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Clearbrook City Council gets update on future projects

By Bonnie Kirchman
Jon Smith of Garden Valley Technologies, Curt Meyer, engineer with WSN, and Zach Thoma, engineer from Karvaako all attended the December Clearbrook city council meeting to update council members on various construction projects that will affect the city in 2020.

Jon Smith described the Garden Valley Project. "We continue to build out our service area to have fiber at basically every location, every premise," Smith went on to say that by having fiber optics at all locations, customers can receive all the services Garden Valley offers, including television, phone, and internet.

A notice will be sent out to every Garden Valley customer in Clearbrook, informing them of the project that is scheduled for 2020. Smith expects the project to take approximately one month and is set to begin as soon as the frost goes out next spring. Garden Valley will conduct construction meetings with the city's maintenance staff. Garden Valley will coordinate their project with the street construction project that will also be underway next spring.

Smith also brought a request from Garden Valley to purchase land before the council. Garden Valley has a tower on land that has been leased from the city in the past. Garden Valley would like to purchase three lots as well as easement on a fourth lot that is being used for some of the guide wires. Discussion during the meeting included the possibility of the city maintaining easement rights for parking at Kloster Park. Part of the new bike trail will go through the same lots. Smith stated that easement could be given to the city for the bike trail. Garden Valley will pay any survey costs. The council plans to discuss these issues as well as the land values before giving a final decision.

Curt Meyer updated the council on the 2020 sewer and water project. The project is in the review process. Comments

on the project are expected back in January. Meyer will attend the January council meeting to discuss plans for addressing the easements needed for the project. One option for handling the easements would be setting a public meeting late January or early February to explain easement requirements and obtain the necessary signatures. Meyer also brought two permits requiring council signatures.

Zach Thoma updated the council on the bike trail that is also scheduled for 2020 construction. The project memorandum is out for approval. He expects comments back soon, with official approval to come in January. Thoma hopes to begin the design process before the end of the year.

Police Chief Dan Gazelka presented the police department's 2020 budget with council members. He requested a 4.5% increase from 2019. Gazelka will continue to seek grants from TEAM to help cover department needs.

Mayor Dylan Goudge reported on a repair need at the fire hall. There is water damage to some of the blocks and repair will be necessary. City staff will work to get estimates for the repairs. Prevention of future damage will also be addressed.

Joy Walberg, manager of the liquor store reported that foods sales have increased at the bar. She expects that staff will be available to work during Vikings games. Special activities for December include and end of the year party on December 28th with a meat raffle, prizes and DJ. This party is sponsored by the Clearbrook Community Club with prizes provided by area businesses. The New Year's Eve party will feature open juke box. The bar will be closed during the day on January 2nd for inventory and on December 25th and January 1st for the holidays. The flooring in the back room is in need of repairs, due to age

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New owners took over Y92 on Tuesday, December 10. From left to right, Zach Binder, Regional representative for Northdale Oil, Angel Fenner, new manager for Northdale Oil in Clearbrook, Missy and Scott Reck owners of Northdale Oil, Lonny English, Manager of Y92 and Kevin and Sheryl Berg owners of Y92.

Clearbrook business changes ownership

Y92 in Clearbrook officially became Northdale Oil on Tuesday, December 10. This is the fourth company to own the place on Highway 92 in Clearbrook.

The business was started in 1945 when Al and Mick Everhart had a feed and gas business. They expanded with a line of groceries in 1950 and operated that until 1975 when they sold the business to Loveon and Milton Henke. Kevin and Sheryl Berg bought the business in December of 1996.

Kevin and Sheryl changed the emphasis of the store to a convenience store and changed the name to Y92 Convenience. Lonny English has been the manager. She has trained 4 to 5 new employees each year and is

now calling it quits. Taking over her position is Angel Fenner with the assistance of Zach Binder. They will be changing the name to Northdale Oil. Zach is the Bemidji Regional Manager for Northdale and Angel will be the new manager of the Clearbrook facility.

Northdale Oil Inc. bought Gonvick Oil Company from Kevin Berg in September of 2013 and now purchased the Clearbrook facility. That is the last of the Berg Oil Company to be sold.

Berg Oil was started in 1924 in Gonvick when Robert Berg, grandfather to Kevin, started delivering fuel and kerosene by horses. Robert turned the keys

of the business to his son Harlow in 1961 and in 1999 Harlow turned the keys over to his son Kevin. He had been working at the company since 1977.

The Northdale company owned by Missy and Scott Reck was founded by Dale Reck in Bathgate, North Dakota as a Standard Oil agent. He had one truck and sold fuel to local families and farms. He expanded out to other facilities in North Dakota and was an Amoco Jobber. In 1992 Dale had health issues where he was not able to operate the business and his son Scott and wife Missy came to his assistance and helped his father run the business.

Scott bought the business

from his father and has expanded it into 13 locations in North Dakota and Minnesota. Two of the newest have been in Bemidji and now the latest in Clearbrook.

Scott and his wife Missy have three children and they run the business out of their East Grand Forks office location.

Northdale Oil says, "Our mission is to provide each and every customer with quality products and competitive pricing, while delivering excellent customer service. We strive to meet the demands and challenges of the industry and to always be a step ahead. It is our job to be a resource our customers can rely on."

Clearwater County 2020 Gross Levy is \$8,804,690 an increase of 3.25% from last year's amount

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on December 10, 2019 to cover many business items, including approval of the County Levy for taxes payable in the year 2020.

The Gross Levy is \$8,804,690, with a Net Levy Base of \$8,016,907, which is a 3.25% increase from last year to this year's amount, stated Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson. The motion was made by Commissioner Mark Larson, seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera, and passed by the four commissioners in attendance. The levy for county purposes is spread out on the taxable valuation of Clearwater County for taxes payable in the year 2020.

The Oath of Office was given to Lindsey Lamwer as she was sworn in to serve as the new Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer. She will finish the term of previous CVSO Harry Hutch Hutchens, III.

