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MIKKI AHSENMACHER spoke to 8th graders about her business - Forever in a Day Wedding and Event Planning during last week's Becker Middle School Career Day event. See Mark Kolbinger's story on page 8. (Submitted Photo).

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Becker Twp. board experienced some heated talks when a discussion was started about the Solar Overlay project. See Mark Kolbinger's story on page 3.

WINTER SPORTS

The Patriot is featuring the teams participating in winter sports this year. The capsule has coaching info, rosters, team photos and schedules. See the section starting on page 10.

CLEAR LAKE TWP.

Clear Lake Twp. is currently looking to replace Chairman Gary Gray on the board since Gray won his bid to serve as a commissioner with Sherburne County a few weeks back. See that story on page 8.

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A guide to shopping local: Holiday Happenings 2022-23

By Bill Morgan, Editor, Staff Writer
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It's December and that means Christmas is right around the corner. We at the Patriot are featuring several local merchants who have some fantastic gift ideas for your gift-giving process.

Shopping local keeps your holiday shopping money right here in the community. Retail small businesses are the back-

bone of the U.S. economy, with an estimated 90% of all U.S. retail companies employing 100 or fewer people.

Our annual Holiday Happenings article gives shoppers the unique opportunity to schedule their shopping at small businesses rather than the big box stores. This guide is by no means exhaustive, but hopefully it will give you a

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Benton 4-H volunteers recognized at Banquet

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Benton County 4-H.)

The 63rd Annual Benton County 4-H Adult Volunteers and Leaders Banquet was held Sunday, November 20th at Jack & Jim's in Duelm. The event signified the end of the 4-H year and was an appreciation dinner and awards program for our 4-H Adult volunteers and leaders. About 125 adult volunteers/leaders and special guests were in attendance and enjoyed a fabulous dinner. Some of the special guests included Benton County Commissioner Ed Popp, Commissioner Scott Johnson, Commissioner Beth Schlangen, Associate Dean & MN 4-H State Director Jennifer Skuza, Program Leader in Youth Development for the Central Region Leah Larson, Regional

Director Lori Vicich, Benton County Extension Committee members Cheryl Scapanski and Angie Arnold.

"In a world where there are so many things pulling our youth in different directions, we can be their constant, their support, their encouragement and their biggest fans." Said 4-H Adult Volunteer Corinne Lyon, Club Leader for the Mayhew Lakers 4-H Club during her leader's response. "When youth feel appreciated and valued, they are inspired to continue to fulfill their potential. As leaders, we can help youth focus on the joy in life instead of just relying on their victories. But they can't see if we don't help them find it within themselves."

After our guest speakers spoke, recognition pins

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BENTON COUNTY ADULT VOLUNTEERS PLAQUE RECIPIENTS during the 63rd Annual Benton County 4-H Adult & Leaders Banquet on Sunday, Nov 20th at Jack & Jim's Event Center in Duelm. (L-R Front row) Friend of 4-H Award presented to Jodi Henry, Henry's Embroidery, 4-H Leader Achievement Award presented to Katrina Dolezal-Mersinger, Outstanding Service Award presented to Brenda Kaschmitter, 4-H Pioneer Award presented to Michelle Peacock. (L-R Back Row) Honorary 4-H Member Award presented to Commissioner Ed Popp, 4-H Pioneer Award presented to Cheryl Scapanski, Friend of 4-H Award presented to Foley Community Education Jill Nielsen and Alyssa Stewart, Outstanding Service Award presented to Kevin Kuklok, and 4-H Leader Achievement Award presented to Stacie Morris. (Submitted photo.)

Becker rises, Big Lake falls in safest cities survey

(Editor's Note: The following information was gleaned from SafeWise's website which can be found at www.safewise.com)

Both Becker and Big Lake made the top 20 list of safest cities in the State of Minnesota for 2022 according to SafeWise, a company that conducts research as well as contextualizing national crime and safety trends to show how they affect one's neighborhood.

In SafeWise's 2022 State of Safety survey, residents of Minnesota (33%) were far less likely to worry about their safety on a daily basis than most Americans (47%). This makes sense since Minnesota's violent

crime rate falls far below the national rate, and its property crime rate isn't too high above the national average.

The top 10 safest cities were: Corcoran, Elko New Market, West Hennepin, Cold Spring/Richmond, Rosemount, Minnetrista, Montevideo, St. Joseph, Dayton and South Lake Minnetonka.

Big Lake dropped to #13 (was #6 last year) while Becker rose to #18 (up from #38 last year).



All of Min-

nesota's 20 safest cities reported violent crime and property crime rates well below the state average.

2022 Minnesota Crime Rates

Minnesota's crime rates increased. The violent crime rate rose from 2.4 per 1,000 people to 2.8, while property crime increased from 20.9 per 1,000 to 21.2.

Even with the increases in Minnesota's crime rates this year, the state remained below the national average for violent crimes. It rose slightly above the national average for property crime.

Concern and Experience with Crime in Minnesota

In SafeWise's latest State of Safety survey, they found that 33% of Minnesota residents are highly

concerned about safety every day (US 47%), and 48% feel safe in this state (US 55%).

Minnesota survey participants tended to worry a lot less about their personal safety on a daily basis than last year. This is surprising since Minnesota is one of just nine states that increased in both property and violent crime this year.

SafeWise found that the majority of Minnesota residents (45%) were worried about package theft—more than violent crime, gun violence, and general property crime. This worry may be warranted since 29% experienced package theft in the past 12 months, which is one of the highest package theft rates in the

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A Few Things in December

I usually have some idea of what I am going to write about, but this time was different. Nothing specifically had been pressing on me, but there were a few things. I couldn't decide so I'm putting them together.

Beauty

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," said Shakespeare. There is beauty all around and in many forms and implores all our senses. Sometimes it right out there for us to see, like a sunrise or sunset. Sometimes, you have to look closer to find it; a smile, a look or a kind gesture.

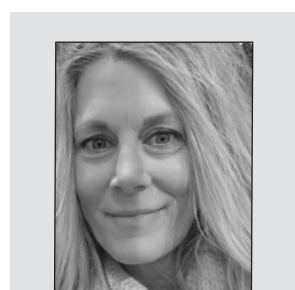
Sometimes it can be heard, like gentle rain, music or children's laughter. Beauty can be in a touch, like a hug, holding a hand or the soft coat on your dog's head.

The smell of a rose, bread baking or a newborn baby can be beautiful scents.

Sometimes, a taste of something you like can bring euphoria. A favorite dish, chocolate or that first sip of coffee, can entice the palate. And we all know the taste of victory is sweet.

For me, beauty is looking at the sky throughout the day, from early morning to nightfall. You never know what you are going to see. God is a wonderful artist. And beauty is also in

Editorials/Opinions



By Shelley Berthiaume
Contributing Writer

people and I like to capture the moment. I'm always taking pictures.

Beauty does wonders for the spirit, especially when it is felt.

Thoughts

Thoughts... They bombard our mind daily. According to neuro psychology, we have approximately "6,200" thoughts daily. I didn't realize it was that many, but then again, my thoughts are always changing, so maybe the number is realistic. What we think about can be impacting on our life. This is fascinating to me.

Scientists, psychologists and doctors have known for years about the power of the mind. How we can turn around physical setbacks, situations, outcomes by changing the course of our thoughts. I

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Recognizing Rural Mental Health

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

As Americans prepare for Thanksgiving, I hope that all of you are planning to enjoy the holiday with your friends and family. This special time of year gives us all an opportunity to reflect and appreciate the many blessings we have as Americans.

Last week in Washington, we recognized National Rural Health Day. Unfortunately, many rural Americans face unique challenges when seeking health care. We must recommit to doing all we can to bridge the gap.

Tragically, rural Americans are especially vulnerable to mental health concerns and are chronically underserved when it comes to treatment. According to a survey from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, nearly seven million rural Americans suffer from mental health disorders and were 1.8 times more likely to die from suicide than their urban counterparts.

In recognition of these



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

challenges, we reintroduced a resolution to designate November 17, 2022, as "National Rural Mental Health Day." By continuing to raise awareness of the challenges our rural communities face, we move closer to the day when all Americans have equal access to quality mental health care.

We need to ensure that none of our communities escape our care and attention. While there is much to do this Congress, I remain committed to expanding access to reliable mental health care for all Americans, regardless of zip code.

