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Beautiful weather for the harvesting of the soy beans in the area. This is much better than it was last year for the farmers. Next up is the corn when it is ready.

Members of the Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve honored

Last week, Clearwater County Sheriff Halverson and Chief Deputy Wittenberg, honored with life saving awards, three members of the Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve and Deputy Pereira for their roll

in locating a missing woman in Rice Township in April of this year. The four were Larry Lindgren, John Thompson, Deputy Pereira and Gerald Kaupang.

Additional, Reserve member Gerald Leavitt is retiring from

the reserve and he was given a plaque for his 5 years of dedicated service to the Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve.

Reserve members that were present for the meeting also posed for a photo.



Gerald Leavitt is retiring from the Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve. He was given a plaque for his service. Shown are Sheriff Halverson, Gerald Leavitt and Chief Deputy Wittenberg.



These four were honored for their role in locating a missing woman in Rice Township in April of this year. Shown from left to right: Larry Lindgren, Becky Thompson (receiving award for her husband, John), Deputy Pereira, Gerald Kaupang.



Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve members that were present for the meeting also posed for a photo. Chief Deputy Wittenberg, Becky Thompson, Mike Springer, Collin Strain, Trisha Strain, Austin Anderson, Jerry Kaupang, Larry Lindgren, Butch McPherson, Sheriff Halverson.

Headwaters Regional Transportation Council helping get people to the polls

Bemidji, MN— Headwaters Regional Transportation Coordination Council (Headwaters RTCC) is matching volunteer drivers to individuals who need a ride to their local polling location or ballot drop-off site. This service is being offered to every-

one living in Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahanomen, and Lake of The Woods County. Drivers and passengers are required to sit at least 6 feet apart and wear face masks while traveling in the vehicle. A limited number of protective

equipment and disinfectant will be available for participants. If you are interested in being a volunteer or need transportation to election locations call/text 218-308-7709 or visit HeadwatersRTCC.org/election.

USDA funding available for low-income families to buy or repair homes

USDA Rural Development has funding available for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount is \$20,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs. Grants of up to \$7,500 are available to

homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

Time is limited to receive funds for the current fiscal year. Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area today, to see if you qualify.

USDA Rural Development loans and grants provide assistance that supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

Lake Bemidji State Park offers firearms deer Youth Hunt

Permits are available for the firearms deer Youth Hunt at Lake Bemidji State Park. The hunt is open to youth ages 12 to 15 and limited to 20 participants. Hunt dates are October 16-18. Each youth hunter must have completed the Firearms Safety Certificate and possess a valid deer license. An adult

mentor must accompany the youth at all times and may not carry a firearm. The hunt is either-sex with a bag limit of two. Participants must call the park office at 218 308-2300 to register and schedule a time to pick up their orientation packets prior to the hunt.

Region 2 Arts Council hosts online info session for artist grant applications

The Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) Individual Artist Grant Program provides grants for up to \$1,500 to fund arts projects for artists in any arts discipline or in any stage of their career as an artist. Create a login to apply at r2arts.org. All applications must be submitted by October 31, 2020 to be considered. In an effort to assist artists with their applications, the R2AC will host an online information session via Zoom on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. Zoom meetings can be accessed by phone or computer. Register to receive access information to

join the info session at r2arts.org. This session serves applicants across the full spectrum of grant writing experience. Learn key aspects of the grant application, address specific questions you may have, and receive support with budgets, project ideas or other specific components of your grant application. Further details about the Individual Artist Grant program are available at r2arts.org.

This grant program is for artists seeking to fund proposals for specific artistic projects that will take place within the next 18

months. Eligible artists must be 18 years or older, in any stage of their artistic career, and reside in Beltrami, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Clearwater, or Mahanomen County. Eligible proposals must be realistic, and be adaptive to restrictions that exist during this global pandemic. All grant applications must be completed online.

Missed the session? Region 2 Staff is available to answer questions or offer assistance by phone or email - 218-751-5447; toll-free at 800-275-5447; or staff@r2arts.org.

Libraries Announce Virtual Presentation

Secrets of the Congdon Mansion with Reporter Joe Kimball

Lake Agassiz Regional Library will host a virtual event featuring the mystery of the Glensheen Mansion in Duluth, Minnesota. Fans of true crime will enjoy a virtual presentation by reporter Joe Kimball, author of "Secrets of the Congdon Mansion," a first-hand account of Minnesota's most infamous murder case. Kimball will discuss his experiences covering the story from start to finish as a reporter for the Star Tribune

and will give inside details about the victims, investigators and perpetrators, bringing the tale to life.

This event is made possible with funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage

Fund. The event will be held live on the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Facebook Page on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 7 PM. The virtual event can be viewed at www.facebook.com/larlmm free-of-charge.



CWLC to host 3rd Annual Mustard Seed Homes Banquet.

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Mustard Seed Homes (MSH) is a men's 12-month transitional recovery program of Clear Waters Life Center. MSH is in its 12th year. Its goal is to provide a safe environment for men to complete their recovery, and learn the skills they need to re-enter the workforce and provide for themselves and their families. This year's fundraising banquet is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 6:30-8:00 PM.

MSH is a faith-based program. The men participate in a variety of evening classes during the week including Adult Education, Celebrate Recover, Bible studies, Life Skills, and art classes; their days are spent learning vocational skills that will help them find a job that earns a living wage. They progress through five levels and set goals for each. Each level allows for a few more privileges and more responsibility.

The men are supervised 24/7 with crew bosses who teach not only the hands-on

skills, like carpentry, plant care, landscaping, but also soft skills; i.e. getting to places on time, work ethic, and communication. House-parents help with life skills like cooking, cleaning, and packing a lunch and interpersonal communication. Area pastors and laymen lead a morning chapel time and mentor the men as they progress in the program.

The program is funded through Supportive Services from their county of origin and more importantly by generous donors who believe in the work of Clear Waters Life Center, in general, and Mustard Seed Homes in particular. Our banquet is a way to say thank you to our supporters and give others an opportunity to learn first-hand about MSH and become part of our support team. We invite you to an evening of fine dining with stories of hope and transition from current and past residents. For reservations, call 218-776-2789, by Friday, October 16.

V is for Velvet

In the museum collection there is a velvet dress (currently on display as part of our country school exhibit.) The dress is quite nice, but the importance of it is who owned it; the dress was worn by a young Mae Baraggy Barness, who would grow up to be a beloved educator in Clearwater County.

Mae was elected County Superintendent of Schools in 1918, a position she held for over 50 years. As Superintendent,

Mae supervised over 70 country schools. She tried to visit each school once or twice a year. At first she traveled by horse and buggy. Later, she got a car. Mae was known for driving fast. She was once clocked going almost 90 mph down the middle of the road!

