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The Forward Foundation gave \$2,000 to FHL (left to right): Hailey Rhen, Invest Forward employee and Forward Foundation volunteer, FHL Academy representatives Vanessa Jodock, Shannon Johnson and Tim Hoyt, and Andrew Cloose, Invest Forward employee and Forward Foundation volunteer.

Forward Foundation Supports FHL Academy

Bagley, MN – The Forward Foundation is pleased to announce a donation of \$2,000 was recently presented to the FHL Academy (Faith•Hope•Love). The donation will help the organization expand the sports curriculum offered to students. Located in Bagley, MN, FHL Academy is an interdenominational Christian school serving students pre-K through tenth grade. The Forward Foundation donation will help the school purchase necessary equipment to offer sports programs, including basketball, volleyball, and soccer.

"We are honored to support FHL Academy," Executive Director Lois Bednar says. "We know the benefits of sports exceed learning the necessary skills to make a free throw in basketball or take a shot on goal in soccer. Learning that teamwork, dedication, and hard work are vital to success not only on the playing field but also beyond is something these students can utilize long after their time at FHL Academy." The Forward Foundation's mission is to enhance the lives of children. Founded in 2012 and a

registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Forward Foundation serves children, their families, and organizations that benefit children in the thirteen communities served by Bank Forward, Insure Forward, Invest Forward and Tax Forward exclusively. Administered solely by the employees of Bank, Insure, Invest, and Tax Forward, one hundred percent of contributions go to the children or organizations served by the Forward Foundation. Learn more at www.forwardfoundation.com.

City of Clearbrook's \$7 million project accepting bid

Cares funding available for covid-impacted businesses

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on August 11, 2020 to hear reports from the engineer, Cares funding, sheriff's department, and auditor-treasurer.

Dan Sauvé, County Engineer, discussed the upcoming City of Clearbrook streets, water, and sewer project. "This is a more than \$7 million project, and the County will pick up \$1.2 million of the cost, which includes rebuilding of streets," he stated. Other sources of funding are CSAH (County State & Highway), Rural Development Funds, the USDA, DEED (Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development), and Minnesota Public Facility funding.

The Engineer explained there would be a skype meeting on September 10 to get bids for the City of Clearbrook project and find the most responsible bidder to do the work. The Highway Department for Clearwater County is currently advertising for bidders to do the work on their website. Dan said probably no work would be done yet.

Commissioner Dean Newland wanted to know why the bidding is so late. The Engineer explained there is a temporary right-of-way, and said with assurance that it will be done on time.

"A lot of contractors over bid, then figure in that we will be charging them more if not on time. I think it is better to have a completion date, which makes them schedule their work."

County Aid funding is expected to be cut for next year by as much as 15% leaving a deficit of about \$700,000, back to the 2017 funding levels. However the complete amount will not be disclosed until January of 2021. The reason for the cuts is said to be caused by less driving being done on the roads.

The Commissioners approved the commission of Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$31,083. Authorization was given to purchase a 14 foot Pro-Tech Snow Pusher off the State Contract at a total price of \$6,056 from Crysteel of Fridley, Minn.

CARES Funding: Commissioners agreed that Clearwater County will enter into an agreement with the Headwaters Regional Development Commission to develop and distribute economic support of the covid-19

Cares funding to Clearwater County as discussed previously.

County Co-vid Preparedness Plan: Board Chairman Neal Illies provided the County Co-vid Preparedness Plan dated August 4, which emphasizes the following:

"Clearwater County is committed to providing a safe and healthy work place for all our employees, customers, clients, patrons, guests and visitors... Our goal is to mitigate the potential transmission of covid-19 in our work places and communities, and that requires full cooperation among our employees and management... employees are considered our most important assets."

The plan states that department heads and supervisors are responsible for implementing the plan. Employees are encouraged to offer input, observations, and comments to their supervisors and department heads, which will be considered.

Employees are reminded to stay home if sick, self monitor for illness, use social distancing and hygiene sources such as use of hand washing and sanitizer. Sanitizers are at all entrances.

While the wearing of masks is encouraged, awareness that some are unable to tolerate the wearing of masks was indicated in the plan. Masks are available for all employees.

Screening information with signs and symptoms of covid-19 are at the entrances of county facilities with instructions for customers. Employees will be

informed if they have been exposed to someone with the virus at their workplace, and need for quarantine. Neal Illies stated, "This is the plan that is mandated by the STATE."

The Sheriff's Department was authorized to have the Emergency Management bus painted and have vinyl decals installed by JAG Body Shop per Minnesota State Statute at a cost not to exceed \$8,050 per lowest bidders. This will be paid out of the Emergency Management account and will adjust the account by the total amount paid.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$90,963 for the County Revenue Fund and \$14,247 for the Nursing Service Fund.

All Commissioners were present at the meeting: John Nelson, Neal Illies, Dean

Backpack/School Supply Drive-Thru Distribution

There will be a Backpack/School Supply Drive-Thru Distribution at Country Faith Church at 46125 – 149th Ave, Clearbrook (from Clearbrook, 1 mile south, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6) on Thursday, August 27th, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Distribution will look similar to our Ruby's Pantry distributions). FREE Backpacks and school supplies will be available for families who could use a little help with this school expense. If this is something that could help your family, please come.

If you have questions, would like to donate or volunteer, or would like to receive supplies but are unable to come that night, please call: Country Faith Church 218-776-3367. Backpacks & supplies are given on a first come-first serve basis, so please try and make it to the event.

Up to date details can be found on our Country Faith Church Facebook event page as well as our website: www.countryfaith.org

Building permits approved for Clearbrook residents

By Bonnie Kirchman
The Clearbrook City Council met on Monday, August 10th. This regular monthly meeting was held in the Community Room to allow for social distancing. Among other business, the council approved several building permits and were updated on upcoming construction projects.