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

A big thanks to all students (and adults) who made Becker Theatre Departments' presentation of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* possible. The singing, music (our very talented Pit Orchestra), and storytelling was truly breathtaking. The sets, directing, choreography, stage management (Tech Crew), and hours of rehearsals made it all look and sound not just amazing, but once again surpassing in quality that of any production out there. The students' mesmerizing performances delighted the audience so much that attendance numbers grew with each performance. It eventually resulted in a new attendance record for our fall musical. In sharing this, I really wish they were doing another couple of shows so that those who missed this fantastic production could come and see it for themselves. To the cast and crew let me simply say, "You were all fantastic and wonderful team players!" Also, a big thanks to Becker and the Clear Lake Lions, as well as our many others sponsors, in their helping to make this production such a great success. Next up - Set your calendars for the middle school's production of *Newsies*, Feb 18th - 20th.

Curtis Hed
Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

It was late afternoon Thanksgiving Day. Darkness had settled in. My husband and I were driving home from Princeton when a large buck flew out of the darkness, our car hitting his back side and damaging the car's right front side. As we watched traffic speed by and I was wondering why God hadn't protected us as I had asked, a man appeared at my window. He asked if we were okay, then offered to stay with us until the tow truck arrived and we were taken care of. He said his name was Colten. When asked about the deer, he refused it. But my husband talked him into taking it if it was salvageable. After checking it, Colten determined it was a nine-point buck with a broken leg and began the process for claiming it. When the tow truck arrived, the driver said he could take us home, but it would cost approximately \$250. Colten heard the conversation and insisted on driving us home. Earlier on, we were surprised to learn he was 18, and we wondered why, of all the traffic speeding by, it took a teenager with proper upbringing to be a good Samaritan and stop. And yes, God was protecting us.

Mary Jo Mosher
Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Does Sherburne County really think that we're simpleton enough to not read through their tax increases? "Most tax rates lower in 2023" (Patriot, 11/26/22) is an absolute distraction to a giant tax increase in the county. It's easy, they overinflate property values as a feel good so they can jack up taxes but say the tax rate is lower as the headline. They hope that we're as gullible as those who drove around solo for two years with a .99 cent mask on. You pay TAXES, not tax rates - period. Anyone who tries to spin this tax spike narrative epitomizes what is wrong with the state of MN - they lead with deceit and then use the state run media to spin it positive. Despicable at best - but it's local government in a gluttonous Tim Walz and DFL run MN, it's to be expected.

Charlie Schmidt
Orrock Twp., MN

American Crow

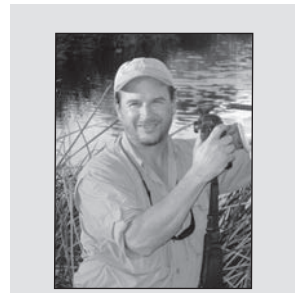
The American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) is an exceedingly common bird that is often overlooked. They are found only in North America. There are several other species of crow found in the Old World such as the Carrion Crow and the Hooded Crow. These Old-World crows look very similar and fill a very similar ecological niche.

The American Crow was one of the smartest of all birds in North America. These birds are very inquisitive and have the ability to problem solve and use tools.

Crows have done an amazing job at adapting to people and our city and suburban environments. In fact, it wasn't that long ago that crows were considered a rural species that were found on farms and in fields. Now they thrive in cities and suburbs all across the country. In fact, now more crows live in cities than live in the country.

Our American Crows have the ability to communicate with each other and share with each other where food sources are located. They can simply tell family members where the food is located and communicate it well enough that they can find it on their own, without being shown. This indicates a very high level of detailed communication between individuals.

These birds are omnivores, eating everything from insects, nuts, berries, meat, eggs and fish. They will take advantage of any food source they can find. They are also proficient hunters. I have witnessed crows catching bats and small birds. They cooperate to locate food or catch



By Naturist
Stan Tekiela

food, sharing what they find with the entire family.

American Crows are considered socially monogamous and cooperative breeders. This means that the young birds from the previous year stick around to help raise the young from the current year. They all work together to raise the young crows.

Families are often as large as 15 to 20 individual birds. The younger birds stay around for about five years before striking out on their own. They usually don't reach breeding age until two or three years of age.

So, when a small family of crows started hanging out in my backyard I was thrilled to see them. I enjoy watching them doing things like taking a snow bath or chasing the squirrels just for the fun of it. I really like the common criers that we often overlook and usually ignore like the American Crow.

Until next time...

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Property issue discussed at CW Twp.

During their November meeting, Patrick Chaplin and his attorney, John Peterson, approached the Clearwater Twp. Board to

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discuss issues he's having with his 157 ½ Street property. The way the road is currently at crosses his property however, he's never stopped anyone from crossing to it.

Chaplin explained he's been attempting to relocate the road to where it should actually be in order to get

his private property back to private, the public land public, and the road accessible to everyone. However, every time he tries to relocate the road his neighbors call the police. The police then tell him he can't do anything without a court order.

"I'm defending my property which I have the right to do and I can't get it done," Chaplin said. "I have a legal right to post my property."

He explained one of the main reasons he's pursuing the road relocation is

that he wants to plant grass on his two lots to help prevent erosion.

His neighbor doesn't want him to move forward with the project because it will take away much of their front yard. Chaplin also told the board the neighbor had installed a well that is located over his property line, which he believes is a violation as the township hadn't given permission for it to be installed there.

He's followed the proper steps recommended previously and is now looking for permission to

relocate the road so it's in the easement area where it should properly be.

Twp. Atty. Mike Couri advised the township not to exercise authority of the road, explaining that if they take jurisdiction over it then it means they've accepted the road as theirs. Part of the issue is that if the township would claim the road there's no way for them to even access it without trespassing on private property. Currently the township doesn't maintain the road.

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Becker Twp. pumps brakes on solar overlay project

The Becker Twp. Board met Monday evening and once again the issue of solar energy dominated the discussion.

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City of Becker Community Development Director Jacob Sanders started the discussion with an update on the committee's work, outlining last week's meeting as well as the results of last month's Open House, which drew 11 citizens.

Sanders presented an updated map, still under development, that would indicate areas where panels would be permitted or prohibited across the city and township.

Sanders identified the next steps as setting the zoning perimeters and design standards, followed by adoption of the document into the Comp Plans for both entities, since these documents carry quasi-judicial power.

Twp. Supervisor Luke Babler, a member of the Solar Overlay committee, spoke next and outlined some of his concerns.

"I think we need to pull back a little bit . . . there's too much purple (solar not allowed) on the map," Babler stated. "These people pay their taxes . . . who am I to say that they can't do something with their land? I don't like solar personally, but I don't like the government telling people what they can do."

Sanders explained that from his point of view, the committee's work is about balance and looking out for "all 15,000 residents" of the greater Becker community in a way that honors current, mid and long range planning.

Supervisor Brad Wilkening asked about property tax effects, wondering what the taxation differences are between current agricultural land, 2.5 acre developments and potential tax earnings from solar developments.

"Do we know what the property tax would be?" Wilkening asked.

Sanders stated that he could look into that issue more, while Twp. Clerk Lucinda Messman added that there would not only be an increase in property tax collection at solar farms, but also in a production tax that goes along with most solar developments.

Chair Brian Kolbinger, also a solar overlay committee member, noted that he sees the issue through the lens of protecting those who are currently farming.

"Solar is another type of farming," Kolbinger said, "I would like to focus on the areas in the township where landowners are already farming."

Babler stated that he wanted a few other items on the record, including that the original intent of the committee was not to necessarily pro-



CITY OF BECKER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JACOB SANDERS appeared at the Becker Township meeting Monday evening to discuss the work of the Solar Overlay committee, as several Township Supervisors expressed concern about the direction of the group. (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

hibit the solar developments, but to put some rules in place about how they would need to be developed to blend in with the surroundings. In terms of the contaminant/pollution issue, he noted the irony of the situation since there is a major landfill sitting right across the highway.

"Also, the city needs to remember that they put in a solar farm right behind the waste water plant, right in people's back yards," Babler commented. "And now we tell others they cannot (do the same)?"

Sanders acknowledged the concerns and thanked the board for bringing them up now, rather when the committee's work was completed. He pledged to set another meeting of the committee to continue the discussions.

"The public needs to

know we are having these conversations," concluded Kolbinger.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Heard from Sgt. Dan Frank regarding last month's 178 calls for service, including eight car-deer collisions and 13 motor vehicle accidents due to excessive speed on the slippery road surface;

- Held a public hearing on Gapen Acres, 87th St., with no public comment; therefore, the board approved the metes and bounds split;

- Sent a favorable recommendation to the county for a building variance at Carefree Country Club, with a notation that a double permit fee will be charged because the project was started without a permit;

- Listened to Planner Ben Wikstrom's update, which included a discussion on accessory dwelling structures and the current solar ordinance. A review of the Twp.'s Comp Plan will also get underway in 2023 since it has not been updated since 2014;

- Learned that the insurance claim appeal will have a hearing on January 18;

- Approved an annexation request for approximately 35 acres just west of the Savanna Village development, as well as the compost site and the dog park.