Mae appreciated the teachers in the country schools; she felt that they gave a lot of themselves in their jobs. The teacher had to be a nurse, janitor, musician, philosopher, peacemaker,

wrangler, fire stoker, baseball player, professor, and poet for a salary of less than \$50 a month. Equipped with little more than a blackboard and a few textbooks, teachers taught their pupils cultural values and a sound knowledge of the three R's. The admiration that Mae felt for the teachers was returned. Many teachers considered Mae one of their closest friends.

Students also loved Mae. She would always have a special smile or a kind word for each and every child. If a student had a problem in school, Mae would look at the whole child, not just his time at school, but also his background and home life. Mae did everything she could to make school fun. She was also generous; many student's higher education was started with a loan from Mae.

Mae officially retired in 1971; however, she worked two more years without pay, as she felt that there were not enough rural schools left in the county to merit a salary.

After she retired, Mae traveled to many different countries around the world. Some of the places she visited were Norway, Bolivia, Greece and the Holy Lands. She met and made friends with many people around the world. While traveling, Mae took many pictures. She would then have slide presentations for people in Clearwater County of her travels. She also collected hats from her travels, many of them are also part of the museum collection.

On May 12, 1982, Mae Barness passed away quietly in the Clearwater County Memorial Hospital. Upon her passing, Mae left a love letter to Clearwater county:

"I want you to know how much I love you and have loved you since the day you were born. You have given me precious beautiful days. My happiest hours were those I spent among you at school, visiting, when the big boys put up my horses or pushed my Model T to get it started. You have honored me often, but it is you who deserve the praise, for building farms and homes and families and educating your children. You are the greatest people in the world. This is my love letter to Clearwater County."

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.

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We enjoyed eating outside but with the weather it will not be possible any longer. This was taken during Pumpkin and Car Show day in Gonvick.

COVID-19 report from Clearwater County

Good Afternoon, Attached is our weekly case rate update. We continue to see new cases but there is a decrease in new cases this week.....compared to last week. Everyone can work to reduce the spread of COVID-19...

- Wear masks when in public. 10-50% of virus carriers are asymptomatic wearing masks helps control the virus and has been shown to lower COVID-19 spread.
- Avoid enclosed spaces with groups of people, where the virus can linger in the air for long periods of time.
- Get tested if you have cold or flu-like symptoms - Find testing locations.
- Stay six feet away from others.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or sleeve, or a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands afterwards.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom or before eating. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your face - especially your eyes, nose and mouth - with unwashed hands.
- Up-to-date guidance is available from the Minnesota Department of Health https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html Thanks and take care!

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Oct. 14 - Tomato Basil Soup, Egg Salad on Bun, Pear Halves, Crackers, Apple Crisp and Milk.
Thurs., Oct. 15 - Baked Fish, Potato Wedges, Buttered Beets, Roll, Rainbow Sherbert and Milk.
Fri., Oct. 16 - Sweet and Sour Meatballs, Brown Rice, Carrots, Fruit Salad, Lemon Bar and Milk.
Mon. Oct. 19 - Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Baked Tomato, Cinnamon Apples, Bread and Milk.
Tues., Oct. 20 - Turkey Burger, Potato Wedges, Green Peas, Raspberry Dream Cake, Bun and Milk.
Wed., Oct. 21 - Chicken and Noodles, Roasted Beets and Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Ice Cream, Dinner Roll and Milk.
Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.
Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change.

The family of Mike Rude would like to thank everyone that attended the memorial service, sent flowers, cards and brought food to Norman and Rosie's home. A special thank you to Pastor Kris Snyder for leading the service. Also for the American Legion Auxiliary for serving refreshments. We are grateful for the support of the community.

REWARD For information leading to a conviction for the improper use of the County's solid waste-canister sites Up to \$100 Being offered by Clearwater County Environmental Services (218) 694-6183

Marissa Hetland RN/BSN/ PHN Director-Clearwater County Nursing Service

Public Health/Homecare/ Hospice Administrator-North Country Community

# of Cases per 10,000 over 14 Days		Min # of Cases in County in Last 14 days		Max # of Cases in County in Last 14 days		Recommended Learning Model	
						Elementary Students	Middle/High School Students
0-9		0		8		In-Person	In-Person
10-19		9		17		In-Person	Hybrid
20-29		18		26		Hybrid	Hybrid
30-49		27		44		Hybrid	Distance
50+		More than 44 Cases		More than 44 Cases		Distance	Distance

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Verlyn Strenge Wed. Oct 14th, 6:30 p.m. Awa- na Thurs. Oct 15th, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Sat. Oct 17th, 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Sun. Oct 18th, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD Pastor Robert Kirchnerman Good Shepherd Wed., Oct. 14 - 5:45pm Confirmation Sun., Oct. 18- 9:00am Worship Service/ Communion; 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour. Mon., Oct. 19 - 7:00 pm Executive Committee Budget Planning Meeting at Good Shepherd Our Savior's Sun., Oct. 18 - 10:00am Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service. Mon., Oct. 19 - 7:00 pm Executive Committee Budget Planning Meeting at Good Shepherd

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 Sunday Church Services 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseth Wed, Oct 14, 30: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. Sat, Oct. 17: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m. Sun, Oct. 18: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 8:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Worship. Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish Wed, Oct. 21: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. OP Ladies Aid.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed, Oct. 14: 6:25 p.m. AWA- NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. Sun, Oct. 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. Wed, Oct. 21: 6:25 p.m. AWA- NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Sun, Oct. 18: 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 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Radio service continues on 96.7FM 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. And on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

A young Mae Baraggy Barness.

TAX NOTICE

SECOND HALF TAX DUE OCTOBER 15, 2020

The second half of Real Estate Taxes are due on or before OCTOBER 15, 2020. All mail must be postmarked no later than October 15th, 2020. Penalties will apply as shown below on October 16th, 2020.

Different rates of penalty apply to the first and second half of Homestead and Non-Homestead property as indicated below.

REAL ESTATE TAX PENALTY SCHEDULE

	HOMESTEAD		NON-HOMESTEAD	
	1st Half	2nd Half	1st Half	2nd Half
October 1 st	8%		12%	
October 16 th	8%	2%	12%	4%
November 1 st	8%	6%	12%	8%
November 17 th	8%	6%	12%	8%
December 1 st	8%	8%	12%	12%

*** A special law permits owners of AGRICULTURAL property to pay their SECOND HALF property taxes by November 16th, 2020. On your tax statement, it will be stated if your property is either Agricultural Non-Homestead or Agricultural Homestead in the space designated property class. Penalties will apply as shown above on November 17th, 2020, to all Agricultural property.

On the first business day in January, unpaid Homestead taxes will bear 10% penalty and Non-Homestead taxes will bear 14% penalty.

Respectfully, Allen L. Paulson, Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer

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Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: Women's & men's small groups. Faith-based to find true freedom from your hurts, habits, & hang-ups. Thurs., 7:00 PM, CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Second Floor.

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.

Mustard Seed Homes Third Annual Fundraising Banquet: Fri., Oct. 23, 6:30-8:00 PM. Meal and stories of hope & transition from past & current residents. For reservations, call 218-776-2789 by Oct. 16.

