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CONTINUING THE GONVICK RECORD AND CLEARBROOK LEADER  
Serving the Communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Leonard and Trail



K and K's Restaurant in Clearbrook is open with some outdoor seating. Call ahead for your orders to 218-776-2195 or come on in and place your order as they can bring it out to you!

They now have malts, shakes and sundaes available. The city of Clearbrook provided tables and chairs to be used for customers in the outdoor dining.



Side Track Tap in Leonard opened for outdoor seating on June 1st! They will be open 10:30 am seven days a week. Closing time TBD. Call for Reservations to 968-2304. They are doing everything they can to follow the procedures/guidelines and they ask their customers to do the same. They have 3 patio tables, 3 cable reels and 2 picnic tables for guests to sit or stand around. They also have extra chairs for those who want to social distance out in the lawn and enjoy a cold beverage. Please, do not seat yourself. Wait to be seated or ask bartender what is available. This will help us insure we are abiding by social distancing practice.



Leonard Cafe is open at 7 am for those who would like to enjoy breakfast on the patio. They are also serving under the pavilion. Be sure to call ahead or stop inside to place your order and get your coffee!

## Hours....

**Clearbrook Liquor Store** is open for Off-Sale and To Go Food from 11:00 am until 10:00 pm Monday thru Saturday!

Please note the grill closes at 9:30 pm.

**Shorty's in Gully** will be back to regular hours on June 10th at 50% capacity. This weekend they will be having Meatballs or Walleye or Bluegills for their special.

These hours will be changing as the COVID 19 rules go into place for everything.



The Trap in Gonvick is open from 11 to 9 Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 on Sunday for take out. To call an order is 487-5224.

## Opportunity to Donate Wool

Opportunity to Donate Wool and Be Part of Creating a Yurt in Minnesota

The Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community of Northern Minnesota (SSFC) is looking for donated wool for an upcoming community project, felting a traditional Mongolian Yurt using tapestry techniques. More details at [www.sheepcommunity.com/yurt-project.html](http://www.sheepcommunity.com/yurt-project.html)

If you have wool you'd like to donate to be a part of this endeavor, please contact SSFC at [sustainablesheep@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablesheep@gmail.com) or 218-657-2502. All wool must be received no later than July 2, 2020.

Guidelines for donated wool: The fleece does not need to be washed but it should not have a lot of vegetable matter (VM). VM includes burs, sticks, hay and chaff. It also should not contain a lot of manure. If possible, staple length should be less than 3 1/2" but some breeds' wool with longer staple length are still useful for this project. Staple length is the length of the individual wool lock in the fleece measured from the cut

(or sheared) end to the tip. Measure this like you would a strand of hair cut from your own head.

Wool with high luster as opposed to high crimp is best. Any breed lambs wool is also useful. The luster wool breeds should have about 6 months growth in order to be short enough. Contact SSFC if you are not sure if your sheep wool will work and we'll help you figure out what you have.

### How Your Wool Will Be Used:

Your donated wool will be added to a pool of different local wool fibers. The wool will be sorted and processed into batts (sheets of wool fibers) that will be felted during the workshop into hard-wearing felts used to cover and insulate a traditional Mongolian Yurt. The outer layer of felt will feature a tapestry design (like a drawing) showing the process of shearing a sheep, processing the wool and creating the felts and yurt. The interior side of these felts (visible when stepping inside the yurt) will have

### Wool...

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## Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Further Delays Line 3 Replacement Project

St. Paul, Minn. (June 3, 2020) – Jobs for Minnesotans today released the following statement following the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's decision to hold contested case hearings for the Line 3 Replacement Project 401 certification:

"We are dismayed by today's MPCA decision to conduct a contested case process for the Line 3 Replacement Project 401 certification. This decision delays the permitting process for a project that will protect the environment, which is progressively more at risk as this review process continues. We recognize that the MPCA made this decision given the recent Court of Appeals ruling on PolyMet, a ruling that is up for review in the Minnesota Supreme Court. "Line 3 is the most thor-

## Restaurants and bars open

Area restaurants and bars began opening with limited service and outdoor serving last week.

