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Serving the Communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Leonard and Trail

Board members vote to sell assets of the company

On Saturday, March 21st 2020, the qualified voting members of the Gully Tri Coop Association voted to give the Board of Directors the authority to sell the assets of the company. Over the past several years, Gully Coop has been struggling financially. After reviewing all reasonable options to keep the

company operating, it was decided that selling the company would be the best alternative going forward.

Fosston Tri Coop offered to purchase the Agronomy/Grain facilities on the west side of the county road in Gully and the Agronomy Facility at Clearbrook. The associated rolling

stock were part of the purchase as well. It was not a easy decision for the Board of Directors to make, but it would keep the business on going for the patrons in the area as well as keeping an on-going business in Gully. Plans for the remaining facilities are still being reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Health officials confirm first case of COVID-19 in Clearwater County

Patient is at home and self-isolated

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has notified the Clearwater County Public Health Director of its first lab confirmed case of novel coronavirus, COVID-19. The individual recently had contact with a confirmed case. The individual is isolated at home and being monitored by the Minnesota Department of Health.

As of March 27, 2020, there are currently 398 confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the state of Minnesota. Clearwater County Public Health is working diligently to monitor and slow the spread of COVID-19.

We ask that the residents of Clearwater County and all of Minnesota closely follow the directions given in Executive Order 20-20 issued by Governor Walz on March 25, 2020.

What should you do to prevent COVID-19?

- Practice social distancing, keep 6 feet between individuals.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough and sneezes.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Please reference the Stay at Home Order here: <https://mn.gov/governor/covid-19/>

For the latest updates regarding COVID-19 visit the

Minnesota Department of Health website or call their public hotline at:

MDH COVID-19 Hotline
Health Questions:
651-201-3920
or 1-800-657-3903

Landfill closed

In accordance with the Governor's Stay-At-Home order The Clearwater County Demolition Landfill and Transfer Station will be closed beginning Saturday March 28th 2020.

Reopening of the landfill facility will coincide with the opening of other County facilities. Please stay informed by visiting www.co.clearwater.mn.us for the latest up to date information.

Contractors may call the Office of Environmental Services for appointments as available at 218-694-6183.

Ruby's Pantry open Wednesday, April 1

Ruby's Pantry – Clearbrook location will be held Wednesday, April 1st, from 5-6:30pm. However, it will look VERY different than our normal distribution. For the safety of our guests and volunteers please read this in its entirety.

•Distribution will be at the same time – 5:00-6:30pm (or until bundles are gone)

•Distribution will be held outside in our parking lot with a drive thru system.

•Limit of 2 bundles per vehicle (not per person) with NO EXCEPTIONS. We are hoping to help as many households as possible.

•Express Track – Let the check-in volunteer know your name, so we can check you off. We will have your bundles guaranteed but cannot honor the times for pickup. (No more than 2 bundles allowed).

•REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLES - Guests are always

to remain in their vehicles, NO EXCEPTIONS. If you are ill or have a compromised immune system, we suggest that you do not attend, please send a younger, healthy neighbor, friend or relative in your place. If at all possible, please do not bring children. No more than 2 people per vehicle.

•NO BATHROOM AVAILABLE - No exceptions.

•There is no registration necessary for this month's distribution.

•To limit our volunteer's exposure to germs, have exact change ready (\$20 cash per bundle) to give at the beginning of the line. No change will be given.

•Do NOT bring your own totes or boxes. Everything will be packaged and ready to go for you. Sorry there will be no choices or requests honored.

•BE PREPARED - Be sure your trunk/cargo area is emptied

and ready to fill. We will NOT put your bundles inside the passenger area of your vehicle. Make sure your trunk or hatch is open and ready to receive your bundle while you're in line (prior to you getting to the front of the line). Trucks are preferred for ease for our volunteers and to limit contact between our volunteers and guests.

•Please be patient, there may be wait times. All of this is new to us and we are doing the best we can. If everyone follows the above guidelines, things should flow quickly and smoothly.

•We have the right to refuse anyone who does not follow these instructions.

Thank you so much for your understanding and patience during this time. We know this is a difficult time for so many and want to be able to bless as many people as possible. God bless you, see you Wednesday.

Sanford Health updates visitor policies during COVID-19

Sanford Health is updating its visitor policy to protect the health and safety of its patients and staff in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The updates take effect on March 27.

Visitors will no longer be allowed in Sanford Health hospitals with the following exceptions:

•For births, NICU, pediatrics: One pre-determined visitor

allowed daily

•End of life: determined on a case-by-case basis

•End of life COVID-19 patient: One pre-determined visitor allowed daily. Visitor must follow protective measures including masking and self-quarantine for 14 days following visit.

