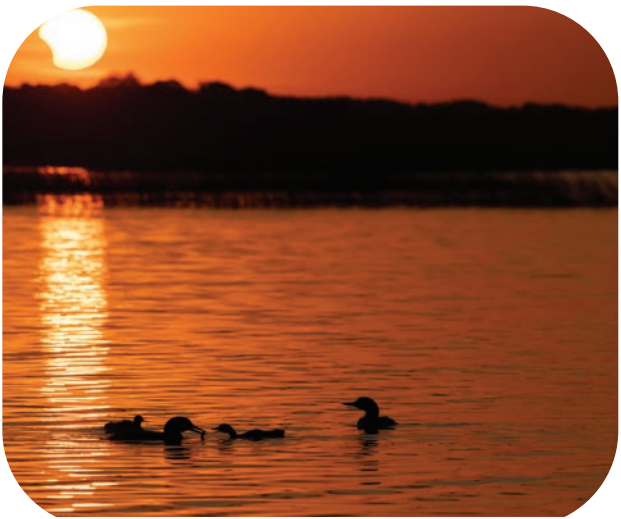
and black in the water. As I got closer, I still couldn't make out what the heck was in the water that was upsetting this adult loon. It was only when I got much closer could I see the black object was a wind-breaker jacket that must have blown out of someone's boat and was resting right in the territory of this loon family.

By now the adult loon was exhausted after all its efforts to drive off the floating jacket. I maneuvered my boat to go right up to the jacket and quickly pulled the jacket from the water and immediately backed up and away from the adult loon. The second I removed the jacket from the water the adult loon calmed right down. You could almost see the relief on that loon's face as soon as the jacket was removed from the waters surface. This is something I have never seen happen before.

The following morning, we where back out on the water before sunrise. The plan is always to capture the sun coming up with the loons in the foreground. I found a family of loons that where busy feeding their young. Once again, I maneuvered my boat to capture some amazing sunrise images featuring this family of loons feeding their young.

Taking these kinds of images are a regular part of my photo workshops / tours so nothing seemed out of the ordinary. This kind of photography of looking directly into the sun is challenging. You need to have your camera set on some very specific settings to capture these kinds of moments. And there is no time to waste because the time to capture the best images lasts just 10 minutes or so.

Plus, it is not easy looking directly into the sun to capture these images. I



wear my sunglasses to help accomplish this task. Everything worked out great and I was thrilled that we could capture some images of the adults feeding the young loons with the rising sun in the background.

But it was back in the office when editing the images did the surprising natural event become evident. Unknown to me, there was a partial solar eclipse going on. Of course, I couldn't see it while it was going on be-

cause the sun is too bright. But the camera captured perfectly. A corner of the sun had a bite taken out of it. And once again, mother nature amazes and surprises me. Until next time...

Stan Tekiela is an author / naturalist and wildlife photographer who travels the U.S. to study and capture wildlife. He can be followed on facebook.com, twitter.com and Instagram.com. He can be contacted via his webpage at naturesmart.com.

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NDSU Awards 3 Area Students

Submitted Article

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

North Dakota State University recently announced two area students receiving scholarships to the school — one from Becker and one from Clearwater.

Becker

Gretchen Graftaas, daughter of Eric and Stephanie Graftaas, Becker, Minnesota, received the North Dakota State University Presidential Honor Award in the amount of \$8,000. The Presidential Honor Award recognizes students who scored a 29 to 31 on the ACT and had a 3.5 or higher high school GPA.

Graftaas will enter NDSU in the fall and plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Ashley Reed, daughter of Christopher and Leann Reed, Becker, received the North Dakota State University Presidential Award in the amount of \$12,000. The Presidential Award recognizes students who scored a 32 or higher on the ACT and had a 3.5 or higher high school GPA.

Reed will enter NDSU in the fall and plans to major in architecture. In high school, she was involved in dance and varsity golf.

Clearwater

Vitaliy Brusso, son of James and Kathleen Brusso, Clearwater, Minnesota, received the North Dakota State University Provost Award in the amount of \$6,000. The scholarship recognizes students who scored a 25 to 28 on the ACT and had a 3.5 or higher high school GPA.

Brusso will enter NDSU in the fall and plans to major in natural resources management. In high school, he was active in National Honor Society, orchestra and Spanish club.

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Messelt, Becker Twp. join Santiago supervisors for June meeting

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The *Santiago Twp. Board* met last Wednesday and welcomed several visitors to the meeting, including County Administrator Bruce Messelt, as well as *Becker Twp.* Supervisors Joe Danielson and Robin Boros.

The board began the meeting with a law enforcement update provided by Sgt. Andy Ochs, who reported a higher than usual 86 calls for service last month. Most of the additional activity was in response to the township's request for additional patrols to combat speed issues along Co. Rd. 11, and Ochs reported a number of traffic stops with citations being issued.

Next, the board discussed 67th Street and welcomed Boros and Danielson to the meeting as the roadway is shared between the two units of government.

Since last month, the Becker supervisors obtained a pair of additional quotes for gravel to be applied to the eastern section of the roadway. The bids ranged from \$59,558 to \$67,714 to fulfill the specifications of four inches of impacted material. Santiago had also advertised for



DEPUTY RYAN STURM AND HIS K-9 PARTNER, RIGGS, were on hand before the *Santiago Twp. Board* meeting to be recognized by the Mortensen family for the pair's efforts in locating Maverick (pictured) who had been missing from his home on May 23 for nearly one hour (Patriot Photo by Mark Kolbinger).

bids and they opened two at the meeting, which ranged from \$60,210 to the lowest of all the bids at \$53,465 from *Knife River*. In looking at all the bids, the two entities agreed that *Knife River's* met all of the needs and was the lowest cost and would make the most sense. However, *Becker Twp.* will have to take formal action on the award during its June meeting.

Discussion also centered around engineering fees for the project and both

sides agreed they would each pay their own when it comes to this road's construction.

The western section of the roadway was then discussed, as it is currently asphalt but continues to show deterioration problems with an unstable road base. Becker had obtained soil borings which showed up to 12 feet of peat material under the asphalt, which would make a reclamation project most likely difficult and uncertain to work in the

long run.

Several possible solutions were discussed, including doing a micro overlay and chip seal or a possible new asphalt application over the existing bed. After a lengthy discussion about the best long-term solution, it was decided that Boros would join Santiago contractor John Herbst and a representative from *Knife River* for a site inspection before the group reports back to both boards with a preferred plan of action.

Messelt Update

Messelt was present at the meeting to discuss the county's efforts over the past year and to look at options for addressing the speed on Co. Rd. 11.

He detailed some of the issues facing the county as the COVID-19 pandemic winds down, including a major backlog of court cases that are taxing the system. Not only do the court cases put a strain on the county attorney's office, but they also have related effects on other departments. Messelt noted that several child abuse and neglect cases have yet to work their way through the courts, meaning that the county incurs sometimes as much as \$5,000 a month in long-term foster care expenses for each out of home placement. These expenses are being offset by federal

aid, but Messelt explained the courts are ramping up their schedules and staffing levels to address the caseload.

In a discussion about broadband and the county's efforts to bring high speed internet to more residents, he used the analogy of the rural electric and rural telephone initiatives of the past. With the recently completed broadband study, the county now has a detailed map of the "broadband desert" areas and are formulating plans for how to address the situation moving forward. A significant portion of the county's newly \$19 million in ARPA funds will be dedicated to broadband issues.

One transportation issue Messelt discussed was the Hwy. 169 overpass in Zimmerman and how this is a priority for the county. Elk River already has plans to address traffic concerns in the city and Messelt stated that when that happens, that the stoplight in Zimmerman will be the only one for 75 miles. Without action to help that traffic concern, it will be greatly exacerbated once the Elk River projects are completed.

Last Month, the board had contacted the county for help to address the speed issues on Co. Rd. 11 and Messelt spoke of the ef-

forts over the past month to come up with solutions.

He shared research stating that driver awareness signs (LED speed signs) have been shown to decrease speeds by as much as eight mph on roadways and he is exploring possibilities for how the county might be able to help the township in this area. He is working with Sheriff Joel Brott, Commissioner Felix Schmiesing and Public Works Director Andrew Witter on the matter and will report back soon.

The board was also interested moving the speed limit signs further out of town, but this would fall under MnDOT jurisdiction and require a speed study. The board will forward a letter to Messelt indicating the desire for a speed study and the commissioners will take it up at a future meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Decided to research 10th street in the county's records to try and determine its official legal status;
- Directed that the Town Hall reopen for rental starting July 1;
- Heard from Matt Weber regarding the Fire Dept.'s activities over the past month, including seven calls for service in Santiago.

SPUD FEST from page 1

Friday, June 25

From 1 p.m. to close, the carnival is open (Use your Advance Wristband Pass - Sessions are 1-5 p.m. and 5-10 p.m.).

From 5-7 p.m., rock painting is hosted by the Big Lake Ambassadors .

At 5 p.m., Guns & Hoses (Police vs Fireman playing a friendly game of softball) kick off the softball tournament .

At 6 p.m., registration starts for the 7 p.m. 8K Lakes run start (Starts at the Big Lake Beach area).

From 6-9 p.m., Concessions by the *Knights of Columbus* commences at the main food tent .

From 6-10 p.m., bingo commences (with blackout starting at 9:30 p.m.).

From 5:30 to midnight, beer starts pouring at the main stage area (Last Call is 11 :30 p.m. (BRING

ID - WE CARD EVERYONE!!!)

From 8 p.m. to midnight, come dance to the music played by *The Departures*.

At dusk, fireworks occur provided by *Northern Lighters Pyrotechnics*.

The day's events close at midnight.

Saturday, June 26

Softball starts at 8 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m., the Spud Run Motorcycle Ride starts at *Tootsie's* and ends at *The Buff*.

At 11 a.m., the Spud Fest parade takes off.

From noon to close, the carnival is open (Use your Advance Wristband Pass - Sessions are noon to 5 p.m. and 5-10 p.m.).

Also from noon to 9 p.m., concessions by *Knights of Columbus* happen at the main food tent.

From noon to midnight,

beer starts pouring at the main stage area. (Last call is 11:30 p.m. and BRING ID = WE CARD EVERYONE!!!).

From 1-5 p.m., the *SpudINC Robotics Team* is doing demos by the Middle School .

From 1-10 p.m., Bingo occurs (with blackout starting at 9:30 p.m.).

From 1-6 p.m., the *Big Lake Women of Today* will be doing Kids Fun Crafts over by the tennis courts.

From 1:30-4 p.m., the Big Lake Ambassador Coronation happens under the Main Tent!!

From 4:15-5:15 p.m., Dance Caravan of Otsego is on Main Stage .

From 8 p.m. to midnight, come dance to music played by *Sweet Siren*.

At midnight, the festivities close for the day.

Sunday, June 27

Softball starts at 8 a.m.

From 9 a.m. to noon, a Potato Pancake Breakfast will be served by the *Big Lake Lions* at the main food tent .

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the *Spud Fest Marketplace* happens, Come shop and support local vendors .

From 10:30 a.m. to ?, beer starts pouring at the main stage area (BRING ID= WE CARD EVERYONE!!!)

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., come dance to the music played by *Electric Steel*.

From noon to 4 p.m., the carnival is open (Use your Advance Wristband Pass - Session is this whole time!)

At 1 p.m., The third annual Potato Soup Contest is held at the main food tent. Come taste and vote for one's favorite soup!

From 1-4 p.m., the *Big*

Lake Women of Today will be doing Kids Fun Crafts by the tennis courts .

From 1-3 p.m., bingo happens with blackout starting at 3 p.m.

At 2 p.m., registration begins for a 2:30 p.m. start of the Pedal Pull event over by the bingo tent area .

At 4 p.m., the festival officially closes for the year! Please come back next year!

Spud Fest will be celebrating 50 years in 2022!

Ambassadors

Five girls are vying to be senior ambassadors, two as junior ambassadors and 11 are candidates for Little Miss Ambassadors.

Anna Scales (sponsored by the *Big Lake Lions Club*), **Aspen Erickson** (*Angel's Liquor* of Maple Grove), **Emily Lemire** (*Trails, State Farm and Bob's Towing*), **Maranda Jelinek** (*Third Rail Bar &*

Grill) and **Sophia Gerou** (*BLFD*) are the senior candidates.

Amara Obia (*Riverwood Bank*) and **Rylee Nelson** (*Dave Nelson Greenhouse, LLC*) are the junior candidates.

Adelyn Gosewich (*Getty Construction*), **Chloe Miller** (*Ice Country Fish House*), **Chloe Olson** (*BL Beyond the Yellow Ribbon*), **Isabella Gerou** (*Knights of Columbus*), **Jessica Osowski** (*BLFD*), **Kylie Johnson** (*The Cradle Club*), **Melanie Spoden** (*Anderson Tax Service*), **Olivia Hohman** (*Jess Say Yes, Alyssa Johnson, Independence Stylist at Hair Obsession*), **Ruby Berthiaume** (*McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes*), **Savanna Nelson** (*Dave Nelson Greenhouse, LLC*) and **Quinn Grove** (*Russell's on the Lake*) are Little Miss candidates.

BIKERS from page 3

from home, which Weigel considered to be a more effective method of education, anyway.

"Without [the Share-

a-Thon], and just raising funds, we are missing our vision of bringing education and awareness of human sex trafficking and

sexual exploitation and related issues," Weigel said.

Funds Raised

Most of the funds raised for the event will go

to the *Stories Foundation*, which is building a cafe in Ramsey, MN. The purpose of the cafe is to support survivors of human trafficking,

by providing them with a support network, income opportunities, and temporary housing (in the form of two apartments above the cafe.)

Running for Justice also periodically sends funds to the *A.C.T United* and *Courageous Love* organizations.



VOLUNTEERS from the Bike-a-Thon included: (Back Row) Morgan, Landen Nitz, Joe Dellwo, Jon Weigel, George Balowski, Dave Weigel, Zemirah, Madi Errichiello, (Front Row) Emily Leis, Charity Dellwo, Sarah Line, and Kayla. (Some last names omitted for privacy.) (Submitted Photo.)



50 AND 100 MILE RIDERS who participated in the Bike-a-Thon included (from left to right): Peter Znameroski, Kassie Znameroski, Steve Weigel, JoAnn Marshal, Molly Winters, Amanda Rajkowski and Susie Weigel. (Submitted Photo.)



20 MILE RIDERS from the Bike-a-Thon included (from left to right): Paul Seefeld, Janelle Seefeld, J. Brian Calva, Jack Orth, and Wendy Orth. (Submitted Photo.)

Look for us at the Spud Fest Parade for some COOL treats!

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September 14 2pm-5pm KJ's Refuge Bar & Grill, 26211 184th St. NW, Orrock

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For questions or directions, please contact **GABRIELLE HOLMAN** Sherburne County Zoning, **763-765-4457** or email gabrielle.holman@co.sherburne.mn.us • www.co.sherburne.mn.us/zoning/sw/hhw.php

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Sixth annual Sticker Shock Campaign

Submitted Article

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

The Sherburne County Substance Use Prevention (SUP) Coalition invited local liquor retailers in the Sherburne County area to partner in our Sticker Shock effort to prevent the underage use of alcohol. The activity was conducted before graduation season as celebrations with



alcohol are common and can turn dangerous for underage drinkers.

