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New signs went up at the bank in Clearbrook. Border Bank is the same community bank that started in Clearbrook after it took over The First State Bank. The new sign also includes the Lindfors Logo for the company that is also located in the bank building.

New bank sign in Clearbrook

Border State Bank is now Border Bank and people in Clearbrook are seeing a new sign on the bank. Also with the new sign they have included the logo for Lindfors Insurance Agency which is located in the building.

The brand refresh has been in the works for over a year and includes a modification of the name from Border State Bank to - Border Bank. In addition, the bank is unveiling a fresh new logo that pays tribute to the bank's heritage and deep roots,

while celebrating the bank's growth; and adding a tag line that honors the bank's customers and the communities the bank serves. ...Customer First. Community Focused.

"We are growing and changing along with our customers and we've expanded our footprint into North Dakota. Don't worry, we're still a long way from Wall Street. Border Bank is the same bank our communities and customers have grown to trust, but with a fresh new face," stated David Felch, CEO

of Border Bank.

Border State Bank was established in 1935 and has nine branches throughout Minnesota, including Coon Rapids, Greenbush, Thief River Falls, Middle River, Badger, Roseau, Baudette, International Falls and Clearbrook. In addition, the holding company for Border Bank - Border Bancshares, Inc, owns Union State Bank in Fargo, North Dakota. An official merger is planned for December 2020.

County conducts 'Board of Equalization' - Assessments are behind required schedule

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on June 16 to conduct the Board of Equalization meeting.

Commissioners and Auditor-Treasurer took the oath of office to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State of Minnesota and to provide a fair appeal process for the public.

County Assessor Jamie Freeman explained that the purpose of the Board of Equalization is to provide property owners a fair appeal to request the changing of valuation or classification of property on which they pay taxes.

"All decisions of the Board are adopted by vote to raise or lower value," she stated.

"Valuations must fall between 90 and 105% of the value a property is expected to sell for. Valuations made from October 2018 through September 2019 were sent out in 2020."

She gave a review of what is happening with property values in the County. She said the Department of Revenue sets some increases, and there is a 5% increase on all agricultural structures.

Two taxpayers attended the

Board of Equalization meeting.

Jon Brovold was concerned that not all properties in the City of Bagley were assessed as required every five years. He said that as a result some would be paying more than their fair share of taxes. While he was not looking for a change in his valuation, he wanted to bring this fact to the attention of the Board.

The Commissioners said they had not been aware of this, and turned to the Assessor for an explanation.

"Clearwater County is not in compliance with this requirement by the Department of Revenue that properties be assessed every five years.," she said. "We are always playing catch up, and we are short on staff to do the assessments."

Commissioner Neal Illies wanted to know if those assessments completed could be delayed in recording.

"No. Any changes in valuations must be recorded," the Assessor replied.

"I see this as a disproportionate issue," Jon said. He also wanted to know if there is a penalty for not being compliant.

"I hear the concern, but more staff is not necessarily the an-

swer," Commissioner John Nelson stated. He thought having more staff would not generate more revenue.

Jamie said she was unsure about whether there is a penalty.

Commissioner Mark Larson thought, "Every department could use more help."

The second situation reviewed was for Wyatt Dickerson from Bear Creek Township.

He said his wife has a yarn shop and the taxes on that building have gone up 97.6% and wanted to know what the difference in the tax would be if the building was not classified as commercial.

The reason it had been changed to a commercial classification is because there are some retail sales of yarn at the location, and even though minimal, it had to be changed by law, Jamie stated.

The final tax analysis between commercial and non-commercial classification seemed to be a difference of less than \$200, which he did not think was worth the work to try to change it.

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



"I like to see people try to do new things," Mary Waggoner of Shevlin says. "They might find out they can do something they didn't think they could, and develop gifts they did not know they have. Use your talent!" Mary has collected a lot of treasures in her life. She holds an old tin doll head from Germany which she found. It is engraved with the name 'Minerva'. As a coincidence, she saw it displayed with other old items in a magazine.



Some items that Mary Waggoner has collected in her 90 years. See story on the front page of the Canary.

Students with incompletes have until June 30th to complete their classwork

The regular meeting of the Clearbrook-Gonvick Board of Education took place on Monday, June 15th. Items on the agenda included updates on the building project, budgets, scholarship funds, and the hiring of a new teacher. Board members also discussed plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

In the principal's report, Carl Dugstad informed board members that students with incompletes have until June 30th to complete their classwork. In an effort to reduce the number of students retaking classes, teachers prepared work packets that were mailed to the students who need to finish their coursework. Mr. Dugstad called parents and informed them of the plan.

Principal Dugstad also reported that most of the school-owned items loaned to students for use during distance learning have been returned. A total of thirteen computers remain out at this time.

According to Superintendent Jeff Burgess, the Minnesota Department of Education is providing guidance for planning for the next school year. The three options being considered by the state are returning to regular classrooms, distance learning, or a hybrid of classroom and distance learning. Schools have been given parameters to consider in planning for each model. Mr. Burgess will be working with the Leadership and Safety Committees to develop general plans for each of the options. Burgess expects the decision from the MDE and Department of Health will be received on July 27, 2020.