For Sanford clinic visits and outpatient appointments, pa-

tients should not bring a guest unless the patient is a minor or the patient is an adult in need of assistance.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, please call your regular health care provider — do not come in person to the clinic in order to protect staff and other patients. As a reminder, those symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

Gill creates Facebook Group for Solidarity against Coronavirus

Mandy Gill from Bismarck, North Dakota has created a Facebook group #aworldof hearts. It has over 200,000 followers and continues to grow each day. What she started was making hearts and placing them in windows of homes and places of business to share their solidarity across social media against the coronavirus.

Mandy stated that it is important for people to take the virus seriously as she has a son

who has asthma.

This group was created to follow the world vision of filling windows with hearts. By filling your windows with hearts your neighbors and those passing by will know we are in this together!

In Haroe, an island on the west coast of Norway, instead of making hearts they are putting up rainbows.

It's a viral sensation that has spread throughout the world

showing the love we all need right now. Thousands of families are cutting out beautiful paper hearts and filling their windows with hope and compassion, sending a message of unity to their neighbors and beyond. It's not only uplifting, but it is also a wonderful way to bond with your family and with those just across the street. There are plenty of gorgeous examples to see on social media, but you don't have to create a massive work of art. Just a few hearts made with paper and tape will lift the spirits of those walking or driving by.

Another facebook group #aworldofhearts2020 was started in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada.

Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative Postpones Annual Meeting

In response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, Clearwater-Polk has postponed its Annual Meeting, previously scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th at the Timbers Event Center in Bagley until further notice. As such, the director elections for districts one and two have been postponed as well. An alternate date is yet to be determined and will be communicated to our members through



In Honor of Judy Engebretson

Written on behalf of the staff at Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

The car ahead could be seen through the front windshield as could the one in front of that. And on it went. The line of cars made their way slowly up the gravel and through the curves of the country road. They'd managed to gather in quarantine style amidst the time-out the world had been given.

An all call had been issued. As you will see, Covid-19 was no match for Judy-64. One-by-one they came to honor the one whose birthday it was this very day...the very day of her return from a hospital far away. She was released to find comfort at home in her final days...but who knew exactly what that meant?

Judy would turn 64 this day, and she'd spent most of it traveling home to her little log cabin in the woods. It had been a long haul. Distance made it all the more difficult as she stretched out upon a stretcher for hours on end.

As it was her birthday and because she had just arrived home...her fellow coworkers came to honor her. A pile of them came. Driving by to encourage her was a call to duty and willingly they came. Not only did they drive by, but one by one they passed by the front door where she lay.

A breathtaking view it was. She nodded to each as they carefully kept their distance. Rule followers these rule makers were and they knew well the price that would be paid if they did not follow during this pandemic. Caretakers care. Through a smile or soft greeting the comrades united. How else do you place value on a life that was intentionally lived



among you for over forty years? How else do you place value to a life well lived other than show up?

When they'd finished sending their greetings, one-by-one they dispersed back to the vehicles from whence they'd come leaving prayers tossed to the wind. You see, little white paper prayer birds had been handmade the day before by those who loved her, and into the branches of the trees they dangled from a white string. Gently the breeze gave life as they floated and bobbed about drawing Judy's eyes to each little prayer bird in the trees.

That was at 5:30 p.m. on a Friday afternoon. At 12:40, less than 24 hours later, Judy died.

And as C.S. Lewis put it so well, "We do not have souls. We are souls."

Blessed each one who knew well this soul and to those whom this soul touched. She served among us so well. Blessed and deeply touched we were by the life she lived on behalf of others and humbled by the fact that she indeed chose to spend it among us.

Thank you, Judy. Thank you!

On behalf of all students and staff at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School, you will be missed. We are so blessed you made it home Judy. To God be the glory...great things He did through you. Amen.

Spring in to save a life!

As of March 30 this drive is still going to happen. Spring is the season when life is renewed. One important way to help renew life is to give blood at the Clearbrook Spring blood drive at the Wes Westrum Gym, Clearbrook Community Center from 11:00 am to 5:30

pm on Wed., April 8, 2020. Each blood donation can help multiple patients such as preemies, surgery patients and cancer patients...just think, it could be someone you love.

This event may still be canceled but as of April 1 it was still going to be held.

By giving blood, donors help replenish the community blood supply which can be used by relatives, friends or neighbors. Blood can be stored for only 42 days, so a continual fresh supply is critical and can only come from volunteer blood donors. Anyone may need blood at any time. In the event of an accident, serious illness or surgery, an adequate blood supply can be the difference between life and death.

To sign up to help save a life, contact Nancy Goudge at (218) 776-2777 to make an appointment or go to www.vitalant.org.