Connection Mondays: Activities for older adults at CWLC-Gonvick. Senior Exercises, 10:00-10:30; Pickleball, 10:00-11:30; coffee & board/ card games in the Coffee Coop. Light lunch by free will donation served at noon.

Wheel Basics & Throwing Techniques: 5-week pottery class w/LeAnne Walberg. CWLC-Gonvick, 6:30-8:00 PM. Mondays starting Oct. 12. \$5.00 per week. Please register by calling 218-776-2789.

Youth Connection: Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00, for registered students in grades 5th-8th. COVID protocols in place.

Restore It! Furniture Shop & Shop-At-The-Top in Clearbrook, Open 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon.-Fri., & 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturday.

Adult Education: Tues., 6:00-8:00 PM & Wed., 12:30-3:00 PM. Individualized instruction is free, but \$20.00 to help cover the cost of books & supplies. Please 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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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

There is scams going around again... If you get a telephone call about anything and they are asking for your bank number, social security card number or anything personal. Do not give it out over the telephone. Check it out with the your bank, the police or sheriff office.

Thunder, lightning and rain on October 11... Did not get to see how much we received as we took in our rain gauge for the winter.

The Gonvick Lions Club is have their first annual Deer Hunters raffle at Sportmans Lodge on November 14. To be given away: Winchester XPR with scope 243; Mossberg Patriot Walnut Stock with scope 7mm 08; Savage 110 with scope in 6.5 Creedmoor and \$100 cash.

There is going to be a pumpkin carving contest at Sportsmans Lodge at Pine Lake. You can pick up rules anytime before as they need to be back by October 30 for judging on October 31.

Joke Time -

Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say, "Jesús is watching you." He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard, "Jesús is watching you."

In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, "Was it you who said Jesús is watching me?" The parrot replied, "Yes." Relieved, the burglar asked, "What is your name?" The parrot said, "Clarence."

The burglar said, "That's a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot answered, "The same idiot that named the rottweiler Jesús."

From my mail... from Lorette in Rochester. "Just a note to say thank you for all your hard work you put into the newspaper. You do a fabulous job and I look forward to reading it every week." Thank you for the note.

FROM THE PAST - 2007



Kindergarten graduates Callie Baker, Paul Ballard and Christian Burnett.



Andrew Anderson new Liaison Officer at the school.



Edna Thompson and Doris Allen.



Bobby Dyr Dahl takes over Golden Shears II on Main Street in Gonvick.



Anthony Dahl returned with the 1st Platoon from Fal-lujah, Iraq to meet his mother and father, Joe and Kris, brother Nathanael and nephew Tyler Hanson.



Dennis Johnson showing his former exchange student from Norway where he works at Richards Publishing Company. Shown are Annette Sinding-Larson and her husband Mat Snevelium and their three daughters Charlotte, Catherine and Camila.



Septic Heater owners Jenny and Chris Norgaard of Gully.

AS AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE Clearbrook-Gonvick seventh and eighth-grade students in Mrs. Anderson's Exploring Agriculture class make mini apple pies as a part of their apple production unit.

APPLE TRIVIA An apple seed planted from an apple will not grow the same variety of apple that the seed came from. It is genetically unique.

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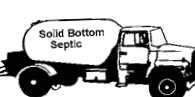
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Clearbrook- Gonvick School Menu

Wed., Oct. 14 - Orange
Chicken, Whole Grain Rice,
Stir Fry Vegetables, Egg Roll,
Fortune Cookie, Pineapple and
Milk. **Elementary Snack** Rice
Krispy Bar

Thurs., Oct. 15 - No School

Fri. Oct. 16 - No School

Mon., Oct. 19 - Chili Cheese
Fritos, Garlic Breadstick, Ap-
plesauce, Fresh Veggie with
ranch and Milk. **Elementary
Snack** Goldfish Crackers.

Tues., 20 - Pepperoni Pizza,
Steamed Broccoli, Mandarin
Oranges, Cookie and Milk. **Elementary
Snack** Chocolate
Chip Granola Bar.

Wed., Oct. 21 - Hot Dog on
Bun, Baked Beans, Tri Tater,
Fresh Veggies with Ranch,
Grapes and Milk. **Elementary
Snack** Pop Tart

THE LEADER-RECORD 3

Line 3

The Line 3 Replacement Project has been approved over and over by the Public Utilities Commission. The PUC is the state agency whose job it is to review and approve projects like Line 3 in Minnesota. Generally, when they approve a project it doesn't take five years to get that project started. In normal times the PUC is not legally challenged by other state agencies.

These are clearly not normal times. The Line 3 Replacement Project has now become the most studied project of its kind in the history of our state, making the case for it beyond bulletproof. That is why opposition has resorted to using arguments you would never hear for any other project.

So, let's reiterate some reasons why this project is necessary: It has been proven safe beyond reasonable doubt. The state has spent years researching and making sure the approved route is safe. The approved route is already a current utilities corridor. The market projections on oil use shows that we still need oil which makes sense because everyone still uses oil in hundreds of different capacities on the daily. The safety of a new line is far greater than that of the old line, and oil transportation by pipeline is by far safer than using rail or truck.

Now I could go on about how this pipeline is necessary and give even more reasons, but I think you get the point. It is time to stop playing games and approve this project. It is what is best for our state's economy, environment, and its people. Let's get our state back to work and build Line 3.

John Gerbracht
JAG Body Shop
Bagley, MN

Questions and Decisions
To the editor:

"Choose you this day, whom you will serve" Joshua 24:15.

On that note, who as a voter are you going to serve? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, or the god of Marxist

government? How important is America, freedom and liberty to you, your children and your community? Voting "party" means nothing! The Democrat platform is a Marxist movement. The Republican platform claims conservative values but as Christians it is important to pray before we vote. The Holy Spirit will direct us.

Some say this Covid-19 is more an advancement of globalism than the virus itself, meant to control us by fear, depression, and deception (some of Satan's favorite weapons to control). Remember, we are One Nation under God, not one nation under Marxism.

I'm surprised how many locals adhere with the Marxist movement of "Bingo" Joe Biden and company, promising to abolish the first and second amendments, and teach Islam in all schools for starters (thanks for the heads up on this, Tammy G.). As John Guandolo also noted, "The Communist Party and Islam have headquarters together in Ft. Worth and Austin, TX" (check it out). Minnesota Governor and company agree with this element. Our taxes will go to support their radical army in his sanctuary city.

Let's give you a clue:
Corrupt the young; get them away from Religion (Christianity).

Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness.

Get control of all means of publicity and thereby get the peoples' minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays, and other trivialities.

Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance. Destroy the peoples' faith in their natural leaders by holding up the latter to ridicule, contempt, and obloquy (discrediting & abusive language).

Always preach true Democracy but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible. Encourage government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear with rising prices, inflation, and general discontent (Covid-19).

Foment unnecessary strikes

in vital industries, encourage civil disorders, and foster a soft and lenient attitude on the part of government towards such disorders.

