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A total of 58 individuals volunteered to donate blood at the Clearbrook drive on Wednesday, April 8.

Blood drive went as scheduled amidst COVID-19 concerns

By Sue Sims
While many blood drives have been canceled, Vitalant blood mobile came ready with facemasks and extra precautions to accept blood donors at the blood drive in the Wes Westrum Gym, Clearbrook Community Center held on Wednesday, April 8th. It was wonderful to hear that all appointments were full for the blood drive, but walk-ins were also welcomed.
Many steps were taken by the staff, all wearing facemasks, to keep donors and themselves safe. So before even entering the blood drive you had to have your temperature taken by a Vitalant staff member. Once you were cleared with a normal temperature, you handed over your ID to the volunteer and sat to wait for another staff member to call you. Once called, you went

to the next station where you had the usual finger stick, blood pressure check, pulse taken and the dreaded "you have to step on the scale", (no hiding the truth now!). The extra steps of safety here were staff members wiped EVERYTHING down with sanitary wipes. Before and after the process done at this station.
Next stop was the chair for donating. It was comforting to observe the staff wiping down chairs after each donor. After the donation you are told to sit at one of the tables for 15 minutes and have a snack and hydrate. There were round tables set up with only 2 chairs per table to keep the social distancing. It was awesome to see Nancy Goudge, the blood drive coordinator, (also wearing a facemask) disinfecting tables and chairs after people left. She explained to each person that the snacks had to be individually wrapped (no more bakery cookies, crackers and cheese, or glasses of juice or cups of coffee). So, offerings were prepackaged beef sticks, fruit snacks, crackers with cheese or peanut butter, water and variety of juices.
Thank you to all who donated. With COVID-19, we need blood donations more than ever.
The next blood drive is scheduled for June 8, 2020 from 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM at the Gonvick MN Community Center-Main Room, 1st and Main in Gonvick.



Betty Randklev registers Rilla Nelson to the blood drive that was held in Clearbrook.



Vitalant workers at the blood drive on April 8.



Nancy Goudge, the blood drive coordinator, (also wearing a facemask) disinfecting tables and chairs.

Mrs. DeVries' ninth grade students are reading William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet

By Bonnie Kirchman
Many of us are working and learning from home right now. For some of us, this is nothing new. But for many, especially

our teachers and students, they have been thrown into a daily home routine without a choice and with little warning. The technology being used for

teaching does meet many educational needs. But technology doesn't meet every student's needs perfectly. Students are used to learning at school, and have established routines for class times, lunch, and study hall. At school, teachers are available to help keep students on track, reminding them to complete work and providing needed assistance. Many students are also missing their friends and classmates, both in and out of school.

Michelle DeVries, high school English teacher at Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools, is aware that some students are finding the switch to at-home learning difficult.

Mrs. DeVries has some recommendations for students and parents who are finding challenges when learning at home. She is finding that getting back into some sort of daily routine is helping some of the students cope with learning at home and with the uncertainty of today's coronavirus threat.

Students and parents who are having difficulties keeping track of assignments might find it helpful to print a calendar or make a chart on a piece of paper.

At the beginning of each week, students can check into Schoology and write down assignments and their due dates. Students can also add Zoom meeting times to this schedule. This calendar will give students a visual reminder of assignments due. A paper calendar will also be helpful if there are technical difficulties with Schoology or if students are away from their computers.

Mrs. DeVries shares that students are initiating conversations with her through emails, and sharing their struggles. She appreciates that they are reaching out.

"It tells me they value learning, communication, and community," she adds.

Students aren't the only ones adjusting to the new world of learning. Mrs. DeVries is sharing her work space at home, working from a card table in the corner of her living room. She is finding that she has to get up very early or stay up late to

find quiet time to work.

Mrs. DeVries had changed how she teaches, using a variety of programs including Schoology, Google Classroom, and Zoom. Meeting with her students through video conferencing classes on Zoom is her favorite part of online schooling, because she can see her students and interact with them. She has had to do a lot of troubleshooting while dealing with technology issues. She relies on other teachers for their help in this area.

Another adjustment for Mrs. DeVries is figuring out how to put all of the ideas in her head that she wants to share with students into words that she types on the screen as instructions. She is currently teaching three different pieces of literature. She misses being able to discuss the text with her students as their questions arise.

Creative and fun teaching methods still work, even in distance learning. For example, Mrs. DeVries' ninth grade students are reading William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. She has a plush William Shakespeare doll and has invented a fun game called, "Where in the World is Will?" Mrs. DeVries posts a picture of Will out and about in her rural neighborhood, and the students reply with his whereabouts to show that they have checked in for the day!

Ruby's Pantry – Clearbrook to have a BONUS distribution day on Wednesday, April 22nd

Due to the need in our community and the turn out from April 1st, Ruby's Pantry – Clearbrook is planning to have a BONUS distribution day on Wednesday, April 22nd starting at 4pm (notice time change). We plan to get the maximum amount of shares available. This distribution will be in addition to our regularly scheduled one on Wednesday, May 6th from 5-6:30pm.