To save time, donors can now fill out their Fast Track online by downloading the Vitalant app on their smart phone or by visiting www.vitalant.org the day of their donation. To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 16 years old (16 year old donors need a minor donor permit which is available online) and be in good health.



Richards Publishing window in Gonvick shown above. To the left the Gonvick Post Office window with hearts.

Community Calendar

Northern State Bank lobby closed

The Northern State Bank lobby will be closed starting on Monday, March 30. They will have the drive thru only from 8:30 am to 4:00 p.m.

Gully Cafe Closed for now

The Gully Cafe called in on Friday, March 27 that they will be closed until they will be able to open again following the coronavirus situation.

Northern Bait

Northern Bait & Convenience in Gonvick will be closing Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm. Starting March 27th. Have been until 10 pm.

Lindfors Agency

The Lindfors Agency in Clearbrook will not be open to customers except by appointment only until at least April 13th. You can contact the office by calling 218-776-3161 or 218-435-6585.

Clearbrook game card winners 2020

Here's the list to date.
3/26/20, Sue Weems \$50.00
3/27/20 Russell Lembke \$50.00
3/30/20, Larry Lindgren \$50.00
3/31/20 Scott Anderson 100.00

Spring NELL programs Cancelled

Northern Exposure to Life-long Learning (NELL) has made the difficult decision to cancel the Spring Season of NELL programming.

The Minnesota Governor and the CDC have suggested limiting close contact with people for at least 8 weeks; specifically groups of 10 or more are discouraged from meeting. This 8-week time unfortunately coincides with our planned spring program time frame.

The populations most at risk are the elderly and those with existing medical conditions. As you may be aware, COVID-19 is spread through close person-to-person contact. These parameters, elderly and possibly with existing medical conditions, are exactly who our audience is made of.



Connie Nunemaker shared tips on how to start and split plants.

Bee-utiful time at Spring Garden Workshop

By Bernis Ingvaldson
Approximately 32 gardeners attended the 2nd annual Bagley Spring Garden Workshop on Saturday, March 14.

Connie Nunemaker's started the afternoon off with a presentation on tips and techniques for increasing the plants in your yard and garden for little or no cost. From transplanting (lawful/unprotected) wildflowers and trees to starting from seed, many ways exist to start plants inexpensively. Also, make friends with another gardener who needs to thin out their plants, or join a garden club!

An interesting Q&A session followed with great participation from the audience. Followed by a break for refreshments where many enjoyed visiting and purchasing succulents from vendor Jolene Schmitz, kids colored and planted various seeds into little pots to take home and watch grow.

The afternoon wound up with hobby beekeeper Tyrone Moen from Blackduck capturing the audience's attention with show and tell items including a demo hive, tools and gear, wax and honey products, along with accompanying facts about the amazing life cycle of honeybees.

Just a few bits of trivia as follows: It takes visits to two million flowers to make one pound of honey. One bee makes 1/12 tsp honey in its lifetime and can fly 15 mph. A queen bee can produce up to 2500 eggs per day which translates to one egg per 35 sec. Willows are great pollen producers first thing in spring, and bees appreciate asparagus and broccoli blossoms later in summer. Other favorite blossoms include dandelion, raspberry, basswood,

The Leader-Record and Richards Publishing

The Leader-Record and Richards Publishing in Gonvick will be shortening their hours during this coronavirus situation.

We ask that if at all possible send us what you need in the newspapers by email or by telephone. We would much appreciate that.

Our email address is richards@gvtel.com and to call us at 218-487-5225.

First Call

First Call 2-1-1 is your first stop for help and referral. In the Grand Rapids area dial 326-8565 to be connected to more than 40,000 services. From any land line you can simply dial 2-1-1 or in Clearwater County dial 1-800-442-8565. Whether you're looking for a phone number to a specific agency, help locating a specific service, or you need to be connected to counseling or health services, remember, First Call 2-1-1 should be your first call.

Clearwater County Sheriff

There has been a lot of talk and worry about the "Stay at Home" order issued by the Governor. This order is an attempt to buy some time to get our state more prepared for when the peak of the COVID-19 virus hits. Some people are concerned with this order that if they are caught out driving they will be stopped by law enforcement and arrested. Our office will not be stopping vehicles without probable cause for either a traffic offense or other criminal matter. People are allowed to be out if they are buying groceries, picking up medicine or any other essential item.

With that said, it is a misdemeanor to be violating this order, however, our office will attempt to work with the public and issue warnings if necessary. We understand that our lives must go on, but we need to use precautions to get through this crisis sooner rather than later.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact our office at 218-694-6226. We will be glad to answer any of your questions.



