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GABRIELA DILLON (L) AND KAT NAU-JACKSON (R) are both excited to help to run The Wave Youth Center and its programs this summer. See their story on page 9. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

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Reanna Leuthard painted a map wall mural for the new Clear Lake Twp. hall. See her story and the township's on page 6.

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

BECKER NEWS  
The School Board in Becker met this week and were inundated with requests from students who complained of bullying because of their sexual orientation and gender identity. See the story on page 2.

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# Lucky Clearwater Library winners pick out their books

By Penny Leuthard  
Contributing Writer

Part of the fun of attending a business expo is signing up for drawings and giveaways. Stopping by the Clearwater Public Library's information table during the recent Explore Clearwater/Clear Lake Business Expo to do just that paid off for four lucky attendees.

The Library and Clearwater Area Friends of the Library teamed up with an informational table at the expo that included drawings for a bag of books. At the conclusion of the expo the winning names were drawn; Eileen Langbehn and the Bonhardt family, Natalie, Elliott, and Everett.

As part of the prize for winning the drawing, the

recipients were able to fill up a Clearwater Friends of the Library book bag with the books of their choice from the Chapter Two Bookstore. The Friends of the Library run the used bookstore as a means of raising funds to support the Clearwater Library.

The recipients stopped by the library to choose their books the following week.

"They [Natalie, Elliott, and Everett] had so much fun filling that bag," said Friends of the Library member Jeanne Dirksen.

The Chapter Two Bookstore is open to the public during the Clearwater Library's regular hours. Everyone is invited to stop in to check out the bookstore's latest selections.



THE BONHARDT FAMILY, Elliott, Everett, and Natalie, stopped by the Clearwater Library to pick out their books after their name was drawn at the expo. (Submitted Photo)



By Mary Nehring,  
Contributing Writer

## The Perfect Partnership

The Becker community lost a long time business owner last month. Glenn Richard Anderson passed away April 19, 2021 in Sabre Springs, CA. Glenn was born Oct. 11, 1929 to Otto and Lillian Anderson. His siblings were Rodney, Alan and Beatrice.



Glenn met his wife, Beverly Halm, while attending St. Cloud State University. The couple married May 31, 1951. Glenn and Bev raised three children: Wayne, Gary (Ann) and Shelly (Dave). Glenn is survived by his wife, Bev, his three children, as well as five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Glenn was a hard worker. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed being outdoors. Friends and family describe Glenn as being an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing and traveling by motorcycle.

Glenn owned several businesses in Becker for decades (1960 to 1986).

Glenn Anderson's father, Otto Anderson, owned Anderson Chevrolet car dealership in Becker. They started selling Model Ts off the train in Becker in 1917. They operated as a Ford Motor Company. In 1924, they switched over to Chevrolet.

Glenn worked for his father while he was in high school. Glenn became co-owner of Anderson Chevrolet with his brother Alan. The business included a car dealership, gas station and auto repair shop.

In 1960, Virgil Gilyard bought out Alan Anderson's share of the business, and a wonderful business partnership was formed between Virgil Gilyard and Glenn Anderson. Anderson and Gilyard did a coin toss to see who got to name the business and Gilyard won the coin toss. He chose to name the new business venture Anderson-Gilyard. Some of the earliest employees included Phil (Buster) Lambert, Ronnie Kolbinger, Harold Kolbinger, Elvin (Knut) Gilyard, Rosie Klinker, Glen Johnson, Ken Johnson, Vicky

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# 1,000+ people attend local Bison Dig event

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was comprised from information sent to the Patriot by Snake River Farms).

Over 1,000 local and national excavators descended upon Snake River Farms north of Becker last week to dig for Bison on the Snake River Farms site.

Tom Barthel and Gail Wilkinson opened their farm for the dig. Event coordinator Shannon Barthel welcomed University

of Arizona paleontologist Arturo Baez, workers from the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs, SD and even a group of homeschoolers who brought excitement and curiosity to the dig.

Many bones and skulls were extracted from the earth and the workers toiled to clean up the artifacts, pack them in boxes and ship

them back to their laboratory in South Dakota for further study.

The home schooling

families also toured the Kragero one room school on Tom Barthel and his wife's (Gail Wilkinson) property nearby, as well as a museum full of artifacts at their home.

Attendees were also treated to horse rides and allowed to see the animals on their farm, including bison, pigs, chickens and more.



## Becker school referendum voted down by 11 votes

By Katherine Cantin  
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Becker City Hall saw over 1,000 voters turn out for Tuesday's election for the school referendum.

A single-question bond referendum to invest \$37.5 million was defeated by an unofficial margin of 601 "yes" votes to 612 "no" votes.

The vote was whether to allow the school district to take out debt to cover expenses to upgrade the school buildings to increase security, improve HVAC systems, correct drainage issues, and other infrastructure issues on the campus. The district also planned to construct new bus garages off-campus, add an artificial turf to the practice



LONNY SEELEY was a volunteer at the election, helping to direct voters. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

football field, expand the middle school, and improve industrial tech (shop and engineering classes) classrooms at the high school.



KATHY GERDTS-SENGER (top) leading a Russian nesting doll painting activity at The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum in Little Falls, 2020. (Submitted Photo)

## Bead-making classes with music at Weyerhaeuser Museum

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Morrison County Historical Society).

Beads, which can be used to embellish fabric or turned into jewelry, are made of all sorts of mate-

rials, from glass to wood to paper to plastic.

The Morrison County Historical Society is hosting two bead-making classes at The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum in Little Falls,

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# St. Paulites arrested in Becker for drugs

Submitted Article

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

On May 5 at approximately 10:34 p.m., the Becker Police Dept. made a traffic stop at the location of Hwy. 10 and Liberty Lane.

The reason for the stop was that the registered owner of the vehicle was observed to be driving with a revoked driver's license status.

The driver was identified as Barbara Marie Darwin, 41 of St. Paul, MN. The passenger with Darwin was identified as a Raymond Anthony Gruer (35) also of St. Paul, MN.

During the investigation of the stop, Gruer was found to have an active felony warrant out of Dakota County for a fifth degree controlled substance violation. He was placed into custody for the warrant. In addition, during a search of the vehicle, officers discovered approximately 97.6 grams of methamphetamines, some pills, and a small amount of marijuana.

As a result of the traffic stop, both Darwin and Gruer were arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail pending the following charges:

**Darwin:** Fifth Degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of a small amount of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving after revocation, possession of a legend drug.

**Gruer:** Arrested on the Dakota County warrant for fifth degree controlled substance violation.

One other passenger was cited for possession of a hypodermic needle and released at the scene.

## A Win Wynne Situation



WINNER of the snow cone maker basket (donated by Patriot Newspaper) from the Big Lake Community Fair last Saturday is Lynn Wynne (L) of Keller Lake Commons. Wynne is planning to leave the snow cone maker in the activity room to share with the residents. Pictured with Wynne is Housing Director, Nicole Gilder (R). (Patriot Photo by Kathy Nelson)

## Boy Scout Fundraiser



BECKER BOY SCOUT TROOP 92 sold scrumptious meat outdoors at McDonald's Meats in Clear Lake last week on a warm spring day. Pictured: Sam Nalty, Zachariah Ward, Elijah Ward, Nathan Ward. (Submitted photo).

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# St. Cloud Area School District updates

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the St. Cloud School District).

May 6, Gov. Tim Walz announced lifting restrictions on outdoor gatherings beginning May 7 and indoor gatherings beginning May 28. With this updated guidance, adjustments for district end-of-year high school celebration plans have been made.

### Apollo and Tech High School Grand March and Prom

Two spectators per student are now allowed for Grand March May 15. Also, students will now be able to gather and participate in pods of 10 for prom.

Both events will be indoors due to weather considerations, and pods will remain socially distanced. Masks are still required.

### Apollo and Tech High School Graduation

Because indoor restrictions will be lifted May 28, graduation ceremonies at the River's Edge Convention Center date and/or time will change to the following:

**May 28 at 5:00: Tech High School graduation;**  
**May 28 at 8:30: Apollo High School graduation.**

Additionally, each senior will receive eight tickets for graduation. Masks will be required but no social distancing.

### Apollo and Tech Vehicle Parades

Based on current guidance, no changes will be made to our vehicle parades.

**Tech May 25 5 - 7 p.m.;**  
**Apollo May 26 5 - 7 p.m.**  
**Other District Events Proms McKinley Thursday,**

site celebrating upcoming graduates. Seniors are encouraged to wear their cap and gowns and decorate their vehicles with school pride. Faculty and staff will line the parade route to celebrate and say good-bye to the Class of 2021.

**Graduations at River's Edge Convention Center Tech Thursday,**

principal, student-selected faculty member, and Superintendent Jett; awarding of individual diplomas; and presentation of Class of 2021. Seven hundred and seventy-five attendees total are permitted per ceremony. Each graduate will receive four tickets, and families/guests will be seated in pods of four and spaced 6' apart. The facility

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**Apollo and Tech Saturday, May 15 Grand March 7:30 p.m.** (one spectator). Prom immediately follows Grand March and ends at 11 p.m. For juniors and seniors, 250 person limit. Pods of six arrive together, spaced 6' apart.

**Parades Tech Tuesday, May 25 5 - 7 p.m.;**  
**Apollo Wednesday, May 26 5 - 7 p.m.**  
Seniors and their families, in a single vehicle, are invited to drive through a parade route on the school

May 27;  
**Apollo Friday, May 28.**  
**Ceremony One 5 p.m.** (doors open 4:30) (Students A-G); **Ceremony Two 7 p.m.** (doors open at 6:30) (Students H-M); **Ceremony Three 9 p.m.** (doors open at 8:30) (Students N-Z).  
Each ceremony is scheduled for one hour with recorded music showcasing band, orchestra, and choir students; live speeches including the senior speaker,

will be sanitized following each ceremony.  
Each ceremony will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend. In addition, an online virtual graduation ceremony for Apollo and Tech Classes of 2021 will be available online at 9 p.m. for Tech on May 27 and for Apollo on May 28.  
The plans are in alignment with current MDE and MDH guidelines but are subject to change.

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# BHS queer students demand board address issues

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Five Becker High School students spoke during the latest school board meeting, addressing issues faced by queer students in the school district.

Nick Roehl, a junior, began by reminding the board about the district's policies on harassment and cyberbullying.

"Everyone at district 726 has a right to feel respected and safe," Roehl stated, quoting directly from the school handbook. "As a queer student," he continued, "I can say that I do not feel respected or safe at this school."

He cited a culture of homophobia, heteronormativity, and oppression as leading to the issues faced by queer students.

He called out the school board and administration on their silence regarding the bullying problems students face. He urged the board to make a stand against homophobia

and re-evaluate disciplinary actions against those who bully other students.

Next to present was AJ Schmidt, a senior, who wished to address the lack of gender and sexuality issues being taught at the schools. He claimed that, without addressing these topics in the classroom, students lacked proper understanding of them, leading to some students bullying queer students and queer students reaching out to alternative (and potentially unreliable) sources of information.

"Having an inclusive curriculum," he said, "could give students an increased awareness of human rights, along with fostering tolerance and understanding."

Slate Smaby, a sophomore, presented on name and gender recognition next. He spoke on the importance of calling trans students by the correct pronouns and names, rather than using the pronouns and names they were assigned at birth. He said that many teachers will accidentally

or intentionally call students by the wrong names or pronouns, which makes the students very uncomfortable.

"It's very important to many of us that school officials support us because a lot of us are not supported at home," Smaby said.

Austin Clemen, a junior, presented about the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA). He said it was important to have a Becker GSA, just as it is important to have other sports and activities available for students. He listed many different benefits to having an official GSA, including lower suicide rates.

Marcus Kolbinger, a junior, presented on future needs of the schools, including training for school staff, to equip them to understand and help queer students; forming a student equity council, to help keep school officials informed about gender issues in the school; and sending out a survey to students, to gauge their experiences in the school related to gender is-

sues.

The board thanked the students for the presentation and for providing important information. Supt. Jeremy Schmidt mentioned that he planned to have a meeting with representatives of the Big Lake and Monticello school districts to determine how all three could become more inclusive of queer students. The students, along with drama and speech coach Joseph Rand, asked that the board move quickly to find solutions for the students who are struggling with the issues they addressed.

### Student Council Report

The student council representative reported on plans for prom and graduation. She noted that musicals for the middle and high schools were coming up soon. She gave a brief synopsis of a presentation made by a Dr. Omari to the students regarding bias.

### Superintendent's Report

Schmidt noted that many school policies were

set to be reviewed next month. The board asked the cabinet to review the policies and offer recommendations to the board.

Schmidt also spoke on the presentation by Dr. Omari, saying that many staff members also attended his presentation, and listed several staff development and culture competency workshops.

### Graduation

Graduation will take place on May 28 at *Eppard Field* (the varsity football field), followed by a post-commencement parade.

### 2021-22 Budget

The board reviewed changes that needed to be made to the 2020-21 budget over the last year due to the unusual circumstances provided by the pandemic. They then proceeded to review their proposed 2021-22 budget but, with Minnesota legislators still meeting and trying to make decisions about the upcoming year, a lot of what the board had to review was based on guesswork. They

discussed issues in spending and funding, especially relating to food service and community education classes.

### In Other Business, the Board:

- Heard reports from the various district committees;
- Discussed a potential change in policy regarding lettering in activities not directly overseen by the school (such as bowling, archery);
- Approved a resolution terminating one teacher, Melissa Bondhus;
- Agreed to a joint powers agreement regarding changes to the Sherburne and Northern Wright Special Education Cooperative as one of the schools leaves the cooperative;
- Reviewed goals the school district hopes to achieve.



# Big Lake Area News

## BL school board prepares for end of school year

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In the recent school board meeting, the Big Lake school board prepared for the end of the school year by discussing an interest survey to be sent out, student meals during the summer and for next year, graduation, and finding a new student representative.

### District Survey Review

The schools will be sending out a community interest survey regarding facility needs for the school campus. The survey will be conducted by the *Morris Leatherman* company. They will be calling residents of the school district to ask for demographic information and opinions about the school's needs. The board reviewed the questions that would be asked.

### Free Meals to Students

The school will be offering a program this summer, giving free meals to students. The USDA has also stated that they will

once again be providing free meals to students for the next school year, as they did this year.

The board elected to renew their contract with *Chartwell* to provide meals to the students. They are doing so without soliciting other bids, which they would be required to do in a normal year. Last year and this upcoming year the school has elected to take advantage of a waiver allowing them to avoid this process, since last year was very strange and they could not provide the necessary information to any other vendors in order to receive bids. This will be the school's fifth year using *Chartwell*.

### ESSER Funding

The school district has received \$835,989 in ESSER II funding and \$1,877,512 in ESSER III funding. The first needs to be spent by Sept. 30, 2023, and the second by Sept. 30, 2024.

### Summer School

There will also be some funding by the federal government to help with summer school programs.

The board also elected to lift the \$37 per hour pay cap for the summer school teachers, to help attract teachers to teach summer school, as fewer and fewer teachers want to do so.

### Student Rep Update

As the school year ends, Ella Dotzler will no longer be the student representative. The position is open to another entrepreneurial student, and Dotzler, with Supt. Tim Truebenbach, will pass down the goals for the position when it is once again filled.

The student council is considering reorganizing its structure. Currently, there are representatives for all four classes in the high school. They hope reorganizing will create more interest from the student body and get more underclassmen in particular to participate.

### Superintendent Report

Graduation will take place June 4. There are many questions about graduation, such as how many tickets each student would get for family members,

Principal Dockendorf, from the graduation committee, was hesitant to answer. These questions will be answered for the students as soon as possible, but Dockendorf was hopeful that more restrictions would lift before the school had to make some official decisions.

The school could potentially be hosting a vaccination clinic, but the details have yet to be ironed out.

