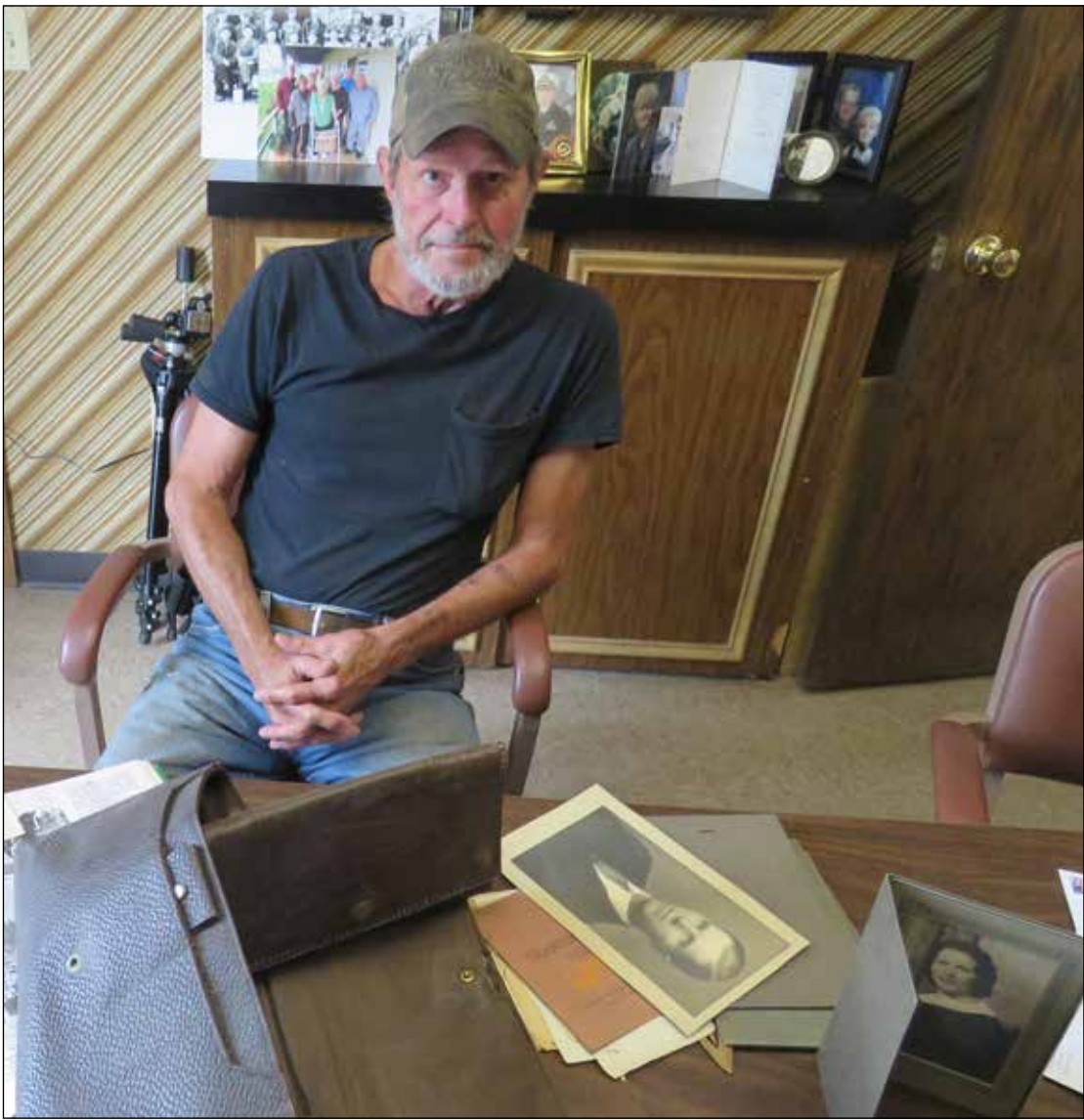


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Joel Wraa is interested in history and he is shown with his collection of World War I letters and pictures from his great uncle Walter Berg.

History buff finds interesting letters from World War I

Editors Note:
Joel is the son of Gerald and Edna Wraa. Edna was the daughter of Nellie and Guy Davis and her grandparents were Ole and Marie "Mary" Berg. Walter Berg would be an uncle to Edna and a great uncle to Joel who was the one who gathered the letters and photos. Joel lives in Clover Township and he has two other brothers Steve and Gerald. Their parents Edna and Gerald lived in Clover but now reside in Clearbrook.

Joel Wraa of Clover Township, rural Clearwater County has been digging into some family history. He found a leather bound bag that contained letters and pictures from Walter Berg. Walter Berg was one of six children born to Ole and Mary "Marie" Berg, who were pioneers in Clover Township.

Walter served in the Army and was sent overseas as a member of the American Expeditionary Force.

World War I was the first time in American history that the United States sent soldiers abroad to defend foreign soil. ... In May 1917, General John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing was designated the supreme commander of the American army in France, and the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) were created.

On September 12, 1918, the (AEF) under General Pershing

launched their first major offensive in Europe as an independent army. Their successful campaign was a major turning point in the war for the Allies. Ultimately, U.S. forces helped to defeat Germany earlier than expected.

Walter was a member of the American Expeditionary Force and in the Leather bag that Wraa had were letters that he had sent while he was in France and before he left overseas.

One of the first letters to his mother Mary Berg came from Camp Humphreys in Virginia that was a training site for entry in the military for men.

He wrote on July 6, 1918 that some had mumps in the company but that he had been able to go to Washington and Mount Vernon. He saw President Wilson and heard him speak. He was all through the White House and it was a great site. He was going to send some post card of the marching over the fourth of July. He said he was paid but it wasn't very much. He has a 10,000 insurance policy and that cost him \$6.50 a month and they took out for two months. So he only got \$12.00 in his check but that will last him quite a while.

The next letter was from September 25, 1918 from France. During that time there were refugee families, orphaned children, shell shocked soldiers,

people with tuberculosis and ruined buildings. The American Red Cross was working to help people. Walter wrote to his mother that he saw a lot of German prisoners and they were mostly all young fellows. He also heard that the English had captured many prisoners.

The next letter was written October 8, 1918 and they had been moved since the last time and it was the best camp in France. He and the cook had been out picking grapes and they picked five barrels full. The French wanted them to come again to help them make wine but they had work to do. They made rabbit cooked in the wine and the chicken which was good. Summer is almost over and getting cooler every day. They have a dandy YMCA and they have moving pictures there three times a week.

The next letter was written November 22, 1918 after the Armistice Day when the War was over. He said that the French have had a great time the last few days celebrating and he didn't blame them either. He was wished his family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from their son Walter.

No mention of his time that he spent in the wet trenches during the War or what was going on as letters were inspected before being sent. Some were never delivered. After his return to the states he ended up in a hospital in California. It was there that Walter made the leather bag that all the letters were in. He was married to Zona and they had a daughter Patricia and twin sons, William and Robert. He was a World War veteran and at the age of 31 passed away after a lingering illness with tuberculosis that dated back to the time he had served in the war. He spent his last few months near his parents in Clover Township.

He was buried at the Seljord Church north of Clearbrook with military honors given by the local American Legion Post. J. P. Lupfer was the funeral director in charge of arrangements.



Walter and his wife Zona Berg.



The letters were written on paper supplied to them and they had also been inspected before they were able to be mailed. There was no mention of things that were going on with the War effort in any of his letters.

Gonvick Fire Department fundraiser is different this year

The Gonvick Fire Department has decided that due to the ever-changing world we currently live in they have weighed their options and do not feel they are able to hold a Fundraiser this year. With the requirements in place by the State of Minnesota and the safety concerns for the residents of the community they will not be holding a Fundraiser.

They are once again in need of Funds for Ongoing Medical/Fire Fighting Training and Upgrading of their Equipment so they can better serve the Communities. They are constantly updating/repairing Firefighting gear, radios, generators, tools, pumps, medical supplies, SCBA, and maintaining their trucks on a regular basis.

SCBA is a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. The mask and air tanks they use when they have to go inside for a structure fire or if there were a haz mat issue they can breathe.

Your Donation goes directly to support Gonvick Fire & Rescue operations. This year they are working to apply for a USDA Loan for the purchase of new SCBA's and a filling station with the cost of roughly \$130,000.

Your support allows them to provide protection at a moment's notice. They will continue to serve you during these trying times and encourage you to not hesitate to call them if

you are in need. They have the necessary protective gear on hand to keep you and them safe. If you have the ability to donate, they would greatly appreciate it. Checks can be made payable to the Gonvick Fireman's Relief Association. Please remember that all donations are Tax Deductible.

Gonvick Volunteer Firefighters
PO Box 202
Gonvick MN 56644

We will be closed Monday September 7th

in observance of

LABOR DAY

Enjoy the day with your family and friends!

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School will open September 8

It is that time of year again but with a different look for everyone. Clearbrook-Gonvick school will begin on Tuesday, September 8.

Superintendent Jeff Burgess stated that the school safety team met again to address the COVID numbers and the recommendation has not changed as far as starting school back in full. As part of the plan to return to school, Burgess shared a new mask policy and they are waiting for updated information from the Department of Health that will be necessary for preparing a plan that addresses how staff respond to positive cases in the school.

While school staff is planning to return to school, preparations are also needed for the possibility of a change to hybrid or distance learning if active case numbers begin to affect the district.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick student Bus Routes are printed in this week paper. If you are enrolled in the school district and are missing from the list please contact Gerry and Deb Stein at 218-243-2629.

One change for the 2020-2021 school year has been in the planning for several years. With the new early childhood building addition nearly completed, the school is going ahead with plans to offer a five-day week at school for four-year-old children.

In the past, the school had offered the School Readiness program three half-days each week for the young students. This School Readiness program is now expanding. They will have two new rooms for their four year old programs with between 30 and 40 students. Stacie Petterson will be teacher in one room Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday. On the other days she will be doing Early Childhood Family Education for 0 to 5 year old children to be accompanied with a parent.

Andrea Millar will be the teacher in the other new room Tuesday and Thursday and every other Friday. On the other days she will be doing the 3 year old program. After their regular four year old programs they will have to get their rooms sanitized for the next days programs.

