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Abbey Shamp is the newest business in Gonvick.

The Willow Tree Massage is open for business in Gonvick

The Willow Tree Massage is the newest business in Gonvick. Abbey Shamp is located in the Clear Waters Life Center building in Gonvick.

She is a very busy person holding down two positions. She purchased the massage equipment from Pam Goebel, who had been in the same space. She also is an employee of BRIC, Bemidji Regional Interdistrict Council which is a Special Education Cooperative for eleven school districts. She is an Occupational Therapist Assistant in the Bagley School District Monday through Thursday.

When the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook was going she shadowed three different people with Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and

Speech and she found out that she preferred OT.

After graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School she went to East Grand Forks Technical School for two years in the OT program plus the field work that is required. She wanted to add on to that and she took an on line class for massage therapy. That was 24 academic lessons and tests. She had a hands on work experience in Colorado for a month. In Colorado she contacted a family in a Lutheran Church who rented out rooms to short term students and that is where she stayed.

When a client comes in Abbey gets as much information as she can to make the best assessment of therapy that she

would be using. She is qualified to do a massage, ear candling, paraffin wax hand treatments and cupping massage therapy. During the school year she has Friday open for appointments and also afternoon and evenings during the week.

Abbey named her new business The Willow Tree as it gives us hope, a sense of belonging and safety. She also collects Willow Tree figurines for her shop which speaks in quiet ways to heal, comfort, protect and inspire.

Abbey can be conatcet at 218-308-0912 or abbeyshamp4@gvtel.com

Abbey is the daughter of Tim and Marilyn Shamp of Clearbrook.

Community Theater Presents “Church Basement Ladies” this Weekend in Bagley

The cast and crew of “Church Basement Ladies” is ready to serve up an extra-large dose of laughter this weekend as they welcome audiences to the Bagley High School Theater this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. All tickets are \$10 and will be sold only at the door. If you attend, you will be sure to take a trip down memory lane as the church basement ladies (and their pastor) take you back to 1964 to the East Cornucopia Lutheran Church of the Prairie where everyone is busy preparing for the holiday lutefisk and lefse dinner.

This setting is actually based on the churches across Northern Minnesota where families live, worship, and work together in small communities, and everyone knows everyone. The now iconic characters were created by Jim Stowell and Jessica Zuehlke and inspired by the book Growing Up Lutheran by Janet Letnes Martin and Suzann Nelson. The musical comedy tells the story of the women of the church and their generational relationships which are both humorous and heartfelt. The production first opened in Plymouth, Minnesota in 2005 and ran for nearly ten years, then spun

off to several other plays with the same characters.

Characters include the matriarch of the kitchen, Vivian Snustad, Mavis Gilmerson, a woman with a can-do attitude, and Karin Engleson, the stylish yet hard-working mother of Signe, a young college student. These women run the church kitchen, preparing meals for Christmas, funerals, fundraisers, and weddings. Pastor Gunderson enters and exits the kitchen checking on preparations, confiding in his congregated friends, even preparing a eulogy as he sips a cup of coffee.

The show is directed by Marilyn Hood with cast members Carol Nelson, Karen Stish, Jill Bakken, Abby Pearson, and Josh Gunderson. Andrea Neeland accompanies the show and leads the small band who include Janey Merschman on synthesizer, Josh Gunderson on trumpet, Ben Nelson on saxophone, Sloan Merschman on clarinet, and Andy Anderson and Elizabeth Paavola on percussion. Charity Pearson runs the sound and Darcie Kaiser operates the lightboard.

With the help of several volunteers, Andrew Agnes has lead the construction of the set, a church basement kitchen

from 1964, complete with an era stove loaned by Sharon Larson of Halstad, MN. The business of the kitchen will be sure to enliven your experience as the characters’ antics entertain. If you’ve never seen this show, be sure to get it on your calendar and support your local community theater. We guarantee laughter and joys for audiences of all ages.

Santa Day in Gonvick

Santa Claus Day will be on December 11 in Gonvick. The day will include a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus with gifts, games, prizes and treats. It will be held at the Clear Waters Life Center from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Please help make it a success by providing a cash donation. Your money will be strictly used for items for the children.

Santa needs help running games for the kids. If you are filled with Christmas spirit and can assist from 1-2pm, please call the lefse office: 487-5218. Leave a message.

Activities just for older adults

Have you been thinking that you should exercise to keep your aging joints limber or improve your balance so you are less likely to fall? Has a doctor or PA encouraged you to start walking? Are your adult children telling you to get out more and spend time with others? Do you find yourself eating ultra-processed foods because it's no fun cooking for just one? You can meet all of these concerns at CWLC-Gonvick!

Let's get started! Monday, Wednesday, and Friday join Eileen, Julie, or Kristin for chair exercises, strength-building,

creative movement, balance, walking, and/or arthritis tips. Just come to the CWLC-Gonvick Senior Connection Room or the gym on Fridays at 10:00 AM for an hour of exercise and friendship!

Monday, December 13, 11:00-12:30, learn how to make healthy and delicious food without breaking the bank. Join Angie in the CWLC dining area. Not only will you experience how to prepare these affordable, easy to make meals, but you will get to sample them as well. Cooking classes will be on-going,

meeting the second Monday of each month.

Excited yet? How about this? All the classes are free! To keep up with all the CWLC activities and services for older adults, visit our website – www.clearwaterslife.org - and click on Community Opportunities – For Seniors for more information.

Need transportation? Call our Senior Transportation service number, 218-888-2320, 24-hours ahead. If you will be needing transportation all three days, you can schedule all with just one call.

Clearbrook Santa Day this Saturday, December 4th

Arts & Craft Show - Clearbrook Community Center 10:00am to 3:00pm - Over 40 Craft Tables

Featuring handmade crafts, woodwork, wreaths, baked goods, holiday décor, candy, canned goods, jewelry & much more!

Fresh Lefse will be made on site to purchase!!

Youth Connection at CWLC Fundraiser Lunch Santa Day Lunch from 11am to 1pm

Community Center Banquet Room

Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee 9:30am to 11:00am

Lunch Menu: Soup & Roll, Chili Dog & Chili Cheese Nacos Meals

Meals include drink & bar for \$5.00

Hot dog (plain), chili cheese



dog, nachos, chili cheese nachos, soup & roll, bars, lemonade & coffee.

Christmas Craft Activities

for the Kids, Sponsored by the Clearbrook Community Club, the Gonvick Lions Club & the City of Clearbrook 11:00 am at the Gathering Place (Small Gym at the Old School)

Santa Will Arrive at 1:00pm to Visit with the Kids and Hand out Treats!