Retail stores make a profit from selling alcohol and this activity allows them to help prevent problems by trying to

reach those adults who buy alcohol legally and give it to youth.

11 local businesses participated in Sticker Shock, including:

- *Beck's Pub and Jubilee Liquor* in Becker;
- *Briggs Lake Liquor* in Palmer Township;
- *Lake Liquors* in Big Lake;
- *Northbound and Westbound Liquor* in Elk River;
- *O'Brothers Wine & Spirits* in Clear Lake;
- *P&A Liquor* and *Uptown Offsale* in Zimmerman;
- *Rogers Wines & Spirits* in Rogers;

Sherburne County SUP Coalition

would like to **thank** the following businesses for supporting your community by participating in the 2021 Sticker Shock Campaign.

- Beck's Pub & Jubilee Liquor
- Briggs Lake Liquor
- Lake Liquors
- Northbound & Westbound Liquor
- O'Brothers Wine & Spirits
- P&A Liquor & Uptown Offsale
- Rogers Wines & Spirits
- Sand Dunes Spirits

- *Sand Dunes Spirits* in Orrock Township.

Youth and adult volunteers placed approximately 1,700 stickers and 500 bottle hangers on alcoholic beverages that might appeal to underage drinkers with a warning message about the penalties for pro-

viding alcohol to anyone under 21.

The SUP Coalition would like to thank the participating businesses for supporting your community and helping to keep our youth safe!

The Sherburne County Substance Use Prevention

Coalition is a community-focused organization on a mission to prevent substance use among our youth by promoting safe and healthy choices. For more information on the coalition, visit www.sherburnesupcoalition.org.

7th annual cancer survivor dinner held Monday

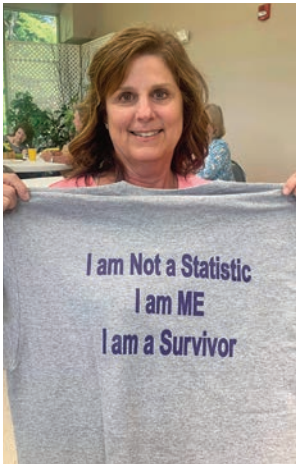
Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Cancer Survivor Committee).

Monday, *Faith Lutheran Church* hosted their seventh annual cancer survivor dinner with 62 survivors invited (with a guest) and 88 total were present.

Servers were Bev Knutson, Lonny and Fran Seeley, Darin Seeley, Bud Stimmler, Robin Boros, Mike McDonald, Abby Lindberg, Barb Ritze, and Merideth Messman.

Thanks to the donors: *Becker Lions, Clear Lake Lions, Progressive Builders, Steve & Beth Rosa, Mike McDonald, Rebecca's Café, Brickyard-Clear Lake, Lena Strehlow, Robin Boros, Don Haus, Ann Johnson, Norms' Farm Market, Hurstad Companies (Firebuggz), Von Hanson's Snacks, Anna Marie Simonsmeier, Chad's Auto, Charlie's Bar & Grill, Darrell & Linda Keeler, Taco Johns-Monticello, Sherburne State Bank, Monticello Printing, Lynn's Color Street Nails, Insight Eye Care, M.M. Sudie, Becker Food Pride, Kurt & Jodi Schlangen, Becker*



CINDY MARHOLZ – Cindy is 12 ½ years cancer free! (Submitted Photo).

Family Dentistry, Culvers-Monticello, Becker Holiday, Three Ladies Laundry, McDonalds- Becker, Coborn's-Clearwater, Clearwater Holiday, Bev Knutson & Fran Seeley. Special thanks to *Faith Lutheran Church.*

Each survivor received a substantial bag of goodies including a t-shirt, and every person picked a number for a prize. A good time was had by all.

If one would like to be included in next year's event, contact Bev Knutson (763) 656-9365 or Fran Seeley (763) 261-4144.



CINDY & KRIS MATEYKA – Cindy & her friend Kris Mateyka, Kris is an amazing supporter of Cindy. (Submitted Photo).

PALMER from page 6



Palmer Twp. Board members (L to R) Richard Larson, Steve Demeules and Mike Ganz are pictured with a recently acquired tar trailer, allowing the supervisors to patch potholes with a high quality asphalt mix (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

to be pumped for long distances.

Roads

In other road maintenance business, Ganz brought up the issue of turf establishment at residences, as there have been complaints from some homeowners about blowing and drifting sand coming from a neighbor's house that has no grass seeded.

Ganz inspected the area and did note sand drifts and he felt the township should at least seed its shoulder right of way area to keep the roadway edge intact. Supervisor Steve Demeules volunteered to look into the county ordinance regarding seeding of lawns so the rule can be applied evenly across the township.

Ganz also noted that a culvert on 95th Avenue is in need of repair so he will be gathering several quotes on prices and contractor

availability to rectify the situation. With the lack of rain recently, the board agreed that now would be a good time to address the project.

In Other Business, The Board:

- Heard a report that 161 participants had been to clean up day and next year the board agreed to look into solutions for accepting appliances and electronics;
- Learned that approximately 300 participants are showing up for Palmer Ball, the wildly popular program which runs for six more weeks;
- Heard from Ganz that the Candy Shack roof had been temporarily patched and will be replaced next year as part of the Roofer's Union apprenticeship program at no labor cost to the township;
- Listened to Clerk Amy Bragelman as she an-

nounced the results of the sport court survey, showing that 43 votes were received for putting in tennis and pickle ball courts, while 18 votes were just for tennis. Several quotes will be sought, as it was believed last year's prices have probably increased;

- Listened to Demeules give the Lake Association report, including the plans for July 2 fireworks and a July 3 boat parade. He also reminded residents that shoreline project funds are available from both the BLCA and Sherburne SWCD;
- Approved positive comment for several zoning requests, including a re-zone on 57th St. for John Walker and a Toralv Dahle septic variance.

‘Tis the season for fishing!



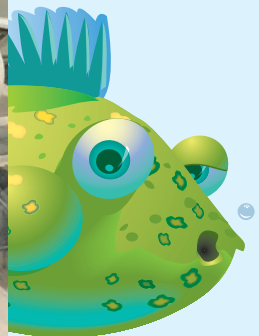
RED SNAPPER. The Cox family enjoyed a family fishing trip off the Gulf Coast of Pensacola, Florida near Rosemary Beach. Pictured are Becker residents Kevin Wilson, Ben Cox, Eli Cox and Gary Cox. (Submitted photos).



LANGE FAMILY FISHING EXCURSION. The Lange family reeled in a bunch of fish. Alex Lange, Eric Lange, Emerson LaBrecque, Audrey Lange and Marge Lange. (Submitted Photo).



SAM JOHNSON, 13, FROM BECKER, caught this 36 inch Northern Pike on Namakan Lake in Voyager's National Park while trolling with a Rapala over Memorial Day weekend. Older brother Wyatt, 15, assisted in the boat and on the dock. (Submitted Photo)



Fun Freedom Days week so far...

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Becker's annual Freedom Days celebration kicked off Monday with free ice cream floats from noon until 2 p.m. at the St. Cloud Financial Credit Union.

The weather for the last few weeks has been glorious and Mother Nature continued her exhibition under blue skies, attributing to gobs of people attending the festivities leading up to the weekend.

Monday evening, the Becker Legion held



COLE STEIL OF STEIL INSURANCE (L) served up tasty walking tacos to Tom and Sherry Woolhouse of Becker during their Freedom Days promotion along Bank Street. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

a flag burning event (appropriately on Flag Day)

in which ragged and damaged American flags were burned in a barrel in a fitting tribute to Lady Liberty.

On Tuesday, *Steil Insurance* set up a canopy in the parking lot along Bank Street and offered free walking tacos for two hours around lunchtime. Tons of people pulled over and a plethora of youngsters bellied up to the stand to get their hands on the yummy serving.

Starting at 11:30 a.m., the *Becker Area Senior Center* hosted a BBQ Chicken lunch at *Becker City Park* with music and

a cock-a-doodle zoo. The event was open to the public and BASC accepted a free will offering to cover the expenses.

Later on Tuesday, the *Sherburne County History Center* held their ice cream social from 6-8 p.m. and they also featured a showcase of area visual arts in the building during regular business hours.

Wednesday, *Sherburne State Bank* held a customer appreciation lunch on their boulevard which housed a huge canopy and plenty of tables and chairs. Ice cream was also offered and the bank

also featured a bouncy house for the little ones.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Amy Chmielewski of *American Family Insurance* held a free windshield chip repair solution for cracked and chipped windshields. The event was open to the public and any free will offering was donated to the *Becker Backpack Buddies* program.

Check back next week to see more photos and information on the rest of the week's activities including the carnival, the parade and music shows.



THE WARM WEATHER and long lines at the Sherburne State Bank lunch event didn't stop people from getting their hands on an original Pronto Pup. (Photo by Bill Morgan.)



SIBLINGS NOAH, KATELYN AND JOHN got some sweet treats at Sherburne History Center's Ice Cream Social on Tuesday. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



KAY ESLER is one of the artists featured in the Sherburne Area Visual Arts Showcase on display at the Sherburne History Center. She created the many beautiful wooden carvings on display here. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



CAROL BRUNN AND PAT THROLSON served the senior center lunch on Tuesday. About 170 came to the lunch this year! (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



SUSTAINABLE SAFARI (Formerly Cock-a-Doodle Zoo) came out after the senior center lunch on Tuesday to teach kids about animals. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



ST. CLOUD FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION EMPLOYEES SHAY (L) AND CHRISTINA (R) served floats to Becker residents who stopped by on Monday. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

Becker city seeks opinions on ATV ordinance

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During Tuesday's city council meeting, citizen Pete Wiseman spoke during open forum about the proposed change in city ordinance regarding ATVs on city streets. He felt that the ordinance change would lead to many more ATVs being on the streets, causing lots of noise and unsafe conditions.

The individual was encouraged to attend the next city council meeting and voice his opinion during the public hearing for the proposed ordinance change. The public hearing was originally scheduled for Tuesday's meeting, but city staff felt they needed more time to prepare the ordinance before it was ready to present to the council.

There was a brief public hearing to change the city's fee schedule regarding an ATV fee. No one spoke during this public hearing, and the rest of the ordinance will be considered during the next meeting.

Public Hearings

On the subject of public hearings, the council set

three for the next council meeting, July 6.

These will include:

- The above-mentioned hearing regarding the ATV ordinance;

- A hearing regarding the certification of snow removal changes – The city removed snow for citizens who failed to do so in a timely manner. The citizens who did not pay the

city



for this vice will have the cost assessed to their property tax;

- And a hearing regarding a change to penalties for violating the watering ordinance – Currently, there is a \$25 fee for a first-time offense and a \$50 for a second-time offense. Staff believes that many citizens are unaware of the watering ordinance, and so want to change the first-time offense penalty to a warning. They will keep the second

offense penalty as \$50 and add a penalty of \$100 for those who violate the ordinance three times, and for each consecutive violation.

Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds

Under the American Rescue Plan, city staff expect to receive around \$500,000 towards economic recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic, distributed in summer 2021 and 2022. This is an estimate by staff, as Becker has not yet been approved for this amount, but staff asked council to make a motion accepting approximately this amount so staff could begin creating a budget for the funding. This will show the state and federal governments that the city is prepared to spend the money in an appropriate manner.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Awarded a bid for work at the wastewater treatment center dump station;

- Approved a change order for work at the business park expansion to fix a plumbing issue;

- Heard a presentation on the state of the county.

Becker School Board wraps up year, makes future plans

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Becker's School Board met last Monday and tied up some loose ends as the school year ended. They briefly discussed plans to deal with COVID-19, bullying, school funding, fundraising, virtual meetings, and other procedures as the district begins to prepare for the next school year.

Superintendent's Report

Becker Public Schools received grants for \$75,000 for summer school district wide and up to \$121,400 for summer school at a rate of \$4 per hour, per student. Staff also applied for grants for PreK summer school and mental health increased support. The board recently sent out a survey about back-filling funding such as ESSAR, CCOSA, and CARES funding.

Supt. Jeremy Schmidt congratulated the staff and students for successfully completing a crazy school year. He felt that everyone faced the challenges with a positive attitude. The board discussed graduation, very satisfied with how the event went, being hosted on the football field.

Regarding COVID-

19 regulations for the next school year, the board's plan currently is to follow recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

Virtual meetings are no longer required, so the board discussed whether they would continue to broadcast the meetings electronically. They decided to continue to do so, for the time being, for the sake of transparency.

The board continued to discuss issues with bullying and making sure students felt respected in school. Administrators have been speaking with the students who presented to the board at the last regular meeting, and also reaching out to other organizations to better educate staff on how to handle these issues. A special training session is planned for August.

Referendum, Take 2

The board discussed preparing a new referendum proposal. The board still felt it needed a lot of the items they had been hoping to get approved last month when the original proposal was voted down. The board will have to make some significant changes to the proposal, legally, in order to present it to the voters

again this fall. The board attributed the failure to the lack of educating the community on why they needed the items included in the referendum.

Policy Changes

The board reviewed policy changes. Most of the changes proposed were intended to keep in line with *MSBA (Minnesota School Board Association)*, but one change was to include a report of funds raised for various school activities. This report would be made to the board, and the intent is to make sure that funds are being appropriately used and accounted.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Moved to reschedule the next board meeting to July 12;

- Purchased two new busses through a lease-to-own agreement;

- Approved a 10-year maintenance plan, in accordance with the MDE;

- Updated district goals and values.

Barnes PRCA celebrates 66th annual rodeo

Submitted Article

Barnes PRCA Rodeo will host its 66th Buffalo PRCA Championship Rodeo June 24-25-26, 7

p.m.

Established in 1955, The Buffalo PRCA Championship Rodeo is Minnesota's oldest Pro Rodeo.

The Buffalo Rodeo Association continues to provide quality family-friendly entertainment built on a foundation of rich tradition.

\$15 for adults in advance or \$18 at the gate; \$12 for children in advance (3-12) or \$15 at the gate; \$12 Seniors (65+), Veter-

ans and First Responders in advance. Tickets are available online at www.BuffaloRodeo.com

Sports News

Pebble Creek once again hosts state golf tournament

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Pebble Creek once again hosted the Class A High School State Tournament this week in Becker.

Girls Golf

Athletes from Park Christian, Braham, Lac qui Parle Valley, Badger/GB-MR, Sleepy Eye United, Heritage Christian Academy, Minnesota Valley Lutheran, Bethlehem Academy, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, SWMCH/EHS, Heron Lake, Ashby, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, Mahnomen/Waubun, North Woods, Minnetonka, Ottertail Central, Barnum, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, New Ulm Cathedral, Hinckley-Finlayson, Fillmore Central, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton, BOLD, Adrian, Hayfield,



PEBBLE CREEK was abuzz this week under ideal weather conditions for the MSHSL Class A State Tournament in Becker. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

Legacy Christian Academy, Red Lake, Blooming Prairie, Breckenridge, Pine River, Cedar Mountain, Benson, Dawson-Boyd, Fosston, West Marshall and Cass Lake teed up for the two-day event.

