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Burgess reports progress on the early childhood building addition

By Bonnie Kirchman
The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board met for its regularly scheduled session on May 18th, 2020. Video conferencing, using the Zoom platform, allowed social distancing guidelines to be followed for the meeting.

Superintendent Burgess updated board members on the progress of the early childhood building addition. The exterior framing and interior masonry have been completed and the project is on or ahead of schedule, thanks in part to good weather conditions. With construction underway, the staff is looking at the budget for early childhood programs for the 2020-2021 school year.

Advertising has been placed for the open high school English teacher position. A couple of staff positions are on hold for right now, until more is known about the impacts of the coronavirus on school programming.

Superintendent Burgess was asked if any information has been received about Minnesota schools re-opening in the fall. He replied that he has not received any communication on time lines for returning to regular school classes. Some possibilities have been discussed at the state level, including a hybrid of distance learning and traditional classroom learning. Under the hybrid system, students would rotate being in school and learning at home. This would reduce the number of students in the building on each day and provide a means for maintaining social distancing. Burgess stated that he hopes the school receives information on re-opening by mid-summer, so administration and staff can make plans for next year.

Superintendent Burgess reported that the Minnesota Department of Education budget personnel will hold a meeting on June 2nd to look at financial issues for next year. With state revenue down, there may be some interruptions or delays in school funding. Burgess stated that the district has a good general fund built up that will be helpful in coping with funding issues if they arise.

Burgess introduced the topic of aid anticipation to the board. This could be used in the event of payment delays from the state to cover expenses such as payroll. General funds could also be used in this situation. At this stage in financial planning, a motion on aid anticipation was not needed. But board members expressed their support for use of aid anticipation, as it could help maintain the general fund level.

Community Education directors from the region were scheduled to meet on May 19th. The goal of the meeting would be to come up with a plan for the area for cancelling summer recreation programs or postponing these activities until later in the summer. Some of these programs are run by schools, while some are run by towns, making coordination of these changes more difficult. Clearbrook-Gon-

vick school board members will be updated when an area plan is developed.

Superintendent Jeff Burgess informed the board members that all schools in Minnesota had received new limitations on graduation ceremonies from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education. The new rulings prohibit all in-person ceremonies due to continued concerns about spreading COVID-19.

School administration and board members had developed a modified graduation plan that was approved at the May 4th school board meeting. Although this plan had incorporated social distancing, it did not meet the new guidelines. Superintendent Burgess again presented the board with several choices for carrying out this year's graduation ceremony. These options included changing graduation to an alternate date later in summer, creating a virtual graduation ceremony, and holding a drive-up ceremony on the scheduled date.

"I thought we had a real solid plan", Burgess said of the plan the board approved on May 4th. He added that liability concerning the spread of coronavirus is a major concern for having in-person ceremonies right now.

The board approved a motion to hold graduation on May 23rd as scheduled, with additional modifications to meet the new guidelines. Principal Carl Dugstad had already worked with the senior class advisors to prepare a plan for a drive-in graduation. As in the previous plan, the graduation ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in the back parking lot of the school. The main change to the plan is that the students and immediate family members will now have to remain in their vehicles, instead of being seated on school grounds.

Two car passes had been mailed to each graduating senior. Board members expressed concerns about each student's family having access to good parking spots for viewing the ceremony. They discussed avoiding a "first come, first served" parking system for families. School staff will continue to work on parking plans for the event.

James Bettin, teacher for the district, is working on arrangements for broadcasting the 2020 ceremony on the radio. He reported to the board that attempts to live-stream from the school's back parking lot have not yielded satisfactory results, especially for the audio portion. School staff will continue their efforts to record and post the ceremony.

Because this year's ceremony must be held outdoors, backup dates of Sunday, May 24th, Monday, May 25th, and Saturday, June 13th will remain in the plans in case of inclement weather.

Superintendent Burgess suggested that an additional recognition event could be held

in the fall for the class of 2020. This event could incorporate some of the in-person features the graduates will miss in their modified ceremony. Burgess mentioned homecoming as one possible time to schedule this.

Principal Carl Dugstad reported that elementary teachers are working to wrap up the academic year with their long-distance students. Some of the teachers will be moving to new classrooms for next year. The purpose of these changes is to place same-grade classes together, with each grade level having adjacent classroom doors. Dugstad added that the high school teachers are also working to end academic activities for the year. They are focusing on communicating with students who are struggling to complete their school work.

When distance learning began in March, students took home textbooks, Chromebooks, and other materials owned by the district. These items must now be returned. To limit the number of people in the building at one time, school staff has planned four days for students to return their materials.

Board members approved the proposed ADSIS budget. Superintendent Burgess noted that the budget is similar to last year's, with no big changes. A new math intervention teacher had been added for the 2019-2020 school year.

Adjustments for Q-Comp were approved by the board. These changes were necessary because the current distance learning doesn't allow for some of the activities incorporated into the plan, such as testing and observations of teachers. PLC's have continued through the school year, and payments for these will remain the same. Administration met with a group of teachers to make necessary adjustments to the plan.

The board motioned to officially cancel the 2020 prom. The prom advisors and staff looked at options to hold a prom, but nothing seemed workable under the current social distancing requirements. The junior class will keep the prom funds for next year.

The senior class funds cannot be carried over. Options for use of this money were presented to the students. They chose to donate half of their funds, splitting this portion between the school's Angel Care Fund and Student Council. The other half will be used to purchase passes to Itasca Park, sweatshirts, and a meal at K&K's restaurant.

School Board President Jeff Westrum presented the new contracts for the superintendent and principal. The board approved a two-year contract with a two percent increase each year and \$250 for insurance for Principal Dugstad. Members also approved a two-year contract with two percent increases and \$250 for a 403b for Superintendent Burgess.

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After each Clearbrook-Gonvick graduate was announced by Principal Carl Dugstad the student with their parents came forward from their vehicles to pickup a flower and a diploma. Two of the students are shown above: Chase Voxland and Levi Nelson.

Saturday, May 23 was the send off for the 2020 class

Saturday was a very different graduation for the class of 2020 from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School. Cars were arranged in the north parking lot for everyone to attend. Seniors and their parents in the front row and others behind.

The playing of the graduation march, Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar courtesy of the sound system that had been set up in the parking lot was the start of the program.

Lindsey Grey gave the welcome to those who were in attendance. She remembered their favorite teacher Karen Nielsen. She was blessed to have grown up in this community which will always be a home away from home.

Naomi Shamp gave the Salutatorian address. They were born during 9/11 and graduating in the midst of COVID 19. Starting in the fall they took everything for granted but that changed after March 30 when school had to go online for the rest of the year. She will never complain about going to school again. She gave a shout out to all the teachers, family and friends. She stated that normal routine can change in a blink of an eye.

Sherry Rettmann gave the commencement address for the 2020 seniors. She retired after teaching 24 years in Clearbrook-Gonvick. Fifteen of her last 4th grade class were part of Saturdays graduation class.

She had 3 points of advice.
1. Set goals for yourself and work hard at what you are doing and take pride in your work.
2. Make smart choices and hangout with people with similar interests. Find a past time and have fun and laugh often.
3. Be kind to people, respect others, say hello, help some and volunteer when you can.

Some milestones in your life in fourth grade included touring the wild rice plant and wearing those silly caps, making cattail dolls, learning to play chess and spending time at the Leon Town Hall where students learned many years ago.

Wishing you the best to the class of 2020 and as Mrs. Nielsen would say, "Carry on"

Mrs. Rettmann introduced the first Valedictorian **Danaé Stenzel** as there was a tie. She thanked everyone for coming to the first outdoor ceremony. The first day of 7th grade they wanted to be Seniors and go through what they had, but they were not to experience all



Lindsey Grey



Danaé Stenzel



Naomi Shamp



Jackie Lynn Taffin

that they wished for. Nothing should be taken for granted. She thanked parents, teachers, janitors, food service for the many great memories.

The second Valedictorian address was given by **Jackie Lynn Taffin**. She based her speech on resiliency. A word that her coach Ross Faldet told her in 8th grade. It has helped her to overcome many obstacles. They spent four years in one room with Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Nielson. The first year of high school they were also in one room together. That made them closer than any other class. March 17 was the last day together in what would have been their best year ever. But we now have to get up and fight, that is resiliency, she went on to say.

Principal Dugstad acknowledged all the organizations and people who donated the scholarships for the seniors.

He then announced each graduate. Each graduate and their parents came up to the stage area and picked up their diploma and flowers and their parents flipped the graduates tassels. They then went to an area where pictures were taken of each one. Graduates and their parents then returned to their cars.

After each one was presented the police cars were waiting at the entrance to the parking lot to lead a parade. They went through Gonvick and then back through Clearbrook honking their horns.

Congratulations to the class of 2020.



Mrs. Rettmann gave the commencement address. She had a booklet that the fourth grade class of 2012 had given to her on her retirement. She had her own advice to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors and the 15 that had been in her fourth grade class.



Principal Carl Dugstad

Clearwater County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Public Review and Feedback Invited

Clearwater County has completed an updated draft of the of the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) as required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (OMA 2000). Local jurisdictions are required to update the plan every five years to remain eligible for federal hazard mitigation grant programs.

