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Clearwater County Food Shelf holds Meeting

The Clearwater County Food Shelf held its Annual Meeting on Monday, February 1, at the Bagley Senior Center. Ten corporate members were in attendance, as well as five who zoomed into the meeting. Summarizing 2020, COVID-19 impacted much of the way that we do business. Once the quarantine was imposed in March, curbside delivery of prepacked boxes continued through most of the remainder of the year. The amount of food distributed increased to over 100,000 pounds while the client base increased, especially the senior population. As COVID caused more food insecurity, it also afforded the opportunity for the board to write grants and secure additional funding to follow the USDA guidelines of providing PPE's, increased poundage and more protein, produce and dairy to the clients. More volunteer labor was requested of our corporate sponsors to handle the increased need and food to be distributed. President Jodi Quade was reelected to another two-year term, as was Treasurer Linda Gulbranson. Brent & Sandy Doring and Jane Merschman have another year left on their two-year commitment as Vice-presidents and secretary. Sharon Braaten was commended for her job as the site-manager of the CCFS.

Government experts predict that food insecurity in Minnesota may rise to 13% because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic caused a record number of over 3.75 million visits to food shelves across the state of Minnesota last year. We have been notified that students who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals will get Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) funds through the 2020-21 school year. Those students enrolled in free and reduced-price meals before February 28 should get their first P-EBT benefits by late March. If families have questions about P-EBT, call the Minnesota Food HelpLine at 888-711-1151.

Due to the pandemic continuing into 2021, the CCFS continues curbside delivery of prepacked boxes to clients who remain in their vehicles. We continue to provide additional protein, dairy, fresh produce and paper products as part of our monthly allotment. A client can come to the Food Shelf once per month. Each household can receive one allotment. The USDA changed the income



Sharon Braaten - site-manager.

guidelines to 300% of the poverty level. The USDA guidelines are: a family of one = \$38,280; family of two = \$51,720; family of three = \$65,160; family of four = \$78,600; family of five = \$92,040; family of six = \$105,480, etc. There is no proof of income required and no one is turned away.

The CCFS is able to meet the needs of our area solely through the generosity of our community. It was amazing to witness people donate their entire stimulus check! We also received donations from as far away as California, as people were cognizant of their roots and the needs of their home community. A hometown gal,

off to college, sent the \$250 Target gift card that she had won to the CCFS so we could purchase paper products for our clients – so heartwarming. We also have local benefactors that donate on a regular basis.

Each year during the month of March, Minnesota's food shelves make the push to fund themselves for the year. This year, the March Campaign runs from March 1 through April 11. All food and money collected during this period is matched proportionally. Donations can be dropped off at the Food Shelf (basement of the American Legion in Bagley) on Wednesdays from 10 am-2 pm or mailed to the CCFS, PO BX 578, Bagley.

City council holds public meeting

The Gonvick City council held a public meeting on the water distribution system and water treatment facility. The meeting started before the regular council meeting on Thursday, February 11. The project has been in process and discussed since 2017 when it was ranked #17 on the Minnesota Department of Health's Project Priority List. With 201 users, who are 63.54% low to moderate income the need for grant funding is vital. This project will reconstruct a failing, outdated and inefficient water system. The current water main system is 90% cast iron piping, installed 70 years ago, and 10% asbestos cement piping. This project will replace the mains and inoperable valves and add looping to dead ends to prevent pooling, and replace the chemical feed system in the water treatment facility. The water main breaks are frequent and they are increasing. The result of this project is to restore healthy, and accessible water to this city of 289 residents.

Logan LeClair, the Veterans Services Officer for Clearwater County asked the council if there was room for him to have office space two hours a week for Veterans Service. It would be the same space like the Library Link is using at this time. He would have one veteran and their spouse in the council room of the center at a time.

He also wanted to know if there was going to be any improvements to the basketball courts at the playground. There has not been money set aside for that at this time but it was one of the projects that needed work. LeClair stated that he lives just west of Gonvick and

has interest in using the courts and wanted to know if he could start some fund raising to help with the improvement. The council was more than willing to let him go ahead and see what could be done. He thought it would take him awhile.

The council approved the Clearwater County Attorney agreement for \$50 a month.

The usage of the community

Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary Students Caught Being Good

By: Alex Dawson

Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary launched a "Caught Being Good" program to start off the new year. Each month students are recognized by faculty for demonstrating good character. A fish is displayed on a wall in the elementary with each nominated student's name on the front and a description of their kind act on the back. At the end of each month, names are drawn and winners get a prize to promote positive behavior and thoughtfulness.

January kicked off the program with 60 elementary students nominated. The seven winners from the drawing were:

Lauren Weems - Kindergarten, Mrs. Johnson
Anika Abel - 1st Grade, Mrs. Hegg
Nevaeh Salzer - 2nd Grade, Mrs. Faldet
Becca Dahl - 3rd Grade, Mrs. Rude
Bronx White - 4th Grade, Mrs. Dahl
Kayden Dombkowski - 5th Grade, Mrs. Hamnes
Braxton Bjerke - 6th Grade, Mrs. Ehlers

Congratulations to our "Caught Being Good at Clearbrook-Gonvick" winners and to all who were nominated! Keep up the great work!

center for the general public was put on hold again for this month until word comes from the governor. Not knowing how many people would be in the building was the biggest concern if it were to be rented out at this time.

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Tower Avenue railroad crossing to be furnished with flashing light signals, gates and warnings

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on February 16, 2021.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé previously discussed a railroad crossing signal installation for the crossing located on CSAH 25 (Tower Avenue) located south of US Highway 2 and the Industrial Park in Bagley.

The crossing will be provided with new railroad flashing light signals, gates, constant warning circuitry and LED lenses. The BNSF Railway Company is willing to install, maintain and operate the signals under the terms and condition of the agreement.

The total obligation for this project is \$248,236, with anticipated Federal Aid being for 90% of the cost in the amount of \$223,412. The local obligation by Clearwater County is \$24,824. The agreement states that the BNSF Railway Company shall have the signals placed in service within 18 months after the date the Company is authorized to begin work.

This agreement is made and entered into by and between the State of Minnesota through its Commissioner of Transporta-

tion, the BNSF Railway Company, and Clearwater County.

Motion brought by Chester Powell, Program Technician of Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) last week regarding the Wild Rice-Marsh River Watershed Management Plan was approved by the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners. The motion to adopt and begin implementation of the approved Wild Rice-Marsh River Watershed Plan was made by Commissioner Dean Newland and seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera.

The Wild Rice District Board of Managers has been notified by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources that the Wild Rice-Marsh River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan has been approved according to Minnesota Statutes and Board Resolutions.

Environmental Services
Director, Dan Hecht received authorization for the Board Chairperson Mark Larson to sign the Right of First Refusal Agreement between the County and Alan and Rosa Troyer for land in Pine Lake Township, following purchase of the land

by the County. This agreement is related to the purchase of the land for solid waste collection purposes.

Attorney Kathryn Lorschbach brought a motion to approve the installation of a legal kiosk run by Legal Services in the Law Library.

A person from the Legal Services would bring a computer to use there, she said. The commissioners passed the motion.

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay submitted invoices of \$194,241 from the County Revenue Fund; and \$4,274 from the Nursing Service Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner John Nelson, and seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera to approve expenditures of the Cares Act Grant Award Committee, of which Commissioner Nelson is a member, to pay the recommendation amount of \$250,000; and administration agreement to Headwaters Regional Development Commission of \$6,250.

All Commissioners were present at the meeting: Mark Larson, Mark Titera, Dean Newland, John Nelson, and Neal Illies.