The Fiscal Year 2020 Solid Waste Management Fund Budget balance was approved. Fiscal Year End 2019 Total Reserved and Designated Fund Balance stands at \$1,136,738. The total Year 2019 Operating Revenue expenditures are \$2,270,892 and revenues are \$2,270,892.

Clearwater County Nursing Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 was passed. Expenditures total \$1,480,377, and revenues

total \$1,594,169.

Salaries within Clearwater County for the 2020 year were approved as follows:

The 2020 salary for the Commissioners will remain the same as 2019, at \$20,742 annually.

The Recorder's salary will be increased from \$69,200 to \$70,930.

The Attorney's salary will be increased from \$104,000 to \$106,000.

The Auditor-Treasurer's salary will be increased from \$87,700 to \$89,892.50.

The Sheriff's salary will be increased from \$85,200 to \$87,330.

Non-union pay scale increase of 2.5% for non-union employees.

The Auditor-Treasurer is authorized and directed to make the changes to these salaries effective January 1, 2020.

The County Sheriff, Jail Administrator and the Chief Deputy Sheriff were approved to get the same contribution toward the Teamsters Health Fund Insurance as the Teamsters Local 346 Union, effective January 1, 2020.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox received approval for terms and condition for an easement to Clearwater County for highway purposes.

Assessor Jamie Freeman was authorized by the Commissioners to re-advertise for a Senior Assessor Clerk, with the pay range starting at step 1 of Grade

10 per Bjorklund's job descriptions. She had seven applicants who applied for the position, and five were interviewed. However, after consideration, she requested the re-advertisement for the position.

The Commissioners approved and authorized the Chairman and County Auditor to sign the North Country 2020-2022 Joint Powers Agreement between the Counties of Lake of the Woods, Hubbard, and Clearwater, an area which Clearwater County Nursing Service Director Marissa Hetland oversees.

"Each county has conducted an assessment of community health needs and assets upon which the local public health priorities were established for the development and operation of the public health services described in the Local Public Health Act within their respective county, has indicated its intention to participate in the development, implementation and operation of the public health services to address local public health priorities and assist in achieving statewide outcomes..." the agreement states.

The purpose is to more effectively prevent illness and promote efficiency and economy in the delivery of public health services, also participating in the local public health grant.

An amended Health Care Access Initiative Joint Powers Agreement was approved to establish a board of directors to organize, govern, plan and administer a multi-county access development organization, referred to as "PrimeWest Health". The board will consist of one County commissioner from each Member County.

2020 On and Off Sale Liquor and Sunday Sale Licenses were approved for Lobo's Bar & Grill Inc. and Sportsman's Lodge, with continuance of insurance; and 2020 Off Sale Liquor License for Rock Creek General Store, Inc. with continuance of insurance.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$178,850 for the County Rev-

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The Clearbrook-Gonvick junior high girls' basketball team helped with the children's crafts on Santa Claus Day. Back row: Coach Liz Bodensteiner, Tavia Johnson, Rhianna May, Skylar Ballard, and Trinity Lene. Middle Row: Zoie Rentz-Smith, Allison Lavine, and Kameryn Defoe. Front: Reign Wegscheid. Team members not pictured: Kailey Klema, Emma Nybo, Tatum Melby, Molly Phillips, and Gabby Anderson.



Santa's helpers at the Clearbrook Santa Cay were from left to right: Janice Anderson, Joy Walberg, Sue Weems and Lucie Thompson.



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Community Calendar

Winners from Northern State Bank
Several winners were named after the Northern State Bank tea that was held recently in Gonvick.
Kids: Jake TeHennepe & Samantha Gwingerich
Teens: Dawson Quern & Laci Wagner
Adults : Julie Miller & Marvel Flateland

Thank you to the Clearbrook Community Club for Trade Bucks I won on Santa Claus Day
Fern Jackson

Retirement Party for Lonny English
Gonvick Legion 1-4pm
Saturday, Dec. 28th
Join us for cake, coffee & punch.
If you can't make it please stop at Y-92 before Dec. 17th

Commissioners.. Continued from front page
enue Fund and \$3,789 for the Nursing Service Fund.
The regular meeting recessed in order to conduct the annual Truth-In-Taxation meeting, covered separately.
Commissioners that were present at the meeting: Neal Illies, Dean Newland, Mark Titera, and Mark Larson. Board Chairman John Nelson was absent.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Dec. 18 - Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Pie, Bread and Milk.
Thurs., Dec. 19 - Hearty Chili, Crackers, Pears, Corn Muffin, Cookie and Milk.
Fri., Dec. 20 - Italian Meat Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Cauliflower, Peaches, Garlic Bread and Milk.
Mon. Dec. 23 - Crispy Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Pudding, Bread and Milk.
Tues., Dec. 24 - Veg. Beef Soup, Crackers, Cookie, Bread and Milk.
Wed., Dec. 25 - Closed, "Merry Christmas"
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.

THANK YOU
TO ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS AT Y-92
CONVENIENCE OVER THE PAST 23 YEARS.
KEVIN & SHERYL BERG
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Millie (on right) presenting the First Lady Award to Opal Friborg in 2011.

History Center's Millie Dickinson To Retire

Millie Dickinson will retire on December 19 after 15 years at the History Center in Shevlin. Millie's job was to care for and manage the photograph collection (more than 18,000 photos) as well as pitch in whenever she was needed. Millie excelled at giving tours to visitors and keeping our museum and offices as tidy as possible (No easy task!).
The Historical Society will have a retirement party (cake and coffee) for Millie on Thursday December 19 from 2:00-3:30 and everyone is welcome to stop by and wish her a happy retirement.
Happy Retirement Millie, Thanks for all your good work! Cards can also be sent to Millie at the History Center at PO box 241 Bagley MN 56621

Thank you, Lions Club for the generous package of food and goodies you brought to me at my house. I appreciate you all so much because you do so much good for the community.
Merry Christmas, Tippy

Are you looking for a last minute Christmas gift idea?
Why not gift a Clearbrook Celebration Game Card?
For a \$20 donation your gift recipient could be the winner of \$50 if drawn on a weekday OR \$100 if drawn on a holiday!
Only 500 tickets available to be purchased by Dec. 31st at local businesses in Clearbrook or stop by the Clearbrook City Office.