Kandi Momerak at Kandis Kitchen in Gonvick has decided to close the restaurant until further notice. There will be no take out or deliveries at this time. This is due to her own physical condition that she is concerned with during this coronavirus situation.



Fire takes life of Gerald LaPlaunt

On March 23, 2020 at approximately 10:30 p.m., the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office received a call of smoke coming from the roof of a house along MN Hwy 92 approximately nine miles south of Bagley.

A Clearwater County deputy responded as well as a Minnesota State Trooper. Upon arrival, officers noted heavy smoke coming from the residence. The Bagley Fire Department arrived on scene and extinguished the fire.

After the fire was put out, the occupant of the home, 63-year-old Gerald LaPlaunt was found deceased inside the residence. The Minnesota State Fire Marshall's Office was contacted and is assisting in the investigation.

An autopsy will be conducted at the UND Forensic Pathology Center in Grand Forks. The Bagley Sanford Ambulance also assisted at the scene.

In Loving Memory of my son Nate Johnson 3-31-2014

Of all the special gifts in life
However great or small
To have you as my son
Was the greatest gift of all.
A special time
A special face
A special Son
I can't replace.
With aching heart
I whisper low
I miss you Son
And love you so.
Mom

Comment period extended! Tell the PCA it's time to build line 3!

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) is accepting public comments on the air quality, water quality, construction stormwater and industrial wastewater permits that are needed so construction can start. This is another chance to make sure the agency hears from you about the importance of replacing Line 3 and outline the environmental benefits.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has extended the public comment period until Friday, April 10. We need your help to let the PCA know it's time to build Line 3.

Let's work together to keep the process and the project moving forward.

It's time for this project to move forward:

- More than 5 years of review and evaluation by state and federal experts.
- Minnesota agencies have held 70 public meetings.
- Enbridge has held more than 3,500 public meetings.
- Tens of thousands of public comments received and reviewed.
- Three weeks of evidentiary hearings by the Administrative Law Judge.
- For a second time, the PUC approved the EIS and granted a certificate of need and the route permit.
- The most comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement for a pipeline in state history.

Email response can be sent to tps://www.minnesotansfor-line3.com/pcacommments/ or mail to Minnesota for Line 3
PO Box 4658
St. Paul MN 55101

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners

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

- March 2- Jenna Dyr Dahl of Bagley, \$100.
- March 9- Glenn & Sherry Rettmann of Gonvick, \$100.
- March 16- Gay Otness of Lengby, \$100.
- March 23- Paige Bellefy of Bemidji, \$100.
- March 30- Barb Fitzgerald of Bemidji, \$100.

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

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

Accepting: Demolition Debris
Waste Tires
Major Appliances
Scrap Metal
Yard Waste
Furniture
Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items
NO regular household trash

Hours:	Tuesday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	Thursday	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATED 1.5 miles NE of Bagley on County Road 24 2424

For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Due to the concern over COVID-19, all church services and events have been canceled until further notice. A new Facebook page "First Baptist Church of Clearbrook" has been set up. Information will be posted and Pastor will live stream messages.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd Our Savior's
Church Service will not be held in the church, but will be available on line on Facebook - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ELCA Clearbrook, MN and on Online service Log into GsLcClearbrook.com. And go to the blog - you can join the email list to get updates on everything.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC
Wed., March 25: 9:30am- Women's Bible Study
Sun., March 29: 9:30am- Sunday School; 10:30am- Worship/Fellowship.
Schedule is subject to change as new information is released about the coronavirus.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Kris Snyder
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Rd 7
Lenten & church services canceled until further notice.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

What a great time to get acquainted with Clear Waters Life Center (CWLC)! Some of you only know us as Shop-at-the-Top, Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center, or Youth Connection. Check out our website: www.clearwater-slifc.org. We think that you will be surprised, when we are back to "normal", you can experience those new aspects of CWLC! Note changes to our office hours.

GONVICK SITE:
Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center: Closed until April 13
Bidding on the MSH Building Trades House is on hold until further notice. Serious inquires, call 218-776-2789.

Adult Day Services closed until further notice. Caregivers can certainly visit with us via phone or e-mail about openings for new clients, 18 & over, when we reopen. Licensed facility & professional staff. 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. We are available to pick up and deliver groceries & prescriptions.

Connection Mondays: Activities cancelled until further notice.

CLEARBROOK SITE:
Shop-at-the-Top: Winter Bag Sale will resume when we can reopen.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: Cancelled. Will resume as soon as possible. If you need to talk to someone, please call 218-776-2789.

Youth Connection: Will resume in the fall since our programming ended April 28 & the earliest school resume is May 4.