\$1,000 in Trade Bucks Will Be Given Away

ONE Registration Box at the Clearbrook Community Center Register from 10:00 am – 2:00pm -- ONE (1) Entry Per Person Drawing held in the Banquet Room at 3:00 pm

****Must be Present to Win****
Must be 18 years or older to win – One Prize per Person 40 - \$25 Winners



Stacy and Terry Halvorson were honored with a benefit by the Gonvick Lions Club. The event was held at the Gonvick Legion cabin and with a large tent outside. Terry was diagnosed with colon cancer which has since spread.



Many items were listed for bidding on the silent auction. They was also a large auction for many bigger items that went up for sale by auctioneer Eric Mickelson.



The Gonvick Lions Club has members from both Gonvick and Clearbrook communities to help with various activities in the area. Getting the french bread ready for the benefit for Terry Halvorson were Jesse Smith and Matt Anderson.

Community Calendar

Beautiful Norwegian Rosemaling

by Connie Nelson

December 4th

Santa Day

10 am to 3 pm

at the Community Center in the Old School in Clearbrook

If you need something rosemaled for Christmas, let me know.

776-3715

Samhold Women NALC

Christmas Event

Samhold Lutheran Church, Gonvick, MN

Everyone is Welcome!

Door Prizes

\$20 per person

Bring a Friend!

Door Prizes Homemade Scandinavian Delicacies!

Acoustofiddle in Concert

Jeff Menpen & Paul Nye

Guitar, Mandolin, Violin

Sunday, December 5th, 2021

Concert at 3:00 p.m.

Scandinavian Meal by J&M Catering will follow.

- Swedish Meatballs/Gravy • Mashed Potatoes
- Cranberries • Glazed Carrots • Candy Cane Dessert • Lefse • Rice Pudding

Please **pre-register** by Saturday, Nov. 27th with Sharon Dyrdahl 487-5455 or Joan Senger 487-5581

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." ~Luke 2:11

Clear Waters Life Center

Invites you to the

Holiday Showcase

Dinner and Performance of

THE BISHOP'S CANDLESTICKS

By Norman McKinnel

Friday, December 3rd, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Tickets \$25.00

226 Elm St, Gonvick, MN 56644

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Obituary for Glendine Benson

Glendine Benson, age 78, formally of Trail, MN, passed away on Thursday, November 18th, at Essentia Health Hospital in Fargo, ND. Memorial services will be announced and held at a later date. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com.

Glendine Rudell Benson was born on January 2, 1943, in Rockford, Illinois to parents Arthur and Clara Kurth. She grew up and attended school in the Rockford area.

She was married to George Benson on June 10, 1966. After their marriage, they lived in many places throughout the country and world during George's military career. George and Glendine bought a dairy farm near Trail, Minnesota in 1975. They sold the farm in 1987 and moved to Thief River Falls until 1990. When George retired, they moved to Arizona, where they resided until 2016 when they returned to the area, and purchased a home south of Gully in Olga township.

During her years in the area, Glendine was an LPN at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Clearbrook and Johnson Rest Home in Thief River Falls.

She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Fosston and was active in the Church choir.

Glendine also loved to read, work on crafts, cooking delicious meals and traveling. Most of all, she cherished the time could spend being surrounded by her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a most kind-hearted person and her faith was very important to her.

She is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, George Benson, of rural Gully; her sister Karen Watson (Tennessee)

Son - Alton Davidson (Arkansas), daughter Tasha Welch (Wisconsin), son - Thomas Benson (Minnesota), and daughter Tabetha Aranda (Arizona).

Grandchildren: Krista Klobuchar, Amara Thompson, Alyssa Benson, Tyler Lundeen, Chelsea Olson, Casandra Anderson, Leah Chavez and eight great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Clara Kurth, her sister Glenda Doyle and her son Timothy (Anderson) Benson.

She was loved deeply by her family and will be greatly missed.

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Guess again. It's newspaper talk for a one column by 2 inch ad. Too small to be effective?

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Psalms 23 - The Lord is my Shepherd I lack nothing.

Our heart is so full it goes beyond expression for any thanksgiving.

For the prayers said for us, our being is full, there are no words, we felt and heard all of your concerns.

Thank you all for the many beautiful cards, food and concern during my accident. Pastor Randy and our Church and friends for the many calls and visits.

A special thank you to our family who kept the faithful vigil.

Steve and July for staying with me at the Fargo hospital, and all the many follow appointments you continue to take me too.

Jerry and Lana who stayed and cared for Gerald, while I was in the hospital and then stayed with me when I returned home.

Joel and the rest of the family for your continued care.

Gods Riches Blessing! Edna and Gerald Wraa

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Church News

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

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook

Pastor Adam Krog

Wed. Nov. 24 - 10:00 p.m. confirmation; 7:30 p.m. Prayer Time.

Sun. Nov. 28 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 am Worship Service, Pastor Krog, Speaking.

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

www.countryfaith.org

218-776-3367

office@countryfaith.org

Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School (Sept - May) 10:00 a.m.Worship Service (Jr Church during Sermon time) 7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth for all 7th-12th Graders (Most Sundays)

Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Holiday Showcase – Friday, December 3rd. 6:00-8:00pm. Dinner and performance of Norman McKinnel's "The Bishop's Candlesticks". Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at www.clearwaterslife.org or by calling 218-776-2789. Seating is limited!

NEW Weekly Exercise for Seniors Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday and get your body stretched and moving. Held at CWLC in Gonvick from 10-11a.m. Some of the activities include chair exercises, creative movement and balance training. If you need transportation and you are a Clearwater County resident that is 60+ years old, give us a call to set up transportation! 218-776-2789

NEW Chemical Dependency Support Group: Meeting every week on Tuesdays at 2pm. Located on the second floor at CWLC in Clearbrook.

Community Art Studios Being creative is our specialty. Pottery, mosaics, jewelry making, beading, scrapbook, paint (acrylic, watercolor), and more. Skilled mentors available Mondays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All ages welcome. Cost \$5.00/day – supplies are provided. Located at CWLC in Gonvick.

Come join us for Pickleball! Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 3 - 6 p.m. in Gonvick. What is Pickleball? A great mix of tennis, ping-pong and badminton.

Mustard Seed Homes: Do you know or are you someone who needs a fresh start? MSH is a residential program for adult men that provides support groups, vocational and life skills training, and steps to developing a healthy physical and spiritual life. Openings available. Visit our website for more information: www.mustardseedhomes.org

Youth Connection After-school youth program for kids in 3rd grade up to 12th grade. No cost to participate. Held at CWLC in Clearbrook. Wednesdays from 2:30-5p.m. for 3rd-5th grade; Tuesdays from 3:30-5p.m. for 6th-9th grade. Visit our website for more info and to register.

