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Work has started on the new addition to the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Haataja Contracting of Menahga received the general construction contract for \$969,700. They have a fenced in area with some of their equipment. The photo below shows equipment from Dyrdahl Construction who has been doing some dirt moving. Custom Aire Inc. from Grand Forks received the bid for the mechanical work for \$292,890 and Hill River Electric in Gully received the Electrical bid for \$108,375.42.



Dyrdahl Construction with their equipment at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

Commissioners send Resolution to recall 'Stay at Home' order - 'It's time to restart our economy!'

By Karen Edelbach
When the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on April 21, they had a discussion for a Resolution about the difficulties expected in the County for an economic recovery. It includes requesting that Governor Tim Walz recall the stay at home order of March 16 due to the Corona virus requiring the closure of bars, restaurants, and other places of public accommodations, and allow the opening of these establishments.

"I look at the big picture down the road, and the businesses not being open," said Commissioner Mark Titera who has been working on obtaining an overview of the affect the shut down is having on local citizens as well as information from surrounding counties.

"It is time to come up with a State plan and encourage the Governor to get the economy going again."

He has been polling counties from the Canadian Border to Martin County, and thinking about how we are going to get our county going again.

Director of Nursing and Public Health weighed in on the subject and the need she sees for more testing.

"With guidelines from the Federal government, we have not met their criteria yet. I think we have to hold tight longer," Marissa Hetlund said. "It's a thoughtful process."

"I have been in the health profession here for over 21 years. We are slowing and postponing the spread with the social distancing and stay at home measures by protecting the community. That's my job," she added.

"People need some hope that there is an end to this," said

Commissioner Neal Illies.

"I think the government needs to look at states more like us, such as Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota," said Commissioner Dean Newland.

"We are completely different from the Twin Cities, and we need to be more cautious," said Commissioner Mark Larson.

"The Resolution says we want the Governor to recall the order," said Commissioner John Nelson, "but this needs to be a thoughtful process." He felt one reason we don't have many cases here is that we've followed the request to be sheltered in place.

"Commissioners should be part of a plan with other regional counties," he believes.

The motion to send the Resolution to the Governor was made by Commissioner Titera, and seconded by Commissioner Illies. The Commissioners were split on the vote, with three in favor and Commissioners Mark Larson and John Nelson against the motion. The Resolution was passed.

Chester Powell and **Briel Prokosch**, Program Technicians from Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) were on the Board Agenda.

"We are here to ask what you want to do about the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program," Briel explained.

"The DNR said training is to be May 7 via the internet. We have the option to have Ambassadors, just as educational for the townships, county and city," Chester said.

It was asked what would happen at Lake Lomond. Chester said a site for decontamination of watercraft would be set up by the bath house.

"Inspectors can make decontamination mandatory, both

coming in and leaving the area. If they refuse, they can be denied access, as long as the City is okay with that," he said.

A consensus of the Board members were in favor of that approach to have inspectors.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$28,141 for the County Revenue Fund and \$19,747 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Health and Human Services Board meeting was conducted by Commissioner Mark Larson. The Board approved the agenda and the paying of bills.

Jamie Halverson said it would be nice to have access to the Board of Commissioners more often. It was determined to make that request a work session topic on May 8.

"It should start with the Human Service Board Meeting first," Commissioner John Nelson said. It was pointed out that a lot of counties do not have a separate board.

Attorney Al Rogalla requested and received the rescinding of previous motion for hiring of a part time Legal Secretary which contained incorrect wage information. A new motion to advertise with the correct wage range of \$16.09 to \$21.03 was approved.

"I am really motivated to get the courts open. We will have a hard six months, and there are a lot of trials piling up," he said. "We have to be mindful, but the sooner the better for all government."

All Commissioners were present at the meeting: John Nelson by teleconference; Neal Illies, Dean Newland, Mark Titera, and Mark Larson.

Changes at Clearwater County Food Shelf

The Clearwater County Food Shelf has been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic in many ways.

We have seen our clientele increase by 64 families in the past month and we have not seen some of our elderly population come to the food shelf. We have had individuals donate part of or their entire stimulus check and we have also received grants from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, North Country Food Bank and Hunger Solutions.

In light of the ramifications

of the pandemic, the CCFS has made some changes effective through May 31. Curbside service with prepacked boxes will remain in effect. Clients are eligible to receive food once per month. Effective April 29 and all Wednesdays in May, clients may receive an additional pickup per month. We will be providing more poundage, as well as paper products, bread products, additional protein and fresh fruit, if available.

Because the pandemic has kept our at-risk population homebound, we have partnered

with the Clearwater County Sheriff's department to provide delivery to homebound clients within Clearwater County through May 31.

