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New faces at Clearbrook-Gonvick

Janelle Maxie and Danielle Derby are new faces in the kitchen at Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Janelle Maxie, who lives in Trail, was hired in November after working as a substitute in the kitchen since October. She enjoys knitting, sewing, and the outdoors. Janelle's favorite part of her new job is "Seeing the kids' smiling faces". Danielle Derby of Gonvick was hired by the school district this past June. She enjoys attending sporting events with her husband and kids and playing sand volleyball. For Danielle, "Making the kids' day better" is the best part of her new position.

Illies, Larson and Coulter appointed to positions

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on January 7 for the first meeting of 2020. Commissioner Neal Illies was nominated by his peers to be the Board Chairman for 2020, and Mark Larson was nominated to be the Vice-Chairman. Both were unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Illies replaces Commissioner John Nelson who served as the Board Chair during 2019.

Sheriff Darin Halverson brought a motion to partition Candace Coulter as Emergency Management Director effective Jan. 7, 2020. Ten percent of her salary will come from the Emergency Management budget.

County Veterans Service Officer, Lindsey Lamwers, brought a motion to partition the Veteran Service Office with a proper seating area in order to accommodate Veterans and their families while waiting for the VSO. It will include a door and a window.

Two motions which entailed use of grant funds were brought for the Board to consider. These are for purchase of polo shirts, jackets, and furniture - a new office desk, storage components, new office chair, and four new guest chairs appropriate for Veterans to use in the waiting area and during office meetings. The apparel purchase is for the purpose of promoting the office during outreach events, meetings, parades and other events.

Some concern was expressed by commissioners about using up the grant money and then having a possible shortfall for Veterans transportation.

"There were many years the transportation money was gone before the end of the year," Commissioner John Nelson reflected.

"This is the reason why people started making donations," Commissioners Neal Illies and Nelson concurred.

Ms. Lamwers explained the importance of the clothing is so they can be used for outreach events, fairs, and CVSO meetings to represent the County.

"Part of what we use grant funds for is advertising," she stated. "Transportation will continue with donations still coming in, plus the DAV program making it better. Previously, the DAV was not allowed in this county but now it's being utilized, and is free transportation," she added.

"The number one priority is for Veterans to get to their appointments."

She will still plan to do the



Commissioner Neal Illies, right, was nominated and approved by his peers to serve as Board Chairman for 2020, and Mark Larson, left, will serve as Vice-Chairman.

fundraiser, and the new grant cycle of \$7,500 starts again in July. Funds from the grant must be used by the end of June.

"Since we are six months into the (fiscal) year, and so much of the VSO is outreach, I see no problem with using the grant funds for the clothing," said Commissioner Mark Larson. Since many don't know her, Commissioner Mark Titera thought this would be a good thing.

After the discussion, all requests were approved, with some slight changes. Commissioner Dean Newland confirming this would be a one time expense, and the grant money will be used.

Chester Powell and Briell Prokosch, Program Technicians from Soil and Water Conservation District received approval to accept the terms of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Delegation Agreement for Aquatic Invasive Species prevention inspection of water-related equipment. This agreement will cover 2020, 2021, and 2022, set to expire on Dec. 31, 2022.

Commissioner Titera commented on the possibility brought up by some that birds are carriers of the AIS.

Chester said the work they are doing is slowing down the spread of the AIS, and they are working hard to develop a plan to keep it out of the retention pond. If it got in that, it would eventually spread to the Clearwater River and beyond.

"It is more of a concern when the temperature is above 50 degrees, in the summer months," he said.

Commissioner Dean New-



land said he had received word that the Fish and Wildlife Department wanted to continue to work in Clearwater County.

The Commissioners will determine whether to set a limit on the number of wetlands they would approve per year, and how many.

County Engineer, Dan Sauve' said it is time to start advertising for the 2020 highway construction projects which begin in the spring. Expected work includes countywide pavement markings, regrading in the south half of the county, grading and culvert replacements.

He received approval for payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$35,745.

MIS Technical Director, Stuart Lien was authorized to purchase 2020 computer replacements and technology upgrades for general government not to exceed \$80,000; and 2020 general government computer and software maintenance, upgrades and support agreements not to exceed \$82,000. He brought a 2020 IT Department scheduled expenditures list explaining the individual items.

County Auditor Allen Paulson received approval of the quote from Vern's Carpet in Fertile in the amount of \$12,314 for carpeting and removal of old flooring in the Sheriff's Department and stairway in dispatch. This will come from the Buildings and Grounds account.

He was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$328,323 for the County Revenue Fund.

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2019 Year in Review....

June... The Klema family hosted Matheus Zappa Ramos, an exchange student from Brazil, for the school year... Construction on the school addition is to start in late August... CWLC Youth Connection is Awarded a TEAM Foundation Grant for the continuance and further growth of Youth Connection... Bemidji Speedway held a double feature as make up feature from 5/26... Gazebo project finished by the Clearbrook Gonvick building trades class, the gazebo will be placed near the Veterans Memorial... Jimmie Nelson shares his experiences as a cowboy, a veteran and the honor flight he was able to participate in... Summer theater is gearing up for its "Let's Go To The Hop" performance... C-G Bears; Josiah Hubbard, Ethan Dorman and Denae Stenzel are Section Champions in Track... Benjamin Thoma, Clearbrook, named 2019 Spring Semester Chancellors list... Clearbrook Gonvick celebrates Kindergarten Graduation 2019... DKG meeting was held and celebrated its 90th birthday... Brad & Mary Jo Jackson celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary... UMN Crookston Natural Resources crew earns national award for forest restoration work... Fully Charged Foundation announces scholarship recipients Peyton Verbout, Abby Kiesow and Cheyenne Irlbeck... Fully Charged Foundation raffle winner of a F-150 or \$40,000 is Aric Hanson... Matthew Jourd becomes new Clearwater County Assistant Attorney... Savannah Rankin and Nathan Johnshoy represent MN 4-H at 2019 National 4-H shooting sports championships... Benefit for Kevin Prosser hosted by Gonvick Lions Club and Modern Woodmen fund raiser great success raising over \$9,000... City staff addressing several pool repair issues... City accepts offer from Garden Valley Technologies for free Wi-Fi in the Legion room of the Community Center... Gonvick Blood Drive brings 45 volunteers... Bonnie Borene retires after 39 years at CHS Northland Grain... Benefit planned for 11 year old Olivia Jobe who has been diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis... Legacy Scholarship Ride planned by The American Legion Riders Post #444 of Middle River... Clearbrook Gonvick Police Department makes public aware of an increase of thefts from unlocked vehicles and garages... Roberta Braaten celebrated her 62nd birthday at the Clearbrook Senior Center... Mark Bagaason retires from teaching career... Jury duty a turning point in Ashley Boomgarden's career path... Bid day for the school project scheduled for Thursday, June 27th...