While restaurants, retailers and entertainment centers across the country begin to slowly ease restrictions and open back up, it's important to face the reality that even with a re-opening of business, most will not see an immediate return to pre-COVID-19 levels.



Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick had curbside dining on Friday, June 5. Their plans are they will be open Monday's and Wednesday's from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and possibly Fridays. Serving to-go orders, you are welcome to sit outside and eat. Closed Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. She has been open in Gonvick for the past 10 years.



Sunday night people were enjoying the outdoor tables at Sportsmen's Lodge on Pine Lake. During this COVID 19 there have been many changes with the new siding and the covering over the door to the lodge. Cement has been poured for the patio and parking has changed.

## Courthouses to Reopen at Least One Public Service Counter No Later Than June 15

ST. PAUL, Minn. (June 3, 2020) – Following the Judicial Council determination in late May that the Minnesota Judicial Branch is in a new transitional phase, the Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea has issued an order regarding additional in-person access to courthouses and resources. The order requires each district court in every county, and the state-level appellate courts, to open at least one public service counter on or no later than June 15, 2020.

Courts must comply with the Judicial Council-approved Minnesota Judicial Branch COVID-19 Preparedness Plan ahead of their reopening dates. The Preparedness Plan addresses

exposure control measures and specific recommendations courts will follow in order to reopen for in-person courthouse activities.

Litigants, attorneys, media, and members of the public who will be visiting courthouses should visit the new reopening webpage before visiting a courthouse. The new webpage lists cleaning, face covering, and social distancing procedures that will be followed by court staff. It also has information for jurors, and details for people who have questions about their local courthouse procedures.

Some counties may initially offer scheduling for courthouse access. Counties will detail local conditions and requirements on their local COVID-19 webpages, which can be found by visiting

the new reopening webpage. The order also requires courts to provide access to public access terminals (courthouse terminals) on the same schedule. When counters and terminals are reopened, they will maintain the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

This order does not change the continued use of remote hearing technology or the previously announced requirements to implement the Transitional Case Strategies for Civil, Criminal, Juvenile, and Probate case types. Self-Help Center services will continue to be conducted by phone and email only. The Minnesota State Law Library will reopen to the public on June 15, 2020, by appointment only.

## Region 2 Arts Council Awards \$23,058 in Arts Access Grants for Small Towns

On May 18, 2020 the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors awarded \$23,058 through the Arts Access Grants for Small Towns. This grant is designed to support the creation, production, and presentation of high quality arts activities in towns with a population of less than 2,000, and to help

instill the arts into community and public life in our region by removing barriers that audiences may have to accessing these activities. Granted activities must display a commitment to reaching wider audiences through providing new and/or expanded arts programming to residents of Beltrami, Hubbard,

Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, or Mahanomen counties, and/or by supporting accessibility initiatives through the project.

This year's grant recipients include:

**Clear Waters Life Center**, with two locations in Clearbrook and Gonvick, was awarded \$5,670 to offer a series of afternoon and evening arts classes in a variety of mediums.

**Bagley Area Arts Collaborative** was awarded \$6,000 to produce a puppet presentation based on a traditional Anishinaabe story about the spirit of fever, Megissogwon, which is defeated by Nanabozho and the Woodpecker.

**The Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community of Northern Minnesota** was awarded \$5,958 to provide a learning workshop on tapestry felting to create a useable traditional Mongolian yurt.

**Mask and Rose Women's Theater Collective of Puposky** was awarded \$5,430 to host Sister Song, a concert of well-established female musical artists that also showcases up and coming female musicians.

Region 2 Arts Access Grants for Small Towns are made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



## Notice to American Legion members

**Samhold Church  
Women NALC**

## Meeting canceled

## Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

*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.*

Topic: Clearwater County Board of Equalization  
Time: Jun 16, 2020 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3941639486>  
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## Wool...