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

Shop-at-the-Top is Clear Waters Life Center's volunteer operated store with over 6,000 sq. feet of retail space in Clearbrook. Donations accepted during business hours. SALE Dec 4 10a.m.-2p.m. 50% off Christmas Items and Christmas Clothing. Check out our <https://www.clearwaterslife.org/shop-at-the-top.html> Hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm weekdays & 10:00am – 12:00pm Saturdays

CWLC Clearbrook: 256 2nd Ave SW CWLC Gonvick: 226 Elm St. Phone: 218-776-2789

Email: office@clearwaterslife.org

For more information on programs & services, visit our webpages: www.clearwaterslife.org and www.mustardseedhomes.org, like our Facebook pages, follow us on Instagram.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook

Pastor Randy Reimer

Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Quilting. AWANA meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm weekly. Call for information. 218-776-3252

Every Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer

Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD

Good Shepherd

Wed., Dec. 1 - Grade 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7:30pm Handbell Practice

Sun., Dec. 5 - 9:00am Worship/ Communion, 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour, Call committee vote.

Good Shepherd Office Hours: Tues. to Fri. 8:30 am to 1:30 am.

Our Savior's

Sun., Dec. 5 - 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship Service; Call Committee Vote.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri

Pastor Jeff Merseeth

Wed, Dec. 1: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. LYS at 7:00 p.m.

Sat, Dec. 4: Mt. Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, Dec. 5: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. SS. Nazareth: 9:45 Worship, 8:30 a.m. SS. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship, 9:45 a.m. SS. 1:30 p.m. Oak Park Ladies Aid Christmas party.

Wed, Dec. 8: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

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

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Jarred LeBon, Pastor

Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Dec. 1: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, Dec. 5: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship.

Tue, Dec. 30: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wed, Dec. 8: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund

Sand Valley

Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, Dec. 1: 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Bethany.

Sun, Dec. 5: 9 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. No Confirmation. 5 p.m. Sand Valley Sunday School Program.

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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Coaches needed

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District is seeking 1-2 junior high girls basketball coaches for the 2021-2022 sea-

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

All Meals are free for all students for the 21-22 school year.

Adults - \$4.15
Extra Entree - \$1.00 - \$1.50
Extra Milk - .35

Wed. Dec. 1 - Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - String Cheese

Thurs. Dec. 2 - Mini Corn Dogs, Tri Taters, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Cheez It Crackers

Fri. Dec. 3 -Cream of Potato Soup, Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Graham Crackers

Mon. Dec. 6- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Rice Krispy Bar

Tues. Dec. 7 - Chicken Patty on Bun, Oven Fries, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Cereal Bar.

Please note- this may change!!! Some food items that we normally purchase are not available!

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

son. Duties will include but are not limited to: teaching young players the fundamentals of the game of basketball, being present at all games and practices, and being a positive role model to young student athletes. Must be able to pass a background check.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to: Melissa Weems
16770 Clearwater Lk Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
218-776-3112 Ext. 105
Email: mmccoy@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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Ruby's Pantry set for December 1

Join us Wednesday, December 1st at Country Faith Church, 46125 149th Ave, Clearbrook for Ruby's Pantry, Clearbrook.

Our drive-thru distribution will run from 5-6:00pm or until food items are gone. Bring a \$22 cash donation (**Notice price increase) and receive a "share" which is an abundance of grocery items that are valued over \$100 which varies every month. There is a maximum of 2 shares per vehicle.

No registration needed for drive-thru distribution. No boxes needed, everything will be prepackaged for you. Ruby's Pantry is a pop-up non-profit food ministry serving our rural communities across MN & WI on a monthly basis, hosted by non-profits and made possible by volunteers at each site.

There is no income or residency requirement. Questions? Contact Country Faith at 218-776-3367. Find us on Facebook: Ruby's Pantry-Clearbrook, MN

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office is hosting a snowmobile safety class for interested youth ages 11 and up. MN law requires anyone born after December 31, 1976 to obtain a snowmobile safety certificate in order to operate a snowmobile on public lands and waters. There are two parts to the class:

Part 1: Go to www.dnr.state.mn.us and click on "education & safety" > "recreational vehicle safety classes" > "snowmobile safety training" and then follow the link for "snowmobilecourse.com" and complete the online training.

Part 2: Bring printed "voucher (certificate)" to the field day on Saturday December 18, 2021 at 9:00 AM at Bagley High School. Class is scheduled 9:00 AM – Noon but may be finished sooner depending on number of students.

Students need to bring a helmet and proper riding attire to the field day. A parent/guardian needs to attend the first part of the field day for registration. Pre-Register by contacting Andy Anderson at 218-776-3112 #104 or andyanderson@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Students who are 16 or older may only complete the online course and are not required to attend a field day but are welcome to do so.

Reminder about Mille Lacs, Upper Red lake winter season walleye regulations

Mille Lacs Lake contact: Tom Heinrich, Mille Lacs area fisheries supervisor, 320-525-3882. Red Lake contact: Edie Evarts, Bemidji area fisheries supervisor, 218-308-2330.

Ice anglers on Mille Lacs and Upper Red lakes can harvest walleye on both lakes this winter season.

A four-walleye bag limit, with only one walleye longer than 17 inches allowed, went into effect on Upper Red Lake on Monday, Nov. 1, and extends through Sunday, Feb. 27.

Effective Wednesday, Dec. 1, through Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, winter anglers on Mille Lacs may keep one walleye between 21-23 inches or one fish longer than 28 inches. Mille Lacs Lake winter regulations also reduce the possession limit for cisco (tullibee) from 10 to five and all burbot (eelpout) must be immediately released.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' website offers regulation information for both Upper Red Lake and Mille Lacs Lake.

Ice spearing for northern pike

Spearing is a fascinating way to harvest one of Minnesota's largest fish. Looking down from above, you seek – and see – the fish in its world rather than blindly pulling the fish in on a line strung with enticements and attractions from your world.

Found in in nearly every Minnesota lake and river, the northern pike is a voracious predator. That instinct draws it to the decoy dangling in the portal from which you'll be peeking into the northern's world.

Though somewhat challenging to fillet, the northern pike is excellent table fare.

Generally, spearing is limited to rough fish such as sucker. But spearing on the ice for northern pike is allowed from mid-November to the last Sunday in February.

Minnesota has three northern pike zones and regulations vary depending on where you're spearing. Northern pike in winter in many of the same places you find them in autumn, points, narrows, vegetation lines and other vegetation places where this top predator can hide while waiting to ambush prey.

