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Some of the students who are participating in The Memory Project are pictured with the portraits they have started in September and will work on through February. From left to right: Falline Erickson, Jayna Tronnes, Diana Auginash, Savanna Rankin, Dayron Phillips, and art teacher, Linda Brown.

The Memory Project-Creating a Kinder World Through Art

By Bonnie Kirchman
Most of us have at least a small collection of mementos-objects we have saved from our own lives or have been given to us by parents, grandparents, and adults. We have collections of photographs showing us as babies, school children, and adults. These remind us of our achievements, our happiest days, and the people who have been important in our lives. They also give us a way to share our story with our friends and children, giving us a sense of being connected to each other. Children who grow up in difficult situations, facing the loss of their family or their home, or both, may not have any special belongings of their own. War, violence, and poverty greatly reduce their chances of creating happy childhood memories. For

these children, it is often unusual to receive special keepsakes. A group of six talented art students from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School are involved in The Memory Project. This project hopes to touch the lives of young children who are growing up in difficult situations by providing them with a special gift, created just for them. These students are spending a period of months creating portraits that will be sent to the children. The hope is that the portraits will help make positive childhood memories for the recipients and also give them something that is theirs alone to keep. Art teacher Linda Brown selected students Diana Auginash, Falline Erickson, Danika Harmon, Dayron Phillips, Savanna Rankin, and Jayna Tronnes to participate in The

Memory Project. These high school students have had experience in a variety of art classes. They were also willing to commit their time and talents to this project that will take several months to complete. The Memory Project, based in Middleton, Wisconsin, was started by Ben Schumaker in 2004. While a student at the University of Wisconsin, Ben spent a month at an orphanage in Guatemala. He learned that the children who resided there had very few personal objects that could help them remember and share their own life story. Ben had enjoyed creating portraits for his family in friends while he was an art student. This love help spark Ben's desire to create an or-

ganization where art students, with the guidance of their art teachers, could create portraits for children who were facing substantial life challenges. The portraits would be a way to show support to these children and honor their strength and resilience. "Creating a kinder world through art" is part of the vision statement of The Memory Project. Ben Schumaker found that the project has had bigger influences than he had imagined. The children who receive the portraits benefit, as they are shown that they are valued and that many people care about them. The Memory Project uses art to create a connection between young people who will likely never meet, fostering feelings of international friendship.

"I have been looking at him so long and drawing him so long I feel like I am getting to know his personality," Dayron Phillips said of the child he is drawing. "He seems like a nice kid; he might be a little mischievous. I think he is going to be a good man," Dayron added. Linda Brown described the process the students are using to create their portraits. Each student received a photograph of a child from Malaysia, and information that includes the child's first name, age, and favorite color. Ms. Brown's students used a carbon paper process to help them to break down and study the various shapes that make up the picture of the child's face. The students have been working on practice portraits using pencil or watercolors. When they complete their final portrait, they will attach the child's photograph to the back. The art students will also trace their own handprint on the back of the portrait. "It is like being able to touch the hand of the person who created it," Ms. Brown said. The finished portraits will be sent back to Malaysia and workers with the Memory Project will deliver the portraits back to the children.

"I have always loved to draw and do artwork," Diana Auginash said. Diana's drawing of a five-year-old child from Malaysia reflects her love of art, as well as her talent that she is developing in art classes at Clearbrook-Gonvick school. Savanna Rankin describes her portrait as "a work in progress". She started in mid-September, creating a practice portrait. The students are allowed to use any two-dimensional technique to create a 9-inch by 12-inch portrait. Some are choosing to do the portraits in black and white. Others are using colored pencils. Danika Harmon is using water colors for her portrait. She is creating a portrait for 5-year-old Mei Xi whose favorite color is pink. Danika is experimenting with different techniques in the process of making the portrait. The students are also learning some of the challenges that go along with drawing human faces. "Younger kids are harder to draw. Their features are softer," Danika said. As they work on

Memory project... Continued on back page

Santa Day in Clearbrook

Santa Day will be held in Clearbrook on Saturday, December 7th. There will be an Arts & Craft Show at the Clearbrook Community Center from 10 to 3 with over 50 craft tables. The Gonvick Lions Club will be serving Caramel Rolls & Mulligan Stew for lunch in the Community Center Banquet room. Rolls from 9 to 10:30 and lunch from 10:30 to 1. The Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center will be serving their Santa Claus Day Lunch from 11 to 1. There will be Christmas Craft activities for the district starting at 11:00 am at the gathering Place in the small gym at the old school. Santa will arrive at 1:00 to

visit with Kids and Hand out treats. Trade bucks will be given away with the drawing in the banquet room at 3:00 pm. Must be present to win. See ad on the back page this week for details.



Tribute service offered to remember community members who have passed away

A community remembrance service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the Evangelical Free Church—115 Carr Lake Rd. SW, Bemidji, MN. One of the gifts we can be most thankful for during this time of year is remembering the life of someone we loved who has passed away. In the spirit of your love and remembrance, you and your family are invited to attend this annual service. We hope this service will help provide peace and comfort for you and your family as you

remember your loved ones and celebrate their lives during this holiday season. The event is co-sponsored by Cease Family Funeral Home, Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home and Sanford Bemidji Home Care & Hospice. It will include remembrance tributes, readings and music performed by Sanford and Friends Choir. Transportation is available; contact Sanford Bemidji Hospice at (218) 333-5665.

City accepts electrical quote for water mixer

The Gonvick City Council at their last meeting accepted the electric bid from TAS Electric of Gonvick for \$3,991.86 for labor and materials for the Water Tower Mixer unit. It involves work on the top of the water towers and will prevent the water in the tower from freezing. The Council passed the Resolution 19-03 regarding administration of the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act. It requires local government units to implement the rules and regulations from the Board of Water and Soil Resources pertaining to wetland draining, filling and evacuation. Motion was made for the 4-year loader lease on the 2015 Volvo front end loader. The same lease option was offered again through Kansas State Bank for \$7,500 per year. That price will be locked in annually. City Clerk Stacy Halvorson has had printer trouble this fall. The Lexmark printer/scanner/fax purchased from Minkota Technologies was defective and it was replace under warranty with another defective machine. Minkota refunded the money spent towards another machine by Brother which is better quality. The Thein Well estimate on well maintenance was tabled. The estimate was to pull well 2, inspect it and place it back into service. A letter will be sent to Widseth Smith and Nolting concerning the issue. There were no Fire Department issues.

