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County gets A+ for Audit

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on October 20, hearing the annual audit report, from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other business.
Annual Audit: "Clearwater County has a model of the highest ethical standards, which trickles down to other departments," said Colleen Hoffman from the auditing firm Hoffman, Philip & Knutson, who do the annual audit for the county.
"The Auditor's Department earns an A+!"
"I have good help," responded Auditor-Treasurer Al Paulson, expressing his appreciation for the comments and his team.
Commissioner Dean Newland wanted to know if all counties get such high marks, to which the answer was an emphatic "No."

It was noted that Clearwater County has a net worth of \$62 million, which includes highways and gas tax revenue, a \$3 million increase over last year.
Ms. Hoffman said the Law Enforcement and Public Safety areas are \$300,000 under budget, which is unheard of. A lot of other departments were also under budget, which seems to be an underlying trend reflecting an "awesome job". She said some of it could be due to covid.
"You should amend the budget to reflect the covid funds of \$1 million, then also reflect the expenditures of that money."
"You should spend down other money that is on hand which needs to be spent before you levy for more money," she

said. "Some should be budgeted and assigned to be used. You are fortunate to have that money available."
Commissioner John Nelson asked questions about retirement funding policies. The response was that there are different rules dependent on age.
The issue of working from home was also addressed. "Working from home is changing the culture," she said.
Some firms are seeing it as better in many cases, and employees are very productive working from home, while not all are self-disciplined enough to do so effectively.
"When you have good employees, you need to recognize that - give them a pat on the back and say 'Good job,'" she said. "You want to keep the good people you have. It hurts when you lose good people."
Attorney Al Rogalla received approval for the purchase of two laptops for the Attorney's Office, which can be used in the courtroom, as well as for working at home. These will be paid for by the Victim's Grant, for a total of \$3,215.
Commissioner Newland inquired about a commissioner being called for jury duty, and whether that is acceptable.
"In the past the attorney said not to accept, because it might reflect on the county," he said.
"It is mostly up to the judge and whether you can look at both sides fairly," said Attorney Rogalla. "If there is an issue (re. county business), then that should be brought up."
Labor Union Contract: Coun-

ty Board Chairman Neal Illies was authorized to sign the three year labor union contract between Clearwater County and Local 320 (Social Workers) for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.
U.S. Fish & Wildlife: Easements were recently secured from Cole and Brittney Kortan, and Jerome and Cecelia Dehmer. These were both habitat easements that protect the wetlands and uplands of the property.
The Kortan's easements are located in section 26 of Copley Township. Easements allow them to graze this property as they wish, and allows for haying after nesting season. The Dehmers' easement is located in sections 20 and 21 of Eddy Township and allows them to hay after nesting season.
Landowners will retain primary responsibility for weed control, recreational use, access, and will continue to be responsible for the payment of property taxes. Access is not open to the public.
CARES/Covid Relief Funds: The following expenditures were approved by the Board to be paid for from the Coronavirus Relief Fund:
The Health & Human Services Team, per Commissioner Mark Larson, for Expenditures for Nursing Service, including public health staff time, office equipment and supplies, and medical supplies were approved in the amount of \$25,961.
County Employee Cost Committee, of which Commissioner Newland is a member, were approved in the amount of \$60,113.
Expenditures of the Equipment, Supplies and IT Committee, of which Commissioner Illies is a member, were approved in the amount of \$95,862.
Expenditures of the CARES Act Business Assistance Program Committee, of which Commissioner Nelson is a member, were approved in the amount of \$188,511.
Expenditures of the CARES Act Public Health & Human Services Team, of which Commissioner Larson is a member, were approved in the amount of \$4,530.
County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$112,793 for the County Revenue Fund and \$9,769 for the Nursing Service Fund.
All Commissioners were present at the meeting: John Nelson, Neal Illies, Dean



Peyton Berg



Ava Larson

Going to the Next Level with 4-H Junior Leader Workshop

Junior Leader Workshop (JLW). "4-H: The Next Level" was held October 15 at Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake. This camp is designed to inspire and enable each participant to uncover unique abilities, develop greater confidence and master strategies for success as a leader in their 4-H program. It is essential for the future of our rural communities to develop leaders to become productive and contributing individuals. 43 youth in grades 6-9 attended, representing 10 4-H programs in order to develop skills to take them to the next level of

leadership in 4-H and their communities.
Youth participants are part of different planning committees. These committees are used as vehicles to empower youth to become more confident, learn to work as part of a team and to showcase their skills to others. Committee members plan activities and implement them throughout the camp. Committees are guided by Continuing Committee Members (CCM's) who were chosen after last year's JLW through an application process.