Once the decision on next year's plan is received, administrators will work with staff to create a more detailed plan for the coming school year. Scheduling student classes will be a major planning concern. Burgess added that the school will

continue looking at the early childhood education programs with the end goal of having full day classes, five days a week for 4-year-olds.

The district will be looking into funding sources from the federal government for technology for students' use. It may become necessary for each student to have a device, especially if distance learning continues into the 2020-2021 school year. The goals for technology purchase would include Chromebooks for students in grades 4-12 and iPads for the younger students.

Advertising has been placed for a long-term substitute for the Community Education position. At this time, games cannot be played with children from other communities. Children can practice, as long as they are able to maintain social distancing. A community education meeting for the area will take place on June 17th. It may be possible to schedule evening sports activities, especially for the older children.

At a prior meeting, board members had received a request from parents whose children want to participate in wrestling. Superintendent Burgess explained some of the issues surrounding the formation of a wrestling co-op. If a sports co-op is formed, the school district will be responsible for cost of transportation, athletic fees, and co-op fees. Title IX requirements that provide for equal opportunities for both genders is one issue that needs to be considered before forming a co-op with another school. Responsibility for transportation will also need to be determined. The district must also consider liability issues, especially if parents transport students. Because of the uncertainty of school plans for next year, the board chose to wait until the July meeting to decide on this issue.

Several change orders for the building project were described for school board members. The building project is mainly on track according to schedule. Board members are monitoring the level of the contingency fund as construction moves forward.

The board approved the hiring of Jessica Larson as an English teacher for grades 7-12, following the recommendation of the hiring committee.

Members approved the consent calendar. The insurance policy for 2020-2021 was also approved. Cost of this plan, including building and workmen's compensation, has increased by 3% to approximately \$77,000. Mr. Burgess also informed the board members that health insurance costs have increased. The plan for support staff has increased by 7%. With this increase, the district's insurance contribution will continue to cover a single health insurance plan for these employees. The health insurance plan for teaching staff has increased by a greater amount. As a result, the district's contribution will not fully cover a single health insurance plan for the teachers.

The board approved the updated budget for 2019-2020. The finalized budget for 2020-2021 was also approved at this meeting. This budget reflects expenses related to the construction project.

Payments approved at this month's meeting include \$26,756.20 to Stein's Bus Service, LLC, \$8,208.28 to Clearwater-Polk Electric, \$5,913.05 to Clearwater County Nursing Service, \$4,807.86 to Hill River Electric, \$4,399.71 and \$2,244.05 to Marco, \$3,416.55 to Land O Lakes, and \$1,922.09 to Garden Valley Telephone Company.

The next meeting of the school board will take place on Monday, July 20, 2020.

Lou Tasa from MnDOT visits Board meeting; County expects up to \$1 million in State Aid Commissioners agree to reopen County courthouse and buildings June 24

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on June 16 for their regular meeting, and the Board of Equalization.

The Commissioners discussed the reopening of the Courthouse and other County buildings. While there have been three new cases reported in Clearwater County since the Board last met, there was a strong feeling of urgency to go forward with reopening.

Commissioner Mark Larson asked what other counties are doing.

Al Paulson reported that some are open and some are not.

Commissioner John Nelson wished to see things stay the same as they have been.

Commissioner Larson said he is okay with reopening unless there is a big increase in cases.

The motion was made by Commissioner Neal Illies which the Board passed to open the County Courthouse and other County buildings on June 24th based on the original County

Plan; but the decision will be reevaluated at the June 30th Board meeting.

Regarding jury trials, it was stated that the space here is not big enough for larger trials. They may look into using a school.

Lou Tasa, District Engineer from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) visited the meeting.

"I like to get to know the Commissioners on County Boards. The County Board is still part of the team to help get things done," he said.

He praised 22 year County Engineer Dan Sauvé for the work he has done to keep projects going and building relationships.

"We work together well, and Dan has planned things out really well," he said.

Lou said he appreciated the time the Board gave him and offered to answer any question for him or for MnDOT, saying this is a good opportunity to build relationships with the State for Economic Development. He talked about small projects MnDOT could help with such

as repairs on street lights, turn lanes, and drains. Chairman Illies responded that they appreciated him coming as well.

"This works best with in person contact in the Counties," Lou stated.

Lou has worked on projects for MnDOT for 42 years and is planning for retirement.

Engineer Dan Sauvé brought a parking resolution and parking ordinance from the City of Clearbrook for a diagonal parking plan. The Board accepted them for CSAH 57 (First Avenue) and CSAH 42 (Main Avenue) and authorized Chairman Neal Illies of the Clearwater Count Board and the County Auditor Allen Paulson to attest to the diagonal parking plan.

Every vehicle parked on these streets shall be parked with the front of the vehicle facing the curb at an angle of approximately 45 degrees. Parallel parking will be required on some areas of First Avenue, on the south side between Highway 92 and Main Street and on the

Commissioners..
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There were three dinosaurs in Gonvick last Friday afternoon. They were headed to the Northern State Bank to get the free ice cream bars that the bank was giving out to honor the Dairy Farmers. The three were Kari and Karli Klema and Cameron Bergman. Matt and Jason Bergman bought Karli a ticket to come home and surprise her father Wade Klema on Father's Day. She was also able to visit her grandparents Fay and Gelloyd Bjerke.

