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THE BECKER BOYS TENNIS TEAM was all smiles after capturing the M8 Conference Championship Tuesday with a shutout win over Princeton. Becker finished 7-0 in the conference this season. See the story on page 17. (Submitted Photo).

CL/CW AREA Hundreds gathered Sunday morning in Clearwater to participate in the 2021 CL/CW Business Expo. See the story on page 9.

RECIPES The Patriot will be running weekly recipes from local chefs, cooks and food preparers. See yummy recipes on page 8.

BIG LAKE NEWS A new bait shop, Sand Dunes Bait & Tackle, opened last weekend in Orrock. The bait shop is in the same building as the Sand Dunes gas station. See Katie's story on the opening on page 11.

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Shannon Marklowitz is proud mom of eight

By Katherine Cantin Staff Writer Reporter.Katie@PatriotNewsMN.com

In honor of Mother's Day, the Patriot wished to honor one awesome local mom. Shannon Marklowitz is a Clear Lake mom of eight kids, three of which she and her husband, Wayne, adopted after their biological kids grew up and moved away.

Being a Mom

Shannon and Wayne Marklowitz have five biological children, who are all in their 20s and 30s now, with their own families. They also have several grandchildren, ranging from 10 months to eight years. Marklowitz says she loves seeing her kids parenting their own children.

But the Marklowitzes were not quite ready to be empty nesters.

"My job is to be a mom," Marklowitz said. "It doesn't pay well, but the benefits are great!"



SHANNON MARKLOWITZ is an awesome Clear Lake mom of eight kids. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

So, the couple decided to foster, and eventually adopt, three more kids, aged six, nine and 11.

Adopted Kids

"I always wanted to do foster care," Marklowitz said. "The kids came at a time when they could

be adopted, and when they were here, we fell in love."

She said she also likes to have a second shot at parenting, being able to make new habits, or fall into the old ones.

To anyone interested in fostering and adopting, Marklowitz recommends learning as much as possible about raising children from a trauma background, and to never stop learning. She also says it's important to "use your village" and accept support from family and friends, and to be patient getting to know the kids.

"It's hard at first," she said, "It takes about six weeks to get to know who the kids are."

Marklowitz said she's glad for her adult children, who are a big help.

Big Family Farm

The Marklowitz family lives at and operates R.F.

Doering farms in Clear Lake. The farm has been in Shannon Marklowitz's family for

their three youngest children, their daughter, son-in-law, and several of their grandkids live on the farm, while the other



years, and she and her husband purchased the land in 2019. As well as

grown children still live nearby. Shannon Marklowitz

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BE SURE AND CHECK OUT OUR SPECIAL FEATURES THIS WEEK!

STARTING ON PAGE 2, AWESOME STORIES AND CONTENT OF YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN HONOR OF NATIONAL POLICE RECOGNITION WEEK!

ALSO, CHECK OUT OUR SPECIAL SECTION HONORING HOMETOWN BOY, DILLON RADUNZ AND HIS BEING DRAFTED TO THE NFL. DILLON'S STORY AND INFO STARTS ON PAGE 20.

Roberts joins Clear Lake City Council

By Mark Kolbinger Contributing Writer

The Clear Lake City Council met Monday evening and the first order of business was to swear in a new council member. Brandy Roberts was at the meeting and the council unanimously voted to appoint her to fill the open council seat. The city had advertised for applicants for the open seat and two residents originally submitted letters of interest. Both were invited to interviews with the council last month, and Roberts was the lone applicant to come to the meeting.

At Monday's meeting, Mayor Tim Goenner asked for a motion to appoint Roberts, and she won unanimous approval. Clerk



CLERK KARI MECHEL (LEFT) administers the Oath of Office to new Clear Lake City Council Member Brandy Roberts (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

Kari Mechtel delivered the Oath of Office and Roberts assumed her seat in time to deal with the rest of the agenda.

Sheriff

Sgt. Luke McLean pre-

sented this month's report of calls for service from the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office. A total of 44 contacts were made within the city, including one DWI where deputies assisted

the MN State Patrol. In reviewing the stats from a year ago, McLean noted that during the same period last year the state was just beginning its lockdown due to the pandemic and calls were much lower. This year, traffic complaints and security checks continue to be the common calls for service.

Ball Field

Council continued its discussion from last month concerning the amateur baseball field and the proposed upgrades, including a score board and lights.

Two quotes for a new LED scoreboard were received, both in the range of \$15,000, while the quote for lights is still being reviewed by city staff.

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BL School Board Responds To Racism Incidents

By Katherine Cantin Staff Writer Reporter.Katie@PatriotNewsMN.com

Last week, an incident on social media arose as two students posed in a photo of a "promposal" holding a sign that had a derogatory statement written on it. In response to the incidents, some individuals made threats against the school district and students were forced to stay home during part of the last week. The school board meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, was rescheduled in response to the threats for Tuesday, May 4.

"We simply could not risk putting anyone in potential danger," said board chair Tonya Reasoner.

She went on to say the school administration has been working very hard to ensure the safety of students and staff, and that steps were immediately taken to investigate and respond to the actions of the individuals involved in the situation.

Superintendent Tim Truebenbach gave a summary of the incident and the school's response, careful to preserve the anonymity of the individuals involved in compliance with data privacy laws. The original incident, a "promposal" (a

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Chmielewski earns top honor for customer service

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by American Family Insurance Group).

Amy Chmielewski - an American Family Insurance agency owner in Becker, has been recognized for providing an outstanding customer experience under the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification Program.

"An extraordinary customer experience is a priority at American Family and our agency owners are a critical part of accomplishing that," said Ann Hamilton, American Family Insurance customer experience vice president.

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The service excellence distinction was determined through an evaluation process conducted under guidelines established through the company's American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification Program. The process consists of a customer satisfaction survey which measures customers' overall experience with their current American Family Insurance agent.



AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE agents include (from left to right) Kate Cook, Amy Chmielewski, Amybeth Bodine and Baleigh Balder. (Submitted Photo)

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Policing in rural communities

These small, usually rural, communities have the same problems that their counterparts in metropolitan areas have, including substance abuse, violent crime, and homelessness. But small towns have small tax bases, which results in less funding for personnel, training, equipment, technology and other resources that local, state, and tribal law enforcement need to prevent crime and maintain public safety.

And yet, when people start talking police, small town cops suddenly are grouped in with the bigger city cops and the actions of these larger municipality departments reflect throughout the agencies. The troubles of urban tends to trickle down to rural.

Police officers do more than just patrol and pull people over for speeding. POs are regularly responsible for answering calls and initiating actions that place them in dangerous situations, causing daily stress and anxiety. Further, they are expected to manage their anxieties and behavior in such a way that minimal harm is done to others while protecting themselves. This sometimes places police officers in emotional conflicts that require the suppression of instinctive reactions and the maintenance of behavior and image that projects rationality and professionalism. Over time the psychological effects of such stress may reduce proficiencies of coping mechanisms and increase the risks for post-traumatic stress disorder, physical ailments, substance abuse, and suicide (suicide among police officers is three times greater than the national average).

People sometimes only

see the “bad apple” cops that grab the media attention and headlines when the majority of American police, experts say, do not run afoul of the laws they’re sworn to uphold.

“We’re finding the numbers are pretty constant,” said Neal Trautman, executive director of the National Institute of Ethics and author of “How to be a Great Cop.” “It is less than one percent.”

Police officers are not superhumans. Research shows that they are affected by their daily exposure to human indecency and pain. That dealing with a suspicious and sometimes hostile public takes its toll on them; and that the shift changes, the long periods of boredom, and the ever-present danger that are part of police work do cause serious job stress.

In addition to the foregoing stress-related factors common to policing, small town police officers have distinctive risks related to stress, including regular on-duty and off-duty contact with individuals who may become offenders or victims, critiques and rumors about an officer’s off-duty behavior, and unrealistic demands from town officials and residents given the limited personnel and re-

the community must be made aware of the need for officers to be genuinely off-duty when the time comes.

In the past, departments either ignored officers with problems or dealt with them informally by assigning them to desk jobs. During the 1950s, some departments began to formalize their responses, usually by incorporating officer-initiated Alcoholics Anonymous groups made up exclusively of alcoholic officers. In the 1970s, departments instituted “employee assistance” programs to deal with problem officers, particularly those suffering from alcoholism. These programs have expanded into a broad range of responses to police stress. Some programs focus on physical fitness, diet, relaxation, and biofeedback to cope with stress. Others emphasize family counseling to involve spouses in reducing police stress.

Measures that individual officers can take are to eat a balanced diet, drink plenty of fluids, avoid the use of tobacco products, exercise daily, sleep a minimum of eight hours every 24 hours, schedule time for themselves, take vacations, take time for hobbies, and have an annual physical.

The few cases of police misconduct have been magnified and exaggerated, mainly by videos on TV.

The resulting pressure on law enforcement is unfair. Of course, police misconduct must be openly investigated along with accountability. But all of America depends on protection from the officers in blue.

Without them, we would descend into chaos.

The following are just a few things people can do to help make a police officer’s job a little easier:

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Chief Baloun celebrates nearly 15 years with BPD

By Katherine Cantin
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Becker Police Chief Brent Baloun is coming up on his 15th year with the BPD. In honor of Police Recognition Week, the *Patriot* reached out for an interview about his 29-year career as a police officer.

Getting into Law Enforcement

During his first year of college, Chief Baloun was studying to be a chiropractor. But he soon discovered that the classes weren't quite for him. A few of his friends were taking courses in law enforcement, and Baloun started to take an interest in becoming a policeman. After he began taking law enforcement classes, his grades went up and he knew it was the right track for him.

Towards the end of his education, Baloun thought it was time to get some experience under his belt, and he began an internship with Sherburne County.

Early Career

In 1992, there was a lot of competition for jobs as police officers, so Baloun took a job as a loss prevention officer, an officer in a retail space who prevents shoplifting, right out of school. After some time, he was offered a position on the Crosby police force, which he was thrilled to take, since it was near his hometown of Brainerd.



CHIEF BRENT BALOUN has been a police officer for 29 years, spending nearly 15 as the BPD Chief. (Submitted photo.)

He spent three years with the Crosby police dept., but during that time he was dating his future wife, who lived in St. Cloud. He spent a lot of his time off commuting from Crosby to St. Cloud to be with her. So, he applied to work for the St. Cloud police dept. and was accepted. He served in St. Cloud for many years, in many different positions, though he spent the majority of his time in investigative positions.

He took some law enforcement courses from the FBI, which he believed helped him get the job as Becker's Police Chief.

Service in Becker

In 2006, Baloun was offered the position of Becker's Police Chief. He wasn't sure at first, but he and his wife came to see the community, and liked the area a lot. He said they enjoyed the rural feel of Becker without having to be too far from the cities, and they liked the school system for their young family.

Baloun said he loves to serve the Becker community because the people are very supportive of the police department, and accepting of him, despite the fact that he isn't from Becker himself.

He says the community is much quieter than St. Cloud.

"Becker still has things going on," he said, "But it's not at the same level."

He attributes this to neighbors who care about one another.

Baloun has focused on increasing the transparency of the department using tech such as body cameras, through releasing an annual police report, and through communications with the city council.

He also said Becker is one of the best departments around in regards to training quality officers through the reserve program. This has, unfortunately, led to other departments recruiting officers away from Becker, so there is a bit of a

revolving door situation.

He's very proud of the staff he has, though. He says he's always proud to see them interact with the community, whether in person or when reviewing their body cams. He applauds their loyalty and energy.

"They keep me young!" he said.

Baloun says that he feels he's brought the department to the next step in its evolution during his time as chief.

"And the next chief will do the same!" he said.

He thinks the department is set up well so that, when he retires in a few years, there will be a

smooth transition to the next chief.

Future of Policing

Baloun is concerned for the future of police departments. He's worried that, if some proposed laws are passed, many officers will decide to leave the profession, making it hard for small community departments like Becker's to recruit new officers to keep the community safe.

"Change is not always a bad thing," he said, noting that departments always have room to improve, but he worries that police work will become a lot more difficult in the future.



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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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Chief Joel Scharf of the Big Lake Police Department recently announced that he will be resigning from his position effective May 27 due to health concerns. He has served as the department's chief for just under nine years. It is clear to all who know him that he loves the Big Lake community, and the city has been made better by his service.

Reason for Leaving
Chief Scharf will be leaving

the following a diagnosis of PTSD. As soon he was diagnosed in January, Deputy Chief Matt Hayen became the Acting Chief. "Unfortunately, this diagnosis will keep me from returning to my position indefinitely," Scharf said in a letter to the city council. "Through this, I've learned new respect for the critical need to care for our police officers' mental health. Please care for our officers and appreciate all that this profession is throwing at them in these times, because it is unprecedented."

Early Career
Scharf grew up on a small family farm in North Dakota. As

BLPD Chief Scharf resigns after 9 years

a teenager, he became involved with a law enforcement explorer program and got the chance to ride along with some local officers, getting to know them and the job. Teen Scharf found the occupation exciting, and knew that he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement.

He served as an officer in Grafton, ND, and then Valley City, ND. Later, he moved over to Minnesota, serving as a patrol lieutenant in Moorhead.

Service with Big Lake

Scharf was offered the role of police chief in Big Lake in 2012, and he started the position in August of that year. He said what he is most proud of during his time with the department is helping to create a phenomenal staff of officers to keep the community safe. He's proud to have an active department, even as other departments east of Big Lake are having a difficult time.

"They're the best of the best," he said of his officers, "And they're committed to the community."

He's also proud of the new tech that the department has implemented in recent years and the competitive compensation system the department has in place to attract, and retain, the best officers

they can.

He attributed some of the success of his department to the good relationship the BLPD has with the Big Lake City Council, who are always eager to support the department.

"Everything we've done has come with the support of the council, the administrator, and the community," Scharf said.

Finally, Scharf wished to pay homage to the families and spouses of the officers, who give the men the support they need to do a difficult job.

Life After the BLPD

After 30 years of serving in law enforcement, Chief Scharf said he's not sure yet what he will do with his time after he leaves the department. He and his wife, Sarah, may take some more vacations going forward, but they plan to stay in the area. Scharf



CHIEF JOEL SCHARF will be resigning from his position with the BLPD effective May 27. (Submitted photo.)

also said he hopes to continue to support the police department in other ways, perhaps as a volunteer.



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NICOLE PEARSON was hired last August to fill the Big Lake Police Dept.'s position for administrative assistant. Prior to joining Big Lake, Nicole worked for the Maple Grove Police Department for 12 years as a records technician. Nicole and her family live in Big Lake. (Submitted Photo).

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Local bar, citizen host police appreciation day last July

By Bill Morgan
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Last July, a group of individuals led by citizen George Quinn and workers at the *Third Rail Bar & Grill* in Big Lake, held an appreciation event for the local Police Dept. in Big Lake.

Front and center in the restaurant were a couple decorated tables with place mats, plates and silverware where officers who had some free time or were taking a lunch or dinner break, could enter and receive VIP seating and special meals just for them to say “thank you” from the community.

Quinn, a renowned community advocate, parked his 1964 police cruiser outside the bar and allowed visitors to take photos around it, get behind the wheel and even ignite the blaring siren.

Unfortunately, with the homicide event taking place that same day, it was maybe a handful of officers who could get away to come and take a seat at the restaurant. To make up for it, Chief Joel Scharf asked the kitchen of Third Rail if they could throw together some burgers and sides for the officers, deputies and emergency personnel who were staying busy at the crime scene.

All-in-all, it was a successful event and the police are grateful for the support.



A HANDFUL OF BIG LAKE POLICE OFFICERS were able to enjoy a meal at Third Rail Bar & Restaurant including Tom Kucala, Matt Hayden, Joel Scharf and Todd Siebert (left to right). Joining the BLPD were George Quinn (far back) and Commissioner Raeanne Danielowski (second from right). (Submitted Photo).



THIRD RAIL OWNER Lolli Krueger jumped in the driver's seat of the old mocked-up police car while her daughter, Alyssa Sigafus waited by the door. (Submitted Photo).



THE MEN OF BIG LAKE were looking fashionable in their socks-and-heels combinations for last August's annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. (Photo taken from Big Lake Police Dept. Facebook page.)

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Girl Scouts create “Autism Sensory Bags” for BLPD

By Katherine Cantin
Staff Writer

Girl Scout Troop 16466 donated Autism Sensory Bags to the Big Lake Police Dept. back in December of 2020.

These bags are made for emergency situations involving individuals with Autism. In an emergency, everyone involved experiences high stress. When an individual who has Autism is in that situation, the stress may make him or her unable to communicate effectively with officers.

All the items in the bag are designed to help calm those with Autism, or to help them communicate with officers. The items in the bag include toys to keep their hands busy, a whiteboard to help communicate, and ear muffs to reduce the noise.

The Girl Scouts, Cailyn, Brynn,

and Ruby, executed this project in order to earn their Silver Award. They donated the bags to the BLPD for officers to keep in their squad cars. The project took two years to complete.

The girls accepted donations for more bags at a drop off bin at Coborn's in Big Lake. They also had an *Amazon Wishlist* where items could be sent directly to the troops.

More information and a video made by the scouts is available at the BLPD Facebook page.

THE GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 16466 donated Autism Sensory Bags to the BLPD. From left to right is Investigator Nic Prigge, Cailyn, Ruby, Brynn, Investigator Rich Berg, and Deputy Chief Matt Hayden. (Submitted photo.)



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Lemonade stand nabs \$100+ for BLPD

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Five amazing young Big Lake residents hosted a lemonade stand last September, where they also sold homemade bracelets with a goal of raising funds to donate to the Big Lake Police Dept. Below is what was written by Katie Gill;

"My kids, along with several of the neighborhood kids had a lemonade and bracelet stand today and raised \$101 for the Big Lake Police Dept." said one mom, Katie Gill. "Our great friends and neighbor's daughter, Kayden loves to make the bracelets and had an over abundance of them. I told her she should sell them."

Kayden said, "okay, then I'll donate the money to the Big Lake Police Dept. because they have had a hard time and they protect us."

Kayden then proceeded to round up all of the younger kids into putting on this sale, explaining to them why they were donating the money.

BLPD Sgt. Tom Kucala was honored over the weekend and stopped by to accept these funds. The money will be dedicated to a fund with the purpose of ensuring BLPD's officer's safety.

"Thank you so much," said Police Chief Joel Scharf. "It's amazing to see the heart and spirit of our up and coming Big Lake leaders!"



BLPD SGT. TOM KUCALA gathered around the youngsters who donated over \$100 to the BLPD during their lemonade and bracelet stand. (Submitted Photo).

Chief Baloun recognized for 2020 work

By Katherine Cantin
Staff Writer

A Becker City Council meeting last October saw the recognition of a local leader who has really been pulling his weight this year.

Council Recognizes Chief Baloun

Becker Police Chief Brent Baloun was recognized by the council for his outstanding work in 2020.

Baloun was an important part of the leadership leading the effort to put out the *Northern Metal* fire early in the year. He also showed great leadership in the city's response to COVID-19. More recently, Baloun helped to prepare for the Eric Trump visit to Becker. The council said that Baloun has always run his department with utmost professionalism, even among rocky times when a growing distrust for the police sweeps through our nation.

Baloun was awarded a letter of commendation for all the hard work he has done to keep the city functioning and thriving.

Baloun was moved by the gesture, stating that he was not often without words, but the letter took him by surprise. He said some of the challenges this year-and undoubtedly, the challenges to come-are daunting for an individual, but there was no problem that he couldn't tackle with the help of his team.



BLPD CHIEF BALOUN was awarded a letter of commendation at a city council meeting back in October. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER! Local residents won several prizes at Santiago's Night to Unite sponsored by Santiago Lions last October. Aston (Above, left) was the proud winner of a Samsung Tablet and Melissa (Above, right) was the adult winner of a TV. (Submitted Photos).



GREG EXCELLED as the grill master at the N2U event in Santiago. (Submitted Photo).



BLPD SGT. SAM OLSON (R) and Officer Sam Norlin (L) gathered around Serenity's lemonade and bracelet stand along Eagle Lake Road in Big Lake. (Submitted Photo).



LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS MATT WEBER (R) AND STEVE REID (L) were on hand to greet local residents who attended the N2U event and shared goodies with attendees. (Submitted Photo).

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Editorials/Opinions

Appreciate The Unsung Heroes

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

I am always interested in the unsung hero or the rule breakers of nature. The kind of critter that is common, yet no one seems to pay any attention to them. Or the bird who is so common throughout the U.S., yet no one seems to notice them. I am talking about the most common bird that you never heard of or even seen. The tiny Brown Creeper (Certhia americana)

Despite a name that makes it sound like something right out of a horror movie, the Brown Creeper is a small lackluster brown bird. They are dark brown with lots of white streaks. Some think they look like a brown leaf. Their white belly can stand out, but you really don't see the belly very often. A broken white eyeline over the eyes and a downward curved bill are the only unique features of this non-descript bird. One thing is for sure, their plumage is such that they blend into tree bark so well that they are almost invisible. This is one of the reasons why most people haven't seen this bird before.