We are hoping to help those that truly need it, so if that is not you, please wait for our May distribution. Also, in order to maximize the amount of people we can help, we are limiting each vehicle to 1 share only. Express track shares have

been disabled as well. Trying to deal with express track while outdoors is a very difficult task and therefore Ruby's has chosen to disable it for the time being. This will be another outdoor only event with a drive thru distribution as well. People are required to stay in their vehicles, a bathroom will not be available. There are a lot of details that make this distribution different from others. Head to country-faith.org under ministries to see the full list of things to note or find us on Facebook for the latest details and updates. Thank you to everyone that came out last time and made it such a success it will definitely more busy than expected.

Third Grade classes Continue at Home

Kendall Rankin, third grade teacher at Clearbrook-Gonvick, shared her experiences as she is adjusting to teaching from home during the coronavirus pandemic.

Mrs. Rankin says, "the commute is shorter, but the days are longer."

She adds, "I desperately miss the buzz of my sixteen third graders coming into my classroom excited about their day. I miss their stories, their jokes, and their laughter. I even miss their constant blurting (those students know who they are!)."

Mrs. Rankin's third grade students check in with her daily. They do this by choosing an emoji that tells her how they are feeling, and writing about why they feel that way. Mrs. Rankin makes a recording to go with each of the daily tasks students need to accomplish. These are sent to students on Seesaw, an online learning platform.

Besides missing her students, another challenge Mrs. Rankin is finding in the distance learning is not being able to give that extra help to some of her students who may need it.

As she describes it "It is not

always easy sending messages back and forth on Seesaw if an assignment is done incorrectly. A teacher doesn't have that capability of fixing the mistake with them at that exact moment so you can ensure they are understanding the material."

Like many teachers, Mrs. Rankin hasn't had much time to work with the Seesaw program. She is continuing to learn more about it. As she learns, she is working to change her online classroom to make it easier for her students.

Despite the challenges of distance learning, Mrs. Rankin is finding some positive things, like being able to spend a little more time with her own kids. She is grateful to her team of co-workers and the administration who are working together during this time to get things done. Mrs. Rankin is also thankful for the families of her students who are working to make the distance learning successful.

Mrs. Rankin said, "These students and families have been phenomenal and have stepped up to the plate to keep things rolling!"



"Where in the world is Will?"



Mrs. DeVries desk at her home.

Gonvick Lions Club donates iPad to Cornerstone

The Gonvick Lions Club donated an iPad for the Activity Department at Cornerstone Nursing Home in Bagley to use. They will be able to connect residents with their family members.

The iPad is a tablet computer first offered by Apple in 2010. It makes a great way to keep up with all of your friends.

The Gonvick Lions Club went through Garden Valley Telephone Company to purchase this unit for the center in Bagley. When they heard that

it was going to be used for the center to connect residents at Cornerstone with family and friends, they delivered the unit and taught the Activity Director at the center on how to use it.

Ruth Anspach and Shannon Godwin in the Activity Department are working to get telephone numbers for residents that they will be able to get them connected. Their telephone number is 218-694-6552.

They really appreciate the gift that the Gonvick Lions Club has made to the center.



Ruth Anspach with the Cornerstone Activity Center is connecting resident Beulah Richards to be able to talk with her son Dick.



Mrs. Kendall Rankin, 3rd grade teacher, at home in her distance learning classroom. She says, "the commute is shorter, but the days are longer." Mrs. Rankin is working to make the distance learning experience better for her students, but she misses her third graders very much.

North Country Angus Alliance Production Sale set for Sunday April 18

Sunday, April 18 their will be a North Country Angus Alliance Production sale at the Clearwater County fairgrounds in Bagley. Sale starts at 2 pm. 30 bulls and select females, Yearling Angus and Sim/Angus, 20 month Angus Bulls.

Due to Covid19 they want to consider the health of the bidders and would encourage online bidding at DVAAuction.

com or a phone bid through the sale staff. They will have the animals available for viewing by 4 pm on Friday, April 17 at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds, until sale time on Sunday. Videos of all lots are available at DVAAuction with sight unseen guarantee. Lunch will be replaced with individual snacks. See their ad in the Canary this week.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick school district joined over 125 schools across Minnesota in the #BeTheLightMN campaign by turning on the lights at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Thorbeck Football Field in Clearbrook on Monday night at 8:20 pm April 6 for 23 minutes to honor the Class of 2020 and to shine rays of HOPE for the students, staff, and communities during this time of Covid-19 and Distance Learning.

Community Calendar

The Clearwater Trails Snowmobile Club will not meet!

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will not be meeting due to all the things going on right now, we will meet on May 12th at 7:30pm at the clubhouse in Leonard. The trails are closed as of April 1st, 2020. We have postponed our Landowners Dinner that we had setup at the last meeting. No newsletter will be going out in April, one will be sent before the May meeting, if anyone has anything that they would like in the newsletter please let the secretary know by May 1st, 2020.

City of Gonvick

The Gonvick City Clerks Office will be closed to the public starting March 27 through May 4th. I will still be working in the office or from home and can be reached at 218-487-5243. If the only method of payment for your water bill is cash, please call ahead to make arrangements. We encourage payments to be made by check or money order and left in the dropbox or mailed.