### In Other Business, the Board:

- Renewed a resolution to help pay for *Wright Technical Center* facility needs, and agreement held before, and which other schools also participate;
- Approved a four-year contract with *Vision Transportation* that include an increasing pay scale over that time;
- Approved adding a dehumidification device to the middle school gymnasium;
- Reviewed program updates for the 2021-2022 school year.

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## RentHelpMN applications now being accepted

Submitted Article

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

*RentHelpMN*, a program operated by the Minnesota Dept. of Human Services, is available to Minnesotans who have experienced a financial hardship due to the pandemic.

MDH needs one's help sharing this COVID-19 emergency rental assistance opportunity with the community. The goal is to reach as many people as

possible, particularly those facing greater barriers to access. This includes people who are deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing or late-deafened, people with disabilities, immigrants, Black Minnesotans, Indigenous Minnesotans and People of Color. Those who qualify could receive help with rent and utility bills for up to 15 months.

RentHelpMN applications are now open at [www.renthelpmn.org/](http://www.renthelpmn.org/).

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MN. Retired elementary art teacher Kathy Gerdt-Senger will guide attendees in making beads from a variety of materials using techniques suitable to each material.

Gerdt-Senger graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with an art education degree and taught art at the Campus Lab School, South Junior High, and Clearview Elementary, all in the St. Cloud area. She has also led Crayola workshops.

The bead-making classes will be held Sat., June 12 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. and Sat., June 26 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. The event will be outdoors at the museum, weather permitting, with masking and distancing required.

The June 26 class will feature a performance by Minnesota folk singer and songwriter Dennis Warner, whose song “*Beads on One String*” has been turned

into a children's book and a classroom curriculum. Ten thousand copies of the book will be distributed by the Utopia-STePi Foundation throughout Africa, where Warner will perform a concert tour in 2022. Warner has performed at the *Kennedy Center for Performing Arts* in Washington, D.C. and his CD “*Pilot Me*” has reached #8 on the *Folk Alliance International* folk radio charts. His performance at the Weyerhaeuser Museum will be 30 minutes and will start at 1 p.m.

Each bead-making class is provided as a stand-alone session, so attendees may choose the one that best fits their schedule. Families are encouraged to attend as the bead-making techniques are suitable for all ages. The cost of the class is \$5 per person. The cost for members of the *Morrison County Historical Society* is \$3 per person.

During the classes, at-



MINNESOTA FOLK SINGER AND SONGWRITER Dennis Warner. (Photo submitted by Dennis Warner).

tendees may also view the BEAD exhibit on display at the museum. The exhibit features a variety of beaded items from the museum's collection, including Ojibwe bandolier bags, and items on loan from community members.

To register for the class, call 320-632-4007 or sign up at <https://morrison-county-historical-society.square.site/>.

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# BL Council accepts Girl Scout cookies

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(Reporter's note: This article is covering the Big Lake City Council Meeting of April 28. A story about the council meeting of Wednesday will be released in next week's Patriot.)

For the first time in months, the Big Lake City Council had a full dais as they welcomed new councilwoman Kim Noding.

**Cookie Donation**  
Big Lake Girl Scouts Troop 333 accepted donations for the service men and women of Big Lake (including members of the BLPD, BLFD, council members, and veterinarians) at their cookie sales booths this year. They used the open forum portion of the evening to distribute



ONE OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF TROOP 333 addressed the council before distributing cookies to city officials. (Photo captured from online video.)

almost 400 boxes of cookies, thanking the first responders of the city for their excellent

service.

## 2020 Audit

The council reviewed the 2020 audit. With 2020 being such a crazy year, the city's spending and revenues did not quite match up with what was expected in 2019, but this is not unique to Big Lake by any means. The only real issue the auditor found was a lack of separation of duties in the finance department, which she said was not uncommon for a city of Big Lake's size.

CARES funding did help to cover some of the expenses of the city. For example, the city over-budgeted for public safety, due to the CARES funding they were able to channel to make improvements to the BLPD and BLFD.

## 2021 Street Improvement Project

The council accepted bids for the street improvement project. City engineer Layne Otteson said the bids were very favorable. He proceeded to go over the project, what work is expected, and that the work is expected to begin around Memorial Day.

The council awarded the bid for the work to *Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation* from St. Cloud for a total of \$2,588,617.79.

## Finance, Liquor Store Update

The finance committee's Deb Wegeleben gave updates for the first quarter of the year. Greg Zurbey, manager for the liquor store, jumped in at the end of her presentation to help answer council questions about the revenue the liquor store made for the city. The store has had much success over the last year,

and has already paid the city about \$900,000 for the years of 2020 and 2021, while still retaining another million in their own account. These are unprecedented numbers, and far above what the city had budgeted. There was some discussion about channelling extra funds to special projects, like they did to fund McDowell trail before. This would give the liquor store the opportunity to advertise that they are using profits to pay for, as an example, a park update or other special project. The council was thrilled at the prospect, excited to provide special projects without needing to burden the taxpayers.

## In Other Business, the Council:

- Approved the hiring of Bruce Frandle and Randy Bader;
- Accepted the resigna-

tions of Dustin Vickerman, Dave Sperling, and Dean Nelson;

- Agreed to advertise to fill the positions of Planning Commissioner and Planning Technician;
- Heard a presentation about the city's audit for the year 2020;
- Accepted the resignation of BLPD Chief Joel Scharf;
- Made a change amending the city's ordinance regarding solar farms and solar gardens in the city;
- Made changes to the city council committee appointments to reflect Noding's appointment to the council;
- Discussed the process of finding a replacement for Chief Joel Scharf;
- Heard department and committee reports.

## Options Inc. struggles under restrictions

By Katherine Cantin  
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Last fall, the *Patriot* ran a story about the struggle of a local group, *Options Inc.*, struggling to get by with the restrictions being forced on them by the state. Though some restrictions have been lifted for the group, they are still being forced to operate with outdated restrictions and limited funding.

## What Options Does

*Options Inc.* is an organization that helps adults with mental disabilities get out into the workforce. The workers often do jobs not many others would like to do, such as cleaning, and they truly enjoy the work. For most, it's an opportunity to be involved in their community and engage with their peers. *Options* provides these workers with all the support they need, as well as rides to and from work.

Elizabeth Roemer has nothing but good things to say about the organization. Her daughter, Tina, is one of the workers attending *Options*. She said her daughter loved being a part of the community, engaging with her peers. She said *Options* helped her daughter reach her full potential. "COVID was very isolating for her," Roemer said.

**Outdated Restrictions**  
*Options* was completely shut down for some time last year, and restrictions on the organization have been slow to lift.

"Someone with a mental disability is not more likely to catch COVID," said Brenda Geldert, *Options'* executive director, frustrated by the continued restrictions. "Restrictions continue for us with no word from the *Minnesota Dept. of Human Services* on when we can have some lessened."

The group still has to follow old social distancing guidelines, keep the work-

ers in the same pods every day, and put up barriers between the pods of workers. These restrictions keep *Options* from being able to serve everyone who wants to get back to work. The social distancing means that fewer people can ride on the bus to get to work, and so, to serve the most people possible, *Options* has cut shifts down from six hours to only three hours, so two groups can work and get transportation. Even this is not enough to allow *Options* to serve everyone, and there is a waiting list for those who want to go back to work but can't. Many of the workers live all over *Sherburne County*, and, being a fairly rural county, there are limited or no transportation options for them. With the double trips aimed to serve the most people, *Options* puts double the miles on their vehicles every day, which can add up quickly.

## Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill

The Minnesota House and Senate are both looking at the recent Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The Senate's version of the bill includes a stipulation that some funding from the federal government be used to help organizations such as *Options*, but the House version of the bill does not. Without coming to an agreement between the two, legislation could need to go into a special session. There is a real potential that *Options*, and similar groups, could be denied this funding, in the end.

Geldert has written to the governor and done everything in her power to raise awareness of her organization's plight. *Patriot* readers interested in helping should reach out to their legislators and inform them about the issue.

"Continued support from the community is very helpful," Geldert said.

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# Becker City prepares for studies

By Katherine Cantin  
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The theme of last week's Becker City Council meeting was internal review: the council reviewed the 2020 audit and prepared to conduct a water/utility study and a job classification study.

## 2020 Annual Audit

The council heard a presentation about the city's recent audit. No major issues were found with the city's finances, though the auditor did find an issue regarding lack of segregation of accounting duties, though the city does

actively take other steps to ensure proper accounting. The only way to truly solve the issue, however, would be to hire more employees to the accounting department. The auditor said the city ultimately had to weigh the costs and benefits of doing so, but that the issue wasn't significant enough to necessarily warrant a change.

Though the city's revenues were down from what was expected for the last year, due mainly to COVID-19, expenditures were also down, thanks to federal and state aid given to the city.

## Committee Reports

The planning commission held a couple of public hearings regarding accessory structure height and recreational vehicle operation on public roads. No public comment was received. The commission went on to discuss minimum lot width.

The golf committee went over the revenue made at *Pebble Creek* last year, which was phenomenal. They continue to pursue adding simulators to the clubhouse.

## Water and Domestic Utility Rate Study

The last water and domestic utility rate study took place in 2016 and the in-

formation was used to plan budgets for 2017-21. A two percent increase to the water and sewer budget every year has been covering the growth of the utility, but it's important to do a formal study every three to five years, both because it's required by the state and because it provides important information on growth.

The finance committee recommended continuing with a two percent increase for water and sewer, with a four percent increase year over year in the tier two sewage usage rate, for those who use the utility more than the

base amount.

## Job Classification and Compensation Study

A study on city job classifications and compensation will be conducted. The city hired *Galagher*, a company with whom they hope to create a good professional relationship. The service will cost \$31,500, though the city had budgeted \$19,500.

"I am disappointed that we weren't budgeted correctly for this type of study," said Mayor Tracy Bertram, but noted that it was very important to be able to attract and retain city employees.

## In Other Business,

## the Council:

- Added zoning language for the historic T Town area;
- Made language edits regarding home occupation;
- Allowed Becker Youth Baseball to keep equipment in a shipping container at Becker Athletic Complex, pending the completion of a shed being created by a high school shop class;
- Went over the purchase of a bond to cover street reconstruction costs.



# Big Lake Area News

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Johnson, Conrad Olson and many others. My dad, Ernie Erickson, drove the fuel truck for their business after Merton Dyson sold Glenn his fuel truck.

Local resident Donny Aleckson worked for Glenn and Virgil and recalled many wonderful people who worked with him as mechanics, delivering fuel and other positions. Some of the names Donny mentioned: Jim Boettcher, Frank Dahl, Dick Woolhouse, Harold Simon-smeyer, Gordy and Doug Williams, John Riebel, Ken McCalla, Milton Norlund, and many others.

Kristi (Gilyard) Kelly recalled when she was in Washington purchasing her first new car - a 1980 Camaro. She called the office and asked Virgil for his input. Virgil told Kristi: "I'm going to give you to the expert!" and

put Glenn on the phone.

Virgil described his former business partner this way: "Glenn was an expert salesperson and mechanic. There was nothing he couldn't fix. We had a wonderful partnership." Glenn and Virgil's friendship goes way back. The two men were classmates and played basketball together in earlier years.

Rosie Klinker is in her 47th year working in the office at Anderson Gilyard. She started working for them in September of 1974. Rosie says she has always enjoyed working for Glenn and Virgil and shared these words: "I never heard a negative word between Glenn and Virgil!"

Glenn Anderson and Virgil Gilyard would go on to have several successful business ventures together. They built *Tom Thumb* gas

station and convenience store in Becker along Hwy 10 in Becker in 1984. The gas station had a full offering of groceries, including a meat counter from the time it opened until Virgil Gilyard opened *Jubilee Foods* grocery store in December of 1995 in Becker. Lonny Seeley closed his grocery store in downtown Becker (historic T-town district) to go to work at Tom Thumb. Seeley and Judy Dawson served as managers in Tom Thumb's early years. Tom Thumb was later renamed *Deli Plus/Shell*.

Prior to opening *Tom Thumb* in Becker, the business partners (Anderson and Gilyard) had purchased the *Santiago Garage* in 1980 and turned it into a convenience store. They named it *Santiago Country Store*, where Kathy Woolard continues to serve as long time manager.

My sister Judy Larsen worked for Anderson and Gilyard for a short time while in college in the late 1960's. She scrubbed and waxed the floors in the showroom for the new *Chevrolet* cars. Judy recalled about Glenn: "Glenn loved hunting. I remember Glen and Gary Schultz often went bow and arrow hunting for deer on the laundromat land (known as the washout property) adjoining our property and we often visited as he drove in or drove out after hunting each fall for many years. Glenn was always so pleasant to talk to. Glenn and Bev enjoyed coming to the Becker All School class reunions every year."

My sister, Karen Sakry, shared the following story about Glenn Anderson's wife, Bev: "One day in tenth grade, I got sick and neither mom nor dad could come and

get me from school. It was the only time I ever had to go home sick. I called the garage and asked for dad at Anderson Gilyard, but he wasn't available. Bev came to pick me up at school and drove me home. I remember feeling so grateful for Bev and her kindness."

My sister Ruth recalled how much our dad enjoyed Glenn when he worked for him driving fuel truck, and how Glenn was a quiet, yet steady presence in Becker.

Glenn's daughter, Shelly (Anderson) Waymire, said this about the partnership between her dad and the Gilyard family: "Our parent's partnership was very rare and perfect."

Kristi (Gilyard) Kelly shared these thoughts about Glenn: "I will miss Glenn's phone calls. It was always special to visit with Glenn

and Bev. Our fathers went to high school together. Then they joined forces in 1960 to work closely together for 25 years in a variety of endeavors. Glenn was humble, compassionate, wise, and talented. His mechanical knowledge was unmatched. My dad and Glenn had the epitome of a good partnership. Times were never easy and they worked long hard hours to make it work. I have many good memories with the Anderson family."

Glenn Anderson sold his portion of the business to Virgil Gilyard in 1986. Anderson-Gilyard is currently still the umbrella company for several Becker and Santiago businesses to include *Food Pride*, *Jubilee Liquor*, *Deli Plus/Shell* and *Country Store*, with Virgil's children in charge.

Rest in peace, Glenn.

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## Theis charged with possession of narcotics, driving after revocation

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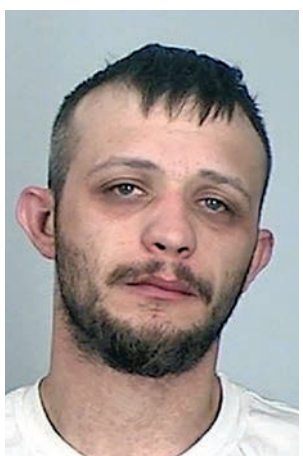
(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Big Lake PD).

April 27 at approximately 2:18 a.m., Officer Tyler Hecht stopped a vehicle for illegal window tint. The driver was identified as Joshua Theis, 31 of Bemidji. Theis admitted he did not have a driver's license.

While speaking to Theis, Officer Hecht observed Theis had blood-shot/watery eyes. Theis denied alcohol or drug use but admitted to smoking a THC dab pen a day prior. Officer Hecht advised Theis to step out of the vehicle so he could administer field sobriety tests.

While outside the vehicle, Officer Hecht detected an odor of marijuana emitting from Theis's person. Officer Chaffee arrived and detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Theis passed the field sobriety tests, but denied any illegal items were in the vehicle except for a THC dab pen in the center console.

The vehicle was searched and a zip lock baggie containing a white crystal substance was found by the driver's floor



**JOSHUA THEIS, 31 of Bemidji** was arrested April 27 and charged with drug possession and driving after revocation. (Submitted Photo)

mat. The substance field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed 2.8 grams. Marijuana shake was also found on the floorboard, and a dab pen was found in the center console.