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Couri informed Chaplin he'd likely have to take the issue to court as it's now a civil matter. The township was able to agree to compose a letter stating that 157th and 158th are both land they hold in trust

ship's portion of the project, the DNR road grant to upgrade and pave 4 miles of township roads he was working on won't be applied for this year. Even after the project was narrowed down to a two mile

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signifying the numbers of years in volunteering/leadership roles, were presented by 4-H Extension Educator, Ann Olson and our new Extension Support Staff, Megan Gerads. Over 550 years of volunteering were recognized.

First year recipients included: Tammy Goertz, 79'ers, Jodi Henry, Busy Bees, Nichole Billmark, Cornerstone Clovers, Eric Zintek, Duelm, Jennifer Lamberg, Duelm, Adam Scapanski, Elk River Critters, Cindy Achen, Graham, Jeremiah Meehl, Graham, Jessica Hoheisel, Graham, Justin Hackett, Graham, Lindsay Hackett, Graham, Jake Klosowski, Independent, Marjorie Kahl, Independent, Nathan Goldade, independent, Suzanne Bratrud, independent, Ann Bemboom, Mayhew Lakers, Megan Gerads, Mayhew Lakers, Erin Sanderson, Katilyn Grundhoefer, Shooting Stars, Shooting Stars and Kristin Forner, Shooting Stars.

Fifth year recipients included: Katrina Beack, 79'ers, Kim Chmielewski, Busy Bees, Scott & Jackie Buski, Central MN Llama Club, Nathan Pflipsen, Central MN Llama Club, Andi Rahm, Cornerstone Clovers, Sarah Dahler, Cornerstone Clovers, Krista Kuklok, Cornerstone Clovers, Angie Arnold, Duelm, Kristin Best, Duelm, Laura Brenny, Elk River Critters, Mat Brenny, Elk River Critters, Cassie Scapanski,

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Tenth year recipients included: Kevin Kuklok, Cornerstone Clovers, Elizabeth Schneider, Duelm, Ted Prom, Duelm, Connie Goulet, Elk River Critters, Jennifer Betker, Elk River Critters, Kevin Hackett, Elk River Critters, Diane Halverson, Green Acres, Daryl Sheetz, Independent, Sue Tix, Independent, Irene Neu, North Benton, Joan Nichols, North Benton, Scott Morris, St. Pat's and Shawn Pollard, St. Pat's

Fifteenth year recipients included: Heidi Anderson, Elk River Critters, Katrina Dolezal-Mersinger, Granite Clouds, Denise Roberts, Green Acres, Gina Kobluk, Independent and Ken Bemboom, Mayhew Lakers

Twenty year recipients included: Cheryl Pflipsen, Central MN Llama Club,

Cheryl Scapanski, Elk River Critters and Bonnita Bernhardt, Independent

Twenty-five year recipients included: Natalie Schmitt, Independent

Thirty year recipients included: June Hirdler, 79'ers and Robin Burton, 79'ers.

Thirty-five year recipients included: Joan Templin, 79'ers and Karen Sakry, St. Pat's

Forty year recipient included: Becky Molitor, Independent

Fifty year recipient included: Marilyn Kaschmitter, Independent.

Additional awards were presented to individuals that were nominated. There were two "Outstanding Service Awards" presented to Brenda Kaschmitter of Pioneers 4-H Club and Kevin Kuklok of Cornerstone Clovers 4-H Club for going the extra mile in numerous areas in 4-H to support the program. Two "Friend of 4-H" Awards were given to Foley Community Education and Henry's Embroidery for the dedication to assist 4-H supporting the youth. Two "4-H Leader Achievement Awards" were presented to Stacie Morris of St. Pat's 4-H Club and Katrina Dolezal-Mersinger of Granite Clouds 4-H Club for consistent dedication in leadership. Two "4-H Pioneer Award" recipients were awarded to Cheryl Scapanski of Elk River Critters 4-H Club and Michelle Peacock of St.

Pat's 4-H Club.

The final award was "Honorary 4-H Member Award" which was presented to Benton County Commissioner Ed Popp for his continued dedication to the 4-H program.

"It is truly an indescribable honor to lead this 4-H program in Benton County the past 6 years and a privilege to be a part of each of your lives," said Ann Olson, Benton County 4-H Extension Educator, "I do not take this opportunity for granted, and I hope to continue to serve you proudly in the years ahead."

Benton County 4-H is blessed to have dedicated, passionate, and hard-working volunteers that all contribute to the success of the 4-H program. Thank you to all of our volunteers and leaders for all they do for the organization and our youth. Sunday evening was an excellent opportunity to celebrate our volunteers and leaders for their accomplishments.



PATRICK CHAPLIN AND ATTY. JOHN PETERSON explain the issues Chaplin's come up against while attempting to get 157 1/2 Street back to where it's supposed to be during Clearwater Twp.'s November meeting. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

for the public. Couri will follow up.

Other Business

The township has received questions regarding whether or not it will be offering yard waste disposal. As there are no plans to do so, the board recommends residents bring their yard waste to Wright Co.

Bill Langenbacher informed the board that due to rising costs for the town-

stretch the estimated cost given was \$936,000, with the township's portion estimated at \$286,600.

A motion carried to approve Sonja Dahlberg's dog kennel CUP renewal.

A motion carried approving the assessment services contract for property tax assessment.

The next Clearwater Twp. meeting will be Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Draft Xcel Energy AUAR available for comment

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the City of Becker.)

The City of Becker and Xcel Energy are partnering on an AUAR for an area of land adjacent to the Sherco Power Plant in Becker. The AUAR project area is situated on approximately 2,177 acres surrounding Xcel Energy's Sherco coal-fired power plant (Sherco Plant). Xcel Energy and the City of Becker are collaborating to develop this land with uses that can benefit from the existing infrastructure, support community development, and replace some of the tax base that will be lost when the plant closes. The City's currently adopted 2040 Comprehensive Plan guides most of this land as heavy industrial because the land is uniquely suited to accommodate such uses.

The Draft AUAR will be available for public comment starting Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

The draft document can be viewed electronically at the following link: www.ci.becker.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/2627/Revised-Draft-AUAR-Becker-Xcel. A hard copy of the draft document will be available to view at Becker City Hall and the Great River Regional Library in Becker. The City of Becker will accept written comments (via mail or email) on the Draft AUAR during the public review and comment period, which concludes Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

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**Sharon Ann Sullivan-Alvord, Age 83
Becker, MN
July 24, 1939 – November 17, 2022**

Sharon died Thursday, November 17, 2022, at Seasons Hospice in Rochester.

Sharon was born July 24, 1939, in La Crosse to John and Berniece (Grebin) Lubinsky. She graduated from Aquinas High School. She was a devoted Catholic throughout her life. After her children were grown, she met and married Peter Alvord, the love of her life. They especially enjoyed golfing together.

She was a spitfire with endless energy who loved to help others. She was an animal lover to the core and gave many endless love in her home. She loved to plant flowers and she created the most beautiful gardens.

She is survived by her husband, Peter; three children, Laurie (Joe) Sulli-

van-Murray, Linda (Rick) Sullivan-Wilkins, & Daniel Sullivan; eight step-children, Christine Reece, Terry (Dwight) Anderson, Jeff (Mei-qi) Alvord, Lynn (Howard) Griffin, Mark (Cindy) Alvord, Dave (Nikki) Alvord, Laurie Alvord & Chuck Alvord; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brothers John (Shirley) Lubinsky, Jim (Carlynn) Lubinsky, Bob (Carol) Lubinsky and Sister Barb (Tom) Luka.

Per her wishes, a private Mass will be held. Hoff Funeral & Cremation Service – St. Charles is assisting the family with arrangements. www.hofffuneral.com.

**James "Jim" R. Neumann, Age 41
Saint Cloud, MN
October 12, 1981 – November 27, 2022**

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 3, 2022, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Minden Township for James "Jim" R. Neumann, age 41, who passed away Sunday, unexpectedly. Rev. Michael Wolfbauer will officiate, and burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitation was held Friday at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in St. Cloud and one hour prior to the services Saturday at the church. Parish prayers were held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home in St. Cloud.

Jim was born October 12, 1981, in St. Cloud to Floyd & Sue (Middendorf) Neumann. He married Tera Franzwa on October 25, 2008, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in St. Cloud. Jim worked as a driver for UPS for 23 years and worked at Sell's Auto for 10 years. He also owned and operated the family farm. Jim was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church where he was very involved and served as President of the Parish Council for years. He enjoyed rebuilding antique tractors, tractor auctions, vacations, pool parties in the stock tank, teaching and mentoring his children, and spending time with fam-

ily. Jim was determined, life of the party, larger than life, and a great handyman.