We Lost... Derry Defrang, Leona Djernes, Judith Christy, Debra Navratil, Eldon Baanrud, Karen Johnson, Arlyss Larson, Judy Sprung and Shirley Shaw...

July... Clearbrook Gonvick Police Give Presentation on Use of Force and procedures which must be followed when force is used... Shelter and signage discussed for bad weather directives for Pine lake residents... Saddle up for the 29th Annual Gonvick Lions Rodeo... Breakfast on the Farm set for July 6th at the Alroy and Debbie Lewis farm... Trail does the 4th up in style... Enbridge celebrates 70 years with an appreciation dinner for the general public... Saturday night rodeo FREE admission sponsored by Enbridge in celebration of 70 years... Nicholas John Bodensteiner receives Bachelor of Science degree from UND in Mechanical Engineering... Principal Carl Dugstad first volunteer for dunk tank at Summerfest... Lonny English chosen by Gonvick Lions Club as Grand Marshall for the 29th Annual Rodeo parade... New Election equipment for county... Debs hosts its 40th 4th of July parade... Inspiration Point VBS counselors gifted quilts by Elim, United and Samhold Lutheran Brethren Churches as a thank you for another great year of VBS... Barrel racing, pole bending and dancing horses coming to the fair... Search for assistant County Attorney begins again... County Fair starts July 31st... Border State Bank of Clearbrook hosts customer appreciation picnic July 18th... Clearbrook Gonvick hires two new teachers; Laura Takunen and Hannah Marsh... Local youth; Kara Bowman, Annabell

Phillips, Tessa Tramm and Izabell Gerbracht learn about civic engagement in Washington DC... Law enforcement scholarship program started will be awarded to students attending peace officer skills course of one of the 2 or 4 year law enforcement degree colleges... Class of 1969 held their Gonvick-Trail 50th class reunion... The class of 1979 held their 40th Class reunion during Rodeo days... 4-H Shooting Sports and Wildlife Team of Clearwater County has built a butterfly garden at the fairgrounds... United Lutheran Church Berner has a special reunion and fellowship day...

We Lost... Devin Erickson, William Carlson, Ferdinand Mandt, Luaine Johnson, Glen Nansen, Marge Gjernes, Jim Hartel, Darris Johnson, Hazel Houlthusen, Linda Maruska, David Grage, Madonna Mireault, Charles Halvorson, Vernon Klein, Delmont Hemmingsen, Violet Hagen, Gloria Wilkinson, Lorraine Carlson and Richard Austin...

August... Darlene Sawyer and Jim Martin are honored as Clearwater County's Outstanding Senior Citizens... Lake Itasca Region Pioneers button honorees are Keith and Lynette Butler for their many years of service... Lost River Detailing now located in Gonvick... Walter Dahlberg farm named century farm in Clearwater County, feature story of the family... Sharon Braaten is the new site manager for Clearwater County Food Shelf... Region 2 Arts grant brings Rosemaling Class to Area- Great photos shared with feature story of teacher Trudy Peach... Rick & Dianne Moore of Clearbrook celebrate 50 years of marriage... Zach & Stacy Peterson of Shevlin named Emerging Leaders... Gonvick Lions Club 29th annual Rodeo comes to town with great pictures... Thorbeck-Imle Farm recognized as Century farm east of Gonvick... 2019 Clearwater County 4-H Fair winners announced, congratulations... Sons of Norway Granlund Lodge Post #240 celebrates 96th anniversary... C-G school board decided to delay approval of building contract... Rylee Rude was baptized into the Christian Church at Samhold Lutheran... Photos from the Lake Itasca Region Pioneer Farmers show...

We Lost... James Paquin, Michael Bourque, Florence Bernier, Peral Westrum, Teasa Hanson, Delmont Hemmingsen, Elizabeth Barsness, Orville Olson, Sarah Hansen, Alvin Harmon, Mary Roysland, James Votava, Marilyn Graftaas, Alice Hylland, Cleone Nelson and Elaine J Anderson....



Community Calendar

Music Jamboree
Join us for The Music Jamboree with Country & Country-Gospel Music on Sunday, January 19th from 1:00-4:30 at Cornerstone Residence, 30 Sunset Ave. Nw., Bagley. Everyone is welcome!

First Call
First Call for Help 2-1-1 is able to give you information or connect you to many resources. Are you looking for services available for seniors? Do you need the number for the 55 alive programs in your area? Are you looking for the local senior center? Just dial (218)326-8565 or in Clearwater County area dial (800)442-8565 or 2-1-1.

Elim Mission Friends meeting
Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday Jan.16 at 2:30 PM at the church. Betty Malm will share the devotions and Roxanne Engebretson will give the meditation. There will also be the election of officers. Hostesses are Diane Johnson and Lynette Bakke. All ladies are welcome to join us!

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pine Lake near Gonvick, MN
Notice to Operate Aeration system

An aeration system creating thin ice and open water will be in operation on the Northeast portion of Pine Lake near the public access. The location is in Clearwater County, Pine Lake Township, SW ¼, Section 22, (T149N R38W).
Operation of the aeration system is intended to begin within the time period of January 19 – March 14, 2020 and continue through ‘ice-out’ in the Spring of 2020.
Please use caution as open water and thin ice conditions can fluctuate greatly. Stay clear of marked area!
If you have any questions, please contact Sportsman’s Club member Larry Peterson at 218-791-5577 or the Red Lake Watershed District Office at 218-681-5800.

Notice
Holst town board will have 2020 town board meetings on the following dates at 7 pm at the holst town hall unless otherwise posted.
January 21
February 18 (board of audit)
March 10 (annual meeting) (make up date in case of inclement weather March 17)
April 21 (board of appeal)
May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

Samhold Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
January 19, 2020
Immediately following the Sunday Church Service.
Potluck following the meeting in the church basement

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Jan. 15 - Birthday Meal - Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Carrots, Peaches, Bread and Milk
Thurs., Jan. 16 - Roast Beef, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cinnamon Apples, Bread and Milk.
Fri., Jan. 17 - Chili, Crackers, Cheese Sandwich, Banana and Milk.
Mon. Jan. 20 - Egg Bake/ Sausage, Oven Baked Potatoes, Apricots, Bread and Milk.
Tues., Jan. 21 - BBQ Pork, Scallop Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail Bread and Milk.
Wed., Jan. 22 - Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Candied Carrots, Peaches, 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.