If you are at-risk and cannot come to the Food Shelf, call 694-6400 between 10 am and 2 pm on Wednesday. We will take your information and your delivery will be made on Thursday.

All changes will be reviewed at the end of May and adjustments will be made accordingly dependent upon the pandemic and it's impact on Minnesota.

Inter-County Community Council changes being made to their services

Inter-County Community Council employees are continuing to provide services by working remotely during the shelter in place order. Please call us to see how we can assist you. Additional service delivery changes are as follows.

The Oklee food shelf will be open one day a week (Wednesdays) going forward. Please call 218-796-5144 to preorder your food box. Food boxes will be placed on tables outside in the back of our building and available for pick up Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-4:00p.m.

MNsure has announced a special enrollment period which begins Monday, March 23rd and runs through April 21st, and will allow uninsured individuals 30 days to enroll in health insurance coverage. If you need assistance in completing enrollment please call our office or go online at mnsure.org

Homeless program services are continued to be offered,

individuals struggling with homelessness at this time are encouraged to call.

Program information and applications can be found on our website: www.intercountycouncil.org

To access services please call 1-218-796-5144, extensions listed below.

- Food Shelf press 1010
- MNsure press 1017

- Homeless Assistance press 6

- Energy Assistance Emergencies press 4

- Employment and Training press 7

- Head Start press 5

- Weatherization press 3

- All other calls press 0 to leave a message and someone will return your call.



Jackie Lynn Taffin

Taffin Signs with Northland Pioneers BB

Jackie Lynn Taffin has signed on to play basketball at Northland College in Thief River Falls for upcoming school year & will be pursuing a degree in nursing.

Jackie Lynn will be a graduate of Class of 2020 from Clearbrook-Gonvick. Congratulations Jackie Lynn!!!, go get um!

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.

The History Center in Shevlin is currently closed due to the Covid19 pandemic. While you can't visit the museum, the staff will provide stories from our county's past- "The ABC's of Clearwater County" in the meantime.

A is for Alida

Alida, population 16: is what you see when entering the village. Soon after you'll come upon a city garage, a store, fire and town hall and a sign for a church and number of residences. The town received its name from John Lind, the state governor at the time that Alida got its first post office. It is believed the name Alida was someone the governor knew.

The village of Alida was first platted in 1897, as part of the Beltrami County. A short time later, John Olson brought his wife Julie and their daughter Anna to this spot in the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of section 10 in Bear Creek Township. Upon arrival, the Olson's set up a post office that opened on December 22, 1898. John Olson was the first postmaster, with his daughter Anna taking over the position sometime before 1910. She was postmaster until the post office closed and rural free delivery came out of Shevlin, sometime after 1920.

Along with the post office, John and his wife started a store. This store was eventually called the Alida Trading Co. and in recent years it has been renamed the Alida Country Store. Not too many years after starting the store, Olson sold the business to a Birger L. Smestad. This sale took place before 1910. Within the next ten years, Smestad sold the operation to Jim Gordon, son of A.L. Gordon of the Shevlin Trading Co.; so by 1920 the Alida store was again under new ownership. Gordon ran the business at the original location on the eastern half of block 6 of platted Alida, where today's county garage now stands. The general store added gas pumps in about 1921, to keep the new horseless carriages running. This building was consumed by fire in 1938.

Ervin Sletten recalled that one day, as a boy heading home from school, a grass fire got out of hand and destroyed the business. Gordon then moved the business into the Town Hall that was located in the southwest quarter of block 5 in the location of today's Bear Creek Fire Hall. The current store was moved across the street from today's fire hall in May or June 1957. The building that now



Alida 1925.

houses the store was originally St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bagley.

Behind the original Alida store was the Hagen Boarding House and Bakery. The operators were Anders (Andrew) and Annette Hagen. The business consisted of a small meat market, bakery and rooms for rent; usually the tenants of these rooms were lumbermen. On top of all this, Anders was also section foreman for the railway that was used by the logging company in the area. The Hagen's lived in a little house across from the boarding house. The business was in operation when Selma Hagen, Anders and Annette's second child was born in 1904. Selma remembers living in town until between age 2 and 3 until her family moved to a farm outside of town.

Prior to moving the church that became today's Country Store, to block 2 of Alida, this was the location of a livery stable and blacksmith shop. Some of the blacksmiths in town from the start of the village were Knute Bonde, Ingval Johnson, followed by Eugene Berg. It is unclear, however, which of these men if any, had their shop along with the livery stable.