ABE is being offered virtually and there is no better time to get started on your GED than when you are stuck at home or you need help with your kids' homeschooling. E-mail Sherry at shjelle@nwservice.org

Hours: Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., office hours: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Tues. - Thurs.
www.clearwaterslife.org, www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org, or www.mustardseedhomes.org and "like" us on Facebook pages.

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ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
All Public worship services at Elim Lutheran Brethren Church will be cancelled until further notice.

Pastor Adam Krog will continue to prepare and preach the Word during this season. It will be available on the internet at Soundcloud.com and search Adam Krog. Also you can listen on our weekly radio broadcast at 8:30am on Sunday mornings on 96.7FM.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Pastor Adam at 218-776-3750 or 218-556-5760.

Let us all join together in prayer for each other and for our nation. May the God of all grace and peace be with you all.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
All churches in the Clearwater Parish (Mt. Olive, Nazareth, St. Petri and Oak Park) are closed the rest of March.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynerg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

A lot has changed in a week! With face to face gatherings now being limited to 10 people it drastically changes the way we will operate as a church family moving forward.

We will be doing church remotely for the foreseeable future. I have created a blog where I will post sermons via YouTube, along with prayer requests, announcements, articles, etc. Here is a link to our blog, where for now, you will find a welcome post and a link to an article. <https://newjourneyfosstonblog.blogspot.com/>

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

No Services or Confirmation classes until further notice.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor

We are moving online! Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services will be available via live video on Facebook only, until further notice. We will also have a radio program at 8:00am each Sunday morning on 96.7 FM.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., April 1 - Chicken & Noodles, Candied Carrots, Fruit, Sherbert, Dinner Roll and Milk.
Thurs., April 2- Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Pudding, Garlic Bread and Milk.

Fri., April 3 - Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Tropical Fruit Salad, Bar and Milk.

Mon. April 6- Pulled Pork on Bun, Butternut Squash, Cookie, and Milk.

Tues., April 7 - Chef Salad, Crackers, Pudding, Roll and Milk.

Wed., April 8 - *Birthday Meal* Pub Fish, Potato, Green Beans, Corn Muffin, Dessert 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.

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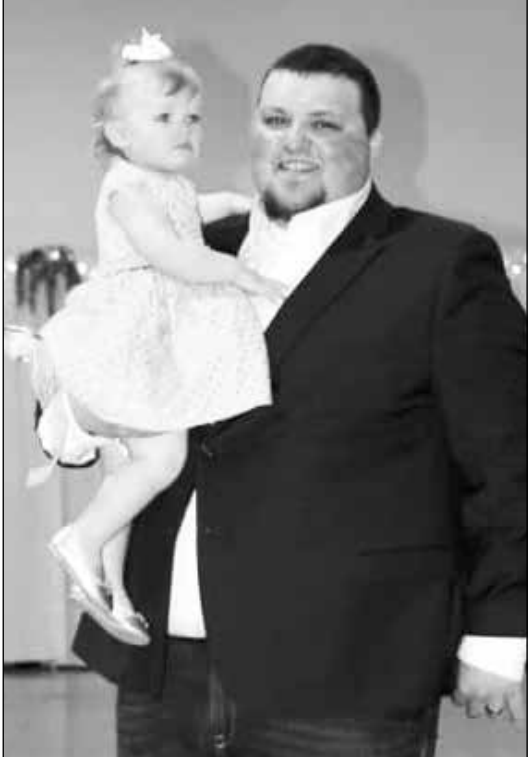
Ryan Rude with two of his daughters. Grandpa Ron Rude escorted the other two.



Zoey Ehlers and grandpa Jeff Basinger.



Pastor Adam Krog



Tom Lewis and his daughter Harper Lee.



Lydia and her dad Jeremy Bakken.

All of us should be like this 80 year old man....

Copied from Jerold L. Korinek's page:

"I talked with a man today, an 80+ year old man. I asked him if there was anything I can get him while this Coronavirus scare was gripping America.

He simply smiled, looked away and said: "Let me tell you what I need! I need to believe, at some point, this country my generation fought for... I need to believe this nation we handed safely to our children and their children... I need to know this generation will quit being a bunch of sissies... that they respect what they've been given... that they've earned what others sacrificed for." I wasn't sure where this conversation was going or if it was going anywhere at all. So, I say there, quietly observing.

"You know, I was a little boy during WWII. Those were scary days. We didn't know if we were going to be speaking English, German or Japanese at the end of the war. There was no certainty, no guarantees like Americans enjoy today. And no home went without sacrifice or loss. Every house, up and down every street, had someone in

harm's way. Maybe their Daddy was a soldier, maybe their son was a sailor, maybe it was an uncle. Sometimes it was the whole damn family... fathers, sons, uncles...