Typically, northern pike spearing occurs in relatively shallow water, commonly in the six-to 10-foot range. Spearing works best if your dark house is over a sandy or light-colored bottom rather than a dark muddy bottom. That's because northern pike show up better when suspended over a light background.

Spearing is a fascinating way to harvest a northern pike but it requires equipment different from standard ice fishing. So, if you want to try spearing you will need to borrow or buy a few specialty items, including a spear, dark house or roomy portable shelter, fish decoys, ice chisel, ice saw, auger and maybe even ice tongs.

Given the items you need, a good way to get into spearing is to try it first with someone who knows how to do it.

The best part of darkhouse spearing is the viewing hole. Typically, viewing holes are about three feet long and two feet wide.

To make a viewing hole drill four holes where you want your four corners. Next, use an ice saw or chisel to connect the four holes, thereby creating a rectangular slab of floating ice. When the ice is relatively thin you can push the slab under the ice and away from the hole with your chisel. Later in the year, when slabs are thick and their buoyance makes them difficult



Griffin Roragen, from Fin's Spins and Fin's Lures, was one of the many vendors during the Spears, Beers and Decoys show recently held at the Lean To Tavern in Bejou.

to push down, it is best to pry them out of the water with your chisel. If you do this always return the slab to the water when you are done spearing.

You don't want to leave large chunks of ice on the lake as they become safety hazards for snowmobilers and other motor vehicles. Also, when finished spearing mark your spear hole with a tree branch or brush. This is a traditional signal to others not to drive or walk over this spot as the ice may not be safe.

Fish decoys attract northern pike to your viewing hole. Artificial decoys come in a variety of shapes, lengths and colors. It's smart to buy decoys that mimic common prey in the lake you fish. A live decoy – typically a large sucker minnow trussed in a harness – is another option. Decoys are typically tied to a short rod and reel, and jigged fairly frequently to attract curious and hungry fish. Larger jigging motions are best for attracting distant fish. More subtle motions are best for keeping the fish's interest when it is in or near the hole. The decoy's purpose is to lure the fish into the center of the hole and relatively close to the surface so spearing success is higher.

Since you never know when a fish is going to swim into the hole it is best to keep the spear tip in the water. This way you won't splash the water with your spear and scare the pike away when it arrives. When throwing a spear be sure to keep it perpendicular to the water. You want the fish to be directly beneath the spear. Don't throw a spear at an angle because this most often results in a miss due

to the light-bending properties of refraction.

Though anglers talk about "throwing" the spear in reality many spearers more or less drop the spear with a two-fingered motion akin to tossing a paper airplane. This type of release is effective because spears are heavy, sharp and gravity works. Finally, when possible it is best to drop the spear when the fish is facing away from you. Aim for the back of the head. Make sure your spear is tethered to the wall of your dark house or some other fixed object. If you have speared a large pike keep pressure on the fish until it stops moving by keeping the spear perpendicular, thereby essentially pinning it to the bottom. If you let the spear fall flat on the bottom there is a chance the fish will wiggle off, swim away and die elsewhere.

An internet search of "how to spear northern pike" will yield various articles and videos that further expand on how to spear northern pike.

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CLEARWATER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Commissioners' November 9, 2021

The November meetings for the Clearwater County Board commenced on November 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Larson presiding and Commissioners Titera, Newland, Illies, 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.

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the October 19th Board minutes with corrections.

Engineer- Dan Sauvé presented the financial statement, bills, and following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills of \$26,268.65.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to accept the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for SAP 015-602-028, SP 015-602-026 & SP 015-602-027; Aggregate Shouldering and Bituminous Surfacing, to accept said completed project for and in behalf of Clearwater County, and to authorize final payment to Knife River Materials.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, that the County Board does

find that extraordinary hardship or practical difficulty exists for Michael Luggar's Access Plan off CSAH 2 and does authorize a modification of access standards to allow a second approach to parcel number R04.021.1000. Mike Luggar was present for the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve and authorize the Chair of the County Board of Commissioners to sign Agreement Number CP 2022-14 to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Township of Leon. (On file)

Barry Nelson, Becker County Commissioner, came to visit with the Board about the Wild Rice Watershed District. He presented information he compiled and the Board gave consensus to move forward with Barry creating an Agreement for Clearwater and Becker whereas they would share a seat on the Wild Rice Watershed Board.

Land Department- Bruce Cox and Kim Christenson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the proposed Forfeited Tax Sale Fund Budget for fiscal year 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to accept the 2023 Campground rates. (On file)

Auditor-Treasurer- Al Paulson presented the bills and the following

motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the Auditor

to pay submitted invoices of \$116,864.19 from the County Revenue Fund and \$47,341.20 from the Nursing Service Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the 2020 Financial Statement for publication.

By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice for the following 2 motions.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to hire Shawn Primus as Assistant Assessor at Step 16, Grade 1 effective November 15, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to hire Lisa Syverson as Clearwater County Public Health Director at Grade 26, Step 2 effective November 22, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the Clearwater County Abatement Policy effective January 1, 2022. (On file)

Environmental Services- Commissioner Larson presented the following motions for Dan Hecht: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize Clearwater County's involvement in a regional planning effort and joint application for State grant funding, including up to \$6,000.00 committed for grant-matching cash and in-kind expenses, for preliminary planning for long-term demolition debris management. This is to be paid from the Demolition Landfill account #20-392-6261.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the purchase from State contract one Bobcat T66 compact track loader including attachments and options, according to quotation #HMM-27675v3, and including trade-in of Unit 211 which is a 2015 Bobcat S570 skid-steer loader, for a price including trade of \$43,174.63.

Adjourn- Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Dated: November 16, 2021

Mark Larson, Chairman

Trudi Alberg, Board Coordinator
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A “farm-to-family” business



The following interview was conducted by the Grygla Eagle with Jennifer Sundberg of Phoenix Family Farms, located in rural Grygla. Matt & Jennifer Sundberg have started a new business venture selling pasture-raised meats and poultry, and it's truly a “farm-to-family” way of life. Matt and Jennifer have two children, Clayton (age 6) and Maple (age 4), both of which are already great farmhands. Enjoy the interview below and take notice of the Phoenix Family Farms ad on page two.

Name of your family business? Phoenix Family Farms

What is your family business? We sell pasture-raised meats and poultry.

What are your current occupations in addition to Phoenix Family Farms? Matt is in his 9th year as the Industrial Technology (shop) teacher at Marshall County Central High School in Newfolden. I had been the FACS teacher in Newfolden for the past 5 years but decided to resign this year to be able to focus more on the homestead, business, and home life.