Jason and Kristen Lieving requested a building permit for a wooden deck. The council approved the permit, provided the construction is in compliance with city guidelines. Laura Lindgren's permit to re-side a garage and shed was approved. Mark and Pam Bagaason's request to construct a garden shed was also approved by the council.

Council members gave their approval to begin advertising for bids for the bike trail project. Engineer Zach Thoma will place bid advertisements in the Leader-Record as well as county and state websites. October 8th is the anticipated opening date for bids with construction on the bike trail expected to begin in spring of 2021.

City Clerk Lucie Thompson updated the council on the water and sewer project. A couple of easements still need to be signed. Bidding for this project is expected to open on September 10th. The USDA will review the bids in relation to the funds available to the city. If necessary, the project may be bid again in February.

Thompson reported that the Minnesota Department of Health had inspected the city pool. The inspection went well, with no violations noted.

The monthly police report was shared by Thompson. There were 37 incidents in the month of July. There have been several complaints regarding disorderly conduct. Mayor Dylan Goudge instructed council members to tell residents to notify city police if they have concerns about disturbances, as police documentation will be necessary for resolving these situations. The police department has scheduled extra traffic enforcement patrols in the area as part of the Toward Zero Deaths program. The state is providing funds for the extra patrol time.

Fire Chief Adam Krog re-

ported on a busy July, with the department responding to 17 calls. Ten calls were for medical assistance, two were for structure fires, and there was one call each for vehicle fire, motor vehicle accident, gas/carbon monoxide, assist, and stormy weather. So far in August, the department has responded to four medical calls and one motor vehicle accident. The council discussed the fire department's tentative plan to hold a banquet fundraising event on October 24th, covering topics that included serving food and the maximum occupancy of the gym. Mayor Dylan Goudge will look into guidelines related to the coronavirus pandemic before a decision is made on holding the event. Some funding for the city could be jeopardized if the guidelines are not followed. Goudge also suggested the department investigate alternative fundraisers, such as a raffle.

Joy Walberg, municipal liquor store manager reported that the staff is serving at three wedding dances this month. Due to the coronavirus, they are still unable to hold events like the meat raffle at the bar. She has a bid for repairs to the stucco damage from last year.

City maintenance staff member Mark Snobl informed the council that he has received his water license. The annual inspection of the wells will take place on August 12th. One roofer has been contacted to place a bid to repair several leaks on the community center roof. An additional roofing firm will be contacted to provide an additional bid on the repairs. The maintenance and utility staff flushed the hydrants in July and will do so again this week. The council discussed adding Ryan Sollie to the on-call list for weekends. Nick Rankin has taken Truck 1 in for a bid on minor bodywork repairs. The council members expressed agreement with city staff that trucks should be maintained as long as they are running well as opposed to purchasing new vehicles.

Lucie Thompson told the board that an interested party did a walk-through of the Good Samaritan Building to determine if it would be feasible to

convert it to an assisted living facility. The group will not likely proceed with the project. They expressed concerns about the substantial investment that would be needed to renovate the building to make it work for assisted living, citing the small rooms and bathrooms as one issue. They also suspect that there is some mold in the building, possibly a result of last year's water damage. The city is providing lawn mowing for the property, with charges added to the tax bill. The council also discussed shutting off water and gas at the house connected to the Good Samaritan property if bills are not paid by October 14th.

Council members expressed concerns about blight issues at residences in the city. Several yards are not being mowed this summer and some residents have left debris, including mattresses, in their yards. If city maintenance staff mows these properties or removes garbage, the charges for these services are added to the residents' property tax bills. The city's attorney will also be contacted to determine if there are other actions the city can take when residents aren't maintaining their property.

Thompson reported that the repair project for the culvert by the dam has been approved for funding, but the funds are not expected to be available until spring. The council members decided to have maintenance staff do a temporary repair to allow the affected section of Main Street to be reopened to traffic before winter. The DNR was contacted prior to the meeting. Fencing to prevent washout will be placed in the area in accordance with the DNR's recommendations.

The city council voted to accept several donations to the city. Paul and Kathy Imle donated \$1,000 for the city pool. Cassie Heying donated \$1,500 to be divided equally between the Clearbrook Recreation Initiative, the city pool, and Kloster Park. Larry Shelquist donated \$13.88 for a new clock at the city pool. The council approved monthly claims of \$40,725.19 and additional claims of \$84,335.72.

The Tractor Parade and Tractor Pull is Saturday, August 29

Save the date of August 29, 2020 for the 13th annual McIntosh Tractor Day.

The antique tractor parade begins with line-up at 9:00 am at Erickson Park. The parade begins promptly at 11:00 am.

If you want to be in the Tractor Pull you must be there promptly by 1:00. That will give you time to get registered, pay fees at the old football field in McIntosh.

There is time between the parade and the tractor pull to get some food from the vendors

that will be on Main Street. There will be hotdogs, hamburgers, candy, popcorn, pop, water and much more available.

For more information about the Tractor Parade or Tractor Pull please call Roy Ostenna 218-280-1572, McIntosh, or

Steve Urness at 218-280-0399.

Due to insurance company policy there will be no candy thrown from any moving vehicle. Absolutely no children under the age of 14 are permitted to drive as there is no insurance for them.

Sanford Bagley christens donated ambulance

BAGLEY, Minn. – The Sanford Bagley Medical Center recently received and commissioned its first new ambulance to assist in providing emergency care for the Bagley community.

"We are very grateful for the generous donations from local businesses and donors as we would not have been able to make this purchase without their support," said Susan Jarvis, president and CEO of Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota.

The new ambulance was funded through the Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota Foundation's Bagley Ambulance Fund, which has raised just under \$120,000 to date. Through the generosity of community donors,

Sanford Bagley Ambulance is able to retire its 22-year-old ambulance from the main ambulance fleet.