Having someone, you love, sent of to war... it wasn't less frightening than it is today. It was scary as Hell. If anything, it was more frightening. We didn't have battle front news. We didn't have email or cellphones. You sent them away and you hoped... you prayed. You may not hear from them for months, if ever. Sometimes a mother was getting her son's letters the same day Dad was comforting her over their child's death.

And we sacrificed. You couldn't buy things. Everything was rationed. You were only allowed so much milk per month, only so much bread, toilet paper. EVERYTHING was restricted for the war effort. And what you weren't using, what you didn't need, things you threw away, they were saved and sorted for the war effort. My generation was the original recycling movement in America. And we had viruses back then... serious viruses. Things like Polio, Measles

and such. It was nothing to walk to school and pass a house or two that was quarantined. We didn't shut down our schools. We didn't shut down our cities. We persevered. We overcame. We didn't attack our President, we came together. We rallied around the flag for the war. Thick or thin, we were in it to win. And we would lose more boys in an hour of combat than we lose in entire wars today." He slowly looked away again. Maybe I saw a small tear in the corner of his eye.

Then he continued: "Today's kids don't know sacrifice. They think a sacrifice is not having coverage on their phone while they freely drive across the country. Today's kids are selfish and spoiled. In my generation, we looked out for our elders. We helped out with single moms whose husbands were either at war or dead from war. Today's kids rush the store, buying everything they can... no concern for anyone but themselves. It's shameful the way Americans behave these days. None of them deserve the sacrifices their granddads made.

So, no I don't need anything. I appreciate your offer but, I know I've been through worse things than this virus. But maybe I should be asking you, what can I do to help you? Do you have enough pop to get through this, enough steak? Will you be able to survive with 113 channels on your TV?"

I smiled, fight back a tear of my own... now humbled by a man in his 80's. All I could do was thank him for the history lesson, leave my number for emergency and leave with my ego firmly tucked in my rear.

I talked to a man today. A real man. An American man from an era long gone and forgotten. We will never understand the sacrifices. We will never fully earn their sacrifices. But we should work harder to learn about them... learn from them... to respect them."

SO TRUE!!!! SOMETHING I WISH EVERYONE WOULD GRASP & UNDERSTAND!!!



By Corrine Richards

Everything is being canceled for the next two weeks. But one can read a book, listen to music, call friends and do things with your family.

Check on your neighbors and friends. It is easy to make the call to them.

The Minnesota Newspaper Association is urging everyone to stay home except for essential needs. The time to stay home, stop the spread and save lives is from March 27 to April 10.

Good Shepherd Blood Drive at the Wes Westrum Gym is still scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 in Clearbrook.

The Clearbrook Elevator Association has donated some much needed N95 masks for the Clearwater County Deputies to use while responding to calls!

Joke Time - Little Ole decided one day to head for his favorite fishing spot down by the river. As he approached the stream located near some trees, Little Ole suddenly encountered a lady emerging from the river, apparently have a "nature swim"

School news

We've received calls from parents about food shortages.

Please note that meals were sent out for breakfast and lunch through today only. Tomorrow was a scheduled day off from school so meals were not sent for Friday.

Meal deliveries will be MONDAY and THURSDAY only.

Monday delivery- Monday lunch Tuesday breakfast Tuesday lunch Wednesday breakfast Wednesday lunch Thursday breakfast Thursday delivery- Thursday lunch Friday breakfast Friday lunch Monday breakfast

We have made the changes to delivery to try and reduce staff/community contact for everyone's safety.

If you have any questions in regards to meals please contact Robin Proffitt directly at 218-776-3112 ext. 320 or by email at robin@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

For the families that have requested Clearbrook-Gonvick School meal delivery we will go out tomorrow with meals for the remainder of the week. Please refrigerate any items that need to be refrigerated immediately. Also follow heating instructions for the items that need to be warmed up. They will be in microwaveable containers. Please stay safe and healthy!

since she had no clothes on. When she spotted Little Ole, the lady ran toward an old washtub abandoned in the trees and held it in front of her to shield her modesty. As she commenced looking for her clothing, she noticed Little Ole staring at her in fascination. Sternly, she confronted Little Ole with an icy glare, saying, "Young man, do you know what I am thinking?"

"Sure" said Little Ole. "You think that washtub has a bottom in it."

From my mail... TP Measures Up!!

hey!! six feet away, you must keep your distance!

i'm healthy, no virus, and building up resistance.

take out one TP roll from your closet and give it a measure

(and yes, quick, put it back in your secret-hoarded treasure).