Located behind the livery stable, was where some recall a second general merchandise store. This one was operated by Nels Lee. Not much is known about this general store, however, the family was well known. Lee and his wife Valerie lived on a farm

2 miles south and 1 mile west of Alida. It was on this farm that they raised their children. Carl was the eldest, with siblings named Engman, Sophie, Valerie and Norman. Carl and his younger brother Engman both died of pneumonia when they each turned 18, a sad coincidence!

The early settlers of Alida felt the need for a school early on. The first school was built one-mile north and half-mile east of town in 1902. It was a small frame structure with an entry on the north. The school at one point housed 45 students. This building was soon in need of a replacement. In the 1920's a stucco structure was constructed about a quarter of a mile from the County Highway 2 and County Highway 36 junction. Not long after the school was constructed the Alida, Bear Creek and Flaws schools consolidated. The Alida School was then used for all three. In later years, enrollment increased enough that a second room was needed. The Vern School that was closed earlier was purchased and moved to the Alida school grounds. The building was placed on the north side of the Alida School where it remained until the 1970's. In 1968, the Alida School consolidated with Bagley. The Alida School was sold to the Bear Creek Township and used as a town and community hall prior to the building of the current town hall in 1984. The school was then

Alida...
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Alida Bakery.

Community Calendar

LIVE! Gardening with Eric Bergeson

Join us for a live event on Facebook featuring local author and gardening expert Eric Bergeson!

Eric will go live on the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Facebook page to share more about his latest book, "Let's Grow on the Northern Prairie" and will answer your questions about growing plants and vegetables in the area. Plus join the discussion with fellow gardening enthusiasts on the event page.

This virtual event is made possible thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Join us on the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Facebook page on Wednesday, April 29 at 7 PM.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Friday May 8th
5:00 PM

at Silver Creek, Greenwood, Seljord, Westby, Augustana & Clearwater Cemeteries

Bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, gloves

We will practice social distancing.
Contact: Brad Borene
776-3344 for details

Thank You!

Thanks for the surprise meal at Easter and to the volunteers who delivered them. Very special people to do this.
- Karen Jorgenson

Thank You

A Special Thanks to Marni Knutson and her band of elves for the very good food. Very thoughtful. Love to you all.
- Tony Eck

Good friends help you find things when you have lost them... things like your smile, your hope and your courage.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., April 29 - Pub Fish, scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli Cuts, Corn Muffin and Milk.

Thurs., April 30- Beef Tips and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Beets, Bar, Dinner Roll and Milk.

Fri., May 1 - Chicken Chow Mein, Rice Noodles, Oriental Veg., Fruit Cocktail, Bread and Milk.

Mon. May 4- Egg Bake with Sausage, Cheesy, Hash Browns, Green Peas, Coffee-cake and Milk.

Tues., May 5 - Taco Hotdish, Pineapple, Bread and Milk.

Wed., May 6 - Chicken and Noodles, Candied Carrots, Fruit, Dinner Roll, Sherbet and Milk.
Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

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.

FROM THE PAST - 2002



Pictures from the top left to right: AAL and Lutheran Brotherhood branches put on a spaghetti feed for Roseau flood relief victims. From left to right Barb Brooks, John Brooks, Eileen Lien, Shirley Graftaas, Diane Johnson, Ardella Lindberg, Bernice Magnussen, Arlys Mathis, Fay Bjerke, Charlotte

TeHennepe, Gary Mathis, Ruth Hanson, Helmer Hanson, Merlin Rogstad, Eleanor Sundquist and Richard Vinje.

Area veterans at the Veterans day program.

Marni Knutson in the Rodeo parade.

Mark Edevold with his new-est invention.

Former teachers Miriam Payne, Harriet Holm, Elvera Lundmark and Sylvia Jurgens.

Cliff Fischer congratulating Andrew and Violet Widseth.

Floater in the Leonard Bash parade.

Clearwater Veterinary Service picture that was in their Christmas ad for 2002.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 2