The other new room will be



The old ECFE classroom which Superintendent Jeff Burgess is standing in, will be used for a Structured Day Program. Four-year old students can attend an optional extra two and one-half days each week. In this new program, students will participate in breakfast, circle time, and other activities to help them learn about being in school and prepare them for kindergarten. There are fees for participation in some of the early childhood programs.



Stacie Petterson, Early Childhood teacher, stands in one of the new classrooms that has more square footage than the old Early Childhood rooms. Now it is to get all of their educational materials and furnishing into the rooms.



The new portion of the school was extended as far as the fire hydrant to the south of the building. The grounds around the building was still being prepared.



Stacie Petterson and Superintendent Jeff Burgess outside of the new addition to the Clearbrook-Gonvick school. Staff is working to move and prepare the classrooms for opening day.

Community Calendar

Trail Blazers meeting Tuesday, September 8th

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be meeting on Tuesday September 8th, 2020 at the clubhouse in Leonard at 7:30 pm.



Happy 80th Birthday Arlene Syverson! Please join us to celebrate Arlene's Birthday! 20190 220th Street Bagley, MN 56621 September 5th, 2020 @ 1:00 pm

I AM "90" AND THE FAMILY CELEBRATED! Thanks to granddaughter Lexie, who hosted the event in her home. Thank you "greats" for the sweet tiny "Love You" pendant. I will wear it always. Thank you to my kids and grandkids for the lovely coffee table, the flowers, the "90 reasons we love you" wall hanging, the albums, posters, cards and all the good food!! Thanks be to God for His Gift, Jesus. I cease not to give thanks for you and make mention of you in my prayers. Edna "gramma" Wraa Ephesians 1:16

Five people running for school board

Filing for the School Board in the Clearbrook-Gonvick School District closed. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. At that election, four (4) members will be elcted to the School board for terms of four (4) years, each and one (1) member will be elected to the school board for a term of (2) years filling out the remainder of James Galloway's term. Those serving on the board whose terms are due to expire include: Richard Hetland, Kris Snyder, Tom Stenzel and Jeff Westrum - four year teams. Dudley Wishard - 2 year term. Those who have filed for the four year term include - Vern Wittenberg, Jeff Westrum, Dudley Wishard and Gus Vettleson. Vanessa Gustafson has filed for the 2 year term. Two other position will not be up for election until 2022. They are Corey Peterson and Tracy Imle.

Clearbrook Blood Drive

Clearbrook Community Blood Drive needs 52 donors! Because of you, life doesn't stop. Monday, September 14th at 2 PM - 6 PM held at the Wes Westrum Gym. To sign up to give blood, please contact Janet @ 218-776-3741 or go online to www.bloodhero.com, sponsor code: Clearbrook. To help find future convales-

Elim Mission Friends meeting

Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, September 10th at 2:30 PM at the Elim Church. Amanda Thompson will share the devotion and Bonnie Thompson will provide the meditation. Hostesses are Marilyn Shamp, Carol Kleppe and Erma Carlson. All ladies are welcome to join us.

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



Edna Wraa of Clearbrook, turned 90 on August 28th! Pictured is Edna, her husband Gerald and all her great grandchildren at the home place.

HELP CONTROL WEEDS BY USING CERTIFIED GRAVEL PITS

Clearwater County has a voluntary program to certify that gravel pit owners/managers are controlling noxious weeds in the material they are selling. Listed below are gravel pit owners/managers who are concerned about controlling the spread of noxious weeds on roadsides and on property belonging to other residents of the County.

Pit Owner (property owner)	Property description
County Highway Dept.	Landfill Pit SE¼ NW¼ Sec. 17, Copley
County Land Dept	Fredenburg Pit NE¼NE¼ Sec. 34, Moose Creek
Dennis Engebretson	pit W¼SW¼ Sec.15, Leon
Steve Thompson	pit E¼SE¼ Sec. 13, Leon
Garald Halverson	stockpile only NW1/4NE1/4 Sec. 8, Sinclair
Todd Nelson	pit NW1/4SE1/4 Sec. 12, Moose Creek
Sinclair Township	stockpile only NW1/4SE1/4 Sec. 5, Moose Creek
Stanley Johnson	pit SW1/4SE1/4 Sec. 8, Sinclair
Lakes Concrete Inc.	pit SW1/4 NW1/4 Sec. 21, Moose Creek
Dale Vogt	pit part NE1/4 Sec. 32, Shevlin
(Linda Ubert)	portion of pit SE ¼ SE ¼ Sec. 3, Eddy
Dale Vogt (Bob Bilden pit)	ONLY active working area, newly opened July 2015 directly adjacent to 151st ave. in extreme NE corner of SE1/4SE1/4
Dale Vogt	stockpile only SW1/4SE1/4 Sec. 7, Minerva
Dale Vogt (County Land Dept./39 pit)	stockpile only NW1/4 Sec. 9, Long Lost Lk.
Dyrdahl Const. (D. Anderson pit)	stockpile only NW1/4NW1/4 Sec. 4, Copley
Mark Sand & Gravel Co.	pit, stockpile SW1/4NW1/4 Sec.10, Moose Creek
	Only that portion opened in 2019

To help control noxious weeds Clearwater County and many of our Townships will purchase material only from these pits. We encourage you to help prevent the spread of noxious weeds by supporting these pit owners/managers when purchasing materials.

Clearwater County Environmental Services
Phone (218) 694-6183

Wear a mask in public spaces.

Get tested if you have any symptoms.

Answer if your health department calls.

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

City of Bagley - Total 21
08/23/20 08:09 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
08/23/20 08:58 Disturbance
08/23/20 10:46 Welfare Check
08/24/20 12:44 Crimes Against Family
08/24/20 13:05 Crimes Against Family
08/25/20 03:26 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
08/25/20 07:38 Traffic Stop
08/26/20 05:01 Disorderly 03 - Arrest
08/26/20 22:58 Traffic Stop
08/27/20 06:16 Vehicle Lock Out
08/27/20 11:17 911 Hang Up 17 - False Alarm
08/28/20 09:58 Harassment
08/28/20 13:48 Trespass
08/29/20 06:26 Court Order Violation 1 - Information
08/29/20 09:52 Alarm
08/29/20 16:19 Medical 43 - Patient Treated, Released
08/29/20 16:21 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/29/20 18:33 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
08/29/20 19:31 Vehicle Lock Out
08/29/20 21:16 Traffic Stop 21:50 Traffic Stop both - Warning
City of Clearbrook - Total 3
08/26/20 20:52 Traffic Stop 21:16 Traffic Stop both - Warning
08/28/20 19:16 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
City of Gonvick - Total 2
08/24/20 08:05 Information Only
08/25/20 15:44 Traffic Stop CW
City of Leonard - Total 1
08/26/20 23:36 Traffic Stop
City of Shevlin - Total 1
08/27/20 18:05 Welfare Check
Copley - Total 9
08/23/20 23:50 Civil Complaint
08/24/20 13:35 THEFT
08/24/20 13:43 911 Hang Up
08/26/20 01:40 Disorderly 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS

Patent Treated, Transported by EMS
08/26/20 22:28 Traffic Stop
08/26/20 23:14 Traffic Stop
08/27/20 09:22 Medical 41 - Patient Evaluated, No
08/28/20 19:58 Property Damage
08/29/20 10:47 Animal Related
Dudley - Total 9
08/23/20 11:11 THEFT
08/23/20 13:03 Lost/Found
Property
08/23/20 16:16 Fire
08/24/20 18:49 Juvenile Misc
08/24/20 20:02 Traffic Stop
08/27/20 20:22 Suspicious Activity
08/28/20 11:11 THEFT
08/28/20 17:06 Court Order Violation
08/29/20 11:44 Welfare Check
Eddy - Total 1
08/27/20 11:15 Traffic Complaint
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Falk - Total 4
08/25/20 09:46 Suspicious Activity
08/26/20 21:46 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
08/27/20 07:15 Animal Related 32 - Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)
08/27/20 12:01 Domestic

Holst - Total 4
08/24/20 14:33 Crimes Against Family-Handled By Officer / Deputy
08/26/20 15:46 Traffic Stop ;
08/28/20 19:32 Traffic Stop 08/29/20 22:48 Traffic Stop all - Warning
Itasca - Total 6
08/25/20 09:29 911 Hang Up
08/26/20 19:10 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/26/20 19:27 Traffic Stop ;
08/28/20 06:23 Traffic Stop; 08/29/20 14:09 Traffic Stop W - Warning
08/29/20 14:29 Animal Related
LaPraire - Total 4
08/25/20 07:27 Traffic Stop
08/25/20 14:30 Warrant - Attempt
08/25/20 21:56 Welfare Check \
08/26/20 00:36 Noise Complaint
LaPraire N - Total 4
08/23/20 01:20 Assault 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
08/24/20 14:04 Crimes Against Family- Handled By Officer / Deputy
08/25/20 07:18 Information Only
08/27/20 11:36 Information Only
Leon - Total 11
08/23/20 06:05 911 Hang Up
05 - Assignment Completed/Settled by Phone
08/24/20 13:36 Motorist Assist

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Church News

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., Sept. 2 - 7:00pm Outdoor Worship Service out on the lawn. Please bring your own chair.
Sun., Sept. 6 - 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., Sept. 6 - 11:00am Outdoor Worship Service. Please bring your own chair. If inclement

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
Worship Service - 10am Sunday morning
Elevate Youth - 7pm Most Sundays
Men's Prayer - 6:30am Tuesdays
Service Streamed on Facebook & YouTube. Check out our website for the most up to date information.

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Sept. 5: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Sept. 6: 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/clearwater-lutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sun, Sept. 6: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Sept 6: 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.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Pizza Night at CWLC-Gonvick: Friday, Sept. 11, 5:00-7:00 PM. Reservations required by Wed., Sept. 9. Call 218-776-2789. Space is limited. Outdoor seating, weather permitting.
Shop-At-The-Top: 10:00-4:00, Mon.-Fri. & 10:00-12:00 on Saturday. "School clothes" and fall items will be on the floor this week.
Youth Connection: Registration materials available online at www.clearwaterslife.org or at the Clearbrook-Gonvick school. Starting September 29, 3:30-5:00 for grades 5-8.
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: Women's & men's small groups. Faith-based. Find true freedom from your hurts, habits, & hang-ups. Thurs., 7:00 PM, CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Second Floor.
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.
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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Letters To the Editor

What Happened to the Gully Tri Co-op?