A little background info to share with our readers: Matt and I have been married for 7 years. Matt has lived in Grygla his whole life with the exception of a few years spent in Moorhead and Bemidji for school and work. I grew up on the Iron Range and then spent some time going to school and working in different parts of the world, including India, Uganda, Thailand, and Fiji. I

came back to Bemidji to work at the Bemidji Middle School. Matt was working as the Technology teacher there at the time, which is how we met.

Is this new venture a side business/full-time gig, or hobby? Phoenix Family Farms has slowly evolved into what it is today, which is pretty much a full-time gig. Matt is also working as a teacher and still does a few carpentry jobs here in there.

What got you interested in this? Matt has been farming beef cattle with his family most of his life. From a young age, his parents instilled in him a great understanding and appreciation for the hard work that goes into raising animals and tending a large garden. As a married couple, we always wanted to raise meat animals for our own use. Not only do we see the value of raising and growing our own food, but we also see how this type of lifestyle bonds us as a family. Everyone, including the kids, have a role to play in keeping the farm running. There is a great sense of satisfaction to be able to sit down to a meal that has been fully produced by our own hands. We love being a part of the whole process. Two years ago, we decided to purchase three Mangalitsa gilt piglets and a Mangalitsa boar. This breed fascinated us because they are so unique! They are known for their exceptional meat quality (dark red and marbled), their ability to forage, and their wooly coat! We wanted a breed that worked well with our landscape

and would be well suited to root around on rotating pastures. The fact that Mangalitsas are an old-world, heritage breed was another plus for us. This breed grows slower and is also considered a “lard” pig. For this reason, we have elected to omit corn and soy from their diet so that the end product isn't too fatty. Although we originally wanted these pigs to help work the land and feed our own family, we quickly became passionate about making the farm part of a business that would make us more self-reliant. Since that time, we've also added a small herd of Katahdin (hair) sheep and heritage breed Red Broiler chickens. This process has been so rewarding as a family. No matter how successful our business is, we feel that anything that brings our family closer together, is worth it. We're so grateful to be on this path and cannot thank God enough for being our steadfast guide. As JRR Tolkien writes, “Deep roots are not reached by the frost” - and deep roots are exactly what we are trying to put down with our way of running our farm and raising our family.

What do you raise on your farm? We raise pigs, sheep, chicken (for eggs and meat), and cows.

Do you have any animals as pets? We have two Great Pyrenees dogs (Lady and Finn) who are great livestock guardians. We also have a black lab named Otis, two barn cats, a few ducks, and a huge (and a bit ornery) African goose who the kids lovingly call Hector the Protector.

What animals are raised for meat? Pork, lamb, chicken, and beef.

What makes Phoenix Family Farms so unique? There has never been a better time to support small, local businesses. We are 100% family owned and run. Knowing the faces and names of the folks raising your food and knowing where your food comes from, is invaluable. Not only do our customers have the satisfaction of buying locally raised food, but they also have the peace of mind knowing that our animals are raised well and in a way that is sustainable. Since we are a small, local farm providing products that are heritage-breed and pasture-raised, we

feel we are providing something unique and truly special. When customers purchase meat from us, the kitchen table in which their lovely slow-roasted pork roast sits is at the end of a very short chain. Our animals are born and carefully raised all in one place, and our goal is to work directly with the people who want to put quality, pasture-raised meat on their table. This is why we say we are a “farm-to-family” business! We are always open to providing farm tours (or just a visit!) for anyone who'd like to see more.

How did you come up with the name of your business? Phoenix Family Farms, for us, is symbolic on a number of levels. The Phoenix is a mythical bird known for rising from the ashes and facing a newness of life. We have taken a huge leap of faith on a journey we truly believe in. We may make mistakes along the way (talk about on-the-job learning!), but with our whole beings we are striving toward what is good and real and whole. We want every aspect of our life and business to reflect that. The Phoenix is truly a magnificent, radiant, and fierce creature, and our little family farm is trying to blaze its way through in order to be and provide something truly wonderful.

Meat bundles/sampler boxes: Phoenix Family Farms now has local pasture-raised meat bundle and sampler boxes available that are perfect for the holidays. See page two for the Phoenix Family Farms ad that lists product and pricing. Signature or custom boxes are available. Meat products are processed at USDA Inspected Heart O' Lakes Quality Meats in Pelican Rapids, MN. Poultry products are processed on-farm with MDA poultry processing registration.

Meat Bundles and Sampler boxes are subject to change based on availability. If an item is sold out, it will be replaced by a comparable item(s). Weights of items listed are approximate. Boxes will be available for local delivery or on-farm pick-up. Orders can be placed online, by phone, or in-person.

Contact: Matt & Jennifer Sundberg: 218-766-9582 or 218-294-6095; Website: phoenix-familyfarms.com; Social Media: @phoenixfamilyfarms

Representative Matt Grossell Legislative Update District 2A

House Internship Applications Open

The Minnesota House will be accepting applications for an undergraduate remote internship. This is the first year of the program and is a unique opportunity for students across the state to get involved and gain valuable internship experience without having to travel to Saint Paul. The deadline to apply is December 3rd.



Details on the program and how to apply can be found here: <https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/sergeant/internship>
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.
Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless!
Matt

Only in Minnesota:

Everything you'll ever need to know about Minnesota from A To Z

Do you know your MN ABCs? While there are plenty of things to know about the Land of 10,000 Lakes, these 26 facts are the most important. They will give people all they need to start dreaming about visiting or living in our wonderful state and might even surprise a few residents!

Apples: Minnesota has some of the best apples, thanks to the University of Minnesota and their invention, the honeycrisp apple. You can even pick them yourself, along with a wide variety of other fruits and vegetables at many local farms.

Boats: We have the highest rate of boats per capita in fact. There is one recreational boat for every six Minnesota residents.

Canoeing: We are also home to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the most visited wilderness in the country, and the best place for canoe voyaging around.

Duck, Duck, Gray Duck: In MN, we play duck, duck, gray duck. Because gray ducks blend in way more than geese.

Eagles: You can find beautiful eagles almost anywhere in Minnesota, but particularly at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha.

Fortune 500s: The Twin Cities' suburbs are packed with fortune 500s that have produced some of the nation's favorite technology and products.

Golf: Beautiful golf courses are just the start. Minneapolis also has the highest rate of golfers per capita in the nation.

Hockey: We are the state of hockey and even host the National Pond Hockey Championship! Nobody loves the sport like we do.

Inventions: MN's inventors have been some of the best turning out products like water skis, the seatbelt, bundt cake, sandpaper, cake mix, grocery bags with handles, rollerblades, microwave popcorn, frozen pizza, post-its, staplers, malls, armored trucks, thermostats, pop-up toasters...we could go on and on.