Basic needs

Do you need help with resources for basic needs? Do you know someone who is being bullied? Are you looking for a list for senior housing? Do you need help signing up for Health Care Insurance? Are you or someone you know experiencing depression or anxiety? We are here to help you! Call us at (218) 326-8565 or in Clearwater County dial (800) 442-8565 or 2-1-1

Wow - what a Surprise! Want to thank the Sportsman's Lodge for the delicious Easter dinner that they had made. Also want to thank those who volunteered and those who delivered the meals. It was very much appreciated.

Diane Watne and David and Patty Carlson

Thank You!

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Thank You

Thank you to Sportsman's Lodge and volunteers delivery people for the delicious Easter meal. Thanks for caring and sharing

Dennis & Sharon

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Thank You!

Thank you to Pine Lake Sportsman's Lodge for the delicious Easter dinner given to us. And to the people who delivered the meal.

- Shirley Ness & Bubba

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Ad deadline: Noon Friday

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 and for printing for your business by email or by telephone. We would much appreciate that.

There will be a rack outside of the office in Gonvick for you to pick up a newspaper after they are printed each week. There is also a red box for one to put in notices that you need to go in the paper as well.

The Papers are also available at all the business places that have had them in the past.

We are mailing out the papers each week to get as much information as we can to you during the COVID19 situation.

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

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CLEARWATER COUNTY OPEN BOOK MEETINGS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Clearwater County Assessor's Office will be following guidance from the Minnesota Department of Revenue and Minnesota Department of Health to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Open Book Meetings for Clearwater County, scheduled for April 23-24, will be held using a virtual meeting option only. Appeals may be submitted by owner or representative via phone call, written letter or e-mail request to the following address:

Clearwater County Assessor's Office
Attn: Jamie Freeman, Clearwater County Assessor
213 Main Avenue N., Dept. 203
Bagley, MN 56621
Phone: (218) 694-6260
E-mail: jamie.freeman@co.clearwater.mn.us

R4-5C

Blood Drive Brings in 58 Volunteers

Clearbrook community hosted a blood drive with Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services, on April 8 at Old High School which helped collect a total of 52 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 58 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 52 individuals were able to donate at the Vitalant blood drive on April 8. There were eight people who volunteered for the first time.

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to Nancy Goudge, who coordinated the drive, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Women which sponsored the blood drive, as well as others who assisted the day of the drive: Betty Randklev, Bonnie Engen, Darci Hegg, Donna Rae Jaecolson, and Marilyn Johnson.

Vitalant strives to keep a 5-day supply of every blood type on the shelf at all times to be able to meet the needs of patients

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., April 15 - Roast Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Florets, Cookie, Bread and Milk.

Thurs., April 16- Roast Turkey and Gravy, Masked Potatoes, Broccoli Florets, Cookie, Bread and Milk.

Fri., April 17 - Hamburger on Bun, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Ice Cream and Milk.

Mon. April 20- Beef Stroganoff, Egg Noodles, California Veg., Mandarin Oranges, Bread and Milk.

Tues., April 21 - Liver or Pepper Steak, Buttered Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Brownie, Bread and Milk.

Wed., April 22 - Chicken Wild Rice Casserole, Winter Blend Veg., Pear Halves, Poke Cake, Bread and Milk.

Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

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For everything else, request a video visit with a Sanford physician to stay home and stay well.

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sanfordhealth.org/covid19-care

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USDA Announces Loan Maturity for Marketing Assistance Loans Now Extended to 12 Months

Provides Producers with Marketing Flexibilities Amid COVID-19 Uncertainties

WASHINGTON, April 9, 2020 – Agricultural producers now have more time to repay Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's implementation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020. The loans now mature at 12 months rather than nine, and this flexibility is available for most commodities.

"Spring is the season when most producers have the biggest need for capital, and many may have or are considering putting commodities under loan. Extending the commodity loan maturity affords farmers more time to market their commodity and repay their loan at a later time," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. "We are extremely pleased that USDA can offer these marketing flexibilities at this critical time for the agriculture industry and the nation."

Effective immediately, producers of eligible commodities now have up to 12 months to repay their commodity loans. The maturity extension applies to nonrecourse loans for crop years 2018, 2019 and 2020. Eligible open loans must in good standing with a maturity date of March 31, 2020, or later or new crop year (2019 or 2020) loans requested by September 30, 2020. All new loans requested by September 30, 2020, will have a maturity date 12 months following the date of approval.

The maturity extension for current, active loans will be automatically extended an additional 3 months. Loans that matured March 31 have already been automatically extended by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Producers who prefer a nine-month loan will need to contact their local FSA county office. Loans requested after September 30, 2020, will have a term of nine months.

Eligible commodities include barley, chickpeas (small and large), corn, cotton (upland and extra-long staple), dry peas, grain sorghum, honey, lentils, mohair, oats, peanuts, rice (long and medium grain), soybeans, unshorn pelts, wheat, wool (graded and nongraded); and other oilseeds, including canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sunflower seed, and sesame seed. Seed cotton and sugar are not eligible.

About MALs

Placing commodities under loan provides producers interim financing to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are low and allows producers to store production for more orderly marketing of commodities throughout the year.