Measuring only four to five inches in length they are small, or about the same size as a Black-capped Chickadee. They are the only species of treecreepers in North America. The treecreepers are a family of passerine birds that are found around the world. The Brown Creeper is one of seven species with six found in Europe and Asia and the Brown Creeper in North America. During the winter they are found in every state in the nation. During summer they nest in the high elevations of the Rocky Mountains and along the west coast. In



By Stan Tekiela, Naturist

the East they breed from Minnesota to Maine.

Ok, ok, ok, let me address the creepy name of the Brown Creeper. The way these birds find food is to “creep up” a tree trunk. Brown Creepers fly to the base of a large tree then slowly creep up the trunk using its long-curved bill to prob into cracks and crevices to find insects or insect egg sacks. When they reach the top branches of the tree they fly down to the base of another tree and start the process all over again. Their extra short legs, extremely large toes with long hooked claws holds the bird close to the trunk of the tree. It has long stiff tail feathers that act like the third leg of a tripod to stabilize the bird as it moves up the tree.

But what I find very interesting is their nesting behavior. The Brown Creeper male will sing a high-pitched sweet song to attract a female. If he attracts a female, the male will chase her around before breeding. Both the male and female select the nesting site, but the female does most of the nest building. Now for the unusual part. Their nest is constructed of small twigs and is located under the sluffing bark of a dead or dying tree. When a tree dies the bark loosens up before falling off. Behind

this loosely hanging bark is where they build their nest. This is one more good reason to leave dead or dying trees standing. The dead trees provide a lot of nesting potential for a wide variety of birds. Occasionally the creeper will use a natural cavity in a tree for nesting.

Females do all the incubating while the male brings her food. This is an unusual behavior in the small bird world and is more common in larger birds such as hawks, owls and eagles.

The young stay in the nest upwards of 15 or so days. The parents continue to feed the young for several weeks after they leave the nest.

While insects make up most of their diet, they will occasionally feed on seeds. One thing is for sure, they rarely if ever land on the ground. They are strictly a tree dweller. They live in thick forested areas with large trees. They are good in both deciduous and coniferous forests.

Unlike many other birds, over the past 50 years, the Brown Creeper has increased in population about 1.5 percent per year. Forest dwelling birds are doing better than our prairie or grassland birds.

So, this spring, stop and take a closer look at any small brown bird you might see. It just might be the most common bird that you have never seen, the Brown Creeper. Until Next Time...

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successfully reform policing in the United States.

This Congress, I reintroduced an important bill, the Community OutPost (COP) Outreach and Engagement Act. This bill would establish a national federal pilot program using one of our local initiatives as an example: the St. Cloud COP House.

St. Cloud invested in a Community OutPost to help law enforcement engage and communicate with residents in their surrounding communities. The “COP House” is a residential home where local residents can receive critical services, like health screenings, and attend afterschool education programs while building relationships with law enforcement in that community. With improved police-citizen communication, officers can more effectively establish trust and build rapport with the citizens that they are sworn to protect.

Lately, the St. Cloud COP House has received high praise for its efforts to bridge the divide between the St. Cloud Police Department and the community they serve.

Small Businesses

One thing is certain: our small businesses continue to

TO THE EDITOR:

Border patrol now says that 60,000 illegals have simply disappeared into the vast wilderness of the U.S. They are so overwhelmed but heck, the Democrats don't care because they will all be Democrat voters. Remember when democrats killed police reform bill that was written by black Senator Tim Scott. NOW, Democrats are all for it! U of M student has been telling people to place “FAKE” calls to the police. And one wonders why well over a thousand police have already resigned, retired or just plain gave it up.

Remember when Biden called Trump a racist when he stopped all flights from China? Biden stopping flights from India, no problem now. 77% of Americans favor voter ID. The other 23% must be Democrats. Government checks are keeping people from going back to work. Yes, the GDP is up and that is because red states have been open for a long time and business is booming. The \$6 trillion the Democrats are pushing is more than we spent in ALL wars since the Revolutionary War. 261 transgender men have applied to be put into women's prison. Yes, transgender criminals are not stupid for sure. And finally, Iran is back to full nuclear production and they are thanking our President.

Regards,
Gordon Schmidt
Loretto, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to Dr. Heather P. Abrahamson's April 24th letter attempting to confirm that BHS teaches the Constitution, I think the question more precisely is, “How is the US Constitution being taught?” Do you teach that the Constitution is a living document or an out dated document written by slave holders that need not be followed today because we are so much smarter than they were back then? Or are you teaching how the Constitution was created to protect the citizens from a tyrannical government.

Look for more columns on page 8...

need our help as we recover from this pandemic.

Last week, I sent a letter to Gov. Tim Walz, along with my Minnesota Republican colleagues Reps. Hagedorn, Fischbach, and Stauber, urging the Governor consider the needs of our state's small businesses and their employees who have endured so much uncertainty and pain in the past year.

Specifically, we asked that he declare forgiven Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans will not be taxable. Minnesota is one of only 11 states left in the nation to tax forgiven loans.

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) has served as a lifeline for businesses across Minnesota. It has helped our local communities across the state by providing an avenue for employers to keep their employees on the payroll, to feed their families, and to serve their community's needs.

In December 2020, Congress affirmed that forgiven PPP loans are not considered taxable income and will therefore be tax-exempt. I supported this initiative at the federal level.

In response, most states across the nation followed suit and similarly declared that forgiven PPP loans will be tax-exempt. Minnesota, however, failed to do so. More than 100,000 businesses in Minnesota received PPP loans to continue serving their communities and taking care of their employees over the past year.

The government-mandated shutdowns in Minnesota have hurt our business communities, and with the state's projected \$1.6 billion budget surplus, it is an unnecessary and inconsiderate burden on our great businesses to tax these loans.

American Worker

Last week, we also introduced the bipartisan Invest-

ing in American Workers Act which will reward businesses for providing their workforce with on-the-job educational and technical training opportunities. Attending a four-year college isn't – and shouldn't be – the only path to a successful career and financial security.

The Investing in American Workers Act establishes a tax credit for employers who increase their spending on worker training and incentivizes high-quality training by detailing allowable providers and programs. It also encourages small businesses to train their workers by providing a simplified filing process and allowing them to apply the credit against payroll and alternative minimum taxes. This bill will help put more Americans on the path to good-paying jobs when they need it more than ever.

Voter ID Is An Important Measure

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

My fellow legislators and I are in the final weeks of the Legislative Session here at the Capitol, focused on passing a balanced budget that will set Minnesota up for success after such a troubling year. We will be spending the remaining days on the Senate Floor working in conference committees, debating the budget and other sensible legislation for good governance, important programs, and funding the necessary sectors of our state.

An issue I have been strongly fighting for in the Legislature made its way to the Senate Floor on Monday. Voter ID is an important measure that would increase confidence in our elections by ensuring each voter proves identity before their votes are cast. Requiring identification to vote is common sense, especially since there will be identification cards provided should a voter not have access to one before voting. And the bill includes assistance to get underlying documents needed such as a birth certificate

We need an ID to get on a plane, make certain purchases, and for many other parts of everyday life;



By Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer

it only makes sense to require identification to vote. One person gets one vote, and each Minnesotan deserves the confidence that when their ballot is cast, it is counted as legitimate.

Telehealth has been a positive outcome to the patient needs during the COVID pandemic. Patients have been able to receive good care when and where they need it via telehealth. The Health and Human Services budget includes the Minnesota Telehealth Act, which provides necessary updates to existing law to require insurers to reimburse providers the same for telehealth and in-person visits. Minnesota has required plans to do this since 2016 and will continue in order to ensure there are no gaps in coverage. This patient-centered care removes barriers for Minnesotans across the state to access

quality healthcare that best fits their individual needs. I did speak to the great value of in-person patient care. The bill includes the right for either a patient or a provider to choose an in-person visit.

The Health and Human Services budget also prioritizes mothers, families, and children. The budget focuses on working families especially by improving maternal and newborn care with in-home nurse visits, extending MA coverage for enrollees after delivery of a baby, and requiring a regular report on maternal and infant health. Maternal outcomes have been worsening in the United States and this report will help identify what changes could ensure women have healthier deliveries. Investing in the critical care of new families is a top priority in Minnesota and these newly available resources will help many throughout the state.

I remain dedicated to fighting for your needs at the Capitol in any way I can. I encourage you to reach out to my office with your questions, comments, or concerns. My phone number is 651-296-5655 or you can email me at Sen. Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN.

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Area News

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Columns are typically written by *PATRIOT* staffers and/or seated politicians who have stakes in the communities of the *PATRIOT* readership.

(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).

Banana Cake

- 1-1/2 cups sugar;
- 2 cups flour;
- 2 eggs;
- 1/2 teaspoon soda;
- 2 teaspoons vanilla;
- 1 cup butter;
- Dash of salt;
- 1/2 cup sour milk;
- 1 teaspoon baking powder;
- 1 cup sliced bananas (about 2).

Mix all together. Bake in greased and floured 9x13 pan. Bake at 360° for about 30 minutes.
Submitted by Carol Campbell

Mocha

Raisin Cake

- 2 cups flour;
- 1/2 cup cocoa;
- 1 teaspoon baking powder;
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon;
- 1/4 teaspoon salt;
- 3/4 cup lard;
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed;
- 1/2 cup sugar;
- 2 eggs;
- 1 cup cold coffee;
- 1 cup raisins.

Mix well. Place in greased and floured 9x13 pan. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes.
Submitted by Carol Campbell

Recipe

Banana Cake, Raisin Cake and a yummy sandwich spread

Sandwich Spread

- 1 ring bologna;
- 4 large pickles;
- 4 hard-boiled eggs;
- 1 medium onion.

Grind all and mix together with salad dressing.
Submitted by Carol Campbell

What's Cooking?

Calling On Walz To End Emergency Powers

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the Rep. Paul Novotny team).

Ahead of an expected announcement this week by Gov. Tim Walz loosening Minnesota's COVID restrictions, I am calling for transparent and concrete dates and/or metrics for the end of the peacetime emergency.

Just this week, Florida lifted all remaining COVID restrictions, and Governors of Democrat states like New York and California have established target dates for the lifting of capacity limits and other COVID restrictions. Other deep-blue states like Connecticut lifted capacity limits starting as far back as



By Rep. Paul Novotny

March.

For more than a year, the Governor has pushed the legislature aside, made a mockery of our constitution, and made unilateral decisions that have caused significant economic and social harm for Minnesotans. With the emergency

phase of the pandemic long over, it's past time for the Governor to give up his powers, end the lockdowns, and let Minnesotans make decisions for themselves and their families.

House Republicans have voted more than a dozen times to end the peacetime emergency, and have put forward numerous proposals to end or modify the Governor's Chapter 12 powers, as well as proposals to establish timelines and metrics that would end the peacetime emergency. Democrats have refused to advance those proposals in the House, and have even stonewalled proposals from their own party to wind down the Governor's emergency powers.

Supporting Widely-Popular Voter ID

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Sen. Andrew Mathews team).

The Minnesota Senate Monday approved a broadly popular bill that would require Minnesotans to present a valid photo identification for in-person, absentee, and mail-in voting. The bill also establishes a new voter identification card that would be available free of charge to individuals who lack proper identification and cannot afford it. The bill would make Minnesota the 37th state to require some form of identification to vote.

With polling showing such widespread support of Voter ID to increase credibility and integrity in our elections, I cannot see a single reason to be opposed to this common-sense measure. Every Minnesotan deserves to be confident in their vote and that is what this bill will accomplish.

Voter ID is widely popular throughout the United States. A recent Rasmussen survey found



By Sen. Andrew Mathews

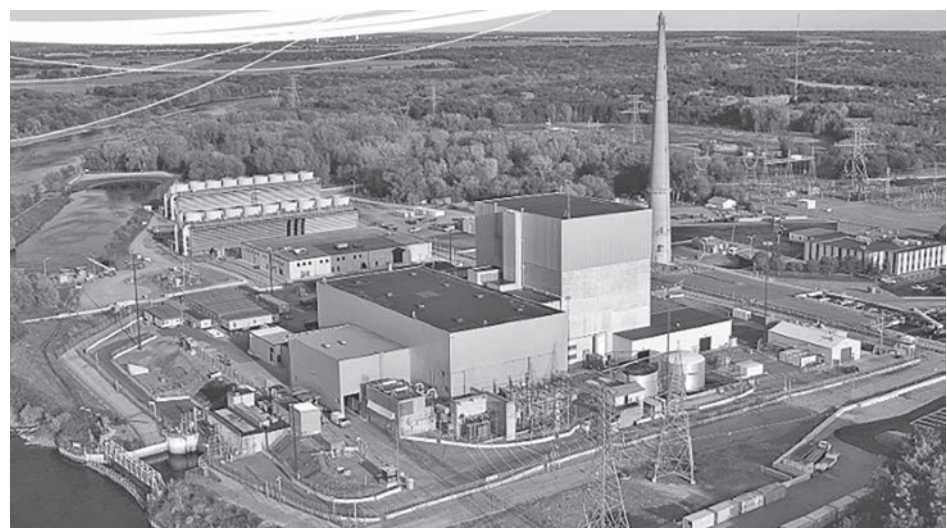
the issue garners 75% support, while the statistical website 538 recently published a round-up of several polls highlighting the popularity of the issue. In Minnesota, the nonpartisan think tank *Center of the American Experiment* recently found voter ID enjoys 69% support.

The bill guarantees that not a single legal voter would be disenfranchised by the new requirement. Individuals unable to provide valid proof of identity or residence would be able to cast a provisional ballot, affording the voter a period of time in which they

could prove their identity. If a voter then exhausts all options and is still unable to provide documentation, that voter would be allowed to sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury affirming they are a legal voter, and would then have their ballot counted. Same-day voter registration would also remain intact.

In the 2008 landmark U.S. Supreme Court case *Crawford v. Marion County*, the Court held that an Indiana law requiring a photo ID to vote did not violate the U.S. Constitution. Specifically, the Court held there are "legitimate state interests" in voting laws requiring photo ID, including deterring, detecting, and preventing voter fraud, improving and modernizing election procedures, and safeguarding voter confidence in elections. Finally, the Court also held that federal law authorizes states to use a photo identification requirement to determine an individual's eligibility to vote.

Emergency Management asking residents near nuclear plant to take survey



Submitted Article

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

As part of the Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) program, Wright County Emergency Management is doing an outreach program with the community to help facilitate an evacuation study for those who live near the Xcel Nuclear Power Plant. As part of the REP program, the following statement has been released:

Evacuation Planning Survey

Xcel Energy's Emergency Preparedness has started the 10-year Evacuation Time Estimate study which takes place after every U.S. census. This study is required of all nuclear power plants per federal regulation. As part of the study, survey responses are used to gather data from those who live in the area around the Prairie Island

and Monticello nuclear plants.

The survey results will provide us with a better estimate of the number of people evacuating in a given area, the number of vehicles used to evacuate, and the amount of time needed to prepare for evacuation.

The collected survey data may also be used in a traffic engineering study to identify roadways and areas with significant traffic congestion during evacuation and will be used to identify the most effective methods of notifying the public of an emergency and the need to evacuate.

Residents are asked to complete one survey per household (18 years or older). Do not provide one's name or any personal information. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Survey questions seek information such as "How long does it take to you drive from work to home?" and "How many vehicles that

are usually available to the household would your family use if an evacuation was necessary?"

The sample size needs to be as large as possible, so Wright County is asking those living in the local geographical area to participate in the survey. An outside firm will sort out any responses that are not within the targeted geographical area, so please participate even if one is unsure as to whether one's response is needed. Go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TX2QW7.

The responses to these questions provide important information for emergency planning purposes and will help them to continue to protect the health and safety of the public.

Foster Grandparents partners with BBBS

Submitted Article

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

An exciting new partnership has launched between *Catholic Charities Central MN Foster Grandparent Program* and *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central MN*.

This partnership involves matching Foster Grandparents as Big Grands in the Big Brothers Big Sisters school-based program with one of the first matches starting at Foley Public Schools.

Service to the community has long been a part of Dennis Clark's life including during his career in the United States Air Force. Dennis has been a Foster Grandparent for seven years at Foley Elementary and was one of the first Foster Grandparents to sign up for this additional opportunity to serve youth.

Dennis, who will be called a Big Grand along with being Grandpa Dennis at Foley Elementary, was excited to learn during the first meeting with his Little Brother Kasey that they both enjoy reading, airplanes, and learning about space. He is looking forward to the opportunity to develop a terrific relationship with Kasey as they explore their shared interests.

Partnerships such as this can help youth reach their potential and provide them with role models and older caring adults in their lives. There are more youth waiting to be matched with Big Grands in the counties of Benton, Stearns, Sherburne, Morrison and northern Wright counties.

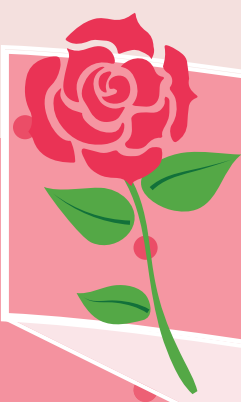
About Catholic Charities Central Minnesota Foster Grandparent Program

Foster Grandparents spend 8 to 40 hours per week helping children in schools, early education programs, residential facilities, and other nonprofit agencies. Through their service, the Foster Grandparents create relationships with and become role models for children who need such constructive relationships the most.

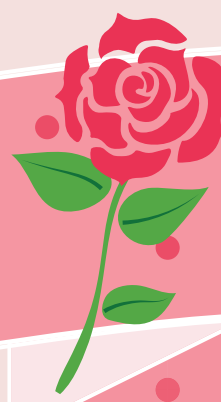
AmeriCorps Seniors (formerly Senior Corps) are Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP volunteers, ages 55 and older, who make service their 'second act' by carrying the torch for volunteerism in their communities. The *Central Minnesota Foster Grandparent Program* is sponsored by *Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud*.



DENNIS CLARK (L) is a Foster Grandparent for Little Brother Kasey (R). (Submitted Photo).



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Great crowd shows up for CW/CL Business Expo

By Penny Leuthard
Contributing Writer

Parking spots around the Clearwater American Legion were tough to find last Sunday morning, as community members came pouring through the doors for the 4th annual Explore Clearwater/Clear Lake Business Expo and Legion made-to-order breakfast.

This year 22 businesses were on hand to promote themselves. Attendance was steady throughout the expo, often with larger crowds at one time than had been seen in the past.

Along with fun freebies and information on their business, most tables offered prizes people could sign up for, from gift certificates to specialty baskets filled with goods. Many of the businesses also brought along merchandise for people to purchase or try out.

People were happy to get out and catch up with their friends and neighbors as well, as there was often as many groups of people chatting with each other as there were groups talking to the businesses.

A number of the participating businesses were new to the expo this year, helping to showcase an even wider variety of what the area has to offer. From beauty products to health and wellness and financial services to food services, there was something for everyone.

T.O. Plastics was one of the first timers.

"I saw the sign advertising the expo and thought, 'What a great way to be part of the community,'" said Dyann Turner, who was there representing the company.

Many of the businesses were also advertising employment opportunities, which worked out well for the attendees who came to the expo specifically looking for a job.

"I came looking for work," said Barb Malinkowski of Clear Lake. "As soon as I saw the sign advertising the expo, I knew my job was on that sign."

Malinkowski visited



TWENTY-TWO LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS were on hand at the expo to showcase what they have to offer the community. (Photo by Penny Leuthard)

every table at the event, talking with representatives from each business and collecting a stack of employment applications.

"This is phenomenal," she said. "Thank you, thank you for putting this on. I got a lot of information for myself as well as others."

CVBC members and business owners also expressed satisfaction with the event.

"It's so good to see new businesses here," said CVBC Secretary Jenny Massmann from American Heritage Bank.

The event has always been held in conjunction with the Clearwater Legion's Sunday breakfast, bringing in crowds for both events. The delicious breakfast, served by the Legion and Legion Riders, was enjoyed by many, with numbers up higher than they had been in quite some time.

This year's expo businesses included Mary Kay, Patriot Newspaper, Johnson Materials, Root of Wellness, Clearwater Tax & Accounting, Clearwater Library, Tri-County Alliance Church, Sunset Ridge Ranch, T.O. Plastics, Premier Realty, American Heritage Bank, Lake Central Bank, Clearwater Travel Plaza/Cutting Edge Catering, T&R Meats, Royal Renovations, Crandall Help Desk, Minnesota Wearables, St. Cloud Financial, Thousand Hills Beef, Chalk Couture, Torch Sauce, Clearwater/St. Cloud RV Park, and Irrigation Management.

"Thank you to all who



THE CLEARWATER AMERICAN LEGION was a hive of activity last Sunday during the 4th annual Explore Clearwater/Clear Lake Business Expo. (Photo by Penny Leuthard)

participated in, or visited, the return of the CVBC Business Expo," said organizer Lori Johnson from Root of Wellness. "It was great to see everyone out and about again. We hope people see what an asset small businesses are to their community and continue to do business with them versus spending all their time and money online."

The business expo was begun five years ago by members of Clear Valley Business Connections (CVBC) to promote shopping local and has been an annual event with the exception of 2020. The organization began in 1987 and includes businesses from the cities of Clearwater and Clear Lake, and Clearwater, Clear Lake and Lynden

Twps. The mission of the organization is to promote area businesses and provide an environment for them to communicate and network.