04/21/20 14:41 Suspicious Activity

04/25/20 12:36 Burglary

City of Bagley - Total 11

04/20/20 06:35 THEFT, 12:26

Medical

04/21/20 17:27 Traffic Stop

04/22/20 04:13 Suspicious Activity,

10:48 Medical, 14:12 Animal Related,

23:39 Medical

04/23/20 12:17 Medical, 13:03

Medical

04/25/20 12:27 Medical, 7:35 Fire

City of Clearbrook - Total 4

04/19/20 15:54

04/19/20 20:29 Civil Complaint

04/24/20 12:05 Suspicious Activity

04/25/20 10:14 Property Damage

City of Shevlin - Total 4

04/21/20 09:25 Vehicle Lock Out

04/21/20 23:53 Noise Complaint

04/23/20 07:20 Traffic Stop

04/25/20 14:05 Traffic Complaint

Clover - Total 1

04/23/20 13:04 Alarm

Copley - Total 8

04/20/20 08:16 Property Damage

04/20/20 12:20 ASSIST

04/22/20 13:31 Fire

04/23/20 13:20 Traffic Stop

04/23/20 14:40 Fire

04/24/20 06:44 Traffic Complaint

04/24/20 08:22 Property Damage

04/25/20 03:36 Noise Complaint

Eddy - Total 1

04/22/20 08:29 911 Hang Up

Falk - Total 3

04/23/20 20:02 Traffic Stop

04/24/20 13:45 Disorderly

04/24/20 22:59 Suspicious Activity

Greenwood - Total 1

04/23/20 18:01 Suspicious Activity

Holst - Total 4

04/21/20 12:55 Welfare Check

04/21/20 21:58 911 Hang Up

04/22/20 12:37 Traffic Stop

04/23/20 17:10 911 Hang Up

LaPraire - Total 2

04/23/20 22:20 Suicide Related

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.

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 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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04/25/20 17:33 Overdose
LaPraire N - Total 5
04/19/20 02:22 Fire, 03:25 Trespass,
18:06 Disturbance
04/21/20 12:42 Warrant Arrest
04/25/20 22:48 ASSIST
Leon - Total 6
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Medical, 19:32 Disturbance
04/22/20 01:20 Traffic Complaint
04/25/20 19:32 911 Hang Up
Moose Creek - Total 1
04/24/20 08:04 Property Damage
Nora - Total 3
04/20/20 07:02 Traffic Stop
04/22/20 19:42 Domestic
04/24/20 15:58 ASSIST
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 4
04/22/20 17:37 Assist Other Agency
04/23/20 18:14 Fire
04/24/20 07:55 911 Hang Up

04/25/20 16:24 Fire
Pine Lake - Total 3
04/21/20 18:54 Fire
04/22/20 12:18 Fire
04/25/20 07:00 Information Only
Popple - Total 6
04/19/20 05:03 Animal Related
04/20/20 09:18 Medical
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04/25/20 01:18 Lost/Found Property
04/25/20 08:36 Information Only
Rice - Total 8
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04/22/20 00:36 Suspicious Activity,
18:17 Traffic Complaint, 20:35 Extra
Patrol
04/23/20 20:48 Traffic Stop
04/23/20 20:49 Burglary
04/25/20 11:24 Burglary
Shevlin - Total 4
04/23/20 07:02 Traffic Stop, 08:14
Civil Complaint, 10:36 Fraud, 21:12
Motor Vehicle Crash
Sinclair - Total 2
04/22/20 12:03 Alarm
04/25/20 16:35 Lost/Found Property
Total Records: 91
Wednesday, April 29, 2020

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

School news

C-G Families and Community Members,
I want to give you a quick update on operations of the school

Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors

Each week the Leader-Record is featuring the 2020 seniors



Name: Danae Stenzel
Family Members: Parents – Tom & Cheryl Stenzel, Sister – Madison Stenzel
Best high school memory: Showing up early to the Laporte basketball game and going out for burgers at “3rd Base” right before we played.
Best part of being a senior: Being at the top of the chain and planning for the

future.
Favorite Teacher or Coach: Mrs. Rettmann
Favorite class: Anatomy with Goudge
Favorite movie: The Longest Ride
Favorite song or band: “Chapters” by Brett Young
Plans for next year: Go to the University of Minnesota Rochester for nursing



Name: Chase Voxland
Family members: Jo, Barry, and Hunter Voxland
Best High School Memory: I think my favorite high school memory was homecoming week. I had a lot of fun being King and wearing my crown.
Best part of being a senior: I love having the perks of Senioritis. Thanks Mrs. DeVries for not counting me tardy all the time!
Favorite coach or teacher: I have a couple. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs.

DeVries, and Bettin. They're all pretty cool.

Favorite class: My favorite class is probably being a TA. I love messing with Lauren, Mykenzie, and Danielle

Favorite movie: My favorite movie is probably Finding Nemo. I will always remember squishy. Favorite song or band: My favorite band is Queen. No comments needed.

Plans for next year: I will be going to the University of South Dakota in Vermilion. My plan is to major in business!