Community involvement and feedback are vital to the success of the plan. Clearwater County invites public review and feedback of the draft plan prior to submitting it to the State of Minnesota and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review. A copy of the draft MHMP and a survey for public feedback is available online at <https://z.umn.edu/clearwater>. The plan review and comment period will be open until Friday, June 5, 2020.

About the Plan - The Clearwater County MHMP is a multi-jurisdictional plan that covers Clearwater County, including the cities of Bagley, Clearbrook, Gonvick, Leonard, Shevlin. The Clearwater County MHMP also incorporates the concerns and needs of townships, school districts, and other stakeholders participating in the plan.

Clearwater County is vulner-

able to a variety of potential natural disasters, which threaten the loss of life and property in the county. The plan addresses how to mitigate against hazards such as tornadoes, flooding, wild fires, blizzards, straight-line winds, ice storms, and droughts which have the potential for inflicting vast economic loss and personal hardship.

Update of the plan has been under direction of Clearwater County Emergency Management in cooperation with U-Spatial at the University of Minnesota Duluth and representatives from County departments, city and township governments, school districts, and other key stakeholders. Together, the planning team worked to identify cost-effective and sustainable actions to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life or property from natural hazards. Some examples include improvement of roads and culverts that experience repetitive flooding; construction of safe rooms at campgrounds, public parks, mobile home parks or schools to protect lives in the event of tornados or severe wind events; burying power lines that may fail due to heavy snow, ice or wind storms; ensuring timely emergency communication to the public

through warning sirens and mass notification systems, and conducting public awareness and education campaigns to help people be prepared to take safe action before, during, or following a hazard event.

The Benefits of Hazard Mitigation Planning- Hazard mitigation planning ultimately helps us protect Clearwater County residents. By working with local communities we can identify vulnerabilities and develop strategies to reduce or eliminate the effects of a potential hazard. In addition, increasing public awareness of local hazards and disaster preparedness helps to create a community that is resilient to disaster, and breaks the cycle of response and recovery. Update of the plan will further allow the County and its jurisdictions to apply for eligible projects under future Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant funding from FEMA for projects that are cost-effective and will help to reduce or eliminate impacts of future natural disaster events.

Contact: Candace Coulter
Clearwater County Emergency Management Director
Phone: 218-694-6226
Email: candace.coulter@co.clearwater.mn.us

Courthouse reopens by appointment only

Safe distancing and wearing of masks encouraged

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on May 19 to establish guidelines for reopening County offices, hear from the Soil and Water District, Auditor and Sheriff.

Clearwater County buildings and offices will be partially reopened to the public, effective May 20, after having been shut down due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The Courthouse and other county facilities will allow business by "appointment only" until June 5, with a plan for customers to call from the parking lot when they arrive for their appointment. County employees will escort customers in and out of the buildings. Safe social distancing and the wear-

ing of masks while conducting business will be encouraged. After June 5, the Executive Committee will revisit decisions for less restrictive public services based on the Governor's orders.

Auditor Al Paulson said they hope to be back to normal soon. Other counties are now open, including Beltrami, and Lake of the Woods, which says it is best to have an appointment.

Chester Powell, Program Technician from Soil and Water Conservation District received approval for the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Clearwater River Watershed One Watershed One Plan Planning Process.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) template contains

all the basic elements for a collaborative decision-making process among the participating local units of government that meets the One Watershed, One Plan guiding principles. While this template applies specifically to the Planning Phase of One Watershed, One Plan, the participating organizations could modify it to apply to their on-going relationships during plan implementation. The MOA also states:

"This agreement (Agreement) is made and entered into by and between: The Counties of Clearwater, Pennington, Polk, and Red Lake by and through

Commissioners..
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Community Calendar

FOR SALE

Perennial plants, bird houses and garden art sale. 23300 Leonard Rd 1 mile west of Leonard on Hwy 223 May 29-31 Fri. and Sat. 9-4 Sunday 1-4

Legal Notice

CITY OF GONVICK
COUNTY OF CLEARWATER
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
VACATION OF ALLEY LYING IN SODERLUND'S ADDITION TO GONVICK PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 412.851
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the City Council on the 11th day of June, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in the City Hall located at 170 Main Street, Gonvick, MN to consider the vacation of those portions of alley described as:
...All of the platted alley lying in Block Three (3), Soderlund's Addition to the City of Gonvick for the full width from the southerly boundary of said Block Three (3), as extended, to the northerly boundary of said Block Three (3), as extended...
Dated: May 7, 2020
CITY OF GONVICK
Mayor
Clerk

Commissioners..

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their respective County Board of Commissioners,
"The Clearwater, East Polk, Pennington, and Red Lake County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, by and through their respective Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, and
"The Red Lake Watershed District, by and through their respective Board of Managers;
"Whereas, the Counties of this Agreement are political subdivisions of the State of Minnesota, with authority to carry out environmental programs and land use controls, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 and as otherwise provided by law..."
Commissioner Mark Larson will be the appointee for policy and point of contact. The Clearwater County application is due in June.
Chester reported that inspectors at lakes for Aquatic Invasive Species started during the Fishing Opener.
Maintenance Supervisor Steve Faldet received authorization to purchase an air conditioning unit with installation from Clearwater Plumbing and Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$4,100 for the Nursing Service Building. This will come out of the Building and Grounds account.
County Auditor Allen Paulson received approval to pay the submitted invoices of \$54,723 for the County Revenue Fund and \$1,497 for the Nursing Service Fund.
The Clearwater County Fee Schedule from the various departments was approved as presented by the Board.
Sheriff Darin Halverson was authorized to purchase a 2009 Thomas Rear Engine Bus from North Central Bus and Equipment to be used as an Emergency Management Mobile Command Post to upgrade the existing 1996 Emergency Management Trailer. The cost of the bus is \$10,090 and the funds will come out of the Emergency Management account.
Commissioners present at the meeting were Neal Illies, Mark Larson, Dean Newland, Mark Titera, with John Nelson attending through teleconference.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., May 27 - Chicken Wild Rice Casserole, Winter Blend Veg., Pear Halves, Poke Cake, Bread and Milk.
Thurs., May 28 - Chef's Choice Veg., Fruit or Veg., Dessert, Bread and Milk.
Fri., May 29 - Beef Stew, Lettuce Salad, Corn Bread, Muffin, fruited Jello and Milk.
Mon. June 1 - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Cookie, Bread and Milk
Tues., June 2 - Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Peas, Tropical Fruit Salad, Bar, Bread and Milk.
Wed., June 3 - Tomato Basil Soup, Egg Salad on Bun, Fruit Salad, Crackers, Fruit Crisp 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.

Recycling Saves YOU Disposal Fees

If you think that recycling isn't worth the bother, think about what it costs you to throw your recyclables in the trash.

Clearwater County pays tipping fees by the ton for trash hauled to the Fosston Incinerator. As the tonnage increases, the costs also increase. A state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) recovers recyclables from trash, but the MRF operates more efficiently if it's separating mixed recyclables only, rather than recyclables from trash. Some of the recyclables aren't pulled out and end up in the landfill. Not only that, but the tipping fee for mixed recyclables is ZERO, which saves the county money!

You can reduce the volume of rubbish by recycling your paper, cardboard, plastic food and beverage containers, steel cans and, of course, aluminum and glass containers! Take them to the recycling bins located by the County Highway Department in Bagley. Thank you! Need pointers? Call us at 218-694-6183.

Madison Evje, daughter of Val and Dan Evje, invites her family and friends to an Open House Saturday, May 20, 10 am to 12 at Dany Ekre's, 35619 County 2, Shevlin, MN. Madison graduated May 16 at Selby, South Dakota High School. R9-10P

New times for Clearwater County courthouse until June 5

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County employees will escort customers in and out of the buildings. Safe social distancing and wearing of masks while conducting business will be encouraged.

After June 5, 2020, the Executive Committee will revisit decisions for less restrictive public services based on the Governor's orders.

Clearwater County has new information regarding COVID-19. Clearwater County Courthouse and facilities are open by appointment only.

County Website www.clearwater.mn.us
213 Main Ave N Bagley MN 56621
Recorder's Office: 694-6129
• Drivers License renewal and questions.
• Real estate documents can be mailed to our office for recording.
• Land Records questions can be answered over the phone. In addition, are real estate records are available by accessing our online database. See County website.
Assessor's Office: 694-6260

Please call the office for questions/concerns. Many issues can be taken care via phone.

Auditor/Treasurer's Office: 694-6520

- Passport instructions and applicants can be obtained from www.travel.state.gov
- Taxes can be paid by mail, or online- see county web site.
- Please call to register to vote.
- Filings for office opens 5/19/2020 Please call for information.

Sheriff's Office & Emergency Management: 694-6226

- There will be no inmate visitation at the Clearwater County Jail.
- Records request will be addressed by phone call.
- Service window opened from 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday

Information Systems: 694-3633

- New Addresses – Please call for assistance.
- Environmental services :694-6183
- Planning and Zoning
- Solid Waste
- Land use & Septic Permits
- Social Services: 694-6164
- Most business can be done by phone

Land Commissioner & Parks: 694-6227

Attorney's Office 694-6566

Veteran's Service 694-6618

Nursing Service & Public Health: 694-6581

County Engineer, Highway Department: 694-6132

Corrections & Probation: 694-6177

Clean-up Gonvick

The Gonvick City Spring Clean-up will be held from Sunday, May 31 to noon on Thursday, June 4.