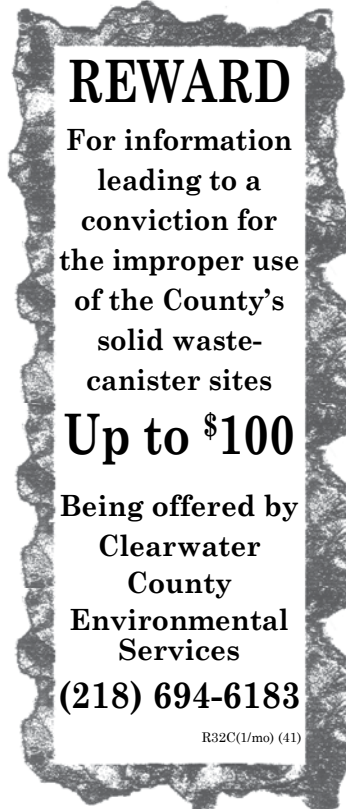
The SSFC through a grant from Region 2 Arts Council, in conjunction with artist and shepherdess Linda Johnson Morke and artist Deborah McQueen Coder, is hosting a workshop teaching how to make a traditional Mongolian wool felt for a yurt. This workshop features the felting technique used by nomadic Mongolian people and will showcase felted tapestry methods. These felts will be made from local, Minnesota wool and feature a mural felted in tapestry that tells the story of the cycle of sheep-to-shelter.

There is no charge for the ride or the meal. The group will be riding to Lake George.

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: [richards@gvtel.com](mailto:richards@gvtel.com)



And Online! Go to [www.TriCoCanary.com](http://www.TriCoCanary.com)



**This vehicle has been recovered**

It is a 2015 Ford F-350 with a service box. The vehicle was stolen from a logging site near the intersection of Glacier Road and County Road 2, about 6 miles North of Shevlin. The truck should have the letters "STI" on the box of the truck. The license plate on the truck is YBN3537. It was stolen sometime after 1pm on 06/04/2020. It drove South on County Road 2 when it was stolen.



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**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.

**Ad deadline:  
Noon Friday**

## Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

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

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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.

**Bethany Lund**  
**Sand Valley**  
**Dawn Hanson,**  
**Lay Minister**  
No Services or Confirmation  
classes until further notice.