These loans are considered nonrecourse because the commodity is pledged as loan collateral, and producers have the option of delivering the pledged collateral to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for repayment of the outstanding loan at maturity.

MAL Repayment

Under the new maturity provisions, producers can still repay the loan as they would

have before the extension:

- repay the MAL on or before the maturity date;
- upon maturity by delivering or forfeiting the commodity to CCC as loan repayment; or
- after maturity and before CCC acquires the farm-stored commodity by repaying the outstanding MAL principle and interest.

Marketing Loan Gains

A Marketing Loan Gain occurs when a MAL is repaid at less than the loan principal. If market gain is applicable during the now-extended loan period, producers can receive a gain on the repayment made before the loan matures.

For more information on MALs, contact the nearest FSA

county office. USDA Service Centers, including FSA county offices, are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment.

More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Church News

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH

1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6

Senior Pastor Larry Dorman

Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund

Youth Pastor Brad Binder

Children's Minister Nicky Ubert

www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367

office@countryfaith.org

Currently Meeting Online Only: Find us on Facebook & YouTube

Sunday – 10am Worship Service

Tuesday - 6:30am Men's Prayer Zoom call

Wednesday - 9am Women's Coffee Time Zoom Call

Friday - 9am Women's Book Study Zoom Call

Contact the church to get the most up to date information.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC

Church Service will not be held in the church.

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...

We exist to offer hope to families and individuals. Our Facebook posts offer encouragement and greenhouse updates. "Like" our Clear Waters Life Center and Grow It! Facebook pages to get daily updates. Our website: www.clearwaterslife.org will give you an overview of ALL of CWLC.

Clear Waters Life Center will be featured on the Common Ground PBS Facebook page on Wednesday, April 22, at 7:00 AM. It will broadcast 36 hours later on LPTV on Thursday April 23rd at 7:00 PM on Lakeland Prime and will repeat several times over the weekend on their Prime & Plus channels.

We are able to continue to offer the following services to our communities:

Transportation Service for Clearwater County residents, 60 & over, who do NOT have MA: Call Karen 24 hours in advance at 218-776-2223 or 218-637-0509 to schedule your ride.

Delivery: If you need someone to pick up and deliver your groceries, we would love to serve you. Call the CWLC Clearbrook office at 776-2789 and leave a message with your name and call back number. We are available weekdays.

Mental Health Counseling services are still available on Thursdays. Call 218-776-2789 to schedule an appointment.

Adult Education is being offered virtually, and there is no better time to get started on your GED than when you are stuck at home. If you need help with your kids' school, I can offer you a refresher. E-mail Sherry at shjelle@nwservice.org

Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center: The plants are happy and growing. The virus isn't affecting them! They will be ready to go home with you as soon as the weather is warm enough, and we can open our doors.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: If you need to talk to someone, please call 218-776-2789. Leave a message, and someone will call you back.

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

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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 pray 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 Merseth

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 Stynberg, 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.

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When life hands you lemons...leave it to a teacher to make lemonade!

Before school starts each fall, elementary teachers spend days preparing their classrooms, creating inviting spaces for a year of learning. They arrange desks, put up calendars, and add their own personal touches before welcoming their new class of students. Over the school year, the students add their touches-artwork and writing projects. Each classroom develops its own personality. Some of this is fun, but much of the classroom environment is an important support

to the learning process. Calendar activities, story time, group work, individual teaching time all have their special time and place in the classroom routine.

When the elementary teachers at Clearbrook-Gonvick were informed on March 15, 2020 that due to the coronavirus pandemic they would no longer be having classes in school, they knew they would be giving up their classrooms and their regular routines. They didn't have much time to adapt to

Keeping the Music Going While Keeping Apart

Giving up classroom experiences has been difficult for teachers and students alike during the coronavirus pandemic. Technology has definitely been a game-changer, allowing communication to continue in many ways as people are forced to stay apart from one another. But some classroom learning activities, like individual reading assignments, are fairly easy to adapt in this new situation. Others, like group activities, are more challenging to continue.

Teaching music through distance learning is definitely a challenge. Tammy Ragan and Katrina Stewart, music teachers for Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools, are facing this challenge right now. They have given up band practices and group singing experiences. But they have not given up sharing their love of music with their students, even if they have to find new ways to do this.

Mrs. Ragan and Mrs. Stewart are using Schoology, See-Saw, and Zoom-the same technology being used by the other teachers at Clearbrook-Gonvick. Because they work with students of all ages, they have had to adapt to using the technology each grade level uses.

For students in kindergarten through third grade, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Ragan are creating materials and videos that they send to teachers using the See-Saw learning platform. They use Schoology for grades 4-12 as a tool to take attendance and complete assignments. Mrs. Ragan uses Zoom to meet with one of her classes each day. Mrs. Stewart is using Zoom to teach 5th and 6th grade band lessons. They can also keep in touch with their students through email.

In addition, Mrs. Ragan sent packets of activities home with every student on the last day school was in session.