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Big Lake Area News

Orrock Twp. gets new website

By Katherine Cantin
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For the first time in a long while, the full Orrock board of supervisors attended the meeting in person. They discussed the upcoming audit, a website update, and road updates.

Website Update
Clerk Chris Weber decided to update the town's website to make it more user-friendly. The new website is live now at OrrockTownship.com, and can easily direct visitors to permits and forms they may need as well as information about the township.

The board was impressed with Weber's work, and unanimously agreed to pay her for the extra hours it took to put the website together.

Sheriff's Report
Sgt. Luke McLean was unable to report in person during the meeting, and so sent in a brief, written summary.

"Business was at normal pre-COVID levels this March compared to 2020. 2020 was lighter than normal due to COVID. [There was a] personal injury accident on March 12 at Co. Rd. 1 and Co. Rd. 4."

Handyman Services
The board renewed their

contract with Daryl Waletzko, Orrock's Handyman. They increased Waletzko's hourly pay to \$65, a \$20 increase. The dramatic increase is to compensate for not increasing the base pay for many years, and also to help Waletzko pay his employees.

Audit
Orrock is overdue to be audited, so staff sent out requests for proposals to six accounting firms. From the four that responded, the finance committee decided to hire *Schlenner Wenner* for its services. They decided on this firm since it had experience with other townships.

Roads
The board reviewed the

results of the annual road tour. Nine potholes were found in the township, and Waletzko was asked to take care of them, as well as work on road shoulders.

The board also made a motion to spend up to \$12,000 for patching large cracks in the road. They wanted to do the patching now since some larger road projects will take place next year. This year's budget is much lighter in comparison to what will be needed in 2022, so the board was happy to spend a little extra money now rather than put the project off.

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Big Lake Area News

Sand Dunes Bait & Tackle opens for business

By Katherine Cantin
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A new bait shop, *Sand Dunes Bait & Tackle*, opened last weekend in Orrock. The bait shop is in the same building as the Sand Dunes gas station.

Jeff and Laura Jones, who own the *Sand Dunes Food & Fuel* gas station as well as the *Sand Dunes Auto Service* shop, have been planning to open the bait shop for some time, since they purchased and reopened the gas station last fall. The bait shop is located in what used to be the war wash section of the gas station.

"We did most of the work ourselves," Jones said, on converting the old car wash into a shop.

The hours of the shop are the same as the gas station: Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. They may offer extended hours for holiday weekends and for the fishing opener.

Jeff Jones said they are waiting for some inventory to come in yet, but they have about 90% of what they hoped to offer available now. There are live bait tanks, as well as tackle, rods and reels, boat accessories, and fillet knives available, among other

essential fishing equipment.

"People from the cities come to the [Sand Dunes] campground down the road," Jeff said, "and they usually forget everything."

The gas station is now also able to fill any size of propane tank. They are a great one-stop-shop for campers and nature enthusiasts visiting the area.

JEFF JONES (R) opened the Sand Dunes Bait & Tackle last weekend with his wife, Laura (not shown). Their son, Manny (L) will also be helping around the shop. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



LIVE BAIT is available at the new bait shop in Orrock. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



Big Lake Twp. prepares for Recycle Day

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During last week's board meeting, the Big Lake Twp. supervisors prepared for the annual Recycle Day. The annual Big Lake Recycle Day will take place next weekend, Saturday, May 15 at the *Big Lake Recycling Center* on 166th St. off of Marketplace Dr. (20150 166th St.) All residents of Big Lake City, Big Lake Twp., and Orrock Twp. are welcome to bring in items for recycling, such as appliances, gas grills, exercise equipment, tube televisions/monitors, rear projection/wood console TVs, computers and electronics, tires, lawn mowers, CFL & LED bulbs, ballasts, propane tanks, lawn tractors, snow mobiles, scrap

metal and vehicle batteries. Most of these will have a fee for recycling, and residents may pay by cash or check.

The board renewed their recycle day vendor contract with *Metro Appliance Recycling*. The renewed contract will last five years.

Public Hearing

The board opened a public hearing on their intent to consider a franchise, but, since the franchise had not yet provided necessary information to the board, the hearing was closed immediately.

Open Forum

Two individuals spoke during open forum with questions regarding their own properties. The board agreed to remain in communication with the in-

dividuals to work out the issues.

Later in the meeting, one couple approached the board asking for a variance on a house they are building, setting it back 20 feet from the right of way. The board saw no issues with the request, and approved the variance.

Another resident wished to rezone their land from agricultural to rural residential, with an intent to divide the parcel in the future. The board again saw no issue, and sent positive comments about the request to the county.

Hiring a Handyman

The board decided to hire *Westwood Repair Plus* to serve as the town's much needed handyman. The township had been looking to hire an individual to fill

this role, but without much luck. One resident suggested the township look into hiring *Westwood Repair Plus*.

Supervisor Norm Leslie said that he used to tackle a lot of handyman-type projects himself. After speaking to the gentleman who owns the business, Leslie thought the hire was a good move for the township.

The board decided to engage *Westwood Repair Plus* on an as-needed basis, paying time and materials.



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Compost and Recycling Facility Announces Seasonal Hours

Submitted Article

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

The Wright County Compost and Recycling Facility will be establishing 2021 spring, summer and fall hours beginning Tuesday, May 4 and running through Tuesday, Nov. 23.

The hours available for public drop-off of household hazardous waste, problem materials (electronics, appliances, used tires, etc.), recyclables and scrap metal will continue to be expanded from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, the original 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday open hours and now the second and third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon.

Appointments to drop off materials can be made online at www.co.wright.mn.us/162/Compost-Recycling-Facility.

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Submitted Article

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

Ready to get outside, enjoy the spring weather and learn about birds? Join us in celebrating World Migratory Bird Day, and venture out to Sherburne Refuge's Oak Savanna Learning Center Trails on Saturday, May 15. From 10 am to 2 pm, two short trail loops will have a story or signage to keep you engaged at your own pace – whether you walk, skip or ride in a stroller. This free event is open to everyone and is geared towards beginning birders and families with young kids.

Staff will be onsite to answer questions, hand out bird checklists and check out binoculars. The 0.35-mile Overlook Loop will have signage throughout that provide tips for how to identify birds, along with some birds to keep an eye out for. Along the 0.45-mile Beaver Lodge Loop, pages of the storybook Stellaluna will take you through the adventures of a young bat growing up with a group of birds. Looking for an extended outing? One can use new-found birding tips while spending some time on the 7.3-mile Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive.

This self-guided outdoor event will be held at the Oak Savanna Learning Center at 16797 289th Ave NW in Zimmerman. Flush restrooms, including baby changing stations, are located onsite. Please note that the Oak Savanna Learning Center facility will not be open.

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Sherburne split in recommending changes to Board of Adjustment

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday morning, receiving several agency updates, as well as recognizing the formation of a Mental Health Action Team. However, the biggest news of the morning came on a 3-2 vote as the commissioners narrowly approved a recommendation to change the zoning ordinance regarding the representation on the Board of Adjustment.

Currently, several township elected officials serve on the seven person Board of Adjustment, which according to the county’s website, meets monthly to “review variance applications and other appeals to administrative decisions made by the Zoning Administrator relating to the Zoning Ordinance.”

For several months, the commissioners have been debating the idea to involve more citizens in government by prohibiting township elected officials from serving on the board. The change has been met with some resistance from local elected officials who wish to continue serving on the board, with the commissioners and supervisors having even held a meeting to discuss the concept.

At Tuesday’s meeting, Planning & Zoning Administrator Nancy Riddle presented the ordinance with updated language that would prohibit the elected officials from serving unless “the Board of Commissioners finds that there is a lack of qualified and desirable applicants following advertisement and solicitation for a vacancy on the

Board of Adjustment . . . “

Other proposed language would limit members of the Board of Adjustment to two, three-year terms and would also seek to “ensure geographic diversity when making appointments to the Board of Adjustment so that at least one but no more than two members of the Board of Adjustment reside in any single Commissioner District.”

The final proposed change would require one, instead of current two, Planning Commission member to serve on Board of Adjustment.

Commissioner Tim Dolan spoke in favor of the new language, noting that there had been much discussion at workshops and meetings, where everyone’s input was taken into account to try and find a workable solution for the “greater good” of the county.

However, Commissioner Felix Schmiesing noted that he had concerns with the proposal that he had been communicating all throughout the process and he planned to vote against the recommended language.

“I believe that the Planning Commission should be weighing in on it,” Schmiesing said.

Commissioner Lisa Fobbe also expressed her concerns with the changes, noting her discomfort with the process used to get to the decision.

“I’ve said all along that I don’t disagree with the goals [of the changes],” Fobbe said. “What is possibly even more important is the process . . . that’s been difficult and challenging.”

Board Chair Raeanne Danielowski then shared her opinion, stating that she was supportive of the change because it would open government up to more citizen involvement. She noted that the new language “leaves the door open, if we are not successful in getting those citizens involved, then we have the

with mental health, the first one being the adoption of a proclamation to designate May as Mental Health Month.

Victoria Johannes, Supervisor of the Behavioral Health and Protection Unit, shared a good deal of information regarding HHS efforts in the areas of prevention and case management.

She noted that one in four people each year will be affected with a mental health issue and also brought attention to the billions in dollars of costs associated with untreated conditions. In just the past month, HHS has worked with 25 clients who were evaluated in the ER or admitted for inpatient services. Out of the 14 case managers in Sherburne County, six have lost a client to suicide, leading to a high rate of secondary trauma among staff.

Staff also shared a pair of success stories, highlighting both an adult and a child who have utilized HHS case management and achieved an excellent outcome in their personal lives.

Amanda Larson, HHS Director, next presented information about Sherburne’s MAT or Mental Health Action Team. The initiative brings together several key staff, including J. Hancuch of Community Corrections, Attorney Kathleen Heaney and Sheriff Joel Brott to create a more intensive partnership for focusing on prevention

with the county’s “high system utilizers,” or people who have frequent contact across the departments.

Because of data privacy laws, departments are not allowed to share information with each other unless there is a signed release of information and securing this document is one of the key elements to the new initiative.

Heaney explained to the board that in the past year, there has been a 24% increase in the number of civil commitments in the county and she believes the MAT will help to “give people the tools they need to live constructive lives in our community.”

In Other Business, The Board:

- Heard from Administrator Bruce Messelt that for the 27th year in a row, the county received the Government Finance Officers of America award for Distinguished Comprehensive Annual Financial Reporting. The award commends Diane Arnold and her staff for excellence in auditing records and financial documentation;

- Listened to Greg Ridderbusch give an update on *Connexus Energy* and their efforts at innovation and reliability in electricity;

- Received an update from Barb Chaffee, *Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services*, about the organization’s ongoing efforts in helping dislocated and unemployed workers;

- Approved an IUP for Mining for Merlin Valerius;

- Approved an IUP for a Contractor’s Yard for Ryan Boogren;

- Approved a Final Simple Plat of Schumacher Acres-Cantlin Lake Prop-

erties;

- Adopted a resolution for the reclassification of an Office Assistant to Administrative Assistant I in the Assessor’s Office to allow for cross-training of employees;

- Approved a response letter to the *Elk River Landfill* regarding certificate of need for Cell 20 in the area of Solid Waste;

- Granted permission to Public Works Director Andrew Witter to issue special hauling permits for road construction materials, as this will help to keep the wear and tear on county roads to a minimum. In another motion, the board approved the reappointment of Witter to another 4 year term as County Engineer;

- Heard from staffer Nicole Ruhoff regarding the county’s ongoing pandemic response. A week ago, Sherburne County had the state’s highest 14 day average of covid positive infections per capita, but this week Sherburne moved to third;

- Heard from Assistant Administrator Dan Weber that the ARPA financial guidance has again been delayed and he hopes to receive it next week so the county can begin planning for their Federal aid;

- Learned that the broadband survey will kick off soon and the board encourages all residents and businesses to participate in order for the county to have accurate data that will help identify gaps in coverage, as well as opportunities to bring high speed internet access to all residents.

Becker Drama students to hold outdoor musicals

By Katherine Cantin
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The Becker High School and Middle School Drama clubs will get the opportunity to hold their annual musicals after all! Outdoor performances of *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (for the High School) and *Pirates of Penzance* (for the middle school) will take place next weekend.

COVID-19 Restrictions

It wasn’t certain whether the drama club would get a chance to hold its annual musical, which usually takes place in December or November. With COVID-19, the club was unable to hold a performance inside the PAC, though they were able to hold an outdoor performance. Without being able to hold the performance indoors, there was no time to prepare for a long musical before the weather was too cold. Instead, the High School Drama Club opted for a short play in October, *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse*.

Attitude of Gratitude

With COVID-19 cases in the county down, and warm spring weather on the way, the teen actors are glad for a second chance at their musical, especially those who are graduating at the end of the month.

“It’s great to do this in senior year and have these connections,” said Tucker Schmoll, who will be playing Charlie Brown.

“It’s great to be around everyone else,” agreed Nick Roehl, cast as Pig Pen. “And we are so blessed

to have directors and tech crew building sets for an outdoor performance like no other!” said Kaelyn Lombard, playing Violet.

Performances

Performances of *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown* will take place in the lot behind the PAC on: Thursday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, May 15, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.. Patrons are asked to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on for the performance. Tickets are available to purchase at www.Becker.k12.mn.us/community-education/musical-information.

Performances of *Pirates of Penzance* will take place on the same dates, at earlier times. Thursday and Friday performances will start at 5 p.m., and Saturday’s performances will be at noon and 5 p.m. Tickets for the middle school’s performance are also available at the link above.



BECKER DRAMA STUDENTS practiced their lines and blocking during the beautiful weather last week. From left to right is director Joe Rand, Aria Webster (Lucy), Connor Shafer (Linus), and Austin Clemen (Schroeder). (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



Young Eagles flight rally set for Saturday

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by Chip Sauers).

Area young people ages 8-17 will have a chance to take to the skies Saturday, May 15, as Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 551 hosts a Young Eagles Flight Rally at the St. Cloud Regional Airport.

The rally is part of the *EAA Young Eagles Program*, created to interest young people in aviation. Since the program was launched in 1992, Volunteer EAA pilots have flown more than two million young people who reside in more than 90

countries.

"Free airplane rides are just part of the Flight Rally," said Chip Sauers, spokesman for the event. "We hope to build one-to-one relationships between pilots and young people, giving a new generation a chance to learn more about the possibilities that exist in the world of aviation."

Pilots at the event will also explain more about their airplanes allowing young people to discover how airplanes work and how pilots ensure safety is the prime concern before every flight.

Following the flight, each young person will receive a certificate making them an official



FREE AIRPLANE RIDES for kids aged 8-17 are being offered at Saturday's Young Eagles Flight Rally in St. Cloud. (Submitted Photo)

Young Eagle. Their name will then be entered into the "World's Largest Logbook," which is on permanent display at the EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, WI. The Logbook is also accessible on the Internet at www.youngeagles.org.

In addition to the Certificate, the new Young Eagle will be given a Logbook with an access code for a complete free online Flight Training course offered by *Sporty's*.

Along with flight rallies, EAA members also fly Young Eagles on an individual basis. Each pilot volunteers their time and aircraft so the flights can be provided free of charge for inter-

ested young people.

Additional information about EAA and the EAA Young Eagles program is available on the Internet. Access to EAA's Home Page is available at www.eaa.org. The Young Eagles webpage is www.youngeagles.org.

Those who would like to attend the Young Eagles Rally Saturday, May 15 are asked to pre-register online at youngeaglesday.org. There are a maximum of 60 spaces available. Please arrive on time or your space could be lost. For questions or large groups for the May 15 Rally, contact Chip Sauers at 320-248-8384.

Becker FD adding to department



CONGRATULATIONS TO BECKER'S NEWEST MEMBER of the Becker Fire Department! Michael Holtslander traded in his yellow hat for black !! (Submitted Photo)

We have a winner!



DIANE EISENSCHENK OF CLEARWATER was the Patriot Newspaper's basket raffle winner and she stopped by the office to gather her prize. The basket included Caribou flavored coffees, flavored creamers, Patriot coffee mugs and Patriot can koozies. (Photo by Mary Nehring).

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MOTHER from page 1

Shannon Marklowitz said it was important to have everyone nearby and able to come over for family dinners every week, especially when they lost one of their sons to mental illness several years ago.

The Marklowitz family uses their farm to grow hops for local breweries, and also to allow families to come and let their kids learn about agriculture and animal husbandry. They offer day camps for kids and family visits by appointment. More information is available at their website, RFDoeingFarms.com.



Watch out Mister Longbeard

YOUNG PALMER TURKEY ENTHUSIAST OWEN KOZAK was all smiles during turkey hunting season. Owen's parents are Cassie and Brandon Kozak. Brandon is an avid hunter as time permits with his duties on the family farm near Palmer and fatherly duties. (Submitted Photo).

Catholic Charities providing curbside distribution in May

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Catholic Charities organization).

Catholic Charities Senior Dining has organized frozen meal distribution pop-up locations for the month of May across Central Minnesota, with meals for seniors age 60 and over available at 26 locations, including Albany, Askov, Big Lake, Brainerd, Browerville, Deerwood, Foley, Hinckley, Little Falls, Milaca, Mora, North Branch, Ogilvie, Paynesville, Pierz, Pillager, Rush City, St. Cloud, St. Joseph, Sandstone, Sartell, Staples and Wadena.

• **Albany:** Monday, May 3, 1 to 2 pm — Pondview Estates, 334 Golfview Dr, Albany, MN 56307;

• **Ogilvie:** Tuesday, May 4, 11 am to 12 pm — Ogilvie Museum, 102 N Hill Ave, Ogilvie, MN 56358;

• **Mora:** Tuesday, May 4, 12 to 1 pm — First Presbyterian Church, 551 S Wood St, Mora, MN 55051;

• **Brainerd:** Thursday, May 6, 11 am to 1 pm — Brainerd Lakes Salvation Army, 208 S 5th St, Brainerd, MN 56401;

• **Wadena:** Thursday, May 6, 1 to 2 pm — Immanuel Lutheran Church, 403 2nd St SE, Wadena, MN 56482;

• **Hinckley:** Friday, May 7, 10 to 11:30 am — Hinckley Community Center, 102 Dunn Ave N, Hinckley, MN 55037;

• **North Branch:** Saturday, May 8, 9:30 to 11:30 am — Ruby's Pantry, 4359 392nd St, North Branch, MN 55056;

• **Foley:** Monday, May 10, 11 am to 1 pm — Foley Area CARE, 321 6th Ave, Foley, MN 56329;

• **St. Cloud:** Monday, May 10, 11 am to 1 pm — First Presbyterian Church, 340 5th Ave S, St. Cloud, MN 56301;

• **St. Cloud:** Tuesday, May 11, 1 to 3 pm — Catholic Charities Emergency Services, 157 Roosevelt Rd, St. Cloud, MN 56301;

• **Sartell:** Wednesday, May 12, 9:30 to 11 am — Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St S, Sartell, MN 56377;

• **Pillager:** Thursday, May 13, 12 to 4 pm — Pillager Area Family Center, 305 Fir Ave, Pillager, MN 56473;

• **Milaca:** Thursday, May 13, 2 to 3:30 pm — Alliance Church, 12543 MN-23, Milaca, MN 56353;

• **Little Falls:** Friday, May 14, 10 to 11 am — Little Falls Senior Center, 510 7th St NE, Little Falls, MN 56345;

• **Deerwood:** Monday, May 17, 11 am to 12:30 pm — Deerwood Auditorium (parking lot), 23770 Forest Rd, Deerwood, MN 56444;

• **Askov:** Tuesday, May 18, 1 to 2:30 pm — Askov Community Center, 6369 Kobmagergade, Askov, MN 55704;

• **Browerville:** Wednesday, May 19, 10 to 11:30 am — Browerville Area Food Shelf, 704 N Main St, Browerville, MN 56438;

• **Rush City:** Thursday, May 20, 10 to 11:30 am — Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 425 S Frandsen Ave, Rush City, MN 55069;

• **Sandstone:** Thursday, May 20, 1 to 2:30 pm — Pine Habilitation and Supported Employment, Inc. (PHASE), 106 Main St, Sandstone, MN 55072;

• **Staples:** Thursday, May 20, 2 to 4 pm — Lakewood Health System (Senior Campus by gazebo), 401 Prairie Ave NE, Staples, MN 56479;

• **Sartell:** Monday, May 24, 8 to 10:30 am — Celebration Lutheran Church, 1500 Pine Cone Rd N, Sartell, MN 56377;

• **Big Lake:** Monday, May 24, 10 am to 12 pm — Old National Bank (parking lot), 19943 County Rd 43, Big Lake, MN 55309;

• **St. Cloud:** Tuesday, May 25, 1 to 3 pm — Catholic Charities Emergency Services, 157 Roosevelt Rd, St. Cloud, MN 56301;

• **Paynesville:** Wednesday,

May 26, 1 to 2:30 pm — Green Roof Area Center, 1105 W Main St, Paynesville, MN 56362;

• **St. Joseph:** Thursday, May 27, 10:30 am to 12 pm — Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 Co Rd 2, St. Joseph, MN 56374;

• **Pierz:** Friday, May 28, 10 am to 12 pm — Fellowship Bible Church, 12876 MN-25, Pierz, MN 56364.