4 1/2 inches wide is how ours met the ruler

then do some third-grade math---this couldn't be cooler.

roll after roll after roll after roll--16 in all you will need

that's 72 inches---hey!! that's six feet, indeed!!

so out and about? proudly tote your 16 rolls with great pride

and be ready when someone crosses into the Healthy Divide.

when folks stand too close and encroach in your zone

set out your measuring rolls as you do 'round your throne.

have them respect the safe social-distance you need.

and if they do, but they're sad, and begin a thin-paper plead

give them one roll as a favor--you're making safety-zone friends

(and we all know you have TP galore---you'll be flush 'til this ends.)

Ron Gordon Redwood City, CA

Environmental Services

From Dan Hecht, Administrator, Clearwater County Environmental Services

In accordance with MN Gov. Walz' Executive Order #20-20 (Stay at Home Order), the Clearwater County Demolition Landfill facility will remain closed following the schedule of all other Clearwater County facilities that are closed during this time.

Emergency disposal of CLEAN demolition debris, waste shingles and waste concrete only by in-county contractors with accounts in good standing may be arranged by appointment by contacting Environmental Services at 694-6183.

Clearwater
County Sheriff
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Clearwater County Sheriff's
Office Weekly Activity

City of Bagley - Total 16

03/23/20 15:40 Traffic Stop; 03/24/20 06:08 Disturbance, 07:20 Harassment, 08:12 Welfare Check; 03/26/20 05:33 Vehicle Lock Out, 12:02 CHECK FORGERY, 2:34 911 Hang Up, 14:29 TEST, 14:33 911 Hang Up; 03/27/20 00:48 Disturbance, 03:24 Disturbance, 17:20 Medical, 0:59 Traffic Stop; 03/28/20 11:37 Assist Other Agency, 13:37 Medical, 19:13 Information Only

City of Clearbrook 03/24/20 19:04 Medical; 03/27/20 18:12 Medical, 22:27 Alarm

City of Gonvick - Total 3

03/26/20 15:18 Traffic Stop

03/27/20 21:57 Alarm

City of Shevlin - Total 3

03/22/20 11:31 Civil Complaint;

03/24/20 12:56 Crimes Against Family;

03/27/20 15:42 Animal Related

Copley - Total 6

03/22/20 08:51 Welfare Check;

03/23/20 11:14 THEFT, 14:54 Crimes Against Family; 03/26/20 20:14 911 Hang Up, 23:32 Suspicious Activity;

03/28/20 13:09 Juvenile Misc

Dudley - Total 1

03/26/20 16:32 Suspicious Activity

Eddy - Total 2

03/23/20 14:51 Crimes Against Family; 03/24/20 13:00 Traffic Stop

Falk - Total 2

03/24/20 09:43 Traffic Stop

03/25/20 17:31 911 Hang Up

Greenwood - Total 1

03/27/20 08:38 Traffic Stop

Holst - Total 1

03/24/20 17:57 Traffic Stop

Itasca - Total 2

03/22/20 13:24 Burglary

03/23/20 17:48 Suspicious Activity

LaPraire - Total 2

03/23/20 17:22 CIVIL PROCESS

03/28/20 00:17 Traffic Stop

LaPraire N - Total 14

03/22/20 11:29 Traffic Complaint;

03/23/20 01:08 Extra Patrol, 10:54 Domestic, 14:02 Crimes Against Family, 14:45 Crimes Against Family, 16:25 Property Damage, 16:55 Information Only, 17:09 Information Only; 03/24/20 14:21 Disorderly;

03/25/20 13:38 Officer Detail; 03/27/20 16:38 Disorderly, 19:12 Medical, 22:47 Assault; 03/28/20 14:25 Trespass

Leon - Total 3

03/23/20 00:46 Alarm

03/24/20 07:44 Suspicious Activity

03/28/20 16:48 911 Hang Up

Minerva - Total 6

03/23/20 22:27 Fire; 03/24/20 13:16 Crimes Against Family, 16:34 Welfare Check; 03/25/20 20:21 Animal Related; 03/26/20 08:59 Animal Related; 03/27/20 12:23 Animal Related

Nora - Total 4

03/22/20 06:44 Traffic Stop, 07:24 Traffic Stop, 07:49 Animal Related;

03/22/20 09:16 Traffic Stop

Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2

03/24/20 17:36 Welfare Check

03/26/20 18:47 Assist Other Agency

Pine Lake - Total 2

03/23/20 15:18 Traffic Stop

03/27/20 16:26 Medical

Popple - Total 1

03/24/20 12:49 Crimes Against Family

Rice- Total 2

03/23/20 14:14 Crimes Against Family; 03/27/20 10:02 Warrant - Attempt to

Sinclair - Total 1

03/25/20 11:47 Missing/Lost Person

Total Records: 77

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Clearwater County Food Shelf Site Manager Sharon Braaten accepts a donation from Roger Bachmann of the Bemidji Coop Association.