By specious (false truth) argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues; honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with the view of confiscating them and leaving the population defenseless.

Vladimir Lenin. 1921
Look and sound familiar? Now how and who are you going to vote for? You're urged to support our local reps: Grossell, Green, Utke, Fischbach and our local law enforcement, our line of defense in this land of rocks and cows.

You want to be safe.
I want to be free.
We're not the same.
Jerry L. Wraa
Leonard

Line 3
We live in crazy times. Partisanship is at an all-time high. COVID-19 has people scared for their lives. The upcoming election feels even more chaotic than usual. We need to get to a point where we can move forward and create progress. The Line 3 Replacement project is an important way to do that.

Leaders from both sides of the aisle are showing their support for this project. It has even been approved by our state's Public Utilities Commission, which is composed of commissioners appointed by Governor Dayton and Governor Walz. Why then are our state agencies holding up this project?

This project has been studied and approved repeatedly for five years. It has been proven that we need the oil, and that this project is what is best for our environment. It will put over four thousand people to work, and many more indirectly. It is privately funded and will bring over \$2 billion into our state's economy not to mention the millions in tax revenue it will generate in the many years to come.

Let's stop arguing and start construction instead and help put Minnesotans back to work. With 2020 being such a dysfunctional year, it's time that something goes how it's supposed to. A project that has passed all of the tests and will put thousands to work needs to be approved.

Stacy Halvorson
City of Gonvick Clerk
Gonvick, MN

Op-ed: Collin Peterson is Minnesota's health care hero

By Cheri Gunvalson RN, PHN, MS

Many of us in Minnesota's 7th Congressional District know House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson because of his work on behalf of farmers, and livestock and dairy producers. We farm, so we know firsthand the value to our local economy to have the most powerful farm-policy lawmaker be our representative in Congress.

I've been an R.N. for over 35 years and a lot of people don't understand is that Rep. Peterson isn't only a champion for our farmers and ranchers. Rep. Peterson is also Minnesota's

health care hero.

In 1997, our son Jacob, then six, was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a rare genetic disorder from which most boys don't survive into their teens. It is the number one genetic killer of boys with the highest rate of spontaneous mutation. We had no family history and every family is at risk. Jacob celebrated his 29th birthday last week, he would likely be on a ventilator, or have died, if it were not for the work of Rep. Peterson. Once we told him Jacob's story and there was no treatment or research Rep. Peterson did everything he could and authored the Muscular Dystrophy Care Act which was the only health bill passed in the 107th congress - there is no doubt in my mind he saved Jacob's life.

That bill created National Centers of Excellence for Muscular Dystrophy, to lead the research and development of other lifesaving drugs and treatments through the National Institute of Health. Now Jacob is in a clinical trial and I wonder how many other Jacobs has Peterson saved because of that? I do know there are over 100,000 grateful families benefitting from the bill!

But Peterson didn't stop there.

I have experienced firsthand the financial frailty of our rural hospitals, which for thousands of Minnesotans are our only local health care provider.

Many of our hospitals here in Minnesota were closing or getting ready to close when Rep. Peterson struck another bipartisan deal. This time, Rep. Peterson negotiated with the California Republican who led the House Ways and Means Committee in 2003, Rep. Bill Thomas. They agreed on a bill to pump \$103 billion of funding into Critical Access Hospitals, which is how most of our hospitals are classified in rural Minnesota.

Rep. Peterson's idea was simple: pay our rural hospitals what it costs to provide care. But the Democratic leadership didn't like Peterson's idea because it was part of a Republican health care bill. Nancy Pelosi chased Peterson all over the Capitol, but he stuck to his guns and did what was right for Minnesota's 7th Congressional District.

That bill kept our hospitals open. We have now 77 Critical Access Hospitals in Minnesota, in communities like Bagley, Fosston, Ada, Marshall, Long Prairie and elsewhere because Rep. Peterson was willing to cross the aisle, and work with his Republican colleagues on a bipartisan bill that was right for his constituents.

I'm writing this op-ed because I believe it is important that people know of the record that Rep. Peterson has accomplished, not just in farming, but in health care.

He is a powerful advocate for us here in the 7th Congressional District. If we vote him out of office, we will lose an independent, tough-minded and powerful lawmaker who puts the people of the 7th first -- before any president, before any party.

Cheri Gunvalson, of Gonvick, Minn., is a Registered Nurse, and former Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of North Dakota College of Nursing.

As Governor, Legislators Prepare for Another Special Session, Another Northern Minnesota Mayor Urges Approval of Line 3 Permits

Thief River Falls Mayor Brian Holmer is the latest local elected official to urge approval of permits for the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement project. This comes as Governor Walz is expected to call legislators back for another special legislative session next week. While Governor Walz and lawmakers will try again to pass a bonding bill, Holmer said the Line 3 project would immediately put more than 4,000 people to work as soon as this year.

The latest information from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) shows the average percentage of workers who have filed unemployment insurance claims in the 14 "Line 3 Counties" is now above 26%.

"Our elected leaders have spent most of this year not being able to agree on things as the economy gets worse each week," said Thief River Falls Mayor Brian Holmer. "We need Governor Walz to make sure Line 3 gets approved because it is the only guaranteed way to change things this year. The economic stimulus generated by the Line 3 project will be important not only for Thief River Falls, but for all the communities along the route. Secondary spending along the line will be a huge benefit for our towns and cities whether at hotels, restaurants, gas stations,

grocery stores and more."

Next week Governor Walz is expected to extend the state's COVID-19 peacetime state of emergency for an additional 30 days. This would automatically trigger another special legislative session during which lawmakers would likely try again to pass a bonding bill that would use taxpayer dollars to fund projects.

To replace the aging line, Enbridge will invest approximately \$2.6 billion to fund work across 14 counties. The project will immediately create more than 4,000 good paying union jobs. Enbridge has already spent more than \$100 million with tribal communities to help engage their members to connect them with construction jobs. When fully completed, the replaced Line 3 will also create additional tax revenue for counties and school districts across Northern Minnesota.

The Line 3 project has been under review by state and federal agencies and regulators for almost six years. It officially started in 2015 during the Obama-Biden Administration when Enbridge submitted their application for replacement of Line 3 to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission as part of its integrity and maintenance driven program.

In 2016, Enbridge entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice and Environmental Protection Agency, both led by Obama-Biden appointees. As part of this agreement, the U.S. Government required Enbridge to replace the Line 3 pipeline. On June 28, 2018, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission unanimously approved the Certificate of Need and approved the Route Permit.

In June of this year, instead of issuing key permits that would have allowed Line 3 construction to start, the Walz Administration directed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to hold a contested case hearing that has

delayed the permitting decision until November.

The decision to hold the contested case process has delayed a final decision on the 401 permits potentially until November 14th. At the same time, work by agencies to complete permits continues, despite Governor Walz's recent decision to have the Department of Commerce legally challenge the PUC's decision to again issue the Certificate of Need. If approved by the MPCA, the water-related permits will then be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers for final approval. If the Army Corps approves the permit, construction will start as soon as possible.