Name: Lukas Preston
Family Members: Jessica Beadle & Tony Preston
Best high school memory: English with Kaucher because every day was an adventure
Best part of being a senior: Getting out of here.
Favorite Teacher or

Coach: Kroulik aka Supreme Commander
Favorite class: Shop
Favorite movie: Menace II Society
Favorite song or band: Future – Life is Good (Remix)
Plans for next year: Work till I drop



Name: Jonny Hamnes
Family members: Parents Dean and Jamie Hamnes
Best High School Memory: Playing Football under the Friday night lights
Best part of being a senior: Getting to go first in lines.
Favorite coach or teacher: Mr. Kroulik

Favorite class: 2nd hour TA for Mr. Eck

Favorite movie: Step Brothers

Favorite song or band: Luke Combs

Plans for next year: Attend M-State in Wadena to become an Electrical Lineman



Name: Jonah Russell Faldet
Family Members: Parents – Ross & Jennifer Faldet, Sisters – Madelyne & Danielle Faldet
Best high school memory: Helping with elementary basketball camps.
Best part of being a senior: Being able to notice how far you have come in 12 years

of school.
Favorite Teacher or Coach: Mrs. Nielsen
Favorite class: Teacher Assistant for Mr. Eck
Favorite movie: Creed II
Favorite song or band: Juice World
Plans for next year: I'm thinking about linemen school but undecided where yet.



Name: Sam Johnson
Family Members: Parents - Doug & Robyn Johnson, Brother – Luke, Sisters – Moriah & Mikala
Best high school memory: Tyler's voice cracking 24/7.
Best part of being a senior: Being the oldest.
Favorite Teacher or

Coach: Mr. Bettin & Mrs. Goudge

Favorite class: Yearbook

Favorite movie: Ratatouille

Favorite song or band: Sum 2 Prove – Lil Baby

Plans for next year: Attend M-State in Moorhead



Name: Levi Nelson
Family Members: Parents – Paul & Rachel, Brother - Ty
Best high school memory: There are too many to decide from.
Best part of being a senior: Being able to do almost whatever you want.
Favorite Teacher or

Coach: Teacher - Mr. Bettin, Coaches - Mr. C & Chris Westrum
Favorite class: Work Study
Favorite movie: Venom
Favorite song or band: Luke Combs
Plans for next year: Work on the road.

right now and how we are preparing to operate through the end of the school year. We have no cases confirmed of COVID-19 in the Clearbrook-Gonvick district at this time. We will continue to monitor and inform you of any updates. Distance Learning will be continuing through the end of the school year. We will operate on regularly scheduled days with the last day of school for seniors on the 22nd of May and the last day for

K - 11th grade students on the 28th of May. Emergency care and food services will be operating during this time.

Communication- We are doing our best to only have essential personnel in the building. The best way to communicate is through email. Our staff emails are located on the school website. <https://www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us/> On the School website, click on the District drop-down menu, then Staff Directory to locate staff emails. You can also leave a voicemail for staff on their school phones, extensions are listed on the school website. Staff will be checking voicemail periodically to receive messages and make callbacks. With safety being a priority, we are having staff work from home as much as possible. If you have questions or need assistance with Synergy ParentVue or StudentVue access, please contact Debbie Moy at (218)776-3112, Ext. 0, or email at: dmoy@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Emergency Personnel Care- We are operating care services for students aged 4-12 of emergency personnel in our area for people who do not have another option. We try to keep the number of people in the building small so essential services are not disrupted. For bussing please contact Stein's Bus Service. Care services run on our normal school schedule and times and calendar dates. Early out 2:28 p.m. Wednesday times are still in place at this time. Debbie Moy in the District Office is the first point of contact for this at (218)776-3112, Ext. 0, or email at: dmoy@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Food Service- We are operating food service for those in need. These meals are free of charge. We offer delivery services for those in need. For the meals, we give out a lunch for that day and a breakfast for the next day. On Mondays: we will provide meals for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and on Thursdays: we will provide meals for Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please contact us if you are in need of a meal for any student age 0-18 who lives within our district. Most districts in the area are offering meals for any student

who lives within their borders, no matter where they attend. Our Red Lake meals are delivered to the St. Mary's Mission School from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Robin Proffitt is the first point of contact for this. (218)776-3112, Ext. 320 or email at: robinp@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Student Materials- If you are in need of essential materials please contact us and we will do our best to get these materials out. If chromebook is needed please contact us and we will do our best to get that out. Andy Anderson is the first point of contact for this. (218)-776-3112, Ext. 104 or email at: andyanderson@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Distance Learning- We will be operating distance learning through the end of the year. Please make sure that you are completing materials. Grades and attendance are taken through this period. If you are having issues, please contact your teacher as soon as possible. We also have phone calls going out to check on progress. This is another avenue to request help. Please be proactive during this time.

Teacher Communication- All teachers will have daily office hours. Email will be the best form of communication. There are also messaging options through the online platforms. Staff will be able to check their voice messages at the school as well. If you have a question or concern please contact the teacher first. After contacting the teacher, the next point of contact would be the principal.

Mental Health Services- Stellher will still be providing mental health services. For students who were already enrolled, these services will be held through Zoom. If there is an emergency,

Michelle Raiter is available at mraiter@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us or (218)533-1067.