Clearwater County 4-H had 2 youth attending: Peyton Berg and Ava Larson
In addition to working in their committees' youth took part in workshops to further develop their leadership skills. Workshops included: Team building, problem solving, STEM, goat soap making, exploring the Minnesota 4-H State ambassador program and learning about themselves.
For information about 4-H contact Clearwater County Extension Office at 218.694.6151 or nyeg007@umn.edu

School Board moves high school students to hybrid model

By Bonnie Kirchman
The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board made the decision to move high school students to the hybrid model at the regular meeting held on Monday, October 19th. High school students will have in-person classes two days per week and distance learning for the remaining days of each week. The elementary students will continue with in-person classes. In the discussion leading to this decision, board members expressed their desire to keep students in school as much as possible for as long as possible. At the same time, they acknowledged that increasing coronavirus numbers are impacting the district.
This decision to change the high school's learning model was based on recommendations from the school's safety committee that has been meeting regularly since the start of the pandemic. The committee looks at county data, the current number of active cases, and case rates specific to the school district. Superintendent Burgess informed board members that thirty students were currently quarantined and some staff members have also been quarantined. Many of the cases impacting the Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools are coming from family gatherings, not from school-

related activities.
Under the hybrid model, the high school students will need to maintain social distancing of six feet in classes as well as on school buses. Because of this, only half of the students can attend school each day. Extra-curricular sports can continue while the school is in the hybrid model but will be canceled if students are moved to the distance learning model.
In a separate decision, the board voted to change the in-person model to include Fridays as distance learning days for all students. So while elementary students will continue to attend school Mondays through Thursdays, they will move to distance learning on Fridays. This decision was made in response to a letter sent to the board by the district's teachers. Several teachers spoke at the meeting, describing the challenges they have encountered since classes began on September 8th.
Sarah Goudge, who teaches high school science, described her teaching situation that includes 70 in-class students and 36 distance learners. In addition, when the students are quarantined, they are moved out of the classroom setting on a temporary basis. Finding time to communicate with distance learners is becoming increasingly difficult.

Superintendent Burgess told the board that time spent distance learning on Fridays counts toward the required learning hours for the year. Attendance for these days would be taken by logging in on a technological device or by assignment completion.
The teachers also presented board members with a letter of intent to negotiate additional pandemic leave. The first pandemic leave act will expire on December 31, 2020. Under this act, certain employees, including teachers, are guaranteed pay for a limited number of absences due to coronavirus testing, quarantining, or other pandemic-related causes. The teachers expressed concern about needing to use sick time or personal days if they would need to be tested or quarantined several times over the school year.
Sarah Goudge presented the "Spotlight on Education" slide show, featuring many school activities from the last month. Students and staff celebrated Lowell Bjerke's last day at work as he retired from his position as head custodian. Picture day was a success. Elementary students are roller-skating in their physical education classes. Fourth grade student made corn husk dolls, while Mrs. Ragan introduced 5th graders to the ukulele. High school learning activities including woodworking, graphic design, and forestry were also included in the presentation.
Superintendent Jeff Burgess reported that student enrollment is at 428 students, down from last year's enrollment of 444. School superintendents from across the state hope to convince legislators to base school funding for next year on last year's enrollment numbers. As of October 19th, the district had 60 distance learning students. Some of these students have been struggling with assignment completion.
Burgess updated the board on the leaks in the heating system. A geothermal crew located the leak in the system. The crew didn't find any other leaks. School staff are working to resolve dishwasher issues in the new addition. Some of the furniture for the new class-



Colleen Hoffman and Marit Knutson from the Hoffman, Phillip & Knutson auditing firm answer Commissioners' questions, and give the County Audit team high marks in integrity, efficiency and effectiveness. "You have a model of the highest ethical standards," Ms. Hoffman stated.