"It's a dirty shame that after five years we still can't get this project approved," Holmer said. "Line 3 has passed every test and Minnesota is the only section of the line that has not been replaced. The workers are ready and there is nothing left to study or review. Our communities are ready for work to start and I strongly urge Governor Walz help us move this forward."

Latest average unemployment insurance information for Line 3 Counties as of October 30th

County	Percentage
Kittson	11.8%
Beltrami	25.3%
Marshall	17.3%
Pennington	25.2%
Polk	22.2%
Red Lake	226%
Clearwater	30.4%
Hubbard	28%
Cass	5%
Crow Wing	30.5%
Aitkin	29.3%
Carlton	31.1%
St. Louis	31.6%
Wadena	27.4%
AVERAGE	26.26%

Percentage of people filing for unemployment insurance as a share of the 2019 available labor force

Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



Fall is certainly upon us and that means that many are out or gearing up for the different hunting seasons. This time of year, our office receives many calls with complaints of trespassing or questions regarding that issue. Here in Clearwater County, we are fortunate to have such an abundance of natural resources to enjoy. It is our responsibility to enjoy those resources in a safe and responsible manner. This month, I want to remind people of the Minnesota trespass laws and hopefully prevent needless conflicts with landowners.

If you are going out hunting, know where you are going and verify who the land belongs to. Just because land may not be posted doesn't mean that it is public land or open to any hunter. If you venture onto private property and the landowner finds you, they can verbally tell you to leave their property and you must follow that order. After you have been told to leave and you return to that property within a year, you can be charged criminally with trespassing.

Trespass laws are not just for people hunting. People often go hiking, camping and trapping. If a landowner owns agricultural land, defined as land that is plowed, tilled or has a standing crop or crop residue or fenced for pasture, they do not need to post their land. You must always request permission from the landowner to enter agricultural land. The permission must come from the landowner, occupant or lessee.

If you own land with standing timber or not farmed, it is best to post the property if you do not want people entering it. You are required to post your land once a year. The signs must be at intervals of 1,000 feet if the land is open or 500 feet if it is wooded. Your other option is to post signs at the primary corners of the property and at access points. The signs need to have letters that are 2-inches high and state "No Trespassing" or something similar. The signs need to have either the signature or the name and telephone number of the landowner.

There are certain situations that exempt people from the trespass laws. The two circumstances that allow you to go onto private land is to retrieve a wounded animal that was legally shot off that property and to retrieve a hunting dog. If you are retrieving your hunting dog, you cannot have a firearm with you. In both cases, you must leave the land immediately after retrieving either one. It is best practice to attempt to contact the property owner first and let them know why you intend to go onto their land but it is not legally required. Keep in mind that permission

is always required to go onto agricultural land.

Occasionally, our office gets complaints from people hunting on state or county owned land. There are people who hunt these lands every year, sometimes for generations, and they think they can claim the land as theirs. Conflicts arise when someone else comes to hunt on this public land and they are told to leave by those who think the land is theirs because they have hunted the land for years. Just because you have hunted a piece of public land for years does not give you the right to kick anyone else off that property. There is ample public land in our county so please be respectful to anyone you might encounter on public land.

So, what are the consequences if you are caught trespassing? You can face both civil and criminal penalties with the maximum fine in a criminal trespass case being \$3,000. You can be charged at a minimum with a misdemeanor, however, the charge can be elevated to a gross misdemeanor if you knowingly disregard signs posted for no trespassing, you trespass after being told to leave or you have violated the trespass law twice within a three-year period. In addition, your hunting rights can be suspended for two years if you are convicted of a gross misdemeanor trespass while hunting.

With all this in mind, please use common sense and courtesy when you are out hunting or enjoying other outdoor activities. Respect landowners and others using public lands. If you are not the landowner, do some research. Taking the time to know where you are going and paying attention to posted or agricultural land will keep you from an unwanted confrontation with a landowner and possibly law enforcement.

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.

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Top priority: If elected, what is your top priority for the 2021 Congress? Why are you running for office? Every year, politicians of both parties come to you and say “this is the most important election of our lifetime.” I’m running for the United States Senate because 2020 truly is the most important. This election has become a referendum on our American values and way of life. When a mainstream political party and its standard bearers are pushing to defund the police, it’s safe to say that something is dangerously wrong and Minnesotans need a voice who will stand up and fight for them and protect them. Not only will I fund the police and punish those who don’t, I stand in favor of putting Minnesota and American jobs first, at the expense of globalist policies of the past (like NAFTA) that shipped jobs overseas and hurt our farmers. We must hold China accountable for exporting the Coronavirus and ensure American corporations stop outsourcing jobs there. I will also protect the tax cuts I helped enact in the 115th Congress. We must also protect our Constitution and appoint and confirm jurists to our federal courts who will protect the freedom of speech and assembly, the 2nd Amendment, and protect against radicals who support late term and even post birth abortion.

Police reform: Police reform has become center stage since the George Floyd death and has prompted calls for legislative action at all levels of government. What actions do you support at the federal level? I know firsthand from marrying a St. Paul police officer that nobody dislikes a bad cop more than a good cop. But to paint with a broad brush and label an entire profession as "rotten to the root" as Ilhan Omar did (who my opponent enthusiastically endorsed), is not only wrong, it's dangerous. Bad cops must be held accountable--that's why I spoke out in favor of Senator Tim Scott's and Congressman Pete Stauber's reform bill, the "JUSTICE Act" while Senator Tina Smith voted against it. But we owe it to the men and women who risk their lives to keep us safe, to stand behind them and support them, and I do. That's why I'm proud to have been endorsed by the Minnesota Fraternal Order of Police and the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association.

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Education: COVID-19 has had a profound effect on the demands for and delivery of education. What role should the federal government play in ensuring that U.S. graduates can compete in the global economy? We are leaving an entire generation of kids behind as we continue to keep millions of them out of school with this never-ending, one size fits all lockdown. It's imperative that we get our kids back in school safely, and I would fight for that as U.S. Senator. On the other hand, my opponent Tina Smith has blocked COVID relief bills three times. The most recent iteration of COVID relief that she blocked in the Senate contained money to help get kids safely back in school.

Transportation: What role should the federal government play in funding state and local transportation infrastructure? **Be specific.** After serving on the House Infrastructure Committee in the 115th Congress, I understand we need to rebuild our infrastructure, especially the Highway Trust Fund. We also must do it in a way that

Immigration: Immigration reform continues to languish at the federal level. What should be the principles of any legislation? As Jack Kemp once said, we have to close the back door of illegal immigration to open the front door of legal immigration. And that's why I supported the two Goodlatte bills which fixed the DREAMER situation once and for all, the Flores consent decree, and expanded work visas in exchange for controlling immigration. I also support finishing the wall.