The council decided not to raise the trailer lot rent on January 1, 2020. The liquor license for The Trap was renewed by the council. Police Chief Dan Gazelka presented the police report for the month with 19 incidences. They included: 911 Hang Up 1; Assist 1; Burglary 2, Crimes Against Family 1; Fraud 1; Medical 3; Parking Complaint 1; Property damage 1; Suspicious Activity 2; Theft 1; Traffic stop 2; Vehicle Lock Out 1; Welfare Check 2. Bills for the month were approved with General \$46,918.54, Fire \$386.15, Water and Sewer \$20,454.04 for a total of \$67,758.73.

Christmas Concert Coming Soon

The Clearwater County Community Choir is performing a Christmas Traditions concert on Sunday, December 15th at 3 pm in the Bagley High School Auditorium. The show is sure to be 'better than egg nog and ugly sweaters' says 9 year-old Jesse Gunderson. This inaugural program features the talents of the newly formed 40-voice community choir that has been having fun and working hard to refine harmonies and articulate complex rhythms on several pieces. Musical selections include classic Christmas melodies and contemporary chorale Concert... Continued on page 2



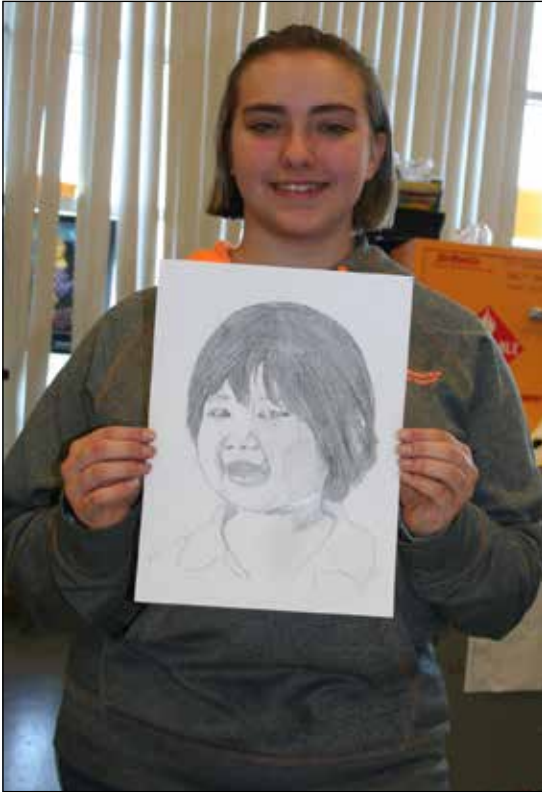
Dayron Phillips and art teacher Linda Brown discuss the portrait of a young boy from Malaysia that Dayron is creating as part of The Memory Project. Once Dayron completes the portrait, it will be sent back to the boy who will be able to keep it as a special childhood memory.



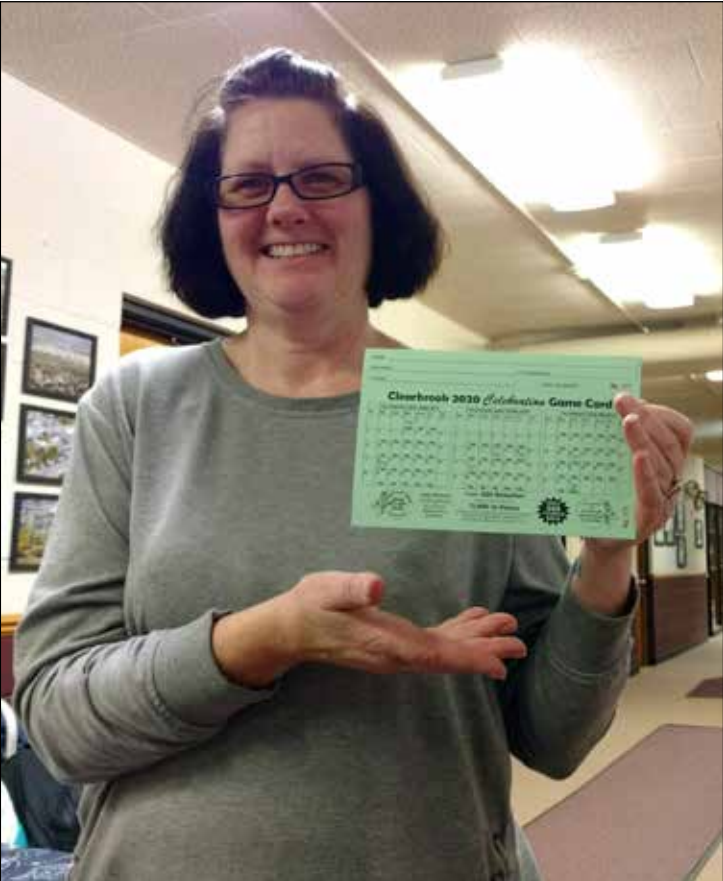
Diana Auginash is participating in The Memory Project, creating a special portrait for a child in Malaysia. Diana, who loves art, is also working on a self-portrait in her 2-D art class. Students who participate as artists in The Memory Project must have the ability to create a portrait that resembles the child, something that even advanced artists find difficult to achieve. The artists must also be willing to commit the many hours needed to complete their portraits.



Danika Harmon is using watercolors to create her child's portrait for The Memory Project. Danika researched flowers from Malaysia before adding the ring of flowers to the child's hair in this portrait. The portrait will become a special gift for the child as well as a special, happy childhood memory.



Savanna Rankin is working on a portrait for The Memory Project. Since 2004, over 160,000 portraits have been created for children in 49 countries. The mission of The Memory Project is to "create a kinder world through art".



Don't miss your chance to purchase a Clearbrook 2020 Celebration Game Card! Janice Anderson is showing you what you are buying. Ticket is a \$20 Donation. Daily winners on weekdays for \$50 daily or \$100 on Holidays. \$50 winners will be returned for future drawings. Only 500 Tickets available. You can purchase your ticket at local businesses in Clearbrook or stop by the Clearbrook City Office!

Community Calendar

Meeting Notice
Gonvick American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday, December 9th at 2:30 PM at the Legion. Please bring finger food to share.

40th Annual Christmas Concert
The Bemidji Chorale, directed by Patricia Mason and accompanied by Wayne Hoff, will be presenting their 40th Annual Christmas Concert at Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Ave. SE in Bemidji, Mn. on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 at 3:00PM and again at 7:00PM. Coffee and treats following. Freewill offering.