Homeless Services- For students experiencing homelessness, our school homeless liaison and first point of contact is Megan Godtland. (218)776-3112 Ext. 406 or email at: mgodtland@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Events- At this time, all events and after school activities are cancelled or postponed during the closure. We are currently looking at graduation and the different options for this important event. We will hopefully have plans out at the end of the first week in May. I understand this is difficult, but we would like to make sure we give the best opportunity for this ceremony, considering the circumstances.

Thank you,
Jeff Burgess, Superintendent



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

From my mail...

Received a note from Ralph Anderson from Pickens, SC with his subscription renewal. He went on to say, "It was nice speaking with you. That telephone, sure was a great invention!"

My wife and I want to remain on your "mailing list." Here is your subscription renewal fee. Thanks for producing such a great newspaper. This country need more newspapers like yours! Keep it up. Gratefully, Ralph and

Susan"

Hydrants will be flushed in the city of Gonvick between the dates of May 6th and May 8th.

Gully Postpones Summer Celebration

Due to the Covid-19 Outbreak, Gully's 110 year celebration scheduled for July 16-19 has been canceled for 2020.

Hopefully the celebration can be rescheduled for 2021 when the community can once again gather.

Joke Time - A Swede was sympathizing with a Norwegian who had lost three wives in three years. The Swede asked how they died. "Well, da first von died from poisoned mushrooms," explained the Ole.

"And the second one?" asked the Swede"

"Same ting... poisoned mushrooms."

"How about the last one," asked the puzzled Swede.

"Oh her," said the Ole, "Fractured skull."

"How come?"

"Wouldn't eat her mushrooms."



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Letter to the Editor

While watching TV this morning I noticed a segment on sewing masks. There was a story on a major station about people who were volunteering sewing masks for front line workers, local institutions and hospitals in need of them.

That is happening right here, too. I know of two sewers from Clearbrook. I hear there are more people donating fabric and delivering the finished product to businesses. Thank you to all those involved for giving your time! You are an inspiration and don't receive the credit which is due. Thank you, C. Cease

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sold and used as a rental property until it was remodeled into a private home. The Vern School was sold to the Clearwater County Historical Society in the 1970's, and is now part of the historic village campus in Shevlin.
Even before building a school, the early settlers of Alida felt the need for a place to worship. The church, which still stands today, was called the Alida Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church. The congregation was first formed on March 4, 1900 when a group of men came together and adopted a constitution. The land that the building stands on was donated by Ole Stephenson in 1900. The land was 3 acres in size, and each man of the congregation was to furnish 1200 ft. of lumber and the labor necessary to construct a church. The building was underway by 1904 and completed in 1913, with the addition of the chimney. In the 1920's the grounds were finished, and the addition of a pulpit, altar and ring were brought from Fosston by John Olson. In 1953, the building was raised and a basement and kitchen were added to the church. Four years prior to the addition of the basement, the tower and church bell were added in 1949.
Many of the early residents of Alida were community and family oriented. However, nearby there were the logging camps. Where there were loggers, there were also saloons and brothels. There were a number of saloons in the town of Alida. One of these saloons started out as a dance pavilion owned by the Farmers Club. It was located east of the old store location, and in this club, farmers in the area would gather for meetings, socializing and dancing. The dances took place most every weekend. This club was sold in 1937 to Henry Wid-

mark. Widmark had a beer joint and dance hall in this location called the Elmwood Tavern. This business was then sold to Emil Void and later to Art Humboldt. The business was in operation until the mid 1940's.
There were several other saloons in the town of Alida, especially around the turn of the century. The southeast side of Main Street was the area where the saloons were located. One of these saloons, directly across from today's county garage was owned by Otto Kilen. It was in Kilen's saloon that the first murder in Clearwater County took place. Ole Stephenson, who earlier donated property for the church, was also the constable of Alida. On the afternoon of March 29, 1903, a card game commenced. One man by the name of Mullen won a pocket watch from a man by the name of Murphy who was drunk. After the game ended, Mullen took possession of Murphy's watch. Mullen then sold the watch to Gilbert Engen for \$6.00. Meanwhile, after losing his watch, Murphy went to sleep. An hour or so later, Murphy woke up and wanted his watch back. He went to Kilen, the saloon's owner, and asked him to retrieve his watch. Kilen said he would get the constable. When the constable arrived, a fight had broken out. When Stephenson charged in to break up the fight, Engen had a knife exposed, and caught the constable in the temple. The men of Alida valiantly tried to get Stephenson to the hospital in Bemidji. They lashed together 2 hand pump railroad cars and went as fast as possible, but to no avail. Stephenson died in the hospital the next day. He was 34 years old.
Engen was tried and found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree. He was sentenced to 15 years in the State Prison at Stillwater. He served 8 years, and

released for good behavior.
The murder of Ole Stephenson has left a sad mark on the history of Alida. Aside from this sad event, Alida has had a history of hard working settlers with a will to continue. At its height, Alida boasted a population of about 40, near the end of the 1930's. Though the population has dropped to 16, the town of Alida has reached its 100th anniversary, and will continue into its second century of existence.
Written in 1999, CCHS staff research.