Historical Society Annual Meeting
The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold its 2019 ANNUAL MEETING on January 26, 2020 at the Legion Meeting room at 200 Elm Street in Clearbrook at 2:00. The meeting will begin with coffee and desert followed by a short business meeting.
Agenda items include the election of 3 directors and well as financial and society reports. Several “Friends of the Museum” will be recognized during the meeting.
At approximately 3:30 Society Outreach Director Greg Powell will give a short program.
The public is invited to all society meetings. You do not have to be a historical society member to attend. For more information call the History Center at 218-785-2000

Commissioners..
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General motions were approved to re-adopt the 3-day notice requirement, re-adopt Roberts Rules of Order as a guideline for facilitating County Board Meetings, approval of General Agenda, dates for regular Board Meetings and Department Head Meetings, approval of legal paper (Richards Publishing), and approval of Boards & Committees appointments.
Most of the Boards & Committees appointments remained the same.
All commissioners were present at the meeting: Neal Illies, Mark Larson Dean Newland, John Nelson, and Mark Titera.

Coffee with the Chief
Daniel Gazelka
Clearbrook-Gonvick
Not only do traffic stops assist in identifying a traffic infraction or mechanical malfunction, they can and do lead to warrant arrests and other charges, resulting in a safer community.
December 2019
In Gonvick, one of our officers stopped a motorist for a traffic infraction for failing to signal a turn and was given a verbal warning and advised to drive safely and have a nice day.
In Clearbrook, a driver was stopped by one of our officers for a suspended object swinging from the rearview mirror and was subsequently taken into custody for Felony drug possession.
Stay safe, keep warm!

Sabrina Seyller Graduates from Graceland University
LAMONI, IA - Sabrina Seyller of Leonard, MN, graduated with a Master of Science in Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) from Graceland University, celebrated in a ceremony on Dec. 14, 2019, in Lamoni, IA.
Founded in 1895 and sponsored by Community of Christ, Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa, is more than just a school. It is a community of passionate, caring and dedicated individuals who put their relationships with students first. Campuses are located in Lamoni, Iowa, and Independence, Missouri.
I would like to thank the Gully Cafe for the fruit basket that I won at the drawing at Christmas.
Don Moen

NOTICE
Clearwater County Township Association Meeting
All Clearwater County Township Officers are encouraged to attend this meeting at which time special issues to be discussed include:
• County Environmental Office Update
• County Engineer Update
• State Association of Townships Update
• Lobby Days Capitol Trip sign up for trip planned end of January
• 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Election update
• Any other business that comes before the board
This meeting will be held at the Bagley Senior Center on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 7PM.
Stephanie Anderson, Sec/Treasurer
Clearwater County Township Association

Nominations sought for 2020 Clearwater County “First Lady”
In just a few weeks The Clearwater County Historical Society will host the Clearwater County “First Lady” award. Since 1977, Forty women in Clearwater County have been recognized for their accomplishments either for their service in a variety of community projects and organizations or for success in their careers. On Saturday March 14th at an event at the Bagley American Legion, a new name will be added to the honor roll.
Your help is needed to select the 2020 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination; this can include any accomplishments in her life such as her career highlights or volunteer years of service, and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number so we can let you know if your nominee is selected.
Letters should be sent to 2020 First Lady - History Center
P.O. Box 241
Bagley MN 56621.
Letters will be delivered unopened to a panel of judges selected from the county. Please do not send emails.
Nominations must be received by FEBRUARY 29.
Questions? Call Tamara at 785-2000 (History Center)
Previous First Ladies
1977- Laurel Carlson
1978- Edith Refshaw
1979- Mangeline Kirkeby
1980- Arlene Cease
1981-Dorothy Katzenmeyer
1982- Adeline Beltz
1983- Sharon Dukek
1984- Olga Peterson
1985- Lois Bromaghin
1986- Dolores Johnson
1987- Zella Tangierd
1988- Ruth Offerdahl
1989- Karen Gesell
1991- Lucille Kildal
1993- Judy Carver
1994- Ruth Anderson
1995- Marilyn Melby
1996- Alma Burr
1997- Hennie Merseth
1998- Mildred Mathison
1999- Lila Strandlien
2000- Dee Strandlien
2001- Grace Nelson
2002- Lillian Sauer
2003- Crystal Schmitz
2005- Charlotte Stoker
2006- Vivian Torkildson
2007- Betty Johnson
2008- Ardella Lindberg
2009- Darlene Sawyer
2010 - Linda Kaul
2011- Opal Friborg
2012- Shirley Gunderson
2013- Lois Hoie
2014- Marilyn Stinar
2015- Ardis Thompson
2016- Eileen Lien
2017- Alice Gunderson
2018 - DonnaRae Jacobson
2019 - Elaine Johnson

Community cooking class January 29
Are you 55 or older? Looking for ways to cook and eat healthy without spending a lot of money? Do you have mobility limitations or dietary needs that challenge your abilities in the kitchen?
Join Friends in the Kitchen monthly for free sessions at the Bagley American Legion Auditorium and learn how to create healthy, affordable, easy-to-make meals while making new friends.
Classes are held the last Wednesday of each month from 12:30-2 p.m. The next class is Jan 29.
Friends in the Kitchen is sponsored by Lutheran Social Service of MN, Bagley American Legion, Galen’s Fresh Food Market, Harmony Natural Food Co-Op, and Split Oak Farm. For more information: contact Angie Ness: email: angie.ness@lssmn.org; phone: (503) 200-0494; www.lssmn.org/services/older-adults/abundant-aging.