Scholarship opportunities for Clearbrook-Gonvick students

Admissions staff members from the University of Minnesota-Crookston described a special scholarship opportunity for local students at the Clearbrook-Gonvick February 16th school board meeting.

Jessie Hanson, Brandy Chaffee, Amberly Cox, and Kayla Pehlen gave a presentation on a scholarship worth up to \$12,000 per year. This scholarship has been made available by donors with roots in the Clearbrook and Grygla areas. Students from Clearbrook-Gonvick, Grygla, and Euclid may apply for the scholarship. Interested students must be graduating from high school in 2021. They must apply and be accepted to the University of Minnesota at Crookston. In addition, they will need to complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA. The scholarship presentation included examples of the impact of the scholarship on financial aid packages a student might receive. In each case, the scholarship would provide the student the opportunity to attend college with tuition and fees covered. The Crookston representatives provided the school with contact information for any student who is interested in applying for this scholarship.

The Agriculture Communications class prepared the Spotlight on Education slide show presented by teacher Kim Anderson. Students and staff are happy to be back to in-person learning at school. "Caught Being Good" is a new program in the elementary classes. Teachers nominate students who demonstrate positive behaviors. These students' names are entered into a monthly drawing for a chance to win prizes. Work-study students are gaining experience in the Early Childhood classrooms. Baking brownies is

one of the fun ways students are learning in the Math Corps program.

Student enrollment is up slightly, according to Principal Carl Dugstad, with 213 high school and 210 elementary school students. More students are also choosing to move from optional distance learning to in-school classes. Plans are being made for a fun but safe Snow Week/FFA Week under the direction of teachers James Bettin and Kim Anderson. The safety committee has given preliminary approval for a modified prom event. Dugstad reported that the district's NWEA test scores took a dip, but he expects the state's scores will see a larger dip, since Clearbrook-Gonvick students have had more time in school than many Minnesota students. Programs to mitigate learning loss due to the COVID pandemic are in the early planning stages. These might include credit recovery plans for high school students and summer learning opportunities for the younger grades.

Superintendent Jeff Burgess told board members that the safety committee met and does not recommend changes to the learning model of in-school classes for all students.

Burgess explained that the state's new social studies standards are in the first draft. Burgess anticipates changes to these as the development process moves forward.

School administrators are waiting for more detailed information on the new ESSER funds. These can be spent on technology, learning recovery, and ventilation, but Burgess hopes for more specific direction on how these funds can be spent. Burgess also reported that the district has received increased

Impact Aid for this year. They expected \$70,000 but will receive an additional \$90,000. The increase is due to a change in the school's classification at the federal level. Burgess anticipates that \$90,000 will also be received for the prior year.

Burgess shared that there are many issues being covered at the state that will impact education. Legislation is currently in the works for streamlining the process for districts to create e-learning systems. The Due North Education Plan is in the early stages of negotiation, so it is too soon to know the impacts of this on school programs or budgets.

Two of the school's three water heaters are not working. Superintendent Burgess shared a \$37,000 quote for a system like the one currently used at the school. A quote was also received for a hybrid tankless water heating system. Burgess will get more quotes and investigate the possibility of receiving rebates for the water heater purchases. Burgess also shared that the head custodian has prepared a list of long-term needs that will need to be addressed in the next five to ten years.

Superintendent Burgess presented two calendars for the 2021-2022 school year. One calendar includes traditional snow days. The other does not have snow days but would use e-learning days if school was cancelled due to weather. If the school adopts the e-learning calendar, a plan for the e-learning would need to be in place and students would need to have necessary materials for learning from home. The e-learning system could be tested on a half-day

School board...

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Congratulations to our "Caught Being Good at Clearbrook-Gonvick" winners and to all who were nominated! Keep up the great work!

Community Calendar

Spaghetti fundraiser February 25 planned

There will be a spaghetti fund raiser for the Anderson family adoption. Andy, Sabrina and Ava Anderson are on an adoption journey and have joined with Thrivent Financial to raise funds in order to help them with the costs associated with adoption. They will be serving a spaghetti dinner at the Bagley American Legion on Thursday, February 25 from 4 to 7 pm.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Main Entrees included with meal are vegetable, bread, milk, dessert and or fruit.

Wed., Feb. 24 - Tater Tot Casserole.

Thurs., Feb. 25 - Turkey and Potatoes.

Fri., Feb. 26 - Smothered Pork Chop and Potatoes.

Mon., March 1 - Sausage, Gravy & Biscuit.

Tues. March 2 - Goulash

Wed. March 3 - Vegetable Soup, Sandwich, Meat.

Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Ruby's Pantry March 3

Join us Wednesday, March 3rd. Distribution will run from 4-5:30pm. Bring \$20 cash for a share that is valued over \$100. Maximum of 2 shares per vehicle. No registration needed for drive-thru distribution. No boxes needed, everything will be prepackaged for you. Volunteers needed: If wanting to volunteer to help distribution shares, please head to: www.rubyspantry.org/become-volunteer to fill out a volunteer application.

Ruby's Pantry - Clearbrook location will be held Wednesday, March 3rd, from 4-5:30pm.

This distribution will be outside again with the drive thru format. For the safety of our guests and volunteers please read this in its entirety.

- Distribution will start by 4:00pm (could be a tad earlier if ready).

- Distribution will be held outside in our parking lot with a drive thru system.

- Limit of 2 bundles per vehicle (not per person) with NO EXCEPTIONS.

Gully Sportsman club meeting

The Gully Area Sportsmans Club will be meeting on Saturday, February 27 at 10:00 am at Shorty's in Gully.

Report from county nursing service

Clearwater County: 707 cumulative cases.

We are up one case from last week. Case count for the past 14 days is 12 cases (11 last week) that makes our 14 day case rate 13.62

Age ranges for COVID cases from February 5, 2021 to February 18, 2021

Age 0-19: 3

Age 20-39: 5

Age 40-59: 3

Age 60-79: 0

Age 80+: 1

Vaccine:

We did not receive any vaccine this week. But did do a round of second doses on Wednesday. We look forward to receiving and administering vaccine next week!

**If you are over 65 years old or under 65 with underlying health conditions and would like to be vaccinated please contact our office at 694-6581 to sign up.

If you do not fit in to one of these categories but you would like to be put on our waiting list please call.

Questions regarding vaccination?? Give us a call at 694-6581 or visit <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine.html>

****CASES IN OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTIES ARE INCREASING. CHECK OUT THE MDH WEBSITE FOR THE CASE NUMBERS IN EACH COUNTY** Situation Update for COVID-19

Please do your part and follow recommendations to slow the spread of COVID. WEAR A MASK, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE (greater than 6 ft.) WASH YOUR HANDS and stay home as much as possible!

Marissa Hetland RN/BSN/PHN; Director-Clearwater County Nursing Service

Public Health/Homecare/Hospice

Administrator-North County Community Health Services
212 Main Ave. N.
Bagley, Mn 56621
ph-218-694-6581

A MESSAGE TO ALL VETERANS IN CLEARWATER COUNTY!



I've been to Iraq and Kuwait, which helps me relate with the experiences of our veterans in the community.

In times of need our nation called for your help, you answered the call. As a former service man or service woman, the United States of America made promises to support you in your time of need. If you are a veteran who is suffering the effects of poor health, injuries, or other maladies connected to your service to our country, I am here to help you obtain the help you are entitled to. This applies also to surviving spouses and dependent children.

Memorial Day will be here sooner than you think! Be sure to contact me so your deceased Veteran will have a bronze grave marker designating his or her service to our nation.

