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Clearbrook City Council Meeting- July 13, 2020

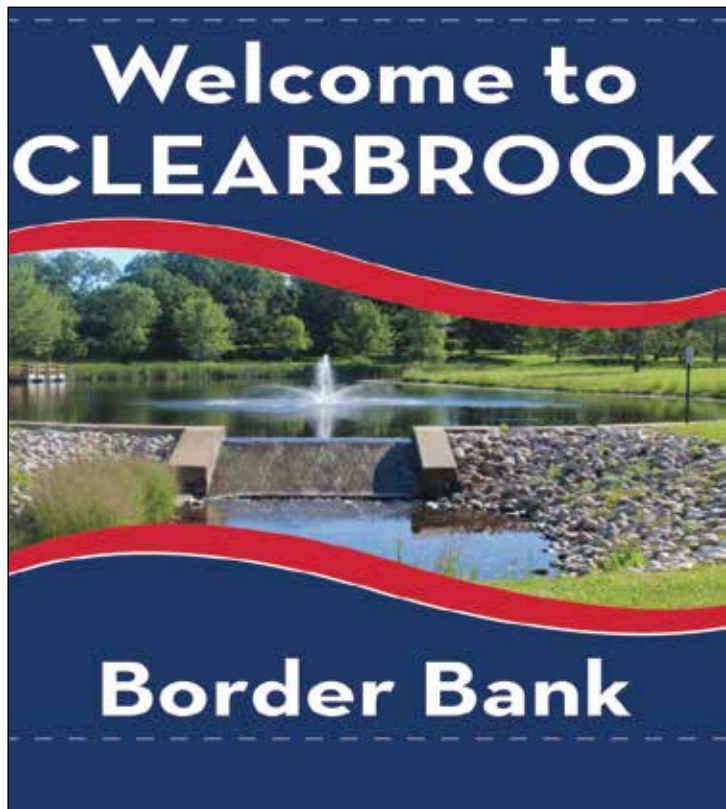
By Bonnie Kirchman
The Clearbrook City Council met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 13th. The meeting was held in the Community Room to allow for social distancing.

Curt Meyer, engineer with WSN, attended the meeting to provide an update on the water and sewer project. A few signatures on easements are still needed. The city attorney also needs to review the plans. The council moved to advertise for bids on the project contingent on the city attorney's approval. Meyer explained that construction could begin this fall, but he is aware of the need to leave streets in good condition for winter. He will meet with city staff to determine if targeted construction can begin in certain locations this year.

Meyer also addressed the need for culvert and street repairs on Main Street near the dam. State funds are available for the repair project, provided the city pays up to \$10,000 for the design costs and up to \$10,000 of the construction costs. Meyer estimates that this project would cost in the \$100,000 to \$120,000 range, so grant amounts would be from \$80,000 to \$100,000. Meyer has had discussions with Dan Suavé, County Engineer, as the county will need to serve as fiscal agent for the project. Meyer explained that the new design will help prevent street flooding near the dam in up to a typical 10-year flooding event. He added that with climate change, flooding events are coming more frequently. Meyer hopes that most of this project construction can be completed this fall.

Zach Thoma, engineer with Karvacko, brought the city updated plans on the bike trail project. The project plans have now been authorized by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Construction on the trail will begin in spring of 2021. The council approved an agreement stating that Clearwater County will accept and distribute the funds for the bike trail.

Joy Walberg provided a report on the liquor store. They are using a new credit card



The new welcome banners that are being put up in the City of Clearbrook.

system. Wedding dances have been scheduled for August at the Community Center. Liquor store staff will make adjustments in how they serve at the dance if state guidelines concerning the coronavirus situation change.

The city pool staff is offering a session of swimming lessons starting on July 13th. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, people must purchase a membership in order to use the pool. This does not seem to be having a major impact on revenues at the pool.

Nick Rankin gave the report on city utilities and maintenance. The Garden Valley fiber optics project is almost completed, and all the necessary digging has been done. Garden Valley will be fixing any sinkholes that have been created in alleys or yards as a result of this project.

The council approved a motion to proceed with the purchase and installation of gas regulators at a cost of approximately \$6,200 for parts and labor. The old regulators are leaking. The new regulators are simpler and are expected to last longer than the older models.

Rankin informed council

members of damages on the community center roof. He will obtain quotes for the necessary repairs. Naylor will be installing new heating system units in the community center. The old units will be kept for parts for the units that are not being replaced.

Rankin reported that the town clean-up has been completed and hydrant flushing will take place on Wednesday, July 22nd. The utilities staff will do exterior inspections of each home and business that receives natural gas. These inspections are required every five years.

Council member Gary Prosser discussed the weed permit for the dam project area. The city will need to apply for the permit every year. This year's permit was returned with approval for less clearing than requested by the city. There are a variety of methods for weed control in the water, with a range of costs. Prosser recommended the city first try purchasing and applying a weed killer product. He also suggested that community members could help rake out part of the

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Extension recognizes leaders program graduates its 36th class

Zach and Stacy Peterson, Shevlin, received special recognition on June 30th, during an online recognition event for the Emerging Leadership Program. They, along with individuals from 15 other counties in northwestern and west central Minnesota, were honored for completing the leadership program and for their commitment to leadership in their community.