The following items will be picked up at no charge: Furniture, Rechargeable Batteries, Various Metals (bikes, trikes, swing-sets, etc.), Mattresses/Box Springs, Building Materials, Carpet and Appliances (fridges, stoves, water heaters, humidifiers, tubs and sinks.)

The following items will not be picked up: Paint/Chemicals, Other Liquid Hazardous Waste, Pesticides, Yard waste, Tires, Computer monitors, Fluorescent bulbs, Ballasts and TVs.

The Clean-Up is Restricted to the residents of Gonvick only!!

The Brush Dump behind the sewer plant will be open to accept yard waste only.

Businesses will not be allowed to dispose of business-related items.

Any items put out after 12 p.m. June 4th will not be picked up.

If you have any questions, please contact City Clerk at 487-5243 or Dan 280-0677

Lloyd Engen played Taps while veterans names were read at the Clearbrook Veterans Memorial.

Clearbrook Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 25.

School Board....

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The board approved bill payments including the following: \$74,400.46 to Steins's Bus Service, LLD, \$8,897.80 to Clearwater County Nursing Service, \$7,762.97 to Clearwater-Polk Electric, \$4,399.71 and \$2,244.05 to Marco, \$2,112.11 to

City of Clearbrook, \$1,964.09 to Garden Valley Telephone Co., \$1,125.95 to Clearbrook Electric, and \$1,029.66 to Community Oil Co.

The next Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board meeting will take place on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Church News

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
Church Service will resume on May 31, 2020 at 9:00am
Weekly services thereafter pending MDH recommendations
Social distancing and infection control practices honored

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd's 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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Streng
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.

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.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Accepting bids on the MSH Building Trades house located on the north side of CWLC-Gonvick through June 1st. The reserve bid is set at \$95.00/sq. ft. Tours available by appointment 218-776-2789 or 218-487-5290, Ext. 3.

All of our businesses have social distancing protocols in place for your well-being!

Shop-at-the-Top: Open!!!!
Weekday Hours: 10:00-4:00, M-F, & 10:00-12:00, Saturday. Accepting donations on Wednesdays, 7:00 AM-7:00 PM.

Restore It! Furniture Shop:
Open!!! 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, weekdays, and 10:00 – 12:00 noon on Saturday.

Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center Hours:
Mon., 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
T-W-Th, 9:00 - 6:00 PM;
Fri. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM;
Saturday, 9:00 - 2:00 PM
Phone orders with curbside pickup is available. Call 218-487-5290, Ext. 3. Pre-pay with a credit/debit card/cash or check at curbside. Free delivery to area customers, 65 & over.

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.

Adult Education will be offering face-to-face instruction with online options beginning June 2, 6:00-8:00 PM and Wed., June 3, 12:30-3:00 PM. Contact Sherry at 218-776-2789 or shjelle@nwservice.org.

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 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday

As a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, CWLC is able to provide a variety of free or low cost services to our area thanks to generous financial donors just like you. Be a part of making a difference, join our team. All donations to CWLC are tax-deductible

www.clearwaterslife.org, www.adultdaysservicesgonvick.org, or www.mustardseedhomework.org and "like" us on Facebook pages.

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.

The Leader Record

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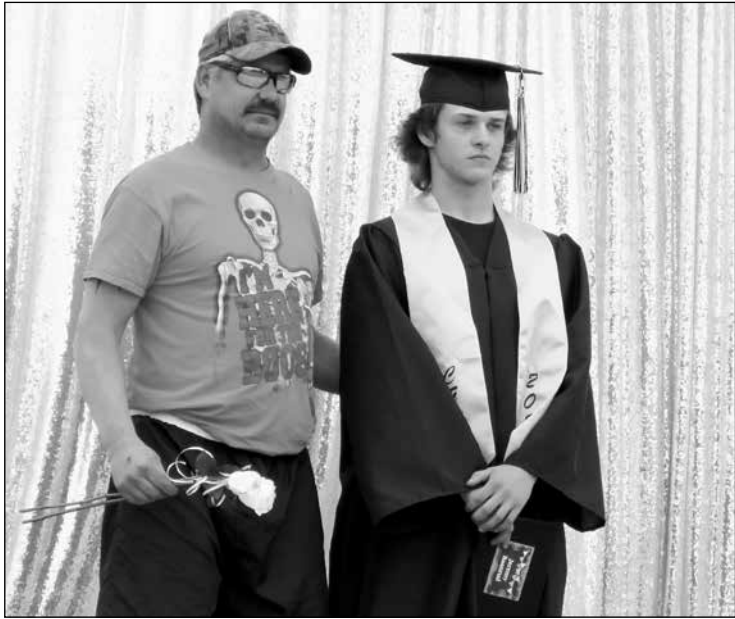
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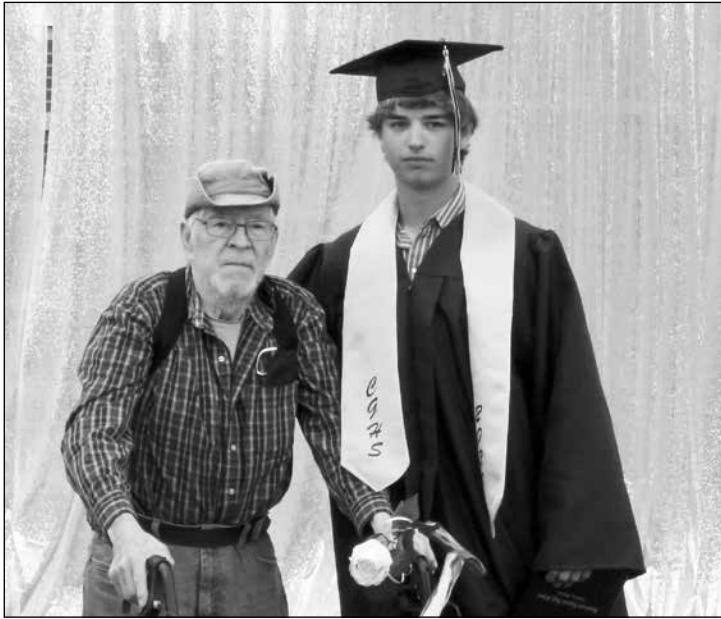
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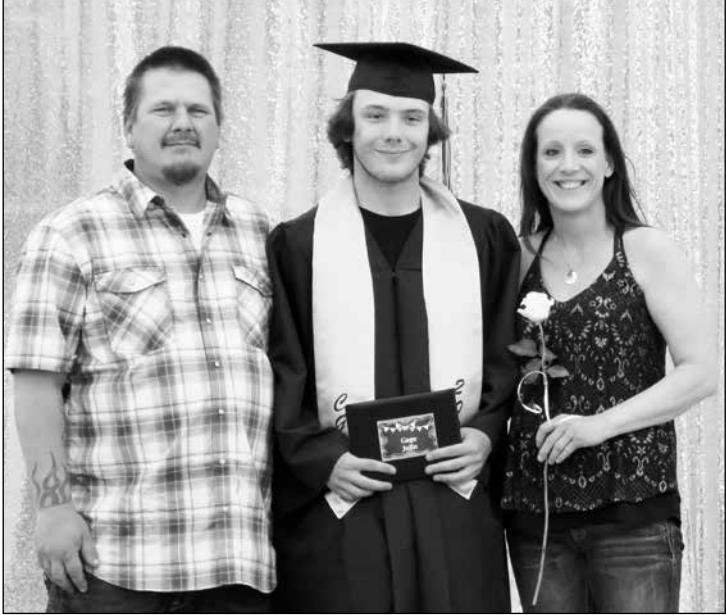
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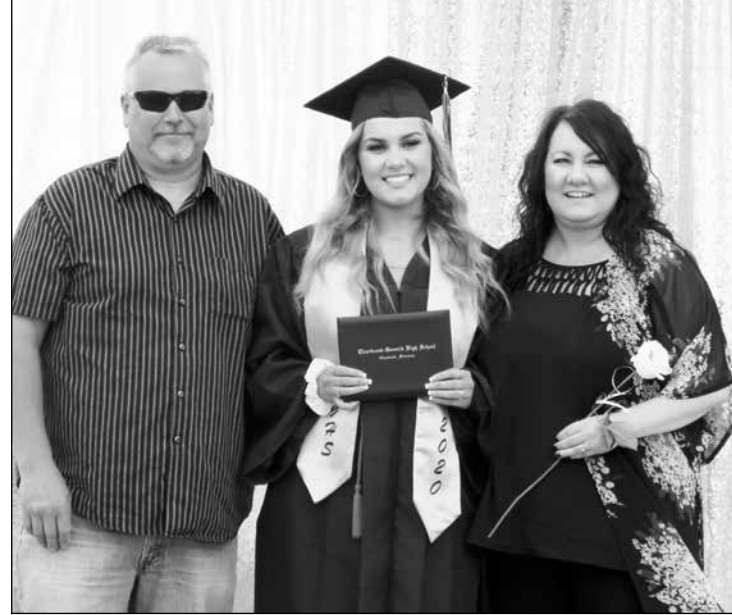
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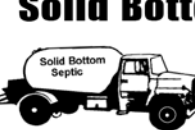
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Material return and property pick-up
When: May 27th and May 28th, 7:30 – 10:30 AM and 3:30 – 5:30 PM each day
Who: All students
Where: Door #12, north side of Clearbrook-Gonvick School (back parking lot)
Additional Information: All materials borrowed such as Chromebooks, textbooks and other materials should be returned at one of these times. All items being returned should be placed in a plastic bag prior to arriving at the school. High School students will be allowed to clean out lockers if needed, a few students at a time, and social distancing guidelines will be followed. Students should bring an extra plastic bag to clean out their locker. Elementary students will already have their personal items from their desk/locker bagged up by their teachers and ready to pick up at Door #12.