Survivors include his wife, Tera of St. Cloud; daughters, Kailyn, Susanna, and Ella all at home; father, Floyd (Brenda) of St. Cloud; brothers and sister, Jerry (Cassie) of Rice, Jason (Nicole Schmiedt) of St. Paul, and Jodie of Foley; grandmother, Luella Schutte of Becker; god-daughter and niece, Anne Neumann of Rice; mother-in-law & father-in-law, Kathy & Terry Franzwa of Becker; brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law, Jeremy (Katie) Franzwa of Eden Prairie, Breanna Franzwa of Sartell, Jordan (Morgan) Franzwa of St. Cloud, and Mitchell Franzwa of Salt Lake City, UT; nephew & niece, Devan & Mackenzie Franzwa of St. Cloud; and many aunts, uncles, & cousins. Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Sue in 2013; maternal grandparents, Ben & Alice Middendorf; paternal grandfather, Robert Neumann; paternal step-grandfather, David Schutte; and dog, Molly.

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

**Robert L. Lindberg
Clearwater, MN**

Robert L. Lindberg went to be with our Lord and savior after a brief struggle with Cancer.

A memorial service for Bob will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 11AM at Trinity Lutheran Church (Staples, MN). Visitation will

be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Clearwater, at Mount Hope Cemetery.



Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC NOW AT BCC! ALL AREA SENIORS WELCOME. SENIOR CENTER OPEN MON. - FRI. 5AM-5PM.

COFFEE IS ON AT 5AM. COME DROP IN!

Mon., Dec. 5; 9am: Christmas Cookie Bake with Linda Ellis \$30. Couples spots left-see Pat T.; All day coffee, catch up on the news with St. Cloud & Minneapolis daily papers today & everyday.

Tues., Dec. 6; 7am: Walk up Walk; **7:30am:** Boosted Walk-both in BCC Gym; **9am:** Cards & Conversation.

Wed., Dec. 7; 12-1pm: Lunch & Learn, Navigating Holiday Eating with Morgan Matter, CentraCare Clinical Dietician. Bring your bag lunch & join.

Thurs., Dec. 8; 9am: Cards/Conversation; **11am:** Come & join Reindeer Games at the Senior Center!

Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271

Blood Pressure available whenever BASC is open

Send activity/class opportunities to:

basc.becker@gmail.com

Planning Mtg.: 3rd Wed., 1pm; **Next Board mtg.:** Jan. 18, 3-5pm

Nov. 15-Dec. 3: Holiday Tradition Recipe Swap

(at the Library-see BASC Newsletter for more details.)

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, refreshments & conversation.

For More Information Call:
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Public Notices

Big Lake Public Schools #727 Notices

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER
The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools, was called to order on November 17, 2022.
- II. ROLL CALL
All Board members were present.
- III. APPROVE AGENDA
A motion passed to approve the agenda.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. OPEN FORUM
No participants
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA
A motion passed to approve the following:
A. PREVIOUS MINUTES
B. CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS
C. CREDIT CARD REPORT
D. PERSONNEL
E. FINAL READING AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES
F. REMOVE POLICY 432 TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE-STAFF
- VII. DONATIONS
A motion passed to approve the donations.
- VIII. APPROVE 2021-2022 FINANCIAL AUDIT
A motion passed to approve the 2021-2022 financial audit as presented.
- IX. FINANCIAL REPORT
A motion passed to approve the financial report and budget revisions as presented.
- X. SCHOOL SHOWCASE
- XI. COMMUNITY EDUCATION UPDATE
- XII. ACTIVITIES UPDATE
- XIII. BID RESULTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND AWARD FOR BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS
A motion passed to accept the base bid of \$2,035,437.00, the alternate No. 1 Phase 2, Fitness Center bid of \$952,566.00, and the alternate No. 2 Pipe Joint System at no additional cost, for a total of \$2,988,003.00 from KUE Contractors.
- XIV. BID RESULTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND AWARD FOR INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BID PACKAGE #2
A motion passed to accept the base bid of \$10,048,000.00, Alternate No.1 Additional Casework of \$319,500.00, and Alternate No.2 Art Room Renovation of \$49,600.00 for a total of \$10,417,100.00 from Ebert Construction.
- XV. CANVASS THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION
A motion passed to approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION
XVI. AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION
A motion passed to approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES
XVII. SECOND READING OF POLICIES
XVIII. APPROVE DATE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
A motion passed to approve the Organizational Meeting for Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Middle School Student Center followed by a Work Session.
- XIX. SET JOINT POWERS MEETING
A motion passed to set the Joint Powers Meeting for Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Big Lake City Council Chambers.
- XX. COMMITTEE UPDATES
XXI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
XXII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
XXIII. ADJOURNMENT
A motion passed to adjourn the meeting.
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City Public Notices

CITY OF BECKER NOTICE OF AUAR AND MITIGATION PLAN AVAILABILITY

The City of Becker and Xcel Energy are partnering on an AUAR for an area of land adjacent to the Sherco Power Plant in Becker. The AUAR project area is situated on approximately 2,177 acres surrounding Xcel Energy's Sherco coal-fired power plant (Sherco Plant). Xcel Energy and the City of Becker are collaborating to develop this land with uses that can benefit from the existing infrastructure, support community development, and replace some of the tax base that will be lost when the plant closes. The City's currently adopted 2040 Comprehensive Plan guides most of this land as heavy industrial because the land is uniquely suited to accommodate such uses.

The Draft AUAR can be viewed electronically at the following link <https://www.ci.becker.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/2627/Revised-Draft-AUAR-Becker-Xcel>. A hard copy of the draft document is available to view at Becker City Hall and the Great River Regional Library in Becker. The City of Becker will accept written comments (via mail or email) on the Draft AUAR during the public review and comment period, which concludes Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Written comments should be submitted to:
City of Becker
Attn: Jacob Sanders
12060 Sherburne Avenue
PO Box 250
Becker, MN 55308

Electronic/email comments may be submitted to Jacob Sanders at JSanders@ci.becker.mn.us with Xcel/Becker Draft AUAR in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include name and mailing address.
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Loan Servicing Specialist - Clara City, Howard Lake

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Announcements

Becker Announcements

Becker American Legion Auxiliary

The Becker American Legion Auxiliary has suspended their monthly meetings through February 2023. For information contact Paula Hinds at (763) 262-6679 or Nellie Simpson at Becker True Value.

Becker American Legion Post 193

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

Becker AA Meeting

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

Becker Boy Scout Pack 92

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

Becker Evangelical Ministries

Every Wed., 6-7:30pm at Becker Middle School.
GYM 45 - growing young men. HIS KIDZ - K-3rd grade. G.I.R.L.S. GROUP - 4th & 5th grade girls. Becker Free Church (763) 261-4125 or register online at www.beckerfreechurch.org.

Becker Food Shelf

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

Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild

Meet 2nd Mon. of month at 7pm. Becker Baptist Church. Contact Elizabeth Steckelberg (763) 691-3852 or email: beckerlions@gmail.com.

Becker Lions Club

Meetings are held the second Mon. each month at 6pm at Becker City Park. Emma Cook (763) 691-3852 or beckerlions@gmail.com.

Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle

The Becker Lions are collecting used eyeglasses (no cases please.) Collection buckets are located at the Becker Community Center, Insight Eye Care and Becker City Hall. Contact Lion Kurt Anderson at (763) 234-6883 (phone or text) or by email at beckerlions@gmail.com.

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

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

Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

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

Compassion Connection

A 501(c)(3) community-based non-profit. We partner with local & private child welfare agencies. For more info: www.thecompassionconnectionmn.com.

Dementia Support Group

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

Great River Faith in Action

If you are a senior, age 60 & above, family caregiver or an individual in need of services, Call (763) 263-4277 or www.grfia.org.

Snake River Free Mission Church

Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. Check Snake River Church Facebook page for updates. Mary (612) 219-8648.

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

The Refuge is open to visitors year-round during the daylight hours. The Refuge is located at 10706 293rd Ave, Zimmerman. Call (763) 389-3323 or sherburne@fws.gov



Big Lake Announcements

Big Lake Ambassador

"Empowering young ladies of Big Lake to be women of tomorrow through Community Service. Email: biglakeambassadors@gmail.com or biglakejuniorambassadors@gmail.com.

Big Lake American Legion Post #147

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

Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

Mon., 7pm at the Church of Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, Big Lake. Contact: Rob, (763) 218-5328.

Big Lake Al-Anon

Meetings held Mon., 7pm at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church - Big Lake Annex. Laurie (763) 218-5330.