The event, broadcast as a Facebook LIVE event, was held after the class met monthly for Friday evening educational sessions for four months to complete their program. Extension Educator Jody Horntvedt explained that after the fourth session and annual Recognition Banquet, cancelled back in March due to COVID-19, the class committed to finishing online. "I was impressed by the participants' commitment to connecting via technology to maximize their opportunities for learning as part of the program," added Horntvedt. The class hopes to be together in person for a final wrap-up event in November provided Extension in-person programming is an option at that time.

This year's theme, 2020: Focus on Leadership, encouraged participants to use vision and perspective when striving to be effective leaders. During the event, Extension Program Leader Holli Arp addressed the class, highlighting the importance of looking back at what they've learned, being okay with uncertainty, and taking time to re-envision what is possible for themselves and their communities into the future. She ended her comments with this quote from Eleanor Roosevelt, "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face."

The recognition event concluded with an announcement of the 2021 Ambassadors for the program. Andy and Stephanie Maier (Barnesville, MN) were selected for that honor from among other current partici-

pants in the program, based on nominations from program participants and interviews with program alumni. Andy and Stephanie will put their leadership skills to work in public relations, recognition, and community leadership as they work with Extension staff to develop and deliver the educational program in 2021.

The Emerging Leadership Program is a program of the University of Minnesota Extension. Created in 1985, it builds skills in individuals while creating and sustaining a network of community leaders in the northwest and west central

regions of Minnesota, to focus on rural issues.

The Emerging Leadership Program, led by Extension Educators Jody Horntvedt, Lisa Hinz and Brian Fredrickson, is a partnership with over 1,200 alumni throughout the region. Alumni are now recruiting and selecting participants for the next class to begin this fall. To nominate someone in your county or to apply for the program, contact Jan Jackola at the Moorhead Regional Extension Office at 218-236-2001. Look for the Emerging Leadership Program at this website, <http://z.umn.edu/rrvlead/>



Gretchen Beito has published another book. It is about a Gully native Leonard Furuseth in the 99th Infantry Battalion during World War II. See more about the Furuseth book in the Tri County Canary this week. This picture shows Gretchen visiting with Joanne Voeltz when she spoke about another book "Coya Come Home" that she had written at the Gonvick Community Center in 2007.

Public hearing results in adoption of the Clearwater County Renewable Energy Ordinance

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on July 14 to reconvene the public hearing regarding review of the Renewable Energy Ordinance. No members of the public were in attendance, but all Commissioners were at the hearing.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht gave an update of changes made to the Clearwater County Renewable Energy Ordinance presented during the public hearing opened on June 30th. It replaces the Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ordinance dated May 17, 2011. The new ordinance was adopted unanimously after a motion by Commissioner Mark Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dean Newland.

The purpose of the ordinance is to establish regulations governing the installation and operation of Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems, not otherwise subject to the State of Minnesota, and Commercial Solar Energy Systems within Clearwater County.

Changes in the language used in the new ordinance include the use of the words "must" and "shall", which designate it is mandatory; the word

"may" which is permissive. The administrator is the Clearwater County Environmental Services Administrator. Conditional use permits are required for both Commercial Wind and Commercial Solar Systems through the Clearwater County Planning Commission and approved by the County Board. Permits are not required for non-commercial Wind or Solar Energy Systems.

Some specific items relevant to the use of "shall" instead of "may" in the Ordinance are:

"Each Commercial Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) shall have a Decommissioning Plan that is in compliance with Minnesota Rules. This plan shall outline the anticipated life of the project and the anticipated means and cost of removing WECS and accessory facilities at the end of their serviceable life or upon becoming a discontinued use..."

"Each Commercial Solar Energy System (SES) shall have a Decommissioning Plan that outlines the anticipated life of the project and the anticipated means and cost of removing and disposing all SES components at the end of their serviceable

life or upon becoming a discontinued use. SES shall be considered a discontinued use after 12 consecutive months without energy production..."

"The Board shall require the posting of a bond, letter of credit or establishment of an escrow account to ensure financing for proper decommissioning..."

"The permittee shall restore the area affected by renewable energy system activities to its pre-development state unless agreed otherwise by the landowner... (site cleanup, excavation; roads and parking areas will be removed completely, filled with suitable material and leveled)."

Cost estimates for decommissioning of wind or solar systems and resources that will be available to pay for the decommissioning and removal of systems and accessories with schedule for updating the costs will be required.

The Ordinance is effective with the passage of the motion dated July 14, 2020.

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

Commissioners hear about Northwood's Riders ATV trail plan

Commissioners vote against mandatory wearing of masks and self-screening at county facilities

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on July 14 to discuss recommended wearing of masks and self-screening at county facilities; reconsider the Renewable Energy Ordinance; consider motion for Northwood's Riders plans to construct an ATV trail; and hear Veterans Service update.