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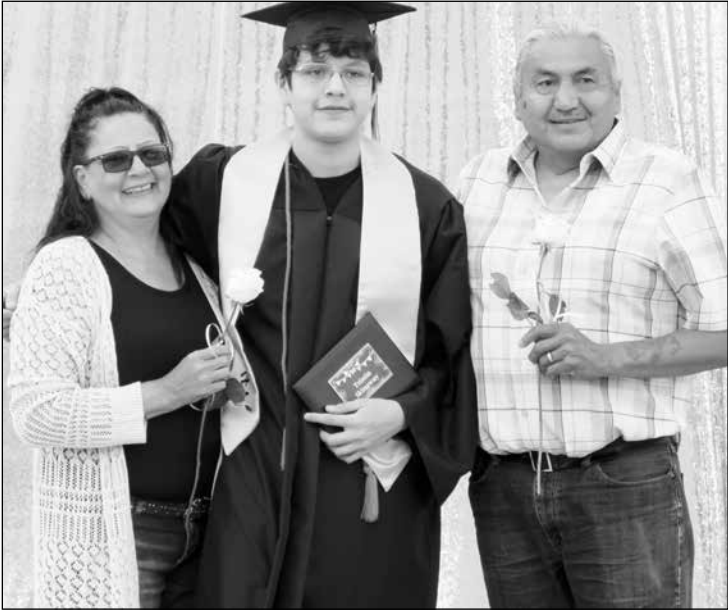
2020 Clearbrook-Gonvick Graduating Seniors with their family members



Savanna Rankin



Naomi Shamp



Tristin Skinaway



Jenna Smith



Danae Stenzel



Jackie Lynn Taflin



Chase Voxland



Tyler Weems



Giving parking information for the graduation.



Robin Proffit, the Clearbrook Gonvick School Food Service Director had a bird's eye view of the graduation that was held on Saturday, May 23. She was up on the roof of the school. Ushers for the event were Kaylee Faldet and Jennifer Lavin. The attendants were Jayden Bergerson, Ella Engen, John DeVries and Jayna Tronnes.

Over \$99,000 given to Clearbrook-Gonvick graduates

The scholarships were awarded to many Clearbrook-Gonvick students during a virtual presentations over the internet. School counselor Megan Godtland had members of various organizations announce the recipients of the over \$99,000 monetary awards. Recipient and group or person who gave the aware are listed.

American Legion and Aux-

iliary: \$200 each to Ben Engebretson, Jonah Faldet, Brody Johnson, Sam Johnson and Chase Voxland \$200 Balfour: \$300 to Danae Stenzel Border State Bank: \$500 to Savanna Rankin Charps: \$1,000 each to Lindsey Gray and Chase Voxland Chris Paulson Memorial: \$1,000 to Danae Stenzel Clearbrook Community Club: \$500 each to Ben Engebretson, Jonah Faldet, Lindsey Gray, Jonny Hammes, Brody Johnson, Danae Stenzel and Jackie Lynn Taflin

Discovery: \$1,500 to Danae Stenzel Education Minnesota: \$500 each to Ben Engebretson, Jonah Faldet, Jonny Hammes, Brody Johnson, Danae Stenzel and Jackie Lynn Taflin Essentia Health: \$1,000 to Danae Stenzel Glen and Iris Evans: \$1,000 each to Ben Engebretson, Jonah Faldet, Lindsey Gray, Brody Johnson and Jackie Lynn Taflin Gonvick Lions Club/Hedin Memorial: \$1,000 each to Jonny Hammes and Danae Stenzel

and \$500 each to Jonah Faldet and Lindsey Gray Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: \$330 each to Jonah Faldet, Brody Johnson, Allison Lewis, Savanna Rankin and Chase Voxland Hard Times Bash: Recipient not selected yet \$300 John and Faye Hedin: \$2,000 each to Savanna Rankin, Danae Stenzel and Chase Voxland Karen Nielsen: \$500 each to Ben Engebretson, Jonah Faldet, Lindsey Gray, Jonny Hammes, Brody Johnson, Danae Stenzel and Jackie Lynn Taflin

Mary Jo Klinger: \$2,000 each to Ben Engebretson, Jonah Faldet and Chase Voxland Matthew Harmon Fallen Soldier: Recipient not selected yet, \$1,250 Medtronic/William Johnson: \$1,000 to Danae Stenzel \$1,000 Pepsi: \$1,000 to Savanna Rankin. \$500 each to Ben Engebretson, Jonah Faldet, Lindsey Gray, Jonny Hammes, Brody Johnson, Danae Stenzel, Jackie Lynn Taflin and Chase Voxland Richard Anderson Memorial: \$1,000 each to Jonah Faldet and Savanna Rankin Robin Norgaard Kelleher: \$1,600 to Brody Johnson Robson Honey: \$500 each to Ben Engebretson, Lindsey Gray, Jonah Faldet, Danae Stenzel, Sam Johnson and Brody Johnson Thorbeck Foundation: \$10,000 each to Ben Engebretson, Brody Johnson and Danae Stenzel. \$5,000 to last years graduate Hunter Ehlers Tom Pletschett: \$400 each to Jonah Faldet and Chase Voxland Tuesday Study Club: \$500 to Lindsey Gray



Graduates and their family members lined up in the front row for the ceremony.



Sound system for graduation.

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Board of Commissioners' April 14, 2020

The April meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on April 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Illies presiding and Commissioners Titera and Larson present and Commissioners Newland and Nelson via phone. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Agenda with additions.

Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the minutes for the month of March.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2020 Emergency meeting.

Attorney – Al Rogalla and Kristi Thompson were present to discuss a vacancy in his office. Karen Gebhardt gave her notice of resignation. The following motion was made: By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement. Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the County Attorney's Office to advertise for a PT Legal Secretary with possibility of additional hours dependent on Victim Advocate's Grant, with an hourly wage range of \$15.70-\$20.52, DOQ. To authorize the County Attorney's Office to interview for the position.

Engineer – The Board reviewed the financial statement and bills. The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$213,692.10 for the County Revenue Fund and \$3,986.71 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht was present to discuss the landfill reopening with restrictions. He also will need to hire one more seasonal employee for the landfill for the summer. He will have some information on the feasibility study to discuss at the May 8th work session.

Open – Commissioner Titera discussed a Library Board meeting he attended. Issues discussed were having libraries offer curbside pickup and the library budget. Bagley and Gonvick libraries will be offering curbside pickup soon.

Commissioner Illies gave an update on COVID-19 Emergency Executive Committee meetings. Face shields and gowns have come in that Emergency Management Director Candace Coulter ordered. She will be distributing to first responders and public health as needed. The Committee has been meeting twice a week now or as needed.

Human Services Meeting – The Human Services meeting for April 21st has been moved from the Human Services Building to the Courthouse. Commissioner Larson will approve the bills and Jamie Halverson will come to the regular Board meeting to discuss any issues needed. Julie Sundquist and Marilyn Shamp who are on this Board will also be invited to attend the Board meeting.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on April 21, 2020.

April 21, 2020

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with Chairman Illies presiding and all Commissioners present, Commissioner Nelson via phone.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the Agenda with changes.

COVID-19 – Marissa Hetland and Al Paulson were present for a discussion on a resolution encouraging the Governor to recall the order requiring closure of bars, restaurants and other places of public accommodations and to allow these establishments to open following requirements of social distancing, safety and state, local and CDC guidance. Marissa Hetland discussed the Minnesota Department of Health numbers of

positive COVID-19 cases and deaths are still going up. She also said the Minnesota Department of Health is working towards getting enough testing materials available before businesses open to help contain the virus.

The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve Resolution Number 4-21-20 – Modification of Executive Order 20-04, on file.

Ayes: Illies, Newland & Titera Nays: Nelson & Larson

COVID-19 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the COVID-19 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2020 and April 9, 2020.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills, month end financials and the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$28,140.50 for the County Revenue Fund and \$19,747.11 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Soil & Water Conservation District – Chester Powell and Briell Prokosch were present to discuss the Aquatic Invasive Species program. The DNR requires inspectors on their accesses to take a training each year to do boat inspections. This training hasn't been completed yet because of COVID-19. They can still offer educational information to boaters without the training. By general consent, the Board approved offering an ambassador program on the DNR owned accesses until training is complete. This will allow educational information to be shared at those accesses. The County and city owned accesses will be able to do inspections.