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

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

Big Lake / Becker Mops

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

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

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

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

The Big Lake Community Food Shelf hours of service are Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-7:30pm & Wed. 9-11am. "Freebie Friday", 11:30am-12:30pm. "Pop-up Pantry", 11:30am-12:30pm every Tues. To volunteer call (763) 263-2432 or www.blcfs.org.

Big Lake Day of Prayer

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

The Big Lake Lions

Looking for community minded people to join our organization. Contact any Lion member or send a note to P.O. Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309 or (763) 263-2218.

LC of Big Lake Lioness

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

Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

Big Lake Women of Today

Senior Activity Center located in the Big Lake City Office Building on the 3rd Thurs. of the month @ 7pm. Contact Natalie @ (612) 518-3504, Facebook or www.biglakewomenoftoday.webs.com.

God's Grub Community Meal

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

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 65

If you or anyone you know is 65 or under & have been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, you are welcome to attend our group. We meet the third Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309. Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

Moms in Prayer

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

Becker Upcoming Events

Becker Food Shelf Drive

Becker Girl Scout Troop 281 & Big Lake National Honor Society is hosting a food drive for the Becker Food Shelf. Nov. 1-Dec. 9. Drop sites are at: Los Ortizes, Becker Community Center, Starz Dance Studio & Marvel Nutrition.

Sherburne County Upcoming Events

Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment

Runs Oct. 15-Dec. 7. Allows you to make changes to your current Medicare plan and your Part D drug plan. Changes take effect Jan. 1, 2023. Call 800-333-2433 or mn.gov/senior-linkage-line.



Probates

will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

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have always known the mind is powerful and can do great things. Recently, I have learned more.

The Secret, a book by Rhonda Byrne and a Netflix documentary, opened up my eyes to what we are really capable of. What some of the most famous people in history have used and known. People like, Beethoven, Galileo, Einstein and Edison.

There are laws in the universe. In particular, the Law of Attraction, which means, what we think about, we attract and bring into our life - most of the time without knowing we do. Sounds strange yet it makes sense, just like faith. If we believe our prayers are answered, that sets God in motion. In Mark 11:24, God says, *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you received it and it will be yours.* To think, believe and attract good things is something I plan to keep practicing.

December

There is a lot that goes on in December. It is the last month of the year, winter starts and of course, Christmas. The holiday parties, Christmas programs, New Year's Eve and a few dates I can't forget.

December 17 was mom's birthday. I try and do something special even though she's not here to celebrate. This year it's on a Saturday, maybe I'll go dancing, because she loved to or maybe visit a few of her friends, because she loved people or spend time with family, because that meant the most. December 21, is the day Scott and I met and then had our first date, eight days later. This was 1984. Thirty-eight years together and married 35.

December 24, Christmas Eve, a time spent with family. But there's more. I can't help but remember a good friend who passed away two years ago. Cheers EJ!

I'm convinced the spirit of Christmas is in the air and the heart throughout December. For some, it is year-round. This is the time of reflection; to fulfill any last minute goals or dreams and then, open the door to the New Year.

To think, believe and attract good things is something I plan to keep practicing.



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Clear Lake/Clearwater Sewer Authority Plant Operator

The Clear Lake/Clearwater Sewer Authority located in Clear Lake, Mn is seeking applications for a FT Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. Minimum requirements include a valid driver's license, ability to work evenings/weekends, and ability to comply with an alarm response time of 30 minutes. A class D wastewater license is preferred. Prior city experience and knowledge of governmental operations is desirable. The position is full-time with benefits. Wage range is \$23.79 - \$32.56/hour DOQ. Offers of employment are contingent upon a full background check. Applications can be obtained by visiting www.clearwatercity.com or call (320) 558-2428. Return applications to the City of Clearwater, PO Box 9, Clearwater, MN 55320 or email to asmythe@clearwatercity.com no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022. Clear Lake/Clearwater Sewer Authority is an EEO/AA employer.

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country.

Violent Crime in Minnesota: Fear vs. Reality
A slight rise in Minnesota's violent crime rate this year reflects that nearly half of survey respondents don't feel safe in the state. This growing unease also aligns with an increase in personal experiences with violent crime and gun violence compared to the last reporting year.

Forty-eight percent of Minnesota residents report feeling safe in their state compared to 55% of Americans.

Thirteen percent of survey participants reported having a personal experience with violent crime in the last 12 months prior to SafeWise's survey—four percentage points higher than the previous year.

There were almost 16,000 violent crimes in the North Star State. That's up 17% from last year's results.

Although this is the second consecutive year the violent crime rate has risen, Minnesota still has the lowest violent crime rate in the West North Central region and is well below the national violent crime rate.

Twenty-five percent of respondents use some form of personal protection—much lower than the national average of 34%.

Forty-five percent of Minnesotans say their personal safety has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic compared to 44% of Americans.

Attitudes About Gun Violence in Minnesota
Overall, gun safety is a big concern for the Great Lakes State. This may be due to the increase in mass shootings from the year before.

Fifty-two percent of Minnesotans named gun violence as a top safety concern—slightly lower than the U.S. average of 53%.

Thirty-eight percent of those surveyed are most worried about a gun violence incident happening to them (U.S. 38%).

Eleven percent of those surveyed reported an experience with gun violence in the past 12 months prior to the survey, four percentage points higher than last year (US 8%).

Property Crime in Minnesota: Fear vs. Reality
In terms of property crime, this is the second consecutive year where property crime has risen statewide—bucking the nationwide downward trend. It's also one of just 11 states to see a rise in its property crime rate.

Minnesotans reported fewer personal experiences with property crime this year (18%)—12 percentage points lower than last year.

Minnesota is one of only nine states to see an increase in both violent crimes and property crime rates across the board.

Property crime increased by 1.9% in the North Star State year over year.

Twenty-nine percent of survey respondents reported experiencing package theft in the 12 months prior to the survey (U.S. 20%).

Fifty-four percent of Minnesotans surveyed use some form of property protection (U.S. 60%).

The top form of property protection in Minnesota this year is security cameras with 25% using them compared to 28% of Americans.

Thirty-two percent of Minnesota residents say the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the security of their property, compared to 29% nationally.

Safest Cities in Minnesota; A Closer Look
(For the purposes of this report, the terms “dangerous” and “safest” refer explicitly to crime rates as calculated from FBI crime data—no other characterization of any community is implied or intended.)

Thirteen (65%) of the safest cities reported fewer than 100 total property crimes.

Minnesota reported zero murders among the safest cities.

No city reported more than 1.2 violent crimes per 1,000 residents.

Corcoran moved up one to be the new top city in Minnesota—one of three cities (the top three, in fact) to report zero violent crime incidents.

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Becker MS Hosts Annual Career Day

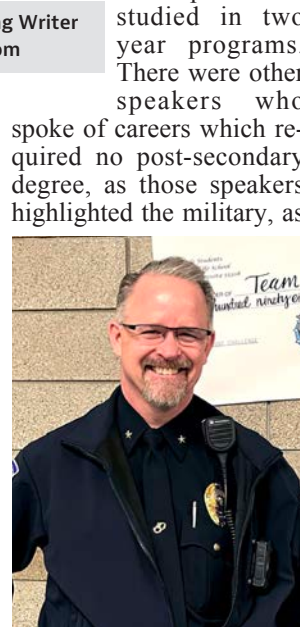
It was another exciting day of authentic learning for Becker Middle School students last Tuesday, as over 30 presenters joined students and staff for the annual Career Day.

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer
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The goal of the day is to allow middle school aged students the chance to be exposed to a number of careers, and to learn about the educational requirements and job opportunities in different fields.

"Our students are just beginning to explore their interests and what they might like to do after their school careers," Principal Chantel Boyer said. "Career Day is an important, authentic experience that allows each student the chance to start dreaming about their future."

Students spent the afternoon listening to a variety of speakers from across the employment spectrum. Some positions required four year degrees, while other presenters studied in two year programs. There were other speakers who spoke of careers which required no post-secondary degree, as those speakers highlighted the military, as



BECKER POLICE CHIEF BRENT BALOUN shared his experiences with students at Becker Middle School's Career Day. (Submitted Photo).

well as union apprenticeship programs. In all, students were exposed to many different possibilities and



MIKKI AHSEBMACHER spoke to 8th graders about her business - Forever in a Day Wedding and Event Planning. (Submitted Photo).

had the chance to ask questions about daily routines, compensation and other job satisfaction factors.

"We are so thankful and appreciative to have volunteers from our community speaking to our students about their careers," added Assistant Principal Ted Aleckson. "Our students get excited and line up at classroom doors to hear about careers they may be interested in or are already passionate about. We have been fortunate to have such a wide range of careers available to learn about for all our students."

Boyer said that the Career Day experience is a natural extension of the exploratory model of education wherein middle school students are exposed to many different areas of interest. From there, students can tailor

their high school classes and extra-curricular choices to areas they might pursue beyond their K-12 experience.