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

In loving memory of Kelly Wade Sundquist who journeyed to his eternal home 10 years ago
We thought of you today, But that is nothing new We thought of you yesterday And will tomorrow, too. We think of you in silence And make no outward show. For what it meant to lose you Only those who love you know. Remembering you is easy. We do it everyday. It's the heartache of losing you. That will never go away.
Missed by his family & friends

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER Leonard, MN
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
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.
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Pastor Kris Snyder
Wed. Jan. 15 - 8:00 am- Men's Lectorian Bible Study, 9:30 am-Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm-Samhold Council Meeting
Sun. Jan. 19 - 9:30 am- Sunday School, 10:30 am- Worship/ Holy Communion
Samhold Lutheran Church Annual Meeting: January 19, 2020 Immediately following the Sunday Church Service. Potluck following the meeting in the church basement.
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Pastor Kris Snyder
Sun. Feb. 16 - Pot luck lunch, following services with the Annual meeting to follow.
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD Pastor Robert Kirchman Good Shepherd
Sun., Jan. 19 - 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School; 11:00am (note time change) Worship/Communion; Service Group 5 will meet in Fire-side room after Worship; Annual Meeting after worship service with potluck following.
Wed., Jan. 22 - 5:30pm Youth Supper, 6:00pm Youth Bible Study & Confirmation, 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7:30pm Handbell Practice
Our Savior's
Sun., Jan. 19 - 9:00am Worship (note time change) 10:00am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour;
ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Adam Krog
Wed, Jan. 15 - 7:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer.
Thurs, Jan. 16 - 9:30am Bible Study & Prayer: 2:30 Mission Friends.
Sun, Jan. 19 - 9:30 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship Service. Sunday school kids sing during the service. Annual meeting to follow service.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...
Have you visited our website, www.clearwaterslife.org? We often hear someone say, “Oh, I would have come, but I didn’t know about it.” Between the website and “liking” Clear Waters Life Center on Facebook, you can keep in touch with all that is happening at CWLC.
CLEARBROOK SITE:
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7:00 PM, Thursday, 2nd floor of CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW.
Shop-at-the-Top: Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, & Sat., 10-12.
Restore It! Furniture Shop: Visit often because sometimes items arrive and leave the same day! Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, & Sat., 10-12.
Youth Connection: Tues. for grades 5-7, 3:30-5:00. “YC in Action” for grades, 8-12, Wed., 2:30-5 PM. Transportation available from C-G school. No charge. Registration/ permission forms are available online at www.clearwaterslife.org, “Programs”
GONVICK SITE:
Connection Mondays: 11:00-12:00 - Pickleball (free)
Open House: Feb. 3, 11:30 AM. Free lunch. Tour our new pottery studio space, & if you want, join our first hand-building pottery class at 12:30. Class is \$5.00; please register for class at 218-776-2789 or 218-487-5290, Ext.2.
Looking Ahead: A new series of Friday Night Out starts Feb. 7. Check our website, www.clearwaterslife.org for dinner information. Reservations may be called in starting today! 218-776-2789.
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.
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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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Bagley 218-694-6416
Pastor: Fr. John Melkies Suvaheen Terri D. Parish sec. Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM Call for weekday Mass times.
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.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Verlyn Strenge Wed. Jan 15 - 6:30 p.m. Awana Thurs. Jan 16 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Sat. Jan 18 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast Sun. Jan 19 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
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.
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 Uburt 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
CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseth Wed, Jan. 15: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. Sat, Jan. 18: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. Sun, Jan. 19: 8:00 a.m. Oak Park. 9:15 a.m. Nazareth. 11:00 St. Petri - Annual meeting and dinner. Wed, Jan. 22: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed, Jan. 15: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWANA. Fri, Jan. 17: 8:30 a.m. Friday School. Sun, Jan. 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. Tue, Jan. 21: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Wed, Jan. 22: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.
GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Wed, Jan. 15: 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th gr. Confirmation. Sun, Jan. 19: 10:30 a.m. Lund worship, annual meeting & potluck. Wed, Jan. 22: 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th gr. Confirmation.
BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor Sun, Jan. 19: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.
VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh Jill Torgerson officiating Sunday: Services are at 9:00 AM (fellowship coffee following service)
DISCIPLES OF MESSIAH-YAHUSHA who obey Yahusha's teachings (John 8:31) are meeting each Sabbath in homes. (218) 766-8176 Homeless Shelter - Scriptural Counseling & Encouragement.

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Go Places With A Vacation Loan
See Buckingham Palace in London, visit the Eiffel Tower in Paris, enjoy a honeymoon cruise or travel to a special family reunion.
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BEAR TRACKS

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



Ben Engebretson up for a bucket for the Bears.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary December Bear Pride

Elementary December Bear Pride Layla Engebretson
Nominated by: Mrs. Ehlers
For: Thank you for being willing to help other students when they struggle!

Amelia Machlitt
Nominated by: Mrs. Marsh
For: Amelia has a bubbly, positive attitude. Her positive positivity is contagious!

Dawson Gazelka
Nominated by: Mrs. Hamnes
For: You are always doing high level work. Your work is top notch!

Hailey Sundquist
Nominated by: Mrs. Dahl
For: She was caught working hard in art class!

Niah Knutson-Willett
Nominated by: Mrs. Bakke
For: Niah showed great pride in setting a good example in the hallway by walking quietly to pick up snack.

Savanah Kumpula
Nominated by: Mrs. Dahl
For: Savanah is always kind to everyone!

Bryar Kroulik
Nominated by: Mrs. Faldet
For: He was a great role model while practicing for the music program.

Grace Gunning
Nominated by: Mrs. Faldet
For: She was a great role model while practicing for the music program.

Eli Norris
Nominated by: Mrs. Rude
For: Eli was caught walking in the hallway quietly and sitting during carpet time quietly!

Brysen Benson
Nominated by: Mrs. Johnson
For: Brysen followed directions and stayed in his own space during program practice.

We would like to thank DaRoo's Pizza of Clearbrook for their donation of gift certificates for elementary Bear Pride students for the entire year. Pictured here are the students who have received these certificates for the months of September through December.

Thank you, DaRoo's, for your generosity and support!

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., Jan. 15 - Chicken Quesadilla, Steamed Broccoli or Chicken and Rice Bowl, Egg Roll

Thurs., Jan. 16 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Cornbread or Turkey Sub.

Fri., Jan. 17 - End of 2nd Quarter - Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza, Side Salad, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Mon., Jan. 20 - NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tues., Jan. 21 - Grilled Chicken Sandwich on Flatbread, Side Salad or Taco Salad with Breadstick.

Salad Bar available to all during lunch each day.



Wyatt Buer under the basket for the Bears.



Kolton Schultz looking for a passing lane.



Jonny Hamnes brings the ball up court for the Bears.



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Angel Care Fundraiser to be held at school

The annual Angel Care Fundraiser is coming up in January and February.

The Lunch Ladies of Clearbrook-Gonvick present the 3rd annual Angel Care Fundraiser. It assists with weekend backpack program, meal payment assistance programs, personal hygiene items and warm winter gear for students at Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

The first will be held on Tuesday, February 11 with a Potato Klub Supper and bake sale from 5 to 7 pm. Free will donation for supper. It will be held in the commons area of the Clearbrook-Gonvick school.