The Influenza Epidemic of 1932
Tamara Edevold
Clearwater County Historical Society-

There have been several "pandemics" of Influenza over the past 300 or more years. One of the earliest recorded pandemics is thought to have occurred in 1580, which spread influenza from Asia to Africa and then to Europe. It lasted over 6 months and over 8000 people died from it in Rome, and several Spanish cities were reported to be decimated. Between the years of 1700 and 2000, ten influenza pandemics have been recorded plus several smaller outbreaks. In more recent history the pandemic of 1918-1920 (Spanish Flu) is considered on be one of the most dramatic events of medical history: one scientist calling it "the greatest medical holocaust in history." Of course this is before today's Covid19 pandemic.

While doing research on pandemics, I came across descriptions of a similar event of influenza in our county. While not considered a pandemic, the Flu outbreak of 1932 was devastating for several families in our county.

One of the first headlines appeared in the February 25, 1932 issue: EPIDEMIC CLOSES SEVERAL SCHOOLS. The article read "An influenza epidemic has necessitated the closing of the schools in Clearbrook, Gonvick, Fosston McIntosh and Erskine. At Clearbrook the attendance was cut down to a half because of illness. Bagley apparently has escaped the epidemic, as only a few absences have been report from the school. There are a few cases in the community but they are all mild."

Bagley did not escape for long, two weeks later in the March 10, 1932 issue of the Farmers Independent this headline appeared: EPIDEMIC WORSE SCHOOLS CLOSE

The Influenza epidemic struck Bagley last week and a large number have been confined to their homes as a result. Not since the days of the war has the flu epidemic been so widespread, but fortunately most cases are of a mild character and its victims are usually able to be about after a three of four days illness. The attendance at the local school has suffered considerable and it has been decided to close the schools for the rest of the week. The attendance has been gradually getting worse, so the school authorities thought that it would be worthwhile trying this measure. It was not a mild case of influenza for Bagley High School

basketball star Robert Courtney. (in photo) The 16 year old was reported as helping lead his team to victory in the sub-district basketball championships on Saturday Feb. 27. In 2 games he scored 11 of the 40 points made.

Nine days later he died in the Bagley Hospital. It had been thought he had a cold, but it quickly got worse, forcing him to the hospital on Thursday March 3 where he rallied, only to lose ground and die on Sunday morning March 6. Sadly this was the same illness that had killed his mother, Ora Hill Courtney, in January 1920.

Bobby was the son of George B. Courtney and brother to Harvey. His obituary appeared in the March 10, 1932 Farmers Independent where he was described as "Bright, Happy and Cheerful, Bobby was a great favorite among his acquaintances and his death cast a gloom over the entire community. He was a senior at Bagley High and would have graduated in June of 1932. He was active in athletics and the school band."

A few months later, at Class Day Exercises, Robert posthumously received a letter in excellence in Basketball.

His classmates were of course distressed and published this resolution in the March 10th issue:

"Whereas it has pleased God Almighty, in his infinite wisdom and mercy to call to his final rest our friend and school mate Robert L. Courtney be it therefore:

Resolved that we, the student body of the Bagley High School, hereby express our sorrow and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved father and brother, and be it further:

Resolved that this resolution be printed in our local newspaper.

Committee: Viola Sollom, Senior Class; George Erickson, Junior Class; Antony Krolop, Sophomore class; Edna Anderson, Freshman Class; H. A. Jorgenson, Faculty."

Robert's funeral was held March 9 at the Congregational church. The pallbearers were members of the basketball team. Also reported was that several members of neighboring school's basketball teams were in attendance and the "floral offers surpassed that of any ever seen before."

One week later the second and third victims of the outbreak was reported. One death was reported in one sentence:

Pete Matson who for the last six years had made his home with the Robert Lundmark family near Leonard, passed away on Thursday March 10 after a brief pneumonia illness.

The other received the headline: Pneumonia Takes Another Victim.

Miss Mina Josephine Olson, just 15 years old and a freshman at Bagley, became sick on Tuesday March 8th and passed away on March 11th at the home of her aunt and uncle Mr. & Mrs. N.O. Nelson. Her family lived some 18 miles north of Fosston and Mina was staying with her aunt while she attended high school.