Foreign trade: Do you support the president's actions on international trade? Long term, will the help or hurt the U.S. economy? Whether it's China Phase 1 or the USMCA, I was proud to work with the President in Congress on scrapping decades-old bad trade deals that hollowed out the middle class, hurt our farmers, and all but destroyed American manufacturing. Democrats like my opponent needlessly delayed the USMCA's passage, and sadly Minnesota's middle class families, manufacturers and farmers are paying the price.

Other issues: Are there other issues you want to address? I still believe there is far more good about America than bad. I believe there is no challenge the United States of America can not meet and face while still holding true to our values and principles. Senator Smith on the other hand sides with the radical defund the police movement and says the role that police play in society is "dangerously wrong." She would sooner throw her lot in with the Green New Dealers than stand in support of new logging, pipelines, and safe/responsible mines in the Northland. I helped President Trump cut taxes and regulations, Tina stands with Joe Biden and Kamala Harris who have pledged to increase our taxes by \$4 trillion dollars. I have fought for fairer trade deals that will help our farmers and manufacturers. I will also get tough on China, while Senator Smith continues to raise campaign money from corporations that outsource jobs there. I support confirming judges who believe in life, the Second Amendment, and protecting freedom of speech. Senator Smith does not.

Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications. Senator Smith and I come from very different backgrounds and walks of life. I spent a lot of my early years working for the family business. We owned a machine shop and I spent a lot of time on the road selling automotive aftermarket parts. When my dad retired I took over the family business, later going into broadcasting and enjoying a long and successful career as a radio host discussing public affairs and hearing folks' concerns each and every day . Senator Smith has spent her career as a corporate executive, a former Vice President of Planned Parenthood, and has been a politician for the last 14 years. I believe I have more real world experience and therefore a better perspective with which to help govern than Tina Smith does. If we are to use the metric of bills passed by Congress and signed into law by the President, the 115th Congress, of which I was a part, was one of the most productive sessions of Congress in our nation's history. I was proud to have helped pass historic tax cuts through the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, I authored and sponsored landmark bipartisan juvenile justice reform, and I co-sponsored and passed a bill providing historic levels of support to Career and Technical Education. Too many young folks (and their parents) are going into debt to fund four year degrees that sometimes provide little utility. Growing the middle class means we need to provide more resources and encourage people to go into farming and the trades, and ensure they are able to thrive doing so.

As a husband and the loving father of two daughters who are now all grown up and out of the house, I want to be a force for order and for good in the midst of all the chaos and turmoil that is unfolding in our state and country. I believe that starts with immediately confirming a new Supreme Court justice. I want to leave Minnesota and the United States a better state and nation than I found it, for your kids and grandkids and mine. I would be honored to have your support.



Top priority: If elected, what is your top priority for the 2021 Congress? Why are you running for office? - I am running for re-election to continue to fight for all Minnesotans. The rising cost of health care, especially prescription drugs, is the number one issue that I hear about from Minnesotans, which is why the first thing I did when I arrived in the Senate was take on the big pharmaceutical companies. And it's why I passed into law my bipartisan bill to help lower the cost of insulin. But this year has been especially challenging. Between the coronavirus pandemic that has shaken the foundation of many Minnesota families and businesses, and the murder of George Floyd right here in Minnesota, we have so much more work to do to build back better and to address the systemic racism in our society.

Economy: How do you grade the federal government's response to the pandemic? Are additional measures necessary to spur the economy? If so, what? - In the Senate, I helped pass the CARES Act, a \$2.2 trillion stimulus bill that included \$1,200 per adult/\$500 per child in direct cash payments to individual Americans, enhanced unemployment benefits, the creation of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The package also included nearly \$340 billion in aid to state and local governments, billions to hospitals and our health care systems, and several other key provisions that helped address the fallout of the economic shutdown. But more must be done. It's time for Mitch McConnell to quit blocking additional relief and bring up the House-passed HEROES Act for a vote. This would include more direct assistance to individual Americans, businesses, and state and local governments, as well as much-needed aid for the Postal Service.

Police reform: Police reform has become center stage since the George Floyd death and has prompted calls for legislative action at all levels of government. What actions do you support at the federal level. - The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and so many others have underscored the dire need to systematically reform policing at the local, state, and federal levels. All Minnesotans—including Black, Brown, and Indigenous Minnesotans—should have the right to feel safe in their communities, and that includes when interacting with police. To do this, we must reimagine policing to ensure that de-escalation and community engagement are at the forefront of decisions and training. I helped introduce the Justice in Policing Act, which would change the culture of departments by holding police accountable, improving police training and practices, making lynching a federal hate crime, and making it a federal crime to conspire to violate existing federal laws. I also wrote the Supporting Innovation in Public Safety Act, which would help state, local, and Tribal governments reimagine policing in their communities by funding innovative projects and best practices to transform how we deliver public safety and other social services.

Foreign affairs: How do you grade President Trump's foreign policy record? Which of his initiatives do you support, and which do you oppose? Be specific. - I am thankful everyday for the role that our brave service members play in preserving peace and stability around the world. Over the past four years, President Trump has moved our foreign policy in the wrong direction by withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal, cozying up to dictators, and turning a blind eye to the murder of Jamal Khashoggi and Russia's ongoing interference in our elections. As a result, our credibility on the world stage has been diminished.

Health care: Do you support the expansion of Association Health Plans?

I support expanding access to affordable health care by improving on the Affordable Care Act and by addressing the underlying issues that drive health care costs, such as the exorbitant prices of prescription drugs. I do not support expanding loopholes to make it easier for insurers to sell Americans “plans” that lack many of the consumer protections provided by the ACA like coverage of essential health benefits. We have heard too many stories of Minnesotans rationing their prescriptions due to the astronomical price tags of many life-saving medications. This should be unheard of in America. I have a track record of working across the aisle, and one example of this is my bipartisan law that helps lower the price of insulin and brings low-cost insulin products to market.

Education: COVID-19 has had a profound effect on the demands for and delivery of education. What role should the federal government play in ensuring that U.S. graduates can compete in the global economy? - We must continue to pass legislation and provide relief to individuals and businesses, ensure accessible COVID-19 testing to keep workplaces safe, and work across the aisle to make sure we build back better than before. Graduates are now in the unique position of job searching in a pandemic, and it is on us to ensure that businesses get the support they need to continue to hire and grow our economy.

Energy: Is the United States doing enough to reduce carbon emissions? What can the federal government do to promote home-grown energy? - We are at an inflection point and the science is clear: we must make big and bold steps to address the climate crisis immediately. I believe the U.S. must be a leader in this fight. In the Senate, I wrote legislation to create a federal clean energy standard and set us up to achieve net-zero emissions from the electric sector by 2050. We must continue to support bills like this to ensure that our grandchildren have a safe planet to live on. I've also fought to protect Lake Superior from cuts to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, I've pushed back on the Trump Administration's reckless repeal of environmental protections.