While the technology helps these teachers continue teaching, it isn't always easy. Mrs. Stewart found the Schoology fairly easy to learn and use. But because so many schools are using this same program, it sometimes gets bogged down and stops working. Zoom is allowing them to see their students' faces and connect with them, but it isn't the same as being face-to-face, especially for some learning experiences like band lessons.

Besides learning how to teach in new ways, both music teachers have had to modify what they teach. Mrs. Ragan is spending a great deal of time researching music topics that she can use for her lessons. Mrs. Stewart has had to change her focus from an ensemble approach to a more individual approach. Her lesson plans have shifted from an emphasis on performance to an emphasis on music appreciation and music theory. She is also teaching her students lessons on how to be a consumer of music.

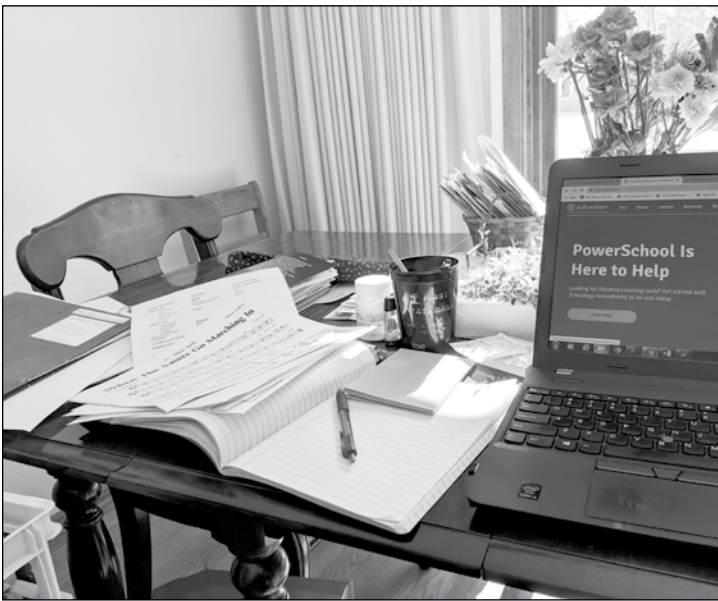
Both teachers miss their students and the ability to make music together. But they are finding the bright spots in this uncertain situation.

"One of my first graders sent me pictures of his completed work-it was so cool!" Mrs. Ragan shared.

Mrs. Stewart said, "We are all trying to make the best of a tough situation, and I am grateful for my colleagues who have been building each other up, providing helpful tips, and just being thoughtful people."



Mrs. Stewart's music studio is her classroom for now. She is using technology to teach band lessons and other music classes to her at-home students.



Mrs. Ragan's at-home classroom. She is working from her dining room table, with a crate of curriculum materials close by. Using her computer, she is able to stay in touch with students and continue to share her knowledge and love of music.

working from home, away from their students. The teachers had to quickly learn new technology that would allow them to continue providing lessons to their students who could no longer come into their familiar classrooms.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick elementary teachers worked together, using the technology tool Google Docs, to give some information on their experiences during this time:

The teachers at Clearbrook-Gonvick were very disappointed when they were given the news that school would be closing down

in response to the Covid-19 Crisis. The well-oiled machine that is education, came to a halt as students were told to stay home and await further instruction. Once they got past the shock, the teachers went right to work. The brainstorming and collaboration that followed was incredible! Everyone stepped out of their comfort zones and up to the plate to create the very best version of what online learning would look like for each grade level.

Lemons...

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Legal Notices

Greenwood Township Board of Appeal and Equalization Important Information Regarding Property Assessments

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Greenwood Township will meet on April 20, 2020, 7:00 pm, via a conference call. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification, you may appeal it to the local board of appeal and equalization.

If you desire to participate in the conference call meeting, using your house or cell phone you call 888-742-5095 between 7:00 and 8:00 pm on April 20th, and when you are asked for the conference code, put in **2469407751#**. You will be connected with the town board and assessor, and board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed.

Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

The town board will take care of regular township business following the Equalization meeting.

If you have any questions about connectivity, feel free to contact me or the County Assessor ahead of time.

Given under my hand this 6th day of April, 2020

Sheila Horn, Clerk of Greenwood Township R3-4C

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR 2021 PROPERTY TAXES

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Holst Township shall meet on April 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm.. Due to the current restrictions with COVID-19, we will be holding a conference call this year. If you would like to attend, on the 21st at 7:00 pm dial, 1-888-742-5095 – you will need to enter a conference code number – 2469407751 then press #. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

A short regular virtual board meeting will follow to pay bills. If you have anything to bring before the board please call Elwood Nordlund at 218-776-3358 or Bonnie Engen at 218-776-3270 by April 20th.

Stephanie Anderson, Holst Town Clerk R3-4C



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Hello everyone,

Jeff Radke has passed away. I heard this from Hildy this morning: "Jeff passed peacefully at about 4:00 this afternoon to Pachelbel's Canon (a piano piece) - we spent the day with him, intermittently playing music and constantly assuring him of our love for him. He has been a true force for good in our family. His body will be cremated and we will have a gathering of some sort when gatherings are allowed. My girls were amazing in their care for him. And we are sad."