Gully is considered to be the birthplace of the modern co-op movement. See Edwin Christianson's Monument in the Gully par.) Gully deserves a better fate than what is it's getting. The community needs to know what happened!

From my understanding of the financial reports, in as late as 2013, we had \$5.5 million in cash and equity. In 2016, we had approximately \$4.5 million. by 2019, we owed \$1 million dollars. What

happened?

Some of us have tried to get a meeting organized to find out just what has happened. Covid-19 has been the reason given for not having a meeting. Thank the Board of Directors for their concern for our health. Of course, ere is where the hypocrisy begins. No meeting has taken place, but the board had no problem surprising the patrons with a liquidation sale, with all of the public welcome and no limits in place for the amount of people permitted inside the building, and with none of the employees wearing masks.

This morning (August 31) we received a letter that there will be a meeting September 12th at the Gully Hall.

I think that most people have accepted that the co-op is lost, but, after generations of families supporting this institution. (and many of us losing all of our equity), we demand to know why. What happened?

I have personally served on the Board of Directors for 9 years, and believed our job was to protect patrons' equity. Obviously, going from have \$4.5 million in cash and equity in 2016 and owning \$1 million in 2019 is not protecting patrons' equity.

There are many questions that need to be answered. We need to know. We deserve to know. What happened?

Doug Robbins

Stolen Political Signs

It seems that in the last two President Elections some people in Minnesota have taken it upon themselves to steal political signs from any political party. It starts in one area then moves to other areas with Minnesota.

There has already been political signs stolen from different areas within Clearwater County. The act of taking property or defacing political signs is theft and or vandalism. If caught and convicted the person would now have a criminal record.

In this day and age people do put out cameras to protect their property where ever it may be. Just be

aware that you could possibly have pictures or video taken of your act or acts taken and these videos or pictures taken of your act used as evidence when turned over to law enforcement.

Just because your political beliefs are different from others beliefs does not give you the right to drive around and either steal political signs or deface them. The act of doing either can also be viewed as a means of voter suppression. Doing the act of voter suppression is also against the law.

To have different views on political ideas is not against the law this is what makes the system work so compromise can come about on the given issue being discussed and

the issue resolved. The braking of the law is not to be tolerated by any political party.

Pat Ward
Chair Person Clearwater DFL Party

Sheriff's Report..

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08/24/20 17:20 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/25/20 02:00 Information Only
08/26/20 09:01 Traffic Stop
08/26/20 16:28 THEFT
08/26/20 20:58 Information Only
08/27/20 12:20 911 Hang Up 32 - Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)
08/28/20 16:33 Traffic Complaint
08/29/20 20:28 Traffic Stop CW
Long Lost Lake - Total 1
08/27/20 15:29 Transport
30 - Information, Investigation, Enforcement

Minerva - Total 4
08/24/20 12:56 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer
08/24/20 18:25 Medical 41 - Patient Evaluated, No

08/25/20 08:23 Traffic Stop
08/28/20 17:37 911 Hang Up
Moose Creek - Total 4
08/25/20 06:30 Traffic Stop
08/28/20 21:21 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
08/29/20 17:50 Traffic Complaint
08/29/20 18:29 Animal Related

Nora - Total 8
08/23/20 00:20 Traffic Stop
08/23/20 14:33 Vehicle Lock Out
08/25/20 08:46 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/25/20 09:17 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)

08/25/20 20:54 Traffic Stop
08/26/20 20:01 Traffic Stop
08/26/20 20:09 Traffic Stop
08/27/20 22:21 Fire
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 1
08/26/20 12:15 Transport \

Pine Lake - Total 7
08/23/20 11:44 Lost/Found
08/23/20 22:34 Noise Complaint
08/25/20 11:33 911 Hang Up
08/27/20 16:30 Vandalism
08/28/20 14:10 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
08/29/20 19:51 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)

08/29/20 23:38 Medical 43 - Patient Treated, Released
Poppo - Total 10
08/24/20 04:22 Alarm
08/24/20 07:42 Animal Related
08/24/20 11:13 THEFT
08/24/20 12:51 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
08/25/20 00:47 Assault
08/27/20 06:26 Traffic Stop
08/27/20 08:48 Medical
08/27/20 09:35 Welfare Check
08/27/20 10:47 Trespass
08/29/20 23:54 Traffic Stop

Rice - Total 8
08/23/20 16:53
08/24/20 16:46 Animal Related
08/25/20 07:45 Traffic Stop
08/25/20 07:52 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/25/20 18:46 911 Hang Up
08/26/20 19:38 Traffic Stop
08/27/20 16:41 911 Hang Up
08/29/20 20:47 Traffic Stop

Shevlin - Total 12
08/24/20 02:59 Officer Detail
08/24/20 15:58 Civil Complaint
08/25/20 09:21 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
08/27/20 06:12 911 Hang Up
08/28/20 01:49 Traffic Stop
08/28/20 08:17 Juvenile Misc
08/29/20 08:42 Motor Vehicle Crash O-Handled By Officer / Deputy
08/29/20 10:12 Animal Related
08/29/20 15:28 Juvenile Misc
08/29/20 15:41 Traffic Complaint
08/29/20 21:47 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
08/29/20 22:10 Traffic Stop

Sinclair - Total 4
08/26/20 08:43 Animal Related
08/26/20 16:57 Traffic Stop
08/28/20 14:29 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
08/29/20 16:37 Burglary CW

Winsor - Total 1
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Artist Relief Grant Applications for Round 2 Open August 31

Region 2 Arts Council opens Round 2 of their Artist Relief Grant on Monday, August 31, 2020. Applications will open at 8:00 a.m. and close once granting criteria have been met and funding has run out.

Overview
The Artist Relief Grant is open to artists* whose anticipated arts income has been impacted due to COVID-19. All eligible artists must rely on the creation of art to generate income and have no overdue final reports with Region 2 Arts Council. Artists may only receive one Artist Relief Grant from Region 2 Arts Council.

Award Amount:
\$500.00
How to Apply?
Online: Create a login at r2arts.org. Complete and submit your application online.

Paper: Download a copy of the application at r2arts.org. Submit the application by mail, email, or drop it off at the Region 2 office at 505 Bemidji Avenue N., Bemidji. Contact staff@r2arts.org or 218 751-5447 / 800 275-5447 to receive a paper grant copy in the mail.

Reviews and Fund Disbursement
Eligible and complete applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. Funds are limited and the need is great. It will not be possible for Region 2 Arts Council to fund all applications. Allow 2 weeks for processing to occur.

Eligible Artists
*Artists living in Beltrami, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen, Hubbard Counties are eligible to apply. This grant is also open to artists who are enrolled tribal members and descendants and are residents of Itasca, Roseau, Cass, and Becker Counties (our additional Anishinaabe Arts Initiative counties).



Winsor School 1928

Row 1- Judith Paulson, Blanche Paulson, Josephine Omit, Gina Espeland, Alice Rud, Myrtle Klaasen, Selma Sundquist and Amelia Sand. Row 2- Amanda Skomedal (Teacher), Edna Tharaldson, Anna Kamrud, Ruth Espeland, Tillie Bergerson, Floyd Sather, Garfield Sherva, Roscoe Blegan, Everett Eck and Russell Larson. Row 3- Harold Anderson, Milton Hetland, Russell Tharaldson, Floyd Paulson, Loris Larson, Walter Eck and Thora Skomedal (Teacher). Row 4- Robert Eck, Teddy Danielson, (?) Robert Bergerson, Felix Sundquist, Johnnie Sherva, Leo Danielson and Russell Eck. Row 5- Earl Larson, Alice Sundquist, Florence

Kamrud, Lorraine Tharaldson, Helen Eck, Evelyn Sundquist and Anton Rud.

Teachers: Amanda and Thora Skomedahl
Amanda was teacher of the lower grades. Both she and her sister Thora lived in quarters at the old Winsor School during their teaching years at the (new) Winsor School. Thora was teacher to the upper grades. She never married and lived her last years in Thief River Falls, MN.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Tues., Sept. 8 - Welcome Back!!!! Pepperoni Pizza, Steamed Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, Cookie and Milk.

Wed., Sept. 9 - Corn Dog. Baked Beans, Tri Tater, fresh Veggies with ranch, grapes and Milk.

Thurs., Sept. 10 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Applesauce and Milk.

Fri. Sept. 11 - Turkey Subs, with Topping Choices, Baked Chips, Carrots with Ranch, Apple Slices and Milk

Breakfast Menu-Cereal choice offered daily as 2nd option
MONDAY-Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, and Milk

TUESDAY-Pancake on a stick, Fruit, Juice, and Milk

WEDNESDAY-Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, Juice, and Milk

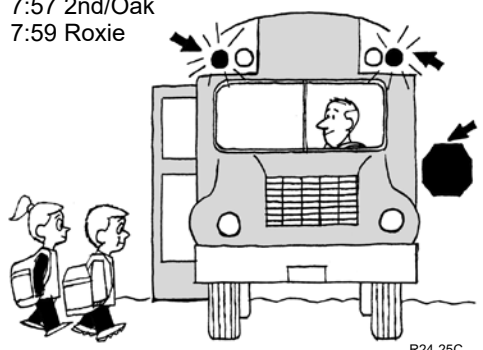
THURSDAY-Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, and Milk

FRIDAY-Breakfast Roll, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice, and Milk.

7th Grade Orientation September 2

7th Grade Orientation will take place in the Big Gym at 4:30 on September 2nd, 2020. We will be breaking into several groups and the 7th-grade teachers will be in classrooms. We will have details at the orientation. It shouldn't last more than an hour. Not required but recommended.