New cases in
Clearwater County

Marissa Hetland, Director of the Clearwater County Nursing service said that there are three new cases of COVID-19 in the county. Two people over age 65. A couple became symptomatic in their own home and tests reveal that they had the virus.

One more person over 65 who had traveled out of the state also tested positive.

They will be monitored by the Nursing Service and the Minnesota Department of Health for the next 14 days of self-quarantine.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., June 24 - Country Steak, Gravy, Whole Potato, Corn, Cinnamon Apples, Bread and Milk.

Thurs., June 25 - Roast Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Florets, Cookie, Dinner Roll and Milk.

Fri., June 26 - Pizza Caserole, Green Beans, Peach Halves, Chocolate Pudding, Bread and Milk.

Mon. June 29 - Chef's Choice, Veg., Fruit or Veg., Dessert, Bread and Milk.

Tues., June 30 - Beef Stew, Lettuce Salad, Corn Bread, Muffin, Fruited Jello 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.



The Northern State Bank in Gonvick was handing out ice cream goodies to honor Dairy Farmers. The balloon cow in the window greeted those who came for their bag of treats. The special ones who came were the dinosaurs shown on the front page.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
For
ADOPTION OF CLEARWATER COUNTY RENEWABLE
ENERGY ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute 375.51 that it is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Clearwater County, Minnesota to hold a public hearing to enact an ordinance, the subject matter and general purpose of which in summary is to establish regulations governing the installation and operation of commercial scale wind energy conversion systems and commercial scale solar energy systems. This ordinance shall be entitled "Clearwater County Renewable Energy Ordinance". Said ordinance is available in complete form for review in the Office of the County Auditor and in the Office of Environmental Services, Courthouse, Bagley, Minnesota. NOTICE is further given that this matter will be considered by the Board of County Commissioners at a public hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Room, Second floor, Courthouse, Bagley, Minnesota on June 30th, 2020, 9:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible. Written comments will also be accepted by the Office of Environmental Services until that time.

FROM THE PAST - 2005

To the right:
Red Hat Ladies: Back row: Cathy Senger, Eilene Vanderport, EveLee Janssen, Diane Roepke, and Lucille Godtland. Front row: Marion Ask, Ardell Maple and Marge Olson.

Shown below:
Meeting looking for LARL library volunteers at the Gonvick Link site. Standing: Sue Midthun, Sharon Bergerson, Kathryn Randklev, Cheryl Stenzel, EvaLee Janssen, Vivian Solien, Eileen Lien, Stacy Halvorson and Darlene Sawyer. From row: Lauris Krogstad, Ardell Maple, Sylvia Sand, LARL Representative, Betty Birke-land and Eleanor Sundquist.



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.

Clearwater County Environmental Services

Memorial Service

An open house memorial will be held in honor of Maria Reed Kremper's life (daughter of Pat and Carol Reed) on Saturday June 27th from 1:00-4:00 at Clover Chapel 53299 269th Ave., 12 miles Northeast of Leonard, Minnesota. There will be no formal service.



Sanford Bemidji to host virtual hiring fair 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24

Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota will host a live, virtual hiring fair from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, to help prospective employees discover if the job they are interested in and Sanford is a good fit for them.

"Whether they're interested in pursuing a clinical or non-clinical career, we offer a wide variety of positions in Bemidji and throughout northern Minnesota," said Megan Steigauf, executive director of human resources for Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota. "Our goal with this event is to help connect those who may be interested with resources and recruiters to assist them in finding the position that is right for them."

Attendees will be able to engage live with recruiters gaining unparalleled access to Sanford Health. Participants will also be able to ask and get tailored answers to their questions allowing them to know more about the positions that are available locally and get to know more about what it is like working for Sanford.

During the hiring fair, Sanford recruiters will be highlighting all of the local job opportunities via a virtual chat event, including:

- RNs
- LPNs
- Medical Assistants
- Nursing Assistants
- Radiology Technicians

- Surgery Technicians
 - Therapists
 - Laboratory technicians
 - Environmental Services
 - Food Services
- For more information about the virtual fair and to register, go to <https://san.f0/3hkITWs>

Duckies coming to town

Be on the lookout for duckies coming to your community! The NW8 Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council will be placing duckies throughout the entire region in the next few weeks. We hope if you find one, you will take a selfie with it, tell us where you found it and post it to our Facebook page NWSAMHI. Please know we are taking all the proper precautions as we assemble the duckies and are following CDC & MDH guidelines for your safety.