Eight schools from Sections 1A-8A vied for the state title including Fillmore Central, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton, Adrian, BOLD, Lac qui Parle Valley, Park Christian, Braham and Badger/GB-MR.

BOLD captured the team championship at the Class A State Girls Golf Tournament held at Pebble Creek Golf Club on June 11-12, 2019. (Last year, due to COVID-19, no state tournament was held). The Warriors edged out Park Christian (Moorhead) by one stroke for the title

Boys Golf

Athletes from North Woods, Sleepy Eye United, Fertile-Beltrami, Legacy Christian Academy, BOLD, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, Southland, Cass Lake, Kittson County Central, Bethlehem Academy, Martin County West, Lac qui Parle Valley, Mille Lacs, Hayfield, Springfield, Underwood, New Life Academy, Community Christian, Kenyon-Wanamingo, Lanesboro, Benson, Adrian, West Central Area, Murray County Central, Wabasso, Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, Pelican Rapids, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, Pine River-Backus, Lakeview, Renville County West, Dawson-Boyd, Ada-Borup-West, Heritage Christian Academy, East Central, United South Central, Canby, New Ulm Ca-

thedral and Fosston.

Eight schools from Sections 1A-8A vied for the state title including Lanesboro, Sleepy Eye United, Adrian, Legacy Christian Academy, Benson, West Central Area, North Woods and Fertile-Beltrami.

Community Christian (Willmar) won the Class A Team Championship at Pebble Creek GC in Becker, MN on June 11-12, 2019. (Last year, due to COVID-19, no state tournament was held). The Eagles finished three strokes ahead of second place Springfield.



Girls track stars celebrate 2021 season

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The Becker Lady Bulldog track team had their final meet of the season last week at their Section 8AA meet.

While they did not have anyone make it to finals, they had several PR (personal record) performances.

Becker's 4x800 relay team of Meghan Swanson, Kayla Gruenes, Alea Briggs and Lexi Rose did earn a place on the awards stand. After a rough start due to one of the girls feeling unwell, (she gave everything she had) the others ran after it and came back to track down several other teams and finish eighth (which was their seed spot).

"Proud of their never-say-die attitude," said Head Coach Trish Kealy.

Lauren Woelfel finished in ninth place (just off the podium) in the pole vault with a tie for her PR of 8' 6". Also nearly making finals was Abby Atwood, who was 11th in the 400 with a PR time of 64.84. Alea Briggs earned a PR in the 400 as well (64.99). Katelyn Brower achieved a PR in the 800 (2:40.06).

"It was a good season with great teammates," said Kealy. "We are grateful to have been able to compete."

Thursday, the Bulldogs held their awards picnic at the Becker City Park.

Awards Night

Academically, the team earned the MSHSL Coaches Association Gold Award as well as the Academic All Conference Gold Team Award. There were multiple academic all conference individual awards also as the

girls had five Academic All State Award winners. They are Kayla Gruenes, Meghan Swanson, Regan Hausmann, Alea Briggs and Lexi Rose. To earn that award, one had to either be all conference, a state meet competitor, or make the MSHSL honor roll and have a G.P.A. of at least 3.6.

Becker's Scholar Athlete (Top GPA varsity letter winner that has completed their sophomore year — this year's junior or above) this year was Sarah Woelfel.

Letter Winners this year were: Kayla Gruenes, Olivia Babler, Brooklyn Karel, Alea Briggs, Evelyn Kreft, Lauren Woelfel, Meghan Swanson, Katelyn Brower, Abby Atwood and managers Chleo Setrum, Abi Berning and Aylla King. Those girls were all first year letter winners.

Girls who earned a letter previously as well as this year are: Anna Briggs, Whitney Schug, Lexi Rose, Jessica Gruenes, Paige Maunu, Cassidy Pleoger, Sarah Woelfel, Grace Schendel and Regan Hausmann.

Individual Awards: High point scorer: Cassidy Pleoger, (other awards voted on by teammates): Most Dedicated: Meghan Swanson; Most Improved: Olivia Babler and Alea Briggs; Rookie of the year 2021: Evelyn Kreft.

2021 Captains: Anna Briggs Jessica Gruenes, Cassidy Pleoger, Grace Schendel and Whitney Schug.

2022 Captains: Paige Maunu, Skylar Schug, Sarah Woelfel, Regan Hausmann, Kayla Gruenes and Brooklyn Karel.

All Conference win-

ners: Regan Hausmann-300 Hurdles, Lexi Rose 1600 meters and 4x800 relay, Kayla Gruenes 4x800 relay, Meghan Swanson 4x800 relay and Alea Briggs 4x800 relay. Honorable mention: Cassidy Pleoger 100 meters, Abby Atwood 400 meters, Alea Briggs 400 meters, Kayla Gruenes 800 meters and Sarah Woelfel high jump.

New additions to Becker Honor Roll: Lexi Rose 1600 meters, Regan Hausmann 300 hurdles, Lauren Woelfel Pole Vault, Evelyn Kreft Shot Put and Discus.

Becker says goodbye to six seniors this year: Jessica Gruenes - five year veteran, Grace Schendel, four year veteran, Anna Briggs, six year veteran, Whitney Schug, six year veteran, Cassidy Pleoger, six year veteran and Annika Howe, one year team member.

"These young ladies have been a joy," said their head coach.

Becker leaves Section 8AA this year because the MSHSL has finally added a third class to track and field. Next year, the Bulldogs will compete in section 5AA with Big Lake, Foley, Milaca, Monticello, Princeton, Sauk Rapids Rice, Spectrum, St Cloud Tech, St Cloud Apollo, St Francis and Zimmerman.

"Thank you to everyone who supported us this season including but not limited to: parents, Jesse O'Neill and Dave Niemi from the activities office, custodial staff, bus drivers, Patriot newspaper, Lommel Photography, all those who worked our home meets, spouses of coaching staff and so many more," said Kealy.

Ricker advances to state meet for boys track

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker boys track team will again have a state tournament participant, as this year Tyson Ricker qualified for the big dance by placing second last Saturday in the Section 8AA finals track meet in the 1600 meter run. The state meet will be held at St. Michael Albertville high school Sat., June 19.

"Tyson ran an incredible race and took over the second place spot with about 800 meters to go," Head Coach Paul Schmidt said. "His strategy was great as the other two runners that were with him were surprised at his early surge."

Ricker ran a personal best time of 4:31.37 to qualify for the state finals.

Schmidt said that Lukas Karel also competed in the 1600 last Saturday and finished strong for his career with a time of 4:53.51, while Carter Reckelberg finished up his fine season in the long jump where he leaped 17'8.75".

Prelims

The preliminaries were held last Wednesday in Sartell, where the team battled blistering conditions. Schmidt said he was happy, however, with the performance of his team.

"We did not see anyone moving on to the finals but there were some very good performances," Schmidt said. "Tyson Ricker finished eighth in the 3200 and it was an extremely hot day so it definitely took it out of the two milers."

Owen Angell had a good



STATE BOUND. Tyson Ricker (wearing his medal) qualified for the MN State Class AA Track Meet by placing 2nd in the Section 8AA 1600 meter run. He is pictured with coaches Dustin Weege, Trish Reimer-Kealy and Paul Schmidt (Photo courtesy BHS Principal Dave Kreft).

day and came ever so close to making finals in the 300M intermediate hurdles with a 43.94 personal best time. The eighth grader finished ninth, which in many years would see him move on, but this year the finals are being held at a facility that only had eight lanes. Schmidt reported that Angell also pole vaulted well making 11'10", but was unable to crack into the top eight.

Carter Leither finished his season with two personal best times in the 200 (24.75) and the 400 (53.86).

Cade Stommes has his personal best Triple Jump with a leap of 36'3", while Luke Macdonald (100 and 200 sprints) and Michael Schmitz (hurdle events) finished their careers on high notes.

Awards

With many of the participants ready to scatter for the summer, Schmidt and the team held its award ceremony last Thursday and handed out

letter winners as well as other awards and accomplishments from the season. Following is a list of awards:

Most Improved: Carter Reckelberg; **Most Dedicated:** Cade Stommes and Tyson Ricker; **Rookie of the Year:** Owen Angell; **Most Points (Most Valuable):** Owen Angell; **This year's Captains:** Cade Stommes, Michael Schmitz, Lukas Karel; **Captains Next Year:** Tyson Ricker, Caleb Reckelberg, Carter Leither, Mason Becker; **All Conference:** Owen Angell; Pole Vault and 300 Hurdles; Tyson Ricker: 1600 and 3200; Lukas Karel: 1600; **Honorable Mention All Conference:** Lukas Karel 3200; **Letter winners:** Michael Schmitz, Cade Stommes, Lukas Karel, Luke MacDonald, Carter Leither, Tyson Ricker, Mason Becker, Ben Howe, Caleb Reckelberg, Owen Angell, Carter Reckelberg, and Alex Kinney.

Clear Lake Twp. opposes changes to county BOA

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Clear Lake Twp. Board met Tuesday evening and handled several items on the agenda, including a discussion of the proposed changes to Sherburne County's Board of Adjustment (BOA).

The BOA is the entity that reviews applications for land use issues such as variances and easements. Currently, it is comprised of seven citizens, four of whom also happen to be township supervisors from across the county.

Clear Lake Supervisor Bud Stimmler currently sits on the BOA and he voiced his frustrations and concerns about the proposed changes. He referenced a meeting several months ago where the concept was discussed and described the issue as "heated" between representatives of some of the townships and some Sherburne commissioners.

"I'm not assigned to that board as a township supervisor, but I applied as a regular citizen," Stimmler said, noting that he didn't even inform the board until after he was appointed.

"They want to change it so no elected township officials can serve on the board and I think that's wrong."

Board Chair Gary Gray also weighed in on the situation, noting that in his estimation, township supervisors would certainly have the experience and knowledge needed to apply the zoning rules fairly and in accordance with county ordinances.

Stimmler said he planned to attend a county planning commission meeting Thursday evening where the issue will be discussed. The consensus of the board was that they are not in favor of the proposed change to eliminate the service of township officials from serving on the BOA and they instructed Stimmler to carry the message loud and clear to the meeting.

Parks

Stimmler updated the board on the Township Park and spoke of the difficulties in controlling the Chinese elm trees on the east side of the park. The plan is to work with the Sherburne SWCD this fall to hold a controlled burn, but first a Brush Hog will be used to

grind the trees. A herbicide will then be applied to the roots to try and control the prolific trees.

The seedlings around the Town Hall continue to show good growth, but Stimmler noted the need to put in a small section of edging and landscape rock to separate the native prairie grasses from the sidewalk area. Fabric will be used to control weeds and the materials will cost less than \$200 total so he was given the go-ahead to get that project started.

Roads

Twp. Engineer T. "Eyke" Vander Eyk gave an update on the Sherwood Shores development road project which started this past Monday. The contractor started by digging out the approach roads so they can be matched when the pavement is reapplied.

Wednesday was scheduled to be the start of the reclamation project itself, where the road will be ground and the asphalt reclaimed.

Notices were sent out to all residents this week, indicating a timeline of the scheduled work. Email blasts were also sent last

week in an effort to notify as many residents as possible.

Eyk next reported on some cracking that is happening on 67th Street in the northeast corner of the township on a shared roadway with Palmer. While he hasn't been out to inspect the issue, Stimmler said he was there recently and the cracks do appear to be getting bigger and will need to be addressed. Eyk volunteered to speak with representatives from Palmer Twp. to see if there is a consensus on what should be done next to address the issue.

Lastly, he presented a partial pay request for \$2,185 for site work that was done at the Town Hall to bring the front area into ADA compliance. More Class 2 fill than was originally planned ended up being needed to meet the requirements and the board unanimously approved the payment.

Chairman's Update

Gray notified the board that he attended a meeting of the Clearwater Twp. Board where the issue of the City of Clearwater's two mile subdivision ordi-

nance was discussed.

Several months ago, the city acted unilaterally and extended its subdivision ordinance for two miles beyond its current city limits. While allowed by statute, the surrounding townships are in agreement that the move causes concerns about future annexation.

Gray reported that the Sherburne County Board had sent a letter of concern to the city as well.

The township's attorney has been consulted and options have been discussed for how to proceed, as the two mile distance seems to be "too far of a reach" in Gray's estimation. Stimmler and Supervisor Ross Imholte agreed that the two mile addition is extreme and should be rescinded in the name of working together between the townships and the city for orderly annexation as the landowners request it.

In final action, Gray let the board know that he and Treasurer Paul Goenner are looking into the requirements for the ARPA Federal funds and that they expect to make application in the next few weeks.

Final details and an amount have not been determined, although it is expected to be a significant sum of money.

In Other Business,

The Board:

- Discussed last month's Sheriff's Report, which outlined 88 calls for service, including 34 traffic stops and 8 medicals;
- Denied a request from a homeowner to replace a tree that was cut down by the township in its road right of way.

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ney Sieg, Jazlyn Toedter, Maren Westin, Joseph Drury, Nabil Fisher, Tygen Salvevold, Jackson Sieg, Pat Briggs, Sam Jundt, Mike Sieg, Julie Toedter and Chris Salvevold.

The rest of the team includes: Dawn Bengtson, Alli Knute, Jacquie Lambert, Dani Nue, Owen Babler, Mason Becker, Ryan Bengtson, Zach Bengtson, Ian O'Neill, Eli Scheideman, Joey Sieg, Sam Steiskal, Trenton Woolhouse and Cooper Wright.

Bike Rodeo coming to BHS

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Becker Cub Scouts, Pack 92).

The Becker Cub Scouts Pack 92 troop will be hosting a Bike Rodeo Tues., June 22 from 5-8 p.m. in the Becker High School parking lot.

The free event allows guests to learn about bike safety, try their obstacle course and get one's bicycle adjusted properly.

Guests are asked to bring their own bike, scooter and helmet and stay

for a while or for the entire event!



Lily's Wings food truck will be on the premises and will be offering a

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Donations will be accepted for the Becker Food Shelf. For questions, contact becker-pack92@gmail.com or find the troop on Facebook at Becker Cub Scouts Pack 92.

So mount that two-wheel horse and giddyup to BHS for a fun Bike Rodeo Tuesday! See ya there!



Bandit bunt blisters Buzzards in Becker baseball battle

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

A well-timed but controversial bunt led to a big inning for the Becker Bandits in their 14-9 win over the Becker Buzzards last Sunday at the BAC.

The game is an annual tradition that pits the youthful exuberance of the Bandits against the old age and treachery of the Buzzards, who play in the over 35 senior men's baseball league.