Juicy Lucy: Another brilliant Minnesotan invention, these delicious, cheese-filled burgers are works of art.

Kindness: It's actually called Minnesota-nice. And while everyone has an opinion on that phrase, it's very true that people in Minnesota are much kinder than in most other states.

Lakes: We have 13,136,357 acres of surface water area. more than the area of entire states of Hawaii and New Jersey combined.

Mall of America: We didn't just invent malls. We also have one large enough to hold 32 Boeing 747 airplanes.

North Shore: Our gorgeous North Shore is a famous destination for outdoor recreation and is beautiful year-round.

Outdoors: Minnesota is one of the most recreation-loving, family-oriented states. We don't just have lakes in our backyards, we use them!

Pop: We drink pop in MN. So don't call it soda.

Quarries: We have plenty of quarries for those who want to learn about MN's mining past. Some of them have even become epic swimming holes!

Rivers: 69,200 miles of rivers and streams can be found in MN. That would circle the equator 2 3/4 times.

State Fair: Our state fair is one of the most epic summer events in the entire county with awesome food, animals, and entertainment. Plus, there are people sculpted out of butter.

Tots: Tater tots are never underestimated in Minnesota. They're particularly useful in the making of hotdish, another one of our favorite foods.

Up North: Up North, is where we go to get away for the weekend or the summer. It actually means any lake within the state with a cabin where we can relax and go fishing.

Vikings: Our beloved Vikings. Not just a football team, but also many of our ancestors. Skol!

Wildlife: Wildlife is abundant in MN. We actually have 3 times more white-tailed deer than college students.

X-Rays: Minnesota is home to the world-famous Mayo Clinic where plenty of medical breakthroughs have happened.

Youth: MN is the perfect place for kids, in fact, we're Kids Count's number one pick for child well-being.

Zoos: The Minnesota Zoo is amazing. Oh and, we also have a free one as well, The Como Zoo. You're welcome, parents.



Matt & Jennifer Sundberg, along with their children, Clayton and Maple are pictured above. The Sundbergs raise Mangalitsa pigs, in addition to sheep, chicken and cows. They welcome farm-tours or a visit anytime.
Photos courtesy of Jennifer Sundberg



Take precautions with live holiday greenery

Insects and diseases can hitchhike on trees and holiday greenery brought into Minnesota from other states.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) inspects holiday products for elongate hemlock scale, boxwood blight, oriental bittersweet, Lymantria dispar (gypsy moth), and many more.

Elongate Hemlock Scale
Elongate hemlock scale (Florinia externa) is found almost exclusively on the underside of conifer needles. Given their small size and inconspicuous appearance, the elongate hemlock scale may appear to be dirt or debris to the untrained eye.

Oriental Bittersweet
Oriental bittersweet (Celastrus



trus orbiculatus) vines have been used in holiday decorations and other crafting items for many years. Fruiting branches, which have red berries and yellow fruit capsules, make wreaths charming but easily spread seed. Oriental bittersweet is designated as a noxious weed on Minnesota's

Eradicate List.

If craft arrangements, such as wreaths, are placed outside, birds can eat the fruit and move the seed to new locations.

Lymantria dispar (formerly known as "gypsy moth")

Lymantria dispar lay their eggs in protected areas on both natural and artificial surfaces. Christmas trees can have egg masses on trunks and branches. Egg masses are quarter-sized fuzzy, tan colored and contain 500 - 1,000 eggs.

Boxwood Blight

Holiday wreaths, garlands, and planters often contain shoots from boxwood plants. Boxwood is an evergreen shrub with dark green, rounded leaves. Boxwood blight is caused by the invasive fungus Calonectria

pseudonaviculata. This disease causes leaf spots, stem lesions, and leaf drop in boxwoods.

If you see any signs of the following pests or others on your holiday greenery, please contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

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You can reduce the volume of rubbish by recycling your paper, cardboard, plastic food and beverage containers, steel cans and, of course, aluminum and glass containers! Take them to the recycling bins located by the County Highway Department in Bagley. Thank you! Need pointers? Call us at 218-694-6183.

Clearwater County Environmental Services

Clearwater County Sheriff Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

Bear Creek - Total 1
11/26/21 13:08:49 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
City of Bagley - Total 17
11/21/21 05:00:51 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
11/21/21 11:58:36 Drug Related
11/22/21 14:40:34 Civil Complaint
11/22/21 14:55:31 Warrant Arrest
11/23/21 07:06:36 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
11/23/21 08:26:49 Parking Complaint - Handled By Officer
11/23/21 09:20:49 Warrant Arrest
11/23/21 14:05:14 Search Warrant
11/23/21 14:35:53 Warrant Arrest
11/23/21 16:22:59 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/24/21 10:32:01 Juvenile Misc
11/24/21 13:33:48 Juvenile Misc
11/24/21 14:08:09 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
11/24/21 14:24:10 Juvenile Misc
11/26/21 11:53:08 Domestic
11/27/21 17:22:13 Traffic Stop
City of Clearbrook - Total 3
11/23/21 05:43:24 Medical -

Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/24/21 08:58:55 Harassment
11/24/21 18:07:26 Traffic Stop
City of Gonvick - Total 1
11/23/21 08:24:43 Medical - Patient Evaluated,
Copley - Total 6
11/23/21 09:04:51 THEFT
11/23/21 20:20:01 Traffic Stop
11/24/21 12:06:43 Welfare Check
11/26/21 00:58:51 Motor Vehicle Theft - Handled By Officer / Deputy
11/26/21 05:50:09 Animal Related
11/26/21 10:16:17 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Dudley - Total 2
11/22/21 10:36:58 Property Damage - Report Taken
11/23/21 08:03:32 Lost/Found Property - Handled By Officer
Falk - Total 7
11/22/21 13:17:04 Disturbance - Arrest
11/23/21 08:41:11 Suspicious Activity - Report Taken
11/23/21 20:17:57 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
11/24/21 14:58:34 Medical -

Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/25/21 05:45:16 Domestic
11/26/21 15:33:19 Disturbance
11/27/21 09:21:21 Trespass
Greenwood - Total 1
11/25/21 12:31:38 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Holst - Total 1
11/23/21 16:50:50 Fire - Cancelled
LaPraire N - Total 3
11/24/21 12:00:39 Harassment
11/25/21 11:05:45 Domestic
11/27/21 18:58:03 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Leon - Total 8
11/21/21 05:55:28 Traffic Stop
11/22/21 17:11:21 Traffic Stop
11/23/21 13:46:51 Juvenile Misc
11/24/21 04:50:24 Animal Related
11/24/21 07:41:09 Traffic Stop
11/24/21 13:38:48 Medical = - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/24/21 15:13:10 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
11/27/21 16:17:19 Traffic Stop
Long Lost Lake - Total 1
11/24/21 11:43:47 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Nora - Total 2
11/21/21 14:07: - Handled By Officer / Deputy
11/27/21 03:17:26 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
11/21/21 12:14:57 Fire - Fire Control or Extinguishment
11/24/21 19:34:20 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
Pine Lake - Total 1
11/27/21 21:14:31 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Poppo - Total 1
11/26/21 12:53:52 Death - Patient Dead at Scene-No EMS
Rice - Total 1
11/21/21 23:33:13 Motorist Assist - Assignment Completed/Settled
Shevlin - Total 6
11/22/21 07:15:13 Disturbance - Arrest
11/22/21 09:39:51 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/22/21 19:09:59 Threats
11/24/21 02:13:53 Extra Patrol
11/24/21 10:48:23 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
11/27/21 20:48:02 Traffic Stop
Sinclair - Total 1
11/23/21 13:02:24 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Total Records: 65



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Wow ...what a turnout for the benefit for Terry Halvorson last Saturday night. I thought that serving food and eating in a tent would be kind of cold. But with the warm air being pumped into the tent, it was almost too warm in some places. Charps brought over two types of equipment, one for the heat and one for backup electricity. Four of us served spaghetti starting at 3:00 in the afternoon. I don't think they could do what we do in our towns in the big city for local people.

Shorty's is back to Friday and Saturday night specials. It will be meat balls both nights.

The Gonvick Lions Club will be doing their Christmas basket delivery to people who live alone in the Clearbrook, Gully and Gonvick area. They were not able to do it last year. This year because of covid they will be dropping off the bags at the door on Sunday, December 12.

Did you get that big buck? We sure would like to get it in the paper send to richards@gvtel.com or stop by the office in Gonvick and we will get a picture of your trophy.

Holiday Showcase - Friday, December 3rd, 6:00-8:00.m. Dinner and performance of Norman McKinnel's "The Bishop's Candlesticks". Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at www.clearwaterslife.org or by calling 218-776-2789. Seating is limited!

Save the Date for Saturday, December 4th. It will be Santa Day in Clearbrook. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Craft Sale at the Clearbrook Community Center. Santa Will Arrive at 1:00pm to Visit with the Kids and Hand out Treats! Other events to take place.

Santa Claus Day will be on December 11 in Gonvick. The day will include a visit by

Santa and Mrs. Claus with gifts, games, prizes and treats. It will be held at the Clear Waters Life Center from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Please help make it a success by providing a cash donation. Your money will be strictly used for items for the children.

The Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick will have a Christmas Event on Sunday, December 5th at 3:00 p.m. Concert by "Acoustofiddle", Jeff Menten and Paul Nye with a Scandinavian Meal to follow. Call Sharon Dyrda 487-5455 or Joan Senger 487-5581 to register by November 27th.

Jokey Time...

A man was in his front yard mowing grass when his attractive blonde female neighbor came out of the house and went straight to the mail box.

She opened it, slammed it shut, and stormed back in the house.

A little later she came out of her house and again went to the mail box and again opened it, then slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house she went.

As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, here she came out again, marched to the mail box, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever.

Puzzled by her actions the man asked her, "Is something wrong?"

To which she replied, "There certainly is! My stupid computer keeps giving me a message saying, "YOU'VE GOT MAIL!"

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.

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updated as they come into our office.

We collect used eye glasses in the Leader-Record office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions

Letter To the Editor

One time fix compared to an ongoing solution

I guess it's good news that the United States is going to release oil from the strategic reserve. It's a one-time decision that may help deal with rising gas prices.

What's even better is because of a re-built Line 3, we have ongoing access to more oil from North Dakota and Canada.

Line 3 is now in operation every day.

It is bringing more oil to our region where we can produce it without having to depend on the Middle East.

We need and use energy every day. The fact we are using more of it now and the price at the pump is going up shows how dynamic things can be.

I don't like seeing the price to fill a vehicle go up but imagine how much worse this would be if we did not have Line 3.

The good news is that is not the case.

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Grouse season open through Jan. 2

Late-season spruce grouse hunters in northern Minnesota's boreal forests are asked to voluntarily submit feather samples for the final year of a genetics research project being conducted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in partnership with the University of Minnesota.

Spruce grouse are a climate-sensitive species that rely on boreal forest habitats containing black spruce, jack pine and tamarack — all of which are expected to shift northward on the landscape as temperatures increase. This study will use grouse genetics to form a baseline of data to establish how spruce grouse currently use the landscape, then identify changes in habitat connectivity over time. When habitat becomes fragmented and a species loses connectivity to its former range, the species can form smaller distinct genetic groups over time.

"Hunters who enjoy pursuing these birds are critical to the success of this project and our work to conserve this species," said Charlotte Roy, DNR grouse research scientist. "Data collection for this project is simple, but we are currently falling short of our sampling goal this year. We're hoping hunters can help us by submitting another 100 to 125 feather samples in this final year of the two-year project."

Hunters who would like to assist with the project should collect three to five large wing or tail feathers along with the GPS coordinates of the harvest location. The feathers, GPS coordinates and the hunter's name and telephone number should be mailed to: Grouse Research, DNR Regional Headquarters, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. Hunters are asked to mail samples from each bird in a separate envelope and not mix feather samples from multiple birds.

This research project is funded by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources with money from the Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund. Last year, 111 individual samples were submitted.

Small game harvest surveys show hunters have harvested anywhere from 7,000-19,000 spruce grouse annually over the last 11 years. More information about spruce grouse management can be found on the DNR website.

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Katie Lorenson is scheduled to take over as president of Alerus Financial Corporation

As of January 1, 2022, Katie Lorenson, originally from Oklee, daughter of Bob & Pam O'Neill, and 1998 Oklee High School graduate, is scheduled to become the new president and chief executive officer.

Katie joined Alerus as chief financial officer in December 2017. Katie is a seasoned executive with extensive experience overseeing financial service organizations, most recently serving as CFO at MidWestOne Financial Group, Inc.

Katie's "once-in-a-career" opportunity came in 2018, a year after joining Alerus, when she began spearheading the lengthy process for Alerus' filing of a registration for a proposed initial public offering and Alerus began trading on NASDAQ in mid-September 2019.

On September 22nd, Alerus Financial Corporation announced that its Board of Directors appointed Katie A. Lorenson, the Company's current Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, as the Company's next President

and Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2022.