The *Senior Dining Frozen Meal Expansion Project* started in August 2020 and additional pop-up locations are continually being added. At the time of this writing, 26 locations for the month of May are currently scheduled.

Visit ccstcloud.org/ events for the most up-to-date information. The project is partially funded under a contract with the *Central Minnesota Council on Aging* as part of the *Older Americans Act*.

These healthy and nutritious frozen meals meet one-third of the recommended daily allowance for seniors, and are packaged in oven-safe containers that are easy to heat and eat in both conventional and microwave ovens. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month. Participants must be 60 years of age and older to be eligible, and all clients must complete an annual registration form. There is no cost to participate; however, donations will be accepted.

Catholic Charities Receives Minnesota DHS Circle of Excellence Award

In November 2020, *Catholic Charities* was awarded the *Minnesota Department of Human Services Circle of Excellence* award, which recognizes six organizations that have partnered with DHS and done an exemplary job of providing food, shelter and other assistance to Minnesotans in need.

The award recognizes that *Catholic Charities* — specifically, its Senior Dining program — has had to change its model for providing low-cost nutritious meal options for older adults in Central

that Luhning (who was absent from the meeting) had obtained quotes for the signs that could be placed on Highways 10 and 24 prohibiting dynamic braking within the city limits. Each sign would cost just \$25 so council approved the purchase and Goenner will work with MN DOT regarding the installation options.

ARPA

Yapp reported to council regarding the city's expected \$80,000 in ARPA funding it will receive later this year. Final guidelines on eligible expenses will be released in the coming weeks, but he noted that Water/Sewer infrastructure is specifically mentioned as a covered cost. Council held a brief discussion about potential uses for the funds, and asked Yapp to keep them updated in the future once more information becomes available.

In Other Business, The Council:

• Approved Mechtel's quarter one financial reports;

• Discussed adding a fire hydrant or fire department fill station to existing well #1.

The council's next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on June 7.



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Big Lake Sports

Hornet boy golfers play well twice

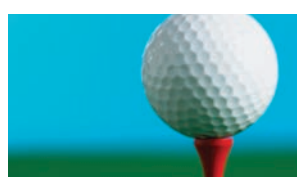
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The Big Lake Hornet boys golf team traveled to Saint Francis Wednesday (April 28) and played well.

The match for some of Big Lake's golfers was the first time they played this year. Scores were little higher than a week ago, but all-in-all, the entire Hornet team each shot in the low 80s.

Later in the week, the boys traveled to Kimball C.C. and took home the first place trophy. Once again, the Hornet golfers shot in the low 80s and Ryker Stukenholtz came home

with a fourth place medal. Stukenholtz shot an 81. The Hornets headed to *Pebble Creek* in Becker Thursday for a test on the local golf course. Look to next week's *Patriot* for complete details!



RYKER STUKENHOLTZ captured fourth place in Kimball last week with an impressive 81 score. (Submitted Photo)



Hornet sports team capsules

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The Big Lake Hornets sports teams had an eventful week. Following is an encapsulated rundown of games, meets, and matches.

Hornet Softball

The Hornet ladies improved to 4-1 with a win over Chisago Lakes Tuesday by a score of 3-1. The Hornets had two previous games scheduled this past week, but the one against Princeton was postponed and the one against St. Cloud Apollo was cancelled.

Next up, they traveled to St. Francis Thursday and hosted Monticello Friday.

Hornet Baseball

The Hornet boys baseball team fell to 2-4 with a loss to Chisago Lakes Tuesday by a score of 4-3.

Next up, they hosted St. Francis Thursday and traveled to Monticello Friday.

Hornet Boys Lacrosse

The boys rebounded from an 0-3 start to the season by drubbing Rocori, 17-5 Monday at home.

Up next, they traveled to Sartell/Sauk Rapids Thursday for an early evening matchup.

Hornet Girls Lacrosse

The Hornet girls fell to 0-4 with a 7-3 loss to Rocori Tuesday on the road.

Next up, they hosted Sartell/Sauk Rapids Wednesday.

Other News

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

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proposal from one student to another to attend prom) occurred two weeks ago, after school hours. A picture of the "promposal" was posted on several social media sites, and the school became aware of the photo on Tuesday afternoon.

"The prom in question was not a school-supported or sanctioned event," Supt. Truebenbach stated. The prom on May 1st was arranged by parents and held in Stillwater."

The school prom was rescheduled several weeks ago, for a date after graduation.

The administration released a statement to the community condemning the incident as a "racially insensitive and inappropriate act." Administration went on to unpublish official school social media pages in order to protect the privacy of students and staff. Staff from the high school and the district addressed the actions of the individuals involved in accordance with district policy.

Later on that same Tuesday night, a district employee posted a video of themselves using inappropriate, racist language. The employee was immediately placed on administrative leave.

Staff, at the time of the board meeting, had reviewed nearly 2,000 emails and voice messages condemning the incidents as racist and demanding that the district respond. Many of the messages were hateful, and used inappropriate language against the students and staff, and several even threatened acts of violence against the schools. In consultation with local law enforcement, the administration decided it was best to switch to distance learning on Thursday and Friday of that week. Representatives of the district met with law enforcement officials on Friday to review the threats further, and officials

from the BLPD and Sheriff's office vetted the threats and ultimately deemed it to be safe for students to return to school last Monday, though the school opted to implement a two-hour late start to allow staff time to work on effective ways to communicate with students regarding the incident.

May 20, the school will host a "community listening and learning session" at the high school, and have invited education equity consultants to help facilitate the conversation.

An article covering the rest of the board meeting, which covered regular business, will appear in next week's *Patriot*.



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Sports News

Bulldog tennis captures M8 Championship

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

It was a Conference Championship celebration Tuesday evening as the Becker boys tennis team downed Princeton 7-0 to finish undefeated in the Mississippi 8 Conference. With the win, the Becker Bulldogs are the undisputed Mississippi 8 Conference Boys Tennis Champions for 2021.

“The match with Princeton went well, it was our final M8 match of the year,” Coach Hokan Bengtson said. “We finished 7-0 and are conference champs!”

In singles play, Zach Bengtson continued his fine play in the #1 slot with a 6-2, 6-0 win, while Ryan Bengtson joined his younger bother in the singles bracket and picked up a shutout win in the #2 slot, 6-0, 6-0. Luke Bordson and Troy Nuest also shut out their opponents with a pair of 6-0 wins to give Becker the clean sweep in the singles matches.

In the doubles matches it was more of the same for the Bulldogs, as Wyatt Hiltner and Eli Scheideman teamed up in the #1 match to defeat the top team from Princeton in a pair of 6-2 sets.

The 7th grade dynamic duo of Landon Peterson and Sawyer Brown scored the shutout win at #2, followed



THE BECKER BOYS TENNIS TEAM was all smiles after capturing the M8 Conference Championship Tuesday with a shutout win over Princeton. Becker finished 7-0 in the conference this season (Submitted Photo).

by a 6-0, 6-2 win by super Sophomores Bruce Kraemer and Nick Gruber in the #3 match.

Overall, Becker thoroughly dominated Mississippi 8 Conference play all year en route to the title. Coach Bengtson and his squad now have their sights set on a strong performance in the Section tournament and they take their 14-2 overall record into some great competition as they prepare for the playoffs.

“The next week will be a great chance for us to get

ready for our section playoff run,” Bengtson said. “We have some great matches planned for the next week or two before section play begins.”

Over the next ten days, Becker will face some of the finest tennis programs from across Minnesota, including Foley, St. Cloud Tech, Duluth East and a regular season finale on May 14 against Alexandria.

Bluejackets

Last Friday, the Bulldogs clobbered Cambridge-Isanti 7-0 behind strong play from

the entire lineup.

“Our doubles teams cruised, only dropping 4 games total,” Bengtson said. “Our top singles guys all showed great poise winning tough matches and securing the 7-0 team victory.”

Zach Bengtson showed great perseverance to pick up the win at #1 singles, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2, while teammates Bordson (6-1, 7-5), Peterson (5-7, 6-2, 6-2) and Brown (6-0, 6-0) also picked up wins.

The #1 doubles team of Scheideman/Ryan Bengtson made quick work of their op-

ponents, 6-0/6-1, while Hiltner and Gruber were also on their game, winning 6-1, 6-2. Bruce Kraemer and Max Haugen were dominant at #3 singles, blanking their opponents 6-0 in both sets to seal the 7-0 win.

Tornadoes

Monday, Bengtson’s team traveled to Anoka and came away with a 5-2 win over the Tornadoes.

“There were some great matches all over the courts tonight,” said Bengtson. “Numbers 1 and 4 singles were really close — along with all of the doubles — but our kids kept fighting and staying focused despite the blustery winds.”

Ryan Bengtson picked up the 6-0, 6-1 win at #2 singles for the Bulldogs, while Luke Bordson was consistent with a 6-2, 6-2 win at #3.

Becker swept the doubles matches, as Peterson teamed up with Scheideman to win 6-4, 7-5 at #1, while Brown and Hiltner came from behind to win at #2 with scores of 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

In the final doubles match, Bengtson credited Bruce Kraemer and Nick Gruber with a concerted effort in their 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 win.

“Kraemer and Gruber played a marathon match that lasted 3 hours — they came away with a great win!” Bengtson said.

Bulldog softball facing top competition

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog softball team made it over the .500 mark in the past week despite facing some of the best competition in the state.

Last Thursday, the team traveled to Chisago Lakes to take on the #3 ranked Wildcats and came up a bit short, losing a close game 2-0. Neither team threatened to score until the bottom of the 3rd when the Wildcats’ leadoff hitter reached second base on an error and moved to third on a subsequent bunt.

Another Wildcat bunt, this one a squeeze play, helped the Wildcats score the first run of the game to take the 1-0 lead.

The batters for both teams continued to struggle, even as Becker had runners in scoring position in the 4th, 5th and 6th innings but was unable to bring home the runs with a big hit.

The Wildcats added an insurance run in the bottom of the 6th with back-to-back two-out doubles to make the final 2-0. Brooke Hendrickson led off the 7th with a double for the Bulldogs, but a line drive off the bat of Hannah Bartlett was caught and a couple strikeouts ended the game.

Kurstyn Patnode was the tough luck loser in the circle, as she went all 6 innings and allowed 4 hits with a walk

and a strikeout. Brooke Hendrickson and Patnode each had 2 hits for Becker.

Round Robin

On Saturday, Becker hosted their annual Invitational, albeit with a pandemic adjusted schedule that replaced the typical 8 team format with 4 teams playing each other in a round robin format. Becker started off by facing Pequot Lakes and came away with a 7-1 win.

The offense got off to a quick start with 4 runs in the first, as the first 4 batters, Krista Paulson, Patnode, Cadence Koste, and Makenna Zerwas, all reached base. Maddie Sherman added an rbi single in the inning. In the 4th, Levi Roske and Jenna Kringer each scored to make it a 6-0 Bulldog lead. The Patriots scored an unearned run in the 6th, but Becker answered with a run when Kringer singled and scored on a Patnode single to make the final 7-1.

Maddie Sherman picked up the win going all 7 innings and allowing just a single run on 4 hits, while walking one and striking out 9. Nine different Bulldogs had hits in the game, led by Patnode who had 2 hits and a walk.

Spartans

Saturday’s second game was against section rival Rorcori and Becker used an offensive explosion to notch a 16-6 win.

After a scoreless 1st,

Becker opened the game up with a 5 run 2nd inning, as Sherman and Patnode each had rbi hits in the inning. The score moved to 8-0 as a combination of hits and Spartan errors led to 3 more Bulldog runs in the 3rd. The Spartans put up 3 runs in the bottom of the inning on 3 hits and an error to make the score 8-3. The Bulldogs wasted no time getting those runs back as Koste and Zerwas singled to start the 4th, and Brooke Hendrickson walked to load the bases for Hannah Bartlett, who doubled to score two runs. Four more Bulldog runs in the top of the 5th looked like it might trigger the ten rule rule, but a couple of Bulldog errors allowed Rorcori to score 3 in the bottom of the 5th to make the score 15-6 and send it to the 6th inning.

Patnode took matters into her own hands in the 6th inning with a long home run to push the lead back to 10 runs, at 16-6 for the final score.

Patnode got the win in the circle going 5 innings and allowing 6 runs, only 2 of which were earned. Sherman ended the game with a scoreless inning for the Bulldogs, who collected 15 hits — three each by Koste, Hendrickson, and Bartlett.

Irish

The final game of the day was against #2 state ranked Maple Lake and Becker put

itself in an early hole with a couple of first inning miscues that led to the Irish taking a 3 run lead en route to a 6-0 win.

In the bottom of the 3rd, Becker put runners on 2nd and 3rd with one out when Sherman walked and Ellie Gallus singled, but Maple Lake worked out of the jam with two ground balls and the inning was over.

The Irish added 3 insurance runs in the top of the 7th to make the score 6-0.

Patnode took the loss in the circle going all 7 innings and allowing 6 runs — 4 earned — on 10 hits, while walking one and striking out 5.

Vikings

Tuesday, the Bulldogs traveled to North Branch to face the Vikings in a double header and came away with a split, losing 4-1 in game 1 before picking up a 5-2 win in the nightcap.

In game one, Becker jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a Paulson single and Patnode triple before North Branch answered with 2 unearned runs in the bottom of the 2nd to take a 2-1 lead. The Vikings added 2 more in the bottom of the third to make it a 4-1 final. Sherman took the loss, pitching 6 innings and allowing 4 runs, 1 earned, on 7 hits. She walked 2 and struck out 5. Paulson was 2-3 and Patnode was 1-2 with a walk.

In game 2, the Vikings

struck early with a run in the top of the 1st, but Becker answered in the bottom of the inning when Paulson led off with a double, Patnode followed with a single and Cadence Koste hit a sacrifice fly to left to score Paulson.

The score remained tied until the 4th when the Vikings loaded the bases with one out. After a run scored, Paulson and Zerwas combined for great play to get an out at the plate and Brooke Hendrickson made a nice catch to get out of the inning with only 1 run scoring.

In the bottom of the inning, Becker answered with 3 runs. Hendrickson doubled to lead off the inning and Bartlett followed with a double to tie the score at 2. Sherman then hit a sacrifice bunt and the Vikings threw the ball away, allowing Bartlett to score. Sherman would later come in to score on a wild pitch to make it 4-2. Becker added an insurance run in the 6th when Sherman led off with a single and scored on an error to make it 5-2. Patnode allowed only 1 baserunner the final 3 innings and was credited with the victory, going all 7 innings and allowing 2 runs. She walked 2 and struck out 8. Paulson and Patnode each had 2 hits.

With the flurry of games, Becker is now 6-5 overall and 4-3 in the M8 conference.

Golf teams finally find favorable weather

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker boys and girls golf teams have finally found some sunny weather conditions at their recent meets, with the girls continuing to dominate the conference and the boys finding their footing after a rough start to the year.

Girls

Coach Anna Babler and the Bulldogs continue to dismantle the competition at the Mississippi 8 Conference meets, with the most recent win happening Tuesday afternoon at Pebble Creek in Becker.

Becker fired an outstanding round of 365 to again capture the conference meet win, with Chisago Lakes coming in a distant second place with 386 strokes.

“These ladies did great,” Babler said. “A personal best for Ashley Reed and Kylee Rick in the conference win.”

Reed shot a round of 86, good enough for second place overall, while Rick shot a 91, good enough for third place. Overall, Becker had six golfers place among the top 13 M8 golfers in attendance.

Tuesday results: Ashley Reed 86 (second overall), Kylee Rick 91 (third), Gretchen Graftaas 93 (fifth), Emma Benson 95 (eighth), Alexa

Voller 95 (ninth), Layla Mathews 98 (13th).

At their current pace, the Bulldogs are a near lock to claim the overall Mississippi 8 regular season title. They have upcoming matches in St. Francis, Cambridge and Park Rapids. Look for complete details in next week’s Patriot.

Boys

Last Wednesday, the boys team traveled to St. Francis and the Refuge course for a M8 battle and came away with a sixth place finish and a team round of 348.

Princeton paced the M8 pack with a very good round of 312, followed by Big Lake at 329.

“We finally had some good weather for golf,” coach Dan Olson said. “It was nice to be able to be at the course and not wearing rain or winter gear.”

Zach Stanz continues to shine for the Bulldogs, as he led the team with a four over round of 76, good enough for second place overall. Prince-

ton’s Lucas Ostlund fired a 74 to pick up the win for the Tigers.

While the sixth place finish maybe wasn’t what Olson had hoped, he is seeing constant improvement from his golfers. He also pointed out the difficulty of the Saints’ home course.

“The Refuge has trouble on every hole and each player had a few holes that really hurt their round,” Olson said. “We get a week of practice as

our next meet is not until next Thursday (May 6) when we are at Pebble Creek.”

Results: Zach Stanz 76, Brayden Graning 88, Tucker Rhodes 91, Matthew Martindale 93, Kyle Vogl 93, Kevin Vogl 96.

Look for complete details of Becker’s home match in next week’s *Patriot*.

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Lady Bulldogs take third at Pierz

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The Becker girls track & field team competed last Thursday with four other teams at Pierz.

The total scores were: Pierz 88.5, Holdingford 68, Becker 67.5 and Zimmerman 48.

Becker started out the running events with the 4x800. The foursome of Meghan Swanson, Katelyn Brower, Kayla Gruenes and Lexi Rose took first place (11:21.7) and Becker's second team of Alea Briggs, Brooklyn Karel, Olivia Babler and Whitney Schug were second (11:42.6), but could not earn points because teams were only allowed to score just one team.

The 100 meter hurdlers had a good day with three girls earning points. Regan Hausmann came in second (18.43), Lauren Woelfel fourth (18.65) and Sarah Woelfel fifth (18.67).

Cassidy Pleoger continues to excel in the 100 meters, taking first with a season best time of 13.36. Pleoger also ran an outstanding anchor leg as part of the winning 4x100 relay team along with Jessica Gruenes, Lauren Woelfel and Sarah Woelfel. This team ran a season best time of 56.21.

In the 1600 meters, Becker took the top three spots. Meghan Swanson ran 5:58.22, Lexi Rose ran 6:00.22 and Brooklyn Karel ran 6:02.66 for her PR time.

Kayla Gruenes ran a gutsy race and placed second in the 800M with a time of 2:47.21. Olivia Babler ran a PR time of 13:31.41 in the 3200 meters for third place.

Becker got a pair of fourth place finishes in the 400 from Alea Briggs (71.84) and Regan Hausmann in the 300 hurdles (54.73).

Anna Briggs placed third in the shot put (26' 9"). In the discus, Evelyn



CASSIDY PLEOGER won the 100 meter race last Thursday at Pierz. (Submitted Photo)

Kreft took first with a PR of 96' 6" and Grace Schendel fourth (78' 2").

Lauren Woelfel again took home first place in the pole vault with a vault of 8', and Tessa Maruska placed fourth with 7'.

Becker's next meet will be at home Tuesday with the boys competing at 3:30 p.m. and the girls competing at 6:30 p.m.

Boys track continues to impress

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker boys track team might be small in numbers, but they continue to be big when it comes to their individual performances. Head Coach Paul Schmidt reports that his team performed well in a pair of meets in the past week.

Pioneer Quad

Last Thursday, the Becker Boys ventured back to Pierz for a quad meet with Holdingford, Zimmerman and the host Pioneers. The boys came ever so close to a victory, finishing just five points behind winner Holdingford. Team Scores had Holdingford at 93, Becker at 87.5, Pierz 57, and Zimmerman with 32.5.

"This was another good performance by our boys led by our two 8th graders Carter Reckelberg and Owen Angell, as well as sophomore Tyson Ricker," Schmidt said. Carter Reckelberg picked up first place finishes in the long jump with a personal best of 19' 1" and in the Triple Jump with a leap of 35' 2.5".

"Every week we are seeing Carter better his distance in these two events," Schmidt said. "It is really fun to watch him improve."

Reckelberg also scored a 3rd place finish in the 200 for the Bulldogs.

Owen Angell had a personal record in the pole vault with a vault of 10' 6" and he followed that up with a win in the 300 IH with a time of 46.66. He also grabbed a 3rd place finish in the high jump.

Ricker scored two victories, first in the 1600 with a time of 4:52.3 and then in the 3200 with a personal record time of 10:18.5.

"Tyson has been so strong in the distance this year," Schmidt said. "He has dominated each perfor-

mance this year."

Other strong finishers for the Bulldogs were Lukas Karel, who placed second in a pair of events, including the 1600 (5:08), and the 3200 (10:54).

Cade Stommes earned three second place finishes: the pole vault (10"), the triple jump (34' 2.5") and the 400 (55.8).

Wrapping up the individual places were Michael Schmitz (fourth in the 110 hurdles) and Caleb Reckelberg (second in the 800 and 4th in the 1600).

On the relay side, the boys 4x200 team of Carter Reckelberg, Luke MacDonald, Carter Leither, and Ben Howe took a first place finish with a time of 1:42.26, while the 4x400 relay team of Stommes, Angell, Leither and MacDonald took second.