A total of 10 errors by the Buzzards' defense allowed the Bandits to pile up the runs, but perhaps no single play was more costly, or controversial, than a squeeze bunt that Bandit manager Cole Hanson called for in the fourth inning. Zach Wenner placed a perfect bunt in front of home plate and was able to beat out the throw as a run scored. The Bandits would go on to score six runs in the inning and proved to be the pivotal moment in the game. The play resulted in some jeers from the alumni section of the Buzzard fan base, as they boisterously voiced their displeasure with the bunt amid allegations that it violated the "unwritten rules" of the game and seemed to reflect ageism.

It was all in good nature, of course, as the rivalry game has become a yearly tradition between the two amateur baseball teams that produces plenty of chatter among both the teams and fans alike.



BANDIT LEADOFF HITTER MATT KRENZ keeps his eye on this pitch as he was about to connect on a base hit in the fourth inning of the Becker baseball battle. (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).



BANDIT MANAGER COLE HANSON follows through on a pitch in the last inning of his team's win over the Becker Buzzards. (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).



BANDIT JACOB BERGSTEN leads off first base in the seventh inning as Buzzard 1B Matt Koester readies for a possible pickoff play. (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

The Bandits jumped on the board in the second inning with a pair of runs and then added the six run fourth inning to take a commanding lead. But pride wouldn't allow the Buzzards to be blanked on the afternoon, as Manager Jason Baune and his squad picked up a run in the 4th and three in the fifth to make it an 8-4 game.

However, the Bandits picked up a single run in the sixth and four more in the eighth to put the game out of reach. The Buzzards did score five runs over the last two innings to make the final respectable.

The Buzzards were led at the plate by Jason Pffingsten, who had a pair of doubles and scored two runs in the game, while Baune trotted out four different pitchers to the mound.

Hanson countered with five arms of his own, including the winning pitcher, Cam Fischer, who struck out three batters in his three innings of work.

Offensively, Matt Krenz had three hits and scored two runs for the Bandits, who scored the 14 runs on 15 hits.

Hanson and Baune are already planning next year's game and preliminary plans are in place to align it with Freedom Days. The managers hope to make it "back to the ballpark" event and invite alumni from area amateur baseball teams to come and celebrate America's pastime.

Bandits suffer late loss to Lakers

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bandits amateur baseball team suffered a heartbreaking loss last Wednesday to the Maple Lake Lakers, 10-9.

After trailing for much of the game, Becker tied the score at nine in the top of the ninth inning on a Weston Schug home run. However, Maple Lake would use a walk off hit in the bottom of the inning to pick up the win.

Schug scored the first Bandit run in the third inning as he singled and then scored on a Dalton Fouquette ground out. The Bandit bats were silent for much of the early part of the game, however, as they didn't score again until the sixth inning when they picked up another run as Zack Wenner singled home Fouquette.

Becker added a pair of runs in both the seventh and eighth innings to set up Schug's game-tying bomb, but the Bandits couldn't nail down the wining hit.

For the game, Schug led the effort at the plate, going 3-for-5, with three

RBI's and three runs scored. Matt Krenz continued his hot streak with a 3-for-6 performance, while Fouquette and Matt Moe each pick up a pair of hits for the Bandits.

For the



game, Manager Cole Hanson was happy with how his team hit the ball, as Becker amassed 13 hits and walked an incredible nine times.

On the pitcher's mound, it was a committee approach as Hanson sent four different arms to the mound to try and quell the Lakers' bats. Starter Cam Fischer was the first to toe

the rubber and went two innings, giving up eight hits and four earned runs. Schug came on in his usual relief role and struck out three batters in three innings while giving up a pair of runs before Matt Krenz came in to pitch two innings. Andrew Kolbinger finished off the game and took the loss in his 1.2 innings of work, walking a pair and giving up one earned run.

Hanson noted that Owen Kolbinger picked up his first hit as a Bandit, as he earned the start as the designated hitter. Kolbinger's start and subsequent hit continues a tradition of fine father-son combinations that have played for the Bandits, including Randy and Nate Baumgarten, Jim, Cole and Kendall Hanson, and Dewey and Ryan Sommerdorf, among others.

The Bandits suffered

a flurry of postponements and cancellations in the past week which has set up a full schedule.

Wednesday night they were to travel to Monticello to take on the Polecats, while Friday night they were in Princeton to battle the Panthers. Sunday (June 13) at 5:30 they host the Becker Buzzards in the annual clash of Becker amateur baseball teams at the BAC. Hanson is hoping for a large crowd to come out and celebrate America's pastime while cheering or jeering their favorite players from both teams.

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Becker Sports News

Bulldog tennis duo falls to state champs



ELI SCHEIDEMAN (L) AND RYAN BENGTON (R) posed with Edina's winning team of senior Luke Westholder and junior Otto Schreiner. (Submitted Photo)

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

To claim the MSHSL State Class AA tennis doubles championship, Bulldog tennis coach Hokan Bengtson knew his duo of Eli Scheideman and Ryan Bengtson would obviously have to play at a very high level and defeat the best players in the state. Unfortunately for the Becker sophomores, they wound up playing what turned out to be the best tandem in the opening round and came away with great memories despite a straight set 1-6, 1-6 loss to the eventual state champions.

“Ryan and Eli needed to play nearly perfect tennis to beat the pair from Edina,” Bengtson said. “They [Edina] are both Division I type players - their execution at the net and in the mid court was fun to watch.”

Even though they came up short in their first appearance in the large class tournament, Bengtson was proud of the way the two athletes approached the match. And in the process, they gained some valuable

state tournament experience, which could come in handy in the future as the pair will have two more years to try and repeat their excellent season.

“I was really proud of our two guys in the match as they didn’t play nervous or timid at all - they played free and confident,” Bengtson said. “This match was a great look at what state championship doubles looks like.”

Edina’s winning team of senior Luke Westholder and junior Otto Schreiner went on to easily pick up the state title.

Team Awards
Bengtson and the team held its awards ceremony last week and announced numerous accolades for members of the team that posted the second best record in school history en route to an undefeated M8 Conference season.

All Conference Honorable Mention award winners were Bruce Kraemer and Nick Gruber, while an incredible seven Bulldogs were named to the Mississippi 8 first team: Zach Bengtson, Ryan Bengtson, Eli Scheideman, Luke

Bordson, Wyatt Hiltner, Landon Peterson and Sawyer Brown.

Ryan Bengtson and Scheideman were named the M8 doubles team of the year, while Luke Bordson was named the team’s scholar athlete.

Most Dedicated Player honors were bestowed upon Troy Nuest who enjoyed perhaps the best performance of a seventh grader in Minnesota over the course of the season.

Gruber picked up the award for being the most improved player, while Zach Bengtson earned the most outstanding player award.

The Larry Hladky Award, which recognizes the player with the most grit and determination, was given to Wyatt Hiltner.

As a team, the Bulldogs earned the Class 8AA Academic Silver Award for maintaining a GPA of 3.5 to 3.8.

A trio of strong tennis players were named as captains for 2021-2022 in Luke Bordson, Ryan Bengtson and Eli Scheideman.

Bulldog golfers end season at Sections

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker boys and girls golf teams ended their seasons last week, putting forth respectable performances despite no players qualifying for the state tournament.

Girls
Head Coach Anna Babler and the girls team put forth steady performances during both days of the tournament, finishing in fourth place overall.

The team shot a total round score of 363 on the first day of competition, which was good enough to advance to the second day. On day two, the girls shot a 365, for a two day total of 728. All three scores were fourth place finishes for the team.

“The girls had an outstanding season,” Babler said. “It was great to see their growth and the dedication that the girls have put into this sport.”

Individually, the Bulldogs’ top performer was Emma Benson, as she carded a two day total of 177, good enough for 18th place. Teammate Alexa Voller was right behind with a 19th place score of 179. Ashley Reed, with 183 strokes, finished in 21st place. Layla Mathews (192), Gretchen Graftaas (200) and Kylee Rick (214) finished out the scoring for the Bulldogs.

“Ashley had a fantastic day one and Emma and Alexa did great on day two,” Babler said. “Alexa shot her best round on day two, shooting an 85 and missing a hole in one by

about ten inches.”

Babler said she was very impressed with her team’s improvement throughout the season and she believes the foundation has been set for more success in the future.

“It will be tough losing three seniors, but we are excited to see our girls continue to improve over the next few years,” she said.

Boys
For Head Coach Dan Olson and the boys



team, the section tournament marked the end to an up and down season. While they competed at a very high level at some meets, others were marred by a few big scores that hurt the team’s overall finish.

Such was the case last week at the Rich Springs Golf Club, as the Bulldogs shot a score of 365, putting them in 12th place after the first day.

“The course was in good shape and the weather was nice,” Olson said. “Unfortunately, we did not play our best golf.”

Zach Stanz led the

team effort with a round of 81, while Ethan Tobako (88), Matthew Martindale (89) and Tucker Rhodes (97) rounded out the scoring.

With his 81, Zach advanced to the second day of the tournament and he shot one stroke better with a round of 80, for a two day total of 161. This left him in a tie for 12th place.

“This was an interesting season, but at least we were able to have a season,” Olson said. “We will lose five seniors this year - Zach, Ethan, Matthew, Tucker and Brock (Ramola).”

Olson knows the team will be young next year, but he will have five golfers who return with some varsity experience.

For this season, Stanz was named All Conference, as well as Team MVP for scoring the low round in 16 of 17 matches this season. He was also named Most Dedicated.

Martindale earned all conference honorable mention and received the Most Improved award.

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BRYNN LUETHMERS (L) OF THE BECKER BLAST 10U GOLD SOFTBALL TEAM, recorded her 100th strike out of the season this week! Handling all those strikeouts was catchers Katie Wipper (R).

Blast 12U Gold win Zimmerman Tourney!



THE BECKER BLAST 12U GOLD TEAM went 5-0 in back-to-back games, beating the heat and the competition in the Zimmerman Tournament last weekend. Pictured, front, left to right: Jennie Drahota and Sophie Humphrey. Middle row, left to right: Nevaeh Sullivan, Kenley Nicholas, Gianna Tirevold, Grace Baldry and Alexa Scheel. Back row, left to right: Coach Josh Hunter, Elayna Kuklok, Coach Josh Humphrey, Bella Hunter, Raelee Lyon, Madelyn Gardner, Jazmin Wiedewitsch and Coach Aaron Scheel. (Submitted Photo)

ATV Fatal Crash

Submitted Article

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

On June 10 at approximately 6:37 p.m., Wright County deputies were dispatched to 1383 120th St. NE in Monticello Twp. for a report of an ATV crash involving a juvenile male. Upon arrival, deputies assisted emergency medical personnel with life saving efforts on a juvenile male who had been reportedly driving the ATV

when it crashed.

The juvenile male was brought to Centra Care Emergency in Monticello and was pronounced deceased by medical personnel. The preliminary investigation into the incident shows that the 12-year-old male was operating the ATV on private property and was the only occupant of the machine at the time of the crash.

The incident is under further investigation by the Sheriff’s Office.

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Sports News

Softball wins section, advances to state title game

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

What a time for a winning streak!

The Becker Bulldog girls softball team strung together three impressive wins in the past week and the result is a berth in the State Class AAA Championship game played Wednesday in Mankato (see related story).

Spartans
The first order of business for the team was a section championship, which they earned last Thursday with a 5-2 win over the Rocori Spartans.

The Spartans grabbed an early 1-0 in the top of the first inning via a Bulldog error, but Becker answered quickly in the bottom of the inning when Kurstyn Patnode hit a solo home run to knot the score at one. In the bottom of the third, Becker opened the game up with three runs. Madie Sherman led off with a single and the Spartans misplayed a bunt by Ellie Gallus, putting runners on the corners. Sherman would come in to score on a Krista Paulson bunt single. A Patnode double would score Gallus and Paulson would later score on a wild pitch to make the score 4-1.

Rocori answered quickly when Bree Griffin hit a solo home run to lead off the fourth to make it 4-2, but Makenna Zerwas got that run back with a solo home run of her own in the bottom of the fifth to make the score 5-2. Each team threatened in the final three innings, but both pitchers were able to get themselves out of the threats unscathed

and 5-2 was the final score.

Emma Eickhoff picked up the win, going all seven innings and allowing two runs, one earned, on nine hits. She didn't walk a batter and struck out 10.

Patnode had two hits and two RBI at the plate, while Zerwas had the solo home run and set the tone defensively by throwing out runners attempting to steal in both the second and third innings.

As section champs, Becker placed four players on the All-Sec-

against all Class AAAA opponents. However, the Bulldogs didn't skip a beat against the private school competition and came away with a 2-0 win.

The game was scoreless heading into the bottom of the third as Emma Eickhoff retired nine straight batters, including six strikeouts. With one out in the bottom of the third, Paulson drilled a 2-1 pitch to the gap in left center for a double. Patnode followed

score 2-0. Eickhoff allowed a single in the sixth, but that would be the last baserunner the Raiders would get.

Eickhoff got the win going all seven innings and allowing three hits, as she didn't walk a batter and struck out nine. She was also 2-for-3 at the plate. Patnode was 1-3 with the home run, while Paulson had Becker's only other hit.

State Semifinals

Tuesday afternoon, the Bulldogs

passed ball before going to third on a groundout. She scored when the B-SM third baseman made an errant throw on a play that also that allowed Emma Eickhoff to advance to 2B. Cadence Koste would follow with a single that scored pinch runner Kennedy Drehmel.

After another out was recorded, Sherman drilled a triple over the head of the right fielder that would score pinch runner Jenna Kringer to make the score 3-0. Brooke Hendrickson would follow with a single to plate

enth with a 5-1 lead. The Red Knights would threaten by drawing two walks and putting runners on first and second, but a sharp ground ball to third turned into a double play when Cadence Koste stepped on third and threw to Ashlyn Croal at first to secure the win.

Eickhoff again went all seven innings and allowed a single run on three hits. She walked two and struck out seven.

Koste was 2-2 with an RBI to lead the offense.

"I thought we did a lot of things really well throughout the day," Head Coach Jason Baune said. "Makenna Zerwas did a great job of calling pitches behind the plate and Emma Eickhoff was able to dominate by hitting spots and mixing speeds. Our defense was generally very good. Today wasn't our best day at the plate, but we were able to come up with some clutch base hits when we needed them."

With the win, Becker faced Winona in the State Championship game Wednesday at noon. The Winhawks advanced to the title game with a pair of close wins, beating Sartell 6-5 in the quarterfinals and then taking down the #1 seed Mankato West 7-6 in eight innings in the semifinals.

Check out the front page of this week's Patriot for results from the title game.



THE BECKER LADY BULLDOG SOFTBALL TEAM boarded their team bus this past week and headed to Mankato to play in the MSHSL State Tournament — WHICH THEY WON! See story on the state championship game in next week's Patriot! (Photo by George Ackland.)

with a line drive over the fence in center field to give Becker a 2-0 lead.

The Raiders would put two runners on base in the top of the fourth, but Eickhoff would slam the door with her eighth strikeout of the game.

Becker threatened again in the fifth when Paulson drew a walk and Eickhoff singled, but the Raiders would escape and keep the

punched their ticket to the state championship game with a 5-1 win over the 18-6 Benilde-St. Margaret Red Knights.

