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Ordean Swanson's National Honor Flight

By Bonnie Kirchman
Crowds of well-wishers, brass bands, and children waving the American flag greeted Ordean Swanson as he travelled to Washington, D.C. He was a member of a group of veterans who participated in the National Honor Flight program in the spring of 2019. The signs of appreciation were surprising for Ordean, who after serving in the Korean War came home to, as his daughter Nancy described it, "nothing". The trip provided Ordean a chance to share memories of his time in the army with other veterans. It also created new memories, and an opportunity to share a part of his life story with his daughter Nancy Vyskocil, who made the trip with Ordean.

Ordean was drafted into the United States army in 1952. He was just 21 years old when he joined the largest draft group to ever leave Clearwater County. Twenty-one young men left Bagley on February 20, 1952.

Ordean's destination was Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. There he completed both his basic training and engineering school. He was taught how to operate heavy equipment that would be used to build bunkers and roads. In July of 1952, with less than six months of military training, Ordean had a few days at home before he headed to Seattle, Washington. He shipped out from Seattle to Japan where he boarded a boat headed for Korea.

"We had to crawl down a net to get off the boat," Ordean said of his landing in the shallow waters by Incheon, Korea.

Ordean traveled inland by train, stopping at various military camps along the way. His trip would take him to the south edge of the "Punch Bowl", where he spent most of his time during the war.

Ordean's duties included building roads and installing placements to protect tanks and artillery. The work was dangerous. While moving the earth to build roads, explosions would be set off. Once Ordean dug up an unexploded bomb. Had he driven over it, he would not have survived the explosion. All this while shooting was taking place right over his head.

"We had some pretty noisy nights," is how Ordean described life in the army camp that was just two and a half miles from the front line.

The Korean climate added to the dangers. In the summer, the temperature could get up to 100 degrees. In the winter, it became extremely cold. In the camp, the soldiers heated their tents with fuel oil. At times, the cold would cause the fuel to become too thick, and the stoves would go out. When Ordean was assigned guard duty during the cold weather, part of the job would be to start every single vehicle, allow it to run and warm up. They would repeat this cycle every two hours.

Although he faced discomfort and danger, Ordean still feels that he had a better placement than some of his fellow soldiers.

"I always had a bed," he said, comparing his situation to the foot soldiers. "They were right on the line, out in the cold. A lot of them died."



The veterans visited the memorials dedicated to veterans of wars and the various branches of the United States military. The group was met by other veterans and those who are actively serving. Ordean Swanson was greeted at the Marine Corps Memorial.

In November, 1953, Ordean was discharged from the army. He travelled home by ship over rough ocean waters. That trip caused seasickness for many men, so bad that some were kept alive only through the use of intravenous feedings. Ordean fortunately did not experience seasickness. He continued his trip home, traveling by train to Camp Carson in Denver.

After all he had been through, the risks, dangers, and discomforts, there wasn't a single expression of gratitude for Ordean and the others who came back from Korea. Taking the National Honor Flight trip changed that.

Ordean's daughter Nancy brought the possibility of the National Honor Flight to Ordean. She wanted him to go, and she wanted to go with him. National Honor Flights bring veterans from all over the country to the nation's capital, giving them the opportunity to see the war memorials and tour historic sites.

Ordean and Nancy flew out of Fargo on a non-stop chartered flight to Washington, D.C. in the spring of 2019. Ninety veterans, mostly from the Korean War, participated in this trip. Many of the veterans were accompanied by family escorts, like Ordean's daughter Nancy. Others who went along on the trip included medical personnel and volunteers from the North Dakota/Minnesota Honor Flight organization. In a whirlwind trip, the group flew to the capital, toured the city, and returned home the following evening.

When the group landed, they were greeted by a brass band. The group was boarded onto four buses. Medical personnel were available on each bus. Professional photographers and media personnel also accompanied the tour groups. Police escorts helped the buses move quickly around the city, allowing the veterans to squeeze in a lot of activities in a short trip.

"They would only stop us if there was a fire wagon or if the President came through," Ordean said.

The group visited the Vietnam Wall, the World War I and World War II Memorials as well as the Korean War Memorial. They also had a private tour of the National Archives. They saw other famous sites around the nation's capital, like the Lincoln and FDR Memorials.