Blake Knisley, Realty Specialist and Kent Sundseth from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Fergus Falls, Minnesota received approval for certification of habitat easements in Clearwater County.

Gonvick City Council meets with Widseth at last meeting

The Gonvick City Council at their October meeting had Widseth, Smith and Nolting representatives from Bemidji to go over the funding options for the Water Improvement Project. The city has had several water main issues the past few years because of the aging system. There are four options that the city can go through: the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA), US Rural Development, and Small Cities Development Program. The three that were at the meeting: Steve Emery, Dustin Franfulik and Gail Leverson will be looking at grants and loans that might be feasible for the city to go ahead with.
In order to go ahead with the process PFA requires placement on the Project Priority List and the Intended Use Plan (IUP). According to Widseth

Gonvick is 32/33 out of 452 projects in the state. Gonvick's Median Household Income is \$31,389. Gonvick qualifies for the intermediate rate of 1.74% for a 40-year term. Estimated cost for the project is \$3,500.00. Projected grants would total \$2,419,048.
Darren Northup was at the council to request moving the Clear Water Life Center sign onto city property on the east side of Main Street. It is now located on property that is owned by a private person. The council did not give approval as there are other business places in town that may want a sign as well and that would have to be contacted.
The council passed Resolution 20-06 to Transfer \$25,000

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Community Calendar

Notice of change of meeting date!!

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be meeting Monday, November 2nd at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse in Leonard.

Clearbrook Legion Post 256 Membership Meal

On Wednesday, the 11th of November, 2020, there will be an American Legion Post 256 membership meal.

A take-out meatball supper will be provided for all Clearbrook Post 256 Legion/Auxiliary members, renewing members and new members. The take-out supper is offered between 4-5pm, with a general meeting for Post 256 business beginning at 5pm.

A facial mask is required for meal pickup, social distancing will be observed. Clearbrook Post 256 members will be available for renewal and the processing of new memberships.

If you have served on federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, including Active Duty for Training and have been honorably discharged or are still serving - you are eligible for membership in The American Legion!

The members of Post 256 request that you RSVP to Bill Stoller by 5pm, Saturday, Nov 7th, so that we may ensure there are enough meals available.

RSVP by email or phone: w.stoller@yahoo.com 218-776-2005 or 763-691-4901

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from the Water/Sewer checking account to wastewater improvement fund for the January 1, 2021 annual payment of \$19,150.00

The council passed Resolution 20-07 Corona Virus Relief Fund Resolution, for the City of Gonvick to transfer its remaining CARES Act funding to the Clearwater County Business Assistance Fund to support business recovery efforts in the City of Gonvick and Clearwater County.

Other actions by the council...

The council accepted the resignation of Jason Bakke.

The liquor license renewal for the Trap was approved.

Carpet cleaning in the community center will have to be done.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Police report was given with 19 incidents including: 911 Hang Up 2; Assist 1; City Ordinance 1; Civil Complaint 1; Crimes Against Family 1; Fraud 1; Information Only 1; Medical 2; Suspicious Activity 2; Threats 1; Traffic Complaint 1; and Traffic Stops 5.

Bills were paid for the month for General \$17,540.25; Water and Sewer \$4,129.57, Fire \$512.46 for a total of \$22,182.28.

Area towns and school district voting information

City of Trail Council members for two positions: Judy Seyller and Lois Klema.

Council members for two positions Donna Marshall and one write in.

For Trail Mayor: Frank Buer.

City of Gully For Gully Mayor: Cathy Bergerson.

City of Gonvick Council members for four year term vote for two: Susan Sims and Corrine Richards

Council member for two year term vote for one: Shane Olson

For Gonvick Mayor: Candance Coulter.