Please keep Hildy and the family in your prayers. Their new address is:

1901 Cedar Springs Lane
Anacortes, WA 98221

I love you all and keep you in my heart and in my prayers, Laurie

Editors Note: Jeff was the principal at Clearbrook High School several years ago and he was also the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance sales person after that. He passed away on Friday, April 10, 2020. He had an inoperable cancer.

I participated in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) statewide telephone town hall meeting tonight for the Enbridge Line 3 Project. It was 90 minutes with most of the comments being for the project. I did not keep a tally on the two minute comments

that each person gave, but it was interesting.

Joke Time -

Ole was overheard telling his son, "Put down that wheelbarrow, Lars, you don't understand anything about machinery."

A cousin of Ole, Max Johnson of New Brighton, MN was fishing near Alexandria when a stranger walked up to inquire, "How's fishing?" Max grinned, and said, "Man, have they ever been biting. This morning I caught 42 fish, and now I'm trying to catch some more." The stranger responded, "Do you know who I am?" "No", said Max, "Who are you?" "I'm the Game Warden", answered the man. "Well, said Max, "do you know who I am?" "No, I don't, said the Game Warden.

"I am the biggest liar in the State of Minnesota," said Max.

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

From my mail...

Katrine Valsvik who was an exchange student from Norway in the Gonvick-Trail school system sent this. "My grandma just turned 92, really ill, in a nursing home. It feels brutal that none of us in the family can visit. The nurses try to teach her FaceTime, but it is hard to learn how an iPad works at her age. But all in all, we are doing well. It is different, everything has changed and an entire nation changes their behavior and mannerism in a couple of days. The Norwegian word Dugnad, has become our common goal, to defeat the spread.

Hope we can go back to hugging, inviting guests to our homes, standing close at bars and concerts and mingle with whomever we please, when ever soon. And my grey hair roots long for when my hairdresser is allowed to reopen.

Say hi to everyone I know and who might remember me.

Tony learning how to bake? I thought he would be skilled at that all ready. Dough for cinnamon rolls are rising in my kitchen right now. Must spoil my kids, and try to lessen their exam nerves and give their tired brains a sugar high or two.

Wish you stay well. Love Katrine"

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Lemons...

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In PreKindergarten through Third Grade, the teachers and students are using the Seesaw platform. Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening in the classroom, and now what is happening in the home. Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative, and learn how to use technology. Each student gets their own journal and will add things to it, like photos, videos, drawings, or notes. The Learning Journal provides opportunities for students, and teachers, to really think outside the box. Students can show their work and thought processes in real time by submitting a video of themselves working through a math problem, snapping a picture of a paragraph they wrote, recording themselves reading a poem, or uploading a file to demonstrate their learning.

Teachers of PreKindergarten through Third Grade students are using Seesaw for all content areas to keep digital portfolios of student work, including commenting on student submissions. They are able communicate easily with families and share student work with them, or push out assignments to students to individualize instruction. PreK-3 teachers in the Clearbrook-Gonvick school have been busy working on Seesaw, creating and finding activities that will also make learning fun and

engaging for each student. Besides Seesaw, teachers are available via email to communicate with families and answer questions.

In 4th-6th Grade, the teachers and students are using the Schoology platform. Through the Schoology site, teachers use several sources to provide lessons and assignments for their students. Each day, students login to the virtual classroom to obtain the activities for the day. Students are then able to work at their own pace to finish the assignments. This allows students to be flexible with their time, but it also means they need to be organized.

4th-6th grade teachers are also using Zoom as a form of communication with students. The Zoom resource is a live, online feed that can be accessed through a link via email from the teacher. Each teacher has daily online hours where they can answer questions, give clarity on an assignment, and connect with students. Zoom has not only helped teachers connect with students, but for students to have a chance to connect with each other. While Zoom is one way teachers are keeping in touch with families and students, emailing is the second means of communication. Teachers are reaching out to give information, updates, and tidbits to families so everyone is on the same page.

The online solution is adequate, but not ideal. The teachers are really missing their students and would very much prefer to have

them in school! They feel very fortunate to be working with such supportive administration, staff, families, and communities. It truly does take a village...even when the village has to practice social distancing! Clearbrook-Gonvick teachers are always striving to give their students the best educational experience possible. They are naturals at differentiating instruction, and hope to get feedback from parents and caregivers as to how they can make learning more meaningful to each child."

Thanks to the elementary school teachers at Clearbrook-Gonvick for taking the time to describe their teaching experiences during this unprecedented state-wide school closure. At this time, schools are closed until May 4, 2020. However, school closures may be extended, depending on the coronavirus situation in our state. The teachers and administrators at Clearbrook-Gonvick will continue to keep families informed of any changes as they occur. And our teachers will keep teaching, turning lemons into lemonade for their stay-at-home students.

To the Editor

My brother Wayne Wolden messaged me today saying "I just got a message from someone saying that the Sportsman's Lodge in Pine Lake is bringing out meals for the elderly today. And that they want to bring meals out to our folks".

We replied back and forth and within an hour there were beautiful meals delivered to the back door.

I was moved to tears at this beautiful outpouring of community support. And it caused me time for reflection.

In times like these it shows what people are made of. And it also made me reflect on this community I call home.