In WHO'S WHO IN SCHOOL LIFE, (the newspaper column written by Bagley students) reporter Louise Roedocker wrote: "The friends and schoolmates of Mina Olson, who passed away Friday will sadly miss her happy smiling presence and can only join in the prayer of countless others that God in his infinite wisdom and mercy will that her to his home where pain and sorrow is unknown."

Over the course of the next few weeks no less than three poems were published in the local newspaper in tribute to Mina and Robert

Some three weeks later, on April 6, Mrs. John Aune (Mary Lindgren) of Alida was reported as having died from complications of pneumonia after coming

down with the flu some weeks earlier. This would have been during the last week of February or first week of March- the same time as Robert Courtney and Mina Olson had come down with the same illness. Mrs. Aune however was considerably older, being 70 years, 2 months and nine days old at the time of her death. The Vern news column, reported that Mrs. Aune was "one of those who had endured the hardships of pioneer life and had still reserved her happy and cheerful nature. A woman who was always ready to help and had been a faithful worker in the church and community." Three ministers spoke at her funeral: Rev. Bode and Rev. Leeland spoke in the Norwegian language and Rev. Anderson in English.

Through out the months of March and April, in nearly every local news column from Winsor to Vern, school closings were reported. Winsor closed March 15 and was to remain closed until March 29. The two-week vacation was extended two more weeks on March 24th, which also covered the Easter Vacation. Mallard, Shevlin, and other rural schools did the same, closing earlier then usual for the Easter Holiday (which fell on March 27th that year) and remaining closed longer.

In the local news columns reports of whole families down with the flu were reported. In Clearbrook, the junior play, which had been postponed in mid February due to a storm, was again postponed in early March because the cast was unable to take their parts due the Flu. In the Leonard news it was reported "nearly every home in the village has been visited by the flu from one to all members of the family being ill. The same reported in Leon "Nearly every home in the town of Leon has

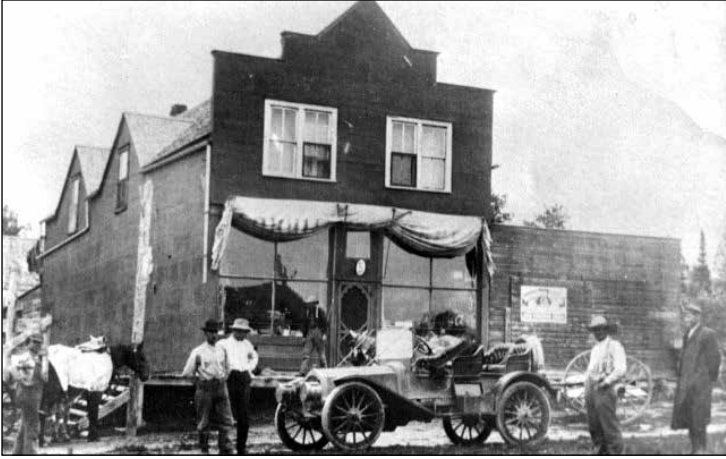
some of its members sick with the flu." The correspondent for the South Holst Copley News wrote "several families of the locality are entertaining the flu the past few weeks. So far as we know all are getting better as of this writing."

Even in the Greenwood News Notes a message of sympathy was sent out to County Agent Chase who lost his prize ewe sheep that he was keeping at Robert Brue's farm. The sheep died from the prevalent pneumonia during the week of March 14th.

An editorial appeared on March 3 that while admonishing people to stay home, the editor did not seem to take it seriously. His prophecy however was eerily close to what did happen:

"The Flu has taken a lot of people out of circulation recently in neighboring villages. It seems a hard thing to escape when once it gets started. If you go out you will catch it. If you stay in someone will bring it to you. One of the first indications that you are about to be hallucinated by it is that your throat feels like the inside of a rain barrel after a long dry spell. If your eyes feel as if they had been sandpapered and refined inside and out and your nose works like new plumbing, it leaks in several places unless you insist on remaining in one place, your clothes don't fit, your temperature goes about 4 points above par, and you are too weak to blow your nose, there is a strong indication that you will be sick first thing you know. According to reliable information, one of the best things to do is go to bed whether it is your bedtime or not. The only way you can be absolutely sure that you are over it is to remain in bed until you have forgotten what is was you went there for."

These words of warning, printed in 1932, are still good advice for 2020.



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Garald Halverson Todd Nelson Sinclair Township Stanley Johnson Lakes Concrete Inc. Dale Vogt (Linda Ubert)	stockpile only	NW¼NE¼	Sec. 12, Moose Creek
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