Details of the Renewable Energy Ordinance hearing and adoption of the Ordinance is covered in a separate article.

Corona Virus: To help slow the spread of the corona virus, the Emergency Executive Committees recommended required wearing of face masks and self-screening of customers, visitors, and employees in county facilities when they met on July 13. When the motion to approve this recommendation was put to a vote by the commissioners, only two voted in favor of such a mandatory requirement, while three were against it, so the motion failed. Commissioners John Nelson and Mark Larson voted yes, while Commissioners Mark Titera, Dean Newland and Neal Illies voted against such a requirement.

Some of the reasons given for the no votes were a difficulty breathing while wearing the mask, and a sustained cough afterwards for up to two days. With the continuation of social distancing, it was thought this would be sufficient with the low number of cases in Clearwater County.

Those in favor thought wearing of a mask would be a small thing that could be done if it does protect from the spread of the virus.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox brought a motion which if passed would have authorized the Northwood's Riders to construct and maintain an ATV Grant in Aid trail

on the County owned railroad grade from Leonard to the Centerline Road.

"They called me and said they had some extra money and wished to construct the trail. They save us a ton of money by doing it," Bruce stated.

Much of the construction had already taken place before this motion was brought to the Board.

"We weren't informed, we had no input, and there were no plans before this," said Commissioner Nelson, who wondered why there was a need to pass this motion giving the authorization for something already done.

His main concerns are safety, dust and speed. "Just tell them to finish it," he said.

Commissioner Illies said his concern is regarding any group might think they can come in and work on something here. It was also stated that others in the past have been told no, and there would be an issue of fairness. Commissioner Newland said he knew of other groups that did not receive permission.

Bruce thought they were confusing the issue of work and consent. He said he could go finish the work, but pointed out the savings by them doing the work.

"This allows them an opportunity for us to see if they will maintain that trail," Commissioner Illies stated.

"I don't think we need to tell them no," said Commissioner Larson. "But it needs to be finished."

The commissioners concluded that the next step should be to tell the Northwood's Riders to come to a Board meeting. They will have to be put on the agenda to discuss the matter further.

County Veterans Service Officer, Lindsey Lamwers said that property tax exemptions

Gonvick City Council discusses MP work

Discussion was held at the Gonvick City Council meeting in June on the work that has been done with the underground fiber optics. The work was done for Garden Valley by MP, a company based in Maple Lake. The council has been looking at what is left to be completed on the project. It looks like some holes need filling, cones need to be picked up and other beautification items need to be finished, before they can say that it is a finished project.

Blight issues were tabled as the police chief was not available at the meeting. Dan Gazelka sent in the police report with 20 incidents. They include: Civil Complaint 1; Domestic 1; Information Only 1; Medical 2;

Noise Complaint 2; Property Damage 2; Suicide Related 1; Suspicious Activity 4; Threats 2; Traffic Stop 4.

Two properties are going up for sale in the city of Gonvick. The Clearwater County Board has classified them as properties as non-conservation for purpose of sale. The two lots are the one where the old laundromat sat and the one where Vandy's Groceries Store sat.

The city had asked Bruce Cox the Land Commissioner to exercise papers for the right to purchase that property which was the Vandy's lot a few months ago. City Clerk Stacy

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have been completed prior to the due date of July 1, 2020.

Funds from an Operational Enhancement Grant from Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs in the amount of \$7,500, with \$7,245 of that being spent. When the county closed its doors, the Transportation Program was suspended as of March 27; it reopened again on June 24th.

"The next grant cycle comes out in September," she said. "It will go back 60 days and will cover the cost of transportation." A proposal on how to expend funds will be available this fall. Donations continue to come in for the Veterans Transportation Program, with \$1,010 in the recent weeks.

She reported that the total number of Veterans served at Outreach Events was 200 during the period from December 2019 to the present time. There were a total of 60 office and phone visits.

Overall, there were 30 transfers into Clearwater County, and 20 new Veterans transferring from neighboring counties, including Beltrami and Polk.

Current projects being done are to continue the review and automation of files along with switching systems.

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$206,241 for the County Revenue Fund and \$12,809 for the Nursing Service Fund.

The Board passed a resolution for the submission of a grant application solicited from counties by the office of the Minnesota Secretary of State regarding additional efforts to make the election process safe, sanitary and effective due to Covid-19. Grant funds provided are for the purpose of protection of persons involved with the election process, including voters.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé opened bids regarding supplying fuel for the county vehicles. A motion to award the bid will be done at the next Board meeting.

He received approval for payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$38,540. Rental of machinery mostly for replacing culverts was also approved in the amount of \$5,265.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht received authorization for noxious weed spraying specifically targeting Leafy Spurge at a cost not to exceed \$6,500 for 2020, and increase the budge by that amount.