Looking forward to seeing you, Carl Dugstad C-G Principal



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Steins Bus Service LLC
Gerry and Deb Stein 218-243-2629

If you are enrolled at Clearbrook-Gonvick School and are missing from this list and in need of transportation for your student, please contact Steins Bus Service LLC at the number above

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MPCA to expand electric vehicle charging network by more than 2,500 miles in Greater Minnesota

As the electric vehicle (EV) market continues to expand throughout the state, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) announced today it will fund the installation of up to 38 additional fast charging stations in Greater Minnesota, extending the existing EV highway corridor network by more than 2,500 miles. Fast chargers can fully recharge an EV with a 100-mile range in as little as 20 minutes, depending on the car battery.

Chargers will be placed 30 to 70 miles apart along seven proposed corridors, making it easier than ever for Minnesotans to use EVs to travel longer distances, including:

- From Duluth to Grand Portage State Park on MN-61
- Traveling east-west across northern Minnesota on MN-1 between Ely and Thief River Falls
- From Granite Falls north to Karlstad on US Route 59
- From Saint Cloud to Marshall, Pipestone and beyond on

MN-23.

“Minnesota has set ambitious goals for powering 20 percent of light-duty cars with electricity by 2030 and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050,” said MPCA Commissioner Laura Bishop. “Funding infrastructure projects like this will help us reach our goals while supporting Minnesota’s green economy and our growing EV market.”

Between 2018 and 2019, the number of EV registrations in Minnesota nearly doubled, but gaps in the charging network may dissuade potential buyers who want to travel freely and not worry about where they can recharge. In the last two years, MPCA expanded Minnesota’s EV charging network along highway corridors by approximately 1,100 miles and funded 25 Level 2 charging stations, each with two charging ports, in local communities.

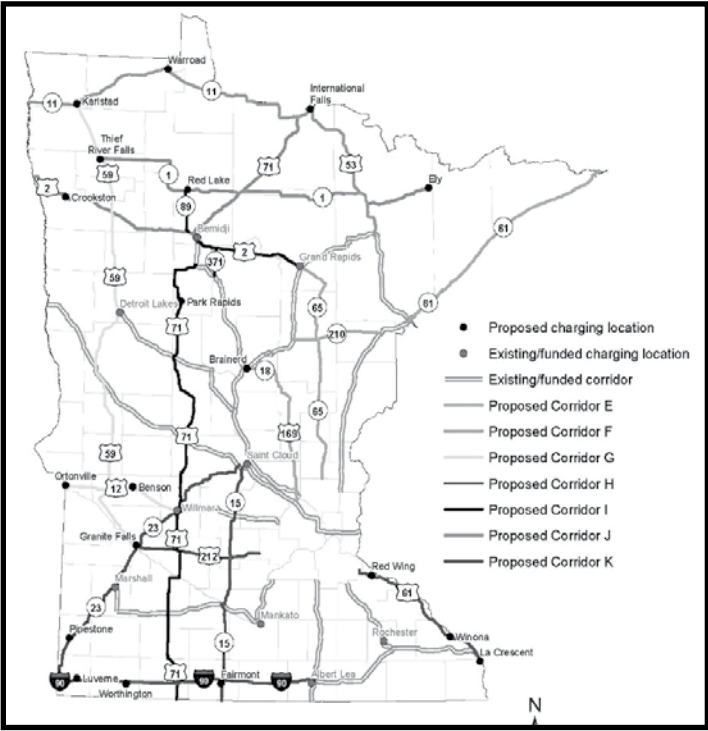
The new \$2.6 million grant op-

portunity leverages funds from the national Volkswagen settlement to build out a network of fast charging stations so EVs can travel farther across the state. Applicants will be asked to place five to seven fast chargers along specific segments of roadway. A map of Minnesota’s existing and proposed charging corridors is included here and available on the MPCA website.

“When we’ve asked Minnesotans how we should spend funds from the Volkswagen settlement, building EV infrastructure is one of the most widely supported proposals,” added Rebecca Place, MPCA’s electric vehicle program administrator. “We are planning for the future by ensuring each charging station has a back-up station and enough electrical capacity for future expansion.”

The grants are intended to help reduce vehicle emissions in Minnesota by encouraging use of EVs rather than gas-powered cars. Passenger vehicles are one of the largest sources of climate-changing greenhouse gases and air pollution in Minnesota, accounting for nearly 70 percent of total GHG emissions from the transportation sector.

Learn more about this grant opportunity in an online training session on September 15, 2020. Applications for grant funds are due by November 25, 2020. For more information, visit the MPCA’s grants web page at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/ev-fast-charging-station-grants>.



Red Lake County Sheriff

American Legion in Plummer. Red Lake County deputies responded and investigated the incident. They identified the involved parties as Austen Blaine Brateng (22) of Grygla and Landon James Ales (22) of Thief River Falls. Mr. Brateng and Mr. Ales were both cited for misdemeanor disorderly conduct. All parties were separated and the situation was resolved without taking anyone into custody.

On the evening of 08/21/20, an Oklee resident informed a deputy that their four-year-old child and their three-year-old child had snuck out of their house and they needed help finding them. The Oklee Ambulance and Oklee Fire Department provided assistance and the children were found within fifteen minutes. They were returned to their mother unharmed.

On the afternoon of 08/23/20, Renee Cecilia Veselka (41) of Erskine was cited for speeding on Hwy. #59 south of Brooks.

On the afternoon of 08/23/20, Jason Alexander Werthman (22) of Thief River Falls was cited for speeding on Hwy. #59 south of Brooks.

On the evening of 08/23/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff’s Office received a report of an ATV being driven in a reckless manner at the park in Oklee. A deputy responded and counseled the driver.

On 08/24/20, the Red Lake County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a prohibited individual possessing a firearm at a location within Red Lake County earlier this month. That matter is still under investigation.

On the evening of 08/26/20, the Spot Bar contacted the Red Lake County Sheriff’s Office and requested assistance in removing an individual from their establishment. A Red Lake County deputy responded and found Patricia Ann Berberena (57) of Red Lake Falls at the bar and she was refusing to leave after being asked by an employee and the owner. Ms. Berberena was removed from the bar and brought to her residence. She was cited for misdemeanor trespassing.

Mitch Bernstein 08/28/20

Accident Damages To Two Vehicles, Two Persons Hurt

On the afternoon of August 8th, 2020, the Red Lake County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of 250th St. SE and 140th Ave. SE in Terrebonne Township.

Michael Louis Knott (64) of Red Lake Falls was southbound on 140th Ave. in a Volvo semi. Randy Allen Lamb (41) of Oklee was westbound on 250th St. in a Chevy Avalanche, and he had four children with him

in that vehicle.

The semi failed to yield at the intersection and they collided. Both vehicles were severely damaged and Mr. Lamb and one of his children were transported to the Riverview ER in Crookston, by the Red Lake Falls Ambulance, to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Mr. Knott was cited for misdemeanor failure to yield.

FROM DAYS GONE BY



From the past picture.... The Cease Triplets who were born in 1962. They were 3 years old in this picture. From left to right Kory Roger, Kurt Edmund, and Kent Jeffery. Their parents are Wayne Cease and the late Arlene Cease.

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

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

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 Gonvick Lions Club will have a build a burger day and other activities at Pine Lake the weekend of Labor Day. The event is to help raise funds for the aeration project that the Lions take care of on Pine Lake.

Joke Time -

Two guys were driving down the street and came upon a red traffic light. The driver didn’t even slow down. He ran right through the red light.

The passenger said, "Why did you run that red light?"

The driver said, "My brother does it all the time." They came

to another red light. Same thing, he ran right through it.

The passenger said, "You did it again!"

The driver said, "My brother does it all the time."

A couple of blocks down the street they came to a green light, where they driver politely stopped. The passenger asked, "What are you doing?"

The driver said, "My brother might be coming from the other way!"

From my email...

More information on Herman Holm. This is Charles Johnson from Colorado. I grew up in Clearbrook graduating 1970.

I’ve read your information about Herman Holm. His parents were Victor and Selma. Victor, Selma, and Herman are buried at the Augustana Lutheran Cemetery in Pine Lake Township Southwest of Clearbrook. Herman died in 1963.

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.

Modern Woodmen of America to match funds

The board of directors of Pine Ridge Residence of Bagley are pleased to announce that they have been chosen to receive the matching fund grant from Modern Woodmen of America. According to John Hellquist, Modern Woodmen representative, there is one recipient chosen from the Bemidji-Bagley area each year to receive a matching fund grant up to \$2,500. The board of Pine Ridge Residence feels very special to be the recipient this year just like the handicap individuals that they serve.

Coordinated by local Modern Woodmen members, chapters provide opportunities to connect through social activities and volunteer projects. The Matching Fund program offers Modern Woodmen members nationwide the chance to show their support for a community cause, organization or individual in need by holding fundraisers. These fundraising projects contribute more than \$6.5 million to community needs nationwide each year.

Pine Ridge has an aggressive goal to raise funds to purchase, or make a great down payment, on a van valued at \$20-25,000.

The board of directors has set the date of Saturday September 19, 2020 from 4 to 7 pm for a free will donation drive thru supper fundraiser to be held at Pine Ridge Residence, 503 Hallan Ave NE in Bagley. On the menu is pulled pork on a bun, coleslaw, chips, cookies for dessert and bottled water.

We thank Modern Woodmen Matching Fund program for their

support, up to \$2,500, of our project. We ask for your financial support, along with Modern Woodmen, for this endeavor. Donations, earmarked van fund, can be mailed to Pine Ridge Residence, PO Box 29, Bagley, MN 56621 or dropped off the night of our event as you come to pick up your supper. A Thrivent Action Team Event has also been approved for \$250.

For more information about how you can contribute to this fundraising event, contact Modern Woodmen representative John Hellquist at 218-751-8422 or to any Pine Ridge board member pictured below.