M8 Quad

Tuesday, the team hosted a quad meet with Cambridge-Isanti, North Branch, and Chisago Lakes. This was a split gender meet as the teams had to follow MSHSL guidelines pertaining to the number of participants allowed and Becker fared well, finishing third in the final team standings and only a few points out of second place. Cambridge-Isanti won the meet convincingly with a score of 133, followed by Chisago Lakes with 58, Becker 48 and North Branch 31.

"It was a good day for a meet and while our team is smaller than it has been in the past years our performances were outstanding," Schmidt said.

Owen Angell again led the way for the Bulldogs with personal bests in the pole vault at 11' 6" (2nd place), and in the High Jump at 5' 6" (4th place).

Angell also had a personal best in the 300 hurdles where he took a 3rd place with a time of 45.9.

Carter Reckelberg

also placed high in his events and improved his personal best jumps with a second place finish in the triple jump at 36' 1" and a third place finish in the long jump at 19' 3". He also placed fifth in the 200 (26.72) and started Becker's 4x200 relay team with teammates Carter Leither, Luke MacDonald, and Ben Howe that went on to win their event with a time of 1:43.23.

Another first place finish came from Tyson Ricker, in the 1600 with a personal best time of 4:39.15.

"We are still waiting for Tyson to get pushed in the 1600," Schmidt said. "He has gotten out to such large leads that he is often running by himself. It will actually be good when he has some competition and has to race somebody else. I see his time going down even further then."

Karel ran a good 3200 race and finished 2nd (10:59), while taking a 3rd place finish in the 1600 (4:53.89). Schmitz took a 3rd place finish in the High Hurdles with a time of 18.49.

Stommes placed 4th in the triple jump (35' 0.5") and third in the 400 (55.32). Teammate Carter Leither took a fourth place finish in the 400 with a time of 55.4.

"Competition for this meet was definitely steeper against these Mississippi 8 teams as Cambridge brings about 60 boys and Chisago Lakes has about 70," Schmidt said. "I was really pleased with how our team and individuals did. . . we may not have had the quantity of athletes as in the past, but our quality really shined through."

Becker's next meet is at Princeton on May 11th.



This Season Looks Different

The Minnesota Wild have snatched their spot in the postseason for the eighth time in the last nine seasons. Yet, despite all those appearances they still don't have anything to show for it. This season looks to be different however, the team as a whole seems different from years past for a one specific reason.

The obvious reason the team has a different feel is my golden boy Kirill Kaprizov. I typically don't pick favorites because I love the team as whole but this guy is something else. From his very first game this season to now, he's been amazing.

At first, I was extremely skeptical thinking there's no way someone could be this good and play for us. That was the Minnesota sports curse talking, all of our teams do well in the regular season and then tank it in playoffs. However, watching Kaprizov's progression all season, I have no doubt in my mind that he'll be a big factor for us going forward and having success in the playoffs.

He's already set two scoring records for the Wild and is on his way to being the first Calder Trophy (Rookie of the Year) winner the Wild have ever had, even Marian Gaborik missed out on that feat. He managed to knock out Gaborik's most goals by a rookie for the Wild as well as most points tallied.

As of Wednesday morning, he has 24 goals in 51 games while Gaborik's record was 18 goals in 71 games, so Kaprizov blew that record apart. In

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regards to points, he's at 45 points in those 51 games and Gaborik had just 36 points in 71 games another record that was destroyed by "Dolla Bill Kirill".

Gaborik was a great player and one of the best the Wild have ever had, so I mean no disrespect towards his stats. Considering he was one of the greatest players we've ever had, showing that Kaprizov has already shattered those records means he's something special.

As I said before, I'm someone that believes in team first always and I'm not known for thinking one player can carry a whole team with the exception of maybe Wayne Gretzky, but he had a whole team behind him as well. In my opinion the best players are surrounded by players that make them better.

Kaprizov kind of ruins that rule for me. He is surrounded by great players like Kevin Fiala, Mats Zuccarello, Joel Eriksson Ek, and even Zach Parise but he doesn't have to be. The thing that makes Kaprizov that much better is he can do things all on his own.

He can get the scoring started or keep it going. He

can carry the puck in circles around the offensive zone while everyone else watches. The amount of natural skill he has is something you see very rarely in players.

Being in the National Hockey League, all of these players have some natural talent or they wouldn't be there but as I keep repeating, Kaprizov is different and I've seen a lot of players come through Minnesota over the 20 some seasons they've been in existence.

Going into the postseason the Wild need to focus on getting Kaprizov the puck as much as possible and telling him to take shots. Along with being a natural born skater, he has a natural scoring ability that seems to be hard for goalies to stop.

So far it looks like the Wild will face either the Colorado Avalanche or the Vegas Golden Knights in the first round and thankfully for them, Kaprizov has had success against them both. He's tallied points at least six times against both teams, something they'll need him to continue to do when the playoffs do start.

I believe this year will be different for the Wild and they will do well in the postseason and it all seems to come down to Kaprizov. Hopefully he can continue to blow everyone away and show us how good he truly is. The whole state would love to see the Minnesota Wild skate away with a Stanley Cup, and Kaprizov being named MVP.

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Becker. However, after he signed with the renowned Bison program, head coach Matt Entz initially envisioned Radunz as a three-tech defensive lineman. Relatively quickly, Entz soon saw Radunz's potential as a blocker and instead rostered him as a tackle and the rest is history.

But, his NFL career potential almost never happened.

Coming into college football at just 265 pounds, Radunz redshirted the 2016 season, intent on adding to his frame. He got his chance to earn playing time on the line the next year. However, after logging just fifteen snaps, the NDSU offensive tackle suffered a torn ACL, ending his 2017 campaign prematurely.

Normally, an ACL tear would be a red flag on Radunz's record, but he came

back with might and main. He recovered in time for the 2018 season and started all 15 games at left tackle in a championship-winning season. He earned second-team All-Missouri Valley Conference honors for his performance. He'd even take his game up one more notch in 2019.

"I could not be prouder of Dillon," said Lundeen. "He has worked so hard to overcome that ACL injury and has become a great weight room lifter. That kind of thing will only help him as he gets older - 10 year starter at left tackle."

Because of COVID-19, the FCS wound up moving its football season to the spring and rescheduled its championship for April and May. This obviously presented a scheduling conflict for FCS draft prospects such as QB Lance and Radunz.

Thus, the Bison scheduled a one-game showcase in October against the Central Arkansas Bears.

The Bison won the game against the Bears by a score of 39-28, and Radunz consistently moved defenders across the field and broke open lanes for the running game. In pass protection, his mobility and length proved to be too much for his opponents. Although the Bison remain were set to play in the spring season, Radunz and Lance did not join them and opted for the draft.

Dillon was a coaches dream throughout his high school and college careers. His size, athletic prowess and his level-headedness provided a dream specimen in basketball, track & field and football. Many kids have dreams of playing at higher levels — few ever

get that chance.

"To be honest, every kid dreams of it (going professional) but I never thought it was in the cards for me until my red-shirt sophomore season when my OL coach told me that if I wanted to, then I could go to the league," Dillon said. "For me, it doesn't get any better than this. All I need is an opportunity and that's what I've got so I'm going to have fun with it!"

"I am just so happy that his dreams came true," Kat said. "He truly deserves this and more. His work ethic, drive, determination and perseverance is amazing.



DILLON RADUNZ's mom, Kat (L) remembers her son Dillon saying years and years ago that he was "going to play in the NFL someday". Last week cemented that dream. (Submitted Photo).

St. Paul) in his high school days of delivering holes for running backs. Now he can do the same at the highest level, thanks to his past coaches, teams and teammates who made all this happen for the young man from Becker.

"I am a product of my environment and I have the whole community of Becker to be thankful for," Dillon said. "And blessed is an understatement when I say what a privilege it was to play for Dwight Lundeen and the Becker Bulldogs."

Dillon has one final thing to say to all those kids who also dream of playing at the next level.

"To the kids.... play all the sports you can, find something you love and run with it," he says. "Treat people with a smile, and above all else enjoy each day even if it's raining."

"There are no words to explain how proud I am of Dillon," says Kat. "He has truly worked his entire life to reach this goal. I remember him saying in flag football in like first or second grade 'I'm going to play in the NFL'. He put in the blood, sweat and tears and never lost sight of where he wanted to go."



Wishing you the best of luck in your NFL career Dillon!

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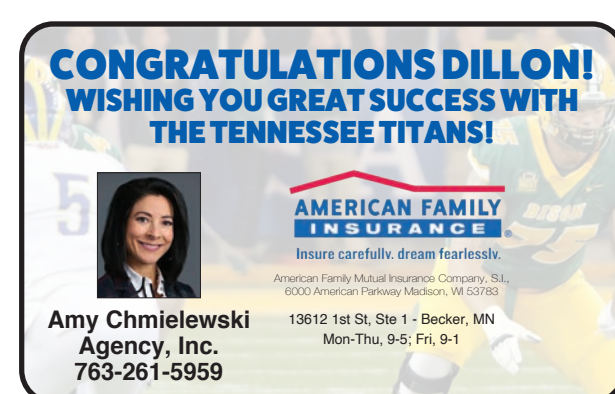
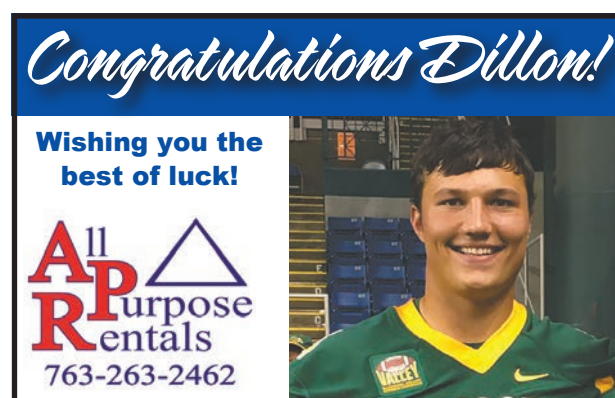
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“This is it, I’m going to be a Titan” - Radunz

By Bill Morgan
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Heading into last week’s NFL Draft, the bulk of the conversations centered around the elite talent at quarterback in the likes of Trevor Lawrence, Trey Lance, Justin Fields and Zach Wilson. However, there was also a plethora of super-talented offensive linemen on the radar of many GMs and right there towards the top was a Becker High School standout and NDSU alum.

Dillon Radunz, who played for the Bulldogs under Dwight Lundeen, then played at NDSU under two coaches, was selected in the second round (53rd overall) in the 2021 NFL draft held last weekend. Dillon, standing at 6’6” and 300-lbs., will be playing right tackle for the *Tennessee Titans* of the AFC.

Dillon was at home with family and friends watching the draft and hoping for the call that would change his life forever.

Was he on pins and needles leading up to draft



DILLON RADUNZ was all smiles while his mom, Kat (R) was on the verge of tears as Dillon received the long-awaited call from an NFL team, the Tennessee Titans during last week’s NFL draft. (Submitted Photo)

day?

“Not leading up to the draft but on the second day of the draft, I was definitely a little anxious,” Dillon said.

“It was pretty calm,” Dillon’s mom, Kathy (Kat) said. “(It was) actually surreal for me up until about a week prior to the draft.

Then it hit me. My son is going to play football in the NFL and realize his dreams. There were a few times that I got so emotional that the tears would just pour out.”

Even Dillon’s high school coach, Dwight Lundeen was affected while watching the draft.

“I got very emotional when the 53 pick was announced,” said Lundeen. “I’m so happy for Dillon and Becker football.”

Dillon has been described as being extremely versatile on the offensive line. His advantage over others is that he is capable of playing either on the left side, the right side or even center, should a team require him to do so. He is tough, strong, and displays

terrific awareness. Others describe Dillon’s play as being patient, fundamentally sound, and he consistently bends his knees, blocking with leverage, staying square, and does a great job using body positioning while sealing defenders from the action.

As the draft commenced and player-after-player got chosen in the first round, Dillon began calculating in his mind what team may come calling.

“The Titans were on my radar but they were not really even in the top five teams that I would’ve guessed to draft me,” he said. “I had great talks with their GM at the senior bowl and had fun zoom meetings with the staff before the draft so relations have always been great with them. Tennessee is the perfect fit for me! Looking back I don’t think I could be in a better spot.”

As the draft ticked on throughout the day, Dillon’s phone finally buzzed alive and he glanced at the caller ID.

“Receiving that phone call was an amazing feeling. Especially seeing Tennessee on the caller ID,” he said. “Sure I could have gone earlier in the draft but ultimately this is the best spot and I’m glad God made me wait for this one.”

“It was a surprise,” said Kat. “I don’t think any of us thought that he would go to Tennessee. We were celebrating one of Dillon’s friends from training in California being drafted at

#51 when he looked down at his phone, looked at me and said, ‘This is it...I’m gonna be a Titan’.”

His mom said the tears came instantly for all of his family and friends there celebrating his special day.

“We were all trying to be quiet as he talked to the GM and the coaches but could hardly contain ourselves,” she said. “Lots of emotions....missing his Dad and how extremely happy he must be watching

turned in three outstanding days of practice during January’s Senior Bowl. He offers possibilities at left tackle or even inside at guard in a zone-blocking system and comes with a large upside. While there may be bumps in the road early in his NFL career, Radunz is expected to be a starter in the right system.

“It’s very unusual that a player go six years in high school and college and not lose a game,” said Lundeen.



DILLON RADUNZ’s lifelong dream of playing in the NFL came true last week as he was drafted by the Tennessee Titans in the second round, 53rd overall. (Archived Patriot Photo).

ing from the best seat in the house.”

Dillon lost his father, Jeff, in 2010 when he was just 45 years old.

Radunz has always been considered an outstanding left tackle for North Dakota State and

“He is a winner. The Titans can build around him.”

Radunz wasn’t supposed to be an offensive tackle as he was originally recruited as a two-star defensive end prospect out of

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Becker American Legion Auxiliary
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
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 recyclables to the dumpsters near the same location 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 (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 Lions Club
Meetings are held the second Mon. each month at 7pm at Becker City Park. Dale Seavert (320) 290-5342.

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

City of Becker/Becker Township Recycle Day
Sat. May 15, 9am-1pm. Held at Northern Metals. For more information call City of Becker Public Works, (763) 200-4275. Becker City & Township residents only.

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193
Meets the third Tues. of each month at 7 pm at Becker Legion (old

fire hall). Looking for new members. Commander John Fischbach (320) 249-0579.

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

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

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

Big Lake Al-Anon
Meetings held Mon., 7pm at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church - Big Lake Annex, "lawn chairs outdoors when weather permits."
Newcomers encouraged - we are a very welcoming group! Laurie (763) 218-5330.

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

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

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meets second Tues. of each month at 11am. Meetings via Zoom due to COVID. Contact Recreation & Communication Coordinator Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org or 612-297-6331 for meeting links or questions on the Committee Website: <https://www.biglakemn.org/443/Big-Lake-Bicycle-Advisory-Committee>.

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

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

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

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

Big Lake & Orrock Township City of Big Lake 2021 Recycle Day
Sat., May 15. Town of Big Lake Maintenance Building, 20150 166th St. NW, 8am-1pm. For more info go to www.biglaketownship.com.

Big Lake 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.biglake-womenoftoday.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.

Clear Lake Lioness Blood Drive
Clear Lake Lioness will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive on May 17, 12:30-6:30pm, St. Marcus Church, 8701 Main Ave, Clear Lake.
Make an appt. on line at Red-CrossBlood.org or call Judy (320) 743-2108.

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

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

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

Legion 7:30pm. Clearwater Legion, Clearwater.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jack & Jim's 44th Annual Smelt Fry
Wed., May 19, serving starts 1pm with all the trimmings - All-You-Can Eat. *Jack & Jim's*, Duell, MN. (320) 968-9995.

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.

Palmer Township Clean-up Day
Sat., May 22, 7am-12pm. Palmer Town Hall on County Rd 6, watch for entrance, exit signs & directions from volunteers. Appliances & Electronics **NOT** Accepted. Volunteers are needed.

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

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

Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events
Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. Check Snake River Church FaceBook page for updates. Sat., May 8, 10am - 2pm spring sale. Plants, baked goods & soups for sale.
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Young @ Heart
Group meeting at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater, will be canceled until further notice. We will wait until the state allows churches & other gatherings to begin & then look at our group & make a decision.



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

Indoor and/or Outdoor Chore Service with Senior Community Services
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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
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June - Sherburne County Health & Human Services - Classes are as follows:

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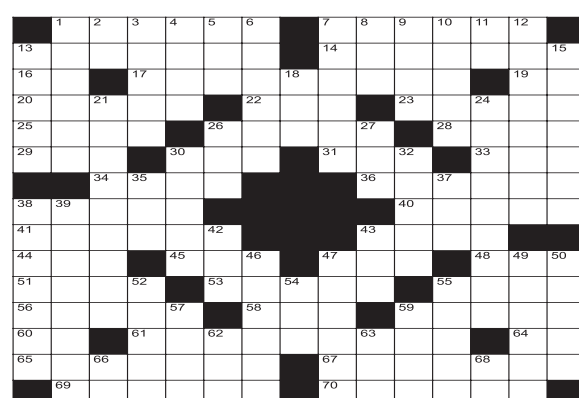
Save the Date, May 18 when BASC will be at Becker City Park all day for monthly lunch & music.

BASC 763-528-0643
Email: basc.becker@gmail.com

This Week's Calendar Events:

- Sun. - May 9, 2021:**
- Israel Independence Day
 - National Nursing Home Week (5/9-5/15)
 - National Hospital Week (5/9-5/15)
 - Mother's Day
 - National Transportation Week (5/9-5/15)
 - National Receptionist Day
 - National Bike to School Day
- Mon. - May 10, 2021:**
- National Lipid Day
 - National Etiquette Week (5/10-5/16)
 - National Shrimp Day
 - National Washington Day
 - National Women's Healthcare Week (5/10-5/15)
 - World Lupus Day
 - National Stuttering Awareness Week (5/10-5/16)
 - Canada: National Nursing Week (5/10-5/16)
- Tues. - May 11, 2021:**
- National Nurses Day
 - Moon Phase: New Moon
 - National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day
 - National Miniature Golf Day
 - National Train Day
 - World Fair Trade Day
 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day
 - National Hummus Day
 - Cannes Film Festival (5/11-5/22)
 - National Police Week (5/11-5/17)
- Wed. - May 12, 2021:**
- National Nurses Day
 - National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day
 - National School Nurse Day
- Thurs. - May 13, 2021:**
- National Apple Pie Day
- Fri. - May 14, 2021:**
- Lewis & Clark Expedition Sets Out: Anniversary, 1804
- Sat. - May 15, 2021:**
- Spring Astronomy Day
 - Peace Officer Memorial Day
 - National Safe Boating Week (5/15-5/21)
 - United Nations: International Day of Families

Game Time



CLUES ACROSS

- Seed part
- Productive
- Popular cocktail
- Sausages
- Western state
- Natural desires
- Defunct British automaker
- Early media tycoon
- Move from one place to another
- Letter of Semitic abjads
- Female birds
- Umbrella brand
- Delinquent
- Tax collector
- Cooking tool
- Female sibling
- Flat-topped hat
- Angolan currency
- Boardwalk candy
- European nation
- Leaflike part of palm
- Removed with solvent
- Uttered words
- Unfashionable person
- Disappointed
- Controversial device in soccer
- 007's creator
- Pain
- UCLA mascot
- Razorbill
- Turkic people
- Mimic
- Crime involving fire
- And, Latin
- A saponaceous quality
- Dorm employee
- Estate lands
- States
- They slow you down
- Gets up

CLUES DOWN

- One or the other
- Doc
- Songs have them
- Record of payment (abbr.)
- Speak endlessly
- American state
- Digressions
- Tell on
- Brews
- Belongs to the bottom layer
- American cigarette brand
- Legal voting age in US
- Dish
- Expelled air from the nose
- Body art
- Fierce, destructive act
- Bear bright yellow flowers
- Japanese delicacy
- Get off your feet
- Male organs in some invertebrates
- ___, so good
- Cleverness
- Protest yacht
- Anesthetized
- Mollified
- Touch lightly
- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- Some windows have them
- National capital
- Squirrels like them
- Grandmothers
- Painter's tool
- News organization
- ___ and thesis: musical term
- Famed activist Parks
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Becker Baptist Church
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Becker Evangelical Free Church
Pastors: Patrick Drury (Senior), Chris Salvendy (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/Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8:30 am; Sun. 10:30 am. Masses held on 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.
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Pastores: Juan & Patricia Aguayo, 763-607-5403, 21 Lake St N. Services: Sat. 6pm.
Lord of Glory Lutheran Church
Pastor: Marty Mabry, 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. 9am drive-in Worship, Sanctuary Worship 10am.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School
Pastor: Timothy Zenda, 763-662-2570, 18977 17th St. Services: Sun. School/Bible Class 10:30am, Divine Worship 9am.
Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor: Shari Routh, 920-573-0193, 1100 186th Ave NE. Services: Sun Good Shepherd 9am, Sun. Glendorado 10:30am.
Gethsemane Church (ELCA) - Ronneby
Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.
Glendorado Evangelical Country Church
Pastor: Sam Alfano, 763-662-2244, 16999 Glendorado Road NE. Services: Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

• CLEAR LAKE
Living Waters Church
Pastor: Mark Stahl, 320-292-0250, 7830 Church St. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Wed. Bible Study 6:30pm.
Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Pastor: Josh Reber, 320-743-2919, 8641 Main Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 8:45am, Sun. School 9:45am.
St. Marcus Catholic Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Sat. Confessions 4:15pm, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Jan-June 8am, July-Dec. 10am.