The Korean War Memorial was especially meaningful for Ordean, but it also brought back memories of the difficulties he coped with during the war. The troops represented in statues in the memorial wear ponchos, the same type Ordean wore in his training and in Korea. The ponchos were a reminder of many times he had to work in the rain and snow.

Another highlight of the trip was "mail call", a chance for the veterans to relive the experience of receiving mail from home. Family and friends of the veterans are able to send letters in advance of the trip. Students from Fargo schools participate



Nancy Vyskocil traveled with her father Ordean, a resident of Clover township, on the National Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. A group of nearly 100 veterans traveled by bus to visit memorials and other sites throughout the city.



Ordean visited the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Ordean, who served in the army in Korea, remembers wearing the ponchos during training at Fort Leonard Wood and while he was stationed near the front line in Korea.



As part of the Honor Flight Program, the veterans experience "mail call", opening letters from family and friends. School students from Fargo also sent cards expressing appreciation for the veterans' service. During the Korean War, when Ordean served, mail was the only contact he had with people back home.

in this, sending letters of appreciation for the veterans to open.

Nancy said, "They think of absolutely everything," referring to the detailed planning of the trip.

After serving in the military, Ordean returned to Clearwater County. He married Leone and they raised their three daughters, Nancy, Lisa, and Susie. They are grandparents to three

grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Ordean used the training he received in the army in his work as he operated heavy equipment working on the pipeline and at missile sites in North Dakota. He also did some farming on the side.

Honor Flight...

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During each Honor Flight trip, a group photo is taken. Ordean Swanson is pictured here, in the center of the group photo of nearly 100 veterans from this region. The group traveled together for two days, sharing memories as well as some good-natured teasing along the way.

Santa Day in Gonvick

Santa Day will be in Gonvick at the Clear Waters Life Center on Saturday, December 14th from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Stop by and see Santa and Mrs. Claus and participate in crafts, games and drawings.

The 4-H Club is sponsoring the crafts for this event. They will be there to help make a Christmas craft.

Letters to Santa: Kids can bring their letters to Santa on this day to be mailed. If not Mrs. Sawyer will be there to help you write your letters.

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.

Holiday lighting contest for residents

The Gonvick Community Club and Ottertail Power Company will be sponsoring a holiday Lighting Contest for residents in the city of Gonvick. Top 4 cash prizes will be awarded. If you would like to register yourself or your neighbor, please contact City Clerk's office at 487-5243. Judging will be ongoing though the month of December.

Snowmobile Races on Pine Lake

United States X-Country Snowmobile Racing presents Gerald Dyrda Memorial Pine Lake 200. Race will be held on December 14 & 15, 2019. The alternate date is set for January 4 -5, 2020 if needed. Racing starts at 9am each day. Admission is \$10.00 per person, under 12 is free. 120 Class racing Sunday only - ½ mile course. Arctic Cat Raffle Tickets available.

Possible \$10,000 to win on Sunday. Race Headquarters Sportsman Lodge at Pine Lake 218-487-5295. Come out to join and watch the fun!



Jake TeHennepe picking out the best of the treat plate at the Northern Sate Bank Christmas Tea. Serving were Jeanette Hetland and Pam Goebel.



Janet Olson selling Clearbrook 2020 Celebration Game Cards at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center on Santa Claus day. 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!



The Leon Ramblers 4-H Club were selling wreaths at the craft sale that was part of Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook last weekend. Members selling were Peyton Berg and Matthew Rankin.

Community Calendar

Music Jam

Please join us for The Music Jamboree Sunday, Dec. 15th from 1:00-4:30 at Cornerstone Residence, 30 Sunset Ave. NW. Bagley. Everyone is welcome!

CLEARBROOK AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY *Lutefisk & Meatball Supper*

Thurs., Dec. 19th
4:00-7:00 pm (or until gone)

Clearbrook Community Center Legion Room

Lutefisk \$15.00
Lutefisk & Meatball Meal \$15.00
Meatball Meal \$12.00

MENU: Lutefisk, meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, lefse & roll

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Elim Mission Friends Christmas Meeting

Elim Mission Friends will meet for their Christmas meeting on Thursday Dec.12 at 4PM at the church. The program will be provided by the executive committee followed by a potluck supper. Remember to bring treats for the goodie baskets to be filled after the meeting. Families are welcome.



Serving BBQ, salad and goodies at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Site on Santa Claus Day were from left to right Duane Johnson, Margaret Stevens, Betty Randklev, Lloyd Engen and Lowell Stevens.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voter(s) of Eden Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday on March 17, 2020 and if inclement weather the election and meeting will be held March 24, 2020.