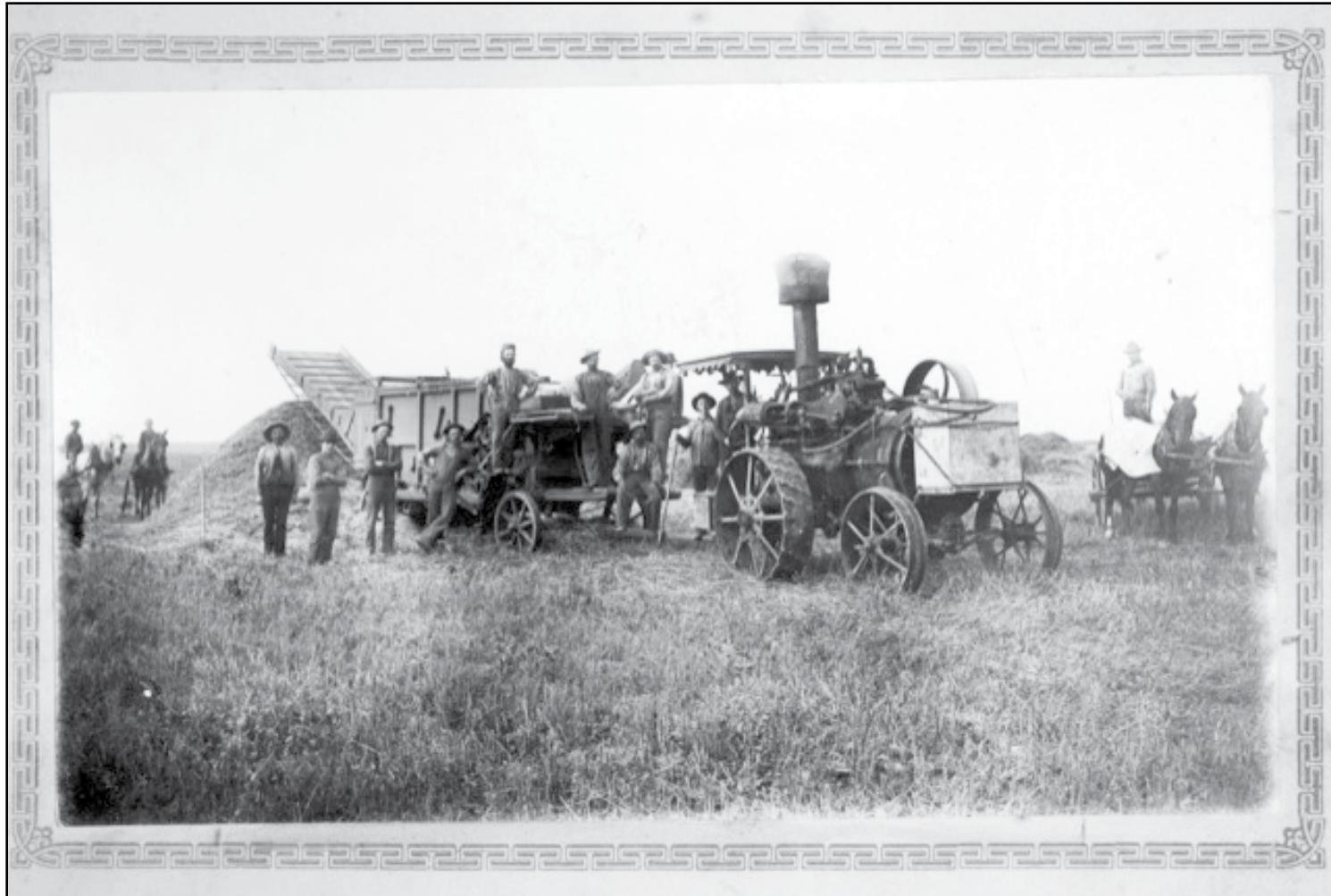
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The History Center in Shevlin is currently closed due to the Covid19 pandemic. While you can't visit the museum, the staff will provide stories from our county's past- "The ABC's of Clearwater County" in the meantime.

## H is For Harvest.

The First Threshing Rig arrived in Clearwater County in 1883.  
Henry Glaim, Henry Halvorson, Julius Halverson are three men in center.  
The rig was owned by Gilbert Tollefson

# WE HAVE MOVED



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Bagley Eye Center & Optical's new location is in the Sanford Bagley Clinic.

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## FROM DAYS GONE BY

These pictures were from the All-School Reunion in Clearbrook 10 years ago. There should have been another all-School Reunion this summer June 26, 27 and 28, 2020. BUT...



## Storm went through Gonvick Sunday night



Sirens went off in the area Sunday night with warnings. Storms on Sunday night blew a huge part of this beautiful maple tree onto the house belonging to Derek and Brandi Knutson in Gonvick. Damage was limited to the eaves and down spouts on the house. Wind was blowing from the south.