Canning Sale
Santa Claus Day
Dec. 7th 2019 ~ 10am-3pm
Clearbrook Community Center
Pickles, Relish, Jam, Jelly, Syrup & much more!
Frank & Annie Bergh
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Dec. 4 - Lasagna, California Blend Veg., Pears, Fruited Jello, Garlic Bread and Milk.
Thurs., Dec. 5 - Pork Loin with Gravy, Whole Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Crisp, Bread and Milk.
Fri., Dec. 6 - Pub House Fish, AuGratin Potato, Mixed Veg., Dessert, Bread and Milk.
Mon. Dec. 9 - Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Pineapple Bread, and Milk.
Tues., Dec. 10 - Egg & Sausage Bake, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Fruit Cocktail, Muffin and Milk.
Wed., Dec. 11 - Birthday Meal. Chicken Chow Main, Rice/ Noodles, Oriental Veg., Mandarin Orange, Brownie, Bread and Milk.
Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change. Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Wedding Crashers Wanted
Please join Trisha Grover & Collin Strain to celebrate their wedding
December 7th, 2019
At Timbers Event Center Bagley, MN
Social Hour starts at 7pm, followed by music and games at 8pm
R36-37C



Happy BIRTHDAY
Please join us in celebrating Sylvia Johnson's 80th birthday. Lunch will be served at Summerfield Apartments, 430 4th Avenue South, in Clearbrook at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 14. All are welcome! R37-38C

NOTICE OF SALE OF CLEARWATER COUNTY FEE LAND
December 18, 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I shall sell to the highest bidder, at a sale to be held in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room in the Courthouse in the City of Bagley, in the County of Clearwater, the following parcel of land: Lot Number Forty-one, Johnson's Addition to Spruce Grove Park. This lot cannot be developed. Such sale will be governed as to terms by the resolution of the County Board authorizing the same, and commencing at 10:00 A.M. on the 18th Day of December, 2019. Call the Clearwater County Land Department 218-694-6227 for terms and conditions for this sale.
Bruce Cox, Land Commissioner R36-38C

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility
Accepting: Demolition Debris, Waste Tires, Major Appliances, Scrap Metal, Yard Waste, Furniture, Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items
NO regular household trash
Hours: Tuesday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Thursday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
LOCATED 1.5 miles NE of Bagley on County Road 24 2424
For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us

THE CLEARBROOK COMMUNITY CLUB IS HOSTING A
Christmas LIGHTING Contest
Get your houses & yards "Holiday Ready" by Dec. 7th for a chance to win Trade Bucks to local Clearbrook businesses!
Judging to take place after Santa Day activities. Let's brighten up our community & share the Christmas Spirit! To make sure we don't miss your house call City Hall and let us know you're full of Christmas Cheer!
R37C

Christmas Tea December 8
You are invited to our Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Leonard.
Lunch at 12:30 Program at 2:00 with Fay Dickey speaking. Bring a Mug with Christmas Goodies to exchange.
Plan to attend and bring a friend.
Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club to meet
The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be meeting on Tuesday, December 10, at the clubhouse in Leonard. Grooming routes and plan will be worked on. If all the groomer operators could attend to let the club know who is interested in grooming. Any ideas for club rides and events are open for discussion.

Today In Banking
Some "Straight Talk" On Banking Today ... That Can Make Banking Better For You...

Please join us for our annual Christmas Tea
Please stop in... for Christmas goodies, coffee & cider and register for Door Prizes!
Friday December 6th 9am-4pm

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The Northern State Bank
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www.nsbgonvick.com
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Concert... Continued from front page
pieces from the Bagley music vault. The concert features Rachmaninoff's "Bogoroditse Devo" which offers rich, soothing melodies that are as calming as a gentle-falling Christmas snow. "I've been very impressed at how talented this group is," says choir director Josh Gunderson, "They are singing beautifully, and have tackled some challenging pieces." This concert is sure to bring a smile to your face and joy to your heart as we create new traditions and celebrate the season. Join the choir for an afternoon of music.
There is no admission.

Santa Claus Day in Leonard
Saturday, Dec. 14th 11 am - 1 pm
Goody bags for the kids at Leonard-Dudley Community Hall
R37-38C

Beautiful Norwegian Rosemaling
by Connie Nelson
December 7th 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
R37C

Clearbrook Legion and Auxiliary
The Clearbrook Legion and Auxiliary will be having a Christmas potluck party Tuesday, Dec 10th at 5:00 PM on the regular meeting night.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday
Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

CLEARBROOK SITE:
Shop-at-the-Top Christmas clothing & decorations. Lots of great stocking stuffers & gift ideas, including gift certificates. Restore It! Furniture Shop: Christmas items, pictures, handcrafted benches & picnic tables.
Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, & Sat., 10-12.
Youth Connection: After-school Tues. for grades 5-7, 3:30-5:00. "YC in Action" for grades, 8-12, Wed., 2:30-5 PM Free of charge. Registration/permission forms are available online at www.clearwaterslife.org, "Programs". Transportation available from C-G school.
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: No meetings through the month of December. Resumes Jan. 2, 7:00 PM, Thursday, 2nd floor of CWLC-Clearbrook.
GONVICK SITE:
Holiday Showcase, Sat., Dec. 21, 6:00 - 8:00 PM Tickets are on sale either by mail or stop in at the CWLC office. \$20 includes a sit-down three-course meal, "A Christmas Carol" (4-act condensed narrative) & special music. Enjoy the Christmas season with us!
Senior Connection Adult Day Services: Openings for new clients. Home-like atmosphere. Professional staff. Licensed facility. Transportation available. Open Mon. & Wed., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Questions? Call Marilyn at 218-487-5290, Ext. 1.
Transportation Service: Call Karen 24 hours in advance at 218-776-2223 or 218-637-0509 to schedule your ride.
Connection Mondays: Dec. 2, 11:00-12:00 - Pickleball (free), 12:30- 2:30 - Paper Quilling, \$5.00 per session. Call to reserve your place, 218-776-2789.
Hours: Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., office hours: 8-4, Tues.-Fri. Gonvick, 226 Elm St., M-W-F, 9-3.
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For programs and services, visit: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org, or www.mustardseedhomes.org and our Facebook pages.