Also, they discussed plans will begin for a decontamination station at the Lake Lomond access.

Recess/Human Services Board Meeting – The meeting recessed at 1:41 p.m. for the Human Services Board meeting.

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 1:55 p.m. with Chairman Illies presiding and all Commissioners present, Commissioner Nelson via phone.

Attorney – Al Rogalla presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to rescind the motion from the April 14th meeting to authorize the County Attorney's Office to advertise for a PT Legal Secretary with possibility of additional hours dependent on Victim Advocate's Grant, with an hourly wage range of \$15.70-\$20.52, DOQ. To authorize the County Attorney's Office to interview for the position.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the County Attorney's Office to advertise for a PT Legal Secretary, with an opportunity of additional hours through a Grant, with an hourly range of \$16.09 to \$21.03, DOQ. To authorize the County Attorney's Office to interview for the position.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Dated: May 12, 2020
Neal Illies, Board Chairman
Emly McDougall,
Board Coordinator R10C

School Board CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING March 16, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Richard Hetland, Corey Petterson, Tom Stenzel, Jeff Westrum, Dudley Wishard, and Kris Snyder (via telephone). Absent: Tracy Imle. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess, Principal Dugstad, 4 staff members, and 1 community member.

1. **Town Hall Meeting** (Odd Number Months)

4. **Community Comments** - None

5. **Spotlight on Education** –

None

6. **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Petterson/Stenzel to approve agenda as amended, adding Items 11.6 – Achievement & Integration Budget; and 11.7 – Resignation. MCU

7. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MMS Stenzel/Petterson to approve minutes as presented. MCU

7.1 02/19/20 - Regular Meeting

8. **Informational Items**

8.1 **Principal Report** – Principal Dugstad discussed the following items: **1) Preparing for E-Learning due to COVID-19** – Plans are being made for the shutdown that will allow us to start distance learning on Monday, March 30th.

8.2 **Superintendent Report** – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: **1) Educational** – A) Enrollment – Enrollment numbers have slipped a bit since the beginning of the year. We started the year with 455 students, and are current enrollment is 440. B) NWMF Grant – We were approved for a grant for students participating in the Work Study program in early childhood and childcare positions. The student would be eligible for a scholarship for every semester spent working/ pursuing an education in either position. Megan Godtland played a large role in securing that grant. **2) Building** – A) Heating System – We have been losing fluid in our heating system again. Fluid is consistently being added until we can have the system checked. B) Building Project – It is on schedule to start the beginning of April. Currently, the melt is looking good, and we are hopeful things will stay on track. **3) Legislative** – A) News – The state has a budget surplus this year of 1.5 billion. Legislators were working on how that should be allocated. Some pushes that were for more funding for Early Learning and Voluntary Pre-K (VPK). I was at the capitol in February, along with other members of MASA. We discussed current issues with legislators, and our time at the capitol was very productive. With the spread of issues from the Coronavirus, however, thoughts on spending for the surplus have changed. **4) Financial** – A) Financial reports are on track. We are still tracking high revenues and higher expenditures. **5) Health and Safety** – A) Coronavirus – I have been participating in the informational sessions for schools from MDE regarding the potential impacts of the virus on education. We are meeting as a safety committee later this week to look at possible options for prevention and impacts for the future.

8.3 **Committee Report** –

8.3.1 **Finance Committee** – Supt Burgess was asked to present the results of the committee meeting. Supt Burgess discussed the review &

correction of the budgets, so that we are more accurate in our numbers. He also advised on some items that will be needed next year.

9 **Consent Calendar** – MMS Hetland/Stenzel to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented (including Student Activity)

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 68102-68161/Wires Payroll Checks 0030461 – 0030467

March Bills Voucher Numbers: 57433 – 57505

Check Numbers: 68162 – 68205 Total Payroll/Expense Checks

Approved: \$514,686.22

9.2 **Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions**

9.3 **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

10 **Old Business** –

10.1 None

11 **New Business**

11.1 **Common Resource Time for High School Schedule** – Supt Burgess presented a comparison of a study hall vs CRT was shown, as well as a preliminary possible schedule. He also presented some challenges of the switch. Discussion was held. Questions were asked and answered. The program could be done on a 1 year trial basis. MMS Stenzel/Petterson to implement a CRT schedule for the 2020-2021 school year, on a one year trial basis. MCU

11.2 **Technology Infrastructure** – Supt Burgess discussed bids received and noted recommendations. Discussion was held. MMS Petterson/Stenzel to approve contract with Marco. MCU.

11.3 **Approval of Calendar** – Superintendent Burgess presented the schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. MMS Petterson/Hetland to approve the calendar as presented. MCU.

11.4 **Approval of Early Budget** – Superintendent Burgess presented the preliminary budget for the 2020-2021 school year. MMS Petterson/Stenzel to approve the preliminary budget as presented. MCU

11.5 **Hiring of Melissa McCoy for Human Resources Position** – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve hire. MCU.

11.6 **Achievement & Integration Budget** – Supt Burgess presented the A&I budget. MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve budget as presented. MCU.

11.7 **Resignation of English Teacher, L.Takkunen** – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve resignation. MCU.

12. **Action Items for April Meeting** –

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12.3

13. **Adjournment** – MMS Petterson/Hetland to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. MCU

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, April 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. R10C

School Board CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING (With Members Attending in Person/and Via Zoom) May 4, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:02 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: (4-in person) Tom Stenzel, Richard Hetland, Corey Petterson and Jeff Westrum; (2-via zoom) Dudley Wishard, and Tracy Imle. Absent: Kris Snyder. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess (in person), Principal Dugstad (in person), 15 staff members (in person/zoom), and 1 community member (zoom)

1. **Town Hall Meeting** (Odd Number Months)

4. **Community Comments** - None

5. **Spotlight on Education** – None

6. **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Stenzel/Petterson to approve agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU.

7. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU

7.1 03/16/20 - Regular Meeting

8 **Informational Items**

8.1 **Principal Report** – Principal Dugstad discussed the following items: **1) Elementary Staffing** – Principal Dugstad presented a list of assignments for the 20-21 school year. 1st Grade will be one section & all others will be 2 sections. **2) Distance Learning Update** – Principal Dugstad discussed the latest information regarding Distance Learning including, attendance, assignments, and when to cut off instructional time with students. **3) Graduation Attire** – Principal Dugstad reviewed proper graduation attire. **4) Room Updates** – 20-

21 – Principal Dugstad presented the room assignments & student numbers for 20-21. **5) Valedictorian/ Salutatorian Update** – Principal Dugstad discussed the upcoming graduation & requirements for these honors. **6) Kitchen** – The kitchen is sending out over 300 meals a day. The paras have stepped into the Roll of working with the kitchen.

8.2 **Superintendent Report** – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: **1) COVID-19 Update** - **A)** Educational – So far the education portion is going okay. We have some issues with assignment completion in the high school. There is a process in place for making contact with students that might be struggling. This will be a different end of year. **B)** Early Childhood – With building plans going well we are starting to get early childhood programming sorted out. We plan to increase programming so that a 4 year old can attend 5 days a week with an instructional/structured day program. We are exploring the option of 3 year old programming as well. In all, our programming should remain cost neutral. **2) Employee Matters** – **A)** One of the issues we are currently working on is our Q-Comp plan. We are looking at different options on how we run it. A large portion was based upon observations and student testing. We are now working on a middle ground or alternate activities for this plan. We should have this worked out by the next board meeting. **3) Building** – **A)** Construction has started on the building. Forms are poured & they are working on getting everything else poured. We are looking at 2 changes at this point. One is the temporary fencing. The cost was \$11,000 for the fencing, I've inquired about the cost for this on other projects, to make certain our cost is comparable. The other is the pump portion for the localized sprinkler. We are looking at a new location for this, as the room we had planned to use might not have enough room. I will keep the board updated **4) Financial** – **A)** Comparison reports are on track. We are receiving full funding at this time, and revenues are on track. We will face some small revenue losses due

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EDDY TOWNSHIP SEEKS GRAVEL QUOTES

Notice to Contractors

Gravel quotes will be received until June 8, 2020 by mail, to the township Clerk, Marilyn Shamp, 13697 440th St., Clearbrook, MN 56634 on behalf of Eddy Township Board for the project listed below:

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Marilyn Shamp, Clerk.

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NOTICE CITY OF LEONARD PRECINCT NUMBER 0080 MAIL BALLOT ELECTION August 11, 2020 Primary Election

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the August 11, 2020 Primary Election for the City of Leonard, precinct number 0080 by mail ballot.