As she has done so often this season, Eickhoff put down the opponent 1-2-3 in the top of the first, but this time Becker would put up a crooked number in the bottom of the inning. Paulson led off with a single and advanced to 2B on a

Sherman that gave the Bulldogs a 4-0 lead after one inning of play.

Becker would add to their lead in the bottom of the second when Gallus led off with a walk and later scored on an Eickhoff single to make it 5-0.

Both pitchers found their groove through the middle innings and the game remained 5-0 until the top of the sixth when two singles and a couple of fielding mistakes would give the Knights their first run. However, Zerwas put an end to the threat by throwing out a runner trying to steal second base and Becker headed to the sev-

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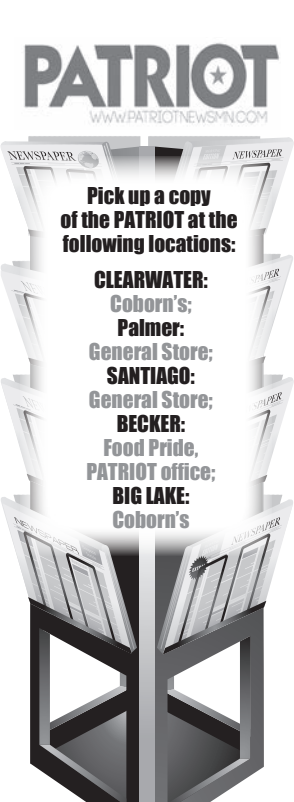
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8-Jun: 1 Driving after Revocation Citation #243, 1 speed Citation #244, 1 juvenile concern, 3 record check, 1 cross arm malfunction, 1 speed warning / Ignition interlock violation Citation #245, 1 revoked registered owner, driver was not owner, 1 window tint warning, 1 stop sign warning, 1 equipment warning, 1 speed warning, 1 mental health, 1 civil, 1 medical, 1 911 hang-up / mental health
9-Jun: 1 vehicle lockout, 1 speed warning, 1 window tint warning, 1 revoked registered owner, driver was not owner
10-Jun: 2 equipment warning, 2 miscellaneous public, 2 miscellaneous officer, 1 fraud, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 traffic complaint, 1 theft, 2 civil, 1 agency assist, 1 security check
11-Jun: 2 security check, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 911 hang-up, 1 speed / equipment warnings / Driving after revocation / no proof of insurance / possession of hypodermic needles Citation #246, 1 civil, 1 miscellaneous public, 1 fraud, 1 medical, 2 ordinance violation warning, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 equipment warning, 1 speed warning, 1 traffic complaint, 1 security check, 1 driving conduct warning / driving after revocation / no proof of insurance / failure to update address on DL Citation #247, 1 suspicious vehicle
12-Jun: 1 Fireworks complaint / Possession of fireworks / Disorderly Conduct Citation #248 / Disorderly conduct Citation #249, 3 equipment warning, 2 security check, 1 burning complaint, 1 suspicious activity, 1 vehicle lockout, 2 speed warning, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 no proof of insurance warning / fail to move over for emergency vehicle Citation #250, 1 Dog Bite / Potentially Dangerous Dog / Running at Large / License Required Admin Citation #3775, 1 revoked registered owner , driver was not owner, 1 expired registration Citation #251
13-Jun: 2 suspicious vehicle, 2 equipment warning, 1 agency assist, 1 repossession info, 1 found animal, 1 accident, 1 speed warning, 1 driving conduct / expired tabs warning, 1 speed Citation #252



Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings June 7, 2021 – June 13, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 248; 2021 Calls for Service: 5,066; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 67; Citations: 22; Arrests: 3; Medical Emergency Calls: 15; Mental Health Holds: 1; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 0
BLPD Arrests: Christopher Jewell – (Age 20 – Minneapolis, MN) – Felony 1st Degree DWI; Sabriena Hale – (Age 26 – St. Cloud, MN) – Felony 1st Degree Controlled Substance; Steven Tressler – (Age 32 – Verndale, MN) – (2) Felony Warrants, False Name to police
Sun., June 12, 2021: 200 blk Euclid Ave - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing; Hwy 10/200th Ave - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 100 blk Norwood Dr - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation.
Sat., June 12, 2021: Hwy 10/CR 17 - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 19900 blk Industrial Dr - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 129 Henry Rd - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; 711 Rose Dr - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing; 145 Henry Rd - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance.
Fri., June 11, 2021: 192nd Ave/Lander St – Agency Assist – Assisted neighboring agency with the UAV; 690 Minnesota Ave - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 40 blk Lake St - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties.
Thurs., June 10, 2021: Lakeshore Dr/Sherburne Ave



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Meetings are held the second Tues. of every month at the *Becker Legion Hall* (Old Fire Hall), 7pm. Paula Hinds, President (763) 262-6679.

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
Area 35 *Alcoholics Anonymous* meets Thurs. at 8pm at *Church of Mary of the Visitation*, 12100 Sherburne Ave., Becker. Joe (763) 262-0231.

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.BECK-ERFREECHURCH.ORG (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

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

Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild
Meet 2nd Mon. of month at 7pm. *Becker Baptist Church*. Contact Elizabeth Steckelberg (320) 259-9542.

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

Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle
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Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193
Meets the third Tues. of each month at 7 pm at *Becker Legion* (old fire hall). Looking for new members. Commander John Fischbach (320) 249-0579.

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

Big Lake American Legion Post #147
Meets the first Thurs. of the month @ 7 pm. Community Room by the Big Lake Police Station, 790 Minnesota Ave, Big Lake 55309. Please contact Commander Paul Seefeld (612) 801-7731.

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

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

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

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Meets second Tues. of each month

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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.

Big Lake Lioness
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Big Lake Senior Center
The Big Lake Senior Club meets Tues., 1-4pm, *Big Lake City Hall*, 160 Lake St. North. We would love to have you join us for card games & conversation. Darlene (763) 263-7134 for information.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Foley Fun Days
Mon., Tues., Wed., June 21-22-23. Parade is Wed., June 23 at 6:30pm. For info call Juanita at (320) 761-1003.

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

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

FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease
(PD) Support Group invites you to "Coffee & Conversation" the last Wed. monthly at 10am at Edgewood Liv-

ing 677 Brianna Drive, Sartell. Meetings are open to those diagnosed w/ PD, their families, caregivers, & the general public. Group provides support, education, & awareness about the disease. Bobbi (320) 281-3343.

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

Home Stretch Workshop
Homebuyer Education: Are YOU Ready for Homeownership? Take a *Zoom* class from the comforts of your own sofa, June 29 & 30, 2021, noon to 4pm.
To register, call *Wright County Community Action* (WCCA) at (320) 963-6500, ext 238. (Class fee of \$30.00 but FREE in June 2021). Once registered and full payment, participates will receive confirmation and a *Zoom* link.

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60
We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at *Saron Lutheran Church*, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.
Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

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

Palmer Day Volunteer's Needed
This year's Palmer Day is slated to be Sat., Sept. 11, 2021. Palmer Day has been held the Sat. after Labor Day every year the past 21 years with a parade, great food & beer for sale & more at the Park, proceeds are donated to local, non-profit organizations.
Volunteers are needed to keep it going. Email Nancy Lorentz if interested or more info @ nancylorentz@gmail.com.

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

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

Scout Fun Day Cub Scout Pack 94
July 31, 2021, 1-4pm, *Warner Park Lake*, Clearwater, MN. Join us for a free day of adventure & camping skills. Boys & girls K-12 all are welcome!
Activities: archery, bb guns, fire building, nerf axe throwing, carving, hiking & crafts. Head to *ScoutFunDay.org* to register!

Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events
Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. Check *Snake River Church FaceBook* page for updates. Annual MidSummer, Sun., July 11, 10:30am followed by potluck & sale.
5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E n CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker. Mary (612) 219-8648.

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

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

Young @ Heart
Starting in July the Community Young@Heart will meet on the third Thurs. of every month at *Rejoice Lutheran Church*, 1155 Co. Rd. 75, Clearwater, MN. Join us: 10:30 to meet & greet old & new friends, 11:30 lunch (suggested donation), 12pm program.
We are looking for volunteers to share music or a program. Contact Linda (320) 295-1117 or email: agre5628@aol.com.

This Week's Calendar Events:

Sun. - June 20, 2021:

- Animal Rights Awareness Week (6/20-6/26)
- Father's Day
- National Vanilla Milkshake Day
- American Eagle Day
- United Nations: World Refugee Day
- Lighting Safety Awareness Week (6/20-6/26)

Mon. - June 21, 2021:

- National Pollinator Week (6/21-6/27)
- Cancer, The Crab (6/21-7/22)
- UN: International Day of Yoga
- Baby Boomer's Recognition Day
- Take Your Pet to Work Week® (6/21-6/25)
- Take Your Cat to Work Day®
- Summer begins
- National Selfie Day
- U.S. Open (GOLF) Championship
- Go Skateboarding Day

Tues. - June 22, 2021:

- Hmmm...

Wed. - June 23, 2021:

- Hmmm...

Thurs. - June 24, 2021:

- Moon Phase: Full Strawberry Moon
- National Handshake Day
- Canada: Saint Jean Baptiste Day
- BIG LAKE SPUD FEST SCHEDULE**
- 3-5pm - Ambassador rehearsal under the Main Tent
- 4:30-5:30pm - Spud Fest Family Night at the Library
- 4pm - Festival Set-up
- 6-10pm - Carnival Starts
- 6-9pm - Concessions by Knights of Columbus
- 6-10pm - Talent Show, hosted by BL Cheerleaders

Fri. - June 25, 2021:

- UN: Day of the Seafarer
- Take Your Dog to Work Day®
- Canada's First Prime Minister: Anniversary, 1993
- 1-Close - Carnival is open
- 5-7pm - Rock Painting, BL Ambassadors
- 5pm - GUNS & HOSES, softball tournament
- 7pm - 8K Lakes Run, starts at the BL beach area
- 6-9pm - Concessions by Knights of Columbus
- 6-10pm - BINGO
- 5:30-Midnight - Beer at main stage, BRING ID
- 8-Midnight - Music by The Departures
- Dusk - Fireworks

Sat. - June 26, 2021:

- National Beaucitian's Day
- Bar Code Introduced: Anniversary, 1974
- 8am - Softball Starts
- 10:30 am - Spud Run Motorcycle Ride (starts at Tootsie's & ends at The Buff)
- 11am - Parade
- Noon-Close - Carnival is open
- Noon-9pm Concessions by Knights of Columbus
- Noon-Midnights - Beer at main stage, BRING ID
- 1-5pm - SpudINC ROBOTICS Team
- 1-10pm - BINGO
- 1-6pm - WOMEN of TODAY, Kids Fun Crafts
- 1:30-4pm - BL Ambassador Coronation
- 4:15-5:15pm - Dance Caravan of Otsego
- 8-Midnight - Music by Sweet Siren

Sun. - June 27, 2021:

- 8am - Softball Starts
- 9-Noon - Potato Pancake Breakfast, BL Lions
- 9-2pm - Spud Daze Marketplace
- 10:30-? Beer at main stage, BRING ID
- 11am-3pm - Music by Electric Steel
- Noon-4pm - Carnival is open
- 1pm - 3rd Annual Potato Soup Contest
- 1-4pm - WOMEN of TODAY, Kids Fun Crafts
- 1-3:30pm BINGO
- 2:30pm - Pedal Pull
- 4pm - Closes, Spud Fest will be celebrating 50 years in 2022!

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****Critical Need for Volunteers**
Food Service with Elk River Senior Dining
Volunteers are desperately in need to assist in cleaning up the dining area before and after meals. If kitchen help isn't your thing, volunteers also help in welcoming and registering seniors as they come in for their lunchtime meal. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from 10:00 - 1:00 pm at the Senior Dining Site in Elk River.
Meals on Wheels Drivers
Consider a hot meal when you are unable to cook for yourself... So important! Delivery drivers are needed to ensure that those in need receive mid-day meals. Drivers needed Mon-Fri. Each route takes about an hour to deliver. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals out of Becker, Big Lake, Elk River and Zimmerman to those waiting in and around each of those communities. Offer to deliver from a community near you once per month, once per week, or even more!
Blood Pressure Recorder with Guardian Angels
Take and record blood pressure, heart rate, blood oxygen level, and weigh of independent seniors. Knowledge of normal levels is required, and CNA, LPN, or RN experience is preferred. Clinics most in critical need of volunteers are in Zimmerman on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9-10:00 am and in Becker on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 9-9:30 am.
If you are interested in volunteering in these or other opportunities, please contact:
RSVP Volunteer Program
763-635-4505
heather.brooks@ci.stcloud.mn.us
SherburneUnitedWay.org/Volunteer

July - Sherburne County Health & Human Services - Classes are as follows:
WIC (Women, Infants & Children) is for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, recently had a baby, infants and children to their 5th birthday. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and referrals to health services/community resources. The service is free, and you or your children may be eligible. For more information, please call 763-765-4116 or 1-800-433-5239, or check out the website <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/hhs/wic.php>. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in the administration of its programs. WIC is an equal opportunity provider.
Immunization Tuesdays
Sherburne County's Immunization Clinic offers free or low cost immunizations for children 18 years of age or younger and uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years and older in Minnesota who meet eligibility guidelines on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4000 or 1-800-433-5239.

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Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC at Becker Community Center(BCC)

Mon., June 21: Open All Day, Coffee at 5am.

Tues., June 22: 9am - Coffee, cards, conversation 11:30am - Walk Around BCC (1 mile)

Wed., June 23: 10-11am - Rm 109, Dementia Caregiver Support Trained facilitator, Tami Kolbinger

Thurs., June 24: 9am - Coffee, cards, conversation Noon - Movie & popcorn: "The Long, Long Trailer." stars Lucy & Desi. An Oldie & goodie - great fun!

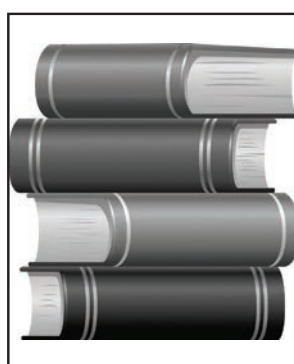
Fri., June 25: Open All Day, Coffee at 5am 11am - Cribbage - join in

Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271
BASC Cell Phone: 763-528-0643
BASC Coordinator: Carol Brunn
Activity Coordinator: Pat Throlson
Blod Pessure available whenever BASC is open
Send activity/class opportunities to:
basc.becker@gmail.com

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Becker Baptist Church
Senior Pastor: Nathan Bucher, Youth Pastor: Kevin Drehmel, Director of Ministry to Children & Families: Amy Drehmel.
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Sunday Worship Service/Children's Church at 10:30 am - attend in person or watch live stream. Children's AWANA & Momentum Youth Group on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. www.beckerbaptist.org. Find us on social media.

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

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

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 10am.

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

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

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

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

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

• BIG LAKE

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

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

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

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

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

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock
763-263-7990. www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com.

IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church
Pastores: Juan & Patricia Aguayo, 763-607-5403, 21 Lake St N. Services: Sat. 6pm.

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

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

Riverside Church
Online: www.myriversidechurch.com, 763-263-2410, 2014 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.