Theis was arrested and transported to the Sherburne County Jail. Theis was charged by criminal complaint with; Felony 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics and Misdemeanor Driving After Revocation.

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## Big Laker Charged with fleeing police / 1st degree DWI

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**JASON SULLIVAN, 44 of Big Lake** was arrested April 29 and charged with numerous crimes. (Submitted Photo)

at Arctic Ave. The driver proceeded around the cul-de-sac and continued driving to another cul-de-sac. Office Reek arrived with stop sticks. The driver steered away from

the officer and drove into the oncoming lane. The driver drove over the stop sticks and continued. The driver's side tires of the vehicle began to lose air and the vehicle came to a stop at Arctic Circle.

Officers secured the driver, Jason Sullivan, 44 of Big Lake and placed him under arrest. Sullivan stated he did not know the officer was trying to pull him over. Officer Mikelson observed Sullivan's speech was slurred and smelled a strong odor of alcohol coming from him. Officer Mikelson observed signs of impairment during the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN) test. Sullivan refused to provide a Preliminary Breath Test sample.

Officer Mikelson read Sullivan the Breath Test Ad-

visory. Sullivan stated he would like to speak to his attorney but made no attempts at contacting an attorney. Sullivan stated he would not provide a breath sample until speaking to his attorney but still made no attempts at calling them. Sullivan was told he was considered to have refused the test.

Sullivan was transported to the Sherburne County Jail where he was charged with; Felony Fleeing Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle, Felony DWI Refuse to Submit to Chemical Test, Felony DWI Operate Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Gross Misdemeanor Driving After Cancellation - Inimical to Public Safety.

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# Township News

## Palmer seeks clarification on Water Surface Ordinance

By Mark Kolbinger  
Contributing Writer

The Palmer Twp. Board met Monday evening for their May meeting, discussing several agenda items including the Water Surface Ordinance for area lakes.

The board has identified some confusion and miscommunication regarding the ordinance and the ability to enforce speed limits and no wake zones on the chain of lakes during high water periods.

SCSO Commander Bob Stangler discussed the issue with the board, noting that there appears to be a discrepancy between what the board believes is enforceable and possible posting issues that could impact the legality of the ordinance.

Chairman Mike Ganz noted that an ordinance has been on the books for years and the Township's legal counsel is certain it meets the legal threshold for enforcement action to be taken when there are violations.

Because high water conditions can ebb and flow in a short amount of time, the Township has gone to great lengths to ensure that residents and day users of the lakes are informed when the conditions call for the no wake zones to be in effect. Signs are posted at all of the public accesses, as well as near all major roadway intersections once the threshold is met.

In the past several years, shoreline preservation has been a point of emphasis for both the Township and the Briggs Lake Chain Association, therefore it appears there is a consensus from those groups that most people would like to see the ordinance enforced in a fairly stringent manner.

Stangler plans to speak with County Attorney Kathleen Heaney to ensure the language in the ordinance is sufficient and he will coordinate a report back to the board at the June meeting with plans for how to enforce the issue in the future.

In addition, Stangler presented the April statistics for the township which showed 115 calls for service, compared to 68 a year ago. Extra patrols and security checks made up a majority of the calls, as the Sheriff's Office has been focusing on preventing trespass calls at the site of the proposed park near the north shore of Elk Lake. The area is still privately held and therefore the public is not allowed access to the area.

Stangler also reported that there was a recent fraud investigation within the township where a resident was contacted by someone claiming to be from the U.S. Attorney's Office, indicating there was a warrant for their arrest. Payment to rectify the situation was requested in the form of gift cards. Stangler reminded the board and residents that the government is unlikely to place a phone call in a situation like this and certainly no legitimate law enforcement organization would request or accept payment in the form of gift cards.

### Road Maintenance

The board discussed the emergence of potholes on many Twp. roadways and the difficulty they have had in securing hot mix patches because of the cold weather conditions. The closest location to secure the road patch is in Waite Park, but by the time it gets to Palmer there can be issues with it cooling off and starting to set before it can be used.

Ganz has explored purchasing a trailer to help keep the hot mix at optimal temperatures, but used trailers for that purpose run as much as \$15,000 while news ones can be as much as \$40,000.

The board agreed that once it warms up outside, the hot mix will be able to be purchased and spread in an efficient manner before it cools off and the potholes will be filled.

Signs were also on the agenda for discussion, with the Stop Ahead markers drawing the most concern in terms of replacement. The current signage is losing its

reflectivity and will need to be addressed soon. The board settled on the idea of replacing some signs each year in order to keep the budget level without big spikes in allocations needed to remedy the situation.

The board also reviewed a pair of quotes they had received for crack filling and sealing the Town Hall parking lot. Ganz noted that there was a big difference in the quotes, with the lowest being around \$6,000 and the other one being approximately double that amount. However, the cheaper quote did not include any plans to router the cracks and to fill them with new asphalt before applying the seal coat.

The board held discussion that if they are to do the project, they would prefer to do it the right way and take care of the cracks with an eye towards extending the life of the lot versus putting on a "band aid" that might only provide a temporary fix.

To that end, the board unanimously approved the bid from Driveway Services in the amount of \$12,700.

### Parks

Ben Ackerman was present at the meeting to share his quote for repairing and replacing the roof of the "Candy Shack" at the park. In recent years the roof has deteriorated and there is even a hole in it that needs attention.

Ackerman proposed using a shingle with a 50 year warranty, as well as the needed repairs to put the building back in good condition. Total cost would be \$3,750 and the work could be done this summer.

The board is also obtaining a quote for the materials needed to repair the structure and will compare both prices before making a final decision.

Playground equipment was also discussed, as several of the spring toys had been stolen several years ago and were never replaced. Current replacement costs for each toy is in the range of \$1,000-\$1,400 for the combination of the rider mechanism and the spring.

The board was not ready to make a replacement decision at this time, but instead wants to collect more information and explore the possibility of residents who may want to make a donation to replace the equipment.

The Twp. has also been conducting a survey of Palmer residents to gauge their interest in replacing the tennis courts at the park, as they are currently in disrepair. Pickle ball courts, tennis courts or a combination of both are current considerations that have been discussed as possible park additions. Residents are encouraged to visit the township's website to weigh in with their opinions on the subject.

### Land Acquisition

For several years, there has been discussion that Palmer is in need of an area for residents to drop off brush and leaves without having to drive to the compost facility located in Becker.

To that end, the board discussed the possibility of acquiring a 40 acre tract of land that is currently being used as a gravel pit.

Ganz noted that this is just in the discussion stages now, and as the land is owned by his wife's family, he will not participate in any possible future acquisition actions because of a conflict of interest.

Both Supervisors Steve Demeules and Richard Larson voiced their opinions that the land parcel should at least be explored, especially if there is a possibility that Sherburne County could help facilitate the process or provide financial assistance because of the possibility of using the parcel for the recycling of compost type materials. It was noted that if the land were purchased by a contractor, it would be for a mining operation which in the past has not been well received by area residents.

The board plans future discussions regarding the possibility of the acquisition.

(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).

### Never Fail

#### Chocolate Cake

- 2 cups brown sugar;
- 1/2 cup shortening;
- 1/2 teaspoon salt;
- 1/2 cup hot water;
- 1 cup sour milk;
- 1/2 cup cocoa;
- 1 egg;
- 1 teaspoon vanilla;
- 1 teaspoon soda;
- 2-1/2 cups flour.

Cream shortening, sugar; beat well. Add egg and beat again. Add sour milk, vanilla, then flour. Add hot water with soda last. Batter will be thin. Put in greased layer tins and bake for 25 minutes at 350°.

In memory of  
ShirLee Wipper

### Eggless Spice Cake

- 3/4 cups shortening;
- 1 cup white sugar;
- 1 cup brown sugar;
- 1 cup warm water;
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon;
- 1 teaspoon cloves;
- 2 cups raisins;
- 1 teaspoon salt.

Put all above ingredients into a pan and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and add 1 cup milk to cool. Pour into bowl and add 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda and 2 teaspoons baking powder. Bake at 350° until done.

In memory of  
ShirLee Wipper.

### Steamed Dumplings

- 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon flour;
- 1/2 teaspoon salt;
- 1/3 cup milk;
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder;
- 2 eggs, beaten;
- 2 tablespoons melted fat or salad oil.

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Combine eggs, milk and oil and add to dry ingredients to make soft dough. Drop from teaspoon into stew or soup.

Stew or soup should have 3 cups of liquid. Place cover on kettle and cook for 20 minutes. Shut off heat and leave covered for 1-2 minutes.

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Derek, 19 years since we have talked and hugged you. The hardest thing, we miss everything you would have been! Miss you! Love you Buddy! Love knows no boundaries! Love, Mom, Dad and Cassie

**Join us on Friday, May 21st at 5:00pm at the Becker Cemetery for our annual (social distance) balloon release.**

## Original Clear Lake Twp. map painted in new town hall



REANNA LEUTHARD AND BUD STIMMLER with the completed Clear Lake Twp. map now adorning the new township hall. (Photo by Penny Leuthard)

By Penny Leuthard  
Contributing Writer

During the planning stage of the new Clear Lake Twp. Hall, township supervisors drew up a list of interior items they wanted included to reflect the history of the area. Not long ago one of those items was completed, a historical map of the region painted on one of the walls in the meeting room.

"We wanted to show how the Mississippi River looked when Clear Lake Twp. was first established combined with the local history of the area," said Twp. Supervisor Bud Stimmler.

The river originally included a sharp curve along its path just south of Clearwater that was known as "Big Bend". Inside the curve was a small island called "Boyington Island."

To start the project, Twp. Engineer Terrance Vander Eyk took an 1899 river map and overlapped it with a Clear Lake Twp. road map at the same scale. The combined maps were then projected onto the wall to be painted.

Stimmler hired local artist Reanna Leuthard to paint the mural. She first sketched the map onto the wall with a pencil, then went back and painted it using acrylic paint.

"Although I've done a lot of paintings, I'd never painted a mural before," said Leuthard. "I've also never painted anything so big. I had to use a ladder to get the top of the map completed. I'm happy with the way it turned out, it's different than my usual style of art."

The mural was completed over the course of a few days. Along with the cities of Clear Lake and Clearwater, it highlights many of the township's early roadways; the oxcart trail, stagecoach road/military road, and railroad tracks.

Significant historical locations within the township

are also identified, including Kirk's ferry crossing, the first trading post in the area *Marks and White*, which operated from 1846 to 1848, and Big Meadows, which was a trading post that served travelers along the oxcart trail.

After the mural was completed, Stimmler added black and white photographs that include the ferry and original Hwy. 24 steel bridge in 1930 and after it was washed out by high water and ice jams in 1943.

"It shows a lot of history in this area," said Stimmler. "People come in and enjoy looking at it."



# Editorials/Opinions

## Local Man Honored With Military Salute

By Mary Nehring,  
Contributing Writer

Lifetime area resident Don Iten was honored Saturday, May 1st with a Celebration Of Life at Clearwater Legion. Clear Lake-Clearwater Legion members and Honor Guard were on hand for the celebration of Iten’s life.

Don Iten was born on Oct. 28, 1943 to Leon & Florentine (Imholte) Iten in his family home in Clearwater. Don lived his earlier life in Clearwater farming with his father and served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp. Don met the love of his life, Carole Sutton, while he was stationed in California. The two married on Oct.19, 1963.

The couple made their home in Becker. The highlight of their life together was the birth of their three children, Raymond, Lori, and Liza. I went to school with Don’s children. We lived just a few miles from the Iten’s and they were a part of our circle growing up.

Don would say he considered himself a farmer first and foremost, but had many other trades in his life. He worked as a Truck Driver and Mechanic. He could fix almost anything. Carole shared “Don was one of the most intelligent people I knew because no matter what you asked him, he always had an answer!”



By Mary Nehring,  
Contributing Writer



BECKER LEGION COMMANDER JOHN RIEBEL and Becker Legion Chaplain Tim Hinds share a tender moment with Carole Iten (Don Iten's widow) and military salute at the memorial of Don Iten.

## Dial Turn Is Not Enough

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted by Sen. Mathews Team).

Today’s announcement of another dial turn is simply not enough. For weeks and months, I and my fellow Senate Republicans have been urging Walz to give up his emergency powers and include the Legislature in decision-making. We are Constitutionally required to pass a state budget and Walz has inserted himself into the equation to the point where it is bordering on impossible to compromise with the House when Walz preempts the other branches of government.

The Senate has passed many bills this session in response, including my bill Senate File 1, to reopen businesses free of emergency powers. Senate File 4, reforming the emergency powers statute so that the Legislature must actively extend emergency powers. Senate File 1470, an off-ramp plan to end the eviction moratorium. Unfortunately, Gov. Walz



By Sen.  
Andrew Mathews

would rather keep his powers than even show any interest in any of these bills.

Furthermore, over the past year, Walz has shown that his decision-making capabilities are usually wrong. He has lost credibility after lying about death counts, failing our elderly in nursing homes, and then trying to blame youth sports for deaths from his failed policies. Why should his new advice be trusted, and why is he still the sole decision-maker for our state after over a whole year?

Look at all the moving goalposts since he took control of our state. First

After the memorial service, the group went to the Mark Imholte Farm near Clear Lake for a military salute by the Clear Lake-Clearwater Legion Honor Guard.

Becker Legion Commander John Riebel and Becker Legion Chaplain Tim Hinds were on hand for the tribute.

Clear Lake-Clearwater Honor Guard/Firing Squad provided a military salute complete with bugle.

Iten will be missed.

### TO THE EDITOR:

Electronic pull tabs in Minnesota fund charitable organizations and small businesses throughout the state. As the Legislative Session comes to a close at the Capitol, some are pushing to end E-Pull Tabs that would negatively impact these organizations and the charities they support resulting in a loss of \$100 million statewide.

As your State Senator, I do not support any changes to the current laws for e-pull tabs. Losing these would be a statewide loss of millions of dollars to our local charities like softball leagues, hockey, 4-H, nursing homes, fire departments, and many more.

Pull tabs have been incredibly successful in helping charitable organizations over the years, and even funded the new Vikings stadium in a negotiated agreement. Any changes to these laws would be a massive step backward for our state and I will not support any attempt to pull the e-pull tab law.

In 2012, a bipartisan agreement allowed e-pull tabs and bingo to be a funding source for the state’s share of the Minnesota Vikings stadium. More recently, an Administrative Law Judge ruled that e-pull tabs also do not violate the tribal gaming monopoly in Minnesota. With these factors considered, I see no reason to make any changes.

E-pull tabs are good for Minnesota. Trying to repeal this law will only hurt our state in ways that have not even been considered yet. I will continue to be the voice of District 30 and stand strong against any attempt to repeal e-Pull tabs.

**Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer**  
**Big Lake, MN**

### TO THE EDITOR:

Big Lake Schools has chosen “Educational Equity Consultants” from an organization “Love & Struggle” for their May 20th “Listening and Learning” conversation. I encourage everyone to review the website. From my research, this is an organization that espouses critical race theory. Critical race theory is a Marxist ideology and promotes equity instead of equality. Equity means equal outcomes based on membership in a defined group. Equality means equal opportunity regardless of group identification. Equity categorizes people by exterior attributes, such as skin color, and

promotes a uniformity of outcome based upon group membership. In contrast, equality means everyone has the same opportunity, but the outcome depends on the individual. Equality promotes excellence, which challenges people of all backgrounds to reach their fullest potential. This is what we call “The American Dream.” No matter what your history or background, you can make something of yourself through your own individual effort and determination. Equality is ingrained in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution. Equity seeks to upend the principles in our founding documents and remake our country into a Marxist nation.

EQUITY has no place in Big Lake Schools, our educational system, or in the United States of America. EQUALITY and EXCELLENCE--I’m all for those!