Ms. Lorenson will also join the Company's Board of Directors upon assuming her new role. Randy L. Newman will transition to the role of Executive Chairman of the Board to ensure a seamless leadership transfer.

"Katie is a proven leader and seasoned executive with a deep understanding and passion for our business," said Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer Randy Newman. "Since Katie joined Alerus in 2017, she has been an indispensable strategic partner to me, our leadership team, and the Board of Directors. Katie brings relentless focus to executing our strategic plan and building our business, by attracting, retaining, and developing employees and growing the Company. She has a proven track record of leadership, successfully integrating acquisitions and aligning resources for growth. The Company is well-positioned for continued success, and I have full confidence that Katie

will continue to advance our Company."

"I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to succeed Randy and lead Alerus as we continue our path to positively impact our clients' financial potential," said Lorenson. "Together with the Alerus leadership team and our employees, I plan to continue building on the strong foundation already in place. I look forward to working with Randy in his role as Executive Chairman as we grow the Company by executing our strategic mission to deliver holistic advice, with unparalleled service, and engaging technology."

In Katie's spare time, she dedicates her time to her husband and three boys, whose sporting events keep her busy throughout the year.

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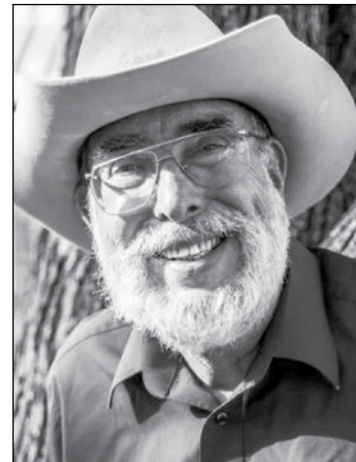
We almost believed we had a crime wave going on, which perplexed us all, especially since it's Christmas and all.

It all began when old man Ortega's rooster disappeared. He reported it to the police, too, who thought this neighborhood alarm clock finally met with a dissatisfied customer who was now gleefully making dumplings.

The police said as much to Ortega, and the old man wanted to know what the police were going to do about it. Well, since it had been almost a week since they'd had a complaint come in, the chief sent young Glen around the neighborhood asking chicken questions. Everyone denied ending ol' Doodle's career ... when they finished laughing. Old man Ortega got a copy of the report.

Ortega had his suspicions, of course. There was one neighbor lady who had once complained about the rooster to Ortega, and he had defended to her very face his rooster's right to crow. She then asked if he couldn't get ol' Doodles operated on, like they do to dogs, and get his doodler clipped so he'd be singing blanks, as it were.

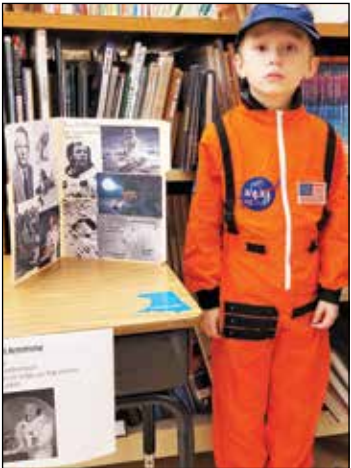
Ortega hotly replied that anyone who would deliberately maim an American rooster would steal sheep. Later on, he apologized and offered to buy her some ear plugs. She passed on the ear



plug offer, but poured him a cup of coffee and that seemed to be that.

But still, ol' Doodles was gone, and there was no denying that. We finally put two and two together when another neighbor caught a coyote going over the fence with one of his hens, but we always wondered about that doodler-snipping operation. We'll have to ask Doc about it.

Quit fly fishing in winter? For shame! You didn't want the fish to get too warm before you got them home, right? Or just read The Fly Fisherman's Bucket List now on Amazon.com.



Isaac O'Rourke as Neil Armstrong. He wrote, "I am Neil Armstrong. I was an American astronaut. I was the first person to walk on the moon. I trained as a navy pilot."



Levi Sollund as Charles Lindbergh. He wrote, "My name is Charles Lindbergh. I was a pioneering United States airplane pilot. I am most famous for making the first solo non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Some of my nicknames are "Lucky Lindy" and The Lone Eagle".



John Schenk as Johnny Appleseed. He wrote, "I am Johnny Appleseed, but my real name is John Chapman. I am a pioneer who planted apple nurseries for people moving west. I preferred to be barefoot. I always carry a sack of apples."

The Wax Museum of Famous Explorers was back again for its fifth year by the First Grade Classes of the Clearbrook-Gonvick School!



Isabella Hoiland as Crazy Horse. She wrote, "I am Crazy Horse. My Lakota name is Tasunke Witco. I am a famous War Leader for my people. I am a protector of the land, my people, and the Lakota Way of Life."



Miyah Hardy-Martin as Harriet Adams. She wrote, "I am Harriet Adams. I am an American Explorer, writer, photographer, and speaker. I am famous for writing 21 articles for the National Geographic that features my photographs as well. The New York Times wrote that I was America's Greatest Woman Explorer."



Brooklyn Hoiland as Meriwether Lewis. Brooklyn wrote, "I am Meriwether Lewis. I was one of the leaders of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Our mission was to explore the territory of the Louisiana Purchase. After 2 years, we brought back information about the territory between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean."



Connor Fineday as Neil Armstrong. He wrote, "I am Neil Armstrong. I am famous for being the first person to walk on the moon. I have spent 8 days and 14 hours in space. I am well known for my statement, "That is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."



Kyra Horn as Sacagawea. She wrote, "I am Sacagawea. I helped Lewis and Clark on their expedition. I was their translator and guide. I am a Shoshone woman and a daughter of the Shoshone Chief."



Adilee Larson as Belle Star. She wrote, "I am Belle Star. I am one of the most notable American outlaws in the Old West. I am known for being stylish and riding sidesaddle with 2 pistols. I was fatally shot in an ambush and my murder remains unsolved to this day."



Ila Severson as Amelia Earhart. She wrote, "I am Amelia Earhart. I was the first woman to fly all alone across the Atlantic Ocean. I bought my first airplane 6 months after taking my first flying lesson. My airplane was bright yellow and I named it, "The Canary".



Gonvick Lions Club President Kim Solberg was the driving force to make the benefit that was held for Terry Halvorson a success. She is holding Coraline, daughter of the Cody Roulunds. Shown below are Lions members serving the spaghetti in the tent that was set up for the benefit. From left to right: Wayne Bergh, Corrine Richards and Janice Smith.



Stopping by to visit with Stacy Halvorson at the benefit that was held for her husband Terry were Debbie Cornell and Lynn Lewis.



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