Neil Dolan.
Dolan's next court appearance is December 2nd
The Clearwater County Sheriff's Deputy charged with criminal sexual conduct is no longer in custody.
On Friday, November 22, Neil Dolan was transferred from the Clearwater County Jail to the Beltrami County Jail. He has now posted the bond necessary to be released.
Dolan is accused of engaging in sexual acts with a 15-year-old 9th-grade student at Bagley High School in 2017 while working as the school's resource officer. He is charged with one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct.
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Church News

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER Leonard, MN
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
GRACE FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH BAGLEY
Pastor Todd Klemme
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
September - May
Every Thursday: 10 a.m. Bible Study.
Communion First Sunday of the Month.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., Dec. 4 - 5:30pm Youth Supper, 6:00pm Youth Bible Study & Confirmation; 6:30pm Choir Practice; 7:30pm Handbell Practice
Sun., Dec. 8 - 9:00am Worship/ Communion; 10:00am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School
Mon., Dec. 9 - 6:00pm Good Shepherd Church Council; 7:00pm Church Council Joint with Our Savior's at Good Shepherd.
Our Savior's Sun., Dec. 8 - 10:00am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship/Communion.
Mon., Dec. 9 - 6:00pm Good Shepherd Church Council; 7:00pm Church Council Joint with Our Savior's at Good Shepherd.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Wed. Dec. 4: 8:00am Men's Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30am Women's Bible Study.
Sun. Dec. 8: 9:00am Sunday-School, 10:30am Sunday School Christmas Program during 10:30am worship service. Sunday school will start at 9:00 am on December 8th to do a run through of songs before Worship/Christmas Program
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
9:00am Worship/Fellowship
United - (every Sunday)
United Sunday School - 10:00am
Church Council on Sunday December 8th following Church Services.
United Lutheran Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 15th during regular 9:00am church services, short Sunday School program with potluck Christmas goodies following services.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
**Beginning on Dec. 8th and going thru the 29th, 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, Coffee and Christmas goodies will be served in the church foyer. Please join us for a time of fellowship
Wed. Dec. 4 - 5:30 pm Ruby's Pantry. 6:30 pm Youth Group (at Brian and Shannon Engebretson).
Thurs. Dec. 5 - 9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer.
Sun, Dec. 8 - 9:30 am Sunday School, (Christmas program practice), 10:30am Worship Service.



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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Bagley 218-694-6416
Pastor: Fr. John Melkies Svakeen Terri D, Parish sec.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Call for weekday Mass times.
REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
Church Location: Corner of Hwy. 2 & Red Lake Ave. SW Bagley, MN
Pastor Daniels Domke
Sunday Divine Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School / Adult Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH 1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Associate Pastor Jim Binder
Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Youth Pastor Brad Binder
Children's Minister Nicky Ubert
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367
cfechurch@gvtel.com
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept - May); 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Jr Church during Sermon time); 10:00 a.m. Kids Worship (1st-6th Graders) most Sundays (Sept-May); 7:00 p.m. Youth Night (check the church website for dates or the Elevate Youth Facebook Page for up to date information)
Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
* Wednesdays - Care groups in various homes

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES Sand Lake Ave & 5th St. Bagley
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study; 8:00 p.m. Theocratic School; 8:30 p.m. Service Meeting.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Public Bible Talk; 10:35 a.m. Bible Study.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Wed. Dec. 4 - 6:30 pm Awana.
Thurs. Dec. 5- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer.
Sat. Dec. 7 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 5:00 p.m. Harvest Festival
Sun. Dec. 8 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Dec. 4: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7 p.m. LYS meeting.
Sat, Dec. 7: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Dec. 8: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11 a.m. OP Worship.
Wed, Dec. 11: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 5:15 p.m. LYS Caroling.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 4: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.
Sun, Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Program/Worship.
Tue, Dec. 10: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Dec. 11: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Dec. 4: 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Lund.
Sun, Dec. 8: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley & Bethany SS practice. 2 p.m. Sand Valley Christmas Program.
Wed, Dec. 11: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

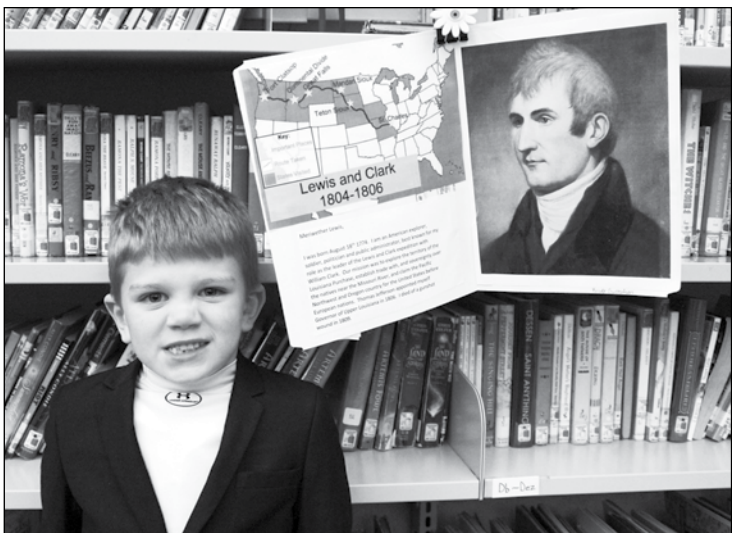
VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh
Jill Torgerson officiating
Sunday: Services are at 9:00 AM (fellowship coffee following service)

DISCIPLES OF MESSIAH-YAHUSHA who obey Yahusha's teachings (John 8:31) are meeting each Sabbath in homes. (218) 766-8176 Homeless Shelter - Scriptural Counseling & Encouragement.

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BEAR TRACKS

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

Clearbrook Gonvick Sports schedule

Varsity Boys BB

Dec. 3 vs. Fisher-Climax 6:00 pm
Dec. 5 @ Stephen-Argyle Central 6:00 pm
Dec. 12 @ Bagley 6:00 pm
Dec. 16 @ Kelliher/Northome 6:00 pm
Dec. 19 vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo 6:00 pm
Dec. 20 vs. Sacred Heart 6:00 pm
Jan. 3 vs. Kelliher/Northome 6:00 pm
Jan. 7 vs. Roseau 6:00 pm
Jan. 14 @ Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 6:00 pm
Jan. 16 @ Goodridge/Grygle-Gatzke 6:00 pm
Jan. 20 @ Blackduck 6:00 pm
Jan. 21 vs. BGMR 6:00 pm
Jan. 24 @ Lake of the Woods 1:00 pm
Jan. 28 vs. Goodridge/Grygle-Gatzke 6:00 pm
Jan. 30 vs. RLC 6:00 pm
Jan. 31 vs. Roseau 5:30 pm
Feb. 6 vs. Blackduck 6:00 pm
Feb. 7 vs. Lake of the Woods 2:30 pm
Feb. 8 vs. Kittson @ Northland CC TBD
Feb. 11 vs. Win-E-Mac 6:00 pm
Feb. 14 @ Fosston 6:00 pm
Feb. 18 @ Nevis 6:00 pm
Feb. 20 vs. Sacred Heart 6:00 pm
Feb. 21 @ RLCC-Oklee 6:00 pm
Feb. 24 @ Mahanomen/Waubun 6:00 pm