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Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer R10C

NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF HANGAARD PRECINCT NUMBER 0055 MAIL BALLOT ELECTION August 11, 2020 Primary Election

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NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF DUDLEY PRECINCT NUMBER 0030 MAIL BALLOT ELECTION August 11, 2020 Primary Election

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April 2020 Claims over \$2,000

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ANDERSON DISPOSAL	11,702.08	SOLID WASTE
AVENU INSIGHTS & ANALYTICS	6,105.62	ROAD & BRIDGE
BAGLEY CO-OP ASSOCIATION	4,276.63	NURSING SERVICE, TAX FORFEITED, COUNTY REV
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CLEARWATER COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	57,296.27	ROAD & BRIDGE
CLEARWATER SWCD	17,340.00	COUNTY REVENUE
CLW TRAILBLAZER SNOWMOBILE CLUB	17,642.06	COUNTY REVENUE
CODE 4 SERVICES	20,580.72	COUNTY REVENUE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SWIFT	11,040.76	HUMAN SERVICES
DIAMOND MOWERS INC	2,440.32	ROAD & BRIDGE
DLT SOLUTIONS, LLC	13,082.55	ROAD & BRIDGE
EVERGREEN HOUSE	6,525.00	HUMAN SERVICES
EVERGREEN HOUSE	3,600.00	HUMAN SERVICES
GARDEN VALLEY TECHNOLOGIES	3,370.24	SOLID WASTE, COUNTY REVENUE
GOROSKI / MICHAEL & HEATHER	2,203.48	HUMAN SERVICES
H & L MESABI	2,508.28	ROAD & BRIDGE
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH	8,106.50	HUMAN SERVICES
KRAMER, LEAS, DELEO, PC	57,950.00	TAX FORFEITED, COUNTY REVENUE
LUSTRUMS DISPOSAL	15,326.39	SOLID WASTE
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	4,162.02	COUNTY REVENUE
MEND CORRECTIONAL CARE, PLLC	5,024.28	COUNTY REVENUE
MN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	62,908.26	COUNTY REVENUE
MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 462	6,700.65	HUMAN SERVICES
MV SPORT	3,142.09	COUNTY REVENUE
NORTH HOMES INC	9,225.03	HUMAN SERVICES
NORTHWEST MN JUVENILE CTR	22,332.00	HUMAN SERVICES
PRIME HEALTH	85,771.92	COUNTY REVENUE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	4,758.77	TAX FORFEITED, COUNTY REVENUE
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	5,010.00	COUNTY REVENUE
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MN	23,230.19	COUNTY REVENUE
RIVERSIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES LLC	2,700.00	COUNTY REVENUE
RURAL MINNESOTA CEP INC	8,227.48	HUMAN SERVICES
SANFORD HEALTH SYSTEM	15,206.96	HUMAN SERVICES
SORENSEN DEEP 369 INC	5,245.76	ROAD & BRIDGE
SPEEDY VAN, LLC	11,655.20	HUMAN SERVICES
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC	9,645.55	COUNTY REVENUE
THOMASON, SWANSON, & ZAHN PLLC	8,839.02	COUNTY REVENUE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA	5,259.33	COUNTY REVENUE
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	13,701.50	COUNTY REVENUE
VANGUARD SYSTEMS, INC	9,545.00	COUNTY REVENUE
***224 VENDORS WERE PAID AMOUNTS UNDER \$2,000 TOTALING \$117,960.83		

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School Board...

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to food service, fees for pre-school & other small fees. This should not impact our overall budget greatly. We will see where food service ends up. We can continue as we are through the end of the school year. However, if the state asks that we provide summer food service and emergency care we would need to use a different model. We've started exploring options for this. **5) Other** – We have received some reports from the state on what things look like for the future. Right now the state government expects that the revenue surplus of this year and the rainy day fund should be able to cover the loss of taxes for this year. Next year they are not expecting us to see any funding reductions. The years after next year are the concern at this point. We don't know how this will impact state revenues down the road. We need to be cautious as we move forward.

8.3 Committee Report – None
9 Consent Calendar – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve Consent Calendar as presented. . Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Stenzel – Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes, MCU

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented (including Student Activity)

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 68206-68241/Wires

Payroll Checks 0030468 – 0030472

April Bills
Voucher Numbers: 57638 – 57713
Check Numbers: 68242 – 68279
Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$772,876.54

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions
9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report – February Correction and March

10 Old Business –
10.1 None

11 New Business

11.1 Graduation – A discussion was held regarding the options for a graduation ceremony that incorporates the COVID-19 mandates. MMS Stenzel/Hetland to hold a reduced outdoor ceremony on Memorial Weekend, using the original day of Saturday, and backup dates of Sunday, and Monday, along with an alternate date of June 13th if weather is inclement during any of the previous dates.. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes, MCU.

11.2 Valedictorian – Discussion was held regarding how to select Valedictorian, as there is currently a tie. After discussion, the board decided to have 2 Valedictorians and a Salutatorian rather than breaking the tie. Moving forward we can set a tie breaker. No motion needed.

11.3 Resolution to Participate in Minnesota State High School League for the 20-21 School Year. MMS Petterson/Hetland to participate. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes, MCU.

11.4 Approve the Superintendent of Schools, Jeff Burgess, to be the Official Authority to Approve Access to MDE Website –MMS Petterson/Hetland to approve the motion. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes, MCU

11.5 2020-2021 Grade Placements – MMS Petterson/Hetland to approve placements as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Stenzel -Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes, MCU.

11.6 Community Education Position – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve advertising for a long term

sub for this position. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.

11.7 Administrative Assistant/Testing Support – Discussion was held regarding delaying hiring for this position – No motion needed.

11.8 Resignation of Janell Maxie, Food Service – MMS Petterson/Stenzel to accept resignation. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes, MCU

11.9 Next Meeting Date – Board decided to keep regular meeting date for Monday, May 18, 2020. No motion needed.

12. Action Items for Next Meeting –

12.1
12.2
12.3

13. Adjournment – MMS Hetland/Petterson to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes, MCU

Next Regular Meeting – Monday May 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. R10C

Clearwater County Fair cancelled for 2020

The Clearwater County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) met on Monday May 18, 2020 via Zoom. The COVID 19 pandemic has provided the Board with a very difficult decision to make, regarding social distancing, wearing masks, sterilizing equipment, additional hand washing station, crowd control in barns and exhibit halls.

Safety to the public, staff, and exhibitors was a major concern for the Board on ways to keep the public safe. The answer is that we can't!! The restrictions are in place and they will be for the foreseeable future, especially in relationship to large group gatherings.

The Fair Board, in good conscience, cannot risk people getting sick or worse because of attending their fair. It is sad to think that might be the result, but that is the reality of the situation. A motion was made and passed to cancel the 2020 Clearwater County Fair. This was a very difficult decision to make and we appreciate your understanding as we look forward to the 2021 fair. We want to thank all of our fair supports and are making plans for a great Clearwater County Fair August 4– 8, 2021.

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Clearwater County Sheriff

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Clearwater County Sheriff's
Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 3
05/19/20 14:52 THEFT
05/22/20 17:29 Traffic Stop
05/23/20 15:56 911 Hang Up
City of Bagley - Total 17
05/17/20 07:35 Vehicle Lock Out
05/18/20 08:12 Medical
05/18/20 09:22 Medical
05/18/20 13:07 Information Only
05/18/20 13:54 Transport
05/18/20 21:22 Medical
05/19/20 07:48 911 Hang Up
05/19/20 11:55
05/21/20 09:45 ASSIST
05/21/20 10:00 Warrant (New)
05/21/20 21:38 Trespass
05/22/20 07:11 Medical
05/22/20 22:36 Predatory

Offender
05/23/20 09:30 Vehicle Lock Out
05/23/20 11:30 Juvenile Misc
05/23/20 13:08 911 Hang Up
05/23/20 18:34 Predatory

Offender
City of Clearbrook - Total 3
05/20/20 19:46 Traffic Complaint
05/23/20 03:46 Information Only
05/23/20 04:16 Information Only
City of Gonvick - Total 5
05/18/20 22:11 Suspicious Activity
05/19/20 06:37 Traffic Stop
05/20/20 09:41 Medical
05/21/20 15:19 Medical
05/23/20 03:21 Information Only
City of Leonard - Total 2
05/17/20 11:03 911 Hang Up
05/18/20 18:51 911 Hang Up
City of Shevlin - Total 4
05/19/20 12:00 Vandalism
05/21/20 23:09 Traffic Stop
05/21/20 23:25 Traffic Stop
05/22/20 12:54 Disturbance
Copley - Total 9
05/17/20 16:29 Traffic Stop
05/18/20 04:08 Traffic Stop
05/18/20 12:09 Property Damage
05/19/20 14:44 Traffic Stop
05/21/20 16:53 Traffic Stop
05/22/20 19:44 ASSIST
05/22/20 20:06 Traffic Stop
05/23/20 13:50 Suspicious Activity
05/23/20 17:31 Medical
Dudley - Total 3
05/20/20 14:15 Vehicle Lock Out
05/21/20 11:38 Parking Complaint
05/22/20 07:52 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 2
05/22/20 07:12 Traffic Stop
05/22/20 14:52 Crimes Against

Family
Falk - Total 3
05/17/20 00:47 Disturbance
05/22/20 13:05 Property Damage
05/23/20 04:47 Assist Other

Agency
Greenwood - Total 2
05/18/20 08:36 Traffic Stop
05/23/20 19:24 Suspicious Activity
Holst - Total 4
05/17/20 16:43 Traffic Stop
05/17/20 19:00 Traffic Stop
05/18/20 04:52
05/20/20 20:32 Traffic Stop
Itasca - Total 4
05/18/20 06:16 Traffic Stop
05/19/20 21:06 Disturbance
05/20/20 09:28 Motor Vehicle