**Holly Swanson**  
**Big Lake**

### TO THE EDITOR:

Driving your vehicle is going to become more expensive.

Three proposals at state and federal level will make our life less bearable.

First is the increase in gas taxes.

Second, politicians want a mileage charge for every mile you drive. This is above the gas tax collected.

Third, they want to limit the total miles we are allowed to drive.

Some of these changes are proposed by Congressman Kent Conrad (D) from ND, Rep. Frank Horstein (D) in the Mn House, and US Secretary of Transportation Buttigieg. Some references are HF1684 and web site <https://townhall.com/columnists/terryjeffrey/2021/04/07/should-government-track-the-miles-you-drive-n2587502>

Electric vehicles do not pay any gas tax for maintenance of our roads and hybrid vehicles pay very little. MN Senator Howe (R) proposed a vehicle license charge to make up for this in 2020, but it was defeated.

Contact your elected state and federal officials to voice your opinions on these concerns. To get information on contacting your representatives go to [WWW.gis.leg.mn](http://WWW.gis.leg.mn).

**Barry VanBuren**  
**Clearwater, MN**

## Walz’s emergency powers need to cease

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

As many of you know, the end of the Legislative Session is upon us. While this is a very busy time with lots of moving parts, I remain committed to doing what is right for you and the people of District 30. There are many issues that are facing us legislators here at the Capitol and it is our job to find common ground through the state budget.

With Gov. Tim Walz’s emergency powers, we have been under his rule for over a year. On Thursday last week, Walz announced another “dial turn” for restrictions on Minnesota life that is neither enough of a change nor fast enough. With vaccines being administered at a rapid pace with wide availability throughout the state, there is no reason for this one-man rule to continue. The emergency part of the pandemic is over, and Minnesotans deserve to come back and fully recover from the tumultuous year they have had.

As we have seen you all tightening the belts of your budget to make ends meet and survive the ever-



By Sen.  
Mary Kiffmeyer

changing pandemic, and even though there is a massive surplus with enough money to fund the state, Walz thinks you have still not paid enough. The proposed tax increases would place the burden on Minnesotans who have lost their jobs, families who can’t afford childcare, and all the other regular people who have done everything they can to make it through these unprecedented times.

While Senate Republicans have prioritized COVID recovery and no new tax increases by conforming to federal guidelines when it comes to important lifelines like the PPP loans and unemployment, the House is using that as a bargaining chip for Walz’s plan. This is not how the Legislature is

meant to work. We have over 200 elected officials ready to stand up for those we represent but Walz is holding our state hostage until we pass his radically partisan agenda.

With Gov. Walz holding onto his powers with such a strong grip, the hands of your locally elected legislators are rather tied. After voting eight times to end his powers and passing legislation to change the way these powers work, only Walz and his close friends on the Executive Council have the power to end his reign. I encourage you to reach out to his office specifically to tell him to let go of his powers. Without hearing from the passionate people that I know make up our district, he may never relent. Contact Gov. Walz at 651-201-3400.

I am dedicated to fighting for your needs here at the Capitol in any way I can. I encourage you to reach out to my office with any legislative questions, comments, or concerns. My email is [Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.mn](mailto:Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.mn) or you can reach me by phone at 651-296-5655.

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## Area Sports

# Bulldogs girl tracksters host home meet vs. 3 teams

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

Becker held a home track meet on Tuesday May 4, hosting teams from Cambridge Isanti, Chisago Lakes and North Branch.

“The competition was tough but as a team we had multiple season best times and personal records at this meet,” said Head Coach Trish Kealy.

Becker’s lone first place finish was earned by ninth grader Lexi Rose in the 1600 meters with a PR time of 5:49.52. This was her second effort at this distance this year and she ran a very smart race, staying right with the front runner until the last lap when she put on a challenge and overcame the competition



CASSIDY PLEOGER (L) received the baton from Lauren Woelfel (R) in the 4x100 relay race last Tuesday in Becker. (Submitted Photo)

just before the finish line in a very exciting race.

Also racing well in the 1600 was Meghan Swanson placing fourth with a time of 5:57.37.

Cassidy Pleoeger raced to second place in both the 100 (13.37) and the 200 (28.41) and along with Jessica Gruenes, Lauren Woelfel and Sarah Woelfel in the 4x100, placed third with a season best time of 54.94.

Kayla Gruenes and Whitney Schug ran well in the 800, both with very strong finishes. Kayla took second (2:50.92) and Whitney third (2:56.38).

Becker’s hurdlers ran well. In the 100, Sarah Woelfel placed third, Regan Hausmann fourth and Lauren Woelfel fifth.

“It is always helpful to get that many places in

a single event and these girls push each other every time,” said Becker’s head coach.

In the 300 hurdles, the Bulldogs had Hausmann run very strong and she had a season best time of 53.38 for third place. Sarah W. took fifth with a season best time of 55.96.

Allea Briggs ran a PR time of 68.66 in the 400 and placed third.

Also placing third for Becker was Brooklyn Karel, running the 3200 for the first time. Her time was 12:53.54 and she ran with the leaders for the first half of the race doing a really good job. Also in the 3200, Olivia Babler again ran well and placed fifth.

Lauren Woelfel placed fourth in the pole vault with a height of eight feet.

Grace Schendel was fifth in the discus (82’ 9”), Jessica Gruenes fifth in the long jump (season best 14’ 8”).

The 4x800 relay team placed second (Meghan Swanson, Alea Briggs, Kayla Gruenes, Lexi Rose) with a season best time of 10:25.30

The 4x200 team of Kylee Morton, Madalyn Finney, Emma Monreal and Avery Boyer place fourth in 2:15.35.

The 4x 400 team placed fourth ( Kayla Gruenes, Katelyn Brower, Regan Hausmann, Lexi Rose) in 4:38.89.

Becker’s next meet is Tuesday, May 11 at Princeton.

# Bulldog boys track 3rd at Princeton

By Mark Kolbinger  
Contributing Writer

Tuesday night, the Becker boys track team participate in a Quad meet held in Princeton and finished in third place with 43 points. Cambridge-Isanti ran away with the win at the meet with 125 points, while Big Lake finished second with 81 team points. Princeton finished fourth with 21 points.

It was again the Bulldogs’ distance runners who provided the big boost to the team, according to Coach Paul Schmidt.

“The distance runners for Becker took the spotlight,” Schmidt said.

Lucas Karel won the 1600 with a personal best time of 4:50, while he also placed 4th in the 3200 with a personal record time of 10:52.42.

Tyson Ricker won the 3200 — running a personal best time by over 16 seconds — he finished the race in 10:02.83.

“Tyson also ran the first



CARTER RECKELBERG has been a solid performer for the Bulldog track team and is shown here during his Triple Jump performance last week in Becker (submitted photo).

leg of our 4x800 relay team along with Cade Stommes, Alex Kinney, and Mason Becker and they finished second with a season best time of 9:12.72,” Schmidt said.

Next up, the boys

4x200 relay team of Carter Reckelberg, Luke MacDonald, Carter Liether, and Ben Howe ran a season best time of 1:42.34.

The 4x400 team of Cade Stommes, Owen Angell, Leither, and Mac-

Donald ran their best time of the season with a 3:47.22 which was good for second place.

Other top performances for the Bulldogs came from Owen Angell, who placed 2nd in the 300 Intermediate Hurdles with a personal record time of 44.8. He also placed 2nd in the pole vault with a vault of 11 feet.

Carter Leither ran a personal best time of 44.78 in the 400 which earned him a second place finish and Noah Bloch also ran his top time of the year in the 400 with a 61.61 time.

The Becker Boys team is back in action this week on Tuesday and will again be in Princeton where it will compete in a True Team Qualifier Meet. The true team competition will be a virtual event this year that will use times from this meet and others like it from around the state to crown a true team champion.

Look for complete details in next week’s Patriot.

# BL youth center re-opens for summer programs

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The Wave Youth Center in Big Lake kicked off its summer programming this month. After being shut down for most of last year, the center is making its “re-introduction to the community,” in the words of Kat Nau-Jackson, executive director. The youth center aims to be a safe, welcoming place for middle schoolers and, to a lesser extent, high schoolers.

They are located at 171 Lake St. N, next to *Spirit Life Church*, across the street from City Hall. The center is open daily from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Interested parents and students can view their website at *The-WaveYC.org*.

### Who Can Join?

The youth center is open to all middle school students, regardless of whether they attend Big Lake Schools. The center has resources for all students, whether they only want to come and have fun with their friends, or if they need help coping with various issues in their lives. Their goal is to create, “a space where kids are ac-

cepted as they are and feel like they are safe and belong,” as they state on their website.

### Projects and Activities

During the time they were shut down, The Wave offered to-go craft and activity boxes, which were very popular. They will still have a strong focus on hands-on activities and crafts for the kids. DIY projects creating bath bombs, ice cream, pillows and tie-dye t-shirts will be available for the students who come to visit during May. There will also be fun games and activities such as kickball, trivia, and theatre games. Virtual activities will be offered Fridays.

Later in the summer, organizers hope to get the students out in the community, to visit the lake, go bowling, and try other activities Big Lake has to offer.

Nau-Jackson says the organization is always looking for feedback and input from the community in order to improve their program and offer the kids whatever they need.

### Fundraising Event at Pebble Creek

The Wave has an up-



GABRIELA DILLON (L) AND KAT NAU-JACKSON (R) are both excited to help to run The Wave Youth Center and its programs(Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

coming fundraising event. They will be hosting a golf scramble at Pebble Creek June 19. Businesses are encouraged to sponsor holes, donate gift cards and silent auction items, and sign

up to play. They are also looking for volunteers to help run the event. More information can be found at the center’s website or by emailing *Director@The-WaveYC.org*.

## Crash Car to be located at area high schools in May

Submitted Article

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

One of the primary causes of death and serious injury to young people is the result of inexperienced drivers being behind the


wheel when distracted or under the influence. In April, the *Wright County Sheriff’s Office* has brought a “crash car” to area high schools to show the devastating impact vehicle crashes can have on young people still new to driving.

The program has already been done in Maple

Lake, Monticello and Delano and three more are scheduled for May – May 3-7 at *St. Michael-Albertville High School*, May 10-14 at *Dassel-Cokato High School* and May 25-28 at *Rockford High School*. Sometimes the greatest reminders are visuals that can bring home the point of

the devastation that can be caused to drivers and their passengers. The sheriff’s office hopes that seeing the result of driving distracted or under the influence can have and get young drivers to think twice before doing something potential dangerous or even fatal behind the wheel of a vehicle.

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# DNR endorses No Mow May initiative

Submitted Article

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the MNDNR).

Typically a homeowner in any neighborhood that doesn’t regularly mow the lawn is viewed as being lazy, inattentive and neglectful. However, homeowners are actually being encouraged not to mow their lawns this month because it can help bees and other pollinators get the habitat and forage they need in the critical early part of the season, especially in urbanized areas where floral resources are often limited.

More than a decade ago, the *No Mow May* initiative began in the United Kingdom and it has spread across North America in recent years. This week, the 2021 *No Mow May* campaign got an endorsement from the *Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources*.

Studies have shown that unknown lawns in the

spring increase the abundance and richness of bees and other pollinators during the key spring season when they serve as pollen delivery systems for many plant species and are credited with an increase in the growth of clover and native violets in yards and wildflowers in gardens.

Some homeowners go to great lengths throughout the season to keep their yards in immaculate shape and won’t participate in *No Mow May*. In addition, some cities have rules about mowing lawns regularly so that may be an issue in some areas, but during the early portion of spring, the DNR is encouraging people to think about being part of *No Mow May*. It may seem against homeowner etiquette, but the conservation efforts at this time of year for pollinators make it worth it to some homeowners – even if the perception might be that they’re lazy.



# Bulldog golfers hitting their stride

By Mark Kolbinger  
Contributing Writer

The Becker boys and girls golf teams are into the second half of their seasons, with both teams improving their scores and looking forward to post season play at the beginning of next month.

**Girls**  
For the girls golf team and Coach Anna Babler, it looks like no opposing teams will stand in their way of a M8 Conference title as the girls picked up another conference win Tuesday in their meet held at The Ponds course in St. Francis.

Becker's top four golfers carded a total of 365 strokes, 21 better than second place Chisago Lakes' 386.

"It was another nice conference win for our girls," Babler said.

Ashley Reed paced

the team with a round of 89, good enough for 5th place, while Emma Benson was just one stroke behind at 90, which placed her in 6th place. Next up was 8th grader Layla Mathews, who carded a nice round of 92 to finish



in 8th place, while Kylee Rick and Alexa Voller each scored rounds of 94, finishing in 10th and 11th place, respectively.

Next up for the girls was another conference meet held Wednesday at

Purple Hawk course in Cambridge and then a section preview held Friday in Park Rapids.

## Boys

The Boys golf team has been slowly lowering their score and was able to finish in the top half of the M8 Conference during last Thursday's meet hosted at Pebble Creek.

It was the 5th Mississippi8 Conference meet of the season and Becker was able to place fourth out of the 8 teams.

"We finished in fourth place at the meet and remain in fifth place overall in the Conference," Coach Dan Olson said. "Zach was the bright spot, tying for second place with a 78, while the rest of the squad is still struggling to eliminate the blow up holes in their rounds."

Princeton remained the top team in the conference, as their top four golfers shot a combined round of 315 to run away with the top place finish.

Becker scores: Zach Stanz (78), Ethan Tobako

(87), Tucker Rhodes (89), Matthew Martindale (90), Brayden Graning (91), Brock Ramola (101).

Friday, the team traveled to Rich Springs Golf Course in Cold Spring for the Pre-section meet. At this meet, the teams get a chance to compete on the same course that will be used in Section play and at the same time they get to measure up the competition. Becker came into the meet seeded 8th and that is where the Bulldogs finished after firing a combined round of 354.

Moorhead was the class of the event, shooting a 313 to edge our second place Sartell who had 318 strokes.

"All teams shot higher than normal scores due to the cold and wind," Olson said.

Stanz again led the Bulldogs, finishing 3rd individually and carding a round of 76.

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## Bulldog tennis continues to knock off top competition

By Mark Kolbinger  
Contributing Writer

The old adage says that in order to be the best, one must defeat the best. In the case of the Bulldog boys tennis team, that is exactly what they did in picking up a pair of wins over perennial tennis powerhouses in the past week before dropping a contest to the best team in northern MN.

Last Friday, the Mississippi 8 Conference Champion Bulldogs took on the Foley Falcons — undefeated champions of the Granite Ridge Conference — and Becker came out on top with a convincing 7-0 win.

"This was a battle between the Champion of the Granite Ridge and the M8 Champion and our guys came out and played really well tonight," Coach Hakan Bengtson said.

Every match was a big match against the rival Falcons and the Becker players didn't disappoint.

Zach Bengtson won a first set tiebreaker and went on to dominate the 2nd set 6-0 against a veteran player from Foley to give Becker the win at #1 singles.

Coach Bengtson also credited Luke Bordson, who "won a good match that was back and forth the entire 1st set — then Luke took control in the 2nd set" en route to the victory at #3 singles.

Match scores — Becker singles: Zach Bengtson 7-6, 6-0; Ryan Bengtson 6-1, 6-4; Luke Bordson 7-5, 6-2; Troy Nuest 6-0, 6-1. Doubles: Landon Peterson - Eli Scheideman 6-1, 6-2; Wyatt Hiltner - Sawyer Brown 6-1, 6-2; Bruce Kraemer - Nick Gruber 6-1, 6-0.

## Tech Tigers

Monday, Becker took on perhaps the most storied tennis program in Central Minnesota and was able to secure a 4-3 victory over the St. Cloud Tech Tigers.

"Tech has been the class of Central MN ten-

nis for decades," Bengtson said. "This 4-3 win was a good one for our team!"

Despite less than ideal conditions, the Bulldogs came out and played focused, determined tennis to pick up the big win.