Sylvia (Bardwell) Johnson celebrated her 80th birthday on Saturday, December 14th at the Summerfield apartments in Clearbrook. It was a surprise party put on by her daughters that are also pictured. From left: Twyla Hobbs, Sylvia and Heidi Forbes.

Thank You!
Clearbrook Community Club for supporting our Jr. High Basketball teams & families with your donation of their jerseys!
Very much appreciated!

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Both CWLC sites will be closed, December 24 & 25 and January 1. Merry Christmas from the staff & volunteers of CWLC!

CLEARBROOK SITE:
Shop-at-the-Top: 50% off Christmas clothing & decorations, Dec. 18-23. 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: Resumes Jan. 7. 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. \$20 includes a sit-down three-course meal, "A Christmas Carol" (4-act condensed narrative) & special music. Enjoy the Christmas season with us! Call 218-776-2789 for ticket availability. Only paid tickets will be held.
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)
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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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.

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
Church Location: Corner of Hwy. 2 & Red Lake Ave. SW Bagley, MN
Pastor Eli Voigt
Sunday Divine Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School / Adult Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Wed. Dec. 18: 8:00am Men's Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30am Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm Samhold Council Meeting.
Sun. Dec. 22: 9:00am Sunday-School, 10:30am Sunday Worship/Fellowship.
There will be no Sunday School on December 22nd and December 29th for the Holiday break. Sunday School will resume on January 5th, 2020.
Christmas Eve Service at Samhold on December 24th at 5:00pm!! All Are Welcome!!

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Sun. Dec. 22: 9:00am Worship Service and Holy Communion.
Wed. Dec. 25: Christmas Day 9:00 am Worship Service..
No Sunday school from December 22nd - December 29th - January 5th

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
cfchurch@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

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, 18 - 6:30pm Youth Group (at Brian and Shannon Engebretson), 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer
Thurs, 19 - 9:30am Bible Study & Prayer.
Sun, Dec 22 - 10:30am Worship Service, Mission Sunday;

Council..

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The council passed a resolution to give a tax abatement to Charps. The tax break covers just the new building and can only last a period of 10 years. The abatements need to be based on the tax levy and the tax on the building, so will vary from year to year. Dylan Goudge and Shawn Johnson met with the business owners to discuss the tax abatement.

The council read the parking ordinance for the first time. This ordinance was prepared by Police Chief Gazelka.
The council accepted slightly more than \$45,500 in donations. These included a donation from TEAM of \$12,858.13 for the police department's squad equipment. Coke Community Fund donated \$5,095 to the fire department. Judy Engebretson donated money for trees in Kloster Park. A donation of \$3,500 for Santa Claus Day activities was received from the Clearbrook Community Club. The Community Club also made a donation of \$24,000 for the Clearbrook Pool's filter and valve system.

Monthly claims of \$88,288.94 and additional claims of \$81,052.72 were approved by the council. Council members also approved North Country Hardware monthly claims for \$105.81 and \$546.80 with Shawn Johnson abstaining.
The council members thanked the city staff and community club members for their efforts in planning and running the community's Santa Claus Day on December 7th. Around 130 children came to visit Santa and make crafts while a variety of vendors participated in the craft sale.

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 Svakeen Terri D. Parish sec.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Call for weekday Mass times.
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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., Dec. 18 - 5:30pm Youth Supper, 6:00pm Youth Bible Study & Confirmation; 6:30pm Choir Practice; 7:30pm Handbell Practice
Sun., Dec. 22 - 9:00am Worship/ Communion; Service Group 4 will meet after service in the Fireside Room; 10:00am Coffee Hour.
Tue., Dec. 24 - 5:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Our Savior's
Sun., Dec. 22 - 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship/ Communion
Wed., Dec. 25 - 11:00am Christmas Day Worship Service with Communion

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Wed. Dec. 18 - 6:30 pm Awana.
Thurs. Dec. 12 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer.
Sat. Dec. 21 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study.
Sun. Dec. 22 - 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. 18: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Dec. 21: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Dec. 22: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 9:45 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. SS at Oak Park, 11:00 a.m. Worship.

Tue, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.
Wed, Dec. 25: Christmas Day - 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 18: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group goes Christmas Caroling. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.
Fri, Dec. 19: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Dec. 22: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service - TBD.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Dec. 18: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Sand Valley.
Sun, Dec. 22: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 22: 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)

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And the angel said unto them, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
~Luke 2:10-11

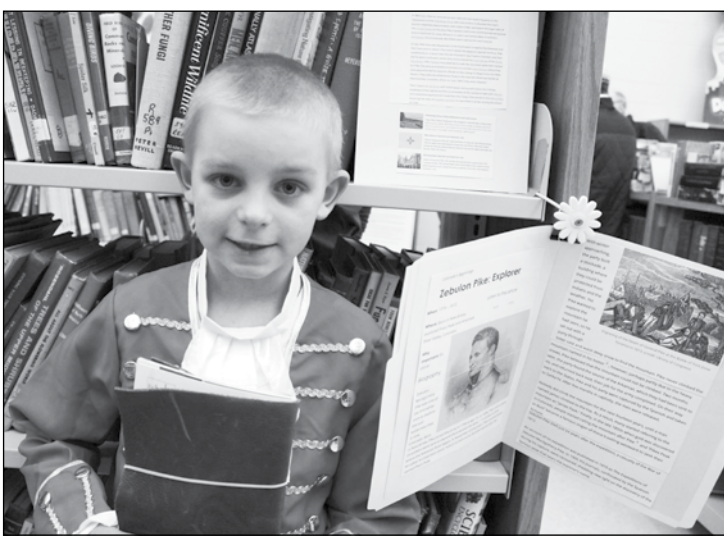
As we celebrate the joyous season of Christmas, we remember the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas

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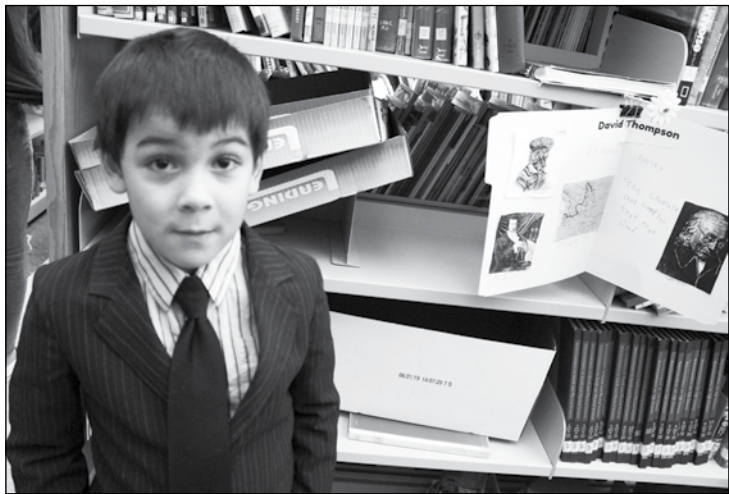
Eli Norris as Robert deLaSalle.



Easton Derby as Zebulon Pike.



Kylee Sanders as Harriet Chalmers Adams.



Hunter Dahlke as David Thompson.



Aryelle Auginash as Nellie Bly.



Bella Anderson as Osa Helen Johnson.

BEAR TRACKS

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. 18 - Christmas Dinner, Sliced Ham, Scalloped

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

Potatoes, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Mrs. Olson's Lefse, Dessert and Milk.

Thurs., Dec. 19 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn or Turkey Subs

Fri., Dec. 20 - Pizza Friday - Assorted Pizza Choices, Fresh

Fruit and Vegetables Choices and Milk.

Mon., Dec. 23 through December 31 - No School, Christmas Vacation.

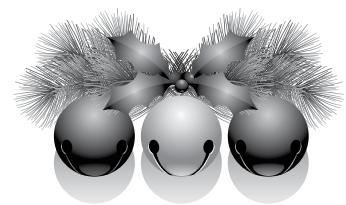
All meals come with Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Bar and Milk Choice.

First grade students in Darcy Hegg and Alsha 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.



Elijah Krog as Neil Armstrong.



Community Christmas Day Dinner

Clearbrook-Gonvick School
11am-1pm, December 25
Delivery to Seniors in community available
Contact: 218-209-1810



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Gully: Gully Co-op, Gully Cafe

Leonard: Strands Grocery Store

Bagley: Ortons, Kubiak's, Galen's, Bagley Co-op, Thrifty White

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Performing at the Clearbrook-Gonvick "Deck The Halls" Christmas program was Wyatt Abel.



Performing at the Clearbrook-Gonvick "Deck The Halls" Christmas program was Brekken Benson.



Third grade Clearbrook-Gonvick students were the Jingle Bell Rock Dancers. They included Faith Gunning, Grace Gunning, Lydia Bakken, Sienna Flateland, Kylie Sander, Elleigh Nelson-Emmel, Athena Skjaret and Emily Olson.

School news

JH/HS music groups caroling at Digi-Key December 18 Depart at 3 p.m.

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: [counselormegang](https://www.instagram.com/counselormegang)

Facebook: [@counselormegang](https://www.facebook.com/counselormegang)

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

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.

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Love Lights a Tree Memorials for week of Dec 15:

In memory of Durund LaVine, Ariel Larson, and Marlow Larson from Travis Larson.

In memory of my husband Mayhlon Charles and brother in law Murray Charles from Beverly Charles.

In memory of Jim Buford from the Davidson Family.

In memory of Carl and Twila Klemmetsen, Ruth and Glen Davidson and Karen Sue Torgerson from Sue and Jerry Davidson.

In loving memory of Irene and Peter Henderson and Lillian and Hilburn Howard: Miss you all from Denise and Bob Howard.

In memory of husband Vernon Kortan from Alice Kortan.

Clearwater County 4-H Recognition and Annual Meeting

On Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 Clearwater County 4-H held its annual recognition event at the American Legion in Gonvick. This event was hosted by the Clearwater County 4-H Ambassadors. A big Thank You

to everyone that came and supported the Clearwater County 4-Hers and volunteers as we recognized the hard work and dedication they have put into 4-H over the past year. The evening started with Sa-

vanna Rankin, the 4-H Leaders Council Vice President, providing a welcoming address. Following that, Kayla Nyegaard the local Extension Educator, introduced the Clearwater County Extension Committee

and County Commissioners. The awards program followed. The first awards that were recognized was the 2018-2019 Project Records awards. The following 4-Hers received a project pin award in the following areas.
Beef - Nataly Stout and Nora Stout
Dog - Micah Tramm and

Peyton Berg
Goat -Charlie Kaiser and Jackson Kaiser
Swine - Peyton Berg
Citizenship - Elinor Davis
Clothes You Buy - Mackenzie Dahl
Clothes You Make - Bella Dahl
Food and Nutrition - Bella Dahl

Home Environment - Izack Girtz and Elinor Davies
Photography - Isaiah Tramm and Brett Berg
Shooting Sports Wildlife Management - Isaiah Tramm, Nora Stout and Nataly Stout
Wood Shop - Izack Girtz
Youth Leadership - Brett Berg
Cake Decorating - Mackenzie Dahl
Elinor Davies was recognized as the top score for record judging.



Back (L-R): Elinor Davis, Peyton Berg, Brett Berg and Isaiah Tramm. Front: Micah Tramm, Izack Girtz, Bella Dahl and Becca Dahl. Not pictured Nataly Stout, Nora Stout, Charlie Kaiser, Jackson Kaiser and Mackenzie Dahl.



The next award was the Clearwater County 4-H Ambassador certificates. This past year we had 12 young people that were Clearwater County 4-H Ambassadors. These individuals help with many different events throughout the year and demonstrate leadership. Obadiah Hammer, Paul Ramsrud, Izabell Gerbracht, Tessa Tramm, Isaiah Tramm. Not Pictured: Zalee Lucken, Megen Maruska, Briar Maruska, Kara Bowman, Carly Lewis, Kyle Bowman and Alaina Larson.