Spirit Life Church
Pastor: Jim Herzing, 763-262-LIFE, 221 Lake Street North. Services: Sun. Worship 9:45am, Going Deeper Discussion 9am, Wed. Prophetic Prayer - Hearing & Praying God's Heart 7pm.

• SANTIAGO

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA
Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. inside Sanctuary Worship 8am, 9am drive-in Worship.

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

Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)

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

Gethsemane Church (ELCA) - Ronneby
Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.

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

• CLEAR LAKE

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

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

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

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502 or 320-743-2481, 10915 Duelm Road NE. Services: Sun Mass 10am.

• CLEARWATER

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

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

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

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

Tri-County Alliance Church
Pastor: David Fogal, 320-558-2750, 8464 160th St NW. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10:30am. Wed. Nights (Sept.-May) - Free Family Meal 5:30pm; Bible Adventure Club, Pre-K-6th Grade Students, 6-7:30pm; Youth Group Grades 6-12, 6-7:30pm.

• SILVER CREEK

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

Silver Creek Community Church
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ZIMMERMAN, MN
NOVEMEBER 28, 1947 – MAY 28, 2021

Dean was born on November 28, 1947, in Watertown, SD to Glenn and Millicent (Billington) Tilly. He passed away on May 28th, 2021, in Zimmerman, MN, while doing what he loved. Visitation will be at *Dare's Funeral Home* 805 Main St. NW in Elk River, MN on June 25th from 2 to 4 PM.

Dean graduated from *Watertown High School* in 1966. He then attended *South Dakota State University* in Brookings, SD. On December 27, 1968, he married Renee Lund from Arlington, SD. Dean then enlisted in the Navy and they made their home in Chesapeake, Virginia. They had two children, Michael and Michelle.

Dean later returned to *South Dakota State University* after an honorable discharge from the military. He received his degree in Engineering. Dean made his home in Big Lake, MN. He built his career at, and later retired from,

Northern States Power at the *Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant*. He also later worked for *ABB* based out of Switzerland.

Dean was never bored, he always had a project he was working on. He loved his car projects and was a collector of unique cars. Other hobbies included traveling, snorkeling, lake activities at his cabin in Big Lake, and *Big and Tall Clubs*. He even recently appeared on an episode of *Fast N' Loud* selling cars.

Dean is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dennis Tilly.

He survived by his children, Michael (Trish) Tilly of Wheat Ridge, CO and Michelle Tilly of Brookings, SD; his grandchildren, Braden, Reese and Ellis; special friend Patricia Bartow of Apple Valley, MN; siblings, Diana (Pinky) Burns of Watertown, SD and Dave (Teri) Tilly of Zimmerman, MN. Arr. *Dares Funeral Home* 763-441-1212.

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*Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333*

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name does not provide a user with
exclusive rights to that name. The
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tomers to be able to identify the
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ASSUMED NAME: **MPI**
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-
NESS: **12885 Prosperity Avenue
Becker MN 55308 United States**

NAME:
Manufacturing Partners, Inc.
Address:
**12885 Prosperity Avenue Becker
MN 55308 United States**

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*By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.*SIGNED BY: **Keith Klein**

MAILING ADDRESS: **PO Box 69 Big Lake MN 55309**
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **kklein@mfg-partners.com**
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Probates

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

Court File No.: **71-PR-21-93**
NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
OF INTESTACY, DETERMI-
NATION OF HEIRSHIP, AP-
POINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NO-
TICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of:
**Jerald Duane Stenberg,
Decedent.**

It is Ordered and Notice is
given that on 7/22/2021, at 3:10
p.m., a hearing will be held in this
Court at Sherburne County Court-
house - Elk River, Minnesota, for
the adjudication of intestacy and
determination of heirship of the
Decedent, and for the appointment
of Brittney J. Patchen, whose ad-
dress is 920 Kelsey Ave., Clear-
water, MN 55320 as Personal
Representative of the Estate of the
Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED
administration. Any objections to
the petition must be filed with the
Court prior to or raised at the hear-
ing. If proper and if no objections
are filed or raised, the Personal
Representative will be appointed
with full power to administer the
Estate, including the power to
collect all assets, to pay all legal
debts, claims, taxes and expenses,
to sell real and personal property,
and to do all necessary acts for the
Estate.

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

BY THE COURT
Dated: 6/8/2021
/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,
Court Administrator Deputy
Attorney for: Petitioner
Name: Bobbi Hermanson-Albers
Firm: Bama, Guzy & Steffen, Ltd.
Street: 200 Coon Rapids Blvd.,
Suite 400
City, State, ZIP: Minneapolis, MN
55433
Attorney License No: 396517
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
INFORMAL PROBATE

Court File No.: **71-PR-20-122**
NOTICE OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PER-
SONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDI-
TORS (WITHOUT A WILL)
In Re the Estate of:
**Darrel Arthur Drewes,
Decedent (Deceased Person)**

**TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is hereby given that an
application for informal appoint-
ment of personal representative
has been filed with the Probate
Registrar. No Will has been pre-
sented for probate. The application
has been granted.

Notice is also given that the
Probate Registrar has informally
appointed the following:
Name: **Mathew John Drewes**
Address: **11261 Crow River
Drive NE, Hanover, MN 55341**

As Personal Representative of the
Estate of the Decedent. Any heir,
devisee or other interested person
may be entitled to appointment
as Personal Representative, or
may object to the appointment of
the Personal Representative. Un-
less objections are filed pursuant
to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and
the court otherwise orders, the
Personal Representative has full
power to administer the Estate,
including, after 30 days from the
date of issuance of letters, the
power to sell, encumber, lease or
distribute real estate.

Notice is also given that, sub-
ject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all
creditors having claims against the
Estate are required to present the
claims to the Personal Representa-
tive or to the Court Administrator
within four (4) months after the
date of this Notice, or the claims
will be barred.

Dated: 6/2/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
Court Administrator
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: **71-PR-21-89**
NOTICE OF INFORMAL
APPOINTMENT OF PER-
SONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDI-
TORS

In Re the Estate of:
**Michael Franck,
Decedent.**

Notice is given that an Appli-
cation for Informal Appointment
of Personal Representative was
filed with the Registrar. The Reg-
istrar accepted the Application and
appointed Karen Dingman, whose
address is 1339 N. Sunview Park-
way, Gilbert, AZ 85234, to serve
as the Personal Representative of
the decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested
person may be entitled to appoint-
ment as Personal Representative or
may object to the appointment of
the Personal Representative. Any
objection to the appointment of
the Personal Representative must
be filed with the Court, and any
properly filed objection will be
heard by the Court after notice is
provided to interested persons of
the date of hearing on the objec-
tion. Unless objections are filed,
and unless the Court orders other-
wise, the Personal Representative
has the full power to administer
the estate, including, after thirty
(30) days from the issuance of Let-
ters of General Administration, the
power to sell, encumber, lease, or
distribute any interest in real estate
owned by the decedent.

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

Dated: 6/9/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
Court Administrator
**GRIES LENHARDT ALLEN,
P.L.L.P.**
Jill M. Presseller (#248277)
12725 43rd Street NE, Suite 201
St. Michael, MN 55376
Telephone: 763-497-3099
Email: **jill.p@glawfirm.com**
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: **71-PR-21-75**
NOTICE AND ORDER
OF HEARING ON PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF PER-
SONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDI-
TORS

In Re the Estate of:
**DONALD E. KLOSTREICH
a/k/a
DONALD EDWARD KLOST-
REICH,
Decedent.**

It is Ordered and Notice is
given that on JULY 1, 2021, AT
1:30 P.M., a hearing will be held
in this Court at Sherburne County
Government Center, 13880 Busi-
ness Center Drive N.W., Elk
River, Minnesota 55330, for the
appointment of Kevin D. Klost-
reich, whose address is 1601 N.
Innsbruck, Apt#268, Fridley, MN
55432 as personal representative
of the Estate of the Decedent in an
unsupervised administration.

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

Notice is also given that (sub-
ject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-80 1) all
creditors having claims against the
Estate are required to present the
claims to the personal representa-
tive or to the Court Administrator
within four months after the date
of this Notice or the claims will
be barred.

No formal hearing will be
held unless written objections
have been filed with the Court Ad-
ministrator. If no objections have
been filed, the requests made in the
Petition will be granted by default.
BY THE COURT:
Dated: 4/29/2021
/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,
Court Administrator Deputy
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
ERIC R. ROUSAR (#02311 01)
SJOSTROM & ROUSAR, PLLC
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: **71-PR-21-74**
NOTICE AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON PETI-
TION FOR DESCENT OF
PROPERTY

In Re the Estate of:
**JULIE A. KLOSTREICH a/k/a
JULIE ANN KLOSTREICH,
Decedent.**

Kevin D. Klostreich has filed
a Petition for Determination of De-
scent. It is Ordered that on JULY
1, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing
will be held in this Court at the
Sherburne County Government
Center, 13880 Business Center
Drive N.W., Elk River, Minnesota
55330, on the petition.

The Petition represents that
the Decedent died more than three
(3) years ago leaving property in
Minnesota. The Petition requests
that the Court determine the de-
scendant of such property and assign
the property to the persons enti-
tled.

Any objections to the petition
must be raised at the hearing or
filed with the Court prior to the
hearing. If the petition is proper
and no objections are filed or
raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by pub-
lishing this Notice and Order as
provided by law and by mailing a
copy of this Notice and Order to
each interested person by United
States mail at least 14 days before
the time set for the hearing.

Dated: 4/29/2021
/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,
Court Administrator Deputy
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
ERIC R. ROUSAR (#02311 01)
SJOSTROM & ROUSAR,
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801 Twelve Oaks Center Drive -
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: **71-PR-21-63**
NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND AP-
POINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of:
**KAREN M. HENDRICKSON
a/k/a
KAREN MARIE HENDRICK-
SON,
Decedent.**

Notice is given that an appli-
cation for informal probate of the
Decedent's will dated November
15, 2002 ("Will"), has been filed
with the Registrar. The application
has been granted.

Notice is also given that the
Registrar has informally appointed
Keith S. Hanstad, whose address is
11775 - 257th Ave. N.W., Zimmer-
man, MN 55398-8772, as personal
representative of the Estate of the
Decedent. Any heir, devisee or
other interested person may be en-
titled to appointment as personal
representative or may object to the
appointment of the personal
representative. Unless objections
are filed with the Court (pursuant
to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the
Court otherwise orders, the per-
sonal representative has full power
to administer the Estate including,
after 30 days from the date of issu-
ance of letters, the power to sell,
encumber, lease or distribute real
estate.

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

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

Dated: 6/08/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
Court Administrator
**ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE**
ERIC R. ROUSAR (#02311 01)
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: **71-PR-21-84**
NOTICE OF INFOR-
MAL APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTA-
TIVE AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Estate of:
**MICHAEL J. MUSTAIN,
also known as
MICHAEL JON MUSTAIN,
Decedent.**

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

Notice is also given that the
Registrar has informally appointed
Barry Rohweder, whose address is
1401 Texas Avenue South, St.
Louis Park, Minnesota 55426, as
personal representative of the Es-
tate of the Decedent. Any heir or
other interested person may be en-
titled to appointment as personal
representative or may object to the
appointment of the personal rep-
resentative. Unless objections are
filed with the Court (pursuant to
Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-
607) and the Court otherwise or-
ders, the personal representative
has full power to administer the
Estate including, after 30 days
from the date of issuance of letters,
the power to sell, encumber, lease
or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appoint-
ment of the Personal Representa-
tive must be filed with this Court
and will be heard by the Court
after the filing of an appropriate
petition and proper notice of hear-
ing.

Notice is also given that (sub-
ject to Minnesota Statutes section
524.3-801) all creditors having
claims against the Estate are re-
quired to present the claims to the
personal representative or to the
Court Administrator within four
months after the date of this Notice
or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 6/14/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Represen-
tative
Richard A. Glassman
Glassman Law Firm
222 South Ninth Street, Suite 1600
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Township Public Notices

BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ISSUANCE OF FRANCHISE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Big Lake Township ("Big Lake Township") of their intent to consider issuance of a competitive franchise. This notice is given in accordance with Minnesota law.

The application requirements are set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 238.081, subd. 4. In addition:

1. Applications in response to this Notice must be submitted to Big Lake Township by **3:00 p.m., July 05, 2021.**

2. Applications must be in writing, notarized, and consistent with the application requirements. Applicants must submit an original and two copies of the application.

3. Each application shall be submitted along with an application fee of \$5,000.00, in the form of a certified check made payable to the TOWN OF BIG LAKE. Applicants will be required to reimburse any expenses not covered by the application fee.

4. The original application, one copy, and the application fee must be submitted to Town of Big Lake, PO Box 75, Big Lake, MN 55309. One copy of the application must be mailed or delivered to Robert J.V. Vose, Esq., Kennedy & Graven, 150 South 5th Street, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

5. Applicants are requested to be present at a public hearing before the Big Lake Township Board beginning at **6:00 p.m. on July 14, 2021.**

6. The minimum system design and services to be offered are reflected in the Big Lake Township's Ordinance 1010 - Cable Ordinance.

7. Upon review of the application(s) and completion of the public hearing, the Big Lake Township Board will make a recommendation regarding award of franchises. Such recommendation shall be based on applicable law and the record including the application, information provided by the applicant, and other relevant information received by Big Lake Township including the results of any negotiations with applicant(s) and any information submitted by the incumbent franchise company.

8. In no event will submission of a conforming application entitle any applicant to grant of a franchise. Big Lake Township expressly reserves the right to reject both conforming and non-conforming applications.

9. Any successful applicant(s) will be required to accept the franchise granted within thirty (30) days after adoption.

10. Any questions concerning applications should be directed to Robert J.V. Vose, Esq., Kennedy & Graven, 150 South 5th Street, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55402; telephone (612) 337-9275; e-mail: **rvose@kennedy-graven.com**

Date: June 14, 2021.
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Certificate of Organizations

Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Certificate of Organization
*Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 322C*

The individual(s) listed
below who is (are each) 18 years
of age or older, hereby adopt(s)
the following Articles of Organi-
zation:

ARTICLE 1 - LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME:

Rudolph's Caring Home LLC

ARTICLE 2 - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT(S), IF ANY AT THAT OFFICE:

Name: **Patrick Lee Rudolph**

Address:

27082 136th ST NW Zimmerman MN 55398 USA

ARTICLE 3 - DURATION:

PERPETUAL

ARTICLE 4 - ORGANIZERS:

Name: **Patrick Lee Rudolph**

Address: **27082 136th ST NW Zimmerman MN 55398 USA**

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By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: **Patrick Rudolph**

MAILING ADDRESS: **None**

Provided

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **info@rudolphscaring-home.com**

I, Steve Simon, Secretary of
State of Minnesota, do certify that:
The following business entity has
duly complied with the relevant
provisions of Minnesota Statutes
listed below, and is formed or au-
thorized to do business in Minne-
sota on and after this date with all
the powers, rights and privileges,
and subject to the limitations, du-
ties and restrictions, set forth in
that chapter.