"There were lots of great matches, especially 2 and 3 doubles," Bengtson said. "Wyatt and Sawyer played clutch as well as Bruce and Nick. They both closed out big wins that helped secure the victory."

In the singles matches, Ryan Bengtson (6-2, 6-2) was a winner at #2 singles, while 7th grader Troy Nuest (6-2, 6-4) took the #4 singles match win over a Tech senior.

In the doubles matches, the #2 duo of Hiltner - Brown (7-6, 6-4) won a nail biter, followed by the 6-3, 7-5 win at #3 by Kraemer - Gruber.

## Duluth East

Tuesday, the Bulldogs took the long trip to face Duluth East and came up just a bit short, losing 3-4 to the Greyhounds.

"Duluth East is the favorite to win section 7AA," Bengtson said. "They are very talented in singles and it showed today."

Becker was unable to pick up any victories in the singles matches, going 0-4, but did run the table in the doubles matches to make the match close.

In #1 doubles, Peterson-Scheideman teamed up for a 6-3, 6-1 win followed by the #2 team of Hiltner-Brown who won 6-0, 6-4. In the final match, the #3 team of Kraemer-Gruber was solid, winning 6-2, 6-2.

With the loss, Becker sits at 16-3 on the season and was scheduled for another tough match against Mound-Westonka on Thursday. Friday they were to face Alexandria and Willmar before starting playoffs on May 24.

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# Bulldog softball edges Hornets, goes 3-0 in M8 games

By Mark Kolbinger  
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog softball team had a great week — going 3-0 against M8 Conference competition — including a win over the Big Lake Hornets, 5-4.

Tuesday night, Becker hosted 1st place Big Lake in a conference battle and found themselves in an early hole as the Hornets posted 2 runs in the top of the 1st to take the lead. However, Becker put a run back on the scoreboard in the bottom of the inning when Makenna Zerwas walked with the bases loaded.

Big Lake extended the lead to 3-1 in the top of the 3rd before the Bulldogs took the lead in the bottom of the inning as Krista Paulson hit an rbi single to score Brooke Hendrickson. Two batters later, Emma Eickhoff singled to score both Jenna Kringler and Paulson to give Becker a 4-3 lead.

The two teams then played three scoreless innings before the Hornets plated an unearned run in the top of the 7th inning to tie the game at 4. In the bottom of the inning, Becker's Kurstyn Patnode led off with a double and two batters later Cadence Koste nailed a base hit to score Patnode and give Becker the 5-4 win.

Patnode picked up the win in the circle for the Bulldogs, going all 7 innings, allowing 4 runs on

8 hits, walking 1 batter and striking out 7. There hitters — Paulson, Eickhoff, and Koste — each had 2 hits on the night.

## Magic

Last Thursday, Becker traveled to Monticello and came away with a 14-12 win in a wild game. The Magic took an early 2-0 lead with two runs in the bottom of the 2nd before Becker answered back with 4 runs in the top of the 3rd. Brooke Hendrickson and



Cadence Koste each drove in runs in the inning. However, the Magic answered back with two runs in the bottom of the inning to tie the score at 4.

Patnode hit a two-run home run in the top of the 4th to grab the lead back at 6-4 for the Bulldogs before a Magic home run in the bottom of the inning narrowed Becker's lead to 6-5.

The Bulldogs opened the game up with 6 runs in the top of the 5th, as Hendrickson drove in 2 more runs with a double and Patnode hit her 2nd home

run of the night, this time a 3-run shot that made the score 12-5.

The Magic notched a run in the bottom of the 5th and two more in the 6th to make it a 12-8 Becker lead until the Magic were able to rally for 4 runs in the bottom of the 7th to tie the score at 12.

Extra innings ensued and this is when Coach Jason Baune felt his team's character made the difference.

"We showed some resilience and come back with 2 runs in the top of the 8th," Baune said. "Hannah Bartlett and Hendrickson each singled and drove in a run in the inning."

The Magic were able to get two runners on base in the bottom of the 8th, but Patnode shut the door to hold on to the 14-12 win.

Maddie Sherman took the start and pitched 3 2/3 innings before Patnode picked up the win in relief going 4 1/3. Patnode was also a leader offensively, going 4-for-4 with 2 home runs and 5 rbi, while Zerwas and Hendrickson each had 3 hits with Hendrickson also driving in 5 runs.

## Tigers

On Monday night, Becker took on Princeton and won 10-0 in 6 innings.

Emma Eickhoff returned to the mound after 4 weeks rehabbing a serious knee injury that she suffered in the first game of the season and Coach

Baune was pleased with her effort.

"She didn't miss a beat as she threw her first varsity no-hitter," Baune said.

Koste provided the offensive fireworks in the first inning as she hit a 2-run homer and then Eickhoff helped her own cause as she hit her own 2-run homer.

"We got 4 more in the 4th inning, including doubles off the bat of Maddie Sherman and Brooke Hendrickson," Baune said. "We closed out the run-rule victory in the 6th as Ashlyn Croal singled and scored, and pinch-runner Jada Soltau came into score on a Hannah Bartlett single."

Eickhoff went all 6 innings and allowed only a single baserunner on a walk, while she, Bartlett and Koste, each had 2 hits on the night.

Becker's record now stands at 9-5 overall, 7-3 in the conference.

According to Baune, his team has "a bunch of fun home games coming up in the next week."

On Saturday, Becker hosts Eastview at 11:00 am for Parent's Day. Tuesday, the team hosts St. Francis at 5:00 for Senior Day and on Thursday Chisago Lakes comes to town for Strikeout Cancer Night.

"That night we will be fundraising to support the family of a Becker kindergarten student battling lymphoma," Baune said.



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# Hornet Sports News

# BL Cheerleaders place 3rd, 7th nationally

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Last month, the Big Lake Cheerleaders participated in a virtual national competition. Their varsity team took third place and their Varsity Gameday team took seventh.

One of the team’s coaches, Derek Nelson, happily voiced his pride for the team. He said the athletes worked hard this year to improve their performances during a crazy year.

“For the last few years, [the athletes] have qualified for nationals, but this year they were able to place.”

Nelson says COVID-19 is part of the reason for this. The virus made things challenging for teams across the nation. But Big Lake’s cheerleaders were tenacious this season, with the team putting in extra time with virtual practices and improving their individual skills, even with the long pause the students had to take in November and December due to rising COVID-19 cases.

## Next Season

Last year, 58 students participated in the cheerleading program, and Nelson expects the team to grow again this year.

An informational meeting for potential new athletes will be held May 28, and tryouts will be held the week before Spud Fest.

“Seven seniors are graduating this year,” Nelson said.

There’s great opportunity for the underclassmen athletes to step it up again next year and bring the team to nationals once again.

“Lots of programs suffered because of COVID,” Nelson said. “Many teams are going to come back strong.”

Nelson and the other coaches are hoping for a lot of interest in the program again this year, so they can field another amazing team next year.

For more information about the team, the informational session, and tryouts, Big Lake students can contact [Cheerleading@BigLakeSchools.org](mailto:Cheerleading@BigLakeSchools.org)

## Spud Fest Talent Show

The cheerleading



**THE BIG LAKE CHEERLEADERS GAME DAY VARSITY TEAM** placed seventh in nationals in April. **CAPTAINS:** Sophia, Carter. **FRONT ROW:** Lillian, Savannah, Sophia, Anika, Cylee. **SECOND ROW:** Mikaela, Calissa, Layla, Sedona, Cadance. **THIRD ROW:** Ciara, Nathaly, Makenna, Isabella, Kaelyn, Lilliana. **BACK ROW:** Sabastian, Shayla, Akyra, Cherish, Carter. **NOT PICTURED:** Tessa. (Submitted photo.)



**THE BIG LAKE CHEERLEADERS VARSITY TEAM** placed third nationally in April. **CAPTAINS:** Sophia, Mikaela. **FRONT ROW:** Savannah, Layla, Shayla, Mikaela. **SECOND ROW:** Nathaly, Ciara, Cylee, Makenna, Kaelyn. **BACK ROW:** Sophia, Akyra, Sabastian, Carter, Cherish, Shawna. **NOT PICTURED:** Tessa (Submitted photo.)

booster club is very important to the team’s success. It helps ensure all the students are able to participate, regardless of economic background. This year, the athletes will be sponsoring the Spud Fest talent show in order to raise money for the team. Students and adults alike are invited to partic-

ipate and help the team. The talent show will take place June 24. For more information, go to [www.BigLakeSpudFest.com](http://www.BigLakeSpudFest.com).

The team is also excited to bring back their successful *Taste of Terror Haunted House* this September. Last year, the first annual haunted house event

was a big success, with the team setting up one of the 4H buildings at the Sherburne County Fairgrounds to truly terrify patrons. The haunted house featured a spooky maze with changing layout, as well as a mad chase by a crazy clown. Food trucks and concessions were also available.

This year, the team plans to host *Taste of Terror* for two weekends, rather than just the one.

The students are sure to outdo themselves this year, and will likely bring the same enthusiasm and spirit to the Spud Fest Talent Show.

# Boys track does well in Monticello

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The Big Lake Hornets boys track team competed at Monticello May 4. Four schools were represented in the meet including Big Lake, Monticello, Princeton and St. Francis.

“Great effort and performances after being off for so long,” said Head Coach Bob Blanchard. “Three all-time, top 10 performances in the 100 and high jump (Jack Iverson, Reed Bottema and Carson Kunz). Lots of season’s best and PR’s all over the track and field.”

Blanchard indicated his team still needs to continue to improve and get better.

In the 100M, Jack Iverson captured second place with a time of 11.36. Bottema finished third at 11.43, Joe Murphy sixth (11.64), Conner Stukenholtz 22nd (12.86) and Charlie Madsen 30th (13.67).

In the 200M, Iverson again took second with a time of 23.60. He was followed by Bottema in third (23.77), Murphy in sixth (24.07), Wouson Nehwah 21st (26.54) and Stukenholtz 22nd (26.66).

In the 800M, Spencer Vold took first with a time of 2:16.30. He was followed by Jacob Dietsch in seventh (2:44.13), Tanon Jacobson in 10th (2:49.33)

and Vincent Anderson 13th (2:58.67).

In the 1600M, Matt Denzen captured 10th place (5:46.65), Dietsch 12th (5:51.54) and Jacobson 14th (6:01.81).

Owen Layton took second in the 3200M with a time of 10:41.67.

In the 100M hurdles, Rick Edlund took fourth (20.61), Nehwah fifth (21.33) and Madison sixth (21.99).

In the 300M hurdles, Christian Noble took second (46.00), Zach Smith eighth (51.21), Edlund 11th (52.99), Gauge Hoffman 12th (53.42) and Madison 13th (53.59).

In the 4x100 relay, the foursome of Bottema, Murphy, Iverson and Hayden Thieke took second in 46.09.

In the 4x800 relay, the squad of Noble, Spencer Vold, Owen Layton and Matt Denzen took third with a time of 9:10.50.

In the discus, Zach Dembinski took fourth (98’10”), Riley Thompson fifth (96’ 7”), Austin Eccless ninth (91’6”), Luke Hugo 11th (89’2”) , Ike Howell 16th (83’6”), Eric Peredo 19th (81’4”), Brady Johnson 21st (76’10”),

Edlund 22nd (75’8”), JC Sanchez 24th (69’7”), Alec Kapsner 25th (69’5”), Cody Colbert 27th (57’5”), Vincent Anderson 29th (54’8”) and Alex Kuntz 30th (40’8”).

In the shot put, Hugo took seventh (38’10”), Zach Dembinski eighth (32’11”), Eccless 12th (30’11”), Howell 15th (29’11.5”), Edlund 16th (29’8”), Sanchez 19th (28’11.5”),

Johnson 21st (27’5.5”), Peredo 22nd (26’3”), Kapsner 23rd (25’8.5”), Thompson 23rd (25’8.5”), Anderson 25th (25’0”), Colbert 26th (24’6.5”) and Kuntz 28th (19’6”).

In the high jump, Kunz took second with a leap of 5’10”. He was followed by Murphy in fourth (5’6”) and Nehwah seventh (5’2”).

In the triple jump, Thieke took first with a 38’6” leap. Wyatt Windhorts took second with a 38’3” jump and Noble captured third with a 38’1” jump.

In the long jump, Iverson topped the field with

a 20’3” jump. Thieke was seventh (18’4”), Bottema eighth (18’0”), Nehwah 14th (16’9.5”), Hoffman 19th (14’8”) and Austin Brethorst was 21st (12’10.75”).

In pole vault, Trevor Maruska took second (9’6”) and Zach Smith was sixth (8’6”).

Check back next week to see results from Big Lake’s Quad meet at Princeton which was held May 11.



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## 12 Hornets sign on to attend colleges

By Bill Morgan  
Editor/Staff Writer  
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BLHS recently held a signing day celebration for a handful of Big Lake senior student-athletes that are committing to play their respective sport in college.

The school district is proud of all of these seniors and how they have represented Big Lake High School during their time at Big Lake High School. The district wishes them all the best in the future!

Here is a list of students that signed and where they signed to play:

**Ava Vizenor**- Soccer- University of Mary;

**Sophia Lange**- Soccer- University of Mary;

**Josephine Lentz**- Cross Country/Track & Field- Southwest Minnesota State University;

**Mia Huberty**- Basketball- Upper Iowa University;

**Caela Tighe**- Basketball- Concordia-St Paul University;

**Hailey Dickson**- Softball- Luther College;

**Isaac Flicker**- Golf- University of Mary;

**Will Boeckman**- Baseball- St Mary's University of Minnesota;

**Addison Bowne**- Softball- College of St Benedict;

**Kendra Berg**- Softball- Edgewood College;

**Wyatt Windhorst**- Basketball- Mount Marty College;

**Samson Schlegel**- Baseball- St Cloud Technical College.



ADDISON BOWNE. (Submitted Photo)



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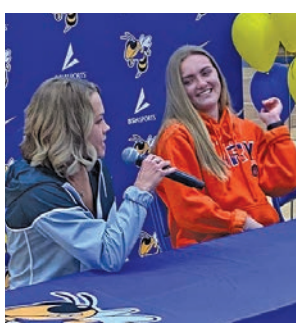
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WYATT WINDHORST. (Submitted Photo)

## Zimmerman pedestrian safety project receives significant grant funding

Submitted Article

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

A joint effort between Sherburne County and the City of Zimmerman to improve pedestrian safety received a significant boost recently when a trail project was awarded \$270,000 by way of federal grant funding. The federal grant covers a significant portion of the estimated \$340,000 construction

cost.

"We are proud to be a part of this joint effort between the city and county. This has been a long time coming with significant effort from the agencies involved. We look forward to the construction of this much needed city asset," said Zimmerman Mayor Nick Stay.

"Our partnership with the city is critical to securing these types of competitive funds," said County Board Chair Raeanne Danielowski.

"We continue to look for opportunities to work with all of our township and city partners on projects which benefit our local communities."

If all goes well, the project is anticipated to be constructed in 2024, based upon the federal fund allocation year.

"While more work is still needed to secure project funding for actual road improvements, this is a great start to our efforts to improve

both safety and accessibility along Fremont Avenue," said Sherburne County Commissioner Lisa Fobbe, whose district includes the Zimmerman area.

The multi-use trail will be constructed on the south side of Co. Rd. 4 from Co. Rd. 45 to Co. Rd. 46 in Zimmerman. The trail will connect schools, businesses and residential neighborhoods along Co. Rd. 4.

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## Hornet sports team capsules

By Bill Morgan  
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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 6-2 with a 10-0 win over St. Francis on the road last Thursday and a 3-0 win over Monticello last Friday. Just their second loss came at the hands of the Bulldogs, who eked out a 5-4 win over the Hornets

Tuesday on the road.