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

**City of Bagley - Total 16**  
05/31/20 07:20 Medical  
05/31/20 21:08  
06/01/20 10:33 Medical  
06/01/20 15:17 Court Order  
**Violation**  
06/01/20 19:04 Traffic Stop  
06/03/20 13:28 Vehicle Lock Out  
06/04/20 14:38 THEFT  
06/05/20 12:44 Traffic Stop  
06/05/20 12:52 Transport  
06/05/20 13:03 Traffic Stop  
06/05/20 13:20 Traffic Stop  
06/05/20 14:12 Traffic Stop  
06/05/20 16:30 THEFT  
06/05/20 17:12 Medical  
06/06/20 03:48 Traffic Stop  
06/06/20 18:47 Traffic Stop  
**City of Clearbrook - Total 5**  
06/01/20 16:49 Civil Complaint  
06/01/20 18:17 Medical  
06/01/20 18:30 911 Hang Up  
06/01/20 19:31 Medical  
06/06/20 13:16 Vehicle Lock Out  
**City of Gonvick - Total 6**  
05/31/20 22:48 Suspicious Activity  
05/31/20 23:22 Traffic Stop  
06/01/20 15:50 Suspicious Activity  
06/02/20 06:18 Suspicious Activity  
06/03/20 19:05 Domestic  
06/04/20 13:35 Threats  
**City of Shevlin - Total 3**  
05/31/20 00:41 Traffic Stop  
05/31/20 08:58 Motorist Assist  
06/06/20 03:33 Officer Detail  
**Copley - Total 13**  
05/31/20 19:17 Medical  
06/02/20 01:10 Disorderly  
06/02/20 15:42 Traffic Stop  
06/02/20 16:15 Welfare Check  
06/02/20 17:31 911 Hang Up  
06/03/20 14:19 Crimes Against  
**Family**  
06/03/20 18:55 911 Hang Up  
06/03/20 20:40 ASSIST  
06/04/20 07:20 Traffic Stop  
06/04/20 12:32 911 Hang Up  
06/05/20 10:47 Crimes Against  
**Family**  
06/05/20 13:53 ASSIST  
06/06/20 22:25 Traffic Stop  
**Dudley - Total 3**  
06/01/20 12:19 Animal Related  
06/04/20 15:07 Motor Vehicle  
**Theft**  
06/05/20 16:45 Vehicle Lock Out  
**Eddy - Total 4**  
06/01/20 17:36 911 Hang Up  
06/04/20 10:08 Fire  
06/05/20 08:59 Animal Related  
06/05/20 14:42 911 Hang Up  
**Falk - Total 1**  
06/04/20 15:20 Information Only  
**Holst - Total 3**  
06/01/20 07:41 Traffic Stop  
06/02/20 06:51 Traffic Stop  
06/04/20 11:01 Fraud  
**Itasca - Total 2**  
06/04/20 09:50 Traffic Stop  
06/04/20 10:12 Warrant Arrest  
**Itasca State Park - Total 2**  
06/05/20 15:40 THEFT  
06/06/20 10:54 911 Hang Up  
**LaPraire - Total 1**  
06/01/20 08:09 Suspicious Activity  
**LaPraire N - Total 14**  
05/31/20 15:49 Medical  
06/02/20 11:05 THEFT  
06/02/20 12:58 Harassment  
06/02/20 18:14 Welfare Check  
06/03/20 14:15 Crimes Against



Patiently waiting for his master.