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

- 1 Township supervisor for a 3 year term.
- 1 Clerk-treasurer for a 2 year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00 pm to conduct all necessary business provided by law.

The Annual Meeting and election will be held at the Eden township hall located at 39017 310th St. SE, Gully, MN.

Filing for township office opens on Dec 31, 2019 and continues until Jan 14, 2020 until 5:00 pm.

Affidavits of candidacy may be filled with the clerk-treasurer. Dennis Erickson, 39741 320th St. SE, Gully, MN 56646. Phone 218 268-4590. A \$2.00 filing fee is required by law. R38-39C

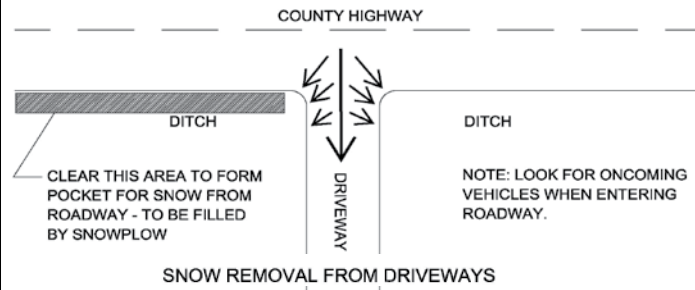
Snow Removal Safety Concern

A safety concern was brought to the Clearwater County Highway Department's attention recently; the concern has to do with snow removal from private driveways. Individuals have been removing snow from their driveways by pushing the snow out of the driveway and across the roadway, or leaving windrows and piles of snow on the road. This is causing a serious safety issue by creating a driving hazard. In accordance with MN Statute 160.2715, it is unlawful and considered to be a misdemeanor to push snow across the roadway or deposit snow on the roadway.

Instead of pushing snow across county roads, driveways can be cleaned by pushing the snow into the county ditch on the same side of the road as the driveway. The snow on the left side of the driveway can also be removed to form a "pocket". The majority of the snow from the roadway will go into this "pocket" so as to reduce the amount of snow being redeposited in the driveway from the county snowplow.

If you must enter the roadway to clear snow from the driveway it is very important to remove any and all snow that is carried out onto the roadway. Please don't leave that snow for the snowplow operator. The snowplow may not come back to that area for several days and any snow left on the road will be a hazard. The snow will freeze in the windrows and ridges and is very difficult to remove.

If you have questions or concerns about this issue please contact the Clearwater County Highway Department at (218) 694-6132. Thank you for your help in keeping our roadways safe.



Thanks! The Clearwater County Humane Society would like to say Thank You to the Employees of the First National Bank for their \$500 donation! R38C

REWARD

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STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: richards@gvtel.com

Thrivent Community Action Project
Faith Lutheran Church

20th Annual Community Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 25th, 2019
Dinner 11:30-1:30pm

All are invited to celebrate the birth of Christ in community with others. This is a free dinner, courtesy of area churches and organizations.

Baked Ham with scalloped potatoes, lefse, corn, pistachio salad, roll & carrot cake.

Dinners will be delivered by volunteer drivers to the homebound between 11-12:30 p.m. Please call the church office at 694-2631 by Thurs. Dec. 19th at noon to request a delivered meal or a to-go meal. Limited to a 7 mi radius of Bagley.

35 Bagley Ave NW
Bagley MN 56651

Santa Claus Day
in Leonard

Saturday, Dec. 14th
11 am - 1 pm

Goody bags for the kids
at **Leonard-Dudley Community Hall**

Thank You!
Thank you to Clearbrook Community Club for the Trade Bucks that I won at Santa Claus day.
Linnae Anderson

The History Center Open this weekend, Closes for Holiday

The History Center in Shevlin will be open Saturday December 14 from 10:00-2:00 and Sunday December 15 from 1:00- 4:00.

This will be the last weekend of the year that the museum will be open, and one of the last times to see the "Women Win The Vote" exhibit as well as several other 2019 exhibits that will close on December 20. The History Center will close on December 20 and will remain closed until January 6th for the Holidays. Appointments can be made to tour the museum during the holidays by calling 218-785-2000. The museum will begin to build new exhibits for 2020 when it reopens in January.

Regular museum hours are Tuesday- Friday 10:00- 4:00 and by appointment.