Next up, they traveled to North Branch Thursday for a doubleheader, then and at Chisago Lakes Monday before coming home for a doubleheader Tuesday against Cambridge-Isanti.

### Hornet Baseball

The Hornet boys baseball team's record improved to 4-5 with two wins over Monticello (7-4) and Becker (4-3) and one loss to St. Francis (6-4).

Next up, they hosted North Branch Thursday and traveled to St. Cloud Tech Monday.

### Hornet Boys Lacrosse

The boys fell to 1-5 with



losses to Sartell/Sauk Rapids (18-4) and Becker (15-3).

Up next, they traveled to Monticello Thursday for an early evening matchup.

### Hornet Girls Lacrosse

The Hornet girls stayed winless with and 11-5 loss to Sartell/Sauk Rapids last Wednesday and a 16-3 loss to Becker Monday.

Next up, they hosted Monticello Friday.

### 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.

## Broadband survey announced to guide future plans and projects

Submitted Article

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

Access to reliable high-speed Internet remains a top priority for Sherburne County.

"We want to assure that county residents and businesses are receiving the best possible broadband service," noted County Board Chair Raeanne Danielowski.

To achieve that goal, county officials are conducting an assessment of the current state of broadband Internet in the county.

Businesses and residents are strongly encouraged to take the surveys, the results of which will

guide the county's planning regarding the future of broadband in Sherburne County.

The surveys are designed to measure the broadband speeds that residents and businesses receive and to collect feedback from residents and business owners about what they would like to see in the future.

The residential survey can be found here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/RRRTGCD](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RRRTGCD).

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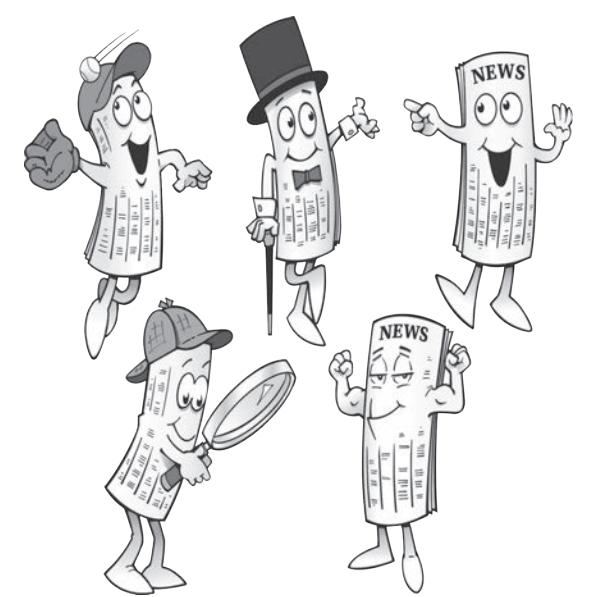
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Due to COVID this was the closest venue outside of our community, we have a *Go Fund Me* page: <https://gofund.me/be19544d> to help offset the pricing.

## 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.BECK-ERFREECHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.BECK-ERFREECHURCH.ORG) (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

## Becker Food Shelf

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

## Becker Lions Club

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

## Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle

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

## Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

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

## Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

The monthly meetings are held 6 pm the third Thurs. of the month at Becker City Hall. (320) 980-2752 or see the state website at [www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 Senior Center

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

## Big Lake Women of Today

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

## Clear Lake Legion

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

## 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 [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.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.

## CVBC - Music in the Park

*Clear Valley Business Connections* (CVBC) is hosting Music in the Park Friday, May 28th from 6-9pm. All are welcome to attend! The event will be held at the *Airborne Disc Golf Preserve* (the old *Eagle Trace Golf Course*) in Clearwater. Music provided by the *Nayman Brothers*. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, please contact Alyx Johnson at: [johnsonmaterials@yahoo.com](mailto:johnsonmaterials@yahoo.com)

## Dementia Support Group

The fourth Wed. of each month at 10-11am, Room 19 at Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave. No cost to join. Tami Kolbinger at (612) 590-2449 or email [tjkolbinger@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@riversofhope.org). Free & confidential. Phones answered 24/7.

## Sauk Rapids Tinville Lions

**Outside** - All you can eat Pancake Breakfast, Sun., May 23, 9am-12pm. Adults \$10, Children 5-10 years \$5 & Children 4 & under FREE, Plus Meat Raffle.

Rollie's, 940 35th Ave NE, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379.

## Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events

Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. Check *Snake River Church FaceBook* page for updates. Annual MidSummer, Sun., July 11, 10:30am followed by potluck & sale.

5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E n CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker. Mary (612) 219-8648.

## Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent

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

## Wright County Community Action

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

## Young @ Heart

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.

## Game Time

# WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to electric work.

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Answer: Ampere

## This Week's Calendar Events:

- Sun. - May 16, 2021:**
  - National Piercing Day
  - National EMS Week (5/16-5/22)
  - Shavuot begins at Sundown
- Mon. - May 17, 2021:**
  - PGA Championship (5/17-5/23)
  - The French Open (5/17-6/6)
  - NAIA Division I Softball Championship (Women's College World Series) (5/17-5/19)
- Tues. - May 18, 2021:**
  - Armed Forces Day
  - Indianapolis 500 - Mile Race
  - International Museum Day
  - National Defense Transportation Day
  - National Endangered Species Day
- Wed. - May 19, 2021:**
  - Emergency Medical Services for Children Day
  - Preakness Stakes
- Thurs. - May 20, 2021:**
  - Hmmm...
- Fri. - May 21, 2021:**
  - National Waitstaff Day
  - American Red Cross Founded: Anniversary, 1881
  - National Pizza Party Day
  - National Bike to Work Day
- Sat. - May 22, 2021:**
  - Don't Fry Day
  - National Maritime Day
  - Canadian Immigrants' Day

## Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

### BASC at Becker Community Center(BCC)

**Tues., May 18th:** BASC all day at Becker City Park - join friends on the patio starting about 9AM. Monthly birthday lunch & Duane Walter, "Big D" music at 11:30.

**Fri., May 21st:** "Lunch on the Run" at Chatters Restaurant in Monticello at 4187 Cedar St., near Aldi's, 11:30.

The Becker Senior Center is open every day 5AM to 5 PM at Becker Community Center. The Coffee is always on. Activities Tues. & Thurs. with more for the other days coming soon. Join us.

**BASC 763-528-0643**

**Email: [basc.becker@gmail.com](mailto:basc.becker@gmail.com)**

## Obituaries

### SPENCER AVERY COX, AGE 35 BECKER, MN JANUARY 11, 1986 – MAY 7, 2021

Spencer left this side of Heaven on Friday, May 7, 2021. From very early on, Mom and Dad realized that Spencer only had to see you do something once to learn it, whether it be starting a car, to running a skill saw. It was never a "jack of all trades, master of none" situation for him. He was a master of anything that piqued his interest, a real Renaissance Man. We always said he had more talent in his pinkie than we did in our entire bodies, sometimes to our great exasperation. Anything we could do, Spencer could do better, if he felt so inclined.

He wasn't really a chameleon, more of a collector, adding to his repertoire of traits, and eccentricities. Mostly he was a dreamer and always a kid at heart. To Spencer, family was everything. He loved his life, his wife, and his motorcycle, and recently got back into fishing.

Not one for tact, Spencer was a straight shooter, sometimes using some very colorful language along the way. He used to say, "People think I am kidding, when really, I am just an a\*\*\*\*\*." But for those of us who love him, we knew it was mostly a front for the tender-hearted teddy bear he hid behind a burly, bearded biker.

Spencer was married just last June, and leaves behind

his loving wife, Elizabeth "Liz". He is also survived by his parents, Russell and Vicki (Dosh) Cox; his five siblings, Macoy (Nicole) Cox, Jena (Kent) Backes, Casey (Kyle) Kosloske, Riley (Sam) Tschida, and Logan Cox; twelve + nieces and nephews; and a plethora of aunts, uncles and cousins who love him. He was preceded in death by our grandpa, Harold Cox, Sr.; our little cousin, Jayci Wilson; and his dog, Russell.

Spencer, some of our best memories are of you. We love and miss you desperately as we Hold Fast to each other, and to God.

Due to the unique nature of our situation, we will be postponing funeral services until our mother is out of the hospital and well enough to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. For more information on our brother and mother's journey, please follow us on *CaringBridge* at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/spencercox>.

Arrangements have been entrusted to *Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home*, Becker.

Obituary, Guest Book, and Video Tribute available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com)

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### Becker Baptist Church

Senior Pastor: Nathan Bucher, Youth Pastor: Kevin Drehmel, Director of Ministry to Children & Families: Amy Drehmel.

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Sunday Worship Service/Children's Church at 10:30 am - attend in person or watch live stream. Children's AWANA & Momentum Youth Group on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. [www.beckerbaptist.org](http://www.beckerbaptist.org). Find us on social media.

### 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/Sun. School 10:30am., Hymn Sing is second Sun. of every month.

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

### Beacon House of Prayer

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

### Free Grace United

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

## • BIG LAKE

### Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church

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

### Bethany Bible Church

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

### Bridgeview Assembly of God

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

### SVEA Hill Covenant Church

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

### Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

### Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock

763-263-7990. [www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com](http://www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com).

### IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church

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

### Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

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

### Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

### Riverside Church

Online: [www.myriversidechurch.com](http://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 Tatkenhorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am

### Silver Creek Community Church

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

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## Obituaries

### GLENN RICHARD ANDERSON, AGE 91 SABRE SPRINGS, CA (FORMERLY BECKER, MN) OCTOBER 11, 1929 – APRIL 19, 2021

Glenn died April 19th, 2021 at Sunrise of Sabre Springs, near San Diego, California. At this time there will be no funeral service held.

Glenn was born on October 11th, 1929 in Becker, MN to Otto and Lillian Anderson. Glenn worked at *Anderson Chevrolet* while in high school and then when he was in college at St Cloud State University. There he met Beverly Halm and married on May 31, 1951.

They raised 3 children Wayne, Gary and Shelly. Glenn was co-owner of *Anderson-Gilyard Chevrolet*. He enjoyed archery, fishing and traveling by motorcycle.

He is survived by his wife and 3 children, Wayne, Gary and wife Ann, and Shelly Waymire and husband Dave and also 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Rodney and Alan and sister Beatrice.



### JOHN B. WARDARSKI, AGE 70 BIG LAKE, MN

A celebration of life will take place at a later date for John B. Wardarski, 70 of Big Lake who died Tuesday at his daughter's home in Big Lake with his family at his side.

John was born September 4, 1950 in Minneapolis to Steven & Gertrude (Ringwalski) Wardarski. He married Darlene Vik on April 2, 1990 in Anoka. John worked as a machinist, on potato farms and most recently as a small engine mechanic. He was a simple man who liked spending time tinkering on engines. He loved his family and spent time with them playing cards, sitting around bon fires, fishing, deer hunting and doing anything outdoors. He loved watching old western movies (John Wayne was his favorite). He was good at making beef jerky and flipping boat motors. He enjoyed old music from



the late 1950's through the 1970's. Most of all he loved his grandkids, he was known to them as the sugar daddy because he was always giving them candy.

He is survived by his wife Darlene,



daughter, Jennifer Johnson and sons, Mike and Andy. He is also survived by his 5 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Jeanette, Audrey, Steven and Bob.

### SHANE R. MORGAN, AGE 51 BECKER, MN JUNE 3, 1969 – MAY 4, 2021

Services will be private for Shane R. Morgan, age 51 of Becker who passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the *St. Cloud Hospital* after a long illness. Arrangements were made by the *Daniel Funeral Home*, St. Cloud.

Shane was born June 3, 1969 in Spring Lake Park, Minnesota to Delbert and Betty (Johnson) Morgan. He was self-employed as an auto mechanic in the Becker area. Shane lived most of his life in Becker.

Shane is survived by his daughters, Melissa of Rosemount and Hope of Prince-



ton; grandchildren, Landon, Quinn, James, Kai, Jerrick, Jax, Zaiden and Nikita Ann; step-son, Justin Jones; mother, Betty Nyberg of Becker; four sisters, Shelly Stenstrom of Hibbing, Debbie Richert of Becker, Brenda Evangelist of Lake Mills, Wisconsin and CarrieAnne Eckert of St. Cloud; Cliff of Becker, Jim of Askov, David of St. Cloud and Brandon Nyberg of Cold Spring.

He was preceded in death by his father; sons, Matthew and Timmy; brother, Eric, step-father, Bruce Nyberg and niece, Naomi.

### ZACHERY ALAN FREIBERG, AGE 31 BIG LAKE, MN

Zach passed away unexpectedly on May 3, 2021.

Zach grew up in the Big Lake/Elk River area, where he spent his entire childhood training dogs alongside his dad at their family business, *Elk River Kennels*.

Zach found complete peace and joy in the outdoors: hunting, fishing, and hiking. On the way or on a mountain top were his favorite places to be, other than spending time with his son, Myles. Zach had a deep love for his family and a deep faith in God.

Zach is survived by and will be forever missed by his son, Myles (Annandale); his dad, Al (North Dakota); his mom, Mari (Elk River); his sis-



ter, Jenna (Maple Grove); his Grandmother, Terri Brunner (Luxemburg); his girlfriend, Justina Nelson and his special bonus son Tyvon (Annandale); and so many close uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 16th, beginning at 3:30 in the *Upper-Level Pavilion at Annandale Municipal Park*, 330 Oak Ave. N. in Annandale. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be preferred and can be sent to Mari Freiberg @ 14217 183rd Lane NW, Elk River, MN 55330. Al & Mari will use all the memorial funds to set up a trust to benefit Zach's son.

Arr. *Dare's Funeral Home*  
763-441-1212

### GLEVA BELLE CRESWELL-BERNDT, AGE 101 BIG LAKE, MN JANUARY 4, 1920 – MAY 10, 2021

Went to be with her LORD and SAVIOR on May 10, 2021. She was born to John & Jesse (Roundy) Crawford on Jan 4, 1920 in Aberdeen, SD.

Gleva grew up in Aberdeen and graduated from high school and two years of teachers' college. Gleva taught in Ipswich, SD country school. She married Alpheus Creswell in 1940. They moved to Barnard, SD to farm. In 1950 they were headed for New York but had to stop in Big Lake, MN since she was expecting, and the Doctor advised them to wait until the baby was born to go on. They found a farm in Big Lake and decided to stay. They raised four children, thousands of chickens, many pigs, and a few cows. They supplied the local restaurants, schools, and many customers with eggs.

After the loss of her husband and son in 1974, she married Clifton Berndt in 1975 and they enjoyed traveling, and farming until Clifton passed away in 1999. She will be remembered for her kindness, love for everyone,

treasure hunts for her grandchildren every summer, beautiful quilts and huge gardens. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Jesse Crawford; her husband, Al; son, Loren; son-in-law, Jim Blonigen; second husband, Clifton; sister, Loraine Miller; brother, Gordon Crawford.

Gleva is survived by children, Roland (Cindi) Creswell of Fort Worth, TX, Nellie Blonigen of Big Lake, MN, and John (Carrie) Creswell of Big Lake, MN; 3 stepchildren; 18 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed and treasured by all.

Funeral service at 11AM on Fri, May 14, 2021 at *Riverside Church*, 20314 Co Rd 14, Big Lake with visitation one hour before service. Visitation also on Thurs, May 13 from 5-8PM at *Peterson-Grimsmo Chapel*, 250 E Broadway, Monticello.

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# Public Notices

## 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 included with the order/judgment, where applicable:

Notices pursuant to Minnesota 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 Statutes, 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 Alternative 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 respondent cannot be made.
- Publication in Sherburne 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).