The business entity is now le-
gally registered under the laws of
Minnesota.

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/s/ Steve Simon

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DEADLINES

Notices & Legals
Wednesdays At Noon
Contact Kathy: 763-275-0275
or Email:
legals.kathy@patriotnewsmn.com

**SHERIFF & POLICE REPORTS
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Public Notices

Sherburne County Public Notices

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners June 1, 2021 - County Board Meeting Minutes Call to Order

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on June 1, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Chair was at 9:00am.

- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda
- Dolan/Fobbe unanimous to approve Meeting Agenda as amended adding FY 22-23 Community Living Infrastructure Grant from the Department of Human Services (DHS) as item 5.7 to the Regular Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Schmiesing/Burandt unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with moving Consent Agenda item 3 and 16 to the Regular Agenda. Item 3 was moved for additional content and item 16 for clarification.

- Approved County Board Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2021.
 - Approved County Board Workshop Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2021
- #### Amending 2021 Legislative Priorities. Administration
- Bruce Messelt, County Administrator*
- Approved amending 2021 Legislative Priorities for Sherburne County, to include efforts to secure State and/or federal funding for potential new Regional Park planning, acquisition, and development. (On file.)

Ratification of the Joint Powers Agreement with MN Department of Corrections for Reimbursement of Prosecution Costs. Attorney Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

- Approved to ratify the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the MN Department of Corrections (DOC) and the County Attorney's Office to allow the reimbursement of prosecution costs, up to a maximum of \$15,000, for the time period of July 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022, and authorize the County Attorney to execute the agreement. (On file.)

Commissioner & Manual Warrants. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

- May 14, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$462,472.41
- May 14, 2021 Manual Warrants \$7,719.25
- May 21, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$779,615.08
- May 21, 2021 Manual Warrants \$557,107.62

Resolution 060121-AD-2045 - Forfeited Land Sale Preparation. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

- Approved Resolution 060121-AD-2045 pertaining to preparations by the County Auditor's Office for the Tax Forfeited Land Sale, date to be decided later, authorizing County Board Signatures on the classification certification of forfeited land, and appointing the County Assessor so as to set minimum sale prices for the properties.

Renewal of Remote Electronic Monitoring (REAM) Grant with Minnesota Department of Corrections for FY 2022 & FY 2023. Community Corrections

J Hancuch, Community Corrections Department Head

- Approved renewal of Remote Electronic Alcohol Monitoring (REAM) Grant with the Minnesota Department of Corrections for FY 2022 and FY 2023 in amount of \$15,000 per year. Contract start date of July 1, 2019 and expiration date of June 30, 2023.

HHS IFS Admin Deb 5-21-21. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved HHS IFS Warrants as follows:

- May 21, 2021 HHS IFS Admin Deb \$90,417.97

Amendment to System of Care Grant Agreement. Health & Human Services

Jodi Heuring-Dick, Social Services Manager

- Approved the amendment to System of Care Grant Agreement to receive an additional \$72,194. Contract start date of November 2, 2018 and expiration date of September 29, 2021. (On file.)

Use of \$22,000 from YES Account for Detention Lighting Upgrade. Maintenance

Steve Becker, Maintenance Department Head

- Approved use of \$22,000 from the YES Account to upgrade lighting in a portion of the Jail Detention area. Tradewinds Electric LLC will be the awarded contractor. Work is expected to start summer of 2021 and be completed by fall 2021.

Use of \$22,000 from YES Account for the Concrete Replacement Northwest Portion of the Government Center Campus. Maintenance

Steve Becker, Maintenance Department Head

- Approved use of \$22,000 from the YES account for concrete replacement on the northwest portion of the government center campus. North Country Concrete was the awarded contractor with work starting June 7th, 2021 with an estimated completion date of June 14th or soon thereafter.

AAA Striping Service as Lowest Responsible Bidder for the 2021 Pavement Markings Project (CP 71-PM-021). Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Approved the lowest responsible bidder, AAA Striping Service with a bid of \$353,678.24, for the 2021 Pavement Markings on various County Roads (Project No. CP 71-PM-021). Project construction dates will be contracted from July 6, 2021 through October 22, 2021.

Knife River Corporation as Lowest Responsible Bidder for the 2021 CSAH 2 Resurfacing Project (SAP 71-602-005 & SAP 71-602-006). Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Approved the lowest responsible bidder, Knife River Corporation-North Central with a bid of \$2,332,277.07, for the 2021 resurfacing of CSAH 2 from CSAH 2 to E Co Line & CSAH 2 from Hwy 169 to south of 323rd Ave NW (Project No. SAP 71-602-005 & SAP 71-602-006). Project construction dates will be contracted from August 2, 2021 through September 3, 2021.

Meyer Contracting Inc. as Lowest Responsible Bidder for the 2021 Hwy 169 R-cut turn lanes (SP 7106-89). Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

- Approve a lowest responsible bidder, Meyer Contracting Inc. with a bid of \$815,746.72, for the 2021 Hwy 169 R-cut turn lanes at CSAH 19 & CSAH 25 (Project No. SP 7106-89). Project construction dates will be contracted from July 6, 2021 through September 24, 2021.

2021 State of MN Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Contract. Sheriff

Joel Brott, County Sheriff

- Approved the 2021 State of MN Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Contract for \$10,568. Term of the grant is from January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, with Grant funds set to expire on June 30, 2022.

Joint Powers Agreement Between Sherburne County and the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for the MN Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Sheriff

Joel Brott, County Sheriff

- Approve Resolution 060121-AD-2044 and a Joint Powers Agree-

ment (JPA) between Sherburne County and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) for the MN Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (MICAC). The JPA will remain in effect until May 31, 2024. (On file.)

Out-of-State Travel Request for Sheriff's Office/Jail Employees to Attend ProPhoenix Advanced Training. Sheriff

Joel Brott, County Sheriff

- Approve out-of-state travel for six Sheriff's Office/Jail employees to attend the ProPhoenix Advanced Training at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI, from September 27-30, 2021, at a total estimated cost of \$6,611.

Appoint Commissioner Burandt as Potential Policy Committee Member for the Mississippi River/St. Cloud Watershed 1W1P Application. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to approve the appointment of Commissioner Burandt as Sherburne County's Potential Policy Committee Member and Commissioner Danielowski as the alternate for the Mississippi River/St. Cloud Watershed 1W1P Application.

Transfers from the Unallocated Recorders Compliance Fund to Various Departments for the 2022 Budget Year. Recorder

Michelle Ashe, County Recorder

- Schmiesing/Dolan unanimous to approve transfers from the Unallocated Recorders Compliance Fund to Various Departments for the 2022 Budget Year. (On file.)

Open Forum - Please sign up at the table in the back of the Board Room

- No one was present.

Announcements

County Information and Board Correspondence. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- Administrator Bruce Messelt informed the Board that Jodi Heuring-Dick authored a State Statute that was signed by the Governor for Health & Human Services Policy and Finance Bill and is now State Law. Administrator Messelt also provided the Board with a legislative update and reviewed a press release from the GSDC on a recently completed Labor Survey which was presented to the Board. The Board also reviewed a copy of the City of Clearwater's Resolution extending application of its subdivision regulations to unincorporated territory located within two miles of its limits.

Scheduled Event for Employee Anniversary Recognition. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- Administrator Messelt informed the Board of an upcoming Employee Anniversary Recognition on June 29th at 10:00am located in the tent next to the Maintenance shed on the government center campus. Staff who had an anniversary from July 2020 - December 2020 and January 2021 - June 2021 will be recognized for their years of service.

Notice of Special Meetings and Meeting Cancellation. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- Administrator Messelt reviewed special meeting notices to be posted regarding upcoming special meetings and meeting cancellations/changes. The July 13th County Board meeting will be rescheduled for July 15 at 10:00 in the Board Room. This change was made due to NACo Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Regular Agenda

Presentation by Sherburne County Safe Roads Coalition. Sheriff

Roxanne Schreder, Patrol Deputy/Crim Prevention & Becky Putzke, Law Enforcement Liaison-Traffic Safety

- The Sherburne County Safe Roads Coalition presented information to the County Board regarding a recently completed project with a local student, Zachary Knapp. Patrol Deputy/Crime Prevention Roxanne Schreder introduced Mr. Knapp to the Board and Knapp proceeded to present the Board with how this project came to be. Following the presentation, Knapp was presented with a challenge coin from the Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) initiative by Becky Putzke a Law Enforcement Liaison for Office of Traffic Safety.

Acceptance and Award for Provision of Human Resource Information System Services to ADP Inc. Human Resources

Tammy Bigelow, HR Director

- Burandt/Fobbe unanimous to approve ADP, Inc. as Sherburne County's Human Resource Information System (HRIS) Service Provider, contingent upon negotiation of a final Agreement by the County Administrator and Human Resources Director (with guidance from the County Attorney's Office), and authorized the County Board Chair to execute said final agreement. A cost of \$181,475.50 from the County's Year End Savings (YES) account for the initial purchase and implementation costs.

AO Docs as a Technology Solution for Social Services Electronic Filing System. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

- Burandt/Dolan unanimous to approve AO Docs as a Technology Solution for Social Services Electronic Filing System, authorized use of HHS Reserves for said purchase and implementation costs in a not-to-exceed-amount of \$200,000, and directed the County Auditor/Treasurer to undertake any necessary adjustments the County's and Department's annual 2021 budget.

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

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

- Dolan/Fobbe unanimous to approve of Resolution 060121-AD-2043 accepting the coronavirus local fiscal recovery fund allocation of \$18,887,342 from the United States Treasury.

2) Schmiesing/Burandt unanimous to approve the bi-weekly ARPA related expenditures:

a) Expenses < \$50k = \$87,840.29 - list attached

b) Expenses > \$50k

i) Fobbe/Burandt unanimous to approve HHS Staffing Request totaling \$276,114.

-Eligibility Specialist FTE Grant

ii) Fobbe/Burandt unanimous to approve the Attorney Staffing Requests totaling \$841,081.

-Contract Attorney

-Admin Assistant FTE

-Current Office Asst at 28 hours to 40 hours with benefits

-Staff Attorney FTE (11/1/22)

3) Discussed preliminary business relief guidelines/parameters. The Board provided direction per discussion.

FY 22-23 Community Living Infrastructure Grant from the Department of Human Services (DHS). Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

- Sherburne County responded to a Community Living Infrastructure RFP in early April for a 1FTE Housing Resource Specialist at a cost of \$233,048 (two-year grant award). What was awarded was \$101,820. This covers the cost of a .5FTE + technology expenses. HHS is seeking

for Board direction on acceptance or forfeiture of the grant award and if accepted, direction to proceed with a .5FTE or 1 FTE.

COVID-19 Pandemic Update and County Response. Health & Human Services

Nicole Ruhoff, CHS Administrator, Staci Hecht, Risk Management Specialist, Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

- CHS Administrator Nicole Ruhoff provided the Board with COVID-19 rates, 14 day formula, vaccine data and vaccine clinic updates. It was determined that these updates will now be provided in written form to the Board on a monthly basis and a presentation update will be provided during the Community Health Board Meetings.

- Dolan/Burandt unanimous to approve recommended updates to the COVID-19 Preparedness Plan (on file), to include the following major changes:

- Employees no longer need to complete online health screening but should self-screen for symptoms prior to arriving to work
- Remove language related to employee social distancing requirements and room capacity limitations
- Remove language related to requirement to wear face coverings
- Remove requirements of customers to maintain social distance, limit number of people in an area, and exchange of payment precautions
- Remove language related to customers wearing face coverings

Planning and Zoning Discussion About Performance Standards for Exterior Storage of Vehicles. Planning & Zoning

Marc Schneider, County Planner

- County Planner Marc Schneider and Solid Waste Administrator Dave Lucas presented on the issue of excessive vehicle storage on residential properties, reviewed draft ordinance language, and solicited County Board guidance on suggested next steps.

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

Commissioner Dolan - EDA, CMRP. Met with Elk River YMCA

Commissioner Fobbe - Law Library Board, GRRL Board of Trustees, SUP, Tri-County Solid Waste, Tri-Cap Annual Meeting, AMC Futures Discussion, 1 Watershed 1 Plan Policy meetingw1p policy

Commissioner Schmiesing - AMC, Tri-County Solid Waste

Commissioner Burandt - Community Partners meeting with ISD 728, SCHSAC Executive Meeting, Central Mississippi Meeting, Hwy 10 Corridor Study

Commissioner Danielowski - EDA, Options, Big Lake Township meeting, CMRP

Recess

Reconvene, Open Closed Session

Closed Meeting Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 2b. Attorney

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

- Provision of information pursuant to statute for the purpose of discussion was held.

Close Closed Session, Adjourn Meeting

Manual Warrants

5/14/21	7,719.25	Agency Collections
	7,719.25	Total

Commissioner Warrants

5/14/21	137,617.08	General Revenue Fund
	227,036.62	Public Works Fund
	50.54	Human Service Fund
	963.46	County Ditch Fund
	42,845.29	Jail Commissary Fund
	50,238.98	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	3,720.39	Agency Collections
	462,472.36	Total

Warrants

4/30/21	449.25	All In One Translation Agency, LLC
	331.19	Anez/Janee
	12,230.48	Benton County Public Health
	870.47	Captivated LLC
	376.00	Centracare Health Ed & Pro Develop. Dept
	28,227.47	Central Mn Jobs & Training
	390.00	Databank IMX LLC
	321.00	DNA Diagnostics Center
	311.92	Jakes/Samantha
	526.85	Lees/Mark F
	348.00	Lexis Nexis
	344.33	McKesson Medical- Surgical Government
	8,269.21	Mn Dept Of Human Services - SWIFT
	1,178.05	Mn Dept Of Human Services - SWIFT
	660.00	Seven County Process Servers, LLC
	4,471.20	Sherburne Co Sheriff
	3,259.00	Stearns Co Human Services
	6,000.00	USPS-POC
	20,079.10	Wright County Health & Human Services

	2,073.49	Payments less than 300
	19,717.01	Total
	90,717.01	
	83,482.49	Human Service Fund
	7,234.52	Agency Collections
	90,717.01	Total

Commissioner Warrants

5/21/21	271,783.24	General Revenue Fund
	7,286.12	Public Works Fund
	7,715.75	Human Service Fund
	962.09	County Ditch Fund
	960.00	Law Library Fund
	14,550.11	Solid Waste Fund
	18,618.71	Jail Commissary Fund
	345,361.03	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	109,078.03	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	123.00	Agency Collections
	3,177.00	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	779,615.08	Total

Manual Warrants

5/21/21	3,323.63	General Revenue Fund
	553,783.99	Agency Collections
	557,107.62	Total

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Board Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator

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Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