For more information call the History Center at 218-785-2000

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

GONVICK SITE:

Holiday Showcase, Sat., Dec. 21, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Last week to get your tickets! \$20 includes a sit-down three-course meal, "A Christmas Carol" (4-act condensed narrative) & special music. Enjoy the Christmas season with us! Tickets available by mail or in the CWLC-Clearbrook office. Call 218-776-2789 for more information.

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: 11:00-12:00 - Pickleball (free) Looking ahead to January: "Capturing Moments & Memoir Writing", 12:30-2:30 PM. Call to reserve your place, 218-776-2789.

CLEARBROOK SITE: Shop-at-the-Top Christmas clothing & decorations. Lots of great stocking stuffers & gift ideas, including gift certificates. Restore It! Furniture Shop: Antiques, pictures, handcrafted benches & picnic tables, headboards, & end tables. Hours at both shops: 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.

Hours: Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., office hours: 8-4, Tues.-Fri. Gonvick, 226 Elm St., M-W-F, 9-3.

As a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, CWLC is able to provide a variety of free or low cost services to our area thanks to generous financial donors just like you. Be a part of making a difference, join our team. All donations to CWLC are tax-deductible.

For programs and services, visit: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org, or www.mustardseedhomes.org and our Facebook pages.

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Church News

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. 11 - 5:30pm Youth Supper, 6:00pm Youth Bible Study & Confirmation; 6:30pm Choir Practice; 7:30pm Handbell Practice
Sun., Dec. 15 - 9:00am Worship/ Communion; 10:00am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School, 4:30pm Sunday School Christmas Program.
Our Savior's
Sun., Dec. 15 - 10:00am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Sunday School Christmas Program

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Wed. Dec. 11: 8:00am Men's Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30am Women's Bible Study.
Sun. Dec. 15: 9:00am Sunday-School, 10:30am Sunday Worship/Fellowship.
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Church Services 9:00am on Sundays
December 15th Sunday school program during 9am Church Services - potluck Christmas goodies following
No Sunday school from December 22nd - December 29th - January 5th

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Wed. Dec. 11 - 6:30 pm Awana.
Thurs. Dec. 12- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer.
Sat. Dec.14 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 5:00 p.m. Harvest Festival
Sun. Dec. 15 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
*Each Sunday in December 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Christmas goodies will be served in the church foyer Please join us for a time of fellowship
Wed, 11 - 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer *NEW TIME*
Thurs, 12 - 9:30am Bible Study & Prayer, 4pm Mission Friends Christmas party. We will have a short program and a pot luck supper. We will also be preparing boxes of Christmas goodies to distribute. All are welcome
Sun, Dec 15 - 9:30am Sunday School (Christmas program practice), 10:30am Worship Service
*Sunday School Christmas Program (During Worship service)
There will be a Potluck lunch to follow the worship service in the lower auditorium. Please bring a hotdish, salad, or a plate of breads to share with the group. Plates, cups, refreshments, and desserts will be supplied.
Everyone is welcome!

Love Lights a Tree

In memory of Molly Muckala Carter from Janet Schafar. Also in memory of Greg Olson, Class of 66 and David Tibbetts, Class of 66.

In memory of Ron Hanson, Frances Hayes, Irene Loftus and Bette Vaccaro from Bertina Hanson.

In memory of my grandson, Lynn Melby, who died of spinal cord cancer at three years old in 1988 at Fargo hospital, son of my daughter Susan. In memory of Fred Rogers of "Mister Roger's Neighborhood" who died of stomach cancer in 2003. From Marianne Van Oort.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Dec. 11 - *Birthday Meal*, Chicken Chow Main, Rice/ Noodles, Oriental Veg., Mandarin Orange, Brownie, Bread and Milk.

Thurs., Dec. 12 - Meatballs, Gravy, Whole Potatoes, Squash, Lemon Sponge Cake, Bread and Milk.

Fri., Dec. 13 - Tater Tot Hotdish, Mixed Veg., Pudding, Bread and Milk.

Mon. Dec. 16 -Hamburg-er Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cookie, Bread and Milk.

Tues., Dec. 17 - Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Fruit Salad, Dessert, Bread and Milk.