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 Sunday at 9:00am
Weekly services thereafter pending MDH recommendations
Social distancing and infection control practices honored

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Radio service continues at 8AM on 96.7
We are opening for services at 25% capacity at 10AM starting May 31st.
We will continue to be on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Elim Lutheran Brethren Church has resumed our worship service. We welcome all who desire to join us. ~ June 28th at 9:30am for our Sunday morning Worship service
If you are unable to join us, the Sunday morning message will be available on several media options. One will be on the internet at Soundcloud.com and search Adam Krog. The second will be a live recorded option that will be posted on the Elim Lutheran Brethren Facebook page. Finally, the third option would be to 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 continue to join together in prayer for each other and for our nation. May the God of all grace and peace be with you all.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Saturday, June 27: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 28: St. Petri: No Services, Nazareth: 9:45 a.m., Oak Park: 11:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Thurs. June 18th, 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Sat. June 20th, 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sun. June 21th, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, June 28: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, June 24: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, June 25: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Sun, June 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Wed, July 1: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
In house services will resume this Sunday, 9:00 a.m. To keep everyone safe, social distance will be practised. Also, on line worship options will continue for both churches.
Our Savior's
Worship services at 11 a.m.

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Youth Pastor Brad Binder
Children's Minister Nicky Ubert
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218-776-3367
office@countryfaith.org
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Elevate Youth - 7pm Most Sundays
Men's Prayer - 6:30am Tuesdays
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Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

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Shop-at-the-Top: BOOK SALE!!! All books, 3 for \$1.00. June 24-July 1. Open 10:00 - 4:00, Mon. thru Fri., & 10:00 - 12:00 on Saturday.
Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center: End of Season Sale - 50% off all outdoor plants! Includes perennials, shrubs, baskets, planters, bedding and vegetable plants. Does not include potted house plants.
Hours: Mon. & Fri., 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
T-W-Th, 9:00 - 4:00 PM;
Saturday, 9:00 - 2:00 PM
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: If you have decided enough is enough, we invite you to join us. Thurs., 7:00 PM, CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Second Floor.
Restore It! Furniture Shop: Hours: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, M-F, & 10:00-12:00, Saturday.
Adult Education has resumed in-person instruction with online options. Tues., 6:00-8:00 PM and Wed., 12:30-3:00 PM. New students: before coming contact Sherry at 218-776-2789 or shjelle@nwservice.org.
Transportation Service for Clearwater County residents, 60 & over. Call Karen 24 hours in advance at 218-776-2223 or 218-637-0509 to schedule your ride.
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Commission on Judicial Selection Recommends Ninth Judicial District Candidates

The Commission on Judicial Selection announced today that it is recommending three candidates for consideration to fill the current vacancy in Minnesota's Ninth Judicial District. The vacancy will occur upon the retirement of the Honorable Paul T. Benshoof and will be chambered in Bemidji in Beltrami County. **Jeanine Brand:** Ms. Brand

Sheriff's Report... Continued from front page

06/17/20 21:12 Traffic Stop
06/17/20 21:23 Traffic Stop
06/20/20 16:55 911 Hang Up
LaPraire - Total 1
06/18/20 18:50 Alarm
LaPraire N - Total 2
06/18/20 14:55 Warrant - Attempt to
06/20/20 10:18 Medical
Leon - Total 4
06/15/20 10:02 Court Order Violation
06/16/20 07:34 Suspicious Activity
06/19/20 13:47 Traffic Stop
06/19/20 13:59 Traffic Stop
Minerva - Total 4
06/14/20 08:47 Traffic Stop
06/15/20 14:58 Burglary
06/18/20 13:19 Traffic Stop
06/20/20 15:02 Traffic Stop
Moose Creek - Total 1
06/14/20 15:10 Fire
Nora - Total 9
06/14/20 21:50 Disturbance
06/15/20 18:56 Traffic Stop
06/17/20 12:53 Traffic Stop
06/19/20 16:49 Traffic Stop
06/19/20 16:59 Traffic Stop
06/19/20 22:02 Suspicious Activity
06/20/20 14:37 Traffic Stop
06/20/20 14:49 Traffic Stop
06/20/20 15:24 Traffic Stop

currently serves as an Assistant Cass County Attorney. In her role, Ms. Brand primarily handles prosecution of sexual assault, domestic assault, child endangerment, protective order violation, and controlled substance cases. Previously, Ms. Brand served as Clearwater County Attorney, Assistant Clearwater County Attorney, Assistant Bemidji City Attorney, and Assistant Clay County Attorney. Ms. Brand is actively involved in collaborative committees to address justice in the legal system and develop protocols with partnering service pro-

Popple - Total 3
06/15/20 03:30 Alarm
06/15/20 13:06 Crimes Against Family
06/16/20 23:48 911 Hang Up
Rice - Total 16
06/14/20 11:34 Traffic Stop
06/14/20 11:42 Traffic Stop
06/14/20 11:54 Traffic Stop
06/14/20 12:06 Traffic Stop
06/14/20 12:18 Traffic Stop
06/14/20 12:27 Traffic Stop
06/18/20 18:15 Boat and Water
06/19/20 14:52 Harassment
06/19/20 16:14 Traffic Stop
06/19/20 16:23 Traffic Stop
06/19/20 18:43 Traffic Stop
06/19/20 20:41 Suspicious Activity
06/19/20 21:05 Traffic Stop
06/20/20 19:06 Disturbance
06/20/20 21:35 Disturbance
06/20/20 23:15 Disturbance
Shevlin - Total 5
06/14/20 01:25 Disturbance
06/15/20 22:17 Animal Related
06/20/20 13:03 911 Hang Up
06/20/20 18:51 Traffic Stop
06/20/20 21:38 Animal Related
Sinclair - Total 3
06/14/20 20:20 Traffic Stop
06/15/20 10:57 Suspicious Activity
06/19/20 14:38 Traffic Stop
Total Records: 105