## Probates

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No.:71-PR-21-78  
NOTICE OF INFORMAL  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)**

**Estate of  
Peggy LaVonne Miller, also  
known as Peggy L. Miller,  
Decedent.**

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

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Wesley C. Miller, whose address is 28143 Holly Rd, Pine City, MN 55063, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

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

Dated: May 5, 2021  
/s/ Patricia A. Kuku,  
Court Administrator  
/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,  
Court Administrator Deputy  
Attorney for Personal Representative

Chelsie Troth  
Troth Law, LLC  
210 Main Street S.  
Pine City, MN, 55063  
Attorney License No: 0395709  
Telephone: (320) 629-2727  
FAX: (320) 629-0009  
Email: chelsie@trothlaw.com  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/15/21; 05/22/21).

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No.:71-PR-21-40**

**Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors**

**In Re the Estate of  
DARRYL EDWARD KULA,  
Decedent (Deceased Person)**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated November 17th, 1992 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:  
Name: **Tracy Rae Doely**  
Address: **1183 Macy Way, Stillwater MN 55082**

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

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.  
Dated: April 7, 2021  
/s/ Patricia A. Kuku,  
Court Administrator  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/15/21; 05/22/21).

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No.:71-PR-21-65**

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Estate of:  
Eric William Raddatz,  
Decedent.**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on the 1st day of July, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Elk River, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Shawn Raddatz, whose address is 1806 113th Lane, Coon Rapids, MN 55433, and Todd Raddatz, whose address is 8918 Tayside Lane, Tinley Park, IL 60487, as co-personal representatives of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. § 523.3-801) all creditors having claims against the estate are required to present claims to a personal representative, to the attorney for the personal representatives, or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of the Notice or the claims will be barred.  
Dated: May 10, 2021  
/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,  
Court Administrator Deputy  
Attorney for Petitioner:

Raymond Walz  
Walz Law Office  
230 East Third Street  
Post Office Box 50  
Redwood Falls, MN 56283  
Phone: (507) 637-8909  
Email: raymond@walzlaw.net  
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE  
DISTRICT COURT  
Court File No.:71-PR-21-68**

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

**In Re: Estate of  
Jerome Leo Mackedanz,  
Decedent.**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

It is Ordered and Notice is

given that on 7/1/2021, at 2:10 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Dr. NW, Elk River, MN 55330, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated April 1, 2005, and for the appointment of Larry F. Jenc, whose address is 26881 147th St. NW, Zimmerman, MN 55398, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent'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 Decedent'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.  
Dated: 5/3/2021  
/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,  
Court Administrator Deputy  
Jeddeloh & Snyder, P.A.  
Gwen M. Anderson -169766  
101 Jefferson Blvd., P.O. Box 205  
Big Lake, MN 55309  
Telephone: (763) 262-2889  
Facsimile: (763) 262-6889  
Email:

gwen@jeddelohsnyder.com  
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/15/21; 05/22/21).

## Township Public Notices

### TOWN OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Becker Township Planning Commission will hold a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Becker Town Hall, 12165 Hancock Street. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearings:

**6:01 p.m. Chad Dahlheimer, Variance Application.** Chad Dahlheimer, applicant/owner has submitted a variance application to allow a variance from driveway standards at 8520 137th Ave SE, Becker, MN.

**6:02 p.m. Becker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment** to lot access requirements, including driveway definition and standards.

Anyone interested in these requests is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you have questions regarding the requests, please contact Lucinda Messman at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN, 763-261-5301. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Lucinda Messman at P.O. Box 248, Becker, MN 55308 or by email to [lucinda@beckertownship.org](mailto:lucinda@beckertownship.org) by 4:00 p.m., May 25, 2021.

Lucinda Messman  
Clerk, Becker Township  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/15/21).

### PALMER TOWNSHIP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Help in deciding what to do with our tennis courts. If you have an input you can visit our website at [palmertownshipmn.org](http://palmertownshipmn.org) and fill out and submit your survey which is located on the home screen.

Thank you,  
Amy Bragelman,  
Palmer Township Clerk  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/15/21).

## City Public Notices

### Clearwater Planning Commission Public Hearing Notice

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Clearwater Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Public Hearing is to consider amendments to the following sections of the city's Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 117:

- Section 117-1250 Signs Exempt from Permit
- Section 117-330 Zoning Map
- Updates to the Zoning Map.

A copy of the proposed ordinance amendments can be obtained by contacting the City Hall at 320-558-2428.

The meeting will be held via Zoom web conference. The meeting credentials to attend the Zoom meeting will be available on the city's website or by contacting City Hall.

Annita M. Smythe  
City Administrator  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/15/21; 05/22/21).

# DEADLINES

**Notices & Legals  
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## PATRIOT NEWSPAPER GRADUATION GUIDES

Be on the lookout for the *Patriot's* Graduation Guides for graduating seniors in Becker and Big Lake High Schools!

**Attn: Homeschoolers** from Becker, Big Lake, Clear Lake & Clearwater. Submit your photo/name & location to us to be included in the guide. Send to [production@patriotnewsmn.com](mailto:production@patriotnewsmn.com).

**Becker Grad Guide: May 29**

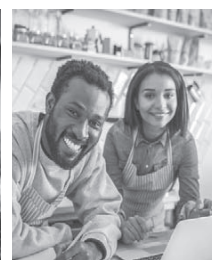
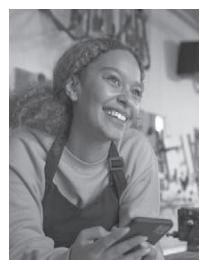
**Big Lake Grad Guide: June 5**



*Congratulations to all graduating seniors! We are excited to celebrate your accomplishment with you, and wish you the best of luck in the future!*

*-Patriot Staff*

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# Public Notices

## 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.**

**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.

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### NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION

State of Minnesota  
Sherburne County

Diane Arnold  
County Auditor/Treasurer

#### TO: ALL PERSONS WITH LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Sherburne County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of the nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on those parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) 60 days after service of this notice on all persons having interest in the parcels or (2) July 31, 2021.

The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the county auditor; the legal description and parcel identification number of each parcel; and the amount necessary to redeem a parcel as of the date listed below.

<u>Names/Addresses</u>	<u>Description of Property</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
RICHARD ARLEN PROPERTIES LLC	01-004-1323 BALDWIN THAT PT OF SW 1-4 OF NE 1-4 SEC 4-35-26, DESC AS; COMM AT A POINT ON THE ELY R-O-W LINE OF COUNTY STATE HWY R-O-W PLAT NO 71-2; 285.50 FT S FROM THE PT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID ELY R-O-W LINE WITH N LINE; THENCE ELY & PARA WITH N LINE A DIST OF 175 FT TO P-O-B OF PROPERTY BEING DESC; THENCE SLY & PARA WITH SAID ELY R-O-W A DIST OF 140 FT; THENCE ELY & PARA WITH SAID N LINE A DIST OF 202 FT; THENCE NLY & PARA WITH ELY R-O-W LINE A DIST OF 140 FT TO POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH A LINE RUNNING ELY FROM SAID P-O-B & BEING PARA WITH SAID N LINE; THENCE WLY ALONG SAID PARA LINE A DIS OF 202 FT TO P-O-B. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR ACCESS PURPOSES OVER & ACROSS THE N 30 FT OF THAT PART OF SW 1-4 OF NW 1-4 WHICH IS BOUNDED ON THE W BY SAID ELY R-O-W LINE, BOUNDED ON THE N BY A LINE DRAWN FROM SAID PT OF COMM TO SAID P-O-B OF THE ABOVE DESC PROPERTY & BOUNDED ON E BY THE W LINE OF THE DESC PROPERTY. SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS & RESERVATIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY	\$8,761.39
MILLER, GRAHAM W & BARBARA A	01-015-1210 BALDWIN SEC 15 TWP 35 RGE 26 N350FT OF S750FT OF W425FT OF NW 1-4 OF NE 1-4	\$8,686.18
ALLEN, BEATRICE C	01-404-0510 BALDWIN ELK LAKE ESTATES, LOT 1, BLK 5	\$93.46
ALLEN, BEATRICE C	01-404-0520 BALDWIN ELK LAKE ESTATES, LOT 2, BLK 5	\$93.46
ALLEN, BEATRICE C	01-404-0530 BALDWIN ELK LAKE ESTATES, LOT 3, BLK 5	\$93.46
KOTOWICZ, JASON J	01-407-0706 BALDWIN BIRCH ACRES, LOT 6, BLK 7	\$268.56
STEIN, CLYDE L & DORENE	10-117-3405 BIG LAKE SEC 17 TWP 33 RGE 27 THAT PART OF THE SE1/4 OF SW1/4 DESC AS FOLL: COM AT A POINT ON THE S LINE OF SAID SE1/4 OF SW1/4 SAID POINT BEING N 89 DEG 36 MIN W 986.25 FT FROM THE S QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17, THENCE N 00 DEG 33 MIN 30 SEC E 649.5 FT TO A POINT HEREINAFTER CALLED POINT "A"; THENCE N 89 DEG 36 MIN W 330.2 FT, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE W LINE OF SAID SE1/4 OF SW1/4, WHICH POINT IS THE POINT OF BEG OF THE LAND HEREIN DESC; THENCE RETURN ALONG THE LAST DESC LINE TO POINT "A" THENCE N 00 DEG 33 MIN 30 SEC E A DISTANCE OF 132 FT THENCE N 89 DEG 36 MIN W 320.2 FT, MORE OR LESS TO THE W LINE OF SAID SE1/4 OF SW1/4; THENCE S ON THE W LINE OF SAID SE1/4 OF SW1/4 132 FT MORE OR LESS TO POINT OF BEG. EX PARCEL 26, SHERBURNE COUNTY R-O-W PLAT NO 21.	\$1,124.07
RODRIGUEZ, JUSTIN M	10-122-2251 BIG LAKE SEC 22 TWP 33 RGE 27 THAT PART OF NW1/4 OF NW 1/4 DES AS FOLLOWS; BEG AT A PT IN THE CENTERLINE OF THE TWP RD A DIST OF 175 FT SELY OF THE INTERSECTION OF SAID CENTERLINE & W LINE OF SAID NW1/4 OF NW1/2 THEN N ALONG SAID W LINE TO THE NW CORNER OF SAID SEC 22 THENCE E ALONG THE N LINE OF SAID SEC 22 A DIST OF 296 FT THENCE SWLY TO PT OF BEG. SUB TO EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC ROAD	\$78,053.71
RODRIGUEZ, JUSTIN M	10-122-2255 BIG LAKE SEC 22 TWP 33 RGE 27 THAT PART OF NW1/4 OF NW1/4 LY SWLY OF CENTERLINE (THREAD) OF ELK RIVER & NELY OF THE CENTER LINE OF TWP RD AS NOW LAID OUT AND TRAVELED & NWLY OF A LINE DESC AS BEG AT A PT ON SAID CENTERLINE OF TWP RD MEASURED N 72 DEG 30 MIN W ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 1035 FT FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE E LINE OF SAID NW1/4 OF NW1/4; THENCE N 53 DEG 21 MIN 30 SEC E TO THE THREAD OF SAID ELK RIVER & THERE TERMINATING. EXCEPT THAT PT IN THE CENTERLINE OF THE TWP RD A DIST OF 175 FT SELY OF THE INTERSECTION OF SAID CENTERLINE & W OF SAID NW1/4 OF NW 1/2 THENCE N ALONG SAID W LINE TO THE NW CORNER OF SAID SEC 22; THENCE E ALONG THE N LINE OF SAID SEC 22 A DIST OF 296 FT THENCE SWLY TO PT OF BEG	\$343.58
HUGHES, CONSTANCE	10-470-0240 BIG LAKE ROSEWOOD ESTATES, LOT 8, BLK 2	\$14,543.11
FUHRMANN, JUDD	10-494-0330 BIG LAKE BLACK BUCK ACRES, LOT 6, BLK 3	\$8,393.35
MERCHANT, MITCHELL E HERBERT, B & BRUGGEMAN, J	15-402-0385 BLUE HILL SECOND ELK LAKE ESTATES, LOT 29, BLK 3	\$1,493.93
CAMPBELL, JOHN F & LOIS E	25-033-4110 HAVEN SEC 33 TWP 35 RGE 30 THAT PART OF GOVT LOT 2 DESC AS FOLL: BEG AT A POINT WHERE THE W LINE OF HWY RUNNING ALONG E SIDE OF SEC 33 INTERSECTS THE N SHORE LINE OF LONG LAKE AT ITS LOW WATER MARK ON MARCH 2ND, 1905; THENCE N ALONG THE W SIDE OF HWY 223 FT; THENCE W AT RT ANGLES WITH SAID HWY 104 FT; THENCE S PARA WITH HWY TO THE N SHORE LINE OF LAKE AT ITS LOW WATER MARK; THENCE E ALONG N SHORE LINE OF LAKE TO POB.	\$19,708.47
BODINE, STEVEN ANDREW JOHNSON, FRED	30-004-4206 LIVONIA SEC 4 TWP 34 RGE 26 THAT PT OF N 400 FT OF GOVT LOT 2 MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE N LINE THEREOF, THAT LIES E OF A LINE DRAWN SLY & AT RIGHT ANGLE TO THE N LINE THEREOF, DIST 925 FT FROM NE CORNER THEREOF, SUBJECT TO A TWP RD EASEMENT FOR 120TH STREET NW	\$126.19
SERSON, SHAWNA FAY	35-012-4135 ORROCK SEC 12 TWP 34 RGE 27 E 421.91FT OF SE 1-4 OF SE 1-4 LYING S'LY OF CSAH 4	\$13,178.39
MATZKE, JOHN A & DEBRA L	35-404-0418 ORROCK EAGLE LAKE SHORES UNIT NO 1, LOT 9, BLK 4	\$214.22
ALLEN, MICHAEL L & ELIZABETH ANN	40-416-0645 PALMER CEDAR POINT, LOT 50, BLK 6	\$2,958.66
BRAUSEN, LOLA GAIL	45-005-2101 SANTIAGO SEC 5 TWP 35 RGE 28 S 495 FT OF NE 1-4 OF NW 1-4. SUBJ TO EASEMENT DESC AS PARCEL 62 SHERB CTY ROW PLAT 64	\$9,719.92
MCPHERSON, STEVE & SUSAN	60-417-0630 BECKER CITY EDGEWOOD DEVELOPMENT, LOT 6, BLK 6	\$10,350.64
STOLP, KENNETH C & DONNA	65-421-0128 BIG LAKE CITY DEEPHAVEN ADDITION, THAT PT OF LOT 16, BLK 1 AND OF GOVT LOT 2, 19-33-27 DES AS COM AT A PT 15.5 FT N OF NE COR OF SAID LOT 16 ON AN EXT OF E LINE OF LOT 16, THEN W AND PAR TO N LINE OF LOT 16 55.5 FT TO A PT, THEN IN A STRAIGHT LINE SELY TO SE COR OF LOT 16, BLK 1	\$98.44
WAF SHERBURNE HOLDINGS, LLC	65-508-0205 BIG LAKE CITY BIG LAKE INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST PLAT TWO, LOT 1, BLK 2	\$291,860.98
WEST, RON G LTD	65-528-0105 BIG LAKE CITY BIG LAKE MARKETPLACE FIRST ADDITION, LOT 1 BLK 1	\$2,717.81
NELSON, BONITA J	75-404-0030 ELK RIVER CITY AUDITORS SUBDIVISION NO 4 THE E 93 FT OF THE N 1/2 OF E 1/2 OF LOT 3	\$10,445.74
THOMPSON, DEAN	75-506-0380 ELK RIVER CITY BELGIN ACRES, LOT 8, BLK 3	\$9,869.98

FAILURE TO REDEEM THE LANDS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The amounts listed above must be paid to redeem if paid on or before July 31, 2020. Please contact the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer's Office to verify the amount due if paid after July 31, 2020

Inquiries about the delinquent tax proceedings described above can be made to the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer at the address listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal on this 11th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Diane Arnold

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# Police & Sheriff Activity Reports

## Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings May 3, 2021 – May 9, 2021

**Call for Service Summary:** Total Calls for Service for Week: 192; 2021 Calls for Service: 4,043; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 43; Citations: 9; Arrests: 2; Medical Emergency Calls: 9; Mental Health Holds: 0; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 2  
**Big Lake Police Arrests:** Sage Hietala – (Age 29 – Otsego, MN) – GM 3rd Degree DWI; Stephanie Roden – (Age 28 – Becker, MN) – GM 3rd Degree DWI

**Sun., May 9, 2021:** Lakeshore Dr/ Nicollet Ave - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; 19591 Station St - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; Hwy 10/Lakeshore Dr - 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.