Wed., Dec. 18 - Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Pie, 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.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

Church News

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER Leonard, MN

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Bagley 218-694-6416
Pastor:
Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen
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
cfcchurch@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.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 11: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:00 p.m. LYS Caroling.
Sat, Dec. 14: OP SS Practice 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec. 15: 10:30 a.m. St. Petri, dinner to follow. 3:30 p.m. Oak Park Sunday School program, supper to follow. 5:30 p.m. Nazareth Sunday School program.
Wed, Dec. 18: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 11: 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.
Fri, Dec. 13: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Dec. 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 5:30 p.m. Chilly Weather Chili Cookoff & game night.

Tue, Dec. 17: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Dec. 18: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group goes Christmas Caroling. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Dec. 11: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Bethany.
Sat, Dec. 14: 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley Bake Sale.
Sun, Dec. 15: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley Christmas Party.
Wed, Dec. 18: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 15: 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
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BEAR TRACKS

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

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.



Caleb Jones as Marco Polo.



Adam Bunker as Charles Lindberg.



Beau Burgess as Ferdinand Magellan.



McKinley Watne as Sacagawea.



Ty Dugstad as Ferdinand Magellan.



Cooper Lofgren as Daniel Boone.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary November Bear Pride

Elementary November Bear Pride
Students were nominated by school staff for Bear Pride to recognize their accomplishments, acts of kindness, etc. both large and small. Ten nominees were randomly drawn during our assembly. Congratulations!

Molly Nelson
Nominated by: Mrs. Hamnes
For: Molly is a hard worker. She finishes her assignments even when she has to take it home to get it completed.

Keira Skadsem
Nominated by: Mrs. Beard
For: She has a positive attitude about learning and is always willing to try new ideas.

Harper Watne
Nominated by: Mrs. Bakke
For: Volunteering to clean up the work tables at the end of the day.

Becca Dahl
Nominated by: Mrs. Beard
For: Her willingness to share

information with others
Sydney Dahl
Nominated by: Mrs. Bakke
For: Helps at the milk cooler every day during snack
Brysen Benson
Nominated by: Mrs. Johnson
For: Brysen and his friend made a plan to share a toy fairly.

Faith Gunning
Nominated by: Mrs. Faldet
For: Faith always raises her hand and takes part in class discussions!

Liv Marsh
Nominated by: Mrs. Rude
For: For doing great in the wax museum!

Aris Halvorson
Nominated by: Mrs. Dahl
For: Was kind when a friend was sick!

Sarah Imle
Nominated by: Mrs. Marsh
For: Sarah is organized and uses her time wisely in class.



Parr Gustafson as Buzz Aldrin.

School news

Elementary (Grades K-3) concert December 10 at 6:30p.m. HS Gym
HS Holiday Concert December 17 at 6:30 p.m. HS Gym
JH/HS music groups caroling at Digi-Key December 18 Depart at 3 p.m.
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

CURRENT HAPPENINGS:
SCHOOL COUNSELOR
CURRENT HAPPENINGS:
Sign up sheet for Juniors to take the ACT is outside of the school counselor's door. The test will be administered through the school, at no cost, on February 25th, 2020.
Deadline to Sign Up: January 3rd
Instagram: counselorme-

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: Check here for information

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

Please turn in all BoxTops, Tyson A+ and Loaves for Learning UPC's

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. 11 - Taco in a bag, Refried Beans, CC cookie (9-12) or Turkey Wings.

Thurs., Dec. 12 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Cornbread or Ham Subs.

Fri., Dec. 13 - Pizza Friday - Assorted Pizza Choices, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choice and Milk.

Mon., Dec. 16 - Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Tri Tater or BBQ with Potato Soup.

Tues. Dec. 17 - Grilled Chicken Sandwich on flatbread, Side Salad or Taco Salad.

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

Bears win by nine over Blackduck

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears won their third game of the young season by a score of 65 to 56 over Blackduck Drakes.

The first half was close with the Bears behind 31 to 33 for the Drakes.

The second half the Bears came out with a 34 to 23 advantage over Blackduck.

JackieLynn Taffin was 100% at the free throw line with 13 tries with 13 made. Dana Melby pumped in three-three pointers for 9 points and Danae had two three pointers..

Scoring for the Bears were Jackie Lynn Taffin 26, Annabell Philips, Dana Melby and Danae Stenzel with nine each, Kaylee Faldet and Ella Engen with 4 each and MyKenzie Larson and Kaylee Westrum with 2 each.

Scoring for the Drakes were Alexa Sparby 14, Jada Landis 12, Johanna Swedberg 10, Zoey Mills 7, and S. Palmer and Sierra Sundvall with 2 each.