LEGAL NOTICES - CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING May 18, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:01 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Tom Stenzel, Jamie Wishard, Corey Petterson, Jeff Westrum, Richard Hetland (in person); Tracy Imle, Kris Snyder (via zoom). Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess (in person), Principal Dugstad (in person), 9 staff members (in person/zoom), and 2 community members (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 amended 11.6 – Prom, 11.7 – Principal Contract, 11.8 – Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: Hetland – Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - 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, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU
7.1 05/04/20 - Regular Meeting
8 Informational Items
8.1 Principal Report –Principal Dugstad discussed the following items: 1) Elementary Update – Principal Dugstad discussed how the Elementary staff was progressing with Distance Learning 2) High School Update – Principal Dugstad discussed how the Elementary staff was progressing with Distance Learning 3) Materials –A) Students Returning Materials - Principal Dugstad reviewed the plan currently in place for student return of materials. B) Returning Personal Items to Students–Principal Dugstad reviewed the plan for returning personal items from students' lockers and desks. 4) Academic Banquet – Principal Dugstad discussed the upcoming virtual banquet, and explained how the banquet would proceed via Zoom. 5) Graduation – Principal Dugstad discussed the current MDE guidelines, as well as the plan for CG graduation.
8.2 Superintendent Report – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: 1) COVID-19 Update - A) Educational –This is still going okay. We are seeing some issues with assignment completion in our high school. We have a process in place to make contact with students who are struggling. We are also planning for the end of the year right now. We are starting to tackle items, such as: getting student materials out, getting class materials and curriculum in, technology & other items. It 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 are working with the budget right now, as well as the programming.. 2) Employee Matters – A) We have again advertised for our English position. We are going to hopefully see some applications coming in. We are in a holding pattern for our other hires until we know more for next year. 3) Building –A) Construction Update – Things are moving along well, and we are on schedule. 4) Financial – A) We are meeting with MDE budget personnel on June 2nd. This will give us an idea of what next year will look like. The state is receiving less funds in taxes and, therefore, revenues are down. We have heard rumors of payments being split differently in upcoming years. We have no factual basis for this, but we have heard rumors that rather than a 90/10 split, we might get an 80/20, or even a 60/40 split. If this is the case, we might wish to look at aid anticipation. We have a good general fund built up, but we might not want to use that to cover cash flow. We don't know what will happen yet, but it is good to start anticipating this possibility. The other thing we have heard is that we will most likely not be seeing percentage increases in the future. B) Supt Burgess reviewed the Comparison Reports through April of this year.
8.3 Committee Report – None
9 Consent Calendar – MMS Hetland/Stenzel to approve Consent Calendar as presented. . Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - 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:68280-68292/Wires Payroll Checks 0030473 – 0030474 May Bills Voucher Numbers: 57769 – 57817 Check Numbers: 68293 – 68323 Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$424,383.34
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 Graduation – Supt Burgess reviewed the new proposal for graduation, focusing on a drive in/virtual ceremony, with the potential ceremony later if restrictions are relaxed. This new proposal is based on new restrictions from MDE and the MN Dept of Health. A discussion was held regarding the new options, due to the renewed guidance from MDE, for a graduation ceremony that incorporates the COVID-19 mandates, and MDE guidance. MMS

gram, tribal, and governmental agencies. Previously, Ms. Brand taught Business Law at Bemidji State University and Criminal Law & Procedure at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Ms. Brand's community involvement includes serving as the First Vice-President of Girl Scouts of America, Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines Council, Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Support Within Reach, and President of the Clearwater Library Foundation.

Tom Kuesel: Mr. Kuesel currently operates his own law firm in Northern Minnesota, where his practice focuses on criminal defense and personal injury matters. He is certified as a Criminal Law Specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association. Previously, Mr. Kuesel has served as a part time Assistant Public Defender in the Ninth Judicial District, law clerk in the Eighth Judicial District, and student attorney for the Anoka County Attorney's Office. Mr. Kuesel's community involvement includes serving on the board of the Northwest Indian Community Development Center and serving as the chairman of Bemidji's Hockey Day Minnesota 2019 Local Organizing Committee. Mr. Kuesel also volunteers as an assistant coach with the Bemidji High School Mock Trial Team.
Clifford Wardlaw: Mr. Wardlaw serves as an Assistant Polk County Attorney, where he handles criminal prosecution including narcotics, domestic violence, child abuse and crimi-

nal sexual conduct offenses. Previously, he was an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, where he prosecuted violent crimes in Indian country. His community involvement includes volunteering as a recreation coach for youth basketball and softball and as a mock trial judge. Mr. Wardlaw is also a founding member of the board of directors for the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association, and an honorary member of the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association.

Minnesota's Ninth Judicial District consists of the seventeen counties of northwest Minnesota, including Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau.

For more information about the judicial selection process, please visit our website: <https://mn.gov/governor/administration/judicialappointments/>

To the Editor

Over the past several weeks Representative Matt Grossell from 2A and Representative Steve Green from 2B have writing articles on the actions taken by Governor Waltz.