"We know that the incredible speakers we have on this day help students to begin to have those conversations at home," Boyer said. "It's been a very popular afternoon and we hear from the students and parents that they are appreciative of the opportunity."

2022 Becker Middle School Career Day Presenters: Razaan Byrne, Pediatrician; Brent Baloun, Police Chief; Paul Spinner, M.D., Amanda Mahoney, RN and Joanna Mauch, CMA, CentraCare; Matt and Lindsay Marquette, Real Estate Entrepreneurs; Mary McGowan and Lynne Crandall, Realtors; Mike Ganz, and several union trades workers (Pipefitters, Roofers, Electricians, Carpenters and Painter); Emma Schreifels, Target Corp Software Engineer; Steve Doran, SCSO Chief Deputy; Dr. Brent Scheideman, Chiropractor; Brandon Buesgens, Chiropractor; Dr. Eron Bordson, Chiropractor; Ryan and Seth Hubbard, Hubbard Electric; Mikki Ahsebmacher, Event Planner; Kathleen Heaney, Sherburne County Attorney; Trent Seamans, MN DNR Conservation Officer; CJ Giles and Dan Holland, Pipefitters; Dr. Becky Hanson, Orthodontist; Zach Gardner, MN National Guard, Volunteer Firefighter and IT Specialist; Evan Krone, Ecolab Human Resources; Garrett Williams, G&M Outdoor Services; John Watrin, Elite Concrete; Kyle Buchholz, Throwback Swimbait; Mike Swedal, Custom Car Restoration; Brian Johnson, Wright County Sheriff's Office; Brian Murrell, Sales/Project Management, Max Graskie, Musician.

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be serving the residents of Sherburne Co. District 4 as their new county commissioner. Gray won the seat during the November election.

He thanked board members, stating it had been a pleasure to work with them and ensuring them he would still be around to answer questions. Gray has been on the Clear Lake Twp. Board of Supervisors since 2004, including serving as board chairman for the past 12 years.

Supervisor Bud Stimmler will be the new chairperson of the township, with Supervisor Ross Imholte in the position of vice chair. Imholte also volunteered to be the new planning commission alternate.

Road Report
Twp. Engineer Terrence Vander Eyk asked the board if they had further thoughts on which, if any, road projects should be completed next summer. Due to the high price of oil costs have gone up significantly.

He informed the board the estimate for reclaiming

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(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by David Unze with the Sherburne

Submitted Article

County Sheriff's Dept.)


A Palmer Township man died Sunday night when the vehicle he was driving left the roadway and crashed into a ditch embankment, according to Sheriff Joel Brott.

The crash happened at about 7:15 p.m. at the intersection of 17th Street Southeast and 110th Avenue, Brott said.

A vehicle being driven by James R. Neumann, 41, was traveling east on 17th Street when it approached the T intersection of 110th Avenue. The vehicle went through the intersection, left the road and crashed into a ditch embankment.

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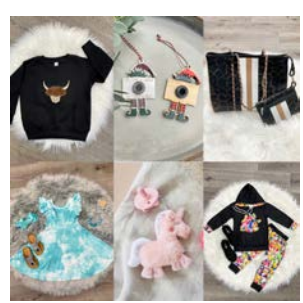
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Becker Winter Sports Season: 2022-23

The Becker Bulldogs' winter sports season is underway and the *Patriot* is bringing you a capsule of

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who the teams are, when they are playing and the rosters (whenever this info was made available to the *Patriot*.)

Note: The *Patriot* reached out to every head coach associated with the teams. If no photo is attached to this article, they did not respond to our requests.

The **girls basketball team** is returning to the 2022-23 season with very high expectations. The Becker varsity girls are ranked No. 1 pre-season in Class AAA by Minnesota Basketball News, which ranks the Top 20 teams weekly in each class. The team is coached by Dan Baird, Scott Gudmunson and Dominic Squires.

Their roster includes: Dani Nuestr, Maren Westin, Hannah Dierkes, Ayla

Puncochar, Luke Salzer, Jaydon Grommersch and Andrew Saunier.

No roster was made available to the *Patriot* by press time.

Their first match is 12/8 at home against Princeton. On 12/9 and 12/10, they travel to Brainerd for a two-day tournament, then to Glencoe-Silver Lake 12/16. On 12/22, they head to Dassel-Cokato, then to Rogers for a two-day tournament 12/29 and 12/30.

In January, they head to La Crosse Center for another two-day event, 1/6/17. On 1/12, they compete at Chisago Lakes, then at Monticello 1/13 to wrestle the Magic and North Branch. On 1/14, they take on St. Cloud Tech, then host C-I 1/19. On 1/21, they head to Hutchinson before returning home against Big Lake 1/26. On 1/27, they compete against St. Francis and Sauk Rapids-Rice at SFHS to close out the month.

In February, they travel to STMA to take on Hast-

Marissa Hook, Aylla King, Makenna Schultdt, Gracie Tobako, Ryleigh Procter, Emily Huffman, Abigail Spindler, Natalie Pozorski, Kenzi Faber, Rylee Felton, Sara Jonas, Hayli Kotzer, Chloe Peterson, Maddie Hickman, Aynsely Holm, Lila Zinken, Daphnee Meyer, Ella Fenkse, Kendall Lamp, Mia Kinze, Kennedy Drayna, Jenessa Toulouse, Ashlyn Frey, Claire Schendzielos, Taylor Weismann, Ali Vieau, Lydia Bishir, Payton Lechner and Abby Dahle.

Their season started in November with a home meet 11/28, then a road meet the next day at Sartell.

In December, the girls travel to Rocori 12/3, the St. Francis 12/9 and Eastview 12/10 before returning home 12/17 to compete against multiple schools. On 12/20, they head to Chisago Lakes to close out the month.

In January, the Bulldogs travel to Edina on 1/7, then North Branch 1/14. On 1/28, they compete at Monticello.

Sections and state follow in the month of February.

The **Becker/Big Lake hockey team** is coached by Zach Barzee and consists of Thomas Zerwas, Grayson Kipka, Elliot Ginter, Lucas Schmitt, Josh Miller, Tyler Lillemo, Charley Pishney, Logan Ahlbrecht, Trevor Briggs, Samuel Rusin, William Johnson, Rylan Tobako, Garrett Marotz, Brayden Graning, Jase Tobako, Blayne Varner, Eli Scheide-man, Cooper Wright, Nolan O'Neal, Keagan Kraft, Grady Slepica, Wyatt Bodle, Ben



THE BECKER 2022-23 DANCE TEAM. Row One (left to right) - Coach Nadia Fischer-Danzeisen, Claire MacMillan, Ava Holm, Captain Wren Williams, Captain Hannah Oakes, Captain Stephanie Kluge, Captain Amanda Krenz, Captain Ashley Matvick, Ella Dumonceaux, Lilli Melby, Marissa Hook, Aylla King and Coach Rh Edwards-Lieberman. Row Two (left to right) - Coach Mel VanHofwegen, Makenna Schultdt, Gracie Tobako, Ryleigh Procter, Emily Huffman, Abigail Spindler, Natalie Pozorski, Kenzi Faber, Rylee Felton, Sara Jonas, Hayli Kotzer, Chloe Peterson, Maddie Hickman and Coach Gabby Thelen. Row Three (left to right) - Aynsely Holm, Lila Zinken, Daphnee Meyer, Ella Fenkse, Kendall Lamp, Mia Kinze, Kennedy Drayna, Jenessa Toulouse, Ashlyn Frey, Claire Schendzielos, Taylor Weismann, Ali Vieau, Lydia Bishir, Payton Lechner, Abby Dahle and Coach Autumn Martin. (Submitted Photo).



THE BECKER BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM. Front row: Sawyer Brown, Landon Peterson, Joshua Groskreutz, Alex Weiss, Kevin Vogl, Mitchell Soltan, Teigen Salvendy. Back: Connor Gass, Kyan Blomquist, Brady Paumen, Julius Hendricks, Kyle Vogl, Nathan Weiss. (Submitted Photo).



THE BECKER WRESTLING TEAM. Front: Drew May, Landen Kujawa, Kaden Nicolas, Bennett Kujawa, Nolan Jurek, Ryan Boecker. Back: Lance Lysdal, Dylan Weber, Adam Jurek, Ethan Duncombe, Owen Angell, Nolan Muellner, Jake Rosenow, Tyson Ricker. Not pictured: Dylan Kolby. (Submitted Photo).



THE BECKER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM. Front: Alexa Voller, Hannah Dierkes, Madison Bass, Dani Nuestr and Ayla Brown. Back: Reese Hausmann, Avery Johnson, Liz Mackedanz, Evelyn Kreft, Lexi Rose, Maren Westin. (Submitted Photo).