Food Shelf campaign extends through April

Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 with a campaign advanced by congregations to restock food shelves in the seven-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful and the need was so evident, the March Campaign became a statewide program just one year later. It is the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, bringing together various community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide.

During the 2019 March Campaign, more than \$8 million and over 5.1 million pounds of food shelf items were raised by Minnesota food shelves and Minnesota FoodShare. One hundred percent of donations received by Minnesota FoodShare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund and are distributed to March Campaign participating food shelves.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the incredible and immense work food shelves have taken on at this time, the March Campaign has been extended through April 30, 2020.

Monetary donations to the Clearwater County Food Shelf can be mailed to PO Box 578, Bagley, MN 56621. Food donations can be taken to the Food Shelf during the Wednesday distribution hours.

The Clearwater County Food Shelf is open each and every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are no food choice options. To maintain social distancing, all clients will meet the interviewer at the door of the food shelf and the food will be delivered to the clients' vehicles.

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Please check the address label in the upper right corner of the front page. Be sure all the information is correct.

If not, call the Leader-Record offices at 218-487-5225 as soon as possible. You need to contact with a change of address or corrections. Just giving the Post Office a change of address, **DOES NOT** change your paper address. We also have to pay .59 cents for those that come back to us without a new address. Thank You.

Beltrami county has first COVID case

Sanford Health announced March 25 the first positive case of COVID-19 in Beltrami County. This is not cause for panic. The patient is under self-isolation at their residence since returning from international travel. The person was suspicious upon return, isolated, waited until a business day and called on what to do next and did not come into the clinic.

The message from Public Health has been COVID-19 is widespread in the United States, even in Minnesota and likely already within the community.

- To avoid COVID-19:
- Practice social distancing.
 - Keep 6 feet between individuals.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - Stay home when you are sick.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough and sneezes.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Beltrami County Public Health and Beltrami County Emergency Management are constantly coordinating with the Minnesota Department of Health and our partners at Sanford Health to ensure accurate communication and coordination in the response to COVID-19.

"It is important to understand that the patient is under self-imposed isolation, not quarantine," said Dr. David Wilcox, vice president medical officer and family medicine physician for Sanford Health. "While isolation serves the same purpose as quarantine, it's reserved for those who are already sick. It keeps infected people away from healthy people in order to prevent the sickness from spreading whereas a quarantine separates and restricts movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they later become sick."

If you feel you have COVID-19, here is what to do:

The symptoms of COVID-19 can vary from mild to severe respiratory illness. They occur 2-14 days after exposure. A key indicator of your risk is whether you have visited certain countries or were exposed to someone with COVID-19. Symptoms may include fever of 100.4° or more, cough, and shortness of breath.

If you think you may have the Coronavirus (COVID-19) do not go directly to a medical facility or to your doctor's office, CALL FIRST.

Only call 911 if you are in need of immediate emergency medical care.

Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Hotlines: 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3903

Senior Living Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Citizens

Sec. Report for General Meeting: March 17, 2020 The secretary report from February meeting was read by Eleanor Hall. The Treasurers report was given by Betty.

She said the taxes and insurance will be paid next month, together it will be between \$4 & \$5000. Both reports were approved as read. Duane Johnson approved the Tres. Report. Polly Holmes 2nd. Ardella Lindbergh approved the sec. report,

Margret Stevens 2nd.

Lloyd Engen & Joyce Moen delivered the meals on wheels and checked on folks that can safely refrigerate extra meals. Probably some will have to be delivered more often as they don't have a roper refrigerator or microwave.

Calls can be made before 9am for meals to be picked up at the door. 776-3154. Thursday evening card playing is finished for the season. Lloyd said, "They need to ask Clearwater Polk for money."

The water softener was fixed by Culligan's. Clearwater Plumbing & Heating hooked up the new coffee pot. Water goes

directly into the coffee maker. It works great!

The tables are for sale. \$25 for 6 foot, \$30 for 8 foot tables.

Phyllis Engen said, "The new list for serving treats for the general meeting will be ready soon." Thank you, Phyllis for all of the work you do!

The Thank you Volunteer Dinner is cancelled.

Beverly Rowland won the ticket for a free meal. The center will be closed, but the "call in" take out meals can be picked up between 11:15 & 11:45 am

Submitted by Eleanor Hall
Stay Safe – Respect the 6' to 10' distance

Donuts with dad, grandparent or someone special at Clearbrook-Gonvick School



The Drive-Up window at Border State Bank in Clearbrook has been busy.



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