"It is immensely gratifying to see this project come to fruition," said Cynthia Rooney-Olson, executive director of Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota. "We are fortunate to have such engaged community involvement for projects, like the Bagley Ambulance fund which will help update the Sanford Bagley ambulance fleet, that help us better meet the local healthcare needs of our communities."

"I would like to thank TEAM Foundation for their impactful lead gift on the project as well as our many other generous donors," said Cole Young, development officer of Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota. "We are a little over halfway to our goal of fundraising two ambulances and are excited to continue improving the healthcare needs of Clearwater County."

Anyone interested in supporting the Sanford Bagley Ambulance Fund or the Foundation may do so by contacting the Sanford Health Foundation at (218) 333-5505. Partnering with the Foundation not only supports new services and technology, but also helps care for individuals within the community.

The Sanford Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the enhancement and expansion of health care services, state-of-the-art technology and facilities to provide health and healing for the Sanford Bemidji region.



Pictured in the photo: Representatives of Sanford Health, Sanford Health Foundation and TEAM Foundation

Community Calendar

NOTICE
The Greenwood Town board will meet at the town hall on Saturday, August 22nd, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Sheila Horn, Clerk R21C

The Gonvick Fire Department is currently looking for applicants to fill vacancies on the Fire Department.
If you would like an application, please stop by city clerk's office or call Stacy at 218-487-5243 or Dan at 218-280-0677. R22C

Young Farmer Just Starting Out
Looking to rent land in Clearbrook/Gonvick/Gully area. If you have land you wouldn't mind renting out to help me get started please contact Austin Kindem at 218-308-3111. Leave a message if I don't answer R21-25P

Food Shelf
The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook is helping the community food shelf. Many were unable to contribute food or dollars to the food pantry. Families in our county still need this help. Please bring your collected items and place them in the bin in the church narthex. Cash donations to the food pantry are most helpful.
Checks can be made out to Clearwater County Food Shelf.
Requested items include: cake mixes, brown sugar, vanilla, canned fruit, tea, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpastes, jam and jelly.

Samhold Lutheran Church
Gonvick
Ladies Aide Meeting & Supper
Thursday Aug. 20th
has been **CANCELLED**
due to Covid 19 restrictions. R21-22C

Election results

Dem
3,942 of 4,110 precincts reported

Statewide Percent	Minnesota	Clearwater	
Carlson, Steve	2.95%	15,615	20
Hassan, Ahmad	3.6%	19,062	6
Overby, Paula	5.18%	27,449	15
Seymore, Christopher	1.13%	6,008	4
Smith, Tina	87.14%	461,793	120

Tina Smith wins Democratic Senate primary in Minnesota

GOP
3,942 of 4,110 precincts reported

Statewide Percent	Minnesota	Clearwater	
Berman, John	6.68%	15,537	86
Carney, Bob	4.28%	9,941	27
Gail, Cynthia	7.21%	16,756	61
Lewis, Jason	78.07%	181,529	315
Reibestein, James	3.77%	8,755	30

Jason Lewis wins Republican Senate primary in Minnesota

U.S. House
District 7, Dem
1,281 of 1,329 precincts reported

Statewide Percent	Minnesota	Clearwater	
Emery, Stephen	7.71%	2,609	13
Gruenhagen, Alycia	16.69%	5,650	28
Peterson, Collin	75.61%	25,598	137

Rep. Peterson will face Michelle Fischbach in November race for Congressional District 7

District 7, GOP
1,281 of 1,329 precincts reported

Statewide Percent	Minnesota	Clearwater	
Collis, Noel	14.97%	6,379	86
Fischbach, Michelle	58.91%	25,100	270
Hughes, Dave	22.19%	9,453	178
Louwagie, William	2.25%	960	3
Sherman, Jayesun	1.67%	713	5

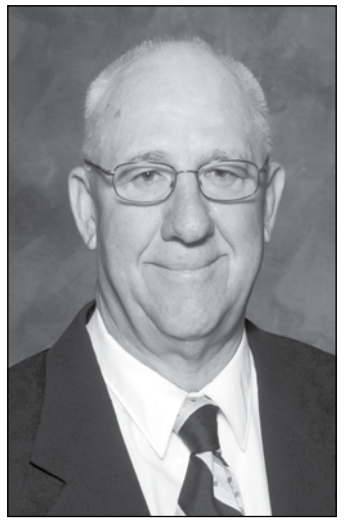
Clearwater Polk Electric held rescheduled 73rd annual meeting

Clearwater Polk Electric held their rescheduled 73rd annual meeting on Wednesday, August 12. There were no presentation or guest speakers at the Timbers Event Center in Bagley.

Voting for District 1 and District 2 positions were held with Dennis Engebretson taking the District 1 position that was unopposed. District had



Dennis Engebretson



Harlan Highberg

two vying for the position with Harlan Highberg taking in the most votes.

There were 93 votes with 3 disqualified, 47 absentee ballots with 3 mail in ballots disqualified. 46 in person ballots were also counted.

The annual report and take-out lunch was provided. They had 102 to go meals served after the meeting.

They also recognized the employee and directors who have retired. Karen Hopke retired in June after 23 years and Debbie Olson in January after 30 years of working for the cooperative. New to the office are Tara Web and Teresa Olson.

Two directors on the board have decided to retire. Leroy Riewer and Gary Mathis.

Congratulations to the drawing prize winners at the 73rd Annual Membership Meeting. Winners included the following: \$100 Energy Certificate

Thoughts from the Sheriff
Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

This year has definitely been a trying one. Law enforcement has experienced an unprecedented year filled with civil unrest and demands for de-funding. Throughout all of this, we have been very fortunate with the amount of support we have received from our county residents. I cannot thank you enough for the words of encouragement, support or simply asking how things are going. During times of turbulence, simple gestures mean so much. On top of the words, other acts of kindness such as supplying homemade masks for our deputies, dropping off treats or leaving signs in support of law enforcement have meant a lot. This month, I want to take some time to share my thoughts with you on how the law enforcement landscape has changed and how that has created challenges both professionally and personally and how my predecessors prepared me for today.