OUTREACH SCHEDULE BRINGING SERVICE CLOSER TO YOUR HOME

Shevlin on Tuesdays 10 a.m. - noon at the City Hall/Fire Hall
Clearbrook on Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. at City Hall in the Legion room.
More outreach locations pending.

Logan LeClair, Veteran Service Officer for Clearwater County

Please call for an appointment: 218-694-6618;

cell: 218-401-2951

email: logan.leclair@co.clearwater.mn.us

213 Main Ave., N., Dept. 305 Bagley, MN 56621

You will find my office on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse.



City Council...

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Expenditures were approved with Water and Sewer \$4,714.74, General \$14,792.23, Fire \$5,491.61 for a total of \$21,998.58.

Police Chief Dan Gazelka gave his report. There were 15 incidents including: Assist 1, Disturbance 1, Hazemat 1, Juvenile Misc. 1, Medical 3, Parking Complaint 1, Suspicious Activity 1, Traffic Stop 4, Welfare Check 2.

School board...

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during conferences. The staff members have been surveyed for input as the calendar is being developed.

The board members approved the purchase of 30 more iPads. The addition of this technology will allow all kindergarten through third grade students to have their own iPad for use in the classroom, with ten extra iPads for district use. The board also okayed the district's plan to purchase new computers for teachers, replacing some that are around ten years old. ESSER funding will be used to purchase the new technology equipment.

A memorandum of understanding for pandemic leave with the MSEA was approved. Superintendent Burgess explained that this was similar to the agreement made with teaching staff.

Several staff changes were addressed during the meeting. Linda Brown has been hired as the distance coordinator, a new position for the district. She will work with students in grades K-12 who have elected to learn from home this year. Her job will involve calling students and contacting parents to help these students succeed as distance learners. Janelle Maxie was hired as an additional cook to help with the extra meals the district is providing this year. Teresa Smith was hired as a paraprofessional in the DCD classroom.

The board members accepted the resignation of Kyle Christianson from the Athletic Director position. Mr. Burgess expressed his appreciation for Christianson's time and effort in planning for student sports activities. Kim Anderson's resignation was also accepted. Burgess thanked her for her work, especially for the different experiences she has offered kids in the district.

Attention artists – professional and amateur alike:

2021 is the 125th birthday of the city of Bemidji. The Beltrami County Historical Society is putting together an anniversary book that gives a short historic overview of the city and its 125 years.

With your help and talents, we will also put together an accompanying coloring book to celebrate life in Bemidji. The BCHS invites local artists to create line drawings for the coloring book, featuring people, places, things, activities, and scenes of Bemidji. All artists whose drawings are selected for inclusion in the coloring book will be featured on an artist's page with a small portrait of the artist and short bio. One of the drawings will be featured as the cover illustration and the winner of this honor will receive \$100. All contributors will receive two complimentary copies of the book. Artists are welcome to submit up to five drawings.

2021 First Lady Nominations Sought by February 28

The Clearwater County Historical Society will host the Clearwater County "First Lady" award sometime in 2021. Since 1977, Forty-one women in Clearwater County have been recognized for their accomplishments either for their service in a variety of community projects and organizations or for success in their careers.

While we don't know yet when or where the First Lady event will be, we must be mindful of covid19 concerns- we want to continue to honor women from our county for all the work they do to make our county the wonderful place it is. Once the honoree is chosen, we will decide on the best and safest way to make the announcement and have a celebration.

Your help is needed to select the 2021 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination- this can include any accomplishments in her life such as her career highlights or volunteer years of service, and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number so we can let you know if your nominee is selected.

Letters should be sent to 2021 First Lady - History Center P.O. Box 241 Bagley MN 56621

Letters will be delivered unopened to a panel of judges. Please do not send emails. Nominations must be received by FEBRUARY 28.

Questions? Call Tamara at 785-2000

IF: Gathering to be held on Clearbrook

Join us Friday evening, March 5th (6:15-9:30pm) and Saturday, March 6th (8:15-3pm) for IF:ClearbrookMN at Country Faith Church, in rural Clearbrook. IF:ClearbrookMN is a local simulcast of the annual worldwide IF:Gathering for Women & teenage girls 14 and up. Join us as we will get to experience powerful Biblical teaching, engage in deep conversations, and be encouraged to surrender our lives in greater obedience to God. God is on the move. Yes, things will fall apart, and yes, things will shut down, but our God cannot be stopped. And we don't want to miss any part of that. His kingdom is coming. We want His will to be done on this earth as it is in heaven and our heart and prayer is that "on earth as it is in heaven" starts with us. And we would stop wondering if it is possible to change the world. It's possible. This year, at IF:Gathering 2021, we are going to talk about how we do that. The theme of those two days is going to be "Even If." Even if the worst happens, we don't lose hope. Come join us as we remember that together.

Will you join us? Registration for IF:ClearbrookMN is open now until Sunday, February 28th. Head to Country Faith Church's Facebook page under events or to our website, www.countryfaith.org under events to get more up to date information (including featured speakers, breakout sessions offered, detailed schedule) & to register. Cost is only \$25 which includes a provided lunch, snacks, and a swag bag. -Submitted



Church News

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd

Wed., Feb. 24 - 5:30pm Meal; 6:45pm Lenten Service; 6:00pm Handbell Practice

Sun., Feb. 28 - 9:00 am - Worship Service; 10:00 am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School.

Our Savior's
Wed., Feb. 24 - Lenten Service 5:00 p.m. Meal

Sun. Feb. 28- 10:00 am Sunday School, 11:00 am Worship Service.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
1 mile south of Clearbrook,
2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6

Senior Pastor Larry Dorman

Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund

Youth Pastor Brad Binder
Children's Minister Nicky Ubert

www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367

office@countryfaith.org
Worship Service - 10 am Sunday morning

Elevate Youth - 7 pm Most Sundays

Men's Prayer - 6:30 am Tuesdays

Service Streamed on Facebook & YouTube. Check out our website for the most up to date information.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Youth Connection After-School Program: Fourth term, starting Tues., Mar. 2, will be offered FREE! 3:30-5:00; nine weeks. Students in grades 5th-8th. Registration form available at www.clearwaterslife.org, C-G school, or at CWLC office.

Shop-At-The-Top: 50% off sale, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 & 27, only. All clothing and footwear. Fri., 10:00 AM-4:00 PM & Sat., 10:00 AM-12:00 noon.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: Faith-based to find true freedom from hurts, habits, & hang-ups. Thurs., 7:00 PM, CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Second Floor.

Paper Quilling with Nikki Shull postponed until April 12, 19, & 26. 1-3 PM in CWLC-Gonvick. \$5.00/session. Includes all supplies. Feel free to register early, call 218-776-2789.

Shop-At-The-Top & Restore It! Furniture Shop open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, weekdays, & 10:00-12:00 on Saturday in Clearbrook. Donations of clean, good quality items accepted during business hours.

Senior Connection Transportation Service: Clearwater County residents, 60 & over. Rides scheduled Monday-Friday. 24 hour notice required!! Call 218-888-2320 to schedule

Adult Education: Tues., 6:00-8:00 PM & Wed., 12:30-3:00 PM. Individualized instruction is free, but \$20.00 to help cover the cost of books & supplies. Contact Sherry at 218-776-2789 or shjelle@nwservice.org.

Office Hours: Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday.