Representative Grossell's article in his legislative updates mentions nothing about what the MN Legislature had purposed or had enacted to deal with the Corona Virus pandemic. Grossell calls the Governor's orders as being unilateral, meaning effecting only one person or group without the agreement of others.

Representative Grossell does not mention anything that might help deal with the situation other than open everything so that the economy can go back to the way it was. Governor Walz was following the advice of what the pandemic specialist was giving him to make a decision on facts to keep citizens of Minnesota safe.

We all thought that the Corona Virus problem would be over within a short period of time like other medical situations that have come before it. At the present time there have been some reopening's done by some states which has caused a resurgence in Corona Virus cases. The County can and should re-open with safety for all citizens kept in mind. In time we might get back to somewhat like it was but we will never go back to how it was prior to the Pandemic. Informed decisions need to be made by the Federal Government and the State Governments for the welfare and safety of all citizens of the United States.

Pat Ward
Bagley MN.

Farmers, ranchers and private forest landowners use conservation to protect pollinator habitat, boost crop production

By Troy Daniell, USDA NRCS State Conservationist, and Joe Martin, USDA FSA State Executive Director, in Minnesota

The next time you snack on almonds, add blueberries to your smoothie or eat pumpkin pie, thank a pollinator and thank farmers, ranchers and private forestland owners who work hard to create and maintain their habitat.

Pollinators, such as honeybees, bumblebees, butterflies, birds, bats, flies and many others, play a critical role in crop production. Without pollinators, we wouldn't have many crops.

During the week of June 22-28, the nation will celebrate these iconic and crucial pollinators during National Pollinator Week. This year's theme is "Pollinators, Plants, People and Planet." Thirteen years ago, the U.S. Senate unanimously designated the third week in June as National Pollinator Week to increase awareness about the importance of pollinators and the challenges many of them face, including serious population declines and habitat losses, often due to land use changes and excessive or improper pesticide use. Nearly 200 species of pollinators are considered



Falls Cinema in Thief River Falls.

Lunds upgrade Falls Cinema

Courtesy of Grygla Eagle
Both sides of Falls Cinema are looking quite different these days. The business, owned by Jeff Lund and his son, Daniel, is getting completing renovated on both sides of the theater, which will soon house luxury loungers...take a minute to appreciate how comfortable that sounds...

In addition to the new seating, bigger, wider, taller screens will be in place, along with new curtains and updates to the sound system.

The new luxury loungers, which recline and will have tables in front of them, will be installed on platforms. Jeff and his friend, Parker Comstock, were busy drawing out the platform lines on the wall to start construction on that. Because of the size of this new seating, the capacity will go down a bit. One side will seat 67 while the other hits the 100 mark.

Based on COVID-19 guidelines, theaters are able to open this coming weekend with a limited capacity, however, with the renovations still underway, it'll be just a few more weeks until Falls Cinema opens its doors for business. The opening date right now is planned for Friday, July

24th, right in time to show the highly-anticipated film, *Mulan*! Lund says to expect a few new things offered by the theater - dinner and movie being one of those, for example. Occasionally, an area restaurant will cater a meal where guests will be able to reserve their spot and enjoy dinner and a movie. In fact, reserving seats for even the regular show times is now becoming an option for guests to do online.

Concessions remain on-site with about a dozen part-time workers employed.

Falls Cinema has been shut down since March, along with everywhere else. The Lunds have used that time to their advantage by beginning the renovations. All the walls were re-insulated and sheet-rocked during that time, too.

"You know, we're just trying to give Thief River Falls and the surrounding area a really awesome movie theater. What we had before was good, but we want to make it great. We want to make it an EXPERIENCE," shared Jeff.

In addition to owning the theater, Jeff Lund works full-time with Garden Valley while his son Daniel is works for Sjobergs.



Jeff Lund, pictured on the right, has his friend Parker Comstock helping out in the theater. Comstock is a union carpenter from Bemidji Local 1934.

threatened or extinct. Pollination occurs when pollen grains are moved between two flowers of the same species, or within a single flower by wind or insects and animals. Successful pollination results in healthy fruit and fertile seeds, allowing the plants to reproduce.

The extensive and critical world of crop pollinators is a \$20 billion a year industry. About 75 percent of crop plants are pollinated by billions of animals and insects every year

Many federal, state and local government agencies, non-government organizations and universities have launched extensive efforts to protect pollinators, especially honeybees and the Monarch butterfly. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) works closely with farmers, forest landowners and other private landowners to increase pollinator habitat in targeted areas nationwide.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), offers financial incentives to agricultural producers and private forest landowners who enhance pollinator

habitat by voluntarily implementing conservation practices such as cover crops, wildflower and native plantings in buffers and areas not in production.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) also can be used to enhance habitat to protect pollinators. Administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), CRP is a land conservation program in which enrolled landowners remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality.

As owners and stewards of the land, many farmers, ranchers and private forest landowners manage their natural resources to work to achieve their production goals, they are protecting the rich and diverse ecology on or near their operations.

When we protect pollinators, we protect our ability to grow food. We thank our farmers, ranchers and private forest landowners for who offer a safe haven for pollinators and grow the products we enjoy.