I have been fortunate to work with some great law enforcement leaders. They have all in some way shaped or influenced me in my law enforcement career. This past month, we lost one of those leaders when former Clearwater County Undersheriff Lyle Colligan passed away. Lyle was responsible for many individuals going into the law enforcement field as a result of his criminal justice class he taught at Bagley High School. He inspired us with his stories of working in the law enforcement field and made the thought of entering the profession very appealing. I was fortunate to have been able to have Lyle as a teacher and work with him as a fellow law enforcement officer. Lyle was the definition of a civil servant as he was not only a teacher and law enforcement officer but also a Marine. His legacy will carry on in those of us who proudly continue to work in the law enforcement field.

Other influential leaders that I have worked with are former Bagley Police Chief Steve Haugen, and former Sheriffs Denny Trandem and Mike Erickson. I have been reflecting lately on my journey in law enforcement and how all of these men served as mentors for me. As a young, naive officer starting out in the

— Janice Marsh; \$25.00 Energy Certificate-Joel Hood; \$25.00 Energy Certificate-Charlotte Stavig; \$25.00 Energy Certificate-Wesley Luggar; \$50 Fireside gift card-Linda Tikala; \$25 Mark's Hardware gift certificate-Richard Netland; \$25 Hardwood Oil gift certificate-Karen Hopke; \$25 Cenex gift card-Hazel Trogstad; \$25 Subway gift card-Gary Bonik; \$25 Kubiak's gift card-James Espeseth; \$25 Galens gift card-Rolland Evermoen; \$30 L&M Fleet gift card donated by Dakota Supply Group-Fred Muhs; Duracell battery charger 4AMP donated by WESCO-Sidney Young; Chefman cordless glass electric kettle donated by WESCO-Ron Sovick

Thank you to everyone who attended Clearwater-Polk Electric's 73rd Annual Membership meeting and congratulations once again to all the draw prize winners.



law enforcement field, I had differing opinions from time to time as I thought I knew more. As I have gotten older, I can clearly see how mislead I was. Even though I may have disagreed with them on certain issues, I never closed the door on communicating with them. That communication has paid dividends. Without knowing it, each one of these men contributed to my career. Sitting back and observing how each of them handled situations and learning what to do and what to avoid has been an asset. I am forever grateful for them and their contributions to the law enforcement field and what they taught me.

The lessons learned from my experiences early in my career have certainly prepared me for today's world. Experience and having a network with other professionals throughout the state is more important than ever. You cannot be an island and think that you can be successful. Just a few years ago, the thought of having civil unrest in our county wasn't even a thought. Today it is a reality. In our county, as in many others, we are simply too small to handle a major event. That is where the networking comes into play. Planning and preparation is crucial and having a strong network is vital. I am blessed with the relationships I have built with other Sheriff's and with our state partners. This collaboration will make Clearwater County safer in the event of any major incident, natural or manmade.

In addition to professional relationships, maintaining a strong community relationship is equally as important. As I mentioned earlier, we are fortunate in Clearwater County to have such good community support. That is not the case in other areas of the state. The negativity shown to law enforcement is hard to watch. I have spent my entire adult life working in this profession and I am very passionate about it. It is a struggle to hear people say that law enforcement should be defunded. That attitude, I know, is not shared by everyone, however, it is still hard to hear. When one has spent so much time and energy to protect and preserve the peace only to hear others say it isn't needed is a hard pill to swallow. We are a proud profession, but we are human as well. It has an effect on individual officers and the morale within their agencies. However, I know that we will come through this and be stronger because of it.

Along with the individual officer, their families have also been impacted. Being a child or spouse of a law enforcement officer is difficult in normal situations. With the current atmosphere surrounding law enforcement and the stigma that "all officers are bad" can take a toll. Law enforcement families know the truth, but it can be hard, psychologically, to hear people say negative comments about their loved ones or see the violence toward them. I have personally seen the effect on my own family. Even though it has been difficult, law enforcement families are strong and this has only strengthened those bonds.

Thank you again for all the community support for your local law enforcement. I know I can speak for all of us when I say that we are here for you. We are so thankful that we live in the community in which we do.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. Thank you and as always, I am honored to serve as your Clearwater County Sheriff.

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Chief of Police
Daniel Gazelka 7501 Clearbrook-Gonvick

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department would like to let people know that we have used the new low-visibility RAM squad truck to stop drug runners in Clearbrook and Gonvick. Details must remain vague as both cases are still active. However, methamphetamine and other drugs were seized as well as both vehicles in the last two months.

Over \$4,000 street-value in drugs were taken from one of the stops in a joint effort by State troopers and Clearbrook-Gonvick Police. We have re-

Church News

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Aug. 22: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Aug. 23: 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, Aug. 19: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Aug. 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Aug. 25: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotion. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Aug. 23: 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.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Shop-At-The-Top: Summer Bag Sale, Aug. 22-29. \$5.00/ XL bag. Bags provided. 10:00-4:00, Mon.-Fri. & 10:00-12:00 on Saturday.

Restore It! Furniture Shop: In Clearbrook, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon.-Fri., & 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturday.

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: Faith-based. Find true freedom from your hurts, habits, & hang-ups. 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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Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Included with meal: Vegetable, Bread, Milk, Desert and/or Fruit.

Wed., Aug. 19 - Chicken & Noodle Casserole.

Thurs., Aug. 20 - Rigatoni with Beef.

Fri., Aug. 21 - Meatloaf.

Mon. Aug. 24 - Choice Soup, Meat Sandwich.

Tues., Aug. 25 - Meatballs.