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Interim Brad Spaulding
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Thursdays - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer

Saturdays - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Gonvick
Samhold Lutheran Church is having services every Sunday at 10:30am. Also, Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30am.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Kris Snyder
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Rd 7

Sunday Church Services 9:00am Church

Ash Wednesday services, February 17th @ 7:00pm

Lenten Services every Wednesday evening @ 7:00pm

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook

Pastor Adam Krog
Sundays - 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 Worship Service

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth

Wed, Feb. 24: 5 p.m. Wednesday School, 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Nazareth.

Thu, Feb. 25: 5:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Mt. Olive.

Sat, Feb. 27: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, Feb. 28: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 8:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Worship.

Tue, Mar. 2: St. Petri: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service.

Wed, Mar. 3: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Oak Park.

Thu, Mar. 4: 5:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Mt. Olive.

Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Feb. 24: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, Feb. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Mar. 2: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wed, Mar. 3: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

Sun, Feb. 28: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

- Youth Ski Trip (rescheduled); meet at 12noon (note time change)

CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor

Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person

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Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., Feb. 24 - Ham Patty on Bun, Baked Beans, Tri Taters, Peaches and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Granola Bar.

Thurs., Feb. 25- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Corn, Pears and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Baked Cheetos.

Fri., Feb. 26 - Distance Learning Day.

LEGAL NOTICES - CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION/SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 19, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:01 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Tracy Imle, Vern Wittenberg, Gus Vettleson, Vanessa Gustafson, Dudley Wishard, and Corey Petterson (in person); None (via zoom). Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess (in person); Principal Dugstad (in person); staff members (in person/zoom); and community members (in person/zoom).

1. **Town Hall Meeting** (Odd Number Months) – Chairman Westrum explained the purpose of having the Town Hall meeting on the agenda.

4. **Community Comments** - None

5. **Spotlight on Education** – None – Chairman Westrum explained the purpose of Spotlight on Education.

6. **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

7. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MMS Petterson/Wittenberg to approve minutes as presented. MCU.

Vettleson – Yes, Wishard - Yes, Wittenberg – Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.

7.1 12/21/2020 - Regular Meeting

8. **Informational Items**

8.1 **Principal Report** –Principal Dugstad discussed the following items: 1) **Enrollment** – Principal Dugstad discussed the current enrollment. We currently have 218 Elementary students, 219 High School students, including 70 Distance Learning Students. 2) **Testing** – Elementary NWEA testing is currently underway. He thanked both Jamie Weems and Melissa Weems for the smoothness of the testing. 3) **High School Grades 7-9** – These students are currently back in person. A few distance learners have come back to the building. 4) **IPP** – The 2020-2021 Indian Ed Policies and Procedures is up for approval. This is presented later in the board meeting. Mr. Dugstad welcomed the new board members. Questions about testing were asked and answered.

8.2 **Superintendent Report** – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: 1) **Educational** – A) **Worlds Best Workforce (WBWF)** – Work on analyzing our district leadership structure and goal setting process through WBWF. WBWF hinges on goals for every student ready for kindergarten, every student reading by 3rd grade, achievement gap, graduation and attendance. The Northstar Report for MDE focuses on these categories, as well as attendance. Once we have some recommendations from that group, we should probably start analyzing those goals along with the board for some long range strategic planning. We should look at a board work session or process for our long term planning as we move forward. B) **Distance Learning** – We biggest challenges we are seeing at this point are assignment completion and attendance on our online days. WE see some students struggle every year, but the hybrid and distance learning has amplified some of these issues. C) **Calendar Committee** – This committee will

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Clearwater County Environmental Services

With articles submitted by the staff, administration and students at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior and Senior High Schools

Bears take loss at home

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears had a slow start on Thursday, February 11 against Cass Lake. They were not able to overcome the 32 to 23 lead that the Panthers had at half time.

The second half the Bears had a closer game scoring 37 points to 42 for the Panthers. The final score was 74 to 60 for the Panthers.

The Bears had a full court press but with long passes the Panthers were able to get the ball down the court. The Bears had 7 three point plays to 6 for the Panthers.

Dana Melby came out in the second half with a hot hand scoring 14 points to be the high man for the Bears with 20 for the game. Also scoring for the Bears were: Ella Engen 17, Kaylele Faldet 10, Kaylee Westrum 6, Maci Wagner 4 and Annabell

Phillips 3.

Scoring for the Panthers were Amira Luduke 21, Krisalyn Seelye 20, Kailee Finday 11, Taryn Frazer 8, Mya Reyas 6, Gabby Finday 6 and Lyssa Wright 2.

The last two minutes both teams only scored 2 points each.

Girls win two games in a week

The Clearbrook-Gonvick girls won two games in one week with their victories over Nevis and Red Lake County Central.

The score for the Nevis game was 79 to 68. Annabell Phillips went to town with 15 points in the first half and 12 points in the second half to be high pint with 27 for the Bears. Makenna

Frazier also scored 27 points for Nevis. Kaylee Westrum added 19 points including 3-three point baskets for the Bears. The girls have been hitting from the outside with seven players getting at least one three point basket. They were Maci Wagner, Kaylee Faldet, Dana Melby, Bailey Klema, Ella Engen, Kaylee Westrum and Annabell Phillips. Kaylee Westrum was 6 of 7 at the free throw line to add up the points for the Bears.

The Bears out scored Nevis 44 to 30 in the first half but the second half Nevis had a 38 to 35 advantage over the Bears.

Scoring for the Bears were Maci Wagner 9, Kaylee Faldet j9, Annabell Phillips 27, Dana Melby 7, Bailey Kelma 3, Kaylee Westrum 19, Ella Engen 5.

Scoring for Nevis were Makenn Fraizier 27, Marley Mitchell 3, Maggie Carrier 3, Liddy DeWolf 5, Ava Isaacson 14, Addie Lindow 7 and Kaylee Bessler 9.

The Bears took on the Red Lake County Central on Thursday, February 18. Both teams had a hard time getting going as they went back and forth for several minutes. RLCC opened up a 17 to 6 lead on the Bears with time out taken by Coach Ross Faldet. The Bears started a full court press and were able to cut the lead and by half time they were ahead 31 to 27.

Three players on each team scored in double figures with Annabell Phillips 24, Kaylee Faldet 14 and Dana Melby 12. Scoring in double figures for RLCC were Kia Bachand 16, Carlee Whalen 14 and Cari Bachand 10.

Also scoring for the Bears were Maci Wagner 7, Kaylee Westrum 6, Bailey Kelma 3 and Ella Engen 3.

The Bears had 5-3-point baskets, 20-2-point baskets and 14 from the free throw line. RLCC went 2-3 point baskets, 14-2-point baskets and 14 from the free throw line.



Senior Bailey Klema getting the ball to the outside where she made a three-point basketball for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears.



Maci Wagner for the Bears driving with blocking by #5 Annabell Phillips and #33 Ella Engen.



Kaylee Westrum at the free throw for the Bears.



Dana Melby driving to the basket as the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the Nevis Tigers.

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COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Commissioners'

January 5, 2021

The January meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Illies presiding and Commissioners Titera, Newland, Larson, and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda- Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Election of Officers- Commissioner Titera nominated Mark Larson as Chairman. Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to cease nominations by unanimous vote and appoint Mark Larson as the Chairman of the Clearwater County Board.

Commissioner Newland nominated Mark Titera as Vice-Chairman. Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to cease nominations by unanimous vote and appoint Mark Titera as the Vice-Chairman of the Clearwater County Board.

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the December minutes with corrections.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following Land Department motion.