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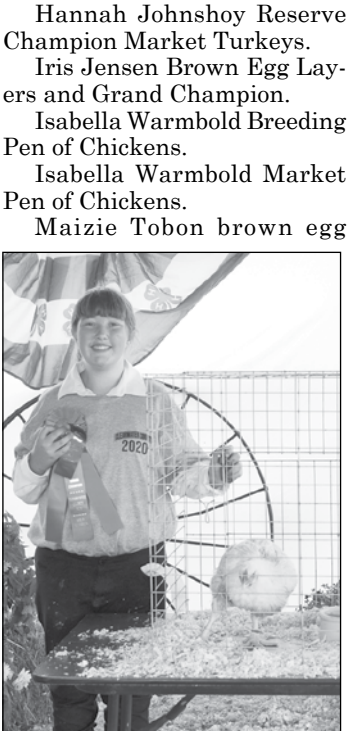
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Six members of the Pine Ridge Residence Board of Directors pose in front of the residence. They are (front) Gladys Luecken, Linda Gulbranson, Sue Davidson; (back row) Tinna Schock, David Gedde and Jen Phaller. Not pictured are Rebecca Colebank, Mark Stinar and Jeanne Hanse. Photo compliments of Farmers Independent

Clearwater County Poultry Achievement Days

Clearwater County 4-H held our Poultry Achievement Days on Sunday August 9th at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds. Adriana Marsh Grand Champion Market Chickens. Adriana Marsh Reserve Champion Market Chickens. Beau Berg Breeding Pen of Chickens. Beau Berg Grand Champion Junior Showmanship. Beau Berg Market Pen of Chickens. Beau Berg Reserve Champion Market Ducks. Brett Berg Brown Egg Layers. Brett Berg Grand Champion egg production pen.p Brett Berg Grand Champion Market Ducks. Brett Berg Grand Champion Market Turkey. Brett Berg Market Duck Pen. Brett Berg Reserve Champion Breeding Pen. Brett Berg Reserve Champion Egg Production Pen. Brett Berg Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship. Chloe Marsh Market Pen of Chickens. Evelyn Warmbold Brown Egg Layers. Evelyn Warmbold Market Pen of Chickens. Evelyn Warmbold Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship. Hannah Johnshoy Brown Egg Layers (2).j Hannah Johnshoy Brown Egg Layers. Hannah Johnshoy Grand Champion Breeding Pen. Hannah Johnshoy Grand Champion guinea breeding. Hannah Johnshoy Grand Champion Market guineas. Hannah Johnshoy Grand Champion Senior Showmanship.



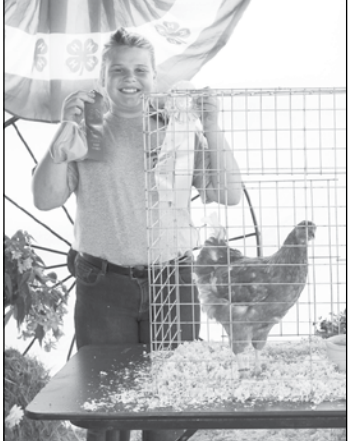
Adriana Marsh Grand Champion Market Chickens.



Evelyn Warmbold Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship.



Iris Jensen Brown Egg Layers and Grand Champion.

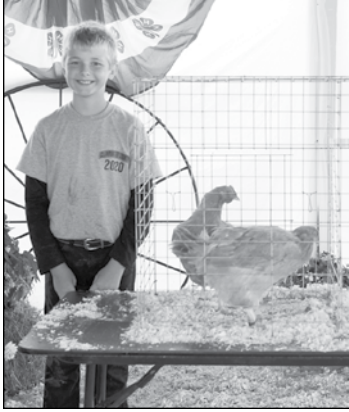


Maizie Tobon brown egg layers.

layers. Sabin Helberg Brown Egg Layers.jpg Sabin Helberg White Egg Layers.jpg Photos courtesy of Kayla Nyegaard, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Clearwater County.



Brett Berg Grand Champion Market Turkey.



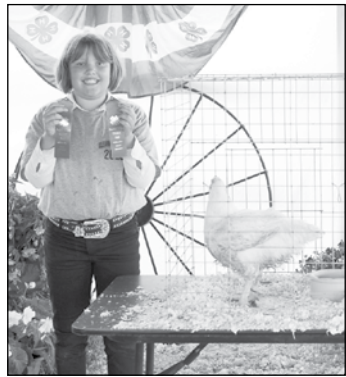
Beau Berg Grand Champion Junior Showmanship.



Isabella Warmbold Breeding Pen of Chickens.



Sabin Helberg Brown Egg Layers.



Chloe Marsh Market Pen of Chickens.



Hannah Johnshoy Grand Champion Senior Showmanship.

Clearwater County Swine Achievement Days

Clearwater County 4-H held their Swine Achievement Days on Sunday August 9th at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds. Photos courtesy of Kayla Nyegaard, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Clearwater County. Caleb Petterson Market Barrow. Matthew Rankin Breeding Gilt. Matthew Rankin Market Gilt. Nataly Stout Breeding Gilt. Nataly Stout Market Gilt. Nora Stout Grand Champion Breeding Gilt. Nora Stout Market Barrow.

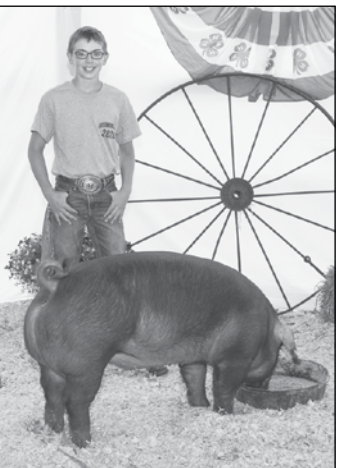
Nora Stout Market Gilt. Nora Stout Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship. Peyton Berg Grand Champion Intermediate Showmanship. Peyton Berg Reserve Champion breeding gilt. Peyton Berg Reserve Champion Market Barrow. Peyton Berg Reserve Champion Market Gilt.



Nora Stout Grand Champion Breeding Gilt.



Peyton Berg Grand Champion Intermediate Showmanship.



Matthew Rankin Market Gilt.



Nataly Stout Breeding Gilt.

Clearwater County Rabbit Achievement Days

Clearwater County 4-H held our Rabbit Achievement Days on Sunday August 9th at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds. Photos courtesy of Kayla Nyegaard, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Clearwater County. Adriana Marsh Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship. Beau Berg Second Place Agility. Beau Berg Small Breed Rabbit. Brett Berg Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit. Chloe Marsh Grand Champion Junior Showmanship. Evelyn Warmbold Reserve



Hannah Johnshoy Grand Champion Market Rabbit.



Evelyn Warmbold Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit and Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship.



Charlie Kaiser Market Weather champion.



Beau Berg Junior Showmanship.



Brett Berg Intermediate Showmanship.

Champion Breeding Rabbit. Hannah Johnshoy First Place Agility. Hannah Johnshoy Grand Champion Market Rabbit. Hannah Johnshoy Grand Champion Senior Showmanship. Hannah Johnshoy Reserve Champion Market Rabbit. Hannah Johnshoy Running Breed. Isabella Warmbold 3rd Place Agility. Isabella Warmbold Grand Champion Intermediate Showmanship.



Chloe Marsh Grand Champion Junior Showmanship.



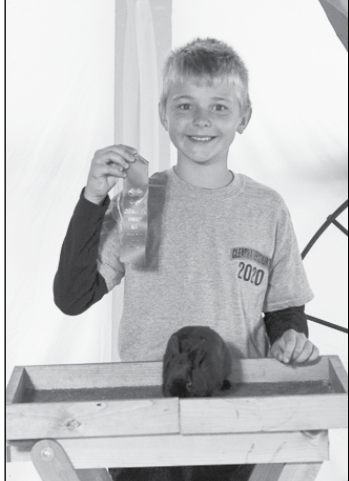
Isabella Warmbold Grand Champion Intermediate Showmanship.



Adriana Marsh Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship.



Brett Berg Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit.



Beau Berg Small Breed Rabbit.

Clearwater County Goat Achievement Days

Goat achievement days show held on August 5th at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds. Photos courtesy of Kayla Nyegaard, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Clearwater County. Beau Berg Junior Showmanship.jpg Brett Berg Intermediate Showmanship. Charlie Kaiser Junior Showmanship. Charlie Kaiser Market Weather champion. Charlie Kaiser Sr Market Breeding Doe. Daisy Java Market Weather. Daisy Java Sr Doe Kid. Evelyn Warmbold Dry Yearling Doe (2). Evelyn Warmbold Dry Yearling Doe. Jackson Kaiser Jr Yearling Market Breeding Doe. Jackson Kaiser Intermediate Showmanship. Jackson Kaiser Reserve champion Market. Maizie Tobon 3 year old milking. Maizie Tobon Sr Doe Kid. Rose Java 3 year old milking. Rose Java Dry Yearling. Rose Java Jr Doe Kid. Rose Java Market Weather (2). Rose Java Market Weather. Rose Java Milking 2 year

old. Rose Java Milking Yearling. Rose Java Senior Showmanship. Rose Java Senior Showmanship. Rose Java Sr Doe Kid. Zayden Tobon 2 year old milking. Zayden Tobon 3 year old milking. Zayden Tobon Junior Doe Kid. Zayden Tobon Sr Doe kid.



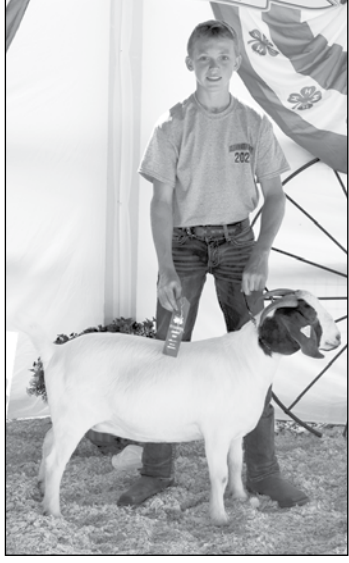
Daisy Java Market Weather.



Zayden Tobon 2 year old milking.

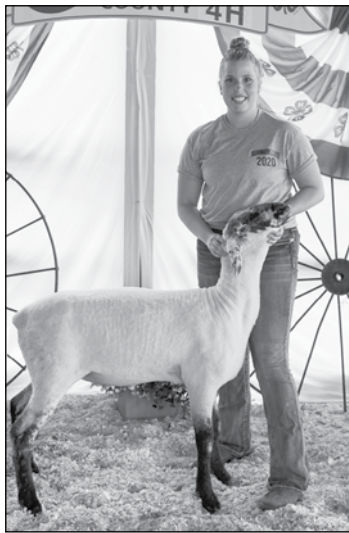


Jackson Kaiser Jr Yearling Market Breeding Doe.