Transportation: What role should the federal government play in funding state and local transportation infrastructure? Be specific. - I support immediate investments at the federal level to rebuild our nation's crumbling roads, bridges, ports and harbors, schools, airports, and rural infrastructure. To this end, I've called on Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to allow a vote on the Moving Forward Act, which would dramatically increase funding to repair our roads; direct billions to water projects, affordable housing, broadband, and schools; and upgrade hospitals and Postal Service trucks.

Immigration: Immigration reform continues to

languish at the federal level. What should be the principles of any legislation? - Our immigration system is broken and in desperate need of reform. It's long past time we enact comprehensive immigration reform that provides permanent solutions and reflects the values of our nation, like a clear pathway to citizenship and reasonable measures to secure the border. Over the past year and a half, I've worked on several pieces of legislation with those goals in mind. For example, I successfully secured passage of a law, which I helped write, to provide thousands of Liberian immigrants with a pathway to citizenship so they would no longer need to depend on the President to renew their Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) status every few months or years. I will continue to fight back against the harmful policies of the Trump Administration like family separation and detaining children in cages.

Foreign trade: Do you support the president's actions on international trade? Long term, will they help or hurt the U.S. economy? - We need fair trade policies that help workers, businesses, and farmers in Minnesota. That means standing up to countries like China when they violate international trade rules, but President Trump's trade wars lack any apparent strategy and have resulted in chaos and uncertainty for Minnesota's ag producers instead of the stability that they need. I successfully pushed for improvements to the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), including tougher worker protections and measures to improve our trading relationships and protect Minnesota farmers--especially dairy farmers. We must take a more thoughtful approach to trade policy than that of the current administration.

Other issues: Are there other issues you want to address? Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications. I am proud of the work I've done before being elected to the Senate. I moved to Minnesota and started my own business, became a leader at Planned Parenthood, Chief of Staff for the Mayor of Minneapolis, and then Chief of Staff for Governor Mark Dayton. After serving as Chief of Staff, I was elected Lieutenant Governor alongside Governor Dayton. Together, we balanced the state budget, expanded investments in education, raised Minnesota's minimum wage, expanded family medical leave for state employees, invested in agricultural research, passed marriage equality in Minnesota, and much more. As Senator, I have a track record of working across the aisle to get things done, like helping pass the bipartisan Farm Bill, securing free COVID-19 diagnostic testing, and ensuring rural co-operatives can continue efforts to expand broadband. I am running for re-election to continue working across the aisle to get things done for all Minnesotans.

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Top priority: If elected, what is your top priority for the 2021 Congress? Why are you running for office? My top priority for 2021 will be fighting to rebuild our rural economy and implement policies to help it grow. As Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, I will work on the upcoming farm bill which authorizes farm safety net, conservation and nutrition programs. I will continue work to prepare our livestock industry against the potential for a virus like the African Swine Fever from China. I will also continue to work on policies to support life in Western Minnesota by reforming the Universal Service Fund, so we can build out broadband using the successful model employed to bring telephones to rural America. I believe that my bipartisan approach to governing best represents my constituents in Minnesota and serves as a model for how other committees should operate in Washington.

Economy: How do you grade the federal government's response to the pandemic? Are additional measures necessary to spur the economy? If so, what? The federal government's response to the pandemic was slow, uncoordinated, and misguided. In May, I co-lead a letter requesting \$250 billion dollars for testing and tracing to stop the spread of the virus. Had that funding been approved, and the Administration implemented a coordinated national testing and tracing strategy, we could have avoided the worst of the public health crisis, and saved the economy trillions. Within our current situation, additional funding will be needed to help businesses, support our health-care system, assist families in need, and support local governments so they can maintain vital services.

Police reform: Police reform has become center stage since the George Floyd death and has prompted calls for legislative action at all levels of government. What actions do you support at the federal level? I voted for H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act which seeks to bring more accountability and transparency to law enforcement. It is unfortunate that looters, rioters and people with extreme agendas have taken away from the message of people who want to see more fair treatment for all Americans.

Foreign affairs: How do you grade President Trump's foreign policy record? Which of his initiatives do you support, and which do you oppose? Be specific. I agree with the President's pro-Israel policies, his goal of reducing our military presence in the Middle East, and the withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal which was not strong enough to confront Iran's nuclear ambitions. I am a strong supporter of the US-Mexico-Trade Agreement (USMCA) which provides certainty to American producers. While I understand the need to negotiate better trade deals, the unilateral trade wars have been ineffective and counterproductive to dealing with trade abuses from China. The trade wars have hurt our rural economy.

Health care: Do you support the expansion of Association Health Plans? Yes, I support additional options that allow people to gain affordable healthcare coverage through associations. Solutions to improving our healthcare system have been stymied by the partisanship around healthcare, so any healthcare solution needs to have buy-in from both parties to have a chance at addressing the pressing needs to make our system more affordable for people in the middle who struggle to pay for coverage.

Education: COVID-19 has had a profound effect on the demands for and delivery of education. What role should the federal government play in ensuring that U.S. graduates can compete in the global economy? In May I supported the Heroes Act which would have provided billions for school districts to prepare for the unique challenge of the 2020-21 school year. In addition to the need for resources for schools, the biggest unmet need for rural schools is access to high speed broadband for all students. I am leading a bipartisan bill called the Universal Broadband Act which would reform the Universal Service Fund to bring broadband to unserved areas using the successful model used decades ago to bring telephone service to rural areas. This reform would provide a sustained funding source sufficient to expand broadband to the hard to reach areas, and ensure that this service could be updated over time as technology evolves.

Energy: Is the United States doing enough to re-



duce carbon emissions? What can the federal government do to promote homegrown energy? I support an all-of-the-above energy policy. In Congress I have supported the tax credits for wind and solar energy, and policies that have supported the development of the natural gas industry. Biofuels are an important homegrown transportation fuel, and I have helped pass the Renewable Fuel Standard which has been critical to the development of this industry. Coal remains an important source of low-cost electricity in rural areas and I support tax credits to help capture the carbon emissions from power plants.

Transportation: What role should the federal government play in funding state and local transportation infrastructure? Be specific. We all agree that our infrastructure is crumbling, but there hasn't been the political will in Congress act. I have been a long supporter of increasing the federal gas tax. This has not been done since 1993 and is the most straightforward way to increase funding our infrastructure.

Immigration: Immigration reform continues to languish at the federal level. What should be the principles of any legislation? Our current system is broken which has hurt American workers and American businesses. A reformed system should be enforceable, and help meet many of the shortages we have from agriculture labor to increasing the number of rural doctors. I am a strong supporter of a bipartisan agriculture guest worker program that expands the availability of agriculture labor and increases accountability by requiring employers to participate in the E-Verify to discourage illegal immigration. Reform should also address some of the fairness issues, and legislate a fix for the DACA kids.

Foreign trade: Do you support the president's actions on international trade? Long term, will they help or hurt the U.S. economy? I was the first Committee Chair to support the USMCA trade agreement and helped bring other Democrats on board to give this trade deal a large bipartisan majority of support in the House. I voted years ago to not allow China into the World Trade Organization (WTO) because I didn't feel they could be trusted to play by the rules. China has been a bad actor, but acting without our allies to confront China's abusive trade practices have hurt our economy with some of the biggest losses coming from farmers and the jobs they support. It could take a long time to get back to the level of agriculture exports we were before the trade wars started.