City of Clearbrook Council members for two positions for a four year term: Tom Davis and Ole Engebretson

Council members for two

positions for a 2 year term with three filing: Dale Volstad, Yolanda Pindegayosh and Rachel Nelson.

For Clearbrook Mayor: Dylan Goudge.

Present members Shawn Johnson, Kevin Prosser and Gary Prosser did not re-file.

City of Leonard No one filed and three people hold the position that were to be voted on.

Clerk - Diane Langseth Treasurer - Julie Fredrikson Council member - Andrew Lundmark.

City of Bagley For Bagley Mayor: Sid Michel

For two seats on the council: Dennis Merschman and Jon Brovold

City of Shevlin Positions that are up for election that are unopposed are:

JoAnn Paulson for Treasurer and two council members position for Chad Hanson and Chris Omang.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board:

Four positions open with four year terms: Dudley Wishard, Vern R. Wittenberg, Gus Vettleson and Jeff Westrum.

One position open for two year term: Vanessa Gustafson.

Bagley School Board: Four positions open with 6 filing: Andrew Bennett, Mark R. Olson, John Arlo Gerbracht, Bill Prochaska, Renee Benson and Adam Broden.

Fosston School Board:

Four position open for four year terms with 6 filing: Michael Ware, Allison Marquis, Mark Erickson, Nicole Johnson, Dustni Manecke and Dean Duppong.

One position open for a two

year term with one person filing: Scott Christen.

Red Lake County Central School Board

Three positions open with three filings: Lowell Hamrum, Jody Duden and Chelsey Vettleson.

THANK YOU!

You won't believe how excited I was to win the Alex Pro Firearms Varmint 223 Snow Camo Gun at the Clearbrook Fire Department Fall Banquet on October 3rd. Every year the Fire Department gives fantastic prizes for drawings and this year I WON!!! The meal was deliciously prepared and served! All of the Fire Department crew deserves our praise and support for their dedication and commitment.

THANK YOU to each of you for your service to our community! LuRae Erickson

The Annual Meeting of the Clearwater County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) will be held on Thursday November 5, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. at the American Legion Auditorium. Persons wishing to purchase a membership share for \$5.00 should contact Allen Paulson, Manager before Nov. 2, 2020.



Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Oct. 28 - Lasagna, Creamy Cukes, Mandarin Oranges, Bread, Jello and Milk.

Thurs., Oct. 29 - Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Florets, Bread Dressing, Cookie and Milk.

Fri., Oct. 30 - Baked Pork Chop, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges, Bread and Milk

Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Church News

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Adam Krog Sun, Nov 1 - 9:30am Sunday School, 10:30 Worship Service

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD Pastor Robert Kirchman Good Shepherd Wed., Oct. 28 - 5:45pm Confirmation

Sun., Nov. 1- 9:00am Worship Service; 10:00am Sunday School/ Coffee Hour.

Good Shepherd & Our Savior's Thurs., Nov. 5 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast.

Our Savior's Sun., Nov. 1 - 10:00am Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC

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

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH Pastor Kris Snyder 8 miles North of Gonvick on County Rd 7 Sunday Church Services 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am

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.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseith

Wed, Oct 28: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.

Sat, Oct. 31: Mt. Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, Nov. 1: 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, Nov. 4: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park Hunter's Service.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed, Oct. 28: 6:25 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, Nov. 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Nov. 3: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, Nov. 4: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Sun, Nov. 1: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 1:00 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation.

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.



(left to right): Julie Sundquist, Invest Forward employee and Forward Foundation volunteer, with Clear Water Life Center representatives Darien Northrup and Mistie Jones.

Forward Foundation Supports Clear Waters Life Center

Bagley, MN – The Forward Foundation is pleased to announce a donation was recently presented to the Clear Waters Life Center. The donation will help fund the organization's after-school program.

Serving the Clearbrook and Gonvick areas in Minnesota, Clear Waters Life Center is, per their website, "a faith-based community of people providing a place to impart home and enrich the lives of individuals and families." The Forward Foundation donation will help the organization offer an after-school program for 5th-8th grade students.