Clearwater County Sheep Achievement Days

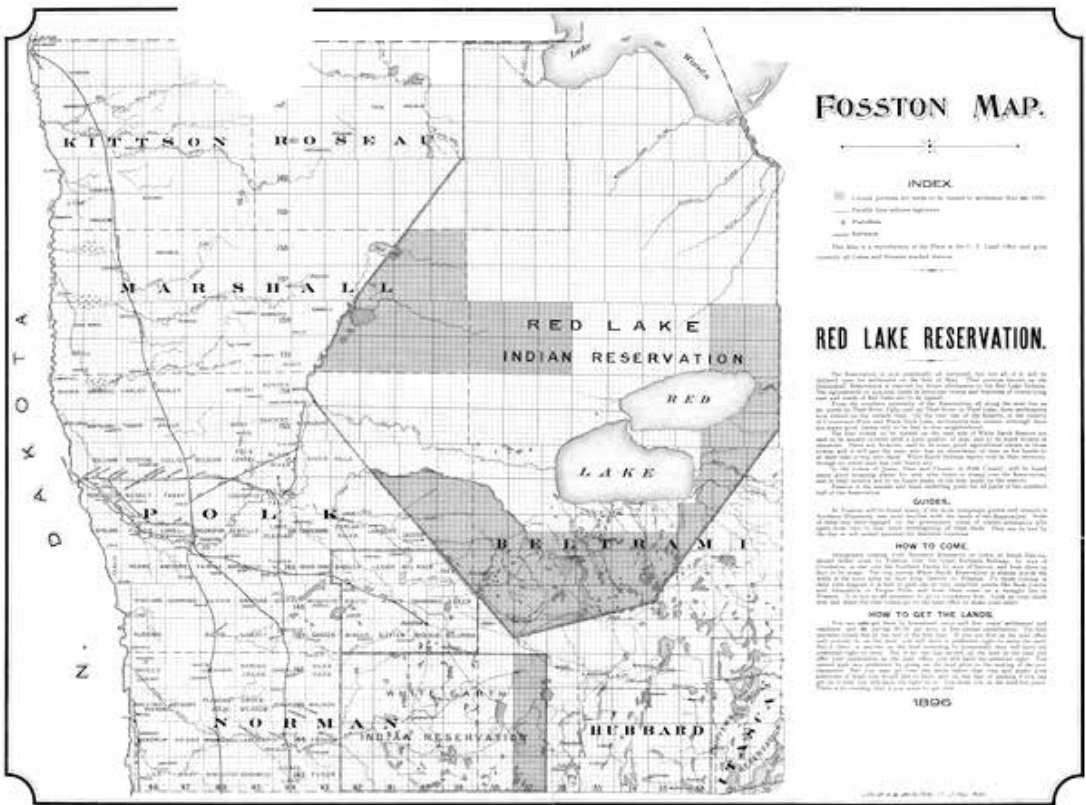
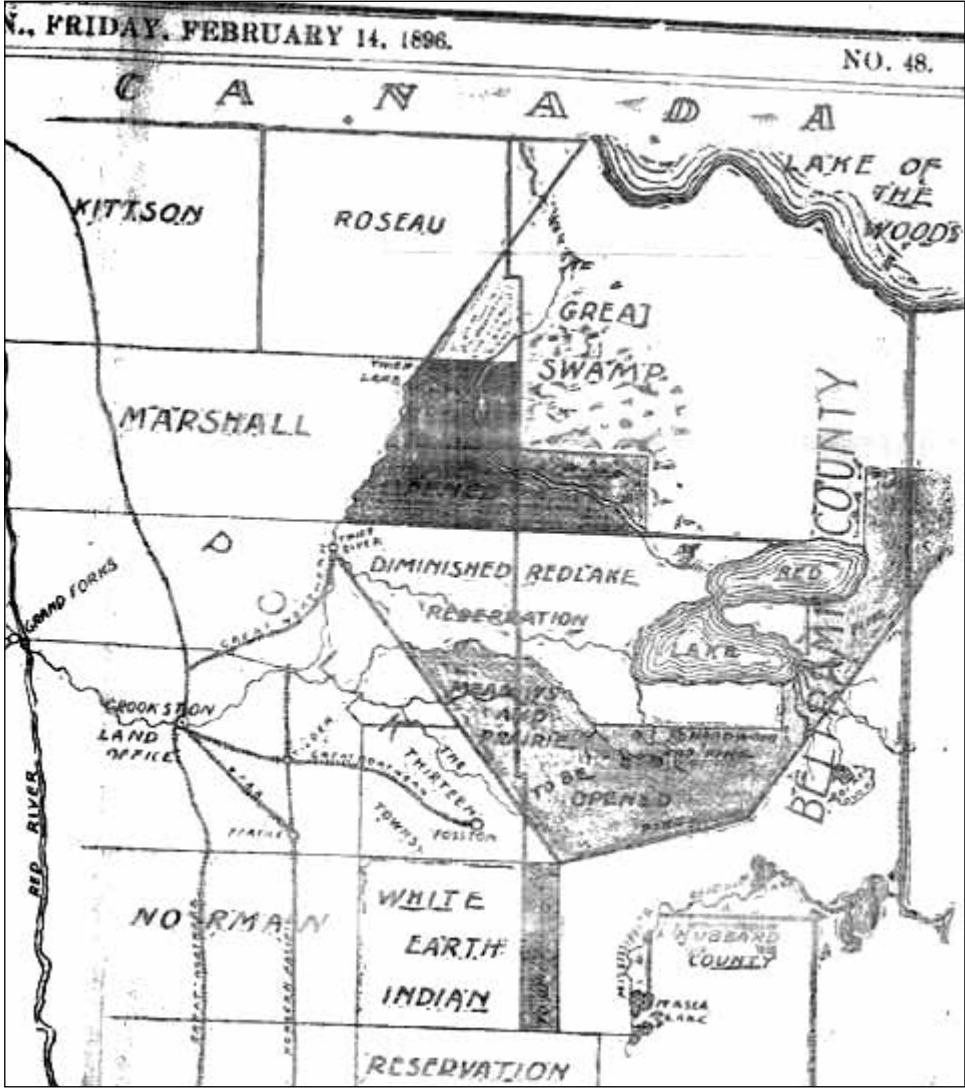
Sheep achievement days held on August 8th at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds. Photos courtesy of Kayla Nyegaard, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Clearwater County. To the left: Isabella Warmbold Grand Champion Breeding Ewe and Grand Champion Intermediate Showmanship. To the right: Kara Bowman Reserve Champion Market Lamb.





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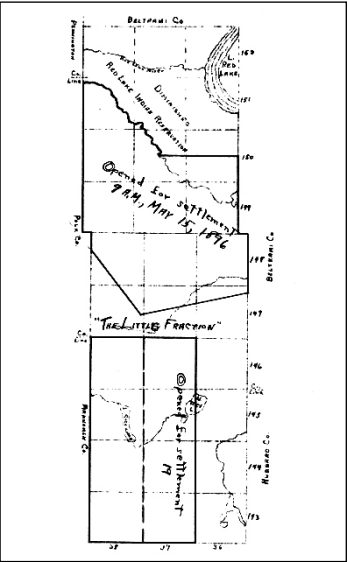
A map that appeared in the 13 Towns newspaper February 14, 1896 .



A map that appeared in the 13 Towns newspaper February 14, 1896 and 3. The Fosston Map which was used by settlers to find land open for homesteading

R is for Reservations

Most of the area that would later become Clearwater County was reserved as Indian Territory. To the north is the Red Lake Nation and to the south



A hand drawn map of the little fraction from the Morgan Olson papers.

CLEARWATER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

July 14, 2020

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

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

Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the minutes for the month of June with corrections.

Board of Equalization Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the Board of Equalization Minutes from June 16, 2020.

Public Hearing – Dan Hecht was present for a continuation of the public hearing from June 30th regarding the proposed Renewable Energy Ordinance. He provided an updated copy of the Renewable Energy Ordinance.

Environmental Service – Dan Hecht presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to adopt the ordinance entitled "Clearwater County Renewable Energy Ordinance", as presented at the public hearing for said ordinance opened on June 30th, 2020, with the ordinance effective upon passage of this motion. This motion also repeals the ordinance entitled "Clearwater County Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ordinance", dated May 17th, 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize roadside noxious weed spraying specifically targeting Leafy Spurge at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00 for 2020, and increase the budget in account #609-6308 by that amount.

Land Department – Bruce Cox discussed an ATV/Snowmobile trail by Leonard that the Northwoods Riders ATV club has been doing some work on with some grant money. This will be discussed further at the July 21st Board meeting.

Veterans Service – Lindsey Lamwers gave an update on activities in her office.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented bills and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$206,240.64 for the County Revenue Fund and \$12,808.57 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the Resolution regarding the CARES act grant application and other funds that may be made available by the state for costs of efforts to combat COVID-19 in the election process until the general election on November 3, 2020.

COVID-19 – A motion was made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and Failed, to approve the COVID-19 Emergency Executive Committee's recommendation to require face masks and self-screening of customers in county facilities.

Ayes: Nelson & Larson
Nays: Titera, Newland & Illies
Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the COVID-19 Executive Committee meeting minutes from May 26, June 1 and June 22.

Engineer – Dan Sauvé was present to open bids for CP 20-400: Supply Fuel for County Vehicles at 10:00 a.m. Bids were as follows: My Store Bagley Coop 6 cents/gallon markup Non conforming bid

Dan Sauvé presented the bills, financial statement and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following 2 motions: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to accept the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for SAP 15-598-004; Culvert Replacement, to accept said completed project for and in behalf of Clearwater County, and to authorize final payment to Gladen Construction Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to rent a Cat13F track hoe from Ziegler for the month of August for \$5,265.00 to replace culverts.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 10:19 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on July 21, 2020.

July 21, 2020

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m. on July 21, 2020 with Chairman Illies presiding and all Commissioners present.

HRDC CARE Act Funding –

Mary Thompson from HRDC and Allen Paulson were present to discuss possibilities of the CARE act funding. She informed the Board that it can be used for businesses that have lost revenue according to specifications due to COVID-19.