• DUELM
St. Lawrence Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502 or 320-743-2481, 10915 Duellm Road NE. Services: Sun Mass -- Jan-June 10am, July-Dec. 8am.

• CLEARWATER
Clearwater United Methodist Church
Pastor: Alison Hendley, 320-558-2581, 405 Main St. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am.
Freedom Bible Church
605 Lime St. (Old Clearwater Post Office). Services: Sun. Bible Study 9:30am & 6pm, Sun. Worship 10:45am, Wed. Bible Study 7pm.
Rejoice Lutheran Church - ELCA
Pastor: Jim Bump, 320-558-6851, 1155 County Road 75. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am.
Church of St. Luke
Father: Dennis Backer, 320-558-2124, 17545 Huber Ave NW. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8am & 10am, Weekday Mass Tues.-Fri. 8am/Sat. 9am.
Tri-County Alliance Church
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 Tatkendorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am
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Obituaries

IRENE S. RING, AGE 85
CLEAR LAKE, MN
JUNE 1, 1935 – APRIL 28, 2021

Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, May 7, 2021 at *Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church* in Becker for Irene S. Ring, 85 of Clear Lake who passed away on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at the *St. Cloud Hospital*. Rev. Michael Kellogg will officiated, and burial was at the parish cemetery in Becker. Arrangements have been entrusted to *Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home*, Becker.

Irene was born on June 1, 1935 in St. Cloud to Florenz and Philomine (Weitzel) Wilhelm. She worked as a nurse at the *St. Cloud Hospital*. Irene married Gordon Ring on August 16, 1955 at *Holy Spirit Catholic Church* in St. Cloud and the couple made their home in Minneapolis. Irene and Gordon moved to the Becker area around 1959 where she became a homemaker and a seasonal employee for *Johnson's Strawberry Farm* and *Hayes' Potato Farm*. She was a member of *Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church* in Becker where she taught 6th



Grade Catechism for over 30 years. Irene enjoyed bird watching, nature, tending to her flower gardens, and being close to the Mississippi River. She loved to read, crochet, work on puzzles, and bake special Christmas cookies for her loved ones. Irene's life was always centered around her family and her faith.

Survivors include her sons and daughter, Gordon, Jr. (Bonnie) of Rockville, Jeff of Clear Lake, Scott of Becker and Samone (Todd) Plaster of Clear Lake; siblings, Dick (Cindy) Wilhelm of Andover and Lee Will of St. Cloud; 10 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Gordon, Sr. in 2013; brothers, Bob and Sonny Wilhelm; brother-in-law, Ron Will; grandson, Jason Ring; and infant great grandson, Bryan.

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

JOYCE GILYARD, AGE 91
ST. CLOUD, MN
MARCH 8, 1930 – APRIL 29, 2021

Services were Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at *Salem Lutheran Church* in St. Cloud for Joyce M. Gilyard, age 91, of St. Cloud who was granted her angel wings on April 29, 2021 from heart failure. Her final days were spent at her home surrounded by family. Rev. Timothy Routh officiated, and burial will be at *South Santiago Lutheran Cemetery* at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to *Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home* in Sauk Rapids.

Joyce was born March 8, 1930 in Dalbo to William and Birdie (Leaf) Hedstrom. Her Swedish father and mother were small dairy farmers in Dalbo. Growing up on their family farm, Joyce learned the art of milking cows, gardening, sewing, and cooking. At a young age, she spent several years helping aunts and uncles at their farms. She graduated from *Princeton High School* and worked as a clerk and bookkeeper in Princeton and Minneapolis. She married Austen Gilyard on March 14, 1953 at *South Santiago Lutheran Church*. They lived in St. Cloud on a farm (where Crossroads Mall is now located), then moved near Becker, before buying their farm near St. Cloud. While raising her family, Joyce milked cows, raised chickens, and worked at *Herbergers*. She was the second woman to be hired at *Franklin Manufacturing* before retiring after 30 years. Joyce was very mechanical, and you could find her under the lawn



mower sharpening the blades or cleaning the carburetor. Her interests included family, gardening, fishing, sewing, sudoku, puzzles, playing cards, and crafting. She devoted much of her time and energy teaching her grandchildren sewing, quilting, cutting out paper dolls, gardening, canning, baking, and cooking. She won many blue ribbons at the fair for her beautiful quilts. She was considered a second mom and grandma to many. Joyce was a patient, loving, caring, sweet person with a great sense of humor.

Survivors include her children, Marcy (Kenny) Rau of Sauk Rapids, Kermit (Debbie) Gilyard of Princeton, Carol (Mike Bendel) Gilyard of Long Prairie, Nancy (Dave) Wagner of Golden Valley, Dwight (Nancy) Gilyard of St. Cloud; sisters, June (Wendell) Peterson of New Brighton, Anna Mae Oelkers of St. Francis, Grace (Phil) Ward of Garrison; 14 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Austen on October 29, 2006; sisters, Willie (Sandy) Sandquist, Genevieve (Orville) Lindquist and Jeanette Hedstrom; and brother, Kenneth (Krista) Hedstrom.

A special thank you to *CentraCare Hospice* for the wonderful care given to Joyce, especially Amelia, Carrie and Janelle.

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



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Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 71-PR-21-55
NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND AP-
POINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NO-
TICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Cyrilla M. Beidleman,
Decedent

Notice is given that an appli-
cation for informal probate of the
Decedent's Will, dated November
29, 2011 ("Will"), has been filed
with the Registrar. The application
has been granted.

Notice is also given that the
Registrar has informally appointed
Arlene Alberg, whose address is
17096 Yakima Street, Andover,
Minnesota, 55304, 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 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 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 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.

A charitable beneficiary may
request notice of the probate pro-
ceedings be given to the Attorney
General pursuant to Minnesota
Statutes section 501B.41, subdi-
vision 5.
Dated: 04/21/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka
Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Representa-
tive Mark Berglund
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 71-PR-21-59
NOTICE OF AND ORDER
FOR HEARING ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF
WILL AND APPOINTMENT
OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS
In Re: Estate of
DOUGLAS BRATT,
Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is
given that on 5/27/2021, at 1:30
p.m. a hearing will be held in this
Court at the Sherburne County
Courthouse, 13880 Business Ctr
Dr NW, Elk River, MN 55330,
Minnesota, on a petition for the
formal probate of an instrument
purporting to be the Decedent's
Will dated January 10, 2019, and
for the appointment of Carolyn
Jean Byykkonen, whose address is
14960 Coyote Drive, Park Rap-
ids, MN 56470, and Susan Mar-
garet Grangroth, whose address is
24345 - 165th Street, Big Lake,
MN 55309, as co-personal repre-
sentatives of the Decedent's estate
in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the peti-
tion 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 personal representative
will be appointed with the full
power to administer the Dece-
dent's estate, including the power
to collect all assets; pay all legal
debts, claims, taxes, and expenses;
sell real and personal property; and
do all necessary acts for the Dece-
dent's estate.

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 personal representative or to
the Court within four (4) months
after the date of this notice or the
claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: 4/20/2021
/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,
Court Administrator Deputy
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.:71-PR-21-51
NOTICE OF INFORMAL
PROBATE OF WILL AND AP-
POINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NO-
TICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
Gerald S. Hansen, also known as
Gerald Stewart Hansen,
Decedent.

Notice is given that an Appli-
cation for informal probate of the
Decedent's Will, dated September
30, 2020 ("Will"), has been filed
with the Registrar. The Applica-
tion has been granted.

Notice is also given that the
Registrar has informally appointed
Emily M. Hansen, whose address
is 1051 64th Avenue, Fridley,
Minnesota 55432, 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 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 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 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.

A charitable beneficiary may
request notice of the probate pro-
ceedings be given to the Attorney
General pursuant to Minnesota
Statutes section 501B.41, subdi-
vision 5.
Dated: April 7, 2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka,
Court Administrator
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 71-PR-21-37
NOTICE AND ORDER OF
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL AND AP-
POINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NO-
TICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of
BARBARA J. HARTHAN,
a/k/a/ BARBARA JEANNE
HARTHAN,
Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is
given that on 5/27, 2021, at 1:50
p.m., a hearing will be held in this
Court at Sherburne County Gov-
ernment Center, 13880 Business
Center Drive NW, Elk River, Min-
nesota, for the formal probate of
an instrument purporting to be the
Will of the Decedent, dated Febru-
ary 15, 2011, and separate writing,
under Minnesota Statutes section
524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the
appointment of Natalie J. Brown,
whose address is 11192 Katherine
Ave., Becker, MN 55308, as Per-
sonal Representative of the Estate
of the Decedent in an UNSUPER-
VISED 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 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.

A charitable beneficiary may
request notice of the probate pro-
ceedings be given to the Attorney
General pursuant to Minnesota
Statutes section 501B.41, subdi-
vision 5.
BY THE COURT
Dated: March 29, 2021
/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,
Court Administrator Deputy
Attorney for Petitioner
Name: Bryan N. Anderson
Firm Bryan N. Anderson, J. D.,
P. C.
Street:4401 East Superior St.
City, State, ZIP: Duluth, MN
55804
Attorney License No: 120467
Telephone:(218) 525-5922;
FAX: (218) 525-5976
(Published in the *Patriot*:
05/01/21; 05/08/21).

Dissolutions

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No: 71-FA-20-564
Notice of Filing of Order
Case Type: Dissolution with
Child
In RE the Marriage of
Nery Humberto Gomez
and
Evelin Valeska Perez

You are notified that on March
12, 2021, the following was filed:
Order for Service by
Alternative Means

Minnesota statutes and court
rules direct that notices describing
important rights and duties of the
parties accompany certain orders/
judgments. These notices are in-
cluded with the order/judgment,
where applicable:

Notices pursuant to Minne-
sota statutes, sections 518.68 and
518.17, subd. 3a (Appendix A,
court form FAM301).

Instructions for requesting a
six-month review hearing (Court
form FAM201; Minnesota Stat-
utes, section 518.1781).
Dated: March 17, 2021
/s/ Patricia A Kuku
Court Administrator

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No: 71-FA-20-564
Order for Service by Al-
ternate Means Minn. Stat. §
518.11(c)
Case Type: Dissolution with
Child
In RE the Marriage of
Nery Humberto Gomez
and
Evelin Valeska Perez
Upon petitioner's Application for
Service by Alternative Means and
the files and records of this action,
the Court finds:

- Personal service on respon-
dent cannot be made.
- Publication in Shetburne Co.
might reasonably succeed in
notifying respondent of this
proceeding.

Therefore, it is ordered pursuant
to Minnesota Statute§ 518.11 (c):

- Service shall be made by
publishing the Summons in
Sherburne Co. in a legal
newspaper once each week
for three consecutive weeks.

BY THE COURT
Dated: March 12, 2021
/s/ Brianne J Buccicone
Judge of District Court
(Published in the *Patriot*:
05/01/21; 05/08/21; 05/15/21).

Ex Parte

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
SHERBURNE COUNTY
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 71-FA-21-151
Case Type: Domestic Abuse
Notice of Issuance of Emergency
(Ex Parte) Order for Protection
by Publication (Minn. Stat. §
518B.01, subd. 8)
In the Matter of:
Casandra Marie Aspinwall,
Petitioner

Vs.
Joseph Albert Moos,
Respondent
To Respondent named above:
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-
FIED** that an Ex Parte Order for
Protection has been issued in the
above matter. You may request a
hearing if you contact the court ad-
ministrator's office within 12 days
of the date of publication of this
notice. You may obtain a copy of
the Ex Parte Order for Protection
and the form to request a hearing
from the court administrator's of-
fice at the following address:
Sherburne County Court Admin-
istration, 13880 Business Center
Drive NW, Elk River, MN 55330.

Failure to request a hear-
ing or to obtain a copy of the Ex
Parte Order will not be a defense
to prosecution for violation of the
Court's order.
Date: April 29, 2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka
Court Administrator
/s/ Terri L. Anderson
Court Administrator Deputy
(Published in the *Patriot*:
05/08/21).

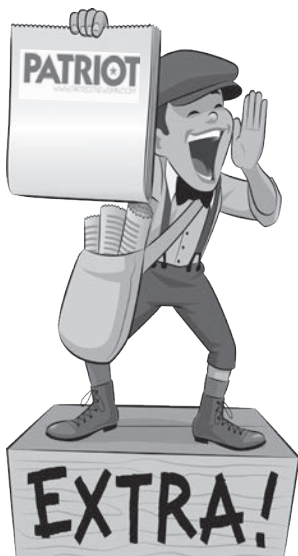
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At Noon
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763-275-0275
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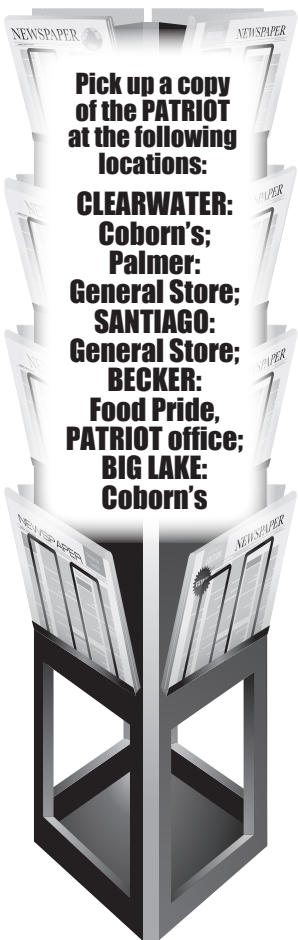
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Becker Schools Public Notices

Becker ISD 726
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Notice is hereby given that **Becker ISD 726**
Requests proposals for:
Group Dental Insurance
Specifications will be available from
National Insurance Services, 250 South Executive Drive, Suite 300,
Brookfield, WI 53005, Phone: 800-627-3660
Proposals are due no later than 3 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2021 at
National Insurance Services, 250 South Executive Drive, Suite 300,
Brookfield, WI 53005 or per RFP instructions.
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/01/21; 05/08/21).

**NOTICE OF TESTING OF OPTICAL SCAN
VOTING SYSTEM
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726
(BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Independent School
District No. 726 (Becker Public Schools) shall perform a public
accuracy test of the optical scan voting system to be used in the
District's May 11, 2021 special election. The test shall be con-
ducted at:
Becker City Hall, Becker, Minnesota
on May 10, 2021 at 1 o'clock p.m. Interested individuals are au-
thorized to attend and observe. If you have any questions, please
contact Angela Oswald at 763-261-4502, x5.
Dated: May 7, 2021
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
By: /s/ Ryan Obermoller
School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 726
(Becker Public Schools)
State of Minnesota
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/08/21).

Township Public Notices

**TOWN OF BECKER, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MN
SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CABLE TELEVISION
FRANCHISE TO MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS,
INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO CONSTRUCT,
OWN, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN
THE TOWNSHIP OF
BECKER, MINNESOTA;
SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE
GRANT OF A FRANCHISE**

The following official summary of the management of Town
Right-of-Ways has been approved by the Becker Town Board as
clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the ordi-
nance.

**Grant of Cable Television Franchise to
Midcontinent Communications, Inc.**
SECTION 1. The Town hereby enacts this new Ordinance relating
to franchises. This Ordinance grants a cable franchise to the Fran-
chisee with the intent to bring about completion in the delivery of
cables services in the Town.
SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effec-
tive upon its passage and publication.
Adopted 19th day of April 2021.
A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspec-
tion by any person at Becker Town Hall, 12165 Hancock Street,
Becker, MN during office hours or by emailing the Town Clerk:
clerk@beckertownship.org.
Brian Kolbinger, Chair
Lucinda Messman, Town Clerk
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/08/21).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Lynden Township Board of Supervisors will hold a pub-
lic hearing on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Lyn-
den Town Hall, 21367 County Road 44, Clearwater MN 55320
to consider a variance application submitted by Jerry Konz of JK
Landscape. The variance seeks to allow the increase of the imper-
vious surface area to 64.1 percent. A 60 percent impervious sur-
face area requirement is set by Stearns County Ordinance #439,
Section 9.11.10, adopted by reference within Lynden Township
Ordinance #7. The subject property(s) is ID # 19.10748.0117 and
19.10748.0128, further described as Lot 001 Block 004 of Lynden
Valley Industrial Park, Lot 002 Block 004 of Lynden Valley Indus-
trial Park, and Lot 003 Block 004 of Lynden Valley Industrial Park,
within Section 03, Township 122, Range 027. The subject property
address is 19512 Hubble Rd and 19534 Hubble Rd, Clearwater
MN 55320.
If you are unable to attend, written comments can be sent to
Jenny Schmidt, Lynden Township Clerk, 20517 Woodbine Rd.,
Clearwater MN 55320 or emailed to clerk@lydentownship.net
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MILLENNIALS RELY ON PRINT FOR SAVINGS

Although some Millennials seem attached to their phones and mobile devices, they actually
choose print newspapers and magazines as their main source of information when looking
for coupons, promotions, and deals. Many rely on direct mail cards that come in the mail to
get great offers at stores they like.

When looking for savings, print media continues to outdo what digital media can offer.

Public Notices

City Public Notices

CITY OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Becker Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24th, 2021 at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearing at this meeting:

Approximately 6:00 p.m. – Zoning Ordinance Amendments Several amendments adjusting accessory structure building height and minimum lot width in Section 11.32 (Single Family Residential (R-1) District) of the City of Becker Zoning Ordinance.

Anyone interested in this issue is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Jacob Sanders at P.O. Box 250, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to jsanders@ci.becker.mn.us by 4:30 p.m. May 24th, 2021.

Thank you.
Jacob Sanders
City Planner
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/08/21).

Ordinance No. 232, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 11.42 SUBDIVISION 5 AND AMENDING SECTION 11.42, SUBDIVISION 6 TO CHAPTER 11 IN CITY CODE ADDRESSING ACCESSORY STRUCTURE REGULATIONS IN THE T-TOWN ZONING DISTRICT.

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

Chapter 11, Land Use Regulation

Section 11.42 SECTION 11.42. T-TOWN-THE BECKER HISTORICAL DISTRICT

Subd. 5. Permitted Accessory Uses
Subd. 6. Front, Side and Rear Yard Setbacks

This ordinance adds language addressing regulations for accessory structures in the T-Town Zoning District of the City of Becker.

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*: 05/08/21).

Ordinance No. 233, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 11.02, 11.31, 11.32, 11.33, 11.35, and 11.38 OF CHAPTER 11 LAND USE REGULATION IN CITY CODE

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

Chapter 11, Land Use Regulation

Section 11.02 DEFINITIONS. Section 11.31 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (AG)

Subdivision 2. Permitted Uses
Subdivision 3. Conditional Uses
Subdivision 4. Interim Uses

Section 11.32 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1)

Subdivision 2. Permitted Uses
Subdivision 3. Conditional Uses
Subdivision 4. Interim Uses

Section 11.33 LIMITED MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2)

Subdivision 2. Permitted Uses
Subdivision 3. Conditional Uses
Subdivision 4. Interim Uses

Section 11.35 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL- LARGE LOT DISTRICT

Subdivision 2. Permitted Uses
Subdivision 3. Conditional Uses
Subdivision 4. Interim Uses

Section 11.38 OFFICE COMMERCIAL AND MULTI FAMILY (C-R2)

Subdivision 2. Permitted Uses
Subdivision 3. Conditional Uses
Subdivision 4. Interim Uses

This ordinance revises language regarding definition of and the requirements for Home Occupations throughout Chapter 11 of the City of Becker.

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*: 05/08/21).

Ordinance No. 234, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.60, SUBDIVISION 3 OF CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

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 2.60 DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES, UNCLAIMED PROPERTY AND EXCESS PROPERTY.

Subd. 3. Disposal of Excess Property

This ordinance increases the value by which property is required to be sold by competitive bid and makes a change to receipt of funds to include the fund from where they originated.

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*: 05/08/21).

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Sherburne County Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CP 71-HIS-001

Sherburne County History Center Trail SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE is hereby given that SEALED Bid Proposal Packages will be received by the Sherburne County Engineer at the office of the undersigned until

1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 for the following project:

The Major Quantities of Work are:

AGGREGATE SURFACING	TON	1,100
STONE RETAINING WALL	SF	306
4" & 6" CONCRETE SIDEWALK	SF	4,800

Receipt of Bid Proposal: Bids will be received at the Public Works Office, located at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330 until **1:00 PM, Wednesday, June 2, 2021.**

Bid Opening: Proposals will be opened by the County Engineer after the hour set for receiving bids at the Sherburne County Government Center, Public Works Conference Room; 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330. **Due to the COVID-19 Order 20-99, this will be a public online bid opening with no in person attendance by bidders. Information for accessing the bid opening will be provided with the bid proposal package.**

Plans & specifications may be examined at the office of the Sherburne County Highway Engineer, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330, or at <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php> & follow the Construction Projects & Bids (eGram) link. A user ID & password is required to download the Plans & Specifications. Contact Public Works at 763-765-3300 to obtain.

The cost to download the Plans & Specifications is free.