"Clear Waters Life Center is such a positive part of our community," Julie Sundquist, Invest Forward employee and Forward Foundation volunteer says. "Having an after-school program like Clear Waters Life Centers' provides our local kids

with tutoring, physical activity, art class, and possibly most importantly, positive social interactions with encouraging adult mentors. We are honored to make this program possible!"

The Forward Foundation's mission is to enhance the lives of children. Founded in 2012 and a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Forward Foundation serves children, their families, and organizations that benefit children in the thirteen communities served by

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rooms has not arrived.

The school district's audit was moved back to November. Superintendent Burgess explained that the audit is 99% complete, but the state system went down and audit information couldn't be entered.

The district is still wait-

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ing for Chromebooks that are on back-order. A source for 93 Chromebooks was found and these have been shipped, but the district still hopes to obtain a total of 125 of the devices. The iPads ordered by the district are expected to arrive in the middle of November.

The board voted to approve paying the Minnesota State High School League fee. The current fee is \$2,053, an increase of \$753. Board members questioned the amount of increase. Superintendent Burgess related that school superintendents from the northwest region have expressed concern about the league's budgeting practices. Superintendents do not have a seat on the MSHSL board and they are requesting this representation. Burgess added that the district can use ESSER funds to pay for the increased portion of this fee.

Several staff changes were approved at the meeting at the recommendation of school administrators. Blake Hanson has been hired as a full-time custodian. Stefanie Thomas was hired as a paraprofessional in the DCD classroom. Tasha Bakke has taken a full-time position in the kitchen. One employee's position was reclassified, changing from a Class 3 employee to a ½ Class 3, ½ Class 4 employee.

The board approved a new contract for the school business manager. Superintendent Burgess explained that this contract takes into account the average overtime hours that were paid under the old contract. A family medical leave request for a staff member was also approved by the board members.

Payments approved by board members include: \$56,751.79 to Stein's Bus Service, LLC, \$52,530.32 to BRIC, \$8,498.77 to Clearwater-Polk Electric, \$7,031.32, \$4,399.79 and \$2,410.99 to Marco, \$4,920.17 to Community Oil, \$2,195.86 to Anderson Disposal, \$1,930.37 to Garden Valley Telephone, and \$1,159.41 to Richards Publishing Co. Inc.

The next meeting of the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board will take place on Monday, November 18th, at 7:00 p.m.



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Letter to C-G Families and Community Members

I want to give you a quick update on operations of the school moving forward this year. Our safety committee has met and made a recommendation to the school board to move to a **hybrid model for grades 7-12 starting Monday, the 26th of October.** This recommendation came from current county numbers, age groups, communities impacted by cases, and how cases have impacted our school.

The 7-12 grade schedule is an A/B schedule with Fridays as a distance learning day.

A) group will be in-person Monday/Tuesday and have distance learning days Wednesday/Thursday/Friday.

(B) group will be in-person Wednesday/Thursday and have distance learning days Monday/Tuesday/Friday. Notification came out earlier this year on what group they are in. We will send out notification letters gain this Friday for high school students on what student group they are in.

Elementary is still in-person learning at this time. **Fridays for the elementary will be a distance learning day moving forward. Our first Distance Friday will start on October 30th.** We will have school age care available for

essential personnel. The school age sign up is on our website or on facebook. Transportation will be available for school age care for the amount of students that we can safely transport. Please contact Steins Bus service for transportation at: (218) 243-2629. Our suggestion is for parent to transport student, but we will have transportation if needed.

Technology - We are set to receive our first shipment of Chromebooks at the end of this week. We will hopefully have them up and running the following week and work on distribution to the high school first as they move into hybrid.

Thank you for all the support from the community this year. I feel fortunate to be in a district such as Clearbrook-Gonvick.

Jeff Burgess Superintendent
Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools
Dist. #2311

Picture Retake day is Thursday October, 29th. Pictures will be taken in room 403. Packets for retake day are in the office. Hybrid Group A will be distance learning that day but can come for a photo before 10:00. Picture Packet Info in the comments. Any questions please email Mr. Bettin @jbettin@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Dear Clearbrook-Gonvick Families,

At this time, the USDA and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has notified us that free meals for all students will be available through the end of the 2020-21 school year.