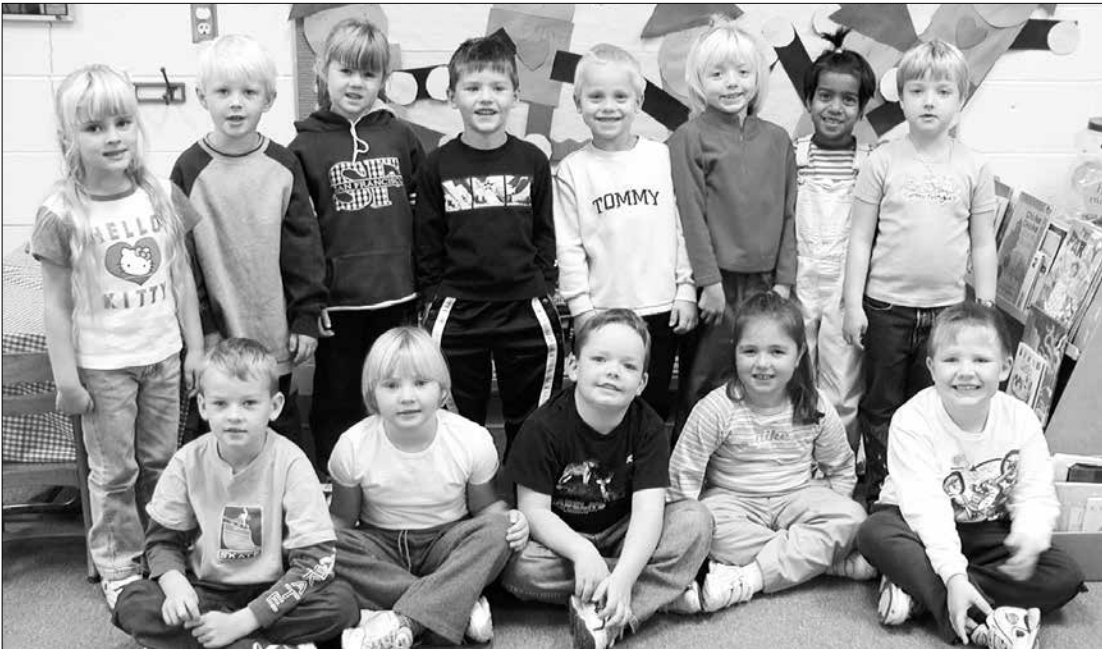
I returned home four years ago to help my parents (Marvin and MaryLou Wolden) be able to stay independent on the family farm. It also for me was returning to the land and community that helped grow me. Coming home to open arms and a welcoming community. The friends who cheered on our games And mentored us growing up. The clinic and hospital family I started working with as a teenager. Hearing my co-workers saying an occasional "Uff-da" reminding me with a smile that "I was home."

And especially now in times like these knowing that a community like ours comes together and helps its own.

Hats off to the wonderful friends at the Sportsman's Lodge On Pine Lake. Serving delicious meals to many in the local area today my parents; and myself included! What a wonderful display of community service, kindness and generosity in these times. Thanks also to those that helped deliver all these meals and the hands that prepared them. Many thanks from my parents Marvin Wolden and Mary Lou, and myself!! Can't wait til we can all come in and sit again at your biggest table as a family. God bless you all. From our family to yours!

Evelyn Bookley

FROM THE PAST - 2001



Only in Minnesota

Most people don't know there's a little Statue of Liberty in Minnesota! Drive through any small town in America, and there's more often than not a quirky roadside attraction that locals pass by without a glance. Even the travelers they're meant to attract often overlook these small wonders. But there are some attractions that are worth stopping for.

In tiny Arco, Minnesota – a town of just 75 people – a stone replica of the Statue of Liberty stands as a beacon for travelers looking for something a bit different. Here's the story:

In the early 1930s, a man named H.P. Pederson gave up farming to take up a new hobby.

His hobby? Making things out of rocks. First he'd create a wire frame for his creation, and then he'd cover it with cement. The final step was to cover it with stones H.P. and his wife collected in nearby areas.

H.P.'s most famous creation was probably the Texaco gas station he bought in 1936. After he covered it with rocks, the station became a tourist attraction that drew thousands of people annually. An old guest book recorded 4,000 visitors in 1949. Today, the gas station is no more, but you can still see the old facade. It is now a private home on West Laurel Street in Arco.

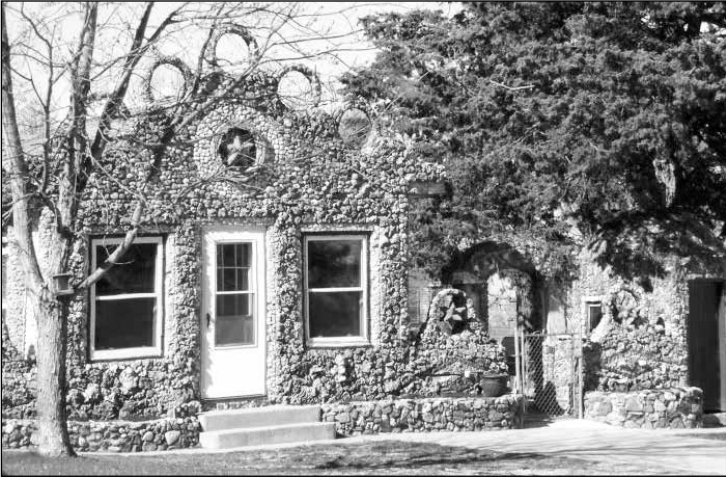
After the Texaco was complete, H.P. moved on to other works. He created a small sculpture garden in the yard of the gas station, adding many pieces to it over the years. In time, it held more than 30 pieces. They included a Dutch windmill, a lighthouse, and many more sculptures.