Whether you are a large commodity producer, a small and diverse organic producer or even a suburban homeowner, you can have an important role in saving pollinators in Minnesota.

You can help protect pollinators by doing the following:

- Plant appropriate vegetation. Use conservation practices and create habitat that sustains and enhance pollinators on the farm, forest or the yard.
- Use pesticides, herbicides and insecticides carefully on and off the farm, ranch and private forests. Keep your operation pollinator friendly.
- Protect flowering plants and potential pollinator nesting sites such as areas of undisturbed ground and native vegetation.
- Do your part to help protect pollinators. By taking action to diversify and beautify your operation or property, you could ensure that many fruits and vegetables are available and plentiful for future generations for many years to come.
- For more information about pollinators and what you can do in Minnesota, please contact your local USDA service center.

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Idea Competition winners

The IDEA Competition, a program of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF), has named its winners for the 2019-2020 competition.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual IDEA Competition Awards Banquet has been postponed, but competition organizers are planning a virtual recognition event to take place in the fall in conjunction with kicking off the 2020-2021 competition.

The following businesses were named the 2020 winners of the IDEA Competition:

1st Place: Muskox – Ron Bergman, Mentor

The Muskox makes snow-removal a single step process by continuing to blow snow in reverse.

Today's snow blower attachments only work moving forward.

The chutes block vision and lack throwing power. The advantages of this product include: bi-directional snow blowing, upper cutting edges, angled back wall for better sight, slip clutch, and lowered chute. Muskox received a \$15,000 cash award and a \$5,000 service package from IdeaWorks.

Runners Up (in no particular order) Moonlit Analytics – Michael Hendricks, Bemidji

Unlike data science that seeks meaning from data, decision science is the application of data inferences to solve business problems using data science tools.

Decision scientists clearly define the business problem or opportunity and have the acumen to solve the problem or capture the opportunity. The Moonlit Analytics team are the decision scientists capable of modeling specifically to customer needs whether it is anomaly detection for equipment, likelihood of payment from a customer, forecasting sales, or optimizing employee schedules, they have an affordable solution.

Moonlit Analytics received a \$5,000 cash award from the competition and a 15 hour Awareness Campaign package from Evolve Creative.

Table for 7 - Amber Lynne Cooper, Bemidji

This will be a niche restaurant that will bring Bemidji back to its roots, where every local community should look for the source of its food.

Not only will it support and raise up the local growing community but it will also be a place if education for people who are passionate about good food.

In turn those people will go on to be more equipped in the food industry as they advance in their career.

It is a niche restaurant that is unlike what Bemidji already has for choices of places to eat out. It will be a fresh and healthy alternative for eating out. Table for 7 received a \$4,000 cash award.

F&H Design – Tim Halberg and Marty Feil, Shevlin

This organizer system will act to protect equipment, or items within the Ice Fishing embodiment.

The needless destruction of equipment during hauling, towing the ice fishing sled, and the entanglement of equipment, or

items will be reduced.

This adjustable system is to fit all sizes of the ice fishing sled, and can be customized for individual use planning, and placement of items.

The adjust ability and interlocking panels will help to secure the load within the sled. F&H Design received a \$1,000 cash award, a \$5,000 service package from Hamre, Schumann, Mueller & Larson, and \$5,000 worth of services from LVI Supply.

LaValley Industries and all our affiliated companies are very pleased to be able to support the IDEA Competition and this year's winners," said Jorge Prince, chief financial officer at LaValley Industries.

It takes great heart and determination to move business ideas forward and we are honored to be able to work with each winner and help them take the next step forward."

For additional information about the winners, their businesses, and the IDEA Competition, visit www.ideacompetition.org.

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Minnesota Highway Patrol

Incident type: Injury ICR: 20320777 Date/Time:06/16/2020 14:54

District:3200 Thief River Falls Contact: Sgt. Jesse Grabow (218) 639-3168

Location: Westbound Hwy 2 east of Hwy 92 outside Bagley, Bagley, Clearwater County

Description: The Fiat 500 was travelling west on highway 2 with the Ford Fusion driving behind it. When the Fiat slowed for reduced speed zone, the Ford rear-ended it, pushing it into the ditch.

Road Condition: Dry Outside agencies: Clearwater County

Information believed complete Last updated:06/16/2020 18:36

2 Vehicles involved.

Vehicle 1- 2008 Ford Fusion Airbag Deployed: Yes Driver: Jayden Rose Leslie Mahnomen, MN, USA Female Age: 21

Injury type: NoneHealth Care Facility:None

Seat Belt: YeHelmet:Not Applicable; Alcohol Involved:No Vehicle 2-2013 Fiat 500

Airbag Deployed: Yes Driver: Diane Marie Martine Bagley, MN, USA Female Age: 74

Injury type:Non-life Threatening Health Care Facility: Fargo

Seat Belt: Yes Helmet; Yes Alcohol Involved: No



L is for Leonard

L is for Leonard: an article in The Gonvick Banner, June 20, 1919 best describes the little town in Dudley Township; 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.

There is perhaps no part of Clearwater county where the community spirit has developed as quickly in the past year as in the vicinity of Leonard. That a genuine spirit of community cooperation was clearly demonstrated last Friday when an all day meeting was held in the

Leonard hall, where country folk and town folk met together for a social time together.