Other issues: Are there other issues you want to address? People are disgusted with dysfunction in Washington, and I share their frustration. As the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, I operate my Committee in a bipartisan manner. I have passed farm bills as a Committee Chairman - but also worked to pass farm bills when in the minority party, because it is the right thing to do for farmers and the rural economy. This doesn't happen in other committees where people settle for getting nothing done rather than doing the hard work of finding a compromise everyone can live with. I have always worked with the President and whoever serves with me in Congress regardless of who belongs to what party. The hyper-partisanship in our country doesn't make it easy to do things this way, but it's how I operate and I'll never change.

Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications. I grew up on a farm in Baker, MN, graduated from MSU-Moorhead and served in the National Guard from 1963-1969. I was a Certified Public Accountant and owned a small business in Detroit Lakes, and am a musician and a pilot. Prior to serving in Congress, I was a Minnesota State Senator, and currently in Congress I serve as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and am a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

Michelle Fischbach

Top priority: If elected, what is your top priority for the 2021 Congress? Why are you running for office? My top priority is to improve the economy of western Minnesota. It was improving because of Republican policies like the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, a commitment to energy independence, and cutting burdensome regulations. On the other hand, the Democrats are promoting a \$4 Trillion tax increase and economy-crushing policies like the Green New Deal, which even calls for the end of the internal combustion engine. I am running for Congress because I believe we need to stand up for our western Minnesota values and way of life. I want to make sure we have strong rural communities where we can raise our families, and our children and grandchildren can stay and thrive.

Economy: How do you grade the federal government's response to the pandemic? Are additional measures necessary to spur the economy? If so, what? I think President Trump acted swiftly to shut down international travel and make sure emergency supplies were available where states had problems. The economic measures have helped to stabilize and start to revive the economy. Some states including Minnesota need to move to reopen as quickly as possible. Many of the shutdown policies are enacted at the state and local levels. The House Democrats led by Nancy Pelosi passed a liberal wish list bill called the HEROES act that was a non-starter for honest negotiations with the Senate and the President. It was partisan legislation that was filled with things like a halt to deportations of illegal immigrants and giving them stimulus checks, a release of prisoners, money for Planned Parenthood, handouts to arts and humanities, and even environmental justice grants. Instead we need a bill that supports those harmed by the shutdowns, gets people back to work, and addresses major problems, like the shutdowns and slowdowns of meat packing plants.

Police reform: Police reform has become center stage since the George Floyd death and has prompted calls for legislative action at all levels of government. What actions do you support at the federal level? Law enforcement agencies should always be evaluating how they manage and train their officers and deputies. But any reform should be done by working with law enforcement not against it. These pushes to defund, dismantle, or abolish the police are extremely dangerous and counter productive. Law enforcement needs and deserves our support, not the attacks they are currently enduring.

Foreign affairs: How do you grade President Trump's foreign policy record? Which of his initiatives do you support, and which do you oppose? Be specific. President Trump has pursued a peace through strength model that is working and that I support. He has strengthened our defenses and created an increase in stability around the globe. We exited the failed Iran deal that gave U.S. taxpayer dollars to the regime in Iran under the Obama administration. The rapid defeat of the Islamic State / ISIS terrorist organization was a great accomplishment. The new progress on Middle East peace with Israel and the United Arab Emirates is very positive. The new peace deal negotiated between Serbia and Kosovo in the Balkans is also a big victory for administration. President Trump is taking a strong stand against China. The Communist government of China has proved time and again to not be an honest actor. They acted very irresponsibly with the Coronavirus outbreak, which did great damage to lives and economies around the world. They have been cheating in trade and intellectual property for decades. They have been committing atrocities in Xinjiang against the Uighur people. They have been ruthlessly suppressing the democratic rights of the people of Hong Kong and increasingly threatening their neighbors like India and Taiwan.

Health care: Do you support the expansion of Association Health Plans? Yes, the progress already made with associated health plans has been a positive development. Anything we can do to encourage health insurance coverage at more affordable prices is something to support.

Education: COVID-19 has had a profound effect on the demands for and delivery of



education. What role should the federal government play in ensuring that U.S. graduates can compete in the global economy? Starting with K-12, we should do more to encourage STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects. We should make sure that students understand the full range of options available to them in high school as they prepare for life after graduation. I believe we can do a great deal to strengthen and support our trade and community colleges. We should encourage the private sector to get even more involved with the development of programs to prepare and equip our next generation for the workplace. I am passionate about having high quality schools in rural Minnesota so people who grow up here can continue to live here and don't have to leave for an education.

Energy: Is the United States doing enough to reduce carbon emissions? What can the federal government do to promote homegrown energy? The United States continues to reduce our carbon emissions. We are finally energy independent again for the first time in 50 years. This is a positive development that should be supported. We can do that by continuing responsible extraction and transportation of energy resources. Efforts to enact things like the Green New Deal that call for an end to the combustion engine will crush our economy, lead to blackouts, and wipe out the ethanol industry, which hurts our farmers. I will strongly oppose these efforts.

Transportation: What role should the federal government play in funding state and local transportation infrastructure? Be specific. Recent legislation has directed more federal transportation dollars as block grants to state and local agencies to make the decisions. I believe that decisions are generally best made locally when it comes to infrastructure. When there is federal decision making, we should ensure there is a competitive process or a critical access component, and that consideration is given to not only passenger travel, but commercial transportation also. I will always fight for western Minnesota when it comes to infrastructure needs.

Immigration: Immigration reform continues to languish at the federal level. What should be the principles of any legislation? First and foremost, border security and law enforcement must be top of the list. We should always make sure the needs of the United States citizens are put first.

Foreign trade: Do you support the president's ac-

tions on international trade? Long term, will they help or hurt the U.S. economy? The USMCA trade agreement was a major success and accomplishment for President Trump. Taking on China is never going to be easy, but I think it is necessary. We have to make sure that the American farmer is protected from attacks by China in disputes. We have to make sure to maximize trade with all nations that share our concerns about China, like Japan, Vietnam, Australia, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.

Other issues: Are there other issues you want to address? I think it is important to always be standing up for the unborn. I am endorsed by every major pro-life group and have a lifetime 100% pro-life rating. I always fought for life in the Minnesota Senate and will always fight for life in the United States Congress.

Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications. Michelle Fischbach is the Trump and Republican endorsed congressional candidate in western Minnesota's 7th District. She is a trailblazer and proven conservative leader. She served as the 49th Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota, ascending to that position following the resignation of her predecessor. She was the first woman in Minnesota history to serve as President of the Minnesota Senate – initially from 2011-12, then again from 2017-18. She also served as Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee. She holds a B.A. from St. Cloud State University and a J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law. She and her husband, Scott, live in the Paynesville area and have two grown children and five grandchildren.

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