As we transition into a hybrid learning model for the high school students effective Monday, October 26th we will be sending breakfast and lunch home with every student weekly. The district has also scheduled every Friday to be a distance learning day for all K-12 students starting Friday, October 30th. We will be providing meals for all students each Friday moving forward. The meals will be sent home with each student weekly.

If you are a distance learning family and would like to request meals from the district, please contact the school and we will set up arrangements for meal pick up. We are working arrangements to add additional sites for meal pick up and will have more details next week.

We continue to strongly encourage everyone to fill out the application for educational benefits. Filling out the application for educational benefits form and qualifying for free and/or reduced meals now will also carry you through the beginning of the next school year.

The higher the number of qualified recipients of free and/or reduced meals a school dis-

trict has, the more federal and state monies become available to our district in other areas as well as in our food service department.

Providing high quality meals to nourish your students continues to be our highest priority so that they are ready to learn and grow whether they are learning in school or at home.

Sincerely,
Robin Proffitt, FSD
218-776-3112 ext. 320
robinp@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Julin receives Scholarship

Julin from Clearbrook received a \$2,500 Workforce Development Scholarship from Northwest Technical College.

Gage Julin, a freshman studying health science, is one of 45 scholarship recipients.

Funded by an appropriation from the legislature, the WDS program offers \$2,500 scholarships to students who enroll in programs leading to high demand occupations in healthcare services, advanced manufacturing, information technology, transportation, early childhood education or agriculture.

Students enrolled in eligible programs can receive two years of financial support up to \$5,000, plus a third year if they complete a two-year degree and transfer to one of Minnesota State's four-year universities.

Scholarship priority is given to first year, full-time NTC students but, new this year, awards were also available to returning students. The \$2,500 scholarships cover about half the cost of full-time tuition at NTC before federal and state grants and other scholarships and are awarded to Minnesota residents.

Can we graduate 100% of our students?

Having been in education for 55 years, I know that our k-12 public school system will never accomplish a goal to graduate 100% of our students unless they have wide community support. The 407 businesses and organizations in Beltrami County, including several in Clearbrook and Gonvick, that support our Project Graduate movement, which includes all city councils and county commissioners, believe in this seemingly impossible goal. It's a good start. We need to work harder until 100% of our youth have a high school diploma.

The citizens of Clearbrook/Gonvick and neighboring communities can help. How do you do this? We need to make graduating from high school a mindset just like it was for most of us. Our parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors made it known that graduating from high school should be our number one priority. Because it became a mindset, we were undaunted and we graduated. Just by relentlessly reminding our youth of the importance of education and the need to have a high school diploma cannot be overstated. Guess what? It doesn't cost a dime. The 100% goal is ambitious but to quote Thomas Jefferson, "If you want something you have never had, you must be willing to do something you have never done."

Clearwater County food shelf distributes farm to family

Despite the unseasonable weather on Wednesday, October 21, the Clearwater County Food Shelf distributed 180 boxes (over 5400 pounds!) containing produce, protein and dairy products. This box was made available through the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box. In the last month, over 50 million of the boxes were distributed across the United States during this time of need.

It was an extremely busy day as the Food Shelf also served 56 clients over 3000 pounds of food. The CCFS has been the recipient of a number of grants during the COVID pandemic that have allowed us purchase additional coolers and to distribute increased poundage, more protein, more produce and dairy, as well as personal hygiene products to our clients. Our client numbers continue to rise weekly as people seek help to supplement their food sources. CCFS is located in the parking lot behind the Legion Auditorium and open every Wednesday from 10 am - 2 pm. Clients are allowed one box per month. We are following a COVID-hybrid model of distribution. Clients may come into the building one at a time, following CDC guidelines of wearing a face mask and staying six feet away from the workers. Our interviewer is behind a plexiglass barrier. Volunteers will deliver the groceries to your