While the big dinner served by the farm women at noon undoubtedly proved a drawing card, the program and business session in the afternoon held the crowd until it was all over. County engineer Umland so completely covered the subject of proper road construction that it brought forth the quotation from Oliver Goldsmith that "one small head should hold so much." County Agent Martin after a few words of commendation for the good work being done introduced Miss Shepherd of University Farm, who made a few remarks on community building through cooperation.

Everybody in and around Leonard is back of the various cooperation enterprises in the community. The meeting Friday was called as annual meeting of the grain and produce association. The secretary's report showed that although it was the first year for the association and everything was new to

Dear 4-H youth, families and volunteers

It's with a heavy heart that I acknowledge the Minnesota State Fair board's decision to cancel the 2020 fair. Nearly 6,000 4-H'ers showcase their learning during the state fair, and so many caring adults and organizational partners contribute to this wonderful annual gathering.

Alternative state showcases are in the works

We support the decision made by the fair board and want you to know that we will deliver alternative experiences for 4-H animals and general projects. We're working closely with the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to identify the time and place for these alternatives and have been testing virtual platforms that ensure judging can be offered.

Here are four important things you need to know now:

Virtual state judging for general projects will occur August 31 through September 5.

We are planning to conduct virtual livestock judging experiences. However, we are also exploring in-person judging events for livestock that may be carried out with the support of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and other partners. We are not promising in-person events, but are open to the possibility and will make a decision by mid-July. We are making our decisions in accordance with UMN policies, Governor Walz executive orders, Minnesota Department of Health guidelines and CDC guidelines.

The June 1 animal ID deadline applies for all livestock exhibits.

Pathways from county to state showcases

We are committed to ensuring a pathway from local fairs to state showcases. 4-H educators are working in collaboration with fair boards and other partners to offer general and livestock project judging at a local level in July and August.

Please provide your thoughtful feedback regarding the alternative showcases we're preparing. I welcome your unique perspectives. While we are planning for county judging to be virtual, we are open to in-person options.

Helping our young people cope with loss

This state fair cancellation is deeply disappointing. 4-H activities are an important highlight of the year for many youth and families. We also recognize that this comes at a time when youth have already experienced major life changes and other losses. We have assembled some resources for youth and adults on coping with these cancellations in the hope that they support and encourage you.

As always, 4-H is here. We will adapt, we will remain strong, and we will work tirelessly to ensure that Minnesota youth can thrive.

Sincerely, Jennifer A. Skuza

the officers, a small profit was made. In the election of officers there was no evidence of personal ambitions or animosities shown. It was indeed a splendid showing for cooperation.

About a year ago a community committee was selected by the Farm Bureau members around Leonard to cooperate with the Farm Bureau and County agent in carrying on the Farm Bureau program. The first two or three meetings at Leonard were rather poorly attended. But things have changed, as they were bound to under the leadership of such men as Henry McCrehin, William Stokes, Fred Ehlers, L.D. Larson and others. There is no trouble now to get a good crowd

Within the past year a number of projects have been started at Leonard. A potato growers association was formed this Spring for the purpose of standardizing and improving the potato crop. Now a cooperative potato warehouse is being built in connection to the eleva-

tor. A number of farmers have formed an association for the cooperative purchase of purebred Red Polled bulls. Sow thistle clubs have been organized. The projects have not only started but are growing stronger all the time.

The meeting last Friday was quite unusual in a way. The farmers and their families came to town and invited the town to "eat, drink and be merry" with them and honestly it was hard to tell which enjoyed the day the most. The meeting was the second such to be held in Leonard this summer. However it will not be the last for it was voted to hold such a meeting once a month hereafter. Next time the day will be held out in the country at some farm home, and everybody will be present from both town and country.

May the Leonard spirit spread to other communities and finally make Clearwater County one big community."

The Gonvick Banner, June 20, 1919



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Oof-da Tacos will be in Clearbrook this weekend. Thursday June 25 to June 27 from 10:30 am to 7:00 p.m. They are celebrating a creative Summerfest. That would have been if not for the COVID-19. They will still be on main street.

Shorty's Place in Gully is have their Wing night on Wednesday and their Friday and Saturday special is Rib Eye.

Honeyberry Farm south of the lights in Bagley and 1 mile east is having their Pick-Your-Own Berries. June 28 to July 31 from 9 am to 7 pm Sunday to Friday. Something to do this summer. See ad in the Canary this week.

Good news there is going to be something on July 4th. The fireworks will be going off in Trail and in Bagley over Lake Lomond.

Anybody Craving Fair Food?? On June 26 & 27th their will be a Fair Food Truck weekend at the Norman County Fairgrounds in Ada, MN!

They will also have free entertainment by Whitney Pitman and Friends on Friday Evening on the TRM Stage.

Tables will be available and will be spaced apart following the CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19.

Joe Time -

Oscar, you must watch your English a little better. Just now you said to Ole, "I et six eggs for breakfast today. You really meant 'ate', didn't you?"

"Vel maybe it vas eight, I et."

How do court recorders keep straight faces?

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: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

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