Wed., Aug. 26 - Pub Fish. 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.

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Thurs. Aug. 20, 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Sun. Aug. 23 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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., Aug. 19 & 26 - 7:00pm Outdoor Worship Service out on the lawn. Please bring your own chair.
Sun., Aug. 23 - 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., Aug. 23 - 11:00am Outdoor Worship Service. Please bring your own chair. If inclement weather, in church basement with Covid-19 Precautions.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Youth Pastor Brad Binder
Children's Minister Nicky Ubert
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367
office@countryfaith.org
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Elevate Youth – 7pm Most Sundays
Men's Prayer – 6:30am Tuesdays
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Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

City of Bagley - Total 26
08/09/20 12:04 Traffic Complaint 14 -
Gone On Arrival (GOA)/Unable to Locate
08/10/20 01:26 Alarm
08/10/20 07:49 Property Damage -
08/10/20 09:42 Warrant Arrest -
08/10/20 10:27 Threats - 08/10/20
11:03 Medical 41 - Patient Evaluated, No
08/10/20 11:23 THEFT
08/10/20 13:29 Vehicle Lock Out -
08/10/20 14:34 Welfare Check -
08/10/20 20:47 Domestic - Handled By
Officer / Deputy
08/11/20 07:25 Motor Vehicle Crash
08/12/20 05:24 Traffic Stop 24 - Search
and Rescue
08/12/20 12:47 Suspicious Activity 01
- Report Taken
08/12/20 20:16 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/13/20 11:35 THEFT
08/13/20 12:50 Medical 45 - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
08/13/20 14:17 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/14/20 09:38 Vehicle Lock Out -
08/14/20 11:04 Medical 08/14/20 12:31
911 Hang Up -
08/14/20 12:44 Fraud I - Information
08/14/20 13:28 Transport 45 - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
08/15/20 10:55 CIVIL PROCESS
08/15/20 12:38 911 Hang Up -
08/15/20 19:02 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/15/20 23:01 Information Only -
City of Clearbrook - Total 8
08/09/20 14:44 Vandalism I - Information
08/10/20 10:14 Traffic Stop
08/10/20 14:50 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/12/20 17:34 ATV ACC
08/13/20 13:14 Missing/Lost Person 05
- Assignment Completed/Settled by Phone
08/13/20 15:04 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/13/20 15:16 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/14/20 16:11 Alarm 27 - Fires,
Rescues and Hazardous
CFS Date/Time Description Codes
With Descriptions

City of Gonvick - Total 1
08/15/20 16:56 Traffic Complaint -
City of Shevlin - Total 2
08/12/20 15:12 THEFT
08/14/20 10:37 911 Hang Up -
Copley - Total 5
08/11/20 07:16 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation
Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/12/20 04:07 Traffic Stop -
08/12/20 05:17 911 Hang Up -
08/13/20 18:42 Animal Related -
08/14/20 21:10 Information Only -
Dudley - Total 4
08/09/20 16:02 Medical 43 - Patient
Treated, Released (Without
08/14/20 00:36 Death Notification -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
08/14/20 00:59 Information Only -
08/15/20 08:12 CIVIL PROCESS -
Eddy - Total 2
08/10/20 06:18 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/12/20 11:07 THEFT 30 - Information,
Investigation, Enforcement
Falk - Total 3
08/09/20 16:24 Medical 45 - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
08/15/20 12:59 Suspicious Activity -
Greenwood - Total 2
08/11/20 07:14 911 Hang Up -
08/11/20 08:21 Traffic Stop
Holst - Total 5
08/11/20 21:03 Traffic Stop
08/12/20 06:31 Suspicious Activity -
08/12/20 07:12 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation
Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/13/20 22:09 Fire 27 - Fires, Rescues
and Hazardous
08/14/20 00:08 Alarm
CFS Date/Time Description Codes With
Descriptions
Itasca - Total 5
08/12/20 22:16 Welfare Check
08/13/20 11:47 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/13/20 14:36 32 - Cancelled (Prior to
Arrival at Scene)

08/13/20 20:43 911 Hang Up I -
Information
08/15/20 20:14 911 Hang Up -
Itasca State Park - Total 2
08/09/20 15:06 911 Hang Up 17 - False
Alarm
08/13/20 17:06 911 Hang Up 05 -
Assignment Completed/Settled by Phone
LaPraire - Total 1
08/10/20 16:27 Medical 42 - Patient
Refused Evaluation/Care
LaPraire N - Total 9
08/10/20 15:12 ASSIST
08/10/20 17:52 Attempt To Locate -
08/10/20 21:58 Medical 45 - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
08/11/20 02:39 Disturbance -
08/11/20 15:27 Animal Related -
08/12/20 14:52 Runaway -
08/14/20 02:52 Suspicious Activity 14
- Gone On Arrival (GOA)/Unable to Locate
08/14/20 03:52 Information Only -
08/14/20 19:36 Suspicious Activity -
Leon - Total 11
08/11/20 06:30 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/11/20 09:00 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation
Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/11/20 14:25 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/11/20 14:43 Motorist Assist -
08/12/20 08:31 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation
Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/12/20 09:09 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation
Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/13/20 05:23 Traffic Stop -
08/13/20 19:31 Medical -
08/14/20 10:40 CIVIL PROCESS -
08/14/20 13:44 CIVIL PROCESS -
08/14/20 20:05 911 Hang Up O -
Minerva - Total 2
08/12/20 12:31 Disturbance
08/15/20 16:34 Traffic Stop W - Warning
Nora - Total 3
08/12/20 16:29 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/13/20 09:33 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/14/20 12:49 Alarm -
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 3
08/11/20 17:25 911 Hang Up 13 -
Information/Administrative
08/12/20 13:54 Suspicious Activity -