Land Department- Bruce Cox presented the following resolution motion: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the sale of State Tax-forfeited parcels to the City of Bagley. (On file)

Sheriff- Darin Halverson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the Clearwater County Sheriff to move MonaRae Swenson from part-time Communications/Corrections Officer (CCO) to full-time CCO to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Ruth Stinar. The promotion will be effective January 1, 2021 with pay remaining at the current step and range.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the Clearwater County Sheriff to move Joshua Hasbargen from part-time Communications/Corrections Officer (CCO) to full-time CCO to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Lucas Molitor. The promotion will be effective January 1, 2021 with pay remaining at the current step and range.

Engineer- Dan Sauvé presented the bills and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills of \$14,254.19.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the Resolution that Clearwater County enter into MNDOT Agreement No. 1045305 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation. (On file)

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to advertise project CP 21-100: Pavement Markings, and to set date and time 10:10 AM on March 9, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to advertise project CP 21-200: Regravel, and to set date and time of letting for 10:00 AM on March 9, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to advertise project SP 015-602-026, SP 015-602-027 & SAP 015-602-028: Bituminous Surfacing, and to set date and time of letting with the County Board Coordinator.

Auditor/Treasurer- Al Paulson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$86,547.01 from the County Revenue Fund and \$2,928.92 from the Nursing Service Fund.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the 2021 Ditch Fund Budget. (On file)

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to appoint Tom Anderson to serve on the Red Lake Watershed District Board representing Clearwater County for a 3 year term.

Ayes- Newland, Nelson, and Larson Nays- Titera, Illies

Open- Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to re-adopt the three-day notice requirement rule. No motion or resolution can be acted on by the County Board unless all of the Board members have received the written motion or resolution of the subject matter at least 3 days prior to the Board meeting. The notice requirement can be waived by general consent by all Board members in the best interest of the County. If general consent is not obtained, the motion or Resolution shall be tabled until the next scheduled Board meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the following general Agenda for the first Board meeting of each month: Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance/Minutes & Agenda Approval. Any Department Head may meet with the County Board at any scheduled monthly meeting by arranging an appointment time with the County Board Coordinator.

tor. All other citizens wishing to meet with the Board to discuss business shall contact the Commissioner of their district, obtain approval to meet with the Board, and then the Commissioner, with approval of the Chair, will contact the Coordinator for an appointment time.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to establish the following dates as regular Board meetings during 2021 to begin at 9:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, and that each of the scheduled meetings will be recessed until 10:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month to allow the Board additional time to conduct County Business unless otherwise noted. Additional meetings are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. when the month contains five Tuesdays, as noted. January 5 & 19; February 9 & 16; March 9, 16 & 30; April 13 & 20; May 11 & 18; June 8, 22 at 5 p.m. & 29; July 13 & 20; August 10, 17 & 31; September 14 & 21; October 12 & 19; November 9, 16 & 30; December 14 at 5:00 p.m. & 21.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the following dates for the 2021 Department Head/Work Session Meetings. These meetings are held at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Room on the 2nd floor of the Clearwater County Courthouse. 3 or more Commissioners may be in attendance at any one of these meetings. January 8, 2021; February 5, 2021; March 5, 2021; April 9, 2021; May 7, 2021; June 4, 2021; July 9, 2021; August 6, 2021; September 10, 2021; October 8, 2021; November 5, 2021; December 10, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to re-adopt Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline for facilitating County Board Meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to designate Leader Record as the legal paper for 2021. The County Engineer is authorized to advertise for County Highway Projects on the County Website as stated in Minnesota Statutes 331a.12.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the Coordinator to publish a summary of County Board Minutes upon approval of the County Board. All Resolutions, policies, and Ordinances are available at the Auditor's Office for review.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay routine bills prior to Board approval. These include utility bills, items which are payroll related, registration fees, Verizon bills, T&K Outdoors of Bemidji bills, unemployment, Veterans Transportation volunteer mileage, Neow Post bills, Postage, University of North Dakota Medical Examiner bills, meeting expense advances, Grant pass through bills, or any bill with a prior Board motion which states the dollar amount.

Auditor usually cuts these checks on Fridays. Audit list is prepared for bills paid which goes to the Board after payment for Board review. Board chair signs approved list.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the Boards and Committees Appointments for 2021, on file.

Recess- The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. January 19, 2021.

January 19, 2021

Reconvene- The meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m. on January 19, 2021 with Chairman Larson presiding and Commissioners Illies, Titera, and Newland present. Commissioner Nelson on file.

Agenda- Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Clearwater County Snowmobile Club- Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to pass the Resolution for Clearwater County Snowmobile Club Grant Application. On file.

Environmental Services- Dan Hecht shared with the Board a print out of Clearwater County MSW Tonnages Delivered to Fosston Incinerator. The information represented the years 1990 through 2020 with totals and percentages. On file.

MIS- Stuart Lien presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the purchase of the 2021 General Government computer & software maintenance, upgrades and support agreements not to exceed \$75,279.30.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the purchase of 2021 computer replacements and technology upgrades for General Government not to exceed \$79,971.53.

Veterans Service Officer- Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to enter into Grant Contract, in the amount of \$7,500, with the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following program: County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Operational Enhancement Grant Program for FY 2021. Resolution on file.

Engineer- Dan Sauvé presented the bills and following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried to approve the payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills of \$12,611.35.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to purchase off the state contract a 2022 Western Star 4700SF 6x4 Tandem Axle Truck Chassis and trade in Unit 37 to Boyer Ford Trucks, Inc. of Rogers, MN in the amount of \$99,346.08

plus licensing, taxes, and delivery charges.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase off the state contract one (1) Dump Body, Hoist, and Snow and Ice Equipment for the truck from Bert's Truck Equipment of Moorhead, MN in the amount of \$100,888.00.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase off the State Contract a 2021 GMC Sierra 2500 4wd Regular Cab pickup from Ranger Chevrolet of Hibbing, Minnesota in the amount of \$30,675.40 plus tax and licensing.

County Attorney- Kathryn Lorschbach presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, the Board approves that we accept Grant and distribute the funds for the Federal Treatment Court Grant for \$150,000. Also to approve the

County Attorney sign the Treatment Funding Disclosure sheet and update the Board members concerning their questions on funding breakdowns from the last work session.

By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice for the following motion:

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to allow the County Attorney to present the Board with the renewal options for the County Attorney's Office Westlaw Subscription which is up at the end of the month and needs renewal. The County Attorney would be moving to sign a contract for 3-years to lock in the price for Option 3(current subscription + litigation content) On file.

Auditor/Treasurer- Al Paulson

presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$144,558.56 from the County Revenue Fund and \$49,390.64 from the Nursing Service Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to enter into an agreement with Headwater Regional Development Commission to administer the COVID 19 pandemic Business Assistance Program funds of \$256,250.00 with an administrative fee of \$6,250.00.

Sanford Health- Stephanie McKnight discussed applying for the following Grants: Rural Hospital Capital Improvement Program to update bathroom facilities in patient care area of the hospital and the 2021 Planning and Transition Grant Program to install permanent negative pressure rooms in the ED.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to dedicate up to \$42,000 as matching monies to Capital Improvement Grant taken out of Medical Facilities Management Account.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to dedicate up to \$22,500 as matching monies to Planning and Transition Grant taken out of the Medical Facilities Management Account.