There will be raffle drawings during basketball games on Friday, January 17, Tuesday, January 28, Thursday, January 30 and Tuesday, February 11. Drawings to be held at half time the last game. Need not be present to win.

This is a Thrivent Action Team Event.

If any groups, businesses or individuals would like to make a donation for the raffle please contact Robin Proffitt at 218-776-3112 Ext 320 or by email: robinp@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us or just drop off at the school office marked "Angel Care Fundraiser". Thanks for your support!!

51 over 50 for the Bears

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears won a squeaker over Pine River 51 to 50.

They were behind in the first half 21 to 25 but came roaring back in the second half to out score Pine River 30 to 25 for the victory. Three Bears scored 11 points each in the victory. They were Jackielynn Taffin, Dana Melby and Danae Stenzel. Also scoring for the Bears were Maci Wagner 2, MyKenzie Larson 5, AnnaBell Phillips 9 and Kaylee Westrum 2.

Three point attempts made were MyKenzie Larson, Jackie Lynn Taffin, Dana Melby and Danae Stanzel.

Scoring for Pine River were Sidney Lodge 11, Olivia Adkins 10, Ramsey Tulenchick 13 and Rylie Hirschey 16.

The Bears next game is January 14 when they travel to Walker-Hackensack-Akeley with the January 17 game at home against Red Lake.



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!

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Blood Drive to be held Gonvick

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Watching the ball game????

DFL leader's threat against Beltrami County illustrates urban/rural divide

John Hinderaker, President at Center of the American Experiment, released the following statement in response to House Majority Leader Ryan Winkler's threat via Twitter to withhold state aid from Beltrami County: "This threat to Greater Minnesota is a rare moment of honesty from one of the DFL's most powerful state leaders. The urban/rural divide is not only real, it's driven by liberal politicians who look down on Minnesotans who don't agree with them, and will punish them for their independence by any means necessary." John Hinderaker has been President of Center of the American Experiment since 2016. He spent 41 years as a litigator with Faegre & Benson and its successor Faegre Baker Daniels, during which time he tried 100 jury cases and appeared in courts in 19 states. After founding the website Power Line, he became a frequent political commentator on NBC, CBS, Fox News, CNN, CNBC, and various national radio programs. John has lectured at Dartmouth College, Harvard Law School, Carleton College, St. Olaf College, Macalester College and the University of Minnesota.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

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.

The Clearbrook and Clearbrook/Gonvick Bears All-School Reunion this summer. Plans are for June 26, 27 and 28. The big entertainment will be Friday night, June 26, Bil Lepp from West Virginia will be performing.

Joke Time - Home yet? "I wonder what time it is?" one Norwegian asked another. "At least it's not 17.00," the other answered, "because at 17.00 I am supposed to be home, and I am not home now."

Ole bought Lena a piano for her birthday. A few weeks later, Lars inquired how she was doing with it. "Oh," said Ole, "I persuaded her to switch to a clarinet." "How come?" asked Lars. "Vell," Ole answered, "because with a clarinet, she can't sing."

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

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

We collect used eye glasses in the Leader-Record office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions Club and they are put to very good use.

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.

FROM DAYS GONE BY

"Notes of Nostalgia"



Dean Godtland with the cave man look at "Notes of Nostalgia"



Scott Hillman's daughter with her cabbage Patch Doll.

In 1985 "Notes of Nostalgia" was put on for the All-School Reunion that was held in Gonvick. Songs and fashion outfits throughout the many years was written and directed by Sharon Bergerson.

Terri Hedin and Richard Erickson provided all the music on the piano that was needed for the evening. The show was so well received that they had to put it on again later in the year.



Kyle Nordlund with a uniform from Wes Westrum.



Richard Pletschett sang "Yes That's My Baby," from 1924 with these two dressed for the period. They were Yvonne Hetland and Diane Knutson.



Hair and makeup for the "Notes of Nostalgia" was done by Pam Wagner. Getting their hair done were Sandy Eck and Ruth Ann Birkeland.



Modeling wedding dresses from various periods for the "Notes of Nostalgia". Back row: Lisa Sundquist, Dana Lien, Shirley Beckstrand. Middle Row: Beth Birkeland, Ruth Ann Birkeland, Jamie Beckstrand, Eileen Lien and Carol Peterson. In the front Debbie Pletschett and her daughter Kim and Hayley Johnson.



Vernon Hamnes sang "Bell Bottom Trousers" from 1942. Shown in the picture, Vernon, Brian Graftaas, Julie Eck, Arne Godtland and Eric Graftaas.



Carole Tharaldson and Ron Edevold provided a song from 1955 "Honky Tonk Angel."

Sanford Imagenetics specialist, Grace Beuch, discusses 'how genetics can play a role in your health'

- Sanford Health Foundation invites community members to attend "How can genetics play a role in your health?" lunch and learn on Thursday, Jan. 23, from noon-1 p.m. to learn how genetics can impact a person's health.

Presented by Sanford senior clinical Imagenetics specialist, Grace Beuch, the seminar will discuss how patients may benefit by discussing with a primary care provider how integrating genetic medicine into a care plan may result in better care outcomes. Community members are welcome to join Grace to learn about what Sanford Imagenetics has to offer for patients and the Sanford

Health system through clinical care, education and research.

During this presentation, Grace will also discuss options for community members to gain a better understanding of their own genetic health including the Sanford Chip Genetic screening test, Sanford Health BioBank, Pharmacogenomic testing, genetic counseling and the PHASer program for Veterans.

The seminar is free and open to the public. To learn more or to register, call (218) 333-5648 or email shfoundation@sanfordhealth.org no later than noon Monday, Jan. 20. Space is limited.