### Need Passport picture taken?

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**Family**  
06/03/20 14:47 Crimes Against  
**Family**  
06/03/20 15:53 Court Order  
**Violation**  
06/03/20 17:03 Alarm  
06/03/20 22:17 Juvenile Misc  
06/04/20 00:25 Animal Related  
06/04/20 03:41 Disturbance  
06/04/20 13:09 Warrant Arrest  
06/04/20 14:07 Assault  
06/06/20 01:11 Property Damage  
**LaPraire S - Total 1**  
05/31/20 18:44 Motor Vehicle  
**Crash**  
**Leon - Total 2**  
06/01/20 20:53 Traffic Complaint  
06/04/20 23:02  
**Minerva - Total 1**  
06/01/20 10:33 Fraud  
**Moose Creek - Total 1**  
06/05/20 12:00 Suspicious Activity  
**Nora - Total 3**  
05/31/20 10:23 Vandalism  
06/06/20 22:44 Traffic Stop  
06/06/20 23:23 ASSIST  
**Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2**  
05/31/20 14:44 Assist Other  
**Agency**  
06/03/20 16:36 Medical  
**Pine Lake - Total 4**  
06/01/20 23:30 Harassment  
06/05/20 20:19 Medical  
06/05/20 22:46 911 Hang Up  
06/06/20 15:10 Motorist Assist  
**Popple - Total 5**  
06/01/20 20:36 Traffic Stop  
06/01/20 21:25 Court Order  
**Violation**  
06/02/20 15:58 THEFT  
06/04/20 14:02 Traffic Stop  
06/05/20 08:02 Traffic Stop  
**Rice - Total 5**  
06/02/20 17:26 Disturbance  
06/04/20 19:10 Medical  
06/04/20 19:46 Fire  
06/06/20 11:34 Disturbance  
06/06/20 18:13 Traffic Stop  
**Shevlin - Total 8**  
06/02/20 07:13 Traffic Stop  
06/02/20 10:44 911 Hang Up  
06/02/20 13:26 Traffic Stop  
06/03/20 05:46 Medical  
06/03/20 08:30 Missing/Lost  
**Person**  
06/05/20 14:13 Traffic Stop  
06/05/20 14:28 Burglary  
06/06/20 20:40 Traffic Stop  
**Sinclair - Total 3**  
06/02/20 16:07 Suspicious Activity  
06/03/20 13:11 Crimes Against  
**Family**  
06/05/20 11:50 911 Hang Up  
**Total Records: 108**

## Pine Lake December 12 & 13, 2020

This morning the new Cor PowerSports website went live, we will be updating information as it is finalized over the next few months but for now we have a few things on there for you to start looking at:

**Schedule:**  
It is with great excitement for us to announce today that the **Gerald Dyrda Memorial at Pine Lake** will continue to the season opener, the date for the upcoming event is December 12 & 13!

You will also notice that Big Powderhorn Resort in Bessemer, MI and Giants Ridge in Biwabik, MN are rounding out the season on the ski hills. Those have been long term events we have been running under the Cor PowerSports series for the past few seasons and both those events will still be the format that we have

done with the MESC of Hillclimb & Hillcross on Saturday then Sunday will be cross country.

We are working on the remaining events and will have 8-9 weekends for the season; our goal is to have those dates announced next month.

**Rulebook & Classes:**  
This has been a big question mark for many as we worked through the transition as both series ran a number of similar classes but some with different rule packages. We have worked with a group of fellow racers and crew to come up with the offering of classes for next season.

Here are a couple of the changes:

Pro Factory Women's / Sport Women's- we have created a lower cheaper entry level class for the women's division.

Pro Factory Vet 40 / Masters- We have created the Pro Factory

## NEPA Reform is Long Overdue

By Drew Johnson  
Ever wonder why it took just over a year to build the Empire State Building – but can easily take three years or longer to build a new road today?

One reason is the National Environmental Policy Act, a 50-year-old law that requires the federal government to conduct environmental reviews of all infrastructure projects. Since the law's inception, these reviews have become tedious and expensive.

In an effort to speed up infrastructure projects, the Trump administration is working to change how government agencies implement this law.

The administration's plan would streamline NEPA assessments while maintaining environmental standards. That will save millions of taxpayer dollars and help restore our infrastructure to its former glory.

Signed into law by President Nixon in 1970, NEPA was the country's first significant environmental policy. The law requires federal agencies to assess the potential environmental impact of every project that involves federal land or funding. Public and private entities often need to secure NEPA permits before they can fix roads, build bridges, or erect power lines.

Since it was enacted, the NEPA approval process has become costly, complex, and time-consuming. To receive a permit, applicants must comply with various sets of rules dictated by multiple federal agencies. Today, NEPA reviews often last more than four years and produce thousand-page environmental impact statements. This process delays even the most straightforward infrastructure projects. Consider a recent proposal to raise the roadway of the Bayonne Bridge -- which connects New York and New Jersey -- by a mere 64 feet. The proposal spurred a five-year, \$2 million NEPA review that produced around 20,000 pages of documentation.