Brown, Reese Hausmann, Madison Bass, Alexa Voller, Alexis Rose, Avery Johnson, Evelyn Kreft and Elizabeth Mackendanz.

Their games for November are: 11/26 at STMA, 11/29 vs. Princeton. For December, they play at Hopkins against Providence Academy on 12/3, then at Annadale 12/9, home against Minnehaha Academy 12/13, home versus Eden Prairie 12/16, home versus Roseville Area 12/22, on the road against Alexandria 12/29, at St. Ben's 12/30 against St. Cloud Area and Minnetonka.

In January, they travel to Willmar 1/3, to Providence Academy 1/5, at home versus Big Lake 1/6, at Monticello 1/10, home versus Chisago Lakes 1/12, at North Branch 1/17, home versus C-I 1/20, at Princeton 1/24, at Big Lake 1/27, at STMA 1/28 and home against Monticello 1/31.

In February, they host St. Francis 2/3, play at Alexandria against Sauk Centre 2/4, at Chisago Lakes 2/7, home against Benilde-St. Margaret's 2/11, home against North Branch 2/14, at C-I 2/17 and at St. Francis 2/23 to close out the regular season.

The **Becker boys basketball team** is ranked #20 in Class AAA by Minnesota Basketball News. They are coached by Josh Ihrke, Hokan Bengtson, Jon Crowley and Randy Kragerud.

No roster was made available to the *Patriot* by press time.

The boys have one game in November, at home against Legacy Christian Academy.

In December, they travel to Zimmerman 12/6, Annadale 12/9 and Delano 12/16 before returning home to play Willmar 12/20. They then play at Waconia 12/22, at St. Cloud State against Spring Lake Park 12/29 and at St. John's against Albany 12/30.

In January, they host Anoka 1/3, Big Lake 1/6, at Monticello 1/10, at home against Chisago Lakes 1/12, home against North Branch 1/17, at C-I 1/20, home against Princeton 1/24, at Big Lake 1/27, at STMA 1/28 then home against Monticello 1/31.

In February, they travel to St. Francis 2/3, at Chisago Lakes 2/7, at Sauk Rapids-Rice 2/10, at North Branch 2/14, home against C-I 2/17, at Princeton 2/21, then have three home games to close out the regular season against St. Francis 2/23, Rocori 2/27 and a 3/2 game against Milaca.

The **Becker wrestling team** is coached by Travis Holt, Dustin Weege, Jesse



THE BECKER GYMNASTICS TEAM. Front row: Cassie Larson, Emma Hennessey, Karli Kirk, Chloe Spear, Lauren Biegler. Middle: Sabrina Jensen, Sofia Bonsante, Bella Kuschel, Lauren Woelfel, Hailey Duncombe, Allison Woodard. Back: Evi Eeftink, Carla Neuss, Alejandra Sanz Perez, Hallie Paulson, Lillian Bonsante. Not pictured: Hailey Deters, Tori Christensen, Abbey Hennen, Akira Hansen. (Submitted Photo).

ings and STMA on 2/3, then return home to take on Foley and Rocori on 2/9. On 2/10, they take on Albany to close out the regular season before section play starts 2/24 and 2/25.

The **Becker gymnastics team** is coached by Jen Harmoning, Sheena Meillier, Brent Wuollet and Justine Vilmo.

No roster was made available to the *Patriot* by press time.

On Dec. 2, Becker is hosting an invitational with multiple schools. On 12/8, Becker hosts St. Francis and on 12/13, they host C-I. On Dec. 17, Becker travels to Annadale for an invite.

In January, the girls travel to Princeton 1/5, then Big Lake 1/7, then Chisago Lakes 1/10 and North Branch 1/19. On Jan. 28, they hit the road for Worthington, then to Monticello 1/31.

In February, they host Big Lake on 2/7. then go to C-I for a conference JV meet before sections starting on 2/17.

The **Becker dance team** is coached by Nadia Fischer-Danzeisen, Rhiannon Edwards-Lieberman, Autumn Martin, Mel VanHofwegen and Gabriella Thelen.

The team consists of: Claire MacMillan, Ava Holm, Captain Wren Williams, Captain Hannah Oakes, Captain Stephanie Kluge, Captain Amanda Krenz, Captain Ashley Matvick, Ella Dumonceaux, Lilli Melby,

Sellner, Andrew Holm, Cooper Peterson, Declan Weber, Gavin Leitold and Gunnar Hanson.

The season started Nov. 29 against Sauk Rapids-Rice and in December, BBLHS hosted Breckenridge/Wahpeton 12/1. then Bagley 12/3. On Dec. 6, BBLHS plays Northern Edge, then Windom Area 12/10 and Prairie Centre 12/13. On Dec. 15, they host Monticello then on 12/20, Princeton. On Dec. 22, BBLHS plays Northern Lakes to close out the month.

In January, BBLHS plays Willmar 1/3, then Pine City 1/5. On Jan. 7, they host La Crescent-Hokah, then 1/10 they play against C-I. On 1/13, BBLHS hosts Northern Edge, then host Moose Lake 1/17, then Chisago Lakes 1/19. On Jan. 24, they host Mora and on 1/26 they play against River Lakes. On 1/28, they play on the road against Wahpeton, then host Prairie Centre on the last day of the month.

In February, BBLHS takes on Princeton on 2/2, Moose Lake 2/3 and then host Pine City 2/7. They go to Bagley on 2/9 then finish up the regular season at home against C-I 2/10.



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Hornets prepping for upcoming seasons

The Big Lake Hornet winter sports season is underway with five teams competing as well as the unified, Becker/Big Lake hockey squad.

By Bill Morgan, Editor, Staff Writer
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The **Big Lake wrestling team** is made up of coaches Ryan Prom, Andrew Sandford, Matt Nelson and Justin Nelson.

No roster was made available to the *Patriot* by press time.

The team commences their 2022-23 season with an invitational at home against multiple schools 12/2. On 12/6 and 12/8, they host two triangulars against multiple schools and on 12/10, they travel to Maple Grove to participate in their invitational. On 12/15, they compete against C-I on the road and the next two days (12/16 and 12/17), they travel to Pequot Lakes for another multiple school tournament.

On 12/21, they head to Chanhassen to participate in a quad meet, then to the Fargo Dome on Dec. 29-30 to close out the month.

On Jan. 5, the boys host St. Francis for a dual, then take on Monticello 1/13 at MHS. On 1/19, they head to Chisago Lakes for another multiple school invite, then come home 1/26 for a dual against Becker. The last meet in January is 1/31 at Hutchinson.

In February, the Hornets are on the road for two meets, the first against Princeton on Feb. 2 and the second on Feb. 9 against Andover. Sections start Feb. 16 and run through the 25th.

The **Hornet boys bas-**

ketball team is coached by Tom Critchley, Sam Dokkebakken, Sheridan Johnson and Nicholas.

No roster was made available to the *Patriot* by press time.

The boys kicked off their 2022-23 season on 11/26 with a road game against Delano. On Dec. 2-3, they will travel to Red Wing for a multiple school tournament. On Dec. 6, they take on the Centaurs of Brooklyn Center HS on the road. On Dec. 15, they host Zimmerman and on Dec. 17 they host Bemidji.

On Dec. 20, the boys hit the road for Hutchinson, then two days later, host Annadale in Big Lake. On Dec. 29-30, the Hornets play in a multiple school invitational at Delano to close out the year.



2022-23 BIG LAKE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM. Senior Emma Jacobs, Senior Jessie Moyer, junior Kady Dilger, junior Rylie Sternquist, junior Raina White, junior Abby Polocec, sophomore Mya Knapp, sophomore Lauren Barthel, eighth grader Ashley Fitzgibbons. (Not pictured): junior Lexi Moen, freshman Emily Turbeville, freshman Kristen Dickson and freshman Bella Torrence. (Submitted Photo).

Five days later, they host C-I, then on Feb. 16 they head to Chisago Lakes. On Feb. 21, they travel to St. Francis and then to Spectrum HS on 2/24. They close out February with a home game against Monticello on Feb. 28.

March has one game before sections in which the Hornets host Sauk Rapids-Rice on 3/2.

The **Hornet girls basketball team** is coached by Reyann Robinson and Rebecca Hanna.

The team consists of: senior Emma Jacobs, senior Jessie Moyer, junior Kady Dilger, junior Rylie Sternquist, junior Raina White, junior Abby Polocec, sophomore Mya Knapp, sophomore Lauren Barthel, 8th grader Ashley Fitzgibbons, junior Lexi Moen, freshman Emily Turbeville, freshman Kristen Dickson and fresh-

man Bella Torrence.