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Weekly Activity

City of Bagley - Total 17
01/06/20 15:01 Information Only
01/07/20 08:49 Vandalism
01/07/20 11:29 Motor Vehicle Crash
01/07/20 12:11 911 Hang Up
01/08/20 05:23 Transport
01/08/20 13:47 Medical
01/08/20 14:44 Missing/Lost Person
01/09/20 13:19 THEFT
01/09/20 15:41 Juvenile Misc
01/09/20 19:26 911 Hang Up
01/10/20 09:09 Vehicle Lock Out
01/10/20 20:57 Transport
01/11/20 09:40 Medical
01/11/20 10:51 Alarm
01/11/20 12:35 Motor Vehicle Crash
01/11/20 16:50 Traffic Stop
01/11/20 22:46 Medical
City of Clearbrook - Total 3
01/05/20 07:26 Suicide Related
01/06/20 19:01 Medical
01/07/20 13:53 Harassment
City of Gonvick - Total 1
01/10/20 11:29 Information Only
City of Shevlin - Total 11
01/05/20 02:51 Medical
01/06/20 00:07 Medical
01/06/20 20:41 911 Hang Up
01/07/20 22:21 Medical
01/08/20 08:06 Welfare Check
01/09/20 14:06 Medical
01/10/20 13:47 Crimes Against Family
01/10/20 14:00 Crimes Against Family
Made by Page 2 of 4
CFS Date/Time Description
01/10/20 14:09 Crimes Against Family
01/11/20 12:46 Medical
01/11/20 14:55 Warrant - Attempt to
Copley - Total 10
01/06/20 19:50 Suspicious Activity
01/06/20 21:22 Traffic Stop
01/08/20 07:35 Traffic Stop
01/08/20 07:38 Traffic Stop
01/08/20 13:17 Transport
01/08/20 18:46 Death
01/08/20 20:35 Death Notification
01/10/20 07:41 Medical
01/10/20 11:41 Information Only
01/11/20 18:50 Motorist Assist
Dudley - Total 2
01/06/20 09:12 Motor Vehicle Crash

01/11/20 17:35 Vehicle Lock Out
Falk - Total 3
01/07/20 07:15 Disorderly
01/11/20 00:40
01/11/20 19:11 Information Only
Itasca - Total 1
01/08/20 09:29 Crimes Against Family
LaPraire N - Total 8
01/05/20 00:49 Medical
01/06/20 22:45 Welfare Check
01/07/20 18:35 Domestic
01/07/20 23:13 Fire
01/08/20 10:28 Crimes Against Family
01/08/20 10:35 Crimes Against Family
01/10/20 23:51 Motorist Assist
01/11/20 00:14 Motorist Assist
LaPraire S - Total 1
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Leon - Total 9
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01/07/20 14:44 Juvenile Misc
01/08/20 12:38 Sexual Conduct
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01/10/20 14:53 Motor Vehicle Crash
Minerva - Total 3
01/08/20 07:58 Traffic Stop
01/10/20 10:02 Fire
01/10/20 14:13 Crimes Against Family
Moose Creek - Total 3
01/07/20 15:47 Traffic Stop
01/09/20 13:49 ASSIST
01/11/20 08:59 Information Only
Nora - Total 1
01/08/20 12:31 Welfare Check
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 1
01/06/20 15:55 Medical
Pine Lake - Total 2
01/08/20 10:18 Crimes Against Family
01/08/20 18:01 Harassment
Popple - Total 2
01/08/20 16:09 Lost/Found Property
01/09/20 23:56 Harassment
Rice - Total 3
01/05/20 11:33 Traffic Stop
01/11/20 07:33 Vehicle Lock Out
01/11/20 11:57 Vehicle Lock Out
Shevlin - Total 4
01/05/20 18:37 Transport
01/08/20 19:52 Motorist Assist
01/10/20 13:42 Crimes Against Family
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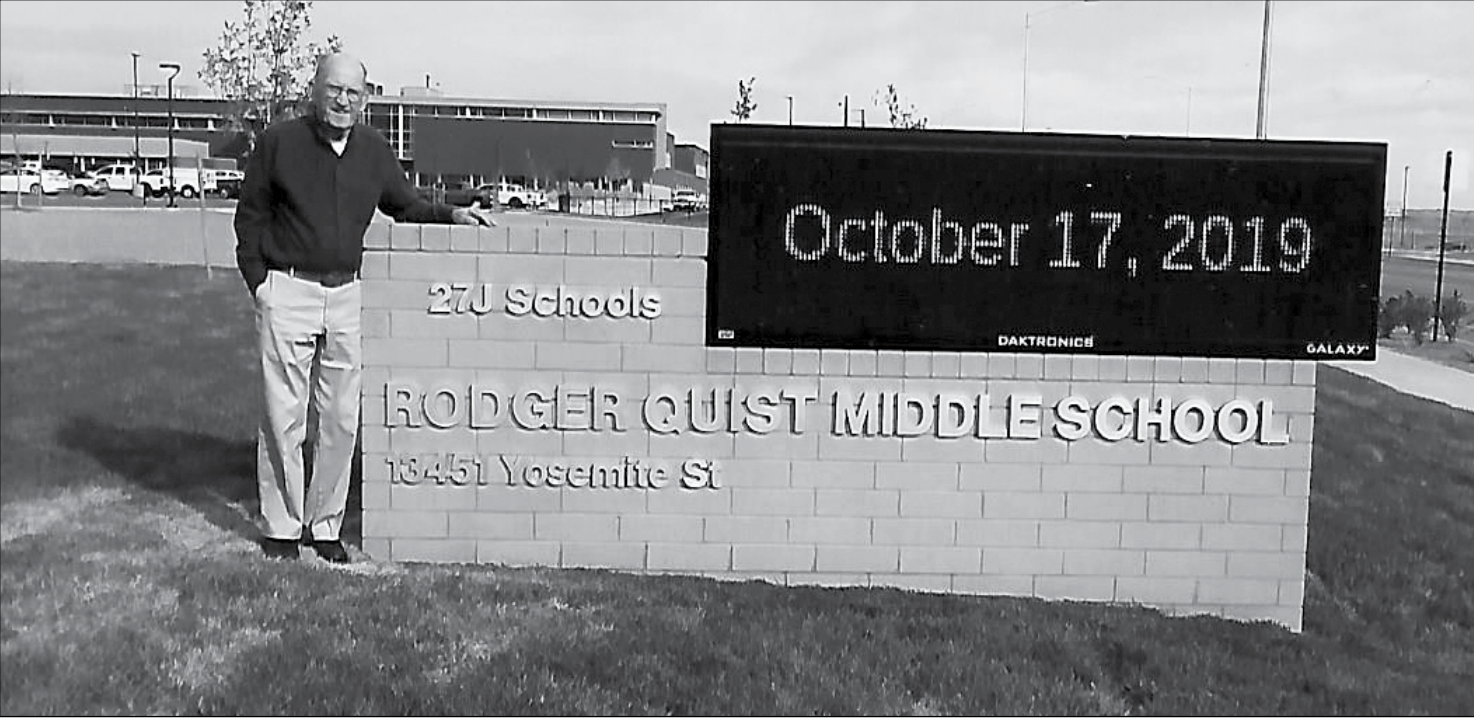
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Colorado School honors Rodger Quist, a 1958 Oklee School graduate



Rodger Quist standing in front of the new sign of the new school named after him. Quist is a 1958 graduate of Oklee High School. Photo submitted

Longtime Educator Rodger Quist served over 20 years in School District 27J (in Colorado), as a school principal, interim superintendent and director of finance and operations. After retiring, he continued his support by leading community campaigns for Bond and Mill Levy school funding.