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

Community Calendar

Infant immunizations offered July 21

Immunizations are still important during COVID-19. Clearwater County Nursing Service will begin offering immunizations for infants through College Age students by appointment only. Immunizations will be offered July 21st from 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Please call 218-694-6581 to schedule an appointment. Safety procedures related to COVID-19 will be in place. Please wear a mask if you have one, if you don't one will be provided for you.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., July 22 - Pub Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn Muffin, Brownie and Milk.

Thurs., July 23 - Beef Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Buttered Beets, Bar, Dinner Roll and Milk.

Fri., July 24 - Sausage Gravy, Biscuit, Peas & Pearl Onions, Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

Mon. July 27 - Tator Tot Casserole, Fruit and Milk

Tues., July 28 - Beef Stew, Lettuce Salad, Corn Bread Muffin, Fruited Jello and Milk.

Wed., July 29 - Lasagna, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread, 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.

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water in the spring. Lucie Thompson, City Clerk, shared a paper print of the vinyl welcome banners that have been ordered. Border Bank paid for the banners that will be installed along the highway in the spring.

According to Thompson, the city is working with the owners of an abandoned house near the pool. The city plans to take ownership of the property and then have the building torn down. The lot will then be used for extra parking at the city pool.

Thompson also stated that Greater Minnesota Management has expressed interest in developing the old Good Samaritan Home into an assisted living center. The group did a walkthrough of the building earlier this spring but have not been able to attain funding for the project. Greater Minnesota Management informed the city that while they are still interested in the property, any other parties who might be interested should go ahead with purchase plans.

The Clearbrook Community Club donated new basketball hoops to the school. The school is willing to donate their old backboards to the city. Council members discussed whether the backboards can be used, and also addressed the time and effort required for staff to move and install the backboards. Basketball coaches will be contacted for their input in this decision.

Council members approved monthly claims of \$60,117.00 and additional claims of \$135,260.95.



Ryder Kindem is celebrating his first birthday on July 22. Parents are Austin Kindem and Alison Johnson of Gonvick.

O is for Olava

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.

O is for Olava OLAVA ANDERSON was born May 22, 1877 in Fillmore County, Minnesota. She moved with her family by covered wagon to Hendrum. On November 8, 1897 she married Albert Gordon. Soon after they moved to Shevlin where he taught school, worked in the post office and in the Gordon Brothers Store. Albert died in 1904, they had four children. Hattie, who died at age 6 months, Katie, born in 1900, Anthony born in 1902, and Albert, who was born in January 1905, 5 months after his father died.

Olava married Peter Anderson in 1906 and they had two sons. Peter was a cousin of Albert's and was a clerk in a local store. They had two sons- Maurice in 1914 and Kenneth in 1919.



Anderson Hospital.

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Halvorson was going to check to see what steps had been taken.

City Maintenance Dan Johnson was asked about city issues. More asphalt will be needed to fill some of the holes that needed to be fixed after the winter. Fixing holes and mowing are the biggest issues that has to be done this summer.

Church News

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

Wed., July 22 - 7:00pm Outdoor Worship Service with Communion out on the lawn. Please bring your own chair.

Sun., July 26 - 9:00am Worship Service; Outside Coffee Hour – Please bring your own coffee and chair so you can enjoy socializing while having a sip of your home brewed coffee following the worship. Our Savior's

Sun., July 26 - 11:00am Outdoor Worship Service - Please bring your own chair.

If climate weather, in church basement with Covid-19 Precautions

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

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Youth Pastor Brad Binder

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Elevate Youth – 7pm Most Sundays

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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri

Pastor Jeff Merseith

Sat, July 25: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, July 26: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Nazareth: 11:00 a.m.

Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor

Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, July 22: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, July 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

Wed, July 29: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund

Sand Valley

Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Sun, July 26: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

CDC safety guidelines for COVID = 19 will be followed.

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.

The Fire Department did not have any issues this month. They are still looking for one more volunteer fireman. They have not had many calls other than medical and accidents the past few weeks.

Expenditures were approved for General \$18,799.01, Water and Sewer \$5,068.09, Fire \$5,796.98 for a total of \$29,664.68.

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. ~ at 9:30am for our Sunday morning Worship service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook

Pastor Verlyn Strenge

Thurs. July 23, 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer

Sun. July 26, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC

Just a friendly reminder that we have resumed church services here at Samhold. Services are every Sunday at 10:30am. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out!!

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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Shop-at-the-Top & Re-store It! Furniture Shop: 50% off Storewide Sale, Friday & Saturday, July 24 & 25. Open 10:00 - 4:00, Mon. - Fri.: 10:00-12:00 on Saturday. CWLC-Clearbrook.

Looking ahead:

Sculpture & Creative Cement Sidewalk Workshop at CWLC-Gonvick, Aug. 3-5, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Free, including lunch. 5th Grade-Adult. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Must register. Call 218-776-2789.