The Bears hit 23 of 34 attempts at the free throw line while the Drakes had 7 of 15 from the gift line.



November Elementary Bear Pride Pictured Left to Right: Brysen Benson, Liv Marsh, Faith Gunning, Sydney Dahl, Aris Halvorson, Becca Dahl Keira Skadsem and Harper Watne. Not Pictured: Molly Nelson and Sarah Imle.

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The USDA Rural Development, a federally funded agency may be able to help low income individuals or families that are seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

No down payment is required and the interest rate could be as low as 1% with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability.

Maximum loan of \$20,000 for home repairs at a 1% interest rate, repayable for up to 20 years.

Grants up to \$7,500 for health and safety issues may be available for those who are age 62 and over and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

A successful applicant's annual adjusted income must not exceed the following guidelines:

- 1 person \$22,350
- 2 people \$25,550



Speedy Bratten checked out all the craft tables during the Clearbrook Santa Claus Day activities.

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

- Bear Creek - Total 1**
12/02/19 22:47 Suspicious Activity
- City of Bagley - Total 18**
12/02/19 02:34 Suspicious Activity, 02:47 Information Only, 23:27 Traffic Stop
12/03/19 08:42 Sexual Conduct, 09:31 Assault, 10:55 Threats, 1:20 Assault, 7:44 Medical, 19:26 Traffic Stop
12/04/19 01:09 Traffic Stop, 04:02 911 Hang Up, 11:46 THEFT
12/05/19 15:52 911 Hang Up, 20:46 Traffic Stop, 22:43 Traffic Stop
12/06/19 16:27 Disorderly, 19:19 Traffic Stop
- City of Clearbrook - Total 4**
12/01/19 08:44 ASSIST
12/03/19 23:08 Disturbance
12/06/19 22:14 Traffic Stop
12/06/19 22:20 Traffic Stop
- City of Gonvick - Total 1**
12/01/19 12:41 Motor Vehicle Crash
- City of Shevlin - Total 2**
12/04/19 18:57 Medical
12/06/19 23:51 Traffic Stop
- Clover - Total 1**
12/01/19 14:27 Threats
- Copley - Total 2**
12/02/19 01:17 Traffic Complaint
12/04/19 10:07 Animal Related
- Dudley - Total 2**
12/04/19 08:29 Warrant Arrest
12/05/19 12:21 Fire
- Eddy - Total 1**
12/07/19 07:26 Traffic Stop
- Falk - Total 2**
12/01/19 20:23 Medical
12/06/19 18:23 Animal Related
- Holst - Total 3**
12/01/19 21:53 Medical
12/04/19 07:44 Traffic Stop
12/06/19 23:13 Animal Related
- Itasca - Total 3**
12/01/19 10:13 Motor Vehicle Crash
- LaPraire - Total 1**
12/05/19 16:29 THEFT
- LaPraire N - Total 5**
12/02/19 14:14 Disturbance
12/02/19 14:24 Suspicious Activity
- Leon - Total 6**
12/03/19 20:38 Suspicious Activity
- Long Lost Lake - Total 1**
12/04/19 00:21 Animal Related
12/04/19 12:00 Assist Other
- Minerva - Total 1**
12/06/19 17:44 OBSTRUCTION
- Nora - Total 4**
12/03/19 15:29 Civil Complaint
12/05/19 07:55 Animal Related
12/05/19 18:53 Traffic Stop
12/07/19 16:23 Parking Complaint
- Pine Lake - Total 1**
12/06/19 10:22 Animal Related
- Popple - Total 4**
12/01/19 15:59 Traffic Stop
12/05/19 20:22 Vandalism
12/05/19 21:44 Alarm
12/06/19 18:57 Traffic Stop
- Rice - Total 1**
12/01/19 19:43 911 Hang Up
- Shevlin - Total 2**
12/01/19 20:44 Suspicious Activity
- Sinclair - Total 1**
12/03/19 21:26 Animal Related
- Total Records: 67**

3 people \$28,750
4 people \$31,900
5 people \$34, 500
You must have an acceptable credit history and be able to show repayment ability.
To learn more about this program or to request an appointment call the USDA Rural Development Office at (218) 751-1942 ext 4 or write to: USDA Rural Development 3217 Bemidji Avenue North Bemidji, MN 56601
The Bemidji Office services the counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Itasca, Koochiching and Lake of the Woods
You can also visit the website at USDA Rural Development