Varsity Girls BB

Dec. 2 vs. Blackduck 6:00 pm
Dec. 5 @ Nevis 6:00 pm
Dec. 9 @ Red Lake CC-Oklee 6:00 pm
Dec. 12 @ Mahanomen/Waubun 6:00 pm
Dec. 16 vs. Laporte 6:00 pm
Dec. 20 @ Red Lake Falls 6:00 pm
Jan. 2 @ Cass Lake-Bena 6:00 pm
Jan. 7 @ Blackduck 6:00 pm
Jan. 10 vs. Pine River-Backus 5:30 pm
Jan. 14 @ Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 6:00 pm
Jan. 17 vs. Red Lake 6:00 pm
Jan. 21 @ Kelliher/Northome 6:00 pm
Jan. 24 @ Lake of the Woods 1:00 pm
Jan. 28 @ Red Lake 6:00 pm
Jan. 31 vs. Warren/Alvarado/Oslo 6:00 pm
Feb. 3 vs. Cass Lake-Bena 6:00 pm
Feb. 7 vs. Lake of the Woods 1:00 pm
Feb. 11 vs. Win-E-Mac 6:00 pm
Feb. 13 vs. Red Lake CC 6:00 pm
Feb. 18 @ Bagley 6:00 pm
Feb. 20 @ Fosston 6:00 pm

The Polar Express

Clearbrook- Gonvick Kindness Squad presents Family Night featuring The Polar Express. Saturday Dec 7th in the school commons. Serving hot coca and popcorn. Doors open at 5:30 pm, movie starts at 6:00 pm. This is free will donation to support our holiday gift fundraiser.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Changes to the lunch menu. Each line will be offering different choices each day. This will allow all students/staff in the district to have two options at lunch. They will no longer be offering salads for lunch.

Wed. Dec. 4 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Breadstick, Green Beans or Chicken Wraps.

Thurs., Dec. 5 - Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Corn, stuffing (9-12), Dinner Roll or Turkey Subs.

Fri., Dec. 6 - Pizza Friday - Assorted Pizza Choices, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choice and Milk.

Mon., Dec. 9 - Orangee Chicken with rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Egg Roll (9-12), Fortune Cookie or Egg Salad with Chicken Noodle Soup.

Tues. Dec. 10 - BBQ Pork Riblet with Bun, Tri Tater, Baked Beans, Oatmeal Bar (9-12) or Taco Salad.

All meals come with Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Bar and Milk Choice.

School news

Flu shots will be December 9th from 1-3pm. Letter and permission forms will be mailed out. They are also available on the web site and Facebook.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CURRENT HAPPENINGS:

There are lots of things going on in the school counseling world. Here are the highlights: Instagram: counselormerge

Snapchat: CounselorMergeG

Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us/schoolcounselor/>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Thur, Dec 5: JH BBB vs Cass Lake at 4:30. 7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30 at Clbk Com Center

Thur, Dec 5: JH GBB at Nevis at 4:00. 7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:00. Release at 1:30, Leave at 1:45

Thur, Dec 5: A.B GBB at Nevis at 6:00. A at 6:00, B at 7:30. Release at 1:30, Leave at 1:45

Thur, Dec 5: A.B BBB at Fosston Tourney vs Blackduck. Leave 4:15, A at 6:00, B at 7:45

Fri, Dec 6: A.B BBB at Fosston Tourney vs TBD. Times TBD

Mon, Dec 9: JH GBB vs RLCC at 4:30. 7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30 at Clbk Com Center

Mon, Dec 9: A.B GBB at RLCC (Oklee) at 6:00. B at 6:00, A at 7:30. Leave at 4:45

Thur, Dec 12: JH BBB vs RLC at 4:30. 7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30 at CG HS

Thur, Dec 12: A.B GBB at Mahanomen at 6:00. B at 6:00, A at 7:30. Leave at 4:15



Kylie Walton as Jean Barret.

First grade students in Darcy Hegg and Alisha Rude's classes at Clearbrook-Gonvick have a great project that they do. Each student selects an historical figure and learns about them and does a speech on what they have learned to visitors to their classrooms.

The Leader-Record will feature these students in the weeks to come.

Thur, Dec 12: A.B BBB at Bagley at 6:00. B at 6:00, A at 7:30. Leave at 5:00

Mon, Dec 16: A only GBB vs Laporte at 6:00. A team only

Mon, Dec 16: A.B BBB at K/N (Northome) at 6:00. B at 6:00, A at 7:30. Dismiss 3:00, Leave at 3:15

Mon, Dec 16: JH BBB at K/N (Northome) at 5:00. 7th at 5:00, 8th at 6:00. Dismiss 3:00, Leave-3:15

Thur, Dec 19: JH GBB at Fosston at 4:30. 7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30. Release at 3:00, Leave at 3:15

Thur, Dec 19: JH BBB vs WEM at 4:30. 7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30 at Clbk Com Center

Thur, Dec 19: A.B BBB vs WAO at 6:00. B at 6:00, A at 7:30

Fri, Dec 20: A.B GBB at RLF at 6:00. B at 6:00, A at 7:30.

Leave at 4:00

Fri, Dec 20: A.B BBB at Sacred Heart at 6:00. B at 6:00, A at 7:30. Dismiss at 300, Leave at 3:15

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parents: Please check your lunch accounts regularly so you can keep up to date.

PLEASE USE THE K-12 PAYMENT CENTER to check your account and make payments.

You may also contact the office for assistance with your account at 218-776-3112.

YOUTH CONNECTION!!