Planning and Zoning Administration NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sherburne County **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION** will meet at 6:00 P.M. May 20th, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota to hold a public hearing for all unincorporated areas of Sherburne County in which the County has zoning and land use authority, to consider the following application(s) and other planning and zoning related topics.

In response to COVID-19, we will continue to practice social distancing at our Planning Advisory Commission Meeting. The board room will be set up with 6' between chairs for our board members and applicants and residents that wish to comment. Masks are required to be worn at all times in the building. Depending on the amount of people in attendance you may be asked to wait in the hall outside the room until your particular hearing. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Anderson Brothers Properties LLC & Orton Properties LLC (Property Owner Anderson Brothers Properties LLC): Request Preliminary and Final Simple Plat Approval of "BUENAVENTURA VISTA 3RD ADDITION" consisting of (2) lots. PID # 01-419-0010 and 01-423-0210. Legal Desc: Outlot A W of Hwy 169 & Lot 1 & Lot 2 ex S 95 ft (full legal on file). Sec 4, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 6.94 acres in the Commercial District and 2.76 acres in the Heavy Industrial District.

Anderson Brothers Properties LLC & Orton Properties LLC (Property Owner Anderson Brothers Properties LLC): Request to rezone property from Commercial District to Industrial District and from Heavy Industrial District to Industrial District. PID # 01-419-0010 and 01-423-0210. Legal Desc: Outlot A W of Hwy 169 & Lot 1 & Lot 2 ex S 95 ft (full legal on file). Sec 4, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 6.94 acres in the Commercial District and 2.76 acres in the Heavy Industrial District.

Justin Massmann (Property Owner Justin and Melissa Massmann): Request to rezone property from Agricultural District to General Rural District. PID # 10-136-3401. Legal Desc: E 400 ft of SE 1-4 of SW 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 36, Twp 33, Rge 27, Big Lake Township. 12.16 acres in the Agricultural District.

Ziegler Custom Homes Inc.: Request Preliminary Plat Approval of "CARLSON FARM" consisting of (9) lots. PID # 01-013-4100 and 01-013-4101. Legal Desc: W 985 ft of E 1875 ft of N 1/2 (full legal on file). Sec 13, Twp 35, Rge 26, Baldwin Township. 80 acres in the General Rural District.

Polacek Family Partnership LLLP (Property Owner Jeffrey and Carol Groth): Request Interim Use Permit for a Contractor's Yard. PID # 25-435-0105. Legal Desc: Teders Industrial Park Two, Lot 1, Blk 1, Subject to easement of record (full legal on file). Sec 16, Twp 35, Rge 30, Haven Township. 7.8 acres in the Industrial District.

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners April 20, 2021 - County Board Workshop Minutes The Board Chair opened the County Board Workshop Meeting.

State and Federal Representation Agreements. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

Provided direction to County staff regarding solicitation of interest from area firms in providing Sherburne County with representational (e.g. lobbying) services for State and Federal legislative and executive issues, topics, and initiatives.

Update on Work of Board of Adjustment Subcommittee. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

The Board received an update on the work that the Board of Adjustment Subcommittee has been up to. Suggested edits to the Board of Adjustment Ordinance was discussed and direction was provided to the subcommittee.

Recess, Reconvene Workshop Meeting Overview of and Update on Current Solid Waste Management Topics, Projects, and Issues. Administration

Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator, Tim Sime, Asst. County Attorney

Received an Overview of and Update on current Solid Waste Management topics, projects, and issues. Solid Waste Administrator Dave Lucas provided a summary of the role of the County for Solid Waste Management and a general overview of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). Assistant County Attorney Tim Sime provided the group with the history of the litigation (statutory, regulatory, LGU/RGU vs. State). Lucas also covered Elk River Landfill license renewal, Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA).

Adjourn Workshop Meeting

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Board Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/08/21).

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved for Payment 4/06/2021		
Vendor Name	Amount	
OBO Amazon	2,092.41	
OBO CDW Government	2,284.92	
OBO Dacotah Paper	2,797.52	
OBO Nor- Tech	5,904.00	
66 Payments less than 2000	25,725.21	
Final Total:	38,804.06	
(Published in the <i>Patriot</i> : 05/08/21).		

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved for Payment 4/02/202		
Vendor Name	Amount	
2 Payments less than 2000	3,285.18	
Final Total:	3,285.18	
(Published in the <i>Patriot</i> : 05/08/21).		

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved for Payment 3/31/2021		
Vendor Name	Amount	
4 Payments less than 2000	5,482.27	
Final Total:	5,482.27	
(Published in the <i>Patriot</i> : 05/08/21).		

The cost to obtain a hard copy of the Plans & Specifications is **\$50.00 with an additional \$10.00 mailing fee.**

TO SUBMIT A BID – A Bid Proposal Package must be purchased. The cost to obtain the Bid Proposal Package is \$10.00. Requests are made to the Sherburne County Engineer, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330.

Requests must be accompanied by check, draft, or money order, payable to the Sherburne County Public Works. Bids must be accompanied by a **Certified Check or Bidder's Bond** made payable to the Sherburne County Treasurer as a proposal guarantee for at least **5% of the amount of the bid.**

No bidder may withdraw their bid (which shall include the Certified Check or Bidder's Bond) within 15 days after the scheduled closing for the receipt of bids.

The County Board will consider award of the contract at the June 15, 2021 County Board Meeting contingent upon County Engineer & County Attorney review. It is the County's intent to begin construction **the middle of July 2021 and completed by middle of August 2021.**

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids & waive informalities. Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 30th day of April 2021.

Signed: /s/ Bruce Messelt, Sherburne County, Minnesota

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sherburne County has designated its official website as <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php>. Official publication of bids, requests for information, and requests for proposals will be done on the official website as an alternative means to disseminate solicitations of transportation construction and maintenance projects. (Published in the *Patriot*: 05/08/21).

Core Exteriors, LLC (Property Owner Branden & Pamela Hubbard): Request Interim Use Permit for Home Business in an Accessory Building-Office. PID # 15-464-0114. Legal Desc: Oak Savannah Second Addition, Lot 7, Blk 1. Sec 26, Twp 35, Rge 27, Blue Hill Township. 2.99 acres in the General Rural District.

Ryan Kirsling (Property Owner Diane M Bemboom Revocable Trust): Request Interim Use Permit for Home Business in an Accessory Building-Auto Repair & Restoration. PID # 25-026-1111. Legal Desc: That part of the NE ¼ of NE ¼ (full legal on file). Sec 26, Twp 35, Rge 30, Haven Township. 2.5 acres in the Agricultural District.

Jenna and Jeremy Hoffman (Property Owner Hoffman Real Estate, LLC): Request Conditional Use Permit for a Horse Training and Boarding Stable. PID # 30-022-4405. Legal Desc: N 586 ft of SE 1-4 of SE 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 22, Twp 34, Rge 26, Livonia Township. 18 acres in the General Rural District.

Craig Hart (Property Owner Craig & Sandra Hart): Request Conditional Use Permit for Personal Storage Structure. PID # 40-459-0116. Legal Desc: Sleepy Oaks, Lot 8, Blk 1. Sec 27, Twp 35, Rge 29, Palmer Township. 1.86 acres in the Shoreland Residential District and within the Recreational Shoreland District of Rush Lake 710147. **Mark Hart (Property Owner Mark Dennis and Suzanne Marie Hart):** Request Conditional Use Permit for Personal Storage Structure. PID # 40-459-0114. Legal Desc: Sleepy Oaks, Lot 7, Blk 1. Sec 27, Twp 35, Rge 29, Palmer Township. 1.85 acres in the Shoreland Residential District and within the Recreational Shoreland District of Rush Lake 710147.

Robert Tjostelson (Property Owner Diane Tiegs & Robert Tjostelson): Request Conditional Use Permit for Personal Storage Structure. PID # 40-034-3405. Legal Desc: All that pt of Govt Lot 6 desc as (full legal on file). Sec 34, Twp 35, Rge 29, Palmer Township. .54 acres in the Agricultural District and within the General Development Shoreland District of Elk Lake.

The hearing of these requests is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this hearing.

Recommendations made by the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board may be subject to further action by the Township of Baldwin, the Township of Livonia or the Township of Big Lake, and the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners.

Recommendations that are forwarded to the County Board from this public hearing will be heard at the June 15th, 2021 County Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:00 AM in the County Board Room located at the Sherburne County Government Center.

Nancy Riddle, Zoning Administrator
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/08/21).

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved On 4/02/2021 for Payment 4/02/2021		
Vendor Name	Amount	
Anoka County	396,664.85	
Braun Intertec Corp	3,812.50	
Carefree Cleaning LLC	4,480.00	
Cargill Inc	51,471.80	
Corporate Connection	12,655.40	
Dacotah Paper Co	7,416.64	
Edinger/Richard	2,673.84	
Fastenal Company	2,106.00	
Florian & Linda Czech	7,400.00	
Gallagher Benefit Services Inc.	12,131.25	
Hess & Jendro Law Office, P.A.	3,760.00	
McDowall Comfort Management	5,500.00	
Minnesota Elevator, Inc	5,181.00	
Office Of MN.IT Services	2,310.83	
Phoenix Supply	2,404.27	
Pro- Tech Security Sales	7,914.56	
Spence Legal Services	2,595.00	
The Wiley Law Office, PC	13,250.00	
Washington County	29,615.87	
72 Payments less than 2000	26,600.18	
Final Total:	599,943.99	
(Published in the <i>Patriot</i> : 05/08/21).		

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved On 4/09/2021 for Payment 4/09/2021		
Vendor Name	Amount	
Anoka County	2,800.00	
Construction Services Diversified Inc	4,453.25	
Damon Farber Associates	2,561.00	
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	15,975.43	
Mn Dept of Labor & Industry	2,886.10	
Securus Technologies	5,105.64	
Summit Food Service, LLC	15,927.52	
Switchboard Advertising, LLC	2,500.00	
The Hartford	42,768.89	
Tyler Investigative Services	2,879.52	
44 Payments less than 2000	17,170.60	
Final Total:	115,027.95	
(Published in the <i>Patriot</i> : 05/08/21).		

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved on 4/06/2021 for Payment 4/06/2021		
Vendor Name	Amount	
Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp	215,158.36	
Final Total:	215,158.36	
(Published in the <i>Patriot</i> : 05/08/21).		

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved for Payment 4/09/2021		
Vendor Name	Amount	
5 Payments less than 2000	8,217.50	
Final Total:	8,217.50	
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Sherburne County Board of Commissioners April 20, 2021 - County Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on April 20, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Chair was at 9:00am. Commissioner Dolan attended the meeting virtually via WebEx, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 and as authorized under County Board Resolution No. 032020-AD-1944: Declaring a Local State of Emergency. The Chair said a special thank you to our Public Safety Personnel.

- Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda
- Schmiesing/Burandt unanimous to approve Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

- Fobbe/Dolan unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
- Approved Regular Meeting Minutes: April 6, 2021.
- Approved Workshop Meeting Minutes: April 6, 2021.

Commissioner & Manual Warrants. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

- March 31, 2021 Manual Warrants \$5,482.27
- April 2, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$599,943.99
- April 2, 2021 Manual Warrants \$3,285.18
- April 6, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$215,158.36
- April 6, 2021 Manual Warrants BMO Harris Peard March 2021 \$38,804.06
- April 9, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$115,027.95
- April 9, 2021 Manual Warrants \$8,217.50

County/Club Trail Agreement, Resolution 042021-AD-2036 for Sherburne County to act as Sponsor for the Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program, and County Road Right-of-Way as Part of said Trail System. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved the following actions relating to the 2021-22 Trail Agreement between Sherburne County and the Sherburne County Trail Association, authorized the County Auditor/Treasurer and/or County Administrator to sign all necessary forms and agreements to participate in the program:

- 1) Approved the 2021-22 Trail Agreement between Sherburne County and the Sherburne County Trail Association;
- 2) Approved Resolution 042021-AD-2036 designating Sherburne County as Sponsor for the Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program for the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; and
- 3) Authorized use of County Road Right-of-Way as part of said agreement and officially-designated Trail System. (On file.)

Monthly Auditor-Treasurer Report for March 2021. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Accepted the March 2021 Report from the Auditor-Treasurer.

03/31/2021 HHS OBO Warrants. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved HHS OBO Warrants as follows:

- March 31, 2021 HHS OBO Warrants \$3,525.12

COVID-19 Response and Vaccine Implementation Funds. Health & Human Services

Nicole Ruhoff, CHS Administrator

Accepted a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health in that amount of \$587,543.00 to perform duties and responsibilities related to COVID 19 Response and Vaccine Implementation. This funding comes from two federal funding sources and is effective 4/01/2021 to 12/31/2021.

2021 Reclassification Reviews. Human Resources

Tammy Bigelow, HR Director

Approved 2021 Reclassification Review Recommendations, effective retroactively to January 1, 2021.

County Attorney's Office: Administrative Assistant I (4 employees)

* Grade 7 to Grade 8

* Job title change to Administrative Assistant II

Health & Human Services: Office Assistant - Income Maintenance Units (6 employees)

* Grade 5 to Grade 7

* Job title change to Administrative Assistant I

Health & Human Services: Support Enforcement Aide (1.8 employees)

* Grade 6 to Grade 7

* No job title change

Planning & Zoning: Environmental Specialist (1 employee)

* Grade 12 to Grade 14

* Job title change to Water Resources Planner

Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local 320 Health & Human Services General Unit on Probationary Range Movement. Human Resources

Tammy Bigelow, HR Director

Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Teamsters Local 320 Health & Human Services General Unit on Probationary Range Movement for employees designated as Administrative Assistant I (assigned to the Income Maintenance Units) hired between the dates of April 19, 2021 - July 14, 2021. As a result of a reclassification effective January 1, 2021, the Office Assistants assigned to the Income Maintenance Units have been reclassified as Administrative Assistant I. (On file.)

Knife River Corporation as Lowest Responsible Bidder for the 2021 CSAH 20 Reconditioning Project (SAP 71-620-006). Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

Approved a Lowest Responsible Bidder, Knife River Corporation-North Central with a bid of \$1,212,201.12., for the 2021 reconditioning of CSAH 20 from US Hwy 10 to CSAH 16 (Project No. SAP 71-620-006). Project construction dates will be contracted from May 24, 2021 through July 2, 2021.

WSB for Design and Construction Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of Bridges on CSAH 15 and CSAH 4. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

Approved an Agreement with WSB in the amount of \$365,660 to provide design and construction engineering services for the reconstruction of bridges on CSAH 4 (Bridge 71505) in Orrock Township and on CSAH 15 (Bridge 71504) in the City of Elk River. The term of this agreement shall commence on the effective date and, unless earlier terminated pursuant to this agreement, shall terminate on the date that all obligations have been fulfilled and all deliverables have been approved by the County.

Park Dedication and Memorials Policy and Guidelines. Public Works

Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator

Approved Park Dedication and Memorials Policy and Guidelines. (On file.)

Correctional Officers Week Proclamation. Sheriff

Joel Brott, County Sheriff

Approved a proclamation designating the week of May 2-8 as Correctional Officers Week in Sherburne County.

Announcements

County Information and Board Correspondence. Administration

Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

County Administrator Bruce Messelt provided an update of information regarding legislative activity and resulting media attention surrounding funding for NorthStar, brief update on legislative activities, 2021 County Road Projects, and a letter from Benton County regarding a proposed homeless shelter in the City of St. Cloud. Messelt provided an update on the publication discussion from past meetings. It was decided that 2 issues would be published in 2020 and in future years 3 issues would be published. A budget will be determined and return to the Board as a Consent Agenda item. Other announcements were made regarding a letter to county residents on COVID-19 Vaccinations and that the Sheriff's Office will be hosting the 7th Law Enforcement Memorial with more information to follow.

Open Forum

No one was present.

Regular Agenda

Proclamation of April 18th-24th as Victim Rights Week. Attorney

Tim Sime, Assistant County Attorney, Michelle Berner, Victim Services Coordinator

Fobbe/Burandt unanimous to approve a Proclamation in recognition of April 18th-24th as Victim Rights Week. (On file.) Victim Service Coordinator Michelle Berner read a letter from a mother on behalf of her son expressing her gratitude to the County Attorney's Office and their Victim Services Staff.

Becker Ash Landfill License Renewal for Final Cover and Closure. Planning & Zoning

Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator

Dolan/Burandt unanimous to approve Becker Ash Landfill License Renewal for a one-year term to allow final cover and closure of facility. Term date of this license shall commence on April 20, 2021 and expire on April 30, 2022.

2022 Budget Planning Schedule. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator & Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

Reviewed the 2022 budget schedule. Assistant County Administrator Dan Weber provided a review of the 2022 Budget Planning Schedule. Highlighted areas including budget and levy history and economic trends.

Program Update and Highlights and Consider Proclamation of April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Health & Human Services

Jodi Heuring-Dick, Social Services Manager

Fobbe/Burandt unanimous to approve Proclamation of April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Sherburne County. (On file.) Social Services Manager Jodi Heuring-Dick provided updates on the Safe Child Council, STIRMN.org and Safe Families. Early Intervention Social Worker Marissa Wood shared a success story with the Board.

COVID-19 Pandemic Update and County Response. Administration

Nicole Ruhoff, CHS Administrator

CHS Administrator Nicole Ruhoff shared COVID-19 statistics and trends for Sherburne County and local vaccination clinics.

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

Commissioner Fobbe - Testified in the House, Tri-Cap Executive Meeting, Soil & Water Board, Toured Zimmerman Firehall & Community Center, CMJT, Gina Hugo and GRRL meeting story walk, AMC Futures Leadership meeting, participated in bridging the divide through braver angels with Princeton Public Schools, Met with Ben Barton, Met with new City Admin of Princeton, Zimmerman Vaccine Clinic, MICA meeting, Tri-Cap Board Meeting, Acknowledged Vice President Mondale and his passing
Commissioner Burandt - BOA Sub Committee, Extension Committee, TZD, COVID-19 Steering Committee Meeting

Commissioner Dolan - Tech Steering Committee, EDA, Planning Commission, Extension Committee, CMRP, BOA Sub Committee, Parks Master Planning Public Engagement Session at History Center
Commissioner Schmiesing - Clear Lake Township & City of Becker on future projects, MCIT Board of Directors, Metropolitan Emergency Board Meeting, MICA, AMC Board of Directors
Commissioner Danielowski - ATP3, APO Board Meeting, Sherburne County Update with Staff of Big Lake City Council, EDA, AIS Passports Meeting,

Adjourn Regular Meeting, Open Ditch Authority Meeting

Review and Approve Ditch Authority Agenda: April 20th, 2021.

Auditor / Treasurer

Fobbe/Schmiesing unanimous to approve Ditch Authority Agenda: April 20, 2021 as presented.

Ditch Drainage Technician's Report. Administration

Mike Lindenau

County Ditch Inspector Mike Lindenau presented the Board with a Ditch Drainage Technician's Report highlighting Ditch 1 and Ditch 28.

Burandt/Dolan unanimous to accept Lindenau's report as presented.

Yearly Review of Ditch #1 Agreement with the City of Zimmerman. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to approve agreement for the Annual County Ditch #1 Meeting between Sherburne County and the City of Zimmerman. (On file.)

Partial Repayment to the General Fund for Advances Made Earlier to Cover Overdrawn County Ditch Accounts. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Fobbe/Dolan unanimous to approve partial repayment from the Ditch Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$28,950.68, as listed, for earlier advances to cover overdrawn Ditch Accounts.

Recess Regular Meeting, Open Closed Session

Closed Session for Negotiation Strategy (M.S. 13D.03). Administration

Tammy Bigelow, Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

The Board entered Closed Session to discuss the labor negotiations pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03.

Adjourn Closed Session, Open Workshop Meeting

Adjourn Workshop Meeting

HHS OBO Warrants

3/31/21	562.79	OBO Amazon
	522.60	OBO First Book
	398.00	OBO Fred Pryor Careertrack
	420.01	OBO Innovative
	646.72	OBO Penske Truck Leasing
	975.00	4 Payments less than 300
	3,525.12	Total

Manual Warrants

3/31/21	5,482.27	Agency Collections
	5,482.27	Total

Commissioner Warrants

4/1/21	113,905.17	General Revenue Fund
	63,831.41	Public Works Fund
	396,664.85	Sherco Regional Rail Authority
	25,376.56	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	166.00	Agency Collections
	599,943.99	Total

Manual Warrants

4/2/21	3,285.18	Agency Collections
	3,285.18	Total

Commissioner Warrants

4/6/21	22,430.36	General Revenue Fund
	192,728.00	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	215,158.36	Total

Manual Warrants BMO Harris Peard

4/6/21	29,103.44	General Revenue Fund
	2,999.57	Public Works Fund
	3,936.00	Human Service Fund
	1,195.00	Solid Waste Fund
	684.83	Jail Commissary Fund
	725.22	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	160.00	Agency Collections
	38,804.06	Total

Commissioner Warrants

4/9/21	20,284.13	General Revenue Fund
	24,862.45	Public Works Fund
	569.16	Solid Waste Fund
	8,634.90	Jail Commissary Fund
	2,223.75	Capital Proj- Building, Land Acquisition

	12,304.57	Justice Center Enterprise Fund
	45,654.99	Agency Collections
	494.00	Taxes & Penalties Fund
	115,027.95	Total

Warrants

4/9/21	8,217.50	Agency Collections
	8,217.50	Total

/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, Board Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator

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Police & Sheriff Activity Reports

Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings Apr. 26, 2021 – May 2, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 212; 2021 Calls for Service: 3,851; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 38; Citations: 6; Arrests: 6; Medical Emergency Calls: 10; Mental Health Holds: 1; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 5

Big Lake Police Arrests: Tammy Jager – (Age 49 – Big Lake, MN) – GM 3rd Degree DWI; Stephanie Loscheider – (Age 30 – Otsego, MN) – Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI; Spencer Maas – (Age 22 – Big Lake, MN) – Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI; Jason Sullivan – (Age 44 – Big Lake, MN) – Felony Flee in Moto Vehicle, 1st Degree DWI Refusal; Lauren Myslicki – (Age 33 – Big Lake, MN) – Domestic Assault; Joshua Theis – (Age 31 – Bemidji, MN) –Felony 5th Degree Controlled Substance

Sun., May 2, 2021: Hwy 10/CR 81 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; CR 73/Pond View Ln - DWI - Driver reported to be impaired, found to be under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; Hwy 10/CR 50 - DWI - Driver reported to be impaired, found to be under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 100 blk Leighton Dr - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance.