CP Holiday Train stops in Plummer December 13th

On Friday, December 13th, the Canadian Pacific Holiday Trail will arrive in Plummer at 6:00 p.m. The Museum will open at 4 p.m. and at the Community Hall, ICCC will be serving hot-dogs, chips, hot chocolate, coffee & cookies. Free will offering to the Red Lake County Food Shelf. Santa will be at the hall at 4:00 pm., 5 p.m. Carols will be sung at the Museum. At 5:45 Santa arrives at the museum. If you plan on coming to see the train you need to come early enough for a parking place. Hopefully, it won't be real cold, though cold is called for early in the week, like 15 below 0. You can bring canned goods to either the Community Hall or the Museum for the Food Shelf.

"The CP Holiday Train is a program that our 13,000-strong CP family has immense pride in bringing to communities every year. Access to nutritious food is a basic necessity, and food bank usage is on the rise across North America. The CP Holiday Train program is our way to help in the fight against hunger by growing awareness of this issue and providing a fun and engaging way for the public to show their support."

Honor Flight... Continued from front page

In 2000, the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, Ordean received a thank-you letter from the president of the Republic of Korea. It was really the only appreciation he experienced, until the National Honor Flight trip.

Appreciation was shown to the veterans in many ways. Pilots at the airport, many veterans themselves, lined up to shake the veterans' hands and thank them for their service. Little children waved flags and asked to shake the hands of those who fought for our country. Some of the adults had tears in their eyes as they thanked the veterans and asked to take photographs together. These signs of gratitude were an unexpected bonus of the trip.

"I was thanked more in those two days than in all the years since Korea," Ordean said.

"The experience was so tremendously powerful," Nancy added, "To see these veterans finally get the honor they deserve."



Nancy and Ordean at the World War II Memorial. Since 2007, 1,200 veterans from North Dakota and Minnesota have participated in the National Honor Flight Program. The Honor Flights provide an opportunity to recognize the service and sacrifices of veterans from all branches of the military.

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Corrine's Corner By Corrine Richards

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.

Santa Claus Day will be held in Gonvick on Saturday, December 14 at the Clear Waters Life Center from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Stop by and see Santa and Mrs. Claus and participate in crafts, games and drawings.

Don't forget the fish fry at the Gonvick American Legion on Saturday night this week. They will be serving their famous monthly meal.

United States X-Country Snowmobile Racing presents Gerald Dyrda Memorial Pine Lake 200. Race will be held on December 14 & 15, 2019. Racing starts at 9am each day. 120 Class racing Sunday only - 1/2 mile course. Arctic Cat Raffle Tickets available.

Are you ready for lutefish and meatballs. The Clearbrook American Legion and Auxiliary will be serving on Thursday, December 19. They ran out last time. Serving will be from 4 to 7 or until it is gone. See ad on page 2.

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.

The 20th Annual Community Christmas dinner will be held at the Faith Lutheran church in Bagley on Wednesday, December 25th. All are invited to celebrate the birth of Christ in community with others. This is a free dinner, courtesy of area churches and organizations. Baked ham and all the goodies. Dinner from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. See all on page 2.

Make your plans now to attend the 2020 Gonvick Trail All School Reunion July 9-12. The Gonvick Lions Rodeo will also be held that same weekend.

All School Reunion Fishing Derby is a fund raiser for the 2020 Reunion! Everyone is welcome to purchase a ticket.

The indoor fishing derby will be Saturday, December 21 at the Gonvick American Legion. Social hour starts at 4:30 with meal at 5:45.

From my mail... Received a subscription renewal from Marion (Tveitbakk) Anderson. She said it is great to get the home town paper. Sad to see she has lost more of her classmates. Class of 1961. She wishes everyone in Leader-Record land Happy Holidays. She is still an "Iron Ranger" of 58 years.

Joke Time - Little Ole: Papa, I asked Mama for help with my homework.

ards@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.

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.



Debbie Pletschett brought out another tray of goodies for the Northern State Bank tea that was held last week in Gonvick.



Fern Jackson and Harriet Shellum visiting and enjoying coffee and caramel roll at the Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook.



Darci Hagen had a large display of goodies at the Clearbrook Santa Claus Day activities.



Connie Nelson was one of the over 50 people who had tables at the Clearbrook Santa Claus Day activities. With her is Rilla Nelson.