Adjourn- Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Dated: February 9, 2021
Mark Larson, Chairman
Trudi Alberg, Board Coordinator

JANUARY 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2000

American Solutions for Business	2,698.21	County Revenue
Anderson Disposal	11,522.93	Solid Waste
Association of Minnesota Counties	6,681.00	County Revenue
Axon Enterprises	7,650.00	County Revenue
Beltrami County Public Health	27,799.85	NCCHA
Beltrami County Public Health	12,902.55	NCCHA
Capital One Bank	2,129.97	County Revenue, Nursing Serv.
Cease Family Funeral Home	2,442.62	Human Services
Champ Software Inc	15,353.00	Nursing Service
City of Bagley	8,991.80	Township City Municipal
City of Clearbrook	8,861.16	Township City Municipal
City of Gonvick	3,150.42	Township City Municipal
City of Gonvick	2,505.00	Road & Bridge
Clearwater County Historical Society	16,000.00	County Revenue
Clearwater Co Nursing Service	11,723.72	NCCHA
Clearwater Co Nursing Service	4,817.46	NCCHA
Clearwater County Ag Society	35,000.00	County Revenue
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	11,973.02	Human Services
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	3,328.67	Human Services
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	3,698.52	Human Services
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	10,148.00	Solid Waste, Forf Tax
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	17,602.00	Nursing Service
Clearwater County Highway Dept	4,776.74	County Revenue
Clearwater SWCD	17,340.00	County Revenue
Code 4 Services Inc	9,269.72	County Revenue
Community Oil Company	2,795.36	Road & Bridge
Department of Human Services SWIFT	29,208.21	Human Services
Everbridge Inc	6,695.00	County Revenue
Galen's Super Valu	2,059.29	Human Services
Garden Valley Technologies	3,895.25	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Glenn's Carpet Service	2,325.00	County Revenue
Headwaters Regional Dev Comm	2,770.00	NCCHA
Impact Proven Solutions	3,852.00	County Revenue
Lake Agassiz Regional Library	27,195.00	County Revenue
Lakewood Public Health	5,658.38	NCCHA
Lakewood Public Health	2,514.50	NCCHA
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	43,067.16	NCCHA
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	22,182.69	NCCHA
Listrom's Disposal	15,206.28	Solid Waste
Minnesota Sheriff's Association	3,844.19	County Revenue
Morris Electronics Inc	14,672.10	County Revenue
MCIT	218,200.00	County Revenue
MCIT	5,865.00	NW MN Household Haz. Waste
Mend Correctional Care, PLLC	5,124.76	County Revenue
MN Department of Finance	2,172.05	State
MN Department of Finance	3,332.00	State
MN Department of Finance	5,875.00	State
MNCCC	38,201.39	County Revenue
MNCCC	8,868.49	County Revenue
North Homes Inc	7,721.17	Human Services
North Woods Technologies	2,400.00	Road & Bridge
NW MN HHW Management	8,353.08	Solid Waste
Northwest MN Juvenile Ctr	8,680.00	Human Services
Polk County Solid Waste	23,088.00	Solid Waste
Prime Health	92,007.92	County Revenue
Quin County CHB	16,795.58	NCCHA
Quin County CHB	10,151.54	NCCHA
Royal Tire	3,191.00	Road & Bridge
Rural Minnesota Cep Inc	4,313.73	Human Services
Sanford Health System	5,314.00	Human Services
Speedy Van, LLC	18,288.50	Human Services
St. Joseph's Comm Health	32,541.92	NCCHA
St. Joseph's Comm Health	7,250.78	NCCHA
St. Joseph's Comm Health	12,294.74	NCCHA
Summit Food Service LLC	8,791.62	County Revenue
Summit Food Service LLC	9,561.43	County Revenue
Township of Falk	2,318.35	Township City Municipal
Treas Ind School Dist 162	29,785.86	School District
Treas Ind School Dist 2311	13,457.14	School District
Treas Red Lake watershed district	4,720.99	Township City Municipal
Vogt's Dirt Service	5,760.00	Forfeited Tax
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LEGAL NOTICES

Pine Lake Flood Damage Reduction
Project Red Lake Watershed District
Public Project Hearing

Pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 103D.701, notice is hereby given that a Public Project Hearing to discuss and receive public input regarding a flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancement project for Pine Lake, located south of the City of Gonvick, Minnesota. The primary goal of the project is to reduce flood damage to cabins, properties, and shorelines adjacent to Pine Lake caused by minor and major floods as well as provide fish habitat improvements. The current Pine Lake outlet structure no longer provides adequate flood control, recreational or habitat benefits. The proposed project would modify the outlet structure, provide fish passage, and perform downstream conveyance improvements including Lost River channel maintenance and addition of culverts at roadway crossings.

The proposed project, referred to as the Pine Lake Flood Damage Reduction Project, Red Lake

Watershed District Project No. 26B, located in Pine Lake Township (Township 149 North of Range 38 West), Clearwater County, MN.

This hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN.

The primary purpose of this project is reduction of Pine Lake flooding, other benefits would result from the project, including: flood damage reduction on the Lost River; improved operability of the new outlet structure with adjustable gates control; increased emergency outflow capacity by improving channel conveyance between Pine Lake and the control structure; improved fish passage and habitat between the Lost River and Pine Lake; improved operator safety of the structure; and increased water aeration.

Estimated costs of the project is \$1.86 million. Potential funding partners for the Project may include the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Project, Red River Watershed Management Board, and the Red Lake Watershed District.

All interested parties, public or private, likely to be affected by the above-mentioned project are invited to attend.

Written comments may be submitted to the Red Lake Watershed District and will be publicly read at the hearing.

If you have a disability and need any accommodation to attend this Hearing, please contact the Red Lake Watershed District office as soon as possible or at least 3 working days in advance of the Hearing at 218-681-5800.

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Red Lake Watershed District will be taking measures to ensure public safety. Masks will be required to attend the hearing, with 6 feet of social distancing required. Crowd size will be in conformance with executive orders existing at the time of the hearing date. R49-51C

NOTICE
To Gully Township Residents

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Gully Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the Gully Town Hall. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect:

1 Supervisor for a 3 year term
1 Treasurer for a 2 year term
The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. to canvass the results.

The Annual Town Meeting will commence following the canvass to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. Carole J. Tharaldson
Gully Township, Clerk R49-50C

PINE LAKE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF FILING
FOR TOWN OFFICES
TO BE ELECTED

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Pine Lake Township, County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota, that the annual election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 in the American Legion Club in Gonvick, Minnesota.

In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed to March 16, 2021.

The annual Meeting will commence at 2:00pm to conduct all business.

The Election polls will open immediately after the meeting until 8:00pm at which time voters will elect:

1 Township Supervisor for a 3 year term
1 Clerk for a 2 year term.
Pam Goebel,
Clerk, Pine Lake Township R49-50C

Public Notice

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 331A.12, the Clearwater County Highway Department will publish transportation project advertisements for bid on the official Clearwater County web site at www.co.clearwater.mn.us, then go to Government, Bids and RFPs and then Current Advertised Projects.

Expected projects to be advertised in 2021 include:
Aggregate Crushing and Surfacing.
Pavement Surfacings.
Bituminous Surfacing on CSAH 2 from TH 200 to TH 2.



Annabell Phillips going after a loose ball as the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted Nevis.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021



Linda and Gene Arnold are the new caretakers of Brookfield Apartments in Clearbrook.



Mike Lindgren presenting to Harvey Miller money from a drawing that was held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Honoring the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears players. From left to right: Kristi and Paula Elston, Owen Haugen, Andrea and Julie Beard.



Devin Larson receives the Nuts and Bolts Athlete of the Week award from Dan Lindom.



Honoring the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears players. From left to right: Lori, Nick and David Spray, Molly, Beth and Terry Carter.



Vivian Solien and Jeanette Anderson took in \$1,500 for the WELCA bazaar that was held at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick.