After H.P. died in the late 1940s, the rock garden was dismantled. Most of the pieces are gone, but some have been relocated and are still accessible today. A large stone ram called Hugo is one such sculpture. It can be found at Anderson Park & Campground along Stay Lake in Arco.

Aside from Hugo, the bell - perhaps a replica of the Liberty Bell - is an impressive feat. Like the other sculptures, it's made entirely of wire, concrete, and stone.

But the most impressive sculpture still standing? Definitely the Statue of Liberty. At 7 feet tall, it's a far cry from the 305-foot-tall Statue of Liberty in New York. But the Arco Lady Liberty does hold a certain charm. It was originally wired for electricity, so the torch lit up when it was plugged in.

The Statue of Liberty may not draw the thousands of yearly visitors that it did in its heyday, but it's still worthy of a stop. You'll get to see one of Minnesota's tiniest towns and take in a little bit of its history.



Clearwater County Sheriff
Darin Halverson
Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1
04/07/20 11:43 THEFT
City of Bagley- Total 2
04/06/20 00:34 Alarm
04/08/20 13:57 Disturbance
City of Clearbrook - Total 3
04/05/20 12:13 Animal Related
04/06/20 16:42 Officer Detail
04/09/20 00:29 Suspicious Activity
City of Gonvick - Total 2
04/07/20 13:20 Disturbance
04/11/20 00:09 911 Hang Up
City of Shevlin- Total 1
04/07/20 09:46 Juvenile Misc
CW City of Shevlin Total: 1
CW Copley
04/05/20 19:01 ASSIST
04/07/20 07:15 Animal Related
04/07/20 12:41 Animal Related
04/07/20 14:53 Traffic Stop
04/08/20 08:03 Suspicious Activity
04/08/20 12:56 THEFT
04/09/20 11:18 THEFT
04/09/20 16:40 Information Only
04/11/20 12:26 Traffic Stop
04/11/20 17:45 Traffic Stop
CW Copley Total: 10
CW Dudley
04/08/20 07:51 Traffic Stop
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CFS Date/Time Description
CW Dudley Total: 1
CW Eddy
04/10/20 19:13 911 Hang Up
CW Eddy Total: 1
CW Falk
04/07/20 13:46 Harassment
04/09/20 01:10 Domestic
04/09/20 12:51 ASSIST
04/10/20 14:30 Court Order
Violation
04/11/20 13:34 Medical
CW Falk Total: 5
CW Holst
04/10/20 09:27 Suspicious Activity
CW Holst Total: 1
CW LaPraire
04/08/20 12:12 Medical
CW LaPraire Total: 1

CW LaPraire N
04/05/20 16:08 ASSIST
04/07/20 15:11 Domestic
04/10/20 00:08 Sexual Conduct
04/11/20 00:09 Disturbance
CW LaPraire N Total: 4
CW Leon
04/06/20 21:44 Traffic Stop
04/07/20 04:25 Traffic Stop
04/10/20 18:33 Traffic Complaint
CW Leon Total: 3
CW Moose Creek
04/07/20 18:36 Information Only
CW Moose Creek Total: 1
CW Nora
04/06/20 16:17 Suspicious Activity
04/07/20 19:58 Suspicious Activity
04/07/20 20:17 911 Hang Up
04/07/20 20:33 Animal Related
04/11/20 21:03 Traffic Stop
CW Nora Total: 5
CW Out of Jurisdiction
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CFS Date/Time Description
04/07/20 21:30 Assist Other
Agency
CW Out of Jurisdiction Total: 1
CW Pine Lake
04/06/20 10:24 Traffic Stop
CW Pine Lake Total: 1
CW Popple
04/09/20 16:03 Alarm
04/09/20 21:12 Alarm
CW Popple Total: 2
CW Rice
04/06/20 13:09 Motor Vehicle
Theft
04/07/20 02:46 Traffic Stop
04/07/20 12:07 Suspicious Activity
04/08/20 13:39 Suspicious Activity
04/10/20 11:13 Missing/Lost
Person
04/11/20 15:25 Traffic Stop
CW Rice Total: 6
CW Shevlin
04/05/20 08:56 Traffic Stop
04/05/20 10:30 Traffic Stop
04/07/20 10:02 Traffic Stop
04/07/20 11:19 911 Hang Up
04/08/20 22:46 Transport
CW Shevlin Total: 5
CW Sinclair
04/06/20 13:39 Traffic Stop
04/07/20 19:40 Traffic Stop
CW Sinclair Total: 2
Total Records: 58



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