Land Department/Northwoods Riders ATV Club – Bruce Cox was present along with members of the Northwoods Riders ATV Club, Jay Vold, club president, Travis Hetteen, and Terry Martin, to explain their plan for a trail into Clearwater County. In addition, David Schotzko was present from the Bemidji office of the DNR, which provides the money for Beltrami County to sponsor their club.

The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize 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.

Closed Session - Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3 (b), attorney/client privilege to discuss threatened litigation strategy, motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland to close the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting re-opened at 11:12 a.m.

Auditor-Treasurer – Allen Paulson presented the bills, month

end financials and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$128,996.48 for the County Revenue Fund and \$29,200.68 for the Nursing Service Fund.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to accept the bid from Wagner Plumbing & Heating to move the air conditioner in the computer room in the amount of \$3,204.00 to be paid from building & grounds.

Engineer – Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to award the bid for CP 20-400; Fuel Supply for County Vehicles to My Store of Bagley, MN per their proposal.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m.
Dated: August 11, 2020

Neal Illies,
Board Chairman

Emily McDougall,
Board Coordinator

JULY 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

4 IMPRINT INC	5,735.68	ENERGY
ALWAYS THERE STAFFING, INC	11,993.46	COUNTY REVENUE
ALWAYS THERE STAFFING, INC	3,035.66	COUNTY REVENUE
ANDERSON DISPOSAL	11,702.08	SOLID WASTE
ANOKA METRO RTC-412	7,713.20	HUMAN SERVICES
BAGLEY CO-OP ASSOCIATION	4,293.76	ROAD & BRIDGE
BAGLEY CO-OP ASSOCIATION	2,812.37	COUNTY REVENUE
BAGLEY CO-OP ASSOCIATION	6,000.57	TAX FORFEITED, NURSING SERVICE, COUNTY REV
BELTRAMI COUNTY TREASURER	6,032.00	COUNTY REVENUE
CAPITAL ONE	3,951.68	NURSING SERVICE, ENERGY, COUNTY REV
CLEAR WATER PLUMBING & HEATING	4,100.00	COUNTY REVENUE
CLEARWATER COUNTY PARKS	2,660.28	COUNTY REVENUE
CLEARWATER SWCD	17,340.00	COUNTY REVENUE
CMRS-POC	5,000.00	COUNTY REVENUE
COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	3,739.00	COUNTY REVENUE
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	2,577.68	ROAD & BRIDGE
CROSSROADS APARTMENTS	3,074.98	HUMAN SERVICES
DELL MARKETING LP	5,481.45	COUNTY REVENUE
DELL MARKETING LP	9,672.39	COUNTY REVENUE
DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES-SWIFT	10,727.32	HUMAN SERVICES
EQUIPMENT BLADES	3,288.50	ROAD & BRIDGE
ESRI	5,000.00	COUNTY REVENUE
GARDEN VALLEY TECHNOLOGIES	3,630.48	SOLID WASTE, COUNTY REVENUE
GLADEN CONSTRUCTION INC	5,325.04	ROAD & BRIDGE
H & L MESABI	4,068.90	ROAD & BRIDGE
HENRY'S FOODS INC	2,545.20	COUNTY REVENUE
KRAMER, LEAS, DELEO PC	45,140.00	COUNTY REVENUE
LAKE AGASSIZ REGIONAL LIBRARY	26,497.50	COUNTY REVENUE
LISTRON'S DISPOSAL	13,517.38	SOLID WASTE
LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC	12,208.66	COUNTY REVENUE
MEND CORRECTIONAL CARE, PLLC	5,124.76	COUNTY REVENUE
MINNESOTA UC FUND	22,370.63	NURSING SERVICE, SOLID WASTE, COUNTY REV, R & B
MNCCC	2,088.25	COUNTY REVENUE
MSOP - MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 462	6,484.50	HUMAN SERVICES
MURRAY SURVEYING INC	2,240.00	COUNTY REVENUE
NAYLOR HEATING & REFRIDGERATION LLC	7,632.00	ROAD & BRIDGE
NORTH HOMES INC	13,314.06	HUMAN SERVICES
NORTHWEST MN JUVENILE CTR	15,584.00	HUMAN SERVICES
POLK COUNTY SOLID WASTE	30,859.45	SOLID WASTE, COUNTY REVENUE
PRIME HEALTH	81,771.80	COUNTY REVENUE
PRO WEST & ASSOC	4,700.77	COUNTY REVENUE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	3,836.88	TAX FORFEITED, COUNTY REVENUE
RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY PA	3,815.96	COUNTY REVENUE
RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY PA	3,414.60	COUNTY REVENUE
RED LAKE BUILDERS, INC	202,253.71	ROAD & BRIDGE
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MN	18,813.99	COUNTY REVENUE
RJ ZAVORAL & SONS INC	13,017.37	ROAD & BRIDGE
RURAL MINNESOTA CEP INC	13,774.84	HUMAN SERVICES
SAMPLETECH	24,800.00	SOLID WASTE
SANFORD HEALTH SYSTEM	4,507.68	HUMAN SERVICES
SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIVES	5,369.39	COUNTY REVENUE
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	2,190.00	COUNTY REVENUE
SPEEDY VAN, LLC	11,603.20	HUMAN SERVICES
STATE OF MINNESOTA	3,831.00	COUNTY REVENUE
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC	27,317.35	COUNTY REVENUE
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE LLC	8,842.54	COUNTY REVENUE
THOMASON, SWANSON & ZAHN	2,756.80	COUNTY REVENUE
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST PUBLISHING	2,813.54	COUNTY REVENUE
TOWNSHIP OF ITASCA	15,185.28	ROAD & BRIDGE
TOWNSHIP OF ITASCA	9,240.00	UNORGANIZED
TREAS RED LAKE	6,425.00	COUNTY REVENUE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA	5,259.33	COUNTY REVENUE
***233 VENDORS WERE PAID AMOUNTS UNDER \$2,000 TOTTALLING \$120,513.39		

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is the White Earth Reservation. The initial homesteading activity in what would become Clearwater County was confined to a narrow strip running in the middle of the county and to the east edge, an area called "The Little Fraction." (Shevlin, Copley, Popple, Moose Creek to Itasca area)

Homesteaders began to enter the area at practically the same time as the early loggers. The earliest activity centered in the Popple township area. Most Settlers came east from Fosston, settling on free land along the way. Since the county area consisted of mostly timberland and little original prairie, the establishing of most farms was an evolutionary process. As areas were thrown open to homesteading, more and better, land became available to homestead

On May 15, 1896 the northern part of Clearwater County, that had been part of the Red Lake Reservation, was opened for settlement. At 9:00 AM, guns sounded simultaneously along the settlement frontier to give the signal for the advance of the eager throng of homesteaders. A local newsman later described the events of the day:

"The daring and venture-some groups of land seekers moved ahead by foot, astride horses, mules, oxen ort an combination of such, forming a rather crazy-quilt sight, but one that was truly typical and symbolic of the period.

In its beginning the race was quite uniform and orderly, but soon breaks appeared in the ranks and then broke loose in a would scramble through road-less growth of heavy timber, over hills that likewise were covered with woods, across swamps, marsh, and streams to lay claim to the homestead lands. Some members had definite designs on tracts of land in certain sections, others entertained only hunches of attractive locations, while any number admitted they were just wandering to the East aimlessly."

The objective of these people was to establish a residence and make at least minor improvements on a portion of land then make formal filing of homestead entry at the US Land Office in Crookston.

Townships that resulted from the opening in 1896 were Winsor, Leon, Pine Lake, Holst, Hangaard, Clover, Greenwood, Dudley, Sinclair, most of Eddy, Parts of Popple, Copley and Shevlin. By 1900, the southern part had been thrown open for settlement resulting in the settlement of Nora, Minerva, Rice and the unorganized townships.

The Fosston Map is a record of some of the first Native American land cessions after

WHAT A JOKE

A comedic spin on Dolly Parton's classic song Jolene.

Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene
I'm begging you to please come take my man
Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene
Please take him now
I need him off my hands
He's annoying me beyond compare
With unshaved face and long ear hair
Please take him now during quarantine
His breath is like the smell of beer
His voice keeps nagging in my ear
He forgets personal hygiene
He talks about his stinky feet
Always peen' on the toilet seat
I run and hide when he calls my name, Jolene
You can have this man of mine
I did say no, but now it's fine
I am allowed to change my mind,

Jolene
Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene
I'm begging of you please come take my man
Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene
If you say no, I'll have to call Eileen
I can easily understand
How women want to hurt their men
Life is hell with him in quarantine
I had to have this chat with you
My sanity depends on you
I will beg and plead if I have to, Eileen
Eileen, Eileen, Eileen, Eileen
I'm begging you to please come take my man
Eileen, Eileen, Eileen, Eileen
If you won't take him, I'll have to call Justine
Or Pauline
Please pray for a vaccine
For COVID-19
Maybe the cure is Forty Creek Cream

FROM THE PAST - 2007



Helen Gulbranson-Mathison and her family had a combined 255 years of service to the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook. Seated from left to right: Laurie Hanson, Helen and Nancy Edevold. Back row: Donna Solberg, Sheree Sunderland, Karen Jorgenson and Alice Cassibo.



Clearbrook-Gonvick students visiting the Leon Town Hall School room.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Homecoming candidates for King and Queen standing from left to right: Brad Hetland, Charla Parker, Ashley Kroening, Karla Vorderbruggen, Kristen Pletschett and Dakota Ness. On the swings were Ryan Horn and Chris Dyrdahl.



Betty Prosser at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center.



Linde Wolfe singing a Shirley Bassey song at the USO show.



Hayden Engen with grandma Gwen Eck at the Homecoming parade.



Clearbrook-Gonvick School ECFE staff. Back row: Renae Bakke, Sara Hoagberg and Mike Olson. Front: Peggy Arlaud, Willow Christen and Jenny Bakke.

First Day Enrollment Numbers

The University of Minnesota Crookston preliminary, first-day enrollment numbers on August 25 were 2,452 undergraduate students. This included 1,112 online, 662 on campus and 672 non degree seeking students including Post Secondary Education Options (PSEO) and College in the High School (CIH) students. While the numbers are still preliminary, this appears to be the largest cohort of incoming online students in school history.