Youth Connection every Tuesday & Wednesday:

Listen to the school news every Tuesday at 2:05 on KKCC 96.7 or if you miss it listen online at: <http://www.rjbroadcasting.com/index.cfm?page=school-news>

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

City of Bagley - Total 20

11/24/19 11:07 Medical
11/25/19 07:11 Traffic Stop, 10:22 Transport, 4:01 Juvenile Misc
11/26/19 08:38 Property Damage, 09:39 Assault, 09:54 THEFT, 10:06 Minor Consume
11/27/19 13:48
11/28/19 12:09 Medical, 15:16 Information Only, 21:52 Disturbance
11/29/19 00:46 Medical, 08:39 Court Order Violation, 09:58 Medical
11/29/19 11:07 Transport, 11:10 Robbery, 21:22 Property Damage, 21:29 Medical
11/30/19 00:55 Medical

City of Clearbrook - Total 2

11/26/19 17:50 Traffic Stop
11/27/19 19:52 Search Warrant
11/28/19 17:46 Motorist Assist
11/26/19 01:05 Animal Related
11/27/19 11:46 Civil Complaint
11/29/19 00:53 Traffic Stop

City of Gonvick - Total 3

11/24/19 15:16 Information Only
11/24/19 18:06 Domestic
11/24/19 18:52 Medical

City of Shevlin - Total 2

11/26/19 13:34 Animal Related
11/28/19 01:40 Medical

Copley - Total 4

11/25/19 17:46 Motorist Assist
11/26/19 01:05 Animal Related
11/27/19 11:46 Civil Complaint
11/29/19 00:53 Traffic Stop

Dudley - Total 1

11/28/19 14:32 Alarm

Falk - Total 1

11/25/19 17:22 911 Hang Up

Holst - Total 4

11/26/19 08:00 Motorist Assist
11/28/19 09:19 911 Hang Up
11/28/19 11:27 Traffic Stop
11/28/19 11:42 Information Only

Itasca - Total 3

11/26/19 08:26 THEFT
11/28/19 07:46 Traffic Stop
11/28/19 07:57 Traffic Stop

LaPrairie - Total 2

11/26/19 08:53 Motor Vehicle

Thrift

LaPrairie N - Total 1

11/24/19 14:54 Assault

LaPrairie N - Total 1

11/24/19 11:11 Suspicious Activity

Leon - Total 5

11/25/19 12:40 Information Only
11/25/19 16:19 Suspicious Activity
11/25/19 17:09 Civil Complaint
11/28/19 08:22 Animal Related
11/28/19 18:27 Motor Vehicle

Crash

Minerva - Total 1

11/24/19 07:05 Motor Vehicle

Thrift

Moose Creek - Total 2

11/24/19 17:22 Medical
11/26/19 07:28 Vehicle Lock Out

Nora - Total 1

11/29/19 18:54 Animal Related
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
11/27/19 13:56 Assist Other

Agency

Pine Lake - Total 2

11/26/19 03:37 Animal Related
11/26/19 10:28 Animal Related

Popple - Total 2

11/25/19 19:44 Animal Related
11/30/19 15:48 911 Hang Up

Rice - Total 2

11/24/19 12:16 Information Only
11/28/19 08:08 Traffic Stop

Shevlin - Total 5

11/26/19 08:43 Vehicle Lock Out
11/27/19 06:22 Motor Vehicle

Crash

11/27/19 07:16 ASSIST

11/29/19 17:43 Animal Related
11/29/19 22:52 Transport

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Governor Walz Establishes Climate Change Subcabinet

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Today, Governor Tim Walz announced new executive action on climate change, signing Executive Order 19-37 to establish the Climate Change Subcabinet and the Governor's Advisory Council on Climate Change. Building on existing interagency collaboration and climate-related initiatives, the Subcabinet and the Advisory Council will guide the Walz-Flanagan Administration in the pursuit of bold and collaborative action to combat climate change.

"Climate change threatens the very things that make Minnesota a great place to live—from our wonderful lakes to farmable land and clean air," Walz said. "Building on the bold action our Administration has taken already, this subcabinet will help put our state at the forefront of finding solutions to climate change. Together, we can tackle climate change, create good-paying jobs, and pioneer the clean energy economy."

The state's 2007 Next Generation Energy Act set statutory goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but Minnesota has fallen short of reaching these goals. The Subcabinet will be tasked with identifying policies and strategies that will put Minnesota back on track to meet or exceed the goals, identify challenges and opportunities to mitigate climate change, and create a public engagement framework to provide a platform for dialogue about climate change mitigation and resilience solutions. The Advisory Council will be made up of up to 15 members appointed by the Governor to represent different perspectives and experiences and will advise the Subcabinet in its duties.

"This executive order takes Minnesota to the next level of action against the devastating effects of climate change," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. "We can only combat climate change if we do it together. This subcabinet will help ensure our Administration works collaboratively across agencies, includes the voices of Minnesotans of all backgrounds, and uses every tool available to tackle climate change head on for our children and generations into the future."

The Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will serve as the Chair of the Subcabinet. Members include:

- Pollution Control Agency
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
- Department of Management and Budget (MMB)
- Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

- Department of Agriculture (MDA)
- Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Governor
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Department of Health (MDH)
- Department of Transportation (MnDOT)
- Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
- Department of Administration
- Metropolitan Council
- Environmental Quality Board (EQB)
- Minnesota Housing

"The Climate Change Subcabinet brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to one of the most complicated and urgent challenges we face as a society, and I am excited to be chairing this effort," said Commissioner Laura Bishop. "Through stronger agency collaboration and coordination, we can work across all sectors of the economy to combat climate change by significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving community resilience."

Members of the Governor's Advisory Council on Climate Change will be selected through an open appointments process. Details about the open appointments process can be found here.

The executive order establishing the Subcabinet and Advisory Council is the latest in the Walz-Flanagan Administration's efforts on climate change. Other actions include:

- Beginning rulemaking for clean car standards that will reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector and give Minnesotans more options for electronic vehicles;
- Pursuing 100% Clean Power legislation that will require utilities to use carbon-free energy sources by 2050;
- Expanding our state's electric vehicle charging infrastructure to build off the progress begun using the Volkswagen settlement funds;
- Using MPCA's new phase of the Volkswagen settlement to accelerate the electrification of some of the dirtiest vehicles in the transportation sector, including school buses, and build more than 2,400 new miles of electric vehicle infrastructure, including 90% in Greater Minnesota;
- Expanding the Metro Transit system, reducing Minnesotans' reliance on single occupancy vehicle travel and electrifying Metro Transit's bus fleet, and;
- Investing in cutting-edge research to give farmers new opportunities to use cover crops that help capture greenhouse gases while improving land productivity.

Arts Project Grant applications are due December 15

The Arts Project Grant is a project-based grant open to non-profits, public and charter schools*, community education programs, arts organizations, institutions of higher learning, government and tribal entities, and groups formed for nonprofit purposes with a fiscal sponsor. These grants offer funding for a variety of arts projects including costs related to performances or exhibitions, engagement of guest artists, public arts projects, and artists-in-residence. Arts organizations may also apply to fund consultation projects in board development, fiscal management, fundraising, public relations, audience development, or assistance in designing arts programming. Funded arts projects must benefit the residents of Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, or Mahanomen Counties.