Delays like this have left American infrastructure in desperate need of repair. The Department of Transportation estimates our roads and bridges need \$800 billion of improvements. Maintaining our nation's water systems will cost more than \$632 billion over the next decade. And a fifth of all passenger rail lines are in "poor condition."

Shoddy infrastructure financially strains American families. Expenses like the rising prices of goods as a result of slower transportation times, time and fuel wasted during commutes, and an aging electricity grid all eat into family budgets. Infrastructure deficiencies will cost every U.S. household \$3,400 per year in disposable income until 2025. If left unchecked, subpar infrastructure will cost more than \$5,000 per household annually starting in 2026.

Ironically, NEPA even impedes green energy projects that could help the environment. Consider the Cape Wind project, a Greenpeace-backed plan to erect a wind farm off the Massachusetts coast. The project's NEPA review was marred with lawsuits and took more than a decade to complete. Cape Wind was abandoned in 2017, after burning through \$65 million of private and public money.

Fortunately, the Trump administration has devised a way to stop these needless delays without compromising the rigor of environmental reviews. The administration's plan would place a single federal agency in charge of every NEPA review, and direct all agencies to complete these reviews within two years. Agencies would also have the ability to use existing data when possible, in order to further streamline reviews.

Over the past 50 years, NEPA has gone from an effective environmental policy to a regulatory roadblock. The Trump administration's plan will slice through the red tape and make this law work for Americans once again.

Drew Johnson is a government watchdog and environmental policy expert who serves as a senior fellow at the National Center for Public Policy Research.

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## Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

**Note** from the clerk at the City of Clearbrook. Tentative opening Day for the Clearbrook pool is Friday, June 12th. This year is by membership ONLY due to Co-vi-d.

**Shannon Faldet** Matthews is recuperating after an emergency Perforated Appendectomy surgery. Take care of yourself and get well Shannon!

### From my mail...

When you're stressed, you eat ice cream, cake, chocolate and sweets. Why? Because stressed spelled backwards is desserts.

### Joke Time -

**HOW DO COURT RECORDERS KEEP STRAIGHT FAC-ES?**

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

**ATTORNEY:** Can you describe the individual?

**WITNESS:** He was about medium height and had a beard

**ATTORNEY:** Was this a male or a female?

**WITNESS:** Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male

### From my email...

**Greetings,** from **Sara Madsen** with her subscription renewal. Dick and Corrine, Been missing the news... Hope all is well. Blessings

### Eating in the Fifties

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.



**Congratulations Lauren!** She finished her coursework and graduated from NDSU School Of Business with Honors in 3 years. Her proud grandparents are Shirley and Albert Graftaas of Fosston.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

"Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughingstock.

The one thing that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties...was elbows, hats and cell phones.

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

**Obituaries** in the Canary are also put on our website for you to see. Go online at trico-canary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our office.

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

## Members Show rescheduled

Bemidji, MN - Watermark Art Center's "Members Show" has been rescheduled to open on June 12 (originally June 5) and will run through August 23, 2020. A virtual exhibit will also be released to coincide with the show opening and will remain online indefinitely. The show will be on display in the Kaul Gallery which is visible from Bemidji Avenue through the lakeside facing windows. More details regarding the event are available online and on social media.

Watermark Art Center is located at 505 Bemidji Ave N. 218-444-7570. Virtual exhibits, experiences, and education can be viewed online at WatermarkArtCenter.org. Watermark is currently closed to the public and is in the process of developing plans and procedures to safely reopen.

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## Letter to the Editor

Today I am addressing the rumors and misinformation that are engulfing our community surrounding law enforcement's response to the credible, evidence based threats to the City of Bemidji, its citizens and its businesses that occurred this past weekend. Unfortunately the rumors and misinformation, some shared by public officials, has fueled racial and cultural bias's that we, as government leaders, have worked so hard to eliminate.