Quist worked in School District 27J from August 1977 to July 1997. His first role was as principal of Northeast Elementary School from 1977 - 1985; then he was principal at Overland Trail Middle School from 1985 - 1990; and served as principal at South Elementary School from 1990 - 1995. Quist served as 27J Executive Director of Finance and Operations from 1995 - 1997. He was also interim Superintendent of School twice during his tenure with the District.

Coming from a family of educators, his father was a principal and superintendent and his mother was a teacher. Rodger Quist's father, Carl Quist, served as Superintendent of the Oklee School District from 1942 to 1971. Joanna Quist, his mother taught from 1949-1969.

Quist had a strong value for education ingrained in him from an early age. Rodger Quist graduated from Oklee High School in 1958.

He started teaching in 1960 and taught elementary and junior high students in school districts in Minnesota and North Dakota prior to moving to Brighthton, Colorado to join the staff at School District 27J.

His first teaching job in 1960 Quist said, "was in a school that's not as big as this one. There were 22 students. That was all of them. So each teacher had to do everything."

"My father was a school superintendent when I was born and my mom was an elementary teacher, so we have a family legacy in education," Rodger Quist said. Quist first became a principal at a Minnesota school. As principal, his motto was: "Do It For The Kids."

Quist attended Mayville State Teacher's College in North Dakota and the University of North Dakota. He earned an educational specialist designation which is a year beyond a master's degree from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota; and conducted a research project in 1979 at Northeast Elementary School to complete the program.

Educator Quist was nominated by a parent in the school district for the new middle school to be named for him. "Mr. Quist has been very active in the District and is always thinking of students at all times," said Parent Roz Rydstrom. "I met him when my son started fifth grade at Northeast Elementary when he was principal there. He is much deserving of this recognition."

Rodger is married to Dian; they raised three children. "I am honored to have a school named after me," Quist said.

The new Rodger Quist Middle School broke ground in August 2018 in Thornton, Colorado for School District 27J.

While the new facility was under construction, Quist Middle School opened in fall of 2018 and was operating out of the new Riverdale Ridge High School across the street.

Work on Quist began almost as soon as Riverdale Ridge finished, directly across Yosemite Street, and work was scheduled to be finished in the spring of 2020. District Public Information Officer Tracy Rudnick said the mild weather early in the construction work allowed crews to get ahead, finishing construction in October, when moving crews began bringing in furniture.

The project, made possible by a successful bond issue in 2015, finished seven months

ahead of schedule.

This 132,000,000-square-foot facility, for students in grades 6-8, is located on 21 acres of land and will include a two-story classroom wing featuring

state-of-the-art technology, administration area, gymnasium, cafeteria, media center, athletic fields and more. It is a prototype of the Stuart and Prairie View Middle Schools,

built by Saunders.

The students moved into the new middle school on January 7, 2020.

Compiled by Bonny Cote from various sources.

Fire deaths increase 14 percent in 2019

•42 people died last year in fires in Minnesota — a 14 percent increase over the 37 fire deaths in 2018, according to preliminary numbers from the Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal Division (SFMd).

•Fire death numbers will become final later this year once Minnesota hospital officials report their information to the Minnesota Department of Health.

Smoking is the leading cause of fatal fires in Minnesota

•At least seven people died in smoking-related fires in 2019. That number could rise as investigators continue determining fire causes.

•94 people died in smoking-related fires between 2009 and 2019.

•81 percent of those victims were over age 50.

•43 percent of people who died had a measurable blood-alcohol content (BAC); 40 percent of those had a BAC over .08.

•Smoking-related fire deaths by year:

2009: 10; 2010: 7; 2011: 10; 2012: 10; 2013: 6; 2014: 8; 2015: 9; 2016: 7; 2017: 11; 2018: 9;

2019: 7 (preliminary)

•Follow these tips to prevent a smoking-related fire:

•Smoke outside and extinguish cigarettes in a sturdy ashtray filled with sand or water.

•Do not discard cigarettes in potted plants, leaves, mulch or other vegetation.

•Do not smoke while on oxygen.

•Avoid smoking while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

2019 fire death statistics

•People age 50 or older accounted for 67 percent of people killed.

•There were no working smoke alarms in 12 percent of the homes where people died.

Fire deaths (all causes) since 2009

• 2019: 42 (preliminary)
• 2018: 36
• 2017: 68
• 2016: 43
• 2015: 57
• 2014: 44
• 2013: 44
• 2012: 50
• 2011: 56
• 2010: 39
• 2009: 35

The leading cause of fire

deaths in each of these years was careless smoking.

Fire death rates

The fire death rate in Minnesota has dropped 63 percent since the 1970s. Numbers below are deaths per 100,000 people:

1970s: 2.45; 1980s: 1.86; 1990s: 1.26; 2000s: 0.91; 2010s: 0.90

Fire prevention tips

“There are many little things we can do to prevent a devastating fire from happening in our homes,” State Fire Marshal Jim Smith said. “It is important to practice fire prevention and safety every day.”

Minnesotans can keep themselves and their families safe by following these fire prevention and safety tips.

Cooking

•Never leave food cooking on the stove top unattended; stay and look while you cook.

•Keep items like oven mitts, aprons and paper towels 3 feet from heat sources in the kitchen.

Heating

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•Have your furnace and chimney inspected annually.

Open flames

•Keep candles at least 3 feet from anything that can burn and never leave a candle unattended.

•Use flameless candles instead of real candles.

Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms

•Test your smoke and CO alarms monthly; change the batteries at least once a year.

•Fires double in size every 60 seconds; a smoke alarm can give you the time you need to escape.

•Install smoke alarms in bedrooms, outside sleeping areas and on every level of the home.

•CO alarms should be installed within 10 feet of each sleeping room or inside each sleeping room.

Family escape planning

•Create a family escape plan and practice it twice a year with

everyone in your home.

•Start by drawing a map of your home that shows two ways out of every room. Make sure those ways out are easy to open (make sure windows aren't painted shut, for example), and practice using different ones. If you have a multi-level home, consider putting an escape ladder near each window so you can get to the ground safely in an emergency.

•Designate a meeting place outside, such as a tree or utility pole.

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Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I truly hope that 2020 is a good year for you. Each year in January, I like to recap the previous year with statistics from our county regarding calls for service, major crimes and a break down of where the majority of calls are originating. Last year was a busy year yet again, and we have been working diligently to find measures that will help reduce the burden on our office. I hope that this article will enlighten you as to the activity in Clearwater County.