Getting ready to take down the Sun Plant in Gonvick.



Robbie and Ray Sather donated a 500 pound Angus steer to the Clearwater County Food Shelf.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Principal Lon Burgess.



Junior High Knowledge Bowl participants at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Back row: Tyler Strandberg, Kelsey Gunvalson, Angela Burgess, Anne Ternes, Nick Bodenstainer, and Jacob Boomgaarden. Front row: Hilary Bodenstainer, Kristyn Nelson and Micah Farenike.

Century Farms

Minnesota Farm Bureau and Minnesota State Fair work in conjunction on the Century Farm program to honor Minnesota families that have owned their farms for at least 100 years, are at least 50 acres in size and are currently involved in farming. Century Farm families receive a commemorative sign, as well as a certificate signed by the president of the State Fair, president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau and the Governor of Minnesota. The deadline for applications is March 1. For information regarding Century Farms signs, contact the Minnesota State Fair at 651-288-4400 or centuryfarms@mnstatefair.org.

There have been several Century Farms in Clearwater County. The name at the beginning of each article is the name signed on the Century Farm Application and the date.

Information is from the date when the Century Farm was applied.

Wesley and Mary Beth Rogstad - 1996

Ole and Lina Holm came from Sweden and in 1896 opened up section 9 of Eddy Township for a homestead. During the winter months he worked in a logging camp. Their sons Raymond and Clarence Holm farmed from 1935 to 1973. Their niece Adeline and her husband Merlin Rogstad were on the farm until their son Wesley and his wife Mary Beth took over in 1993.

Duane Beckstrand - 1997

Two different parties have lived on the homestead in Section 15 of Eddy Township. J.W. Lindberg and Duane Beckstrand. Lindberg came from Kittson County to homestead the property in 1896. He was on the farm until 1948 when his grandson Duane took over until the present day.

Duane Beckstrand - 1997

Duane Beckstrand is the present owner of two homesteaded properties. One in Section 15 and this one in Section 9 of Eddy Township. Pete Beckstrand came from Norway and in 1896 homesteaded the land until 1947. In 1972 Duane Beckstrand took over from his father Iver until the present day.

David Churness - 2003

Four generation of the Churness family have owned the property in Section 35 of Greenwood Township. Alick and Julia Churness homesteaded on June 29, 1903. The big day was November 16, 1939 when Sydney and Alma took over from his parents. Melvin and Lilah Churness took over the property on May 8, 1962 and then on February 2, 1981 David and Larae Churness became the owners. The homestead was once used as a post office for the area.

Albert and Victor Erickson - 1996

Charles Erickson homesteaded the property in Section 5 of Township 149N in Clearwater County. The 160 acres was set-

tled in 1896 by Charles Erickson. He kept the property until 1942 when his sons Albert R. Victor H. Erickson took over.

John Gunvalson - 2016

The Pederson/Gunvalson farm has been in the family since 1916. Anna and Abraham Pederson came to the United states in 1902. They had a farm near Inwood, Iowa where Anna was born in 1905, Martin 1908 and Albert 1910. Rachel 1898 and Peder 1900 and Tobias were born in Norway. After Albert was born the family moved to Patterson, California where Alice was born in 1912. John Gustafson was the first person to own the farm in Winsor Township came from Vest Adger, Norway. He went to visit his brother at Patterson, CA. He wanted to stay there so he traded farms with the Pederson family and Pederson family boarded the train and came to Minnesota in 1916.

Abraham and Anna Pederson started farming in 1916 He was also a stone mason. Their son Albert Pederson had the farm from 1964 to 1977 when a grandson Charles Pulford, son of Rachel (Pederson) Pulford, took over. Another grandson John Gunvalson, son of Alice (Pederson) Gunvalson took over the farm in 1984 and is the present owner.

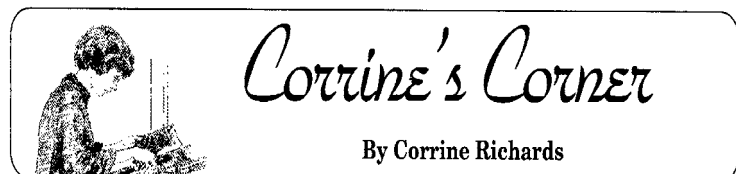
Dawn Bourdeaux and David D. Erie - 2018

Oscar Erie purchased the farm in Section 23 of Pine Lake Township on January 18, 1918 for \$29.19 per acre. Oscar and Anna had 9 children Eight of the nine children were born on this homestead farm. Oscar was township clerk for many years. The summer of 1945 a tornado went through and destroyed the barn. The barn was rebuilt. The farm has had many dairy cattle. Oscar and his wife Anna had the farm for 70 years before their son Harvey and his wife Marilyn Erie took over. They were on the farm for 27 years and the last three years has been in the Revocable Living Trust.

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1
02/19/21 18:06 Motorist Assist
City of Bagley - Total 16
02/15/21 12:49 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/15/21 19:37 Medical - Patient Refused Evaluation/Care
02/16/21 02:11 ASSIST
02/16/21 05:09 Information Only
02/16/21 12:44 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
02/16/21 12:46 CIVIL PROCESS
02/17/21 02:36 Fire
02/17/21 11:00 Crimes Against Family - Report Taken
02/17/21 14:06 ASSIST
02/18/21 09:22 Information Only
02/19/21 09:09 Information Only
02/19/21 10:55 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
02/19/21 13:17 Medical - Patient Refused Evaluation/Care
02/19/21 17:49 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
02/20/21 13:03 Information Only
02/20/21 17:11 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
City of Clearbrook - Total 2
02/17/21 17:03 CIVIL PROCESS
02/17/21 19:04 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
City of Leonard - Total 1
02/19/21 17:33 Traffic Complaint - Gone On Arrival/Unable to Locate
City of Shevlin - Total 3
02/18/21 16:54 Disturbance
02/18/21 20:52 Court Order Violation - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/19/21 07:26 Court Order Violation - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Copley - Total 14
02/14/21 02:33 Traffic Stop
02/15/21 21:46 Domestic
02/16/21 13:19 ASSIST
02/16/21 16:21 Welfare Check
02/16/21 17:17 ASSIST
02/16/21 19:51 Traffic Stop
02/17/21 16:53 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
02/18/21 04:55 Traffic Stop
02/18/21 13:46 Fraud - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/18/21 16:43 911 Hang Up
02/18/21 19:08 CIVIL PROCESS
02/19/21 15:48 Motorist Assist
02/20/21 00:40 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/20/21 19:39 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Dudley - Total 3
02/19/21 17:06 Traffic Stop
02/20/21 17:07 Traffic Stop
02/20/21 19:08 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 2
02/14/21 17:19 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/19/21 11:00 Traffic Stop
Falk - Total 3
02/14/21 12:14 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/15/21 09:46 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/19/21 13:38 Civil Complaint - Assignment Completed/Settled
Greenwood - Total 1
02/14/21 11:37 Vehicle Lock Out - Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)
Holst - Total 6
02/14/21 21:28 Suicide Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/15/21 02:59 Traffic Stop
02/17/21 22:41 Traffic Stop
02/18/21 07:18 Information Only
02/20/21 12:49 Traffic Stop
02/20/21 18:24 Information Only
Itasca - Total 2
02/14/21 21:03 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/15/21 13:44 Traffic Stop
LaPrairie N - Total 4
02/15/21 12:14 ASSIST
02/16/21 06:08 Domestic
02/19/21 09:16 Warrant - Attempt

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Wednesday, February 24, 2021



By Corrine Richards

Are you ready to do some winter fishing. The Fosston Sportsmans Club is having its having an Ice Fishing Derby on Sunday, February 28th. Holes will be drilled and bait will be available on Cross Lake. Time for the contest is 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The Sportsman's Club and Gonvick Lions Club will be starting the aeration system on Pine Lake. Open water will be on the northeast side of the lake at the public access. This will continue until needed.