On Friday afternoon we learned that the peaceful protests scheduled to take place at the waterfront were being infiltrated by extremist organizations calling for the "burning Bemidji down" with the threat being concentrated on the downtown area. Very early Saturday morning the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office, Bemidji Police Department and Bemidji Fire Department put into motion the necessary steps to protect our community from what happened in the metro.

Throughout the day, law enforcement continued to receive threats related to "burning Bemidji down" with threats made directly towards burning down the Beltrami County/ Bemidji Police Department law enforcement center. A replication of what took place at the Minneapolis 3rd precinct.

Unfortunately our fears were justified after it was reported to Law enforcement the finding of multiple dumpsters filled with gas accelerants and caches of tools hidden around downtown buildings.

Late in the afternoon the planned peaceful demonstration marched to the law enforcement center and became non-peaceful. Rocks and debris were being thrown at law enforcement center and a police squad car. Law enforcement took immediate action to detain and arrest that subject. The organizers of the peaceful citizen's march were able to step in, calm and dispersed most of the crowd and stopped any more damage from occurring. Following this escalating event the decision was made to board up all first floor windows of the law enforcement center.

Local law enforcement had called for mutual aid from our law enforcement partners across the state. Some that responded were the elected Sheriff's and Chiefs of Police of neighboring jurisdictions. Many of the law enforcement officers that responded and patrolled the streets of Bemidji were doing so in dark SUV squad cars. At no time did the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office or Bemidji Police Department call for private security or citizen's to assist our law enforcement response as it has been stated on several social media platforms and statements made by government officials.

Unbeknownst to myself or Chief Mastin we learned that some business owners, and citizen's, including State Representative Matt Grossell had offered to assist and were with local law enforcement officers and a neighboring Sheriff, at a Bemidji Fire Station.

At approximately 9:30 PM, Representative Grossell reached out to me and offered assistance by being "eyes and ears" for law enforcement. Prior to his call, law enforcement had received information that buses of protesters were coming to Bemidji, so when he asked how he could help, I intentionally directed him outside the city limits to watch for buses that may be coming into Bemidji and report his observations to law enforcement. Unfortunately, miscommunication resulted in some of the "citizens" placed in fringe locations around the city of Bemidji. These citizen's did not actively patrol city streets, further, we do not share their personal views as they have expressed on social media.

On Sunday, May 31, 2020, Bemidji Police began an investigation after one of the citizen's being the eyes and ears for law enforcement used a social media platform to report what he was doing. Bemidji Police investigated and found that prior to and after the curfew he was with a neighboring Sheriff and local law enforcement officers at this Bemidji fire station. When they were directed away, they left what they thought were the city limits of Bemidji.

The intention of law enforcement leadership is to protect the lives, property and rights of all our citizens and that mission was accomplished.

Ernie Beitel, Sheriff  
Beltrami County Sheriff's Office

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Thrifty White Open House with Laurie Churness, Laura Bagaason and Pharmacist Jerry Gettel.



Jenny Bakke in the Clearbrook Legion USO show.



Alice Knutson on her last days as a teacher in Clearbrook. Bernice Magnussen the lefts maker. Steve Watne the rodeo rider.



Tony Torgerson and crew at Pine Lake.



Ordean Swanson and Duane Johnson 50 year membership in the Clearbrook Legion with their wives Leone and Betty.



Linda Shelquist retires after 31 years of teaching.



Bruce Bjerke handing Diane Lehse a check of \$265,770 loan to the Clearbrook-Gonvick School for the new building.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Cheerleaders. In the front row: Sierra Walton, second row: Jennifer Tjolsen, Amber Guerrero, and Sarah Ballek. Back row: Susie Weems, Sara Bergman, Jana Jorgenson, Beth Emmel, Ashley Elliott,

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