"Taste of the Fair": Fri., Aug. 7, 4-7 PM. Concessions in the CWLC-Gonvick gym w/ outdoor seating. The menu will include "food booth" favorites: strawberry-rhubarb slushies, homemade chili & pies, chili-cheese nachos & burgers! Outdoor games for the kids. Serving 4:00-7:00 PM.

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.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: Find true freedom from your hurts, habits, & hangups. Thurs., 7:00 PM, CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Second Floor.

Adult Education: Tues., 6:00-8:00 PM & Wed., 12:30-3:00 PM. Individualized instruction is free. New students: Call before coming. Contact Sherry at 218-776-2789 or shjelle@nwservice.org.

Office Hours: Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday

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Join us in honoring Brittany Beckstrand, mom to be of Cooper John August 1, 2020, 2 pm At Reed Farm 23139 Bagley Lake Rd., Leonard Brit is registered at Target and Amazon

MINNESOTA DFL MEET & GREET The Clearwater DFL Party is going to hold a Meet and Greet meeting on August 1st in the Bagley Park. This will be with social distancing and masks to be brought by those attending and no food or drink. We will have all three of the local candidates at the meeting to listen to and talk to the people. We will be meeting from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for a total of two hours.

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	☐ Kevin "NeSe" Shores	☐ Jason Lewis	☐ Paula Overby
		☐ John L. Berman	☐ Steve Carlson
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		☐ Noel Collis	☐ Stephen A. Emery
		☐ Dave Hughes	
		☐ Michelle Fischbach	

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School Board Member at Large Independent School District No. 38 (Red Lake) Vote for Up to Three
☐ Jack Desjarlait
☐ Patricia L Neadeau
☐ Michael Barrett
☐ Christopher Jourdain
☐ Tina Stately
☐ Susan L. Ninham
☐ Rob Pemberton Sr.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Update on Warren Thompson

CaringBridge website for Warren Thompson. CaringBridge is a nonprofit social network dedicated to helping family and friends communicate with and support loved ones during a health journey. They are using it to keep family and friends updated in one place. They appreciate your support and words of hope and encouragement.

Newest Update

July 17, 2020:

A new hope; the force awakens

Journal entry by Laura Thompson — July 17, 2020

First of all, I am sorry for the length of time between this and the last update. Work has been very busy for me. Most of the week has been. Star Wars is a huge point of discussion in our family. Up to now we have definitely felt up against a 'Phantom Menace', but today we begin a new chapter. The Force in Warren is stirring. A New Hope begins.

MEDICAL UPDATE: Warren has been weaning off his medically induced coma this week. And today, he OPENED HIS EYES!!!! I posted a picture on Caring Bridge. I can't decide if he looks more like Anikan Skywalker before Lord Vader's mask went on or after it came off...maybe the later since he is returning from the 'dark side' of being in a coma. He is still heavily sedated and not yet responding to many cues for movement, but he is moving his left side!! We are beside ourselves with joy in this moment. His eyes are very dry from not blinking in two weeks and he is still pretty



Warren Thompson is a junior at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School.

sedated. But he is awakening!

There are still plans for an MRI today. They will continue to wean him off of the heavy stuff that kept him quiet, in a coma and gave his brain some space to rest. He finished the course of antibiotics for what they thought was pneumonia, his lungs look damaged...that could be from intubation? I think they will be soon be looking at options to extubate and possibly give him a tracheotomy instead. They continue to monitor his leg.

I'll post more when I know about MRI results. But, so far, today has been wonderful.

SUPPORT:

We are so grateful for your love and support. Here are the best ways you can help right now:

Due to his condition and Covid-19 precautions, only two adults are allowed to visit Warren at a time and one of them must be a parent. Visits are pretty much limited to just close family at this time.

The current situation means a lot of back and forth for family members and the road ahead is long in terms of logistical

support. You can help support the financial needs happening around all of this by donating at: <https://gf.me/u/ydbjpy>

Continue to pray/send healing thoughts for Warren and our family. We are passing these thoughts and prayers onto him.

You can send a card, note or drawing to the hospital! Wouldn't it be great for him to wake up to your drawings, pictures and cards. Please do not send flowers, food or other items at this time. We'll let you know when it is safe to do that. If you want to send something, please contact a member of the family. We'll let you know the best way to get things to us/ Warren.

You can send gift cards to Walmart/Target or Fast Food for family to use to support their needs while they are there. Dave (dad) and Nicole (mom) are currently both in Fargo, with brothers, sisters and aunts me coming and going for additional support.

You can check-in with family members and close friends to see how we are doing and remind us to take a break, get rest, eat well, take a walk, cry, get some sleep, etc. This is a heartbreaking time for us. Sadness can sometimes be overwhelming and we need to be reminded that we need to take care of ourselves and one another.

With love,
Warren's Family
P.S.. when it is all said and done, he may end up looking more like Obi-Wan with that beard growing :)



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freedom, it is a selfless act of valor that is done without asking anything in return. The brave men and women of the military should al-

ways be honored for their sacrifice, and these military quotes are the perfect words.

Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Offer Scholarships

St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association are both invested in the educational endeavors of young adults from greater Minnesota. Despite the cancellation of the 2020 Minnesota State Fair, both organizations will continue to offer scholarship opportunities this August. Deserving youth are selected based on their leadership and achievement in youth livestock programs, as well as their involvement in the local community.

The Minnesota State Fair Scholarship was established in 1994 and awards 20 scholarships of \$1,000 each. Since its inception, nearly \$500,000 has been awarded. This year the Minnesota State Fair Scholarships are being funded by the Minnesota State Fair Foundation. Additionally, Christensen Farms, one of the largest family-owned pork producers in the nation, has made available an additional \$1,000 scholarship called the Christensen Family Scholarship. These scholarships will be made available to rural youth or those enrolled in an agriculture program in 2019-20. The application process for the Minnesota State Fair Scholarship and the Christensen Family Scholarship is the same and must be submitted online by 4:30 p.m. Aug. 3, 2020. Information about these scholarships can be found at mnstatefair.org/about-the-fair/awards-and-recognition/

The Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association, in conjunction with Minnesota 4-H and the 4-H Auction Committee, will award in excess of \$60,000 in scholarships to 4-H members furthering their education and working toward a post-secondary degree at an accredited college or university. To apply, applicants must have completed high school by 2020 or earlier and be attending college for the 2020-2021 school year. More than \$500,000 has been awarded over the lifetime of this program. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Aug. 1, 2020. More information about these scholarships can be found at mnpurple-ribbonauction.org.

The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended expositions in the world, attracting more than 2 million visitors annually. Showcasing Minnesota's finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information. The 2021 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 26 - Labor Day, Sept. 6.

Program enrollment remains strong and nursing licensure exam pass rates soar

July 15, 2020 – Northland Community & Technical College's online practical nursing program has earned a #4 ranking by EduMed. EduMed data scientists utilized data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) from more than 7,700 accredited colleges across the U.S. and created a proprietary algorithm to rank each postsecondary institution and its online programs using five primary factors: cost, online program availability, academic counseling, career placement, and financial aid availability.

Northland has been leading the way in online program delivery and has offered an online Practical Nursing cohort for approximately 25 years. The program is presented in a hybrid format over three semesters. General education course requirements are completed in one semester with nursing courses completed in two. All general education courses and theory

practical nursing courses are completed entirely online. Lab and clinical hours are completed by students on the East Grand Forks campus and at area health care facilities.

In the fall of 2016 Northland streamlined its entire practical nursing program reducing it to 44 credits. This created a diploma program that is a prerequisite to Northland's registered nursing program. The program's curriculum underwent an evolution as well, focusing on a concept-based curriculum that has students going beyond simply memorizing facts to understanding the larger patterns and relationships that define patient care and patient illness.

With these changes, Northland has been maintaining a near 90% first-time NCLEX-PN licensure exam pass rate which hovers above state and national pass rate percentages. Even in light of course delivery modifications due to COVID-19, the spring class of 2020 boasted an NCLEX-PN pass rate over 96%.

Northland's practical nursing program continues to be one of the school's most prominent programs. With front-line nursing professionals in high demand, interest remains high. "We have accepted 40 students on our EGF campus, 15 on our TRF campus, and 15 in our distance/hybrid cohort for fall 2020 semester," affirms Sorvig. "We have a 40 student capacity for each campus, each semester, as well as 30 for our distance/hybrid model. That results in 140 to 160 practical nursing students in our program at any given time."

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: richards@gvtel.com

Legal Notices

Notice

To the residents of Clover Township. The regular meeting will be held at 6pm July 24th (Fri) at the Clover Townhall Joel Wraa, Clerk RISC

Clearwater County Township Association Notice

The Clearwater County Township Association meeting scheduled for July 28, 2020 has been cancelled.

Stephanie Anderson, Sec/Treasurer
Clearwater County Township Association RISC

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots are available, for those who cannot vote on Election Day, in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office during normal office hours of Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Other hours for absentee voting include Saturday, August 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Monday, August 10th until 5:00 p.m. in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office in the Courthouse. Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 reads: Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union. All election judges in Clearwater County have been trained in the procedures to properly assist all handicapped or disabled voters. All eligible voters are encouraged to vote either absentee or on Election Day and ask assistance of the election judges. Any questions, please call the Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 694-6520. R17-18C

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute 394, Section 26, and the Clearwater County Shoreland Management Ordinance that it is the intention of the Clearwater County Board of Adjustment to hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

1) Variance application (VA-300-20) by Gerald & Vergean Harms, Roy Lake, (44-1), Lots 23 & 24, Olson's Lake Shore Subdivision, La Prairie Township, Clearwater County Minnesota. The Variance application is for a structure setback to the OHWL of 75ft (100ft is required) to build a new garage and a 15ft (20ft is required) setback from the side lot line. There is a 50-foot setback requirement from a State Highway Right-of-Way (ROW), however the exact ROW location at the site is unknown. The proposal is for a 69ft setback from the existing highway centerline.