The Clearwater County Humane Society will have their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at the Legion Club in Bagley.

Daylight Savings Begins March 14th. Move your clocks one hour forward at 2:00 in the morning. I am not getting up to do that. Will do it when I go to bed.

The Gonvick Lions Club will be sponsoring a meat raffle on Saturday, February 28 at Sportsmans Lodge. The time set is 1:00 p.m.

Joke Time...

Little Ole came home from Sunday school and told Ole and Lena he had sung a song about Andy. Upon a bit of inquiry, Ole & Lena learned the song was something about a garden and the words Little Ole had remembered were "Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am his own."

Have you signed up for the Gully Area Sportsman's Club Coyote Hunt. It goes until March 27. Sign up and rules may be picked up at Shorty's Place in Gully.

Men are wanted to make up 16 teams for a curling event that will take place March 6th. The four man teams are needed to fill up the Bemidji Curling

Quick tickets... Does your organization need raffle tickets? Call 218-487-5225 or email richards@gvtel.com your information and we will be glad to help you.

Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our website for you to see. Go online at trico-canary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our office.

Letter To the Editor

It was exciting to see the courts recently rule in favor of the Enbridge Line 3 replacement as they refused to halt the current construction underway.

I think I can speak for many towns and cities out here when I say that we are so grateful for this project and the incredible benefit it is bringing to our communities today and for years to come.

We have seen an amazing uptick in traffic and business since construction began at the end of last year. More folks are coming through town, spending money at coffee shops, staying at hotels, and eating at our restaurants. They are exploring all Bemidji has to offer and our small businesses who had been hit so hard by the pandemic are finally seeing a light at the end of the tunnel.

Folks who are against this project simply need to look at the facts. Agencies under Governor Dayton, Governor Walz, and the Obama/Biden Administration have ruled that this project is of great need and that Enbridge has surpassed all reviews and studies to ensure it will be done safely.

These recent court decisions are just another step in the right direction, and I am glad the Line 3 Pipeline will be allowed to continue working towards completion.

Shane Teigland
Bemidji Sports Centre
Bemidji, MN



Maci Wagner up for a basket as the Bears hosted the Nevis team.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Kaylee Westrum goes up to the basketball.



The Bears working around the Nevis basketball team in action on Tuesday, February 16. They won 79 to 68 at home.

Representative Matt Grossell Legislative Update District 2A

Getting kids\ back in School

Governor Walz released his plan aimed at getting more middle and high school students back in the classroom with a target of all schools offering some form of in-person learning by March 8th. The plan is not a major shift from current practice.

We need to safely reopen our schools as quickly as possible. Over the course of the last several months, it has become clear that the science and data show that we can do so. In fact, the Governor's own numbers indicate that transmission in schools for teachers is nearly zero.

The impact school closures are having on student mental health, social wellbeing, and academic achievement has been devastating. The Governor's choice to delay reopening schools until now is going to have long-term consequences, especially for at-risk students.

High level details from the Governor's announcement include:

On February 22, Middle schools and high schools may begin either hybrid or in-person learning, if they are able to implement the additional mitigation strategies.

If a school with either a hybrid or in-person learning model sees five percent of students and staff sent home with influenza- or COVID-19-like illness within a single week, these schools are strongly encouraged to transition a more restrictive learning model.

Additional mitigation steps include:

- Students encouraged to be tested every two-weeks.
- Physical distancing in the classroom.
- Daily documentation of lunchroom seating for contact tracing.
- Continue monitoring public health situation within school buildings and follow guidelines on learning models.
- Distance learning options still required for families and students that want to continue at-home learning.

It's time to get our students back in school, they cannot afford to wait any longer.

COVID-19 Vaccine Finding & Scheduling Tool



The Minnesota Department of Health announced a new tool for all Minnesotans to sign up to receive an alert when there is a vaccine available to them — regardless if they are currently eligible to receive one.

The "Vaccine Connector" is a tool for all Minnesotans who have not yet been vaccinated — the Vaccine Connector will notify you when it's your turn for a shot.

You don't need to sign up if:

- You have already received your COVID-19 vaccine.

- You previously registered for our COVID-19 Vaccine Pilot Program or the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program.

- You completed the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Child Care survey.

The Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector will get you information about when, where, and how you can get the vaccine.

It's important to note that if you are eligible to get vaccinated right now, you do not have to wait for information from the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector before you get your shot. If your health care provider or employer contacts you about making an appointment, or if you have another opportunity to get vaccinated, you can and should do that.

Please Stay in Touch

Please continue to stay in touch to share your thoughts or concerns. My phone number is 651-296-4265 or you can email me at rep.matt.grossell@house.mn.

Have a great weekend and God Bless! Matt



This woodpecker was hanging upside down eating the crabapples! They have two of them coming. I've tried many times before to get a picture, but they generally fly away at the slightest reflection of movement. Photo by Joy Eck

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to - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/19/21 10:12 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Leon - Total 8
02/14/21 03:17 Traffic Stop
02/14/21 18:20 Motorist Assist
02/15/21 08:48 Welfare Check
02/18/21 16:13 Vehicle Lock Out
02/20/21 13:14 Traffic Stop
02/20/21 18:38 Traffic Stop
Minerva - Total 3
02/14/21 06:29 Vehicle Lock Out
02/14/21 23:54 Fire - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/15/21 00:28 911 Hang Up
Nora - Total 2
02/15/21 06:08 Traffic Stop
02/15/21 08:43 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 5
02/14/21 12:21 Medical
02/17/21 23:03 Information Only
02/18/21 05:40 Information Only
02/19/21 21:27 Assist Other Agency - Patient Refused Evaluation/Care
02/20/21 02:03 Information Only
Pine Lake - Total 2
02/15/21 23:03 Warrant - Attempt to - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/19/21 17:43 Information Only
Popple - Total 5
02/14/21 00:35 Traffic Stop
02/14/21 22:36 Information Only
02/16/21 10:26 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
02/17/21 14:22 Warrant Arrest - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/18/21 15:13 Fraud - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Rice - Total 5
02/16/21 07:53 Civil Complaint
02/16/21 11:27 Animal Related
02/16/21 16:37 Traffic Stop
02/19/21 21:04 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
02/20/21 13:20 Welfare Check
02/20/21 14:22 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/20/21 20:59 Traffic Stop
02/20/21 21:30 Traffic Stop
Shevlin - Total 5
02/17/21 11:35 Welfare Check - Arrest
02/17/21 17:12 Welfare Check
02/17/21 19:12 Burglary
02/20/21 16:18 911 Hang Up
02/20/21 17:25 Traffic Stop
Total Records: 94



Everyone home safe.

Work has begun on the replacement of Line 3 in Minnesota—bringing jobs and economic benefits to local communities along the route.

Keeping communities, our employees and contractors safe is our top priority.

You will see increases in truck traffic, heavy equipment and more people around town. For your safety and the safety of others, please use caution when driving near construction activities and do not enter our work areas.

We are following robust COVID-19 Safe Work Protocols and practicing strict construction safety procedures to ensure everyone arrives home safe. Our employees and contractors are advised to follow local COVID-19 guidelines while in your community.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

For more information, visit enbridge.com/line3US.



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