In 2019, there were 7,728 calls for service countywide. These calls are for law enforcement, fire and/or emergency medical services. The number of calls has been increasing sharply over the past five years. In 2018, we had 6,835 calls. Going back to 2014, the county saw 6,177 calls. This increase of over 1,500 calls has definitely put a burden on staff in not only our office, but other agencies as well.

For the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office alone, deputies responded to 5,082 of these calls last year. In 2018, deputies responded to 4,282 calls. With no increase in personnel, you can see that an additional 800 calls can certainly affect the workload of each individual deputy. In 2018, each deputy assigned to patrol responded to an average of 850 calls per year. Last year, the average was up to 900. This increase in call load can result in longer response times, longer investigations and a shorter time spent on follow-up. None of these are acceptable, so we are developing other ways to cope with the increase to minimize the negative effects.

So where are the major number of calls coming from within the county. Most come from the major municipalities within the county. Bagley saw 2,696 calls followed by Clearbrook with 606, Gonvick with 245, Shevlin with 148 and Leonard with 14. The cities of Bagley and Clearbrook/Gonvick have their own police departments so many of these calls are responded to by them. Last year, the Bagley Police Department responded to 1,579 calls and

the Clearbrook/Gonvick Police Department responded to 448 within their respective cities. These agencies also assist our office with calls outside of their cities and last year the Bagley PD assisted on 136 calls in the county and Clearbrook/Gonvick assisted with 84. The White Earth Police Department also responds to many calls on the White Earth Reservation within Clearwater County and last year they assisted on 518 calls.

A breakdown of the townships where the majority of calls are coming from include Copely with 568 calls, North LaPrairie with 517, Leon with 315, Falk with 311, Popple with 264, Shevlin with 241, Pine Lake with 226 and Nora with 203. If your township is not on this list, you had fewer than 200 calls.

So, what are the major crimes or activity that these calls are generating? Last year, thefts and theft by check remained the most prevalent call with 270, up from 199 from the previous year. Burglaries were also up slightly with 57 countywide in 2019. Other crimes and activity were as follows; Property Damage-49, Assault-76, Domestic Assault-72, Sexual Conduct-17, Traffic Stops-1,489 and Civil Process-502.

One major change that occurred in our office last year involved the jail. In the past, we housed inmates for Mahnomen County that generated nearly \$300,000 a year in revenue. Last year, Mahnomen County began using Tri-County Corrections in Crookston for the majority of their housing needs. As a result, our revenue dropped dramatically. We countered the loss of revenue with a reduction in staff and

that helped offset the deficit. Luckily, the reduction in staff came through attrition and no one had to be laid off.

In 2019, we ended up having 513 people booked into our jail. The number dropped from 746 the year before. Our daily population last year was 13, down from 24 in 2018. The average length of stay for inmates was just under 9 days in 2019. We do still house for any agency needing the service and that generated nearly \$90,000 last year.

The last area that I want to mention is our dispatch center. Our dispatch center is in our jail and the workers serve a dual role of dispatcher and jailer. Last year, our center received 19,666 calls and an additional 3,931 911 calls. The volume of calls can make it very taxing on the employees as they also have the care of inmates to tend to as well.

I hope this snapshot of what is occurring in the county and at the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office is beneficial to you and if you have any specific questions, please don't hesitate to call and I will gladly talk to you and answer them. Next year is expected to be a busy year with the anticipated construction of the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline. This will bring many people to our area which will undoubtedly generate more activity for our office. I want to thank all the citizens of Clearwater County for your support and kindness as we move forward into another year. It is a pleasure to serve everyone in this great county we call home.

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.

Thank you and as always, I am honored to serve as your Clearwater County Sheriff.



Janet McNally raises sheep near Hinckley Minnesota in a Regenerative Grazing system.

6th Annual Small Scale Sustainable Sheep Event February 15, 2020

The 6th annual small scale sustainable sheep event will be held on February 15, 2020. It is sponsored by the Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community of Northern Minnesota (SSFC) and Three Rivers Fibershed, Minneapolis. It will be held at the Lammers Town Hall in Solway, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's event features presentations by Janet McNally, Tamarack Lamb & Wool, Hinckley, MN. Janet McNally raises sheep near Hinckley Minnesota in a Regenerative Grazing system. Formerly the instructor for the Pine Technical College Lamb and Wool Program, Janet farmed full time for 20 years raising sheep and beef cattle. An experience with wolves in 1999 caused her to make some changes to her grazing program to help the Livestock Guard Dogs to be more effective. It turns out these changes resulted in more grass and less parasites in addition to keeping sheep safe. Find more information about Janet at www.tamaracksheep.com.

Janet will be speaking on three topics, including how to double your pasture carrying capacity, eliminate summer parasite problems, and improve drought resilience of your pasture with just portable fence. She will also discuss livestock guard dogs, their rearing and management and how to problem-solve. The health benefits are one of the reasons people raise grass-fed livestock and

Janet will talk about Omega 3's and the Health Benefits of Lamb.

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. The included lunch is catered by Asian Food Market of Solway, MN.

The SSFC has their annual meeting and nominations for board of directors will be accepted. Please consider joining your board of directors or volunteering to help out in the coming year. The SSFC works with adults, 4H and area children to teach about wool and natural fibers. In addition to the Small Scale Sustainable Sheep Event, volunteers also organize the Farm Fiber Festival in early October. At this festival, fiber vendors can promote and sell their products and share and learn about fiber techniques. These events would not be possible without the help of local volunteers. No experience necessary.

This event also marks the beginning of the membership year and members not already renewed for 2020 will need to pay their dues.

Anyone with fiber or livestock-related business that would like to set up a vendor booth is welcome, only cost is the registration fee but you must sign up in advance and provide a MN ST-19 form. More information at the contacts below.

The Small Scale Sustainable Sheep Farming event brings together people who raise sheep

and fiber, or who want to raise them, with those who are interested in fiber products. This event provides information for those interested in raising sheep or fiber sustainably with those interested in purchasing local products. Consumers interested in local products find this event helpful in connecting them with the right producers.

Please Pre-Register by 2/2/2020 for meal planning at sustainablesheep@gmail.com or 218-657-2502. Cost is \$20/ person, \$30/couple, \$15 for SSFC members. Pay at the door. More information: sheepcommunity.com

Pre-registration required by February 2, 2020. Sponsored by: Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community of Northern Minnesota and Three Rivers Fibershed

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