Financial Team Award was awarded to the five individuals that have helped keep the Clearwater County financial book accurate and up to date. 2018-2019 Leader's Council Treasure were Megan Warmbold and Hannah Johnshoy. Other members of the Financial committee are Daniel Johnshoy and Amy Berg. Not pictured is Briar Maruska.



The 4-H Leader's Council Annual meeting was held November 2nd, 2019. During this meeting we elected the new 2019-2020 Leader's Council officers. Your 2019-2020 Clearwater County Leader's council officer team includes:



Clearwater County 4-H recognizes local business, organization or group of people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their support to Clearwater County 4-H. Their efforts are recognized through the presentation of the Friend of 4-H award during the annual 4-H recognition event at the end of each 4-H programming year. The year's 2018-2019 Friend of 4-H award recipient went to the Westwood Building Center of Bagley for all of their work with the Dog Project area this year. Marceen Hammer, Volunteer of the Year Award.

Pictured L-R Treasurer - Paul Ramsrud, Secretary - Peyton Berg, Reporter -



The 2018-2019 Clearwater County 4-H Volunteer of the Year. This award is given to an individual that is always going the extra mile along with outstanding contribution to the 4-H Youth Program in Clearwater County. Thank you Marceen Hammer for all of your hard work. Marceen Hammer, Volunteer of the Year Award.

Brett Berg, Vice President - Hannah Johnshoy, President - Savanna Rankin,



The energizer bunny award is given to a 4-H volunteer that keeps on giving and giving. We are lucky in Clearwater County we have so many outstanding volunteers. This year's Energizer Bunny Award was awarded to Daniel Johnshoy. He is always willing to put in the extra time and hard work it takes to make our 4-H programs happen for the youth in our community.



Thank you so much to the 2018-2019 Clearwater County 4-H Club Leaders. Bits-N-Spurs Club Leaders Jennifer Haman and Jessie Jorgenson
Jack Pine Pals Club Leaders Sara Tramm and Tiffany Berg
Leon Ramblers Club Leaders Marceen Hammer and Amy Berg
Woodside Workers Club Leaders Mindy Broden and Tara Haugen, Tiffany Berg, Marceen Hammer, Mindy Broden, Amy Berg, Sara Tramm



During this awards program we recognized the Clearwater County 4-H Cloverbuds. Cloverbuds are youth in grades kindergarten through second grade during the current year. The Cloverbud program is designed to support the positive development of young people as they explore their world, discover the possibilities, build self-esteem and practice basic social skills. During the 2018-2019 year we had 23 Cloverbuds in our 4-H program. Ellyse Berg, Becca Dahl and Derrick Norman. Not Pictured: Bella Anderson, Beau Berg, River Cummings, Faith Gunning, Grace Gunning, Hudson Hood, Daisy Java, Dylan Larson, Caroline Machlitt, Zach Marsh, Kailynne Maruska, Kegan Maruska, Arelli McCollum, Noah Omang, Jasmine Paulson, Gracie Riewer, Bryce Roepke, Brin Rude, Collin Schipper and Kassie Thompson.



Graduating members this year are Kaleb Tronnes, Rachael Okeson, Kirah Otting, Courtney Lietz, Mackenzie Dahl and Nathan Johnshoy. These individuals completed their 13 4-H year and have graduated out of the 4-H program. Pictured is Nathan Johnshoy.



Lynn Anderson, 20 Year Minnesota 4-H Volunteer.



During the awards program we recognized individuals that placed at the 4-H State Shoot competition. A special congratulations to Savanna Rankin for qualifying for the 2020 National 4-H Shoot in Nebraska. State Shoot - Individual State Awards
Bella Dahl: Third grade BB Gun participant
Treyton Broden: Wildlife Calling Junior - 3rd place
Peyton Berg: Wildlife Skillathon Junior - 5th place
Treyton Broden: Wildlife Skillathon Junior - 7th place
Brett Berg: Archery Class B Junior - 7th Place
Micah Tramm: Archery

Class B Junior - 8th place
Cameron Broden: Wildlife Skillathon Intermediate - 2nd place
Isaiah Tramm: Wildlife Skillathon Intermediate - 3rd place
Isaiah Tramm: Archery Class C Intermediate - 3rd place
Cameron Broden: .22 Rifle Field Grade Intermediate - 9th place
Hannah Johnshoy: Wildlife Skillathon Intermediate - 9th place
Daniel Rankin: Archery Class A Intermediate - 10th place
State Shoot - Team Awards
Micah Tramm and Brett

Berg - Archery Intermediate Class B Team - 3rd place
Cameron Broden, Hannah Johnshoy, Daniel Rankin, Isaiah Tramm - .22 Rifle Intermediate Field Grade - 1st Place
Back: Isabella Warmbold, Amy Rankin, Kayla Johnshoy, Mindy Broden, Daniel Johnshoy, Craig Dahl, Lynn Anderson, Nathan Johnshoy. Middle: Matthew Rankin, Peyton Berg, Hannah Johnshoy, Daniel Rankin, Cameron Broden, Isaiah Tramm, Laura Dahl, Amy Berg. Front: Evelyn Warmbold, Micah Tramm, Brett Berg, Bella Dahl, Treyton Broden, Tasha Bakke, Savanna Rankin