2) Variance application (VA-301-20) Owen & Connie Shegrud Wild Rice River, NE1/4 NW1/4; NW1/4 NW1/4 LESS W 280' OF N 520' AND LESS S 800' OF W 523'; Section 21, Township 145, Range 37, in Minerva Township in Clearwater County, Minnesota. This Variance application is for building a home and garage 80ft (150ft is required) from the river OHWL.

Notice is further given that the Public Hearing will be held on the 2nd Floor of the Clearwater County Courthouse, Bagley, Minnesota on August 4th, 2020 at 11:00 AM or as soon thereafter as possible.

If you come in person to the Public Hearing please wear a mask and social distancing will be observed to minimize COVID-19 related risk.

The Public Hearings are open to the public.
Glenn Rettmann, Chair
Planning Advisory Commission RISC

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Electors of the City of Gonvick in the County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That a Primary Election will be held in all the Election Precincts of the above names City at the Gonvick Community Center in said Precinct, on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of August 2020, at which the polls will be open from the hour of seven (7) o'clock A.M. to the hour of eight (8) o'clock P.M.

FEDERAL OFFICES

One United States Senator
One United States Representative for District 7

Dated: 7/16/20, 2020 Stephanie Anderson Clerk of City of Gonvick RISC

Notice of Primary Election

To the Electors of the Township of Winsor in the County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That a Primary Election will be held in all the Election Precincts of the above named Township at the Gonvick Community Center in said Precinct, on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of August 2020, at which the polls will be open from the hour of seven (7) o'clock A.M. to the hour of eight (8) o'clock P.M.
Stephanie McKnight,
Winsor Township Clerk R17-18C

City of Gonvick NOTICE OF FILING

Notice is hereby given that the filing dates for the Gonvick City Election to be held on November 3, 2020 opens on July 27th and closes on August 11th at 5:00 p.m. Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed at the City Clerk's Office. A \$2.00 filing fee is required by law.

Offices to be voted on are:

Mayor (2 year term)
Council Members
2 - (4 year term)
Council Member
1 - (2 year term to fill vacancy)
Stacy Halvorson
City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Gonvick R17-18C

NOTICE

TO THE RESIDENTS OF HOLST TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Holst Township, Clearwater County Minnesota, that persons wishing to file for Township Office may do so starting on July 28, 2020 through 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Affidavits of Candidacy will be provided and may be filed at the home of the Township Clerk, 41066 191st Avenue, Clearbrook, MN. Please call 694-3933 for an appointment before coming to be sure the Clerk will be available to meet with you. If you wish to file on August 16 between 1 pm and 5 pm, the Clerk will be available.

A \$2 filing fee is required.

Offices to be elected are:

Supervisor – 6 yr term
Clerk – 4 yr term

The general election will be held on November 3, 2020 from 10 am – 8 pm at the Eddy Town Hall. Terms will begin on January 2, 2021. A financial political expenditure form and an oath will need to be completed before assuming office.

Notice is also given that the primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Eligible Holst Township voters may cast their ballots in the Eddy Town Hall from 10 am – 8 pm.

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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.

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Northland Community and Technical College to Launch New Mechatronics Program

The groundbreaking hybrid mechanical, electrical and automation technology program will be first competency-based model in Minnesota higher ed

July 16, 2020 — Long before the world came face to face with the social distancing challenges of Covid-19, Northland Community & Technical College was making plans and preparations to launch a groundbreaking, multi-disciplinary program that would employ a new-to-Minnesota education model that is perfectly suited for learning amidst a pandemic.

Northland's new Mechatronics program will train students in a broad range of mechanical, electrical, automation and manufacturing technologies — an urgent and growing need for local companies like American Crystal Sugar, Digi-Key, and Philadelphia Macaroni Company, three of the region's largest recruiters of Northland graduates. Aside from the many skills covered, what sets this new program apart is its use of Competency-Based Education (CBE), a model that focuses on proving comprehension through demonstration vs. traditional testing.

"The idea of going to school, taking a class that's Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10-11:00 a.m. is such an old idea," explains Andrew Dahlen, Manufacturing Process Technology Instructor at Northland and leading voice in designing the Mechatronics program. "We're taking the traditional college class and getting rid of it... there is no set class time. This program will accommodate a wide variety of schedules

and give students — who may already be full-time workers — the ability to learn these skills and earn their degree or certificate at their own pace. Students will have to be self-disciplined, which, from an employer's perspective, is exactly what you want in an employee."

Curtis Zoller, Associate Dean for Aerospace and Agriculture, points out the new Mechatronics program also gives students tremendous financial, as well as scheduling flexibility.

"You can think of this as an on-demand training program, where students can attend at their own pace and pay for classes as they go," Zoller says. "The labs will be open whenever students are ready to come in and complete a module. There are no required lectures or classroom time. For our workforce partners in the region, it gives them a great opportunity to send their employees to us when time allows learning a new skill."