*Parochial schools are ineligible. Application Deadline: December 15, 2019. Maximum Award: \$2,500 (20% Cash Match required). Earliest Start Date: February 13, 2020

Bears take win second game

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears won their second game of the young season by a score of 66 to 39 over Kelliher/Norhome. Mustangs.

The Bears had 22 two point-ers made to 13 for the Mustangs. The Bears committed 21 fouls to 15 for the Mustangs. Dana Melby made two three point baskets and Kaylee Faldet and Danae Stenzel each had one.

Scoring for the Bears were Annabell Phillips with 14, Danae 11, Jackie Lynn Taflin 11, Kaylee Faldet 7, Kaylee Westrum 6, Ella Engen 4 and Maci Wagner 1.

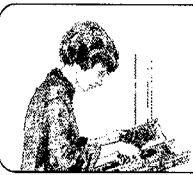
Scoring for the Mustangs were 12 players: Six points for Donna Thayer, five points each for Cayde Johnson and Kylie Owen, four points each for Bailey Lindley, Lexi Dreher, Josie Savick and Lynelle Chornoski, three points for Kaleighe Donnell, and two points each for Riley Gilge and Cede Waldo.

The Bears hit 10 of 21 attempts at the free throw line while the Mustangs had 7 of 17 from the gift line.

Samhold Women Christmas event

Samhold Women NALC will hold their Christmas Event on Saturday, December 7-2019 at Samhold Church in Gonvick. Concert by "Caleigh" at 10 AM followed by a brunch at 11 AM by J & N Catering.

\$12 per person and you must pre-register by Dec 4th with Carole Johnson 218-487-5631 or Evon Quern 218-487-5638. Door prizes This is a Thrivent Action Team Event.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Northern State Bank in Gonvick is having their Christmas Tea on Friday, December 6 from 9 to 4. Stop by for Christmas goodies, coffee & cider and register for Door Prizes!

Santa Claus Day will be held in Leonard on Saturday, December 14 from 11 to 1. Goody bags for kids will be handed out at the Leonard, Dudley Town Hall.

Do you know someone who would appreciate a little something extra this holiday season? If so, please let them know about the Clearwater Christmas Project. Families can receive toys for their children and help with Christmas dinner. Wednesday, December 4th 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. At the Bagley Legion Auditorium on Main Street Please bring proof of Clearwater County Residency Must be present to pick up toys and grocery vouchers. They can't send them with a friend or family member.

The Women of Samhold Lutheran Church will be holding their Christmas Event on Saturday, December 7. "Caleigh" will be giving a concert at 10:00 am with the brunch at 11:00 .

Clearbrook Community Club will be holding a Christmas lighting contest for Clearbrook Residents. Judging will

Love Lights a Tree

Love Lights a Tree Memorials for the week of Dec 1:

In memory of these 2 much loved people: Leroy S. Larson and Molly Muckala Carter from Barbara Steiner.

In memory of Ken Colligan from Barbara Feeken.

In memory of husband Donald Schultz, parents Gustar Berentsen and Ingeborg Berentsen and granddaughter Angie Johnson from Margaret Schultz.

In memory of Lynn Arneson and Jerry Burdick from Wendy and Chad Ramsrud.

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners

The Clearwater County Calendar Raffle made some changes this year. They are doing a weekly drawing for \$100.00 each week plus additional dates closer to the 2020 fair.

Nov. 4 - Judi Engrebretsen, of Clearbrook, \$100.

Nov 11 - Linda Gulbranson of Bagley, \$100.

Nov. 18 - Schamp Family of Clearbrook, \$100.

Nov. 25 - Bob Larson of Wilton, \$100.

2020 Clearwater County Fair dates are August 5,6,7,8,9. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

be held on Saturday, December 7th following the Santa Day activities. Winners will receive Trade Bucks to be used at the local Clearbrook businesses. Let's brighten up our Community and share your Christmas spirit!

Was hunting a success for you? Send in your picture to richards@gvtel.com and we will be happy to put them into the next issue.

There is going to be a Holiday Showcase on Saturday, December 21 at 6 p.m. at the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. They will be having a German Cuisine that night.

Joke Time -

Ole: Who would like to ask me da first question?

Newsman: Is it true the IRS has asked for your records?

Ole: Yah, dey did. And I took dem two of my Lawrence Velk, three Mitch Miller, and a Tijuana Brass.**Quick tickets...** Does your organization need raffle tickets" Call 218-487-5225 or email richards@gvtel.com your information and we will be

Three facts about Gov. Walz's plan to impose California car mandates on Minnesota

By Isaac Orr
Governor Walz recently announced he would be using the bureaucratic rule making process to impose California's rules for low and zero emissions vehicles on to Minnesota car buyers. While the Governor has tried to frame this as a win for consumer choice and the environment, the facts suggest his proposed regulations create more problems than they solve.

1. The rules will limit consumer choices for gas-powered cars.

Governor Walz has argued that only about 19 of the 43 hybrid or electric vehicles (EVs) on the market nationally are available in Minnesota, and his rules will force auto manufacturers to offer more electric vehicle options.

The problem with this logic is that EVs are unprofitable for auto manufacturers. Gov. Walz's mandates will force car-makers to sell electric cars at a loss, which means they must increase prices on regular gasoline and diesel powered cars to stay in business.

As a result, EV mandates will drive up the cost of gas-powered vehicles for the 99% of Minnesotans who prefer them. Since most people work within a budget when buying a new car, drivers will have fewer choices than before.

2. EVs are smaller, lighter and less safe.

When carmakers are forced to increase fuel efficiency, they often make cars smaller and lighter. Size and weight factor in to vehicle safety evaluations for good reason; because small, light cars fare worse in crash tests.

According to Esurance, "In a frontal collision, the front end is the part of the car that bears the most impact. A bigger front end gives a car more time to absorb the impact, slowing the car as the front end gets crushed... Smaller cars, with their smaller front ends, transfer more of a collision's impact to their passengers, which can increase the

glad to help you.

If you have a story or photo to share you can send to richards@gvtel.com. Your new family member, the big buck or fish that you got, wedding or engagement picture.

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 Club and they are put to very good use. We have been getting in cell phones but we do not collect those for the Lions Club. If anyone knows where they can go let me know.

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.