Sat., May 1, 2021: Hwy 10/CR 50 – Foot Pursuit – Officer stopped vehicle for equipment violations, driver had a felony warrant, driver fled from the vehicle into a swamp/wooded area, driver charged with fleeing on foot and the warrant; 40 blk Lake St S - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; Hwy 10/CR 81 - 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.

Fri., Apr. 30, 2021: 5600 blk Highland Trl - Court Order Violation - Report of the violation of a no contact order, investigation ongoing; Lake

St/Monroe St - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 5100 blk Ed-inburgh Way - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls; 17000 blk Larkspur Ln - Harassment - Officers investigated a report of harassment via social media; 300 blk Lake St S - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties.

Thurs., Apr. 29, 2021: 1800 blk Traverse Ln - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; Eagle Lake Rd/Bermuda Ave - DWI - Driver fled from officers, stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; Lake-side Park - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; Hwy 10/CR 50 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; Hwy 10/CR 81 - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed.

Wed., Apr. 28, 2021: 600 blk Minnesota Ave - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 500 blk Taft St - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.

Tues., Apr. 27, 2021: 5100 blk Ridge Rd - Property Damage - Report of damage done to grass; 500 blk Westwood Dr - Domestic Assault - Officers dispatched to a domestic disturbance, on individual found to have been assaulted, suspect arrested and booked into jail for Domestic Assault; Hwy 10/168th St - Felony Narcotic Arrest – Officer stopped vehicle for equipment violation, could smell marijuana coming from vehicle, driver admitted to recent marijuana use, vehicle searched, and officer located methamphetamine, driver arrested and transported to jail.

Mon., Apr. 26, 2021: 700 blk Martin Ave - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.



Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of April 26th – May 2nd

26-Apr: 2 extra patrol, 1 theft, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 fraud complaint, 2 civil, 1 Dog at Large / Admin Citation #3544 & 3545, 1 public safety, 4 record check, 1 vulnerable adult intake, 2 agency-assist

27-Apr: 2 security check, 1 911 hang-up, 2 mental health, 1 record check, 1 juvenile concern, 1 public safety, 1 civil, 1 expired tabs / driving conduct warnings

28-Apr: 2 security check, 2 speed warning, 1 record check, 1 agency-assist, 1 juvenile concern, 1 traffic complaint, 1 extra patrol, 1 medical, 1 drive with due care Citation #156, 1 5th degree-controlled substance / Driving after Cancellation Citation #157, 1 public assist, 1 speed warning / Driving after Revocation Citation #158, 1 burning complaint, 1 speed / Driving after Revocation Citation #159

29-Apr: 1 expired registration warning, 1 parking complaint, 1 extra patrol, 2 speed warning, 1 suspicious activity, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 record check, 3 agency-assist, 1 suspended object warning, 1 welfare check, 1 public assist, 1 turn signal warning, 1 equipment warning / small amount of marijuana, 1 Civil, 1 equipment warning, 1 driving after revocation Citation #160, 1 security check



Sherburne County Sheriff’s Department Activity Report Week of 04/26/2021 - 05/02/2021

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

Gregory Scott Schwartz, 31 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - FEL flee in motor vehicle & GM DWI. Hakeem Kapone Clark, 18 of Brooklyn Park, MN 55445 - FEL firearm - receive/possess with no serial number. Jordan Ray Fuchs, 20 of Isanti, MN 55040 - FEL drugs 5th degree & MSD marijuana in motor vehicle. Harrison Joseph Juarez, 37 of Redby, MN 56670 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Dale Sigana, 38 of Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 - FEL 5th degree drugs (2 counts), GM introduce contraband into jail & Beltrami Co. warrant. Jason Michael Sullivan, 44 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - FEL flee in motor vehicle, obstruction, driving after cancellation - IPS & open container. Lauren Powers Myslicki, 33 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - MSD domestic assault. Joshua Michael Theis, 31 of Bemidji, MN 56601 - FEL drugs 5th degree & MSD driving after revocation. Kimberly Jo Alexander, 48 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - MSD violation of harassment restraining order. Jake Steven Mattson, 25 of Chaska, MN 55318 - FEL domestic assault by strangulation & DWI. Ryan Scott Melchior, 34 of St. Michael - Sherburne Co. warrants. William Gerald Ganley, 52 of Minneapolis, MN 55430 - Scott Co. warrant. Valerie Carol Fix, 34 of Foley, MN 56329 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Louis Edward McCaleb, 19 of St. Cloud, MN 56304 - Hennepin, & Sherburne Co. warrants. Antoine Elijah Williams, 25 of St. Cloud, MN 56303 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Christopher Noel Ogle, 20 of Elk River, MN 55330 - Todd Co. warrant. Matthew Raymond Steele, 40 of St. Paul, MN 55106 - Sherburne Co. warrants. Edward Everett Gerry III, 51 of Hinckley, MN 55037 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Ashley Marie Gieseke, 33 of St. Paul, MN 55104 - Sherburne Co. warrant.

Citations Issued: 1 traffic - careless driving - operate any vehicle carelessly on street or highway, 26 traffic - speeding - exceed limit, 1 traffic regulation - driver turning left fails to yield right of way to oncoming traffic, 1 traffic regulation - driver entering/crossing roadway from non-roadway fails to yield, 1 traffic regulation - school bus - stop signal extended/red lights flashing - other drivers to stop, 2 traffic regulation-uninsured vehicle-driver violation, 1 driver's license - driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type, 3 traffic-driver's license-driving after suspension, 3 traffic-driver's license-driving after

revocation, 2 liquor-consumption by persons under 21, 1 operate mv or snowmobile on forest lands, 1 forestry-open burning-prohibited materials. **Total: 43**
Calls for Service: 4 theft, 1 theft – mv – other, 2 assault, 5 drugs/narcotics, 6 disturbing the peace, 5 harassment, 1 obscenity, 11 property damage, 1 criminal sexual conduct, 1 DAR/DAS/DAC, 2 crimes against administration of justice, 2 crimes against government, 3 trespass, 9 fraud complaint, 1 animal lost, 1 found person, 2 animal found, 1 property found, 1 abandoned vehicle, 4 accident – mv personal injury, 1 accident – mv personal injury hit & run, 7 accident – mv property damage, 6 accident – vehicle v. animal, 2 animal complaint, 1 conservation, 8 dog complaint, 1 dog bite, 1 fire – vehicle, 2 fire – grass, 1 alarm – fire, 1 death, 29 medical, 5 mental case, 1 alarm – medical, 5 miscellaneous public, 3 domestic, 4 public assist, 21 agency assist, 11

alarm – security, 17 civil complaint, 143 officer-initiated traffic stop, 11 traffic complaint, 2 suspicious person, 11 suspicious vehicle, 9 juvenile complaint, 28 security check, 37 extra patrol, 6 loud music complaint, 18 check the welfare, 2 burning complaint, 2 boating complaint, 5 ATV complaint, 4 shooting complaint, 1 parking complaint, 3 jail medical, 1 jail medical guard, 16 paper service, 6 suspicious activity, 2 hazardous road conditions, 1 hazardous materials, 21 miscellaneous officer, 7 background check, 3 warrant arrest, 1 funeral escort, 20 transport, 1 pick up orders, 4 911 phone alarm, 1 predatory offender registration, 1 equipment problems, 5 911 hang up, 9 court book & release, 2 mail tampering, 3 public lift assist, 2 vehicle lockout. **Total: 578**

Apr. 25th: Holiday Gas Station on 165th Ave SE in Becker Township reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$54.64; Holiday Gas Station on 165th Ave SE in Becker Township reported the theft of a light grey Rubbermaid brand cart. Value of the cart taken is estimated to be \$250; Kyle Lee reported the theft of a Bobcat Toolcat from the Zimmerman Bowl parking lot on Gateway Drive in Zimmerman. Bobcat is Black/White in color with Black/Orange rims. Value of the Bobcat is estimated at \$30,000.

Apr. 28th: Michal Pruchnik on Lake Ave in Zimmerman reported the theft of items from his residence. Items taken include: a digital camera, camera backpack and lenses, pocketknife, computer tower and a flashlight for a pistol. Estimated value of the items taken is \$1,710.

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

Question: Are you seeing increased speed more in the metro or Greater Minnesota? And are those increased speeds on the Highway or the city streets?

Answer: The Minnesota State Patrol is seeing increased speeds across the state. Whether you live in the metro or Greater Minnesota, excessive speeds are a cause for concern.

People tend to think of dangerous speeds on the highway, but traveling at a high rate of speed through a city can be just as tragic. Law enforcement statewide recently cited 759 drivers for going 20 mph or more above the limit in a 30 mph zone (Feb. 1-March 31). The highest speed clocked in a 30 mph zone was 83 mph by Minneapolis Park Police. Imagine if a ball got away from a child or a person was crossing the street. At those speeds, it could be tragic.

Statewide, law enforcement cited 23,052 drivers for speed violations from Feb. 1-March 31 during the extra speed enforcement campaign. The highest speed clocked in the metro was 127 mph and 135 mph in Greater Minnesota.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS), in collaboration with the Minnesota departments of Health and Transportation, announced the statewide campaign on Feb. 8. The campaign was created due to a significant increase in speed-related incidents and traffic fatalities in 2020.

If you are concerned about a person speeding or driving aggressively, find a safe place to call 911 and provide as much information about the vehicle as possible.

By driving smart and slowing down, we can all save lives on Minnesota roads and help everyone arrive home safely at the end of the day. Visit DriveSmartMN.org for more information.

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



Wright County Sheriff’s Department Activity Report Period Ending May 3, 2021

Apr. 26: Robert Joseph Ramey, 35, of Albertville, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant for 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Rachel Howard Robinson, 26, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. Jeremy Craig Degel, 35, of Champlin, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Mitchell James Witthus, 39, of Montrose, was arrested in Buffalo - MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - parole violation. Curtis Edwin Wilson, 27, of Elbow Lake, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant for 1st degree criminal damage to property violations.

Apr. 27: Angie Marie Kolden, 39, no permanent address was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrant for 3rd degree possession of controlled substance & Stevens Co. warrant - probation violation. Jason Paul Baumgartner, 39, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of domestic assault. Brett Adam Iskierka, 32, no permanent address, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Ramsey Co. warrant - 2nd degree burglary. Myron Ward Eastman, 41, of Brainerd, was arrested in Crow Wing Co. - Wright Co. warrant for firearm violation. Jacob Richard Storlien, 40, of Wayzata, was arrested in Buffalo - Isanti Co. warrant - check forgery. Tiffany Marie Smith, 33, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Ronald David Provo, 57, of Annandale, was arrested in Albion Twp. - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Candace Nadine Nelson, 32, of Montrose, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Jacqueline Louise Lies, 35, of Annandale, was arrested in Waverly - charge of aiding offender to avoid arrest. Todd Allan Linder, 34, of Annandale, was arrested in Waverly - Wright Co. warrants - 2nd & 5th degree possession of controlled substance, 4th degree DWI, driving after revocation & Aitkin Co. warrant - parole violation. Daniel Lee Banyai, 41, of Zimmerman, was arrested in Monticello - Isanti Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Arthur Ryan Roberts, 35, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Howard Lake - MN Dept. of Corrections apprehension & detention order - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Jennifer Sue Ketchum, 28, of Waite Park, was arrested in Albertville - charge of false information to law enforcement & Benton Co. warrant - DWI.

Apr. 28: Richard Joseph Janiak, 28, of Isanti, was arrested in Montrose - Dakota Co. warrant - receiving stolen property. Zachary Joel Stamey, 33, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 1st degree criminal sexual conduct. Laticka Tennille Watson, 44, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Buffalo - charges of 2nd degree DWI & child endangerment. Lance Keith Judge, 20, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Maple Lake - charge of disorderly conduct. Garrett James Vanzant, 23, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Maple Lake - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & disorderly conduct. Hannah Louise Seaman, 21, of Buffalo, was arrested in Rockford - charge of domestic assault.

Apr. 29: Tyler James Lindahl, 20, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Michael Jon Novak, 52, of St. Paul, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance, Hennepin Co. warrant - 1st degree possession of controlled substance, & Mille Lacs Co. & Wright Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Kaila Marie Kingsley, 34, of Braham, was arrested in Annandale - Isanti Co. warrant - probation violation. Anthony David Benner, 35, of East Bethel, was arrested in Annandale - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Cody

James Bennett, 41, of Anoka, was arrested in Anoka - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Dimitri Lamar Accardo-Rainey, 28 of St. Cloud, was arrested in Hubbard Co. - Wright Co. warrant - fleeing law enforcement violations. Robert Charles Stenson, 26, of Abilene, TX, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree criminal sexual conduct violations. Jackie Mae Leonard, 58, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - 3rd degree DWI violations. Steven Robert Keesling, 27, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charges of 1st degree burglary, theft of motor vehicle & violation of order for protection. William Carl Hackett, 53, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of domestic assault.

Apr. 30: Justin Charles Oberg, 40, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Kevin Michael Thurston, 37, of Chaska, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of 3rd degree DWI. William Franklin Welcher 39, of Faribault, was arrested in Dakota Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree assault violation. Ross Norman Jordan, 39, of Clearwater, was arrested in Clearwater - Wright Co. warrant - violation of harassment restraining order. Joshua David Robinson, 34, of Rockford, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Matthew Ray Thurman, 27, of Becker, was arrested in Kokato - charge of false information to law enforcement, Wright Co. warrant - motor vehicle registration violations, Meeker Co. warrant - theft & MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - parole violation. Kory Steven Loveland, 44, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - US Marshalls warrant - weapon violation. Jennifer Dee Mork, 35 of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. Dennis Brian Dmitruk, 27, of Richfield, was arrested in Rockford - charge of violation of order for protection. Reid Dillon Fredrickson, 22, of Coon Rapids, was arrested in Monticello - Wright Co. warrant - 4th degree DWI violations.

May 1: Elijah Ravon Bass, 30, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & possession of firearm violations. Taylor Ann Lehner, 27, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - Wright Co. warrant for dangerous dog registration violations. Christine Louise Schneider, 62, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - Wright Co. warrant for theft violations. Joan Marie Chenowith, 62, of Buffalo, was arrested in Annandale - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Juan Jose Valdivia Barreno, 22, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Katie Anne Buczak, 32, of Monticello was arrested in Monticello - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Olmsted Co. warrant - contempt of court. Lisa Annette Daniels, 52, of Delano, was arrested in Delano - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Christopher Quinn Brenny, 52, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - charges of obstruction of legal process, criminal damage to property & disorderly conduct. Todd Alan Bradley, 55, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - Anoka Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & check forgery.

May 2: Daniel Thomas Rolfer 35, of Elk River, was arrested in Buffalo - MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - parole violations.

There were 22 property damage accidents, 7 personal injury accidents, 1 hit & run accidents & 3 car deer accidents.

There were 7 arrests for DWI, no underage consumption arrests, 4 school bus stop arm violations & 91 tickets for miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.

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Sherburne County Recorder Vital Statistics Marriage Application Report April 2021

Anthony Gerell Bradley and Kristina Hattie Howard of Elk River. Darrell Lee Lesperance of Dunseith ND and Jackie Ann Kuykendall of Elk River. Jason Chad Folkerts of Big Lake and Erica Corrinne Granger of Brooklyn Park. Jaimi Jenelle Hagen and Nicholas James Levos of Zimmerman. Amy Hang Doan and Terrell Micheal Spencer of Otsego. Tracy Edward Nohrenberg and Tina Marie Furlong of Brooklyn Park. Melanie Faye Parks of Big Lake and Nathan Peter Wisuri of Ishpeming MI. Exsavor Renee Cruz and Jasmine Raye Elizondo of Zimmerman. Magdalena Alameda and Michael John Goettelman of Elk River. Julie Deng Deng and Jimmy Wang of Elk River. Jenna Kay Tieszen of Rogers and David John Berning of Big Lake. Andrew Jacob Menne and Melissa Ann Spike of Big Lake. Pa Kou Xiong of Champlin and Tanner Earl Brehmer of Elk River. Lauren Mae Johnsen and Mitchell Rex Weisser of Becker. Benjamin Bradley Christensen and Caitlin Jane Melland of Delano. Elona Sergey Komonash and Dmytro Fedosyuk of Elk River. Jason Scott Dircks and Nicole Megan Grabowski of Becker. Jada Lea Chambers and Luke James Mulvaney of Big Lake. Logan Michael Morrey of Rochester and Lauren Alexis McCreery of Becker. Brayden Michael Sherman and Shannon Lynn Terhaar of Big Lake. Randolph Mark Hansen Jr and Christina Marie Larsen of Zimmerman. Katherine Diane Pieper of Belle Plaine and Gabriel Marc Melby of Becker. Chase William Urista of Big Lake and Annaleigh Irene Steinke of Otsego. Charles Redmond Keifer and Megan Jean Louise Howe of Princeton. Nickolas Jake Braden and Alyssa Lynn Olson of Big Lake. Vasilij Tynda Tynda of Plymouth and Zlata Strok of Elk River. Christopher Michael Wolfram and Emily Kristen Gould of Otsego. Justin James Merritt and Makayla Rose Franklin of Big Lake. Ella Dashevskaya of Gresham OR and Kiril Iurie Liubimov of Ramsey. Cynthia Marie Miller and Brandin Michael Johnson of Elk River. Abbey Noelle Woodring of Saint Paul and Nicholas Joseph Langlais of Elk River. Jose Leonel Jasso Espinoza and Aide



Alejandra Hernandez Diaz of Elk River. Kari Kay Mechtel and Chad Matthew Koren of Clear Lake. Jillian Michelle Anderson and Dwayne Paul Suther Erickson of Zimmerman. Benjamin Bradley Christensen and Caitlin Jane Melland of Delano. Dylan Jesus Alonzo Mr and Tessa Marie Eull Ms of Elk River. Max James Munstenteiger and Mackenzie Marie Martin of Becker. Jacob Michael Collins and Daniella Marie Trauba of Big Lake. Krystal Leigh Van Norman and Zachary James Griffin of Zimmerman. Grant Debolt Johnson of Otsego and Dana Alyse Hennen of Savage. Leah Seran Benz and Jacob Aaron Hiatt of Zimmerman. Michelle Ann Hartse and James Carl Schlieff Jr of Big Lake. Jesse Joseph Lange and Autumn Elizabeth Hellerstedt of Zimmerman. Caitlin Marise McCarthy and Peter Louis Hajas of Cupertino CA. Hailee Nicole Brooks and Louis Dominick Pena of Bethel. Nathan Lee Hopkins and Anna Rose Jarvis of Becker. Andrew Matthew Woolhouse of Princeton and Deena Lee Grider of Big Lake. Amber Rose Dubois and Jacob Jay Miller of Brooklyn Center. Matthew James Ebert and Melissa Ann Bottila of Big Lake. David Dwayne McCray Jr and Susan Marie Deschene of Dayton. Lance Eric Wascher and Dee Marie Bevington of Elk River. Maren Nicole Carlson of Princeton and Dakota Alan Woolhouse of Elk River. Shannon Elaine Lacroix and Steven Daniel Bates of Zimmerman. Mary Jane and Sean Ryan Sarles of Elk River. Jared Solomon Schurhammer and Marilyn Christine Lavone of Elk River. Lisa Ann Courteau and Ireck Jed Kubly of Big Lake. David Lynn Rohde and Mary Ellen Murtaugh of Zimmerman. Kevin William Hohlen and Katie Ann Okan of Zimmerman. Taylor Rae Duell and Jacob Aaron Thompson of Elk River. Ryan Ilo Botten and Kari Jeanette Montague of Elk River. Rachel Katherine Wright and Jacob Lee Wenz of Becker. Jeffrey Steven Dorr and Alisen Marie Gundersen of Princeton. Morgan Anne Meyer and Nicholas Carl Radunz of Becker. Gabriel Anthony Storz and Andrea Grace Simonpietri of Becker.



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-Patriot Staff