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1. Becker Food Pride – Loyce works at the local grocery store. She has been in Becker all her life, and has worked at the grocery store for much of it. She has seen generations of families come and go, grow and dwindle. She knows everyone and everyone knows her. She is a great connector, and if you have a general question about Becker, she is the lady to ask.
2. Churches – There are of course a plethora of churches in Becker. Becker Baptist has arguably the largest youth group. Mary of the Visitation Catholic church also has a large youth group and has a second campus in Big Lake, MN. Becker Evangelical Free church meets in the High School auditorium. Oakwood Community church has a facility connected to Becker Furniture World. There are 2 Lutheran churches in town as well. For a town of just over 3,000...there's a lot of options.
3. Becker Community Center – Workout facility, pool, waterslide, rock climbing, gym, fitness classes, community meeting rooms and the local library are all housed here. There is a membership fee, or you can buy a punch card like me. I have connected with a ton of youth and adults here from various walks of life in the community.
4. Becker High School – Jesse O'Neil in the activities office is the go to gal for anything school related. She is well connected within the district and has kids who attend as well. She is well liked and respected by both students and staff.
5. Skate Park – I know a couple kids here from my substitute teaching days. It's just a few blocks from my house, and is a great place to watch kids doing tricks and hanging out with each other. It's a good place to connect with them to keep the pulse of what might be going on locally.
6. Becker City Hall – Of course, the center for information on Becker. Additionally, the Chamber of Commerce is housed here.
7. Paws Café Coffee Shop – Every morning a group of about 6-8 older gentleman gather here at the local coffee shop. I see them when I grab my morning cup of coffee on my way to work. Most of the time I just over hear their conversations about politics and history of the town and county, but occasionally I have been invited into the conversation. These guys give great historical context to where Becker is today.
8. Becker Hardware – John Riebel, County Commissioner, owns the local hardware store. He knows a lot about the history of the town as well as who to connect with presently to find what you need. He is also a great philanthropist to the community.
9. Jean Johnson – If you really want to get something done or find something out in Becker, you need to meet Jean Johnson. Jean's actual job is for the Farm Service Agency, but she is definitely a "lady about town." She has spearheaded our local Children's Barnyard effort as well as many other events. Jean knows just about everyone. This is partially because generations of her family have lived in Becker, but also because she is a connector and go getter!

10. Sherburne History Center – Open every day! Free to the public. Not only is there some great local information inside, but it is connected to a county park with over 8 miles of hiking trails on one of the first homesteads in the county.
11. Norms Farm Stand – Open May to frost. I think everyone in town and from the surrounding area shops here in the summer for all their produce...
12. Becker Farmers Market – Run's Friday afternoons, May to September in the parking lot of the community center.
13. Nix – This is the local watering hole that pretty much everyone in town goes to for dinner and or a beverage. On any given night you could find city council members, the mayor, school staff and a variety of community business members here.