To make Clearwater County 4-H a success we have many outstanding volunteers that help in many different areas. This past year we had 41 screened adult volunteers with 7 of them being first time 4-H Volunteers. Congratulations and a big Thank you to each 4-H volunteer. In addition we celebrated Lynn Anderson being an active 4-H screened adult volunteer for the past 20 years with Minnesota 4-H. Back: Carol Anderson (11 years), Lynn Anderson (20 Years), Daniel Johnshoy (5 years), Shelley Johnshoy (5 years), Craig Dahl (1 year), Kayla Nyegaard (Extension Educator). Middle: Megan Warmbold (4 years), Amy Berg (3 years), Tiffany Berg (2 years), Corey Peterson (7 years), Mindy Broden (4 years), Sara Tramm (5 years), Stacy Baird (1 year). Front: Marceen Hammer (6 years), Amy Rankin (3 Years), Tasha Bakke (4 years), Laura Dahl (1 year), Sandy Girtz (7 years), Pat Larson (10 years). Not Pictured: Daniel Riewer (1 year), Sarah Riewer (1 year), Cari Roepke (1 year), Samuel Roepke (1 year), Scott Fawver (2 years), Megan Bellefy (3 years), Susann Evenwoll (3 years) Jennifer Haman (3 years) Jessica Jorgenson (3 years), Amber Marshall (3 years), Dava Maruska (3 years), Tara Haugen (5 years), Tina Lucken (5 Years), Kathi Grandbois (5 years) Rick Lewis (6 years), Crissy Otting (7 years), Joyce Yocum (7 years), Curt Nyegaard (7 years), Stephanie Tronnes (8 years), Ora Mord (17 years), Kristi Okeson (18 years), Steve Norman (19 years) and Donna Rae Carlson (41 years).



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Santa Claus visits

Shown to the right: Corrine, Anika, Wyatt, and Soren Abel



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NOTICE OF & ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT Filed in District Court State of Minnesota DISTRICT COURT NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FILE NO. 15-PR-19-531 In Re: Estate of OLIVER WALBERG Decedent

Kenneth K. Walberg has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent. It is Ordered that on January 16, 2020 at 1:15 p.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 213 Main Avenue N, Bagley, MN on the petition.

The petition represents that the decedent died more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court to determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

BY THE COURT
Dated: December 4, 2019

Robert D. Tiffany
Judge of District Court
Dated: December 4, 2019
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BY Tamara Warmbold
E.H. RASMUSSEN, LAWYER
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R39-40C

NOTICE to the Residents of Clover Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Clover Township that the Annual Election of town officers and annual town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 at the Clover Town Hall.

Filing for township offices will be open on Jan. 3rd, 2020 5pm.

Officers to be elected are
1 sup. for a 3 yr. term
1 clerk for a 2 yr term

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2.00 filing fee
Joel Wraa, Clerk
218-776-2457

R39-41C

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 vote rs 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 filed 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

R38-39C

NOTICE RED LAKE RESERVATION PRECINCT NUMBER 0056 MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Election

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Election for the Red Lake Reservation, precinct number 0056 by mail ballot.

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will mail ballots to all registered voters in this Township between 14 and 46 days before the Election. Each voter registered by the 21st day before the Election will be mailed a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, either by mail, in person or by designated agent, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Each eligible voter who is NOT registered may apply for a ballot from the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office. Any voter who will be absent from the precinct may apply to receive the Absentee Ballot at a temporary address. Applications are available in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

Ballots will be counted at the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Inquiries about Mail Elections should be directed to the office of the Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, phone 694-6520 or write:

Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer
213 Main Ave N Dept 202
Bagley, MN 56621-8304
Allen L. Paulson
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer

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NOTICE CITY OF LEONARD PRECINCT NUMBER 0080 MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Election

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Election for the City of Leonard, precinct number 0080 by mail ballot.

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will mail ballots to all registered voters in this City between 14 and 46 days before the Election. Each voter registered by the 21st day before the Election will be mailed a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, either by mail, in person or by designated agent, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF HANGAARD PRECINCT NUMBER 0055 MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Election

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Election for the Township of Hangaard, precinct number 0055 by mail ballot.

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will mail ballots to all registered voters in this Township between 14 and 46 days before the Election. Each voter registered by the 21st day before the Election will be mailed a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, either by mail, in person or by designated agent, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF DUDLEY PRECINCT NUMBER 0030 MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Election

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Election for the Township of Dudley, precinct number 0030 by mail ballot.

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will mail ballots to all registered voters in this Township between 14 and 46 days before the Election. Each voter registered by the 21st day before the Election will be mailed a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, either by mail, in person or by designated agent, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Each eligible voter who is NOT registered may apply for a ballot from the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office. Any voter who will be absent from the precinct may apply to receive the Absentee Ballot at a temporary address. Applications are available in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

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NOTICE

To the Residents of Clover Township. The regular meeting will be held at the Josh Reed home, Friday, Jan. 3rd, 2020 at 6pm.
Joel Wraa, Clerk

R39C

Notice to the Residents of Pine Lake Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Pine Lake Township, County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota, that filing for town office will be held for a two week period beginning December 31 and continuing until January 14 at 5pm.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the town clerk at 226 Elm St., Gouville, MN.

Filing fee is \$2.00.
Office to be filled at the March election:

One Supervisor for a 3 yr. term.
Pamela Goebel,
Clerk-Treasurer
218-280-2356

R39-40C

Notice to Leon Township Residents

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the Leon Township Hall.

Filing for township offices opens on December 31, 2019, and continues to January 14, 2020, 5 p.m.

Offices to be elected are:
1 Supervisor for a 3 year term
1 Clerk for a 2 year term

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2 filing fee.
Lori Larson, Clerk

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Santa Claus visits area towns

Shown to the right: Athena, Chris and Wesley Skjaret



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Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



Now that we have received our first significant snowfall of the season, it didn't take long for snowmobile enthusiasts to start riding. Last year was a great year for riding and this year certainly has promise. I often get questions about the laws and regulations for snowmobiles so I want to answer some of them in this month's article.

First, all snowmobiles must be registered with the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources with a few exceptions. The majority of money collected for registrations are used for grant-in-aid trails and maintenance of those trails. If you do not intend to operate your snowmobile on a state or grant-in-aid trail, you can register it as a non-trail snowmobile. The few exceptions are if the snowmobile is more than fifteen years old and for use on land owned or leased by the owner or being used exclusively for agricultural purposes. Another is if it is being used for organized track-racing events. Any snowmobile with an engine displacement of 125 cubic centimeters or less, not used on state or grant-in-aid trails, is also exempt.