"The on-campus enrollment numbers are slightly larger than expected after COVID-19 adjustments were made," said Mary Holz-Clause, chancellor of the UMN Crookston campus. "We watched the number of on-line student numbers continue to grow over the summer," added Holz-Clause.

"While some of this may reflect some students shifting online because of COVID-19, we set aggressive goals to grow online numbers last fall and we see potential for strong continued growth in the future," says Mike Griffin, director of enrollment management.

More than 500 students are from the Twin Cities metropolitan area and 1,300 plus are from Greater Minnesota. There are more than 80 students online and on-campus from outside the U.S.

The official enrollment statistics for all the University of Minnesota campuses will be available in early October to account for late registrations or movement of students among colleges and campuses in the first weeks of the semester.

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Daughter of Mail Order Bride & Norwegian immigrant

By Karen Edelbach
Betty Sheldon - 'I value faith, family, & education'; she is daughter of 'Mail Order Bride' & Norwegian immigrant

"I thank the Lord every single day He allows me to live," says Betty Sheldon, who will be 90 years old next year. She was born at home with a midwife on the 21st of February in 1931. She attributes her long life to being very active.

"I never smoked or drank, and I guess the Lord gave me a good body," she says. "I can still do my own housework and mow my own lawn. I thoroughly enjoy mowing the lawn. I have two riding lawn mowers."

She values education, family, faith and church family. She hopes to stay in her home, but says, "I'm not sure what the Lord has in store for me." Besides spending time with family and mowing, she likes to read, raise flowers, and pick raspberries.

Betty was born south of Bagley on the farm owned by her parents, Ole and Lillie Belle Sinland.

Ole Sinland was seven years old when he came to the United States from Norway to Filmore County, Minnesota. The children were soon in school learning to read and write English. They wanted to learn English and become Americans.

"They still spoke Norwegian, and did not lose their accent, just as First Lady Melania Trump still has the accent she grew up with," Betty recalls.

Betty has quite a unique history, being the daughter of Ole Sinland from Norway and his Mail Order Bride, Lillie Belle from Alabama. She kept her southern accent too.

Ole and some bachelor friends came to the Bagley area from Harmony from time to time to hunt and fish. They bought the house that was to become the family home that Betty grew up in.

When Ole was in his 40s, he decided to find a wife, and joined the "Lonely Hearts Club", the computer dating style of its day. Lillie Belle Edmonds, who lived in Alabama, took a dare from her three sisters to respond to Ole's ad. They wrote to each other for a year when things took a turn toward a more serious relationship. As they were growing more interested in each other, they decided to meet, and see if it was a match.

"Needless to say, they hit it off," says Betty, "and got married in December of 1928. Ole was 48 years old, and Lillie Belle was 32. They had three children - Betty, Lena and Bud. Lena, two years younger than Betty, passed away earlier this summer, and Bud in 2005.

"I've got pictures and good memories of visits to see Lena in Wisconsin."

Betty's journey through life includes having polio at age four, a summer that is very vivid in her mind. The family had taken a trip by train down to Harmony, Minnesota where her dad Ole had relatives. Betty remembers visiting the different families, and getting to know cousins for the first time. Then all of a sudden she got

very ill, and could not walk for six weeks.

"I was very sick, and the Harmony doctor could not figure out what was wrong with me. The family thought I just must've eaten too many green apples!" Betty recalls. Then her aunt called a doctor from Mayo Clinic whom she had worked for 17 years and he came out. It was determined that Betty had polio.

"We were quarantined at the farm."

Polio was a scary prognosis in those days, and everyone seemed to know someone who had it. As it turned out, Betty only had a light case, and with no after affects. The family had planned to settle near Ole's relatives in Harmony, but after the event, they returned instead to Bagley to live.

Betty met Marvel Ramsrud when they were both picking potatoes in North Dakota, where all the potatoes were hand picked. Students could be excused from school as long as they made up the work.

Betty was a senior at Bagley High School and graduated in the spring of 1949. Marvel was never able to finish school, as he worked with dad who was a carpenter, and on their farm. In fall of 1949, she and Marvel were married. Marvel was born between Bagley and Fosston.

Five children were born to them, Douglas, Ron, Barbara, Cheryl and David. When they were small, the family did a lot of moving around for Marvel to find work in Milwaukee and the Dakotas.

"You should settle down with your family," Betty's dad finally told Marvel. So they came back to Bagley, and lived on the old Sinland homestead 15 miles south of Bagley. That is where Betty and he raised their family.

Most of the children went to the Minerva Country School for six years before it closed due to consolidation, as many other country schools closed also.

"That was one of the best schools I have ever known," Betty says. "We had a wonderful community atmosphere there. The teachers were very good. I am thankful my children could go to school there."

During the high school years the bus didn't come to their farm, so Betty and Elvira Tibbets rented a room in Bagley. By the time her sister was in high school they bought the house where Betty now lives and they just had a short walk to catch the bus.

"We are fortunate to still have very good schools here, and parents have a lot more say in Bagley than in a big city. That's what we need - more input from parents."

Marvel worked out doing many carpentry jobs, and Betty ran most of the farming operation.

"We had dairy cows, pigs and chickens. We sold milk and cream to the Bagley Creamery. We had a large garden, and I canned and froze things from it." They eventually sold the animals, which turned out to be a blessing.

Marvel died in 1972 in an auto accident. Betty still had four young



Lillie Belle is holding baby Betty.

children at home. The oldest, Douglas was in the Air Force, and the youngest David, was almost 10.

"Marvel's death really changed my life," Betty says. "I had to decide what to do with my life."

"I interviewed for secretarial jobs. One job was at the Court House. There were 50 applicants. I didn't get that job, and it turned out to be a big favor! Some thought I didn't have a choice but to take a job, but I said, 'I'm going to college.'"

"When I interviewed for college, they said I was college material. I was able to get grants and loans in order to go. It opened up a whole new world for me, and my children." She went to college starting in 1973.

Betty went to school for a total of six years at Bemidji State University, first for Business Education, graduating in 1979. She also got her vocational certification because she had secretarial experience. You couldn't even get a business education teaching job without being vocational certified because the state was paying teachers' salaries and buying equipment to set up all the programs. Betty completed an Accounting Degree in 1980, and a Masters Degree in Business Education in 1987, continuing in summers to learn computers.

Betty was attending college during some of the same time that her children were attending. Barb and Doug both became teachers also. Doug taught Building Trades at Bagley High School until the Bagley school discontinued vocational programs; and Barb, now retired, still substitute teaches in Fertile.

"Vocational programs were so good!" Betty says, disappointed that they no longer are available through the schools. "Not everyone is cut out to go to college."

Betty's first teaching job in 1979 took her to Northhome, north of Blackduck, Minnesota.

Betty spent 17 years at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School east of Cass Lake in the middle and high schools, teaching Business and Computer Education.

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Betty Sheldon...

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"I miss going into the schools - I just loved going into the schools and being with the students."

Betty's last assignment was as a substitute teacher at Red Lake Middle and High Schools for 10 years. She was teaching in the eighth grade when the shooting on March 21, 2005 took place. The day it happened, the school was put on

lockdown; she knew something was going on, but did not know all that happened until the evening.

"It was sad," Betty says as she remembers that day. "I knew the teachers and the students who died in the shooting."

She subbed at the Bagley schools for some time before and after that assignment.

She retired from teaching at age 85.

Betty was married to Ralph Sheldon from 1979 until he died in 2005.

Betty's daughter Cheryl lives in Bagley; daughter Barb is a retired teacher; Betty's sons Doug and David were carpenters turned farmers, and now have a herd of Black Angus cattle 10 miles south of Bagley; Ronnie is an over the road truck driver for Koch.

"He makes it home from time to time, and stays with me. I can't see him ever retiring," Betty says.

Betty has 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She has family gatherings at her place a couple of times a year. She loves keeping in touch with her family.

Mostly she wants to take care of herself and her companion cat, Snickers. She likes attending Grace Chapel and says it is important to be involved in a good church.

"Everybody needs some type of education or vocation. Make sure to have a job you enjoy; but you have to continue training and changing. Be willing to change."

"I am against abortion. There are people out there who want those babies. Don't kill them - adopt them! Put them in a good home. My sister and her husband could not have children, so they adopted two babies, who had a wonderful life."

Betty remembers when her dad bought his first car - a 1930 Chevrolet, which he had for many years.

"He never drove before, and he practiced driving in the field," she says.

"We had a wooden telephone on the wall, and a party line when I was growing up. When there were four long rings, it meant everyone should get on to hear the conversation."

"I remember the Great Depression. My mom said there was plenty to buy in the stores, just no money to buy it. Daddy worked for the WPA (Work Projects Administration) and became a foreman. They built buildings and roads in this area and a house, barn and garage near a fire tower. He even worked a little on the Bagley Court House.

"They sometimes had to work in a gravel pit, and his lunches froze. But they were thankful for the jobs," Betty remembers.

"I remember Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Fireside Chats. Dad bought our first battery-pack radio so we could hear the war news during World War 2. We had Victory Gardens, and everything you did was for the war effort.

"During the war there was a lot of rationing. We got a limited amount of sugar for canning in the summer. When the sugar rationing ended, we really baked up a storm."

"My dad didn't think I needed to go to high school. 'She'll just get married,' he said. But the minister came out and convinced him that I needed to finish high school.



Ole and Lillie Belle Sinland, Betty's parents on their wedding day in December of 1928. Lillie Belle (Edmonds), from Alabama, responded to Ole's ad from the Lonely Hearts Club. "Needless to say, they hit it off and got married!" Betty says.



Betty with her daughter Cheryl stand by the spectacular hydrangeas that grace Betty's yard. "These are my favorite flowers!"



Betty and husband Marvel were married in the fall of 1949, at age 18. They were up in the hills near Berkeley, California in the winter when this photo was taken. "We were feeling sorry for ourselves because there wasn't any snow there, like back home in Minnesota."



Betty Sheldon loves to get around in her golf cart to get the mail and enjoy the many flowers and tomatoes she has planted in her yard. She still drives a car too. For going on 90 years old, that sounds like a pretty good life!