Warrants Approved on 5/14/2021 for Payment 5/14/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
American Correctional Assoc	6,750.00
AT & T Mobility	17,570.28
Bolton & Menk Inc	106,860.50
Braun Intertec Corp	12,887.50
Carefree Cleaning LLC	9,380.00
Central Restaurant Products	2,508.09
Century Fence Company	10,154.00
Corporate Connection	9,502.96
Elk River Printing	2,281.28
Further	3,029.00
Guardian RFID	12,999.00
Julie Kalahar	54,600.00
Keefe Supply Company	13,083.00
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	16,024.69
MCIT	4,793.00
Minnesota Monitoring Inc	5,219.50
Mn Dept of Labor & Industry	3,358.95
Motorola Solutions Inc	12,181.45
North Country Chevrolet Buick GMC	34,893.33
Omnicare Inc	17,685.40
Securus Technologies	9,034.67
Split Rock Management Inc	6,450.00
Streichers Inc	2,880.09
Summit Food Service, LLC	34,630.79
Switchboard Advertising, LLC	2,500.00
Tradewinds Electric LLC	4,139.01
US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	3,194.41
WatchGuard Video	2,980.00
Windstream	3,241.63
93 Payments less than 2000	37,659.83
Final Total:	462,472.36

(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

Warrants Approved on 5/21/2021 for Payment 5/21/2021

Vendor Name	Amount
Avtex Solutions LLC	2,550.00
Becker Collision & Glass Inc	23,523.15
Centra Sota Cooperative - Santiago	2,804.41
Century Fence Company	15,845.00
Express Window Cleaning, LLC	4,140.00
Gallagher Benefit Services Inc.	15,668.75
Galls, LLC	2,491.97
Granite Electronics Inc	25,542.12
Health Partners - Group Health Inc	23,007.13
Hoisington Koegler Group Inc	9,518.17
Lewis Brisbois Bigsaw & Smith LLP	2,720.00
Lockridge Grindall Nauen PLLP	3,000.00
Maxima Supply	2,390.48
MEnd Correctional Care, PLLC	196,918.31
Metropolitan Council	345,045.00
MN Dept of Employment & Economic Dev	3,163.64
Northwestern University	4,100.00
Patriot News MN	2,499.50
Randy Carlson & Mark's Sewer Service In	8,125.00
Richard & Lynda Shindley	2,101.00
Schwab Vollhaber Lubratt Inc	4,824.00
Securus Technologies	8,358.06
Stearns County Environmental Services	4,238.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	17,771.42
USPS	7,665.22
WatchGuard Video	2,980.00
81 Payments less than 2000	38,624.75
Final Total:	779,615.08

(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

Warrants Approved for Payment 5/20/2021

Warrants Approved for Payment 5/20/2021	
Vendor Name	Amount
Alerus Financial	2,737.98
Mn Dept Of Revenue	542,977.24
State Of Minnesota	2,071.75
State Of Minnesota	2,287.00
State Of Minnesota	2,345.00
State Of Minnesota	2,092.20
3 Payments less than 2000	2,596.40
Final Total:	557,107.67
(Published in the Patriot: 06/10/21)	

Public Notices

Central MN Council on Aging Notices

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The *Central MN Council on Aging* will publish a Competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) for the following Federal Older Americans Act for services in the calendar year 2022: Title IIIB Supportive Services, Title III-D Preventive Health Services and Title III E Caregiver Support Services. RFP will be posted to our website on or about June 10, 2021. Please see our website: <http://www.cmcoa.org/titleiii.shtml> for further information and RFP. (Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

Notice

Request for the Public Review and Comment on Proposal for Title III Cost Sharing and Program Development & Coordination Funding

In accordance with the Older Americans Act (Section 315(c)(1)), the *Central MN Council on Aging* (CMCOA) is allowed to submit a proposal to the Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) to use Title III funds for the purpose of providing supportive, health promotion, and caregiver support services and will employ a cost sharing strategy for allowable services to expand potential of this Title III funding to support older individuals and their families in the central 14 county region of Minnesota. The Area Agency on Aging is required to solicit the views of older individuals, providers, and other stakeholders on the implementation of its cost sharing strategy for review and comment. CMCOA is proposing to use approximately \$505,389 in Title III-E National Family Caregiver Support funds to pay for caregiver activities/services, \$703,736 in Title III-B funds to pay for supportive services, and \$84,618 in Title III-D funds to pay for health promotion/disease prevention programs in 2022 which are subject to cost sharing requirements.

CMCOA is allowed to submit a proposal to the MBA to transfer Title III-B (Supportive Services) funds to the Area Plan administration for Program Development and Coordination Activities that will have a direct and positive impact on the enhancement of services for older persons in the 14 county central planning and service region of Minnesota. The Area Agency on Aging is required to make the details of such proposals available to the general public for review and comment. The CMCOA is proposing to use \$154,770 in Title III-B funds to support Program Development and Coordination Activities during 2022 as a cost of Area Plan administration. The MBA policy allows up to 25% of these funds to be used for this purpose. The proposed amount represents 25% of the Area Agency on Aging's new Title III-B direct service allotment.

Virtual Public Hearing

Individuals may also give oral testimony at the Public Hearing to be via ZOOM on July 15, at 11:00 am. Send RSVP to lori@cmcoa.org by July 13, 2021 to register your attendance and, if desired, your intent to speak at the hearing.

Written Comments

Written comments are encouraged and will be accepted until July 20, 2021. Please send written comments via email to lori@cmcoa.org or by mail to the following address: Central MN Council on Aging, Attn: Lori Vrolson 250 Riverside Avenue North Suite 300, Sartell, MN 56377 (Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

KO Storage Lien Auction Notices

KO Storage of Big Lake
18055 198th Ave
Big Lake, MN 55309
(952) 314-7121

SELF STORAGE LIEN AUCTION

Auction Start Time: 06/16/2021 at 10:00 am
Auction End Time: 06/24/2021 at 10:00 am
Location of Auction: www.storage treasures.com
1 SEPARATE LIEN SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR THE UNIT. OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT BID PRICE.
UNIT:
B148 Mary Beth Luing: vacuum, file cabinet, stools.
(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/12/21; 06/19/21).

KO Storage of Becker
13255 Bradley Blvd
Becker, MN 55308
(952) 314-7121

SELF STORAGE LIEN AUCTION

Auction Start Time: 06/16/2021 at 10:00 am
Auction End Time: 06/24/2021 at 10:00 am
Location of Auction: www.storage treasures.com
2 SEPARATE LIEN SALES TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR EACH UNIT. OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT BID PRICE.
UNITS:
BB01 Mark And Darcey Dalberg: household goods.
W030 Darrick Hamacher: household goods.
(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/12/21; 06/19/21).

City Public Notices

Ordinance No. 236, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 2.19 OF CHAPTER 2 IN CITY CODE PROVIDING FOR FEES RELATED TO LICENSING.

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

Chapter 2, Administration and General Government

Section 2.19 REVENUE AND FINANCE

Subd. 2. Fees Relating to Licensing, Administrative Citations, Miscellaneous, Property, Utilities and Services.

A. Licensing Related Fees

This ordinance revises the City Fee Schedule in the City of Becker Code Book to include a Recreation Motor Vehicle Permit Fee.

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

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

/s/ Tracy Bertram, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk

(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the Becker City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at approximately 5:00 PM to consider and adopt the proposed assessment for sidewalk snow removal within the City of Becker.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. The total amount of the proposed assessment is \$5,850.00. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a signed, written objection is filed with the clerk prior to the hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the mayor or clerk of the city within 30 days after adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within 10 days after service upon the mayor or clerk.

/s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk

(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Becker, Sherburne County, Minnesota will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at approximately 5:00 p.m. to consider changes to the City of Becker, City Code, Chapter 2, Section 2.19 relating to the fee schedule.

/s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk

(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

DOCUMENT 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2021 Bituminous Street Improvements Becker, Minnesota SEH No. BECKR 157630

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the Administrator until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 8, 2021, via *QuestCDN* for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of 2021 Bituminous Street Improvements.

The bid opening will be conducted via GoToMeeting, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

Becker 2021 Bituminous Street Improvements Bid Opening
Thursday, July 8, 2021 9:50 AM - 11:00 AM (CDT)
Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smart-phone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/393718693>

You can also dial in using your phone (for supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly):

United States (Toll Free): 1 866 899 4679
- One-touch: tel:+18668994679,,393718693#
United States: +1 (571) 317-3116
- One-touch: tel:+15713173116,,393718693#
Access Code: 393-718-693

Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply. Major quantities for the Work include:

1,550	CY	Common Excavation
123,350	SY	Bituminous Pavement Reclamation
29,900	TON	Wearing Course Mixture
18,875	TON	Non-Wearing Course Mixture
5,700	CY	Salvage Aggregate
2,125	SF	4-Inch Concrete Walk with Sand Bedding
550	LF	Concrete Curb and Gutter (B618)
45,000	LF	4-Inch Solid Line Paint
5	ACRE	Seeding

The Bidding Documents may be seen at the Issuing Office of SEH located at 1200 25th Avenue South, P.O. Box 1717, St. Cloud, MN 56302-1717, 320.229.4300.

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 7884127 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact *QuestCDN* at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$30 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service *QuestCDN.com*. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through *QuestCDN* for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated June 8, 2021.

In addition to digital plans, paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from *DocuNet Corp.* located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$100.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the Owner.

Greg Pruszinske

Administrator

Becker, MN

(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21; 06/26/21).

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CLEARWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06 AMENDING CHAPTER 117 ARTICLE XII OF THE CLEARWATER CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

City Code Part II, Chapter 117, Article XII – Signs is hereby amended as follows:

The following section which reads:

Section 117-1250 – SIGNS EXEMPT FROM PERMIT

- (a) Exemptions specified by type.
- (8) Flags of the United States, the state, the city, foreign nations having diplomatic relations with the United States, and any other flag adopted or sanctioned by an elected legislative body of competent jurisdiction.

is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

Section 117-1250 – SIGNS EXEMPT FROM PERMIT

- (a) Exemptions specified by type.
- (8) Flags.

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

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE 2021

ATTEST:

/s/ Andrea Lawrence, Mayor

/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CLEARWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07 AMENDING CLEARWATER ZONING MAP

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

The Clearwater Zoning Map, referenced in City Code Part II, Chapter 117, Article III, Section 117-330 – Zoning Map is hereby amended to reflect the rezoning of the following parcels:

- PID 104-010-029020 rezoned from R-6 to R-1
- PID 104-011-002020 rezoned from I-1 to C-4
- PID 104-041-001010 rezoned from R-1 to PUD
- PID 104-500-031402 township parcel combined with this parcel by annexation.

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

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Andrea Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

TITLE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2021-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S FEE SCHEDULE

The City Council of the City of Clearwater, Minnesota, Counties of Wright and Stearns, does hereby amend the City's fee schedule ordinance effective July 1, 2021. Shown here is a summary of the changes.

- Added a cleaning fee to Lions Park pavilion rentals.
- Modified the reservation fees for park facilities (ball fields, rink, etc.)
- Reduced the Business Registration fee to \$20.
- Increased monthly water base fees and metered rates by 2%.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection at the City Offices, 605 County Road 75, Clearwater MN 55320, or on the City's website at www.clearwatercity.com. (Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CLEARWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02 AMENDING CHAPTER 117 ARTICLE XII OF THE CLEARWATER CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

City Code Part II, Chapter 117, Article VIII – Fencing/Screening/Landscaping is hereby amended as follows:

The following section which reads:

Section 117-1127 – FENCES

- (d) Prohibited Fences.
- (7) Plastic webbing, except when used for police control. This shall not prohibit the use of prefabricated plastic material intended to resemble wood products.

is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

- (d) Prohibited Fences.
- (7) Plastic webbing, except as follows:
- when used for police control.
 - when used to mark snowmobile trails from October 15 to April 15.
 - when used by property owners abutting undeveloped land as snow screening. This use is only permitted in rear or side yards and is only allowed from October 15 to April 15.

This section does not prohibit the use of prefabricated plastic material intended to resemble wood products.

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

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Andrea Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CLEARWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05 AMENDING CHAPTER 38 ARTICLE III OF THE CLEARWATER CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

City Code Part I, Chapter 38, Article III – Sewers and Sewage Disposal is hereby amended as follows:

Section 38-76 – DEFINITIONS – “Joint Powers Agreement” is amended to read:

Joint powers agreement means the agreement between the cities of Clear Lake, Minnesota and Clearwater, Minnesota dated January 8, 2018 or as subsequently amended, which governs the shared wastewater disposal system serving the two cities. A copy of the agreement can be obtained from the Sewer Authority Director.

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

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE 2021

ATTEST:

/s/ Andrea Lawrence, Mayor

/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/19/21).

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CLEARWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08 AMENDING CHAPTER 18, PART I OF THE CLEARWATER CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

City Code Part I, Chapter 18 – Licenses, Permits, and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, is hereby renamed “Business Regulations”.

City Code Part I, Chapter 18, Article II – Licensing Procedure, is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

Sec. 18-19 - Business Registration.

(a) **Purpose.** The purpose and intent of this section is to annually register all businesses within the City of Clearwater. To provide general contact information, emergency contact information, hazardous material information and any review that may be necessary.

(b) **Definition.** For purposes of this section, “business” means to engage in any trade, profession, industry, sales of goods or services, or other commercial activity. Businesses can be for-profit entities or non-profit organizations that operate to fulfill a charitable mission or further a social cause.

(c) Approval required.

(1) No person or entity who endeavors to conduct business within the city shall occupy any land or building within the city without first obtaining a business registration certificate.

(2) Persons or entities who conduct business and occupy land or a building within the city prior to the effective date of this section shall obtain a business registration certificate within 30 days of the effective date of this section.

(3) **Responsibility.** Both the property owner and the lessee shall be responsible for securing the business registration certificate.

(4) **Approval of the business registration certificate.** The city shall approve the business registration certificate if the use is legal per this chapter and complies with the zoning code and all state and local codes and licensing requirements.

(5) **Revocation of a business registration certificate.** Any false statement submitted to the city for approval of a business registration certificate shall automatically revoke the business registration certificate. After the city has determined false information was received, the city shall notify the owner and lessee that the registration has been revoked. The notification shall also inform the owner and lessee that they have ten days to either obtain a new registration or terminate use of the land or building. If the use continues without a valid business registration certificate, both the landowner and tenant shall be in violation of this section.

(6) **Failure to register.** The city reserves the right to refuse review or approval of any permit or zoning request made by an unregistered person or entity who conducts or endeavors to conduct business and occupies land or a building with the city.

(d) Registration.

(1) **Application.** Persons wishing to apply for a business registration certificate shall apply annually by completing an application form and submitting it to City Hall for approval. Each application that is not for a home-based business shall provide the occupancy limit set by the local Fire Marshal for the business premises.

(2) **Application Fee.** All business registrations shall include payment of an application fee prior to issuance of the business registration certificate. The fee is set by the City Council in the city's Fee Schedule Ordinance.

(3) **Certificate.** A business registration certificate showing the occupancy limit of the business premises shall be issued upon approval of the application. The occupancy limit is not required for home-based businesses. Each business that has a certificate issued shall be listed in the local business listings maintained by City Hall.

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

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE 2021

ATTEST:

/s/ Andrea Lawrence, Mayor

/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Becker, Sherburne County, Minnesota will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at approximately 5:00 p.m. to consider changes to the City of Becker, City Code, Chapter 10, Section 10.08 relating to administrative fines.

/s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk

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