The next most asked question is where can you operate a snowmobile if you are not on a trail system. If you are riding next to a county or state road, you must be in the bottom or outside slope of the ditch. You must ride in the same direction as road traffic one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise. You can also operate on public lands open to motorized vehicles and on any ice-covered waters that have legal access. Riders can also operate on township roads that are not restricted by local ordinances and also on your own property.

If you are operating on a state or grant-in-aid trail system, you must stay to the right when meeting another machine and obey the posted speed limit. At night, it is recommended to drive at less than 40 MPH as studies have shown that speed greater than that results in over-driving your headlights. Don't be the one who gets injured or injures someone else because you were driving recklessly. If you are crossing any roadway, you must yield to other motor vehicles. Always remember to stay on the groomed portion of the trail. That is by far the biggest complaint I hear. People will operate their snowmobiles off the groomed portion of the trail and onto the property of landowners who have graciously allowed the trail to pass through their land. This kind of behavior has resulted in some landowners deciding that they do not want the trail crossing their land and the trails have had to be re-routed. Don't be the person

to ruin it for everyone else.

Regulations for youth riders is another big topic for questions. How old do you have to be and where can youth operate a snowmobile are often asked. The first thing to remember is that anyone born after December 31, 1976 must complete snowmobile safety training. If you are 16 years or older, you must complete the online course for snowmobile safety and those under 16 must complete the online course, or a traditional classroom course if offered, and attend a hands-on riding course. Youth must be at least 11 years old to complete the courses and the safety certificate will become valid when you turn 12.

After obtaining your safety certificate there are regulations on where youth can ride. If you are between 12-13, you may ride on public lands, waters or grant-in-aid trails if accompanied by an adult or you must be in possession of your safety certificate. You may not cross state or county roads or drive on any street in a municipality. If you are between 14-18 years of age, you may cross state or county roads if you are in possession of your safety certificate or driver's license with a valid snowmobile indicator. You may ride on streets in a municipality if permitted and also on public land, waters and grant-in-aid trails.

Regardless of your age, please use sound judgement and drive with care. Lastly, remember that operators under the age of 18 must wear a helmet at all times when they are operating a snowmobile, but I would encourage everyone to. I hope this winter will be a safe and fun one for all and I wish everyone a happy holiday season.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

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Letter to the Editor

Greetings to all in Leader-Record Land,

I look forward to receiving my hometown newspaper each week, here in metro-land. The Leader-Record includes text and photos about people I still know in my hometown and also introduces me to new residents. I am reminded that city living does not easily promote daily neighborliness within a large area of residents who know or know of each other, and do not know anything about an even larger number. This is a blessing of rural life with its people who smile and greet each other, offer unselfish acts of help and generosity to individuals, families and organizations, and work together for community improvements and pride.

I am a maker of lists, as some people have noted about my writing, so I'll show you just what I am thinking about as I write this. Not in a truly grammatically correct fashion, oh dear ... but, oh well!

As each season passes, the Leader-Record chronicles the many various ways that people come together. Sunday and weekly church events to high school sports and outdoor activities. The celebrations of weddings, births and birthdays to the memorials for those no longer a part of their communities. Group get-togethers to share Norwegian rosemaling and quilting or to learn a new craft. The meetings of larger groups, such as veterans and friends attending American Legion Fish Fries and honoring all who served and are serving our country on Memorial and Veterans Days. Holidays and school reunions to special annual events that have been cre-

ated like the Lions Rodeo and Pumpkin Days in my hometown of Gonvick. School concerts, plays, and how special people in students' lives are included in a school day by having Muffins with Mom, for example.

Of course, this time of year brings wonderful ways to celebrate with each other, through laughter and goodies on Santa Claus Day and gathering for Sunday School Christmas programs to the beauty and joyful carol singing of Christmas Eve services. And outdoors too, for this latest edition reminded everyone that snowmobile races have been scheduled. So here's wishing all the readers of our friendly paper, the Leader-Record, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Susan Downing, Saint Paul, MN

P.S. to Corrine Richards: Thanks, and thank you for bringing back some of my childhood memories as I read your paper!

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Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1
12/10/19 04:58 Alarm
12/12/19 11:28 Suspicious Activity
City of Bagley - Total 8
12/08/19 05:46 911 Hang Up
12/10/19 07:58 Medical
12/10/19 12:19 Transport
12/11/19 01:30 Welfare Check
12/11/19 09:37 Crimes Against

Family

12/13/19 09:14 Medical
12/13/19 18:08 Alarm
12/14/19 17:22 ASSIST
City of Clearbrook - Total 5
12/10/19 08:24 Threats
12/10/19 10:24 Medical
12/10/19 17:50 ASSIST
12/11/19 03:58 Alarm
12/13/19 16:33 Threats
City of Gonvick - Total 2
12/12/19 01:26 ASSIST
12/13/19 12:48 Traffic Stop
12/13/19 18:04 Welfare Check
City of Shevlin - Total 2
12/08/19 23:17 Medical
12/10/19 16:04 Medical
Clover - Total 2
12/11/19 00:04 Alarm
12/13/19 07:25 Information Only
Copley - Total 9
12/08/19 12:24 Vehicle Lock Out
12/08/19 22:48 Vehicle Lock Out
12/09/19 14:02 Crimes Against

Family

12/10/19 10:44 Fraud
12/11/19 11:59 Transport
12/12/19 12:03 ASSIST
12/12/19 18:33 Animal Related
12/13/19 03:50 Traffic Stop
12/14/19 10:38 Motor Vehicle

Crash

Dudley - Total 2
12/11/19 12:13 Alarm
12/13/19 10:06 THEFT
Eddy - Total 2
12/09/19 18:47 Juvenile Misc
12/11/19 08:03 911 Hang Up
Falk - Total 5
12/09/19 13:52 Crimes Against