As Dahlen explains it, any manufacturing company is going to have a need for the skills being taught in the new Mechatronics program. Local companies had approached Northland a few years ago and explained the growing need for people with a diverse set of technical skills and asked the school for help in training their employees and future workers.

"What can you do to help us out?" they asked. Other programs in the area have been discontinued, but the need is still there and it's only going to grow," Dahlen says. "As companies are turning more and more to automation to solve their

various challenges, they need people who know how to work on the machinery to keep the operation running."

Offered as a traditional two-year degree with several shorter certificate opportunities mixed in, Mechatronics is more of a class-by-class independent study. Each course will include a combination of online and hands-on training, as well as one-on-one skill assessments (in place of traditional testing). Students won't pass a class until they can prove they have mastered the skill. If a student comes in with a lot of real-world experience, he or she may be able to complete a course in a matter of days. "I can see some people coming in and earning a 60-credit, two-year AAS degree in one year's time because they've already got the knowledge and experience," Dahlen says.

The new Mechatronics program will officially launch this fall, and because there are no lectures or group studies it will be virtually pandemic-proof, ensuring students will get the training they need and local employers will be able to start recruiting for crucial roles. As a community college with a mission to serve the needs of the local economy, Northland once again is proving a willingness to innovate and break new ground for students and industry.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Sen. Johnson: Can we get our State Government Back ... Please?

(St. Paul, MN) On Monday, the Minnesota Senate voted on a bipartisan resolution to end Governor Tim Walz's peacetime emergency powers relative to the COVID-19 pandemic. The vote aims to end the state's longest peacetime emergency in history, which began when Gov. Walz first put the state under emergency powers back on March 13, 2020.

"What Minnesotans need to know is by declaring statewide emergency powers, we no longer have a representative democracy. One man in Ramsey county is determining the fate

of our schools, churches, communities, and families. These emergency powers were intended to allow quick action to prepare the state in the cases where local communities need resources to combat a threat. We have been dealing with COVID-19 for over four months now," said Senator Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks). "Minnesotans don't need more statewide mandates. We need the Governor to trust Minnesotans again. To support this, today, we voted to end the Governor's emergency powers related to COVID-19, to ensure that any future solutions take

into account the view of the legislature and our communities that are now prepared for this pandemic and eager to start rebuilding this state."

The vote to end the peacetime emergency was passed 36-31 with bipartisan support. The resolution now heads to the House, where it requires majority support before it can be adopted.

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FROM THE PAST - 2008



Clearwater County Fair Board members for the 100th Anniversary Fair. Back row: Keith Larson, Cindi Benson, Alroy Lewis, Mark Larson, Dale Bellefy, Al Rasmussen, Scott Fawver, Tom Anderson, Arlan Dahlke, Kelly Christianson and Duane Hayes. Front row: Allen Paulson, Ted Olson, Dee Strandlien, Betty Johnson, Cheryl Grove and Alton Walker.



Debs Parade with Clara and Clarence Carlson as the Grand Marshalls.



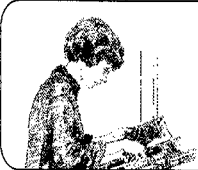
Julie and Ron McCollum, Clearwater County Emerging Leaders.



Bruce Emmel starts "Home at Heart" in Clearbrook. He spent the last 15 years as General Manager of Mesaba Airlines in Bemidji.



Wayne Cassibo from Enbridge Pipeline presents check for \$1,500 to Clearbrook Police Department Lyle Lusignan for the K-9 unit.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

It is good to see that both the Fireside Grill and Patio in Bagley and Sportsmans Lodge on beautiful Pine Lake is open for dining. They have full menus with inside or outside dining. With enough seating for everyone to be spaced apart.

Clearwater County DFL will have a Meet and Greet on Saturday, August 1 at the Bagley City Park starting at 10 am. Available for speaking with will Alan Roy, MN Senate District 2, Jeremiah Liend MN House 2A and David Suby MN House 2B.

"Taste of the Fair": Fri., Aug. 7, 4-7 PM. Concessions in the Clear Waters Life Center -Gonvick gym with outdoor seating. The menu will include "food booth" favorites: strawberry-rhubarb slushies, homemade chili & pies, chili-cheese nachos & burgers! Outdoor games for the kids. Serving 4:00-7:00 PM.

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

Joke Time - Nails

Then there's the story about the Swede who was building himself a house. One of his friends came by and asked why the heck he threw away every second nail? "They have the nail-head in the wrong end", the man replied. His friend became furious with him and shouted, "How stupid can you get? Don't you realize that those nails were made to be used on the other side of the house???"

From my email...
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.

Pemberton wins Redby election runoff over Donnell

Two men had a run-off election last Wednesday for Redby District for the Red Lake Tribal council. Al Pemberton will serve a four year term. He received 318 votes or 51.79% of the total. His challenger Herman Donnell had 296 votes or 48.21% of the total.

There had been seven candidates running the first time around in May with Pemberton and Donnell having to face each other.



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