Crash
05/21/20 16:45 Alarm
LaPrairie N - Total 7
05/19/20 00:02 Animal Related
05/19/20 05:47 Motor Vehicle

Theft
05/19/20 07:19 Suspicious Activity
05/19/20 23:12 Traffic Complaint
05/21/20 17:01 Medical
05/22/20 15:37 Crimes Against

Family
05/23/20 23:37 Disturbance
LaPrairie S - Total 1
05/21/20 13:26 ASSIST
Leon - Total 5
05/18/20 04:52 Motorist Assist
05/19/20 17:59 Officer Detail

05/21/20 12:44 911 Hang Up
05/22/20 08:23 Traffic Stop
05/22/20 17:51 Traffic Complaint
Long Lost Lake - Total 2
05/21/20 17:50 Burglary
05/22/20 16:40 Domestic
Minerva - Total 3
05/17/20 14:02 Traffic Stop
05/20/20 21:56 Noise Complaint
05/23/20 08:28 THEFT
Nora - Total 7
05/19/20 11:00 Traffic Complaint
05/19/20 11:19 Traffic Stop
05/19/20 16:25 Fire
05/20/20 17:25 911 Hang Up
05/21/20 04:29 Traffic Stop
05/21/20 05:01 Traffic Stop

05/22/20 19:51 Traffic Stop
Pine Lake - Total 3
05/19/20 06:56 Traffic Stop
05/23/20 11:22 Traffic Stop
05/23/20 15:33 911 Hang Up
Popple - Total 8
05/18/20 11:49 Suspicious Activity
05/19/20 03:47 Disturbance
05/19/20 07:03 Suspicious Activity
05/19/20 07:37 Information Only
05/20/20 07:24 Animal Related
05/22/20 03:17 Parking Complaint
05/22/20 15:23 Crimes Against

Family
05/22/20 21:47 Predatory
Offender
Rice - Total 1

05/22/20 16:24 Drug Related
Shevlin - Total 7
05/18/20 17:22 Motorist Assist
05/20/20 18:50 Medical
05/21/20 06:15 Welfare Check
05/21/20 19:37 Traffic Complaint
05/22/20 16:29 Medical
05/22/20 22:04 Traffic Complaint
05/23/20 11:20 911 Hang Up
Sinclair - Total 4
05/17/20 07:06 Animal Related
05/20/20 15:48 Suicide Related
05/22/20 14:55 Crimes Against

Family
05/23/20 12:08 Information Only
Total Records: 109

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FROM THE PAST - 2003



Pictured from left to right at the top: Betty Prosser and Gladys Larson workers at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. Norman and Rosie Rude were Grand Marshals at the Gonvick Lions Rodeo Parade. Terry Horn flipping pancakes at United Lutheran Church. Mandi Bakke donating her hair to Locks of Love. Catering with Sybil Bergman, Lee Victora, Betty Langseth, Sharon Johnson, and Alvin Bergman. Clearwater Highway Department workers Louann Hendrickson and Aiden Schmerhorn. NCS (North Central Service) employees Mike Crusier and Scott Gullickrud. Breakfast on the Farm with the Larsons: Matt, Nicole, Danny, Mark in the back and David and Sharon in the front. Mike Rude and Richard Sather serving for the Gonvick Lions Club.

Wednesday, May 27, 2020



On Memorial Day, May 30, 2011, The Rydeen family with Reuben, Martha, Edna, and Lucy were honored to accept the Purple Heart and other medals on behalf of their brother, PVT Ernest Rydeen, POW #375, who died in Hoten POW Camp of Mukden, Manchuria, on Monday, March 22, 1943, three months before his 22nd birthday.

Family accepts Purple Heart for brother

This story is paraphrased from a Root Cellar program broadcast at NCTC, written and narrated by Jan Strandlie, a very dear friend of mine.

Written by Lucy (Rydeen) Aasland

Something very special happened in the little town of Clearbrook, MN on Memorial Day, 2011. A young, very young hometown soldier boy was honored. He was Ernest Rydeen, fresh off the farm when he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in September, 1940, a year before our entrance into the Second World War. Only 15 months after U.S. got into this war, he died as a prisoner of the Japanese in a prison camp in Manchuria, in what is now China, so far away from Clearbrook, MN.

A letter Ernest wrote to his family on Sept. 5, 1940 illustrates his exuberance. “Dear Mom and Dad, I have something swell to tell you. I have signed up with the U.S. Army for three short years. And I hope it makes a man out of me.” He was 19. He first trained at Fort McDowell in Angel Island, off the coast of California, with a promise that he would be stationed on the Philippine Islands. He was happy about this assignment, as it meant adventure and traveling the world. Little did he know!

Pvt. Rydeen arrived in the Philippines on the island of Corregidor in December, 1940, and the following spring shipped to the island of Pampanga, where he was in the 28th Material Squadron Air Corps at Clark Field. On December 8, 1941, they were attacked by the Japanese in the same offensive that hit Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands. The American forces on the Philipines withstood hundreds of aerial bombardments in the next 4 months of warfare, finally having to surrender. Under this intense fighting, the troops were on half rations, then on quarter rations, as supplies could not be delivered. The troops give credit to the civilian Filipinos for helping them at every turn, often bringing food at great danger to themselves.

Following the Allied surrender at Bataan on April 9, 1942 and Corregidor on May 6, 1942, roughly, 80,000 American and Filipino prisoners of the Imperial Japanese Army, were marched about 60 miles to San Fernando with no food or water. Many perished along the way.

This is known as the “Bataan Death March.” Between 5,000-10,000 men died on the march. It is difficult to estimate the numbers, as some did escape, and others were killed trying to escape. Men were beheaded, run down by trucks, and in other ways brutalized if they couldn’t keep up. They were not allowed food or water, and if the Filipinos tried to help them they were killed, also. Reaching San Fernando, they were crammed into small, narrow boxcars to travel by train to Capas, and then again marched about 3 ½ miles to Camp O’Donnell, arriving April 21. There they received meager food allowances, but became part of a work project constructing bridges for Japanese maneuvering on the island, working 8 hours hard labor in the tropical sun, until the end of June. On June 29, they were transported to a prison camp at Cabanatuan on the Philippines. These camps were noted for their lack of water, moldy and bug infested rice, brutal guards, lack of sanitation, numerous tropical diseases, and lack of medicine. Disease ran rampant among the POWs, biting flies covered them, maggots grew in festering wounds, shelters were inhumanely crowded, and men weak from dysentery and starvation were forced to bury their friends. Another 18,000 men died in the first six weeks at camps O’Donnell and Cabanatuan.

On October 8, 1942 the survivors were boarded on the Totori Maru, one of the infamous Japanese “Hell Ships” for transport to the mainland of China. These ships were not marked as holding prisoners, so they were bombed and torpedoed by the Allied Forces, many of them sunk, killing U.S. servicemen literally by their own side in the war. 1800 men were crammed into a ship that was made to hold 1,000. Rydeen’s group spent 31 days in the hold of this ship with little food and water, in temperatures of over 100 degrees. Besides the bombing and torpedos threatening their course, a typhoon hit the area, and the ship weathered that.

Arriving at Port Takao in Taiwan, they sat in harbor until Oct. 27 when they were taken ashore, and in front of native on-lookers, the men were ordered to strip and then were given a communal bath with a fire hose on Oct. 29, setting sail again the following day. They arrived in Pusan, Korea on November 7,

1942 and were issued warmer clothing and then paraded through town in a Japanese victory parade on Nov. 8.

Next day they were loaded on a train and about 1,400 American Prisoners of War arrived at Hoten Prison Camp on the outskirts of the city of Mukden, Manchuria. This town is now known as Shenyang, China. The temperature was 42 below. These men, in very poor physical condition, had come from the Philippines, many having survived the Bataan Death March. They were part of the force that was responsible for delaying the fall of the Philippines and slowing down Japan’s timetables for conquest of the Pacific.

Upon leaving the train, the prisoners were marched 3 miles to the barracks where they would be enslaved, working at Manchuko KK, 3 different factories that made parts for Japanese tanks and other war related hardware.

Camp One: a tannery making leather

Camp Two: A textile factory making much needed canvas
Camp Three: Combination steel and lumber mill, including a factory changing screw-making machines to bullet-making machines.

The soldiers’ ability to withstand physical and mental torture day in and day out, and still be willing to stand up to the Japanese as best they could is inspirational. Not one machine turned out by the mechanics plant was functional. The weaving machines at the canvas plant were constantly “broken”. Vats of chemicals were switched at the leather factory so the leather didn’t last, and so on. They might not have had guns, but these men fought the war with what they had – their hearts and minds.

In just a few weeks, young Rydeen was emaciated and suffering beyond his ability to work. Sick with many afflictions, the most distressing was beri beri, which he had contracted as a prisoner while in the Philippines. It is caused by a deficiency of vital nutrients, specifically Vitamin B. There is a gradual degeneration of the nervous system, beginning in the feet or legs, causing extreme pain. One of his buddy’s last memory of Rydeen was seeing him walking outside in the snow to freeze his feet in order to numb the pain.