Family

12/12/19 17:14 Property Damage
12/13/19 00:11 Traffic Stop
12/13/19 14:00 Civil Complaint
12/13/19 21:53 Motorist Assist
Holst - Total 3
12/08/19 11:49 Animal Related
12/09/19 18:38 Medical
12/13/19 12:34 Information Only
Itasca - Total 2
12/09/19 16:20 Civil Complaint
12/12/19 15:18 THEFT
Itasca State Park - Total 1
12/09/19 09:56 Information Only
LaPraire - Total 1
12/13/19 22:32 Medical
LaPraire N - Total 3
12/09/19 13:49 Crimes Against

Family

12/09/19 14:39 Crimes Against

Family

12/13/19 10:00 Crimes Against

Family

Leon - Total 6
12/08/19 20:53 Vehicle Lock Out
12/09/19 15:27 Crimes Against

Family

12/10/19 09:45 Crimes Against

Family

12/13/19 12:26 Juvenile Misc
12/13/19 12:52 Juvenile Misc
12/14/19 13:24 Suspicious Activity
Minerva - Total 1
12/11/19 22:11 911 Hang Up
Moose Creek - Total 1
12/09/19 14:42 Crimes Against

Family

Nora - Total 3
12/09/19 13:14 THEFT
12/09/19 15:27 Alarm
12/11/19 22:40 Traffic Stop
Pine Lake - Total 6
12/08/19 08:35 Suicide Related
12/09/19 13:56 Crimes Against

Family

12/10/19 10:12 Suspicious Activity
12/13/19 09:46 Fire
12/13/19 11:15 Motor Vehicle

Crash

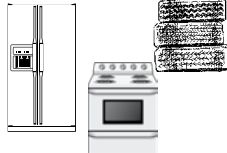
12/13/19 11:39 Motor Vehicle

Crash

Poppo - Total 6
12/08/19 13:27 Animal Related
12/10/19 14:31 Warrant - Attempt
12/10/19 15:22 Animal Related
12/12/19 07:27 Traffic Complaint
12/12/19 12:25 Animal Related
12/13/19 12:49 Animal Related
Rice - Total 2
12/10/19 13:58 THEFT
12/14/19 02:51 Animal Related
Shevlin - Total 3
12/08/19 21:43 911 Hang Up
12/11/19 12:42 ASSIST
12/12/19 23:36 Traffic Stop
Sinclair - Total 3
12/08/19 16:19 Animal Related
12/09/19 16:51 Vehicle Lock Out
12/11/19 13:37 Medical
Winsor - Total 1
12/11/19 07:04 Animal Related
Total Records: 82

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Truth-In-Taxation meeting held to address questions regarding new tax statements

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners conducted a Truth-In-Taxation meeting on December 10, 2019 after the regular meeting of the Board.
Besides Board members, Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson and Assessor Jamie Freeman were present to hear the concerns and questions from county residents in attendance.
Bill and Shirley Fritze who own and run the Hoot Owl Resort said their taxes have gone

up the last two years, totaling \$3,400. He had questions as to why there was such a large increase in their taxes.
"We have owned and run the resort for over 30 years," Bill said. "I can understand that taxes will go up, but I thought this was a little high. There have been no new cabins built in the last 10 years."
Since the resort borders two lakes, the Hoot Owl and Lake Pickerel, they said there is about 8000 feet of lakeshore on the resort.

"Lakeshore tax values have increased by 17% on most lakes in Clearwater County for the 2019 assessment," Assessor Jamie Freeman said. "Lakeshore properties were valued very low (around 73% of value), and the state requires between 95 - 105% of value. I believe this property was undervalued in the past. Short term vacation rentals are also having an affect on the resort business."
The assessor has to visit property every five years, and the most recent visit spurred

the increase in the valuation. Another issue is that there was a discrepancy in the square footage of some of the buildings, so they were undervalued.
Commissioner Mark Larson stated that because the public utilities valuation changes, that also affects the properties for 2020 taxes to be paid, and that the school levies went up. Commissioner Neal Illies concurred with this assessment.
Wayne Wilde, who owns several parcels of property, also was at the meeting to discuss the tax increases that were on several of his tax statements. One of the parcels went up 107%, and a ten acre parcel

which has no access was up 70%.
"Tamarack Wild Life Refuge has an 80 acre easement out of the center of a 300 plus acre parcel, which was not recorded when I bought it, but is now," Wayne said.
Some of his other small parcels are swamp or waste, which nobody can get to, he stated.
"The average waste property value is between \$376 and \$605 per acre," the assessor said. "If you own Ag property up to four townships away from your primary parcel, it can be homesteaded too." The Ag tier limit for the preferential tax rate is set at \$1,880,000.
"What constitutes a change in valuation, or a change in clas-

sification of property?" Wayne wanted to know.
"A change in valuation can occur due to market changes, new construction, or a condition change. While a change in classification typically occurs when the use of the property changes," Ms. Freeman explained.
Ms. Freeman will follow up on these increases to answer the questions as to why there are increases, and to be sure that the valuations are correct.
A number of additional questions came into the Auditor-Treasurer's office, which were resolved by telephone.
Commissioners present at the meeting were Dean Newland, Neal Illies, Mark Larson, and Mark Titera.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Kindergarten and second grade students singing "Las Velitas" at the Christmas program that was held at the school. Little Candles Day is one of the most observed traditional holidays in Colombia. It is celebrated on December 7, on the eve of the Immaculate Conception, which is a public holiday in Colombia.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

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.
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.
A retirement party for Lonny English will be held at the Gonvick Legion on Saturday December 28th from 1 to 4 pm. She will be done at Y92 after 23 years.
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.
Joke Time -
Fingernails - One day Lena confided to her friend Hilda

that she had finally cured her nervous husband, Ole, of his habit of biting his nails. "Good gracious," said Hilda. "How did yew ever dew that?" "It was really simple," was Lena's reply. "I yust hid his false teeth."
The Train Ride - Ole and Lars were on their very first train ride, heading to Minneapolis. They had brought along bananas for lunch. Just as they began to peel them, the train entered a long, dark tunnel. "Have you eaten your banana yet?" Ole asked excitedly. "No," replied Lars. "Vell don't touch it den," Ole exclaimed. "I yust took vun bite and vent blind!"
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