08/15/20 02:51 Medical -
Pine Lake - Total 5
08/10/20 19:35 Motorist Assist -
08/12/20 13:05 Medical
08/12/20 19:17 Court Order Violation
08/15/20 03:48 Medical 45 - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
08/15/20 15:17 CIVIL PROCESS -
Popple - Total 10
08/10/20 12:21 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/10/20 13:47 Drug Related -
08/10/20 15:30 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/11/20 16:12 Assist Other Agency
08/13/20 06:55 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation
Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/13/20 07:49 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/13/20 15:40 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/14/20 12:39 Suspicious Activity -
08/14/20 17:11 Trespass
08/15/20 10:53 Threats
Rice - Total 4
08/09/20 00:32 Officer Detail -
08/10/20 13:14 Parking Complaint -
08/13/20 12:24 Traffic Stop W - Warning
Shevlin - Total 19
08/09/20 12:07 Medical 39 - Patient
Dead at Scene-No EMS
08/10/20 02:31 Traffic Stop -
08/10/20 03:42 Traffic Stop -
08/10/20 04:30 Traffic Stop -
08/10/20 06:32 Animal Related -
08/11/20 03:47 Traffic Stop
08/13/20 04:17 Traffic Stop
08/11/20 04:32 Traffic Stop -
08/11/20 06:58 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/12/20 04:44 Traffic Stop -
08/12/20 04:51 Traffic Stop
08/13/20 03:56 Traffic Stop
08/13/20 10:01 Information Only
08/14/20 17:54 911 Hang Up -
08/14/20 20:22 Motor Vehicle Crash
08/15/20 10:23 Medical
08/15/20 12:29 Suspicious Activity
08/15/20 20:13 Information Only
Sinclair - Total 1
08/13/20 22:37 Alarm I - Information
Total Records: 133

**COVID19Statistics
(8-17-2020):**

• 65,716 Positive Tests
• 1,266,561 Complete
Tests
• 58,859 Patients Who
No Longer Need Isolation
• 1,712 Total Deaths
As of this printing - Total
Confirmed Cases in sur-
rounding Counties:
• Pennington County: 74
71 recovered cases
2 active case
5 hospitalized
1 death
• Red Lake County: 25
21 recovered cases
5 active case
5 hospitalized
• Polk County: 161
119 recovered
3 deaths
• Marshall County: 30
- Clearwater County: 14
• Beltrami County: 275
For the most updated
information on COVID-19,
see the following websites:
**Minnesota's daily situa-
tion update can be found
at https://www.health.
state.mn.us/diseases/
coronavirus/situation.
html**

Red Lake County Sheriff's Report

On the afternoon of 08/08/20,
the Red Lake County Sheriff's
Office received a report of a
hitchhiker on Hwy. #32 south
of Red Lake Falls. A Red Lake
County deputy responded and
made contact with an adult
male. The individual wanted a
ride, but was evasive and re-
fused to provide identification
and his legal name. He at-
tempted to provide the deputy
with a fictitious name. The
male was ultimately identified
as Christopher Dax Hyatt (47)
of Walton Beach, FL. He was
arrested and brought to the
jail in Crookston. Mr. Hyatt
was booked for misdemeanor
providing a false name to a
peace officer. He appeared in
Court in Crookston on 08/10/20
and was released from custody.
On the evening of 08/08/20,
Levi Scott Lappegaard (28) of
Fosston was cited for speeding
on Hwy. #222 in Oklee.
On the evening of 08/08/20,
the Red Lake County Sheriff's
Office received a complaint of
a dog running loose in the city
of Red Lake Falls. The dog
was reunited with its owner.
Danny Alexander Johnson (37)
of Red Lake Falls was cited for
the city ordinance violation of
allowing his dog to run at large.
On the evening of 08/09/20,
the Red Lake County Sheriff's
Office received a complaint of a

vehicle with unreasonably loud
exhaust. A Red Lake County
Deputy located the vehicle and
cited the juvenile male driver
for a misdemeanor muffler
violation.
On the evening of 08/09/20,
Hunter James Lundeen (20) of
Red Lake Falls was cited for
speeding on Main Ave. in Red
Lake Falls.
On 08/11/20, a formal crimi-
nal complaint was filed, charg-
ing Rose Scarlett Johnson
(35) of Red Lake Falls with
misdemeanor domestic assault.
The charge stems from an
investigation into a reported
disturbance at a Red Lake
Falls residence on 07/10/20.
The criminal complaint alleges
Ms. Johnson ripped the victim's
shirt, scratched their chest
and struck them in the face,
causing them to bleed. She
will be summoned to appear in
Court in Red Lake Falls later
this month.
On 08/12/20, a Red Lake
County deputy responded to
a report of a disturbance at
a residence in Plummer. Su-
zanne Sylvia O'Neill (32) of
Plummer was cited for misde-
meanor disorderly conduct as a
result of the investigation. She
will be summoned to appear in
Court in Red Lake Falls at a
later date.
Mitch Bernstein 08/14/20

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Revised (2/2010)

Updated 20/21 Series Schedule

This past week we spent our
time up north on site meeting
with all of our great venues and
clubs that support the series,
across the board everyone is
excited for the 20/21 Cor Power-
Sports Race Series season.

Our goal for this season is to
try and keep as much of what
both series have been doing the
last 8 years the same, as you can
see from the above schedule we
have taken the events that were
successful from the past seasons
and combined them into one na-
tional level series.