The girls kicked off their season on Nov. 19 againsts Milaca on the road. On Dec. 1, they host Maple Lake, then hit the road for Annadale on 12/6. They return home for a three-game home stretch against Hutchinson (12/9), St. Cloud (12/13) and Zimmerman (12/15).

On Dec. 16, the girls head to New Prague then return home to take on Spectrum on Dec. 20. Nine days later, they head to St. Cloud for a two-day tournament against multiple schools. On Jan. 6, the Hornets head to Becker to take on the Bulldogs, then to Princeton on the 10th. Two days later, they host North Branch, then a week later they host Chisago Lakes. On Jan. 20, they play at Sauk Rapids-Rice then head to St. Francis on Jan.

Feb. 7 before coming home to take on C-I on Feb. 9. They end up playing on the road just five days later against that same C-I team, then head to Chisago Lakes on Feb. 16. The next day, the Hornets take on Delano on the road, then travel to Willmar on Feb. 20. The next day, Feb. 21, the girls host St. Francis, then travel to Monticello on Feb. 23 to conclude the regular season schedule.

The **Hornet girls gymnastics team** is coached by Landon Goldsmith, Kristopher Kitzman, Abby Schreifels and Theresa Johnson.

No roster was made available to the *Patriot* by press time.

The girls will commence their 2022-23 season with a meet at Brainerd on Dec. 17 where multiple schools will participate.



2022-2023 BIG LAKE DANCE TEAM. Front Row, L-R: Maia Wenderski, Lili Schaller, Bobbi Russ, Amanda Marcks, captain Grace John, Danika Wyborny, Madeline Peterson, Morgan Panek, April Gerth, Lacey Russ and Ruby Blakeney. Back Row L-R: manager Reilly Zeig, Audrey Myers, Emma Kuchera, Brooklyn May, Gillian Harrington, captain Emma Forpahl, captain Rowan Payne, Victoria Lundquist, Calissa Pishney, captain Emma Berner, Alivia Voss and manager Greta Schwirtz. (Submitted Photo).

24. Three days later, the Hornets host Becker and on Jan. 31 they host Princeton.

In February, the Hornets host Monticello (2/3), then go to North Branch on

On Jan. 7, they host a multiple-school invitational that includes Becker, Monticello and St. Cloud.

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amongst others. On Jan. 24, they host Little Falls and on Jan. 28 they travel to Worthington.

In February, the girls are invited to a multiple-school invite at St. Francis on 2/17.

The **Hornet girls dance team** is coached by Kayla Kleinstuber, Emily

Merkley and Charlie Sundberg.

The team consists of: Maia Wenderski, Lili Schaller, Bobbi Russ, Amanda Marcks, captain Grace John, Danika Wyborny, Madeline Peterson, Morgan Panek, April Gerth, Lacey Russ, Ruby Blakeney, Audrey Myers,

Emma Kuchera, Brooklyn May, Gillian Harrington, captain Emma Forpahl, captain Rowan Payne, Victoria Lundquist, Calissa Pishney, captain Emma Berner and Alivia Voss.

The team is managed by Reilly Zeig and Greta Schwirtz.

The Hornet girls dance team started out their season on Nov. 19 at Rogers HS.

On Dec. 3, they head to Lakeville for an invite, then on Dec. 9 they go to St. Francis for a confer-

ence meet. The next day, they travel to Albany for a multiple school invite and a week later they compete at Stewartville. On Dec. 20, they have another conference meet at Chisago Lakes to close out the month.

On Jan. 7, the girls head to Bloomington Kennedy for a multi-school invite, then to North Branch on Jan. 14. Two days later, they host their first and only invite, then go to Mounds View on Jan. 28. On Feb. 4, sections commence.



THE 2022-23 HORNET HOCKEY TEAM CAPTAINS. From left: Cooper Wright, Eli Scheideman and Jase Tobako. (Submitted Photo).

Bengtson Named Finalist for Mr. Football

Becker football quarterback Ryan Bengtson was named as a top 10 finalist for the 2022 Mr. Football award.

The Elite Ten finalists for the 2022 Mr. Football Award were announced last Friday by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA).

The Mr. Football Award is sponsored by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA) and the Minnesota Vikings.

The finalists are (in alphabetical order): **Sam Backer**, Chatfield, QB/RB/SS, Southeast-White, Class 2A; **Ryan Bengtson**, Becker, QB, North Central-White, Class 4A; **Kade Gilbertson**, Rosemount, TB/LB, Metro-Gold-South, Class 6A; **Carson Hansen**, Lakeville South, RB/S/PR, Metro-Gold-South, Class 6A; **Maxwell**



BECKER QB Ryan Bengtson has been named a finalist for Mr. Football in 2022. (Submitted Photo).

The Mr. Football Award was first presented in 2004, with the first winner being Nick Mertens of East Grand Forks High School. The 2021 Mr. Football Award winner was Emmett Johnson, Academy of Holy Angels.

The 2022 Mr. Football Award will be presented at the Mr. Football Banquet on Sun., Dec. 18 (9:30 a.m.) at the Doubletree by Hilton Minneapolis Park Place Hotel (hotel address: 1500 Park Place Blvd., Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55416).

No Bulldog has ever won this award.

By Bill Morgan, Editor, Staff Writer
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McEnelly, Waconia, RB/LB, Suburban-White, Class 5A; **Cade Osterman**, Elk River, QB/DB/PR, North Central-Black, Class 5A; **Tanner Scheevel**, Lester Prairie, RB/S/P/K, Mid Southeast-Red, Class 1A; **Max Shikenjanski**, Stillwater Area, QB, Metro-Maroon-North, Class 6A; **Jordan Summers**, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, RB/LB, Midwest-Red, Class 3A; **Reese Tripp**, Kasson-Mantorville, OG/DT, Big Southeast-Blue, Class 4A.

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and resurfacing 74th Long Lake Lane had almost doubled from his original estimate last year. However, he added that although the project was on the township's 2023 schedule, if patched the road would still be serviceable for a couple of years or until the price of bituminous goes down.

Eyk was directed to look for roads that could use sealcoating and asked to present an estimate and his list of candidates at the next township meeting.

The board reviewed the recent Hwy 10 task-force meeting held at Haven Twp., discussing the various options and problems with them. The state's plan is to turn the highway into a controlled access interstate which will negatively impact local farmers and businesses.

Residents are encouraged to visit the project website page at dot.state.mn.us/d3/projects/h10stc-tocl/ to look at the six proposed design options and then make their opinions heard by taking the survey, which will only be open through Dec. 21.

Other Business

The board approved Resolution #2022-51, Resolution Authorizing Twp. Maintenance of Automated

External Defibrillators (AEDs), which states the township will be responsible for maintenance on up to seven AED units for a five year period, provided the cost doesn't exceed \$650 per unit annually.

Three disc golf baskets have been purchased and will be installed at Clear Lake Twp. Park in the spring. The park's new playground equipment was installed earlier in the month by township supervisors and members of the Clear Lake Lions, who are also paying to have a 4' x 6' playground sign installed.

The sheriff reported 115 calls for service, including 45 traffic, eight accidents, three car/deer, and two narcotics.

Clear Lake Twp. supervisors and a number of volunteers spent a Saturday in early November installing new playground equipment at Clear Lake Twp. Park. The playground joins the recently erected pavilion the township has purchased for residents to enjoy. A three hole Frisbee® golf course will be installed in the spring.

The next Clear Lake Twp. meeting will be Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

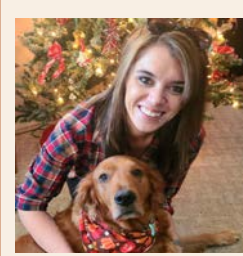
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Bulldog girls slam Tigers in opener

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer
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The Becker Bulldog girls basketball team has lofty goals this season after losing in last year's Class AAA championship game to Totino-Grace. Tuesday night, the Bulldogs launched their pursuit of another magical season by hosting the Princeton Tigers in both team's opener.

The Bulldogs left little doubt in this one, as they routed the Tigers, 85-27.

"The girls did a great job of reacting on defense,"

Head Coach Dan Baird said. "Offensively, we were great at making the extra pass."

Becker led 50-15 at halftime behind Hannah Dierkes' 14 points, as the Bulldogs hit six shots from beyond the three-point arc in the first stanza.

The Bulldogs were also the aggressor inside, making 11 trips to the foul line in the first half and 16 overall, while the Tigers attempted 12 free throws. Becker held the Tigers to just nine field goals in the

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game.

Ayla Brown and Dierkes led the offensive attack with 17 points apiece, while Lexi Rose had 14. Dani Nuest and Maren Westin each had 13 points, giving the Bulldogs five players in double figures for the game. Reese Hausmann chipped in five points, while Liz Mackedanz had six for Becker.

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