Pvt. Ernest Rydeen was admitted to the camp hospital,

suffering with malaria, dysentery, beri beri, anemia, and malnutrition. He was released for a short time, but then, out of all the prisoners at that camp, he and 4 others were selected to go to the Jiah Imperial Medical Hospital in the town of Mukden. There he underwent abdominal surgery. It is believed that the Japanese surgeons, in an attempt to stop the pain in his feet and legs, opened his stomach and tried to cut the nerves that led to his feet. However, it is known now that this hospital in Mukden, Manchuria was the site of much “experimental” medicine and surgery. No one will ever know what really happened in that operating room. In his weakened condition, and with pneumonia setting in, Pvt. Rydeen died of the complications of his surgery on March 22, 1943. He was 21 years old.

The intentionally brutal and sadistic treatment that the POWs received at Mukden is typical of all the Japanese POW camps in Asia during WWII. The lack of food, medication, and sanitation and the cold led to a 37.3% casualty rate among the thousands of POWs throughout all Japanese camps. Less than 3% of POWs held by the Germans died. The death rate amongst the Defenders of Bataan was much higher, because of their weakened condition prior to their capture. There were over 500 Japanese POW camps and civilian internment camps throughout SE Asia during the war, with 160 in the small island country of Japan alone.

Pvt. Rydeen was buried in a cemetery near Mukden, but his body was recovered and returned to his family in 1945 after the end of the war. He is buried in the Augustana Cemetery SW of Clearbrook, MN.

Ernest had close friends in his unit and together they fought the enemy in their own way, imprisoned as they were. By helping each other and keeping up their spirits, they survived as best they could the trauma and hell they were living as prisoners. A good attitude was often the difference between life and death in Japanese POW camps. These buddies wrote many letters to the Rydeen family after their rescue at war’s end. It is through their testimony that the family learned of the bravery, loyalty, hard work ethic, and stamina that Pvt. Ernest Rydeen displayed.

I was only 6 years old when he left home to pursue his adventures, but have held his memory and his tragic war experiences in my heart all these years. After my retirement I began pursuing more and more information about my brother, locating and contacting soldiers who had served with him and whom had survived. Through these contacts, I found several who remembered my brother well and I learned so much more about his bravery and his suffering. My husband, LeRoy and I, were invited to attend the reunions of the Mukden POW Memorial Society, survivors of Mukden Prison Camp, even hosting one of the reunions which was held in Bemidji. Many of these old soldiers have passed on now, and we are losing so many WWII vets every day. Their stories must be told while we have them here to testify to the atrocities of war. Will we never learn???

On Memorial Day, 2011 in the school gymnasium in Clearbrook, Pvt. Ernest Rydeen finally received many of the medals he earned over 70 years earlier. The presentations were made by Steve Stone, Pennington County’s Veteran’s Service Officer. Since our two oldest sisters were 98 and 95, it was time to do the honors. Maybe you saw the story on WDAZ, Channel 8 on the evening news Memorial Day Monday, 2011. The medals received were: Presidential Unit Citation
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal
WWII Victory Medal
Honorable Service Lapel Button
Gold Star Lapel Pin
American Defense Service Medal
And last, but not least..... the Purple Heart
May his memory live on.

Gazelka: Moving in the right direction

(ST. PAUL, MN) – Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka (R-East Gull Lake) expressed support to the Governor’s announcement that he was lifting the stay at home order on May 18th. “We’re moving in the right direction,” Gazelka says in the video.

“This is really good news. I’m glad that he listened to us and I feel like we lead the way. Now it’s up to us, you and me, that we practice safe distancing. I have every confidence we’re going to be able to do it. Minnesota is back on track.”

Representative Matt Grossell Legislative Update District 2A

Rep. Grossell statement on Gov. Walz reopening guidance

CLEARBROOK — State Representative Matt Grossell, R-Clearbrook, issued the following statement regarding Gov. Walz’s announcement about his inconsistent, overreaching reopening guidelines that continue to control many businesses and churches from fully operating even after June 1.

“The announcements today by the governor show exactly why he needs to stop acting like a ‘king’ and instead work with the duly elected legislature. He is one man in St. Paul making decisions for a state of over 5 million people spread out over 87 counties and almost 87,000 square miles. He is dictating rather than governing.”

“The governor should listen to the heart-wrenching cry of small businesses, restau-



rants, bars, gyms, and churches who have plans to safely reopen — and he should trust Minnesotans to safely go back to living their lives. The governor is destroying the life’s work of many Minnesotans by putting such stringent restrictions on their reopening,

all under the guise of ‘the government knows what’s best for us.’ At today’s press conference, the inconsistent guidelines, which still pick winners and losers, cause me to ask this question: What science is the governor using? The science of virology, or the science of fear-mongering by use of the media?”

“The governor is not a king and he is very much abusing his powers and violating the constitutional rights of Minnesota citizens. This has gone on for too long and he needs to relent and give up his unilateral peacetime decision-making authority now. Enough is enough.”



Corrine’s Corner

By Corrine Richards

I did not see any hummingbirds around. So on Monday I mixed up some sugar water for them and it did not take long for them to come. They are so tiny.

The dates for the annual clean up week in Gonvick has been set for May 31 to June 4th. Anything left after that date will not be picked up.

From my mail...

A note from May Kae Swenson with her Gift Certificate to the Leader-Record. Thank you for participating in the fund raiser for Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools. I’m going to enjoy receiving the Leader-Record paper, this coming year. I enjoyed reading it for all my growing years at my parents Olaf & Gerda Engebretson’s farm in Clearbrook.”

Received a subscription renewal from Lyle and Bonnie Nelson in Fort Myers, Florida. He said they sure enjoy the “old Oldberg Journal!” What an improvement you’ve made!

Joke Time -

Ole saved his money for a lifetime and decided to take a vacation on a western ranch in Montana. The following conversation took place.

Ole: Look at dat bunch of cows.

Cowboy: Not BUNCH... HERD.

Ole: Heard WHAT?

Cowboy: Herd of cows.

Ole. Sure, I heard of cows.

Cowboy: No, a cow herd.

Ole: Why should I care what a cow heard. I got no secrets from da cow.

From my email...

Swimsuit season is upon us. We can all relate, yes?

When I was a child in the 1950’s, the bathing suit for the mature figure was-boned, trussed and reinforced, not so much sewn as engineered. They were built to hold back and uplift, and they did a good job.

Today’s stretch fabrics are designed for the prepubescent girl with a figure carved from a potato chip.

The mature woman has a choice: she can either go up front to the maternity department and try on a floral suit with a skirt, coming away looking like a hippopotamus that escaped from Disney’s Fantasia, or she can wander around every run-of-the-mill department store trying to make a sensible choice from what amounts to a designer range of fluorescent rubber bands.

What choice did I have? I wandered around, made my sensible choice, and entered the chamber of horrors known as the fitting room. The first thing I noticed was the extraordinary tensile strength of the stretch material. The Lycra used in bathing costumes was developed, I believe, by NASA to launch small rockets from a slingshot, which gives the added bonus that if you manage to actually lever yourself into one, you would be protected from shark attacks. Any passing midriff would immediately suffer whiplash.

I fought my way into the bathing suit, but as I twanged the shoulder strap in place I gasped in horror, my boobs had disappeared!

Eventually, I found one boob cowering under my left armpit. It took a while to find the other. At last, I located it flattened beside my seventh rib.

The problem is that modern bathing suits have no bra cups. The mature woman is now meant to wear her boobs spread across her chest like a speed bump. I realigned my speed bump and lurched toward the mirror to take a full view as-

essment.

The bathing suit fit all right, but unfortunately, it only fitted those bits of me willing to stay inside it. The rest of me oozed out rebelliously from top, bottom and sides. I looked like a lump of Playdoh wearing undersized cling wrap.

As I tried to work out where all those extra bits had come from, the prepubescent sales girl popped her head through the curtain, “Oh, there you are,” she said, admiring the bathing suit.

I replied that I wasn’t so sure and asked what else she had to show me. I tried on a cream crinkled one that made me look like a lump of masking tape, and a floral two-piece that gave the appearance of an oversized napkin in a serviette ring.

I struggled into a pair of leopard-skin bathers with ragged frills and came out looking like Tarzan’s Jane, pregnant with triplets and having a rough day.

I tried on a black number with a midriff fringe and looked like a jellyfish in mourning.

I tried on a bright pink pair with such a high cut leg I thought I would have to wax my eyebrows to wear them.

Finally, I found a suit that fit, it was a two-piece affair with a shorts-style bottom and a loose blouse-type top. It was cheap, comfortable, and bulge-friendly, so I bought it. My ridiculous search had a successful outcome, I figured.

When I got it home, I found a label that read, “Material might become transparent in water.”

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Ranisate home destroyed by fire

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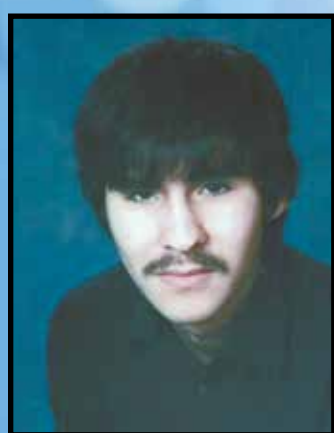
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