Koma Til Gully Tjue Tjue (Come to Gully 2020)

They will be celebrating their roots! July 17, 18, 19, and 20 of 2020 Gully is planning a 110th birthday celebration with a Scandinavian theme. The four day event starts out Thursday evening with a whist tournament in the Gully Community Center. Friday night, again in the community center, the live entertainment will have a Scandinavian twist.

risk of injury."

Minnesota families already have many fuel-efficient car buying options, but the fact that SUVs and crossovers are growing in popularity suggests that factors like safety and comfort are more important for drivers in our state.

Unfortunately, Gov. Walz's new rules will sacrifice safety for fuel economy. If Minnesotans wish to prioritize gas mileage over safety, that's their right, but that is not the Governor's decision to make.

3. There will be no measurable environmental benefits.

Governor Walz claims these new rules are a win for the climate, even making the absurd claim that they will ensure there is still "ice on the lake in January." This is exceedingly disingenuous, as the math proves they will have no measurable impact on future global temperatures.

According to Governor Walz, the new rules could reduce CO2 emissions from cars and trucks by 2 million tons per year by 2030. This is only about 1.3% of total state emissions according to the MPCA. Using the same climate models the Obama administration used to develop its Clean Power Plan, this would result in a temperature reduction of 0.000052 degrees C by 2100, which is far too small a change to measure using even the most sophisticated scientific equipment.

In short, these rules have foreseeable negative consequences that will impact the daily lives and choices of most drivers in Minnesota, without achieving any environmental impact.

Most of us don't live in California for good reason, which is why it is disappointing Gov. Walz is attempting to use unelected bureaucrats in St. Paul to impose California car regulations on the good people of Minnesota.

Isaac Orr is a Policy Fellow specializing in energy and environmental policy at Center of the American Experiment.



"A lifetime's not too long to live as friends"



Written by Kari Sundberg, Grygla Eagle Editor

Soon headed back to Northwood, ND, the town where she went to high school, Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington has a few laughs left to share with us here in Grygla - starting with the Minnesota Vikings shirt she is wearing above! "I have really enjoyed this whole Packers/Vikings bit," she laughed.

Pastor Vicki has touched the lives of many while being a part of our community. She didn't expect to stay this long, but she didn't expect to leave as quick, either.

Pastor Vicki, along with her husband, Tim, are gearing up to move to Northwood to care for Vicki's 89 year old mother. "I got into ministry late - in my 40's," she said. "I didn't expect to retire so soon, but my mom needs the extra care right now," she added.

As Vicki winds things down and prepares for the next chapter soon to come, we wish her farewell, as she recently did the same to us.

Taken from the November 2019 "Parish Post."

"Though it's hard to let you go, in the Father's hands we know, that a lifetime's not too long to live as friends."

Dear Friends,

I still remember the trip to Grygla a little over seven years ago. The trip from Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Grygla was about six hours so I had a lot of time to think. Actually, I had already made up my mind. Though I never turn down an interview, I was pretty sure that Minnesota was not for me. Even though I claim both North Dakota and Minnesota as my home states,



Minnesota taxes always took my breath away.

It was a beautiful day to drive. I got to Grygla early and decided to take a little stroll around town. When the call committee arrived, we headed to Our Savior's for the interview. I still giggle when I told Bob Thompson that I had to say hello to my Aunt Myrtle in the cemetery at Our Savior's. Nobody had known that little tidbit of information.

After a really good time with the call committee, and after a good night's rest, and after seeing Marie and Wayne on my way out of town and back to South Dakota, I basically chuckled all the way back. God had already spoken. Minnesota, and specifically Grygla, was to be our next home.

Being a wonderer all my life, it never occurred to me that I would stay in this call the longest of any call, but the longest in my entire life of 66 years. Ever! The five-year record was broken. Who knew it would be in a place of hunters and fisher (people) and gardeners and cannery...everything I don't do. Who knew? God knew.

I loved my Aunt Myrtle precisely because she wasn't afraid to express an opinion. Every so often I wonder what she would have said about me being a preacher. Would she have liked my wacky sense of humor? Or my insufferable banter about the Packers vs. the Vikings? What would she think about a pastor who doesn't preach from a pulpit? Or one who doesn't wear the robes or make church coffee.

What I do know is that you



have accepted me as your pastor for seven years. You have no always agreed with me, and that's just fine. You have been gracious to me when my health went wonky and understood when I made a lot of trips back to Northwood to be with my folks. I will never be able to explain in words what you have meant to me. I do thank you from the bottom of my heart.

May you continue to be a blessing as you are so blessed. God be with you till we meet again.

A few members of her congregations graciously shared the following:

"After 7 years, I'm still amazed she can give a meaningful message each Sunday with no notes! Her sermons really are the best. Every sermon seems to speak to me and leave me thinking. She has added so much fun and laughter to our Red Hats group, too! Vicki, you will be missed!" – Kandy Sundberg, Our Savior's Lutheran Church

"I'm really going to miss Vicki not only as my pastor, but as my friend. Her sermon messages (without any paper notes) have always brought the Bible alive for me, along with her love of music, which she graciously shares wherever she goes. She may be moving away from Grygla, but I'm hoping we can always keep in touch." – Holly Rychlock, Our Savior's Lutheran Church

"Me being on her call committee and living right next door to the parsonage, our relationship with Vicki immediately turned into a friendship that turned into almost family. She is so easy to joke around with and talk



through problems with. Right from the first Christmas they were here, they came over after church on Christmas Eve and had hors d'oeuvres with us and it's been a Christmas tradition ever since they've been here." – Bob Thompson, Grace Lutheran Church

"Pastor Vicki has always been so personable and always has positive things to say about everything. She's the kind of person that you want to be around and spend time with. She always looks on the bright side of things. She's been way more than a pastor to all of us. She's been and will continue to be a great friend." – Ruth Anderson, Grace Lutheran Church

"Vicki is not just my pastor, she is my friend! She is part of my everyday life, whether it be a quick text here or a phone call there, and a few laughs in between. She is someone I can always count on. Vicki is one in a million and I am so honored to call her my friend!" – Kris Monson, Grace Lutheran Church

"As the church pianist, I traveled back and forth from Grace to Our Savior's every Sunday morning with Pastor Vicki. We had so many memorable conversations along the way. She is such a great listening ear and would share so many funny things with me. I'm sure everybody would agree with me on this, but she has a gift that no other pastor I know has. To be able to stand in front and talk, never hesitating, and give a presentation second to none; it's unbelievable and truly a gift." – Joy Nordby, Grace Lutheran Church

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