The race season will start out
as it has for many years at the
Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial on Pine
Lake, Jan 9/10 venue we hope to
secure next week but it will be a
venue with a great history of xc
racing so they are excited for the
opportunity to bring the series
back, then remaining schedule
is same as past few seasons until
the spring events. Cor PowerS-
ports has been running extremely
successful spring events under
the Midwest Extreme Snowmo-
bile Challenge branding and now
these events will be part of the
national schedule. For those that
have not attended one of these
events here is a brief glimpse
of what those weekends (MESC
Format) looks like:
Saturday- Hillcross and Hill-
climb racing
• Hillcross: multiple heat races
to qualify for the main events for
each class over a man made up-
hill course with features (jumps
& whoops)
• Hillclimb: uphill race
through a challenging slalom
course, timed event which you
compete against the clock. These
events have been a Midwest
qualifier the past 5 years for the
Jackson Hole World Champion-
ship Hillclimbs
Sunday - Cross Country
• Cross country at MESC
events is typically a timed event
just as any traditional cross coun-
try race with the course normally

is 3-5 miles in length

The two MESC format races
will be Big Powderhorn Moun-
tain in Bessemer, MI and Giants
Ridge Resort in Biwabik.

As you can see we have been
working hard this summer on
the blending of the two existing
series into one true national cross
country race series for the 20/21
race season.

**Volunteers needed
for Starry Trek**

Starry trek is a state wide
event to have volunteers look
for starry stonewort. Beltrami
county have 6 of the 14 starry
stonewort infest water in the
state. Prevention and early
detection is our only way to effec-
tively manage starry stonewort
so please volunteer and sign up
at [https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/
ais-detectors/starrytrek](https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/ais-detectors/starrytrek) or you
can call Bruce Anspack number
at 218-556-8298

One other option is to do a
web search "starry trek 2020"
to volunteer. "This event is a terric-
ific way for people to get outdoors,
get educated about aquatic in-
vasive species, and help protect
their area lakes," said Megan
Weber, Extension Educator with
the University of Minnesota and
Minnesota Aquatic Invasive
Species Research Center. "The
information we gain at this
event helps researchers and
managers understand its cur-
rent distribution and potentially
take action if new infestations
are found."

No experience or equipment
is necessary to participate in
Starry Trek. Expert training on
monitoring protocols and starry
stonewort identification will be
provided on-site. This event is
free, but registration is required.
Children under 18 must be ac-
companied by a parent or legal
guardian. The event's protocols
have been modified to accom-
modate COIVID-19 precautions.
To view all safety measures,
visit the event's website ([www.
starrytrek.org](http://www.starrytrek.org)). Thanks, Bruce

**Update on
Warren
Thompson**

CaringBridge website for
Warren Thompson. Caring-
Bridge is a nonprofit social net-
work dedicated to helping fam-
ily 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 encour-
agement. by Amity Thompson,
August 11, 2020: Smiles!!
Journal entry by Laura
Thompson — 14 hours ago
Hello friends, family and
supporters!

My brother just got back to
Fargo after a few days at home
to visit with his younger kids
and I have the most amazing
news to pass on!

Warren is moving his right
hand and arm a bit!

Warren ate a few bites of
pureed food!

Warren is beginning to mut-
ter a few sounds/words!

Warren is off most medica-
tions, except benadryl.

Warren beat Dave at thumb
wrestling!

Warren is smiling!

We still have a long road
ahead. But, this has been an
amazing week for Warren! We
are grateful for your love, your
prayers and your support.

With love,
Warren's Family amazing
week for Warren!

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



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**Lawsuit filed against
Governor Walz last Thursday**

The Thomas More Society
filed a federal lawsuit against
Minnesota Governor Tim Walz
last Thursday for his Executive
Orders requiring face masks
at religious worship services.
The United States District
Court complaint is on behalf of
three Christian churches, their
leaders, and church-goers who
are charging that Walz, his
attorney general, and several
county attorneys are violating
their religious liberties by lim-
iting capacity, requiring 6-foot
social distancing, and requiring
face masks.

"Governor Walz, a former
teacher, gets an F in religious
liberties," declared Thomas
More Society Special Counsel
Erick Kaardal. "Other states,
including Texas, Illinois, and
Ohio have excluded churches
from COVID-19 mask man-
dates. Unlike Walz, those states
have recognized that you can-
not criminalize religious at-
tendance at houses of worship
for any reason. Governor Walz
wants to prosecute Minneso-
tans for religious attendance.
We are going to do our best not

to see that happen."

Kaardal also observed that
other state leaders who have
persisted in this type of reli-
gious discrimination have been
slapped down by federal courts,
as in the case of New York's
Governor Cuomo.

"Minnesota's governor is
wreaking havoc on the reli-
gious freedoms of the faithful.
Christians of all denominations,
Muslims, and Orthodox Jews
are bound by their faith to wor-
ship together. Time-honored
rites and rituals, including
prayers, singing, communion,
and a laying of hands in bless-
ing, are among those elements
that comprise the free exercise
of religion, for which the First
Amendment disallows the pro-
hibition thereof," explained
Kaardal. "That is the central
tenet of the complaint. It is only
compounded by Walz's expressly
imposed no-exception, six-foot
social distancing requirements
on religious ceremonies in
churches and Minnesota's con-
flicting laws that concurrently
criminalize wearing a mask as
well as not wearing a mask."

The complaint asks the court
to declare Minnesota's com-
bination of executive orders
regarding social distancing and
mask-wearing at church to be
unconstitutional under the First
and Fourteenth Amendments of
the United States Constitution.

Kaardal added, "We are also
seeking a pronouncement that
Walz's Executive Orders violate
the Minnesota Constitution's
Article III separation of powers
provision. Walz is exercising
pure legislative law-making
power—a thing only the legisla-
ture can constitutionally do. In
particular, we seek an injunction
against Executive Order 20-74,
which mandates social distanc-
ing during religious worship,
and Executive Order 20-81,
which requires face masks and
conflicts with existing Minne-
sota laws outlawing the wearing
of face masks."

Also charged in the lawsuit
with Walz are Minnesota At-
torney General Keith Ellison,
Douglas County Attorney Chad
Larson, Wright County Attor-
ney Tom Kelly, and Crow Wing
County Attorney Donald Ryan.