**Sat., May 8, 2021:** 4300 blk Ridge Cir - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed; 16700 blk Market-place Dr - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juveniles, mediated by officers; Hwy 10/CR 43 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

**Fri., May 7, 2021:** 655 Norwood Ln - Property Damage - Report of damage done to trunk of vehicle; 711 Rose Dr - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 480 Fern St - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance.



## Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of May 3rd – May 9th

**3-May:** 3 speed warning, 1 record check, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 alarm, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 registered owner DL status revoked / Driver was not owner, 1 equipment warning, 1 extra patrol

**4-May:** 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 mental health, 1 extra patrol, 1 fire alarm, 1 suspicious activity, 1 4th degree DWI Citation #164, 1 harassment, 1 speed warning, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 gas leak/smell, 1 fail to dim headlights warning

**5-May:** 1 possession of small amount of marijuana Citation #166 / no insurance & driving after revocation Citation #167, 1 medical, 1 speed warning, 1 record check, 1 funeral escort, 1 fraud complaint, 2 failure to display registration warning, 1 alarm, 2 equipment warning, 1 possession of 5th degree-controlled substance / small amount of marijuana / drug paraphernalia / legend drug / hypodermic needles / open bottle / driving after revocation / no proof of insurance / Dakota County felony warrant / possession of hypodermic needles Citation #168

**6-May:** 3 juvenile concern, 1 medical alarm, 1 agency-assist, 1 civil, 1 record check, 1 agency-assist, 1 expired tabs warning / no proof of insurance, 2 driving conduct warning, 1 alarm, 3 equipment warning, 1 expired tabs warning, 1 domestic dispute, 1 equipment / suspended object warnings / Warrant arrest / Driving after revocation Citation #169, 1 expired registration / driving after revocation Citation #170

**Thurs., May 6, 2021:** 100 blk Eagle Lake Rd - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 4600 blk Pond View Dr - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance.

**Wed., My 5, 2021:** 300 blk Fern St - Marijuana in a Vehicle - Officers dispatched to the report of people smoking marijuana in a vehicle, officers arrived and could smell burning marijuana, occupants issued summons for Marijuana Possession; Silver Creek Twp. – Agency Assist – K9 assist for Wright County. K9 Bruno requested to conduct sniff of vehicle, Bruno alerted on driver's side door of vehicle, marijuana and paraphernalia located under driver's seat; Lake St/Norwood Dr - 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.

**Tues., May 4, 2021:** 4600 blk Pond View Dr - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; 711 Rose Dr - Vehicle Crash - Report of a vehicle crash with no injuries, report completed.

**Mon., May 3, 2021:** CR 5/CR 75 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; Hwy 10/CR 81 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

**7-May:** 6 speed warning, 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 driving conduct-warning, 1 expired tabs warning, 1 security check, 2 extra patrol, 1 parking on sidewalk ordinance warning, 1 ATV complaint, 1 Dog Bite / Potentially Dangerous Dog / Dog at Large Admin Citation #2119, 1 expired registration warning / driving after revocation / no insurance Citation #171



**8-May:** 2 security check, 1 speed / no proof of insurance Citation #172, 2 speed warning, 1 traffic complaint, 1 theft / false info / possession of drug paraphernalia / open bottle Citation #173, 1 extra patrol, 2 stop sign warning, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 medical, 1 loud music complaint, 1 5th degree possession of controlled substance, 1 welfare check, 1 open container / no MN Drivers License Citation #174 / driving after revocation Citation #175

**9-May:** 2 suspicious vehicle, 1 fail to dim headlights warning, 1 fail to display registration warning, 3 equipment warning, 1 medical, 1 suspended object warning, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 found property, 1 mental health, 1 grass fire, 1 found animal, 1 speed warning, 1 extra patrol, 1 following too closely warning, 2 security check, 1 driving after revocation Citation #176 / possession of small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia JUV Citation #177 / possession of small amount of marijuana Citation #178



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

With summer around the corner, I thought this information that was recently posted on the Department of Public Safety's blog was important to share.

“If there's one thing we've learned about smart phones, it's that touch screens can be... well, touchy. If it hasn't happened to you, you've probably heard about it—your cat walks on the screen and turns your phone off, or your toddler grabs it while you're not looking and accidentally calls your boss. It can even happen in your pocket, when you somehow end up dialing whoever is at the top of your contacts list – as anyone whose name begins with an A can attest.

Most of these accidents are harmless. But more and more, people are unknowingly pressing just the right combination of buttons to activate the built-in SOS function on their phones, resulting in an accidental call to 911. Both iPhone and Android have this feature, and it's an issue that Minnesota public safety answering points (PSAPs) have been dealing with over the past year.

It sounds harmless enough, but here's the problem: anytime a dispatcher has to answer an accidental 911 call, it takes their time and attention away from 911 callers who have true emergencies and need help. Holiday weekends are especially a concern. Over the 2020 4th of July weekend, dispatchers in Crow Wing County reported receiving over 100 SOS calls from people who had inadvertently activated the SOS feature on their devices. Another PSAP reported that a man called 911 using this feature on his wife's phone. When he hung up and the dispatcher called him back, he apologized, saying he had no idea that this feature even existed.

Just remember that if you do accidentally call 911, don't hang up. Dispatchers will just call you back anyway to make sure you're okay. And if they can't contact you, they may even send first responders to check on you. Instead, stay on the line, tell the dispatcher it was a mistake, and explain that there's no emergency. On most phones (and smartwatches – yes, it happens with them, too), you can disable this feature using the settings app. But public safety officials don't recommend it, because that makes one less way to contact 911 if necessary.

April was National 911 Education Month, so it's a good time to review all the ways you can contact 911 if you have an emergency. There is of course the traditional call on your phone, but remember that if you can't call, you can also text to 911. And if there is any disruption of 911 services, it's helpful to have the 10-digit, 24-hour number for the PSAP of the county you're in. Write them down or save them in your phone for the counties you're in the most.

The more you know about the various ways to contact 911, the safer you'll be. Others will be safer, too, when dispatchers can focus on the true emergencies.”

<https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20210426-how-why-to-avoid-accidental-911-calls.aspx>

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 @MSPP10\_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

## Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 05/03/2021 - 05/09/2021

**The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged offense(s):** William Michael Hass, 46 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - MSD harassment restraining order violation. Christopher Lamar Palmer, 32 of Minneapolis, MN 55411 - FEL felon in possession of ammunition, domestic abuse no contact order violation, possession of drug paraphernalia, & Hennepin Co. warrant. Angela Marie Dvorak, 51 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - MSD order for protection violation. Eric David Haskins, 39 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - FEL 2nd degree assault, FEL threats of violence & FEL felon in possession of firearm. Jeremy James Schlichting, 46 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Lucas Robert Hoheisel, 34 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - FEL 5th degree drugs & Dept. of Corrections warrant. Barbra Darwin, 41 of St. Paul, MN 55414 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Craig Anthony Bojan, 60 of Kimball, MN 55353 - FEL 5th degree drugs, possession of small amount of marijuana & drug paraphernalia. Tiffany Jo Schmeichel, 40 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - MSD domestic assault. Andrew Dennis Hedstrom, 30 of Wheaton, MN 56296 - MSD domestic assault. Robert Mellone Yariek Leake, 29 of St. Cloud, MN 56303 – Dept. of Corrections warrant. Aleah Dawn Becker, 39 of Minneapolis, MN 55408 -Sherburne Co. warrant. Jacob Richard Storlien, 40 of Wayzata, MN 55391 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Jacob Jonathan-Hayes Davis, 25 of Superior, WI 54880 - Chisago Co. & Winona Co. warrants. Marquise Donta Brown, 20 of St. Paul, MN 55104 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Raymond Anthony Gruer, 35 of St. Paul, MN - Dakota Co. warrant. Paul Douglas Yozamp, 40 of St. Cloud, MN 56304 - Mille Lacs Co., Sherburne Co., Stearns Co. & Wright Co. warrants.

**Citations Issued:** 2 drugs - possession of drug paraphernalia - use or possession prohibited, 1 traffic - careless driving - operate any vehicle carelessly on street or highway, 17 traffic - speeding - exceed limit, 1 traffic regulation - unlawful passing - against

signs, 2 traffic regulation - driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, 1 traffic regulation-uninsured vehicle-driver violation, 1 traffic regulation - motorcycle - driving without endorsement, 1 driver's license - driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type, 1 traffic-driver's license-driving after suspension, 4 traffic-driver's license-driving after revocation, 2 BA: running at large. **Total: 33**

**Calls for Service:** 1 burglary, 2 theft, 1 assault, 4 drugs/narcotics, 1 crimes against family, 2 disturbing the peace, 4 harassment, 3 property damage, 1 criminal sexual conduct, 1 DAR/DAS/DAC, 1 crimes against administration of justice, 2 trespass, 3 fraud complaint, 3 animal lost, 1 animal found, 1 accident – mv personal injury, 7 accident – mv property damage, 2 accident – vehicle v. animal, 4 animal complaint, 8 conservation, 11 dog complaint, fire – grass, 2 alarm – fire, 3 death, 25 medical, 6 mental case, 3 alarm – medical, 7 domestic, 3 public assist, 12 agency assist, 8 alarm – security, 14 civil complaint, 127 officer-initiated traffic stop, 11 traffic complaint, 2 garbage/littering, 3 suspicious person, 11 suspicious vehicle, 3 juvenile complaint, 1 attempt to locate, 33 security check, 21 extra patrol, 1 loud

music complaint, 13 check the welfare, 5 burning complaint, 2 ATV complaint, 1 shooting complaint, 2 repossession, 1 parking complaint, 2 jail medical, 32 paper service, 2 recovered stolen motor vehicle, 7 suspicious activity, 1 hazardous road conditions, 1 hazardous materials, 27 miscellaneous officer, 6 background check, 3 warrant arrest, 22 transport, 1 911 phone alarm, 3 911 hang up, 8 court book & release, 2 follow up, 1 public lift assist, 1 vandalism, 5 vehicle lockout. **Total: 509**

**Apr. 21st:** Jason Sommerstad reported a burglary at a new construction homesite on 139th St NW in Baldwin Twp. Estimated value of damage is \$1,500.

**May 2nd:** Joseph O'Shea on County Road 30 NW in Big Lake Twp. reported the theft of patio blocks. Value of the items taken is \$30.60.

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## Wright County Sheriff's Activity Report Period Ending May 10, 2021

**May 3:** Tyler James LaFave, 27, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 2d degree burglary violations. Timothy Glen Slack, 30, of Montrose, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - terroristic threat violations. Faith Mari Degroat, 32, of Willmar, was arrested in Kandiyohi Co. - Wright Co. warrants - theft violations. Kirstin Ann Person, 37, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 2nd degree DWI refusal to test. Aprilynn McClurg, 44, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Monticello - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI refusal to test violations.

**May 4:** George Harold Beilke, 63, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Monticello - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Kimberly Anne Duffney, 32, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charges of disorderly conduct & trespassing. Trisha Mae Lawrence, 28, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - MN Dept. of Corrections apprehension & detention order - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Matthew Earl Potter, 38, of Hayti, SD, was arrested in Corrina Twp. - Lac Qui Parle warrant - 4th degree DWI. Mitchell Blessing Kardor, 22, of Elk River, was arrested in Otsego - charges of violation of domestic abuse no contact order, possession of counterfeit currency, weapon violations & Hennepin Co. warrant - disorderly conduct.

**May 5:** Andre Shryon Kidd, 30, of Waite Park, was arrested in Silver Creek Twp. - charge of mail theft & Stearns Co. warrant - 1st degree robbery. Valee Jean Arntson, 37, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Silver Creek Twp. - charges of false information to law enforcement & 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Bryan Keith Smith, 34 of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - Wright Co. warrants - 2nd & 5th degree possession of controlled substance & weapon violations. Brandon Marques Jones, 25, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Dakota Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Joanne Elizabeth Saman Neft, 32, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation.

**May 6:** Abdullahi Aden Ibrahim, 22, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrants - false information to law enforcement & traffic violations. Anthony Allen Fokken, 46, of Buffalo, was arrested in Clearwater - MN Dept. of Corrections apprehension & detention order - domestic assault violations. Nichole Caitlin Wedin, 33, of Rockford, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & MN Dept. of Corrections apprehension & detention order - check forgery violations. William Joseph Blahut, 43, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 1st degree burglary & Wright Co. warrant - trespassing violations. Scott Alan Wallin, 56, of Anoka, was arrested in Otsego - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety.

**May 7:** Phillip Bradley Sadler, 21, of Buffalo, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & traffic violations & Kandiyohi Co. warrant - interference

with 911 call. Cody Lee Roundtree, 18, of Bloomington, was arrested in Otsego - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & carrying firearm without permit. Evan Lee Knollenberg, 28, of Loretto, was arrested in Franklin Twp. - charges of 1st degree DWI, under the influence of controlled substance & driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Jeremy Craig Stewart Marshall, 41, of Grove City, was arrested in French Lake Twp. - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety, Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance, Dakota Co. warrant - driving after cancellation inimical to public safety & Meeker Co. warrant - 2nd degree assault. Cedrick Scott Ince, 31, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 4th degree criminal sexual conduct. Joshua Arnold Jonas, 24, of Clearwater, was arrested in Clearwater - charges of 2nd degree assault, domestic assault, & interference with 911 call. Kimberly Anne Duffney, 32, of Buffalo was arrested in Buffalo - charges of 1st degree & 3rd degree criminal damage to property.

**May 8:** Mark John Provo, 54, of Annandale, was arrested in Maple Lake Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. John Phillip Hughes, 38, of Bloomington, was arrested in Monticello - charges of 1st degree DWI, fleeing law enforcement, driving after cancellation inimical to public safety & obstruction of legal process. Matthew Jacob Reedy, 35, of Coon Rapids, was arrested in Monticello - an Anoka Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & an Isanti Co. warrant - obstruction of legal process. Kendall Lasean Blunt, 44,

of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - traffic violation. Zachary Forrest Riedberger, 31, of Rockford, was arrested in Buffalo - charges of 3rd degree DWI refusal to test. Richard Joseph Janiak, 28, of Isanti, was arrested in Franklin Twp. - an Anoka Co. warrant - theft violations. Donna Marie Gotzian, 61, of Big Lake, was arrested in Sherburne Co. - charge of violation of harassment restraining order.

**May 9:** Heather Letitia Neal, 34, of Faribault, was arrested in Albertville - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Jay Brian Vazquez, 45, of Annandale, was arrested in Albion Twp. - charge of 5th degree assault. David Floyd Matthees, 60, of Crystal, was arrested in Silver Creek Twp. - charges of receiving stolen property & 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Ronald Mitchell Cohen, 53, of Brooklyn Park, was arrested in Silver Creek Twp. - charges of 2nd degree possession of controlled substance & receiving stolen property.

**There were** 16 property damage accidents, 8 personal injury accidents, 2 hit & run accidents & 3 car deer accidents.

**There were** 6 arrests - DWI, 4 underage consumption arrests, no school bus stop arm violations & 132 tickets - miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.



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