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

A puzzle indeed... I am back to square one with the letter from Paris in 1945 from a Herman Holm to Arthur Clausen. I received a note from Vivian Rhen Rouland and in that letter she stated that a Herman Holm was her mother's oldest brother. He is buried in Augustana Cemetery near Clearbrook.

Here is what she wrote.

"In Wednesday, August 5, 2020 paper was an article, about a post card received from Herman Holm Herman Rudolph Holm was never in the service.

He was born in Cannon Wells, MN, April 3, 1900 and died February 6, 1963 in Isabella, MN.

Herman was a lumber jack and was a bull cook. How he broke his arm I don't recall,

and he did work for Polly Holm parents. I enjoy getting the Leader-Record weekly.

Sincerely, Vivian Rhen Rouland.

When looking at his date of birth was 1900, he would have been 45 during World War II. That I think was too old. Now I am looking again for another person.

The rodeo and fireworks were canceled but Erskine is still planning on having some food trucks set up downtown on Friday and Saturday, August 21st and 22nd.

We had deer in our backyard Monday morning. They were eating from our apple tree in the back. We looked a little closer and there were four of them. A mama and three young ones. One did not want to listen to her when she was warning them to come back into the woods.

National Back to School Prep Day happens on August 15 each year and usually captures the exciting new beginning that is the start of a new school year. However, as schools across the globe grapple with the challenges of reopening and balancing in-person and remote learning, it seems that there is a lot more to prep for this year.

What is special for this weekend. Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick will be having a Breakfast Special on Friday from 7 to 11 am. They will also be having their curb side Car Hope on Friday night from 5 to 7. Sportsmans Lodge has their full menu inside or outside on their new deck.

Next week Offda Tacos will be serving in downtown Clearbrook one more time from Wednesday, Aug. 26 to Friday August 26.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the Gonvick American Legion will be canceling the August Walleye Fish Fry. They hope to continue when it is safe to start again.

The Samhold Women NALC meeting and supper scheduled for August 20, 2020 has been canceled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

The Gonvick Lions Club has decided to hold a Fishing Derby, Sunday, September 6. The weekend of Labor Day. Along with the Derby they will have a build a burger day and other activities at Pine Lake. The event is to help raise funds for the aeration project that the Lions take care of on Pine Lake.

Joke Time - Sven and Ole were carpentering on a new house. Sven who was nailing down siding would reach into his nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over his shoulder or nail it in. Ole, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, "Why are you throwing dose nails away?" Sven explained, "If I pull a nail out of my pouch and it's pointed TO-WARD me, I throw it away 'cause it's defective. If it's pointed toward da HOUSE, den I nail it in!" Ole got completely upset and yelled, "You MOTHERN!!! Da nails pointed toward you aren't defective! Dare for da OTHER side of da house!!!"



The Village of Shevlin

S is for Shevlin.

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.

S is for Shevlin. The name SHEVLIN (both village and township) has its origin from Mr. Thomas Shevlin, who in the early days owned considerable timber interests in this locality. The village of Shevlin was plotted in the early part of the year 1898, and was incorporated May 4, 1899. The original Townsite was owned by Peter Burstad and consisted of one hundred sixty acres located along the Great Northern Railway. Early settlers in the area were Peter Julin (1894) and, Vettleson, Jacob Larson, Brynjar Johnson, Charles Johnson, Ole Jorgenson and John Peterson all settled in 1895. The railroad was completed to Shevlin in September of 1898.

The first churches built in Shevlin were the Congregational Church built in 1901 and The Clearwater Lutheran Norwegian Evangelical Church, organized January 5, 1895; they built a church in 1904. There is also the Landstad



Lutheran Church and the Catholic Church, the latter now closed.

The first two-room schoolhouse was built in the village in the year 1899, and was located in the northeast part of the village. A fire destroyed in 1910 and the present building, which is now the History Center, replaced the first school in 1911.

A few of the early pioneer merchants were Krohn, Thorp,

Odegard, Desjordine, E. E. Rain, A. L. Gordon, Martine, Nelson, and Dell Amadon. L. Jenson came later to conduct a banking business in the corner store and was later succeeded by T. E. Rider. A. L. Gordon operated the first post office in connection with a general store. More people began moving into the community and as the farmers began clearing more land for crops, conditions became more and more prosperous for the business establishments in Shevlin.

The first Hotel was owned by Martin Nelson from Fosston and he gave the first dance in Shevlin when the floor and the two-by fours were up. Ole Risen played the violin.

Over the years these businesses operated in Shevlin: Shevlin Co-operative Creamery, the locker plant, two potato houses, The Co-op Oil Station, a saw mill and box factory, several general, hardware and drug stores, 3 saloons and a couple of restaurants, a newspaper: The Beltrami County Advocate, as well as a millinery, barbershop, and a livery stable.

Before Bagley became the county seat of Clearwater, Shevlin was the larger town. However by 1947 there were 1000 more people living in Bagley than in Shevlin. (1200 to Shevlin's 200.)

FROM THE PAST - 2007



Gladys and Don Barron were honored for 40 years in the Wild Rice business.



Larry Swenson of Bemidji winner of the hand crocheted table cloth with Harriet Tveitbakk who sold the ticket. Item was made by Marion Tveitbakk Anderson.



Vivian Rikje, Marilyn Halvorson and Lucille Godtland at the Trail VFW pancake supper.



Cory Carlson and daughter Leah performing at the Gully Centennial Show.



Homecoming at the school with Lori Wollman, Paula Boomgaarden and Rhoda Berg.



Carol Satterfield doing "Thelma Harper" at the Gully Centennial.



Don Barron received the Honorary University of Minnesota Wild Rice Research Award from Dr. Ervin Golke, Senator Rod Skoe and Raymie Porter with the University of Minnesota Research Station at Grand Rapids.



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