Hello,
Attached is the weekly update. We had 8 new cases today and 55 in the last 14 days. There is a lot of non-compliance (to COVID-19 mitigation measures) in our county. This is affecting our schools and our whole community!
Let's each do our part to decrease the spread of COVID.
Thanks,
Marissa
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Thurs., Oct. 29 - Build a Burger with Fixings, Baked Chips, Baked Beans, Pears, Cookie and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Teddy Grahams

Fri. Oct. 30 - Turkey Subs with Topping Choices, Baked Chips, Sandwich Fixings, Fresh Fruit and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Goldfish Crackers

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK WOODWORKING

Students at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School are working on a wooden box project in Mr. Ross Faldet's Woodworking class.

Students start this project by picking out the boards they use, then begin the process of planing. Projects will be complete in two weeks.

Photos courtesy of Clearbrook-Gonvick High School.



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Minnesota House 2 Candidates



Matt Grossell
Why are you running for office?

Serving my neighbors and our community has been my life's call. To serve in the legislature is one more honor that the people of this district have given to me. Meeting with folks across our district and down at the Capitol truly reminds me of the mission I have to help make Northern Minnesota a better and safer place to live, work, and raise a family. I welcome the opportunity to earn your vote to continue that mission.

If elected, what is your top priority for the 2021 Legislature?

We need to get our economy moving again. I will continue to support bringing good paying jobs to our area and make sure our communities are safe. We need to get the Line 3 project moving and make sure our law enforcement community knows we have their back. In addition, I have been working on increasing penalties for the possession and manufacturing of child sexual abuse and torture videos and imagery. We need to better protect our children from these predators.

Do you agree with how Gov. Walz handled the coronavirus epidemic?

I do not agree with how Gov. Walz has handled the coronavirus epidemic. He has seized far too much power for far too long and put onerous mandates through a one-size-fits-all approach across our state. Our area of the state is not the same as Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the governor has chosen a failed approach. The governor also failed to protect seniors in care centers by placing infected patients back in nursing homes, which has cost the lives of too many of our citizens. His policies have protected looters, shooters, and arsonists, while many businesses have been shuttered for good and people's mental health has deteriorated because of isolation and the loss of jobs.

Do you believe Gov. Walz

properly handled his authority by claiming emergency powers and sustaining them through at least October 2020?

As described above, Gov. Walz has held on to his powers for far too long. I have voted, along with all my Republican and a few Democrat colleagues, to end the powers numerous times. The time has passed for his need to take some quick, immediate steps. The legislature is a co-equal, policy making branch of government. We can and should be allowed to govern as such so that the voices of all Minnesotans are heard, not just the Walz Administration.

What is your stance on the Line 3 Replacement Project?

I fully support Line 3, which was ordered by the Obama Administration. Pipelines are the safest, most environmentally friendly way to get oil to market, and it will bring billions in investment to the state along with good paying jobs. I will continue to fight to get it done.

The use of illicit drugs remains a large issue in rural Minnesota. What do you think could or should be done to reduce the use of illegal drugs?

During my law enforcement career, I was on a drug task force that helped to bring down many meth labs and drug dealers across our state. Our law enforcement personnel stand that fine line between peace and chaos. We must make sure our law enforcement officials have every tool they need to fight drug trafficking.

Should Minnesota increase or decrease its renewable energy mandates on utilities?

Renewable energy mandates need to decrease. Costs for consumers go up whenever mandates are imposed on utility companies and when the government subsidizes renewable programs. All of our rural energy industries -- including pipelines -- are continuously meeting and surpassing the environmental standards put on them by the government, while at the same time improving and implementing renewable energy options.

Do you think Minnesota should have a voter ID law?

Yes
Do you believe that mail-in ballots create an opening for voter fraud?

Universal mail-in ballots and recent policies implemented without legislative approval open the door to ballot harvesting and other fraudulent behavior. Universal mail-in ballots are not the same as absentee ballots, a system that is tested, secure,

and allows anyone who wants to vote by mail or early in-person to do so.

Should voter registration information be available for public review in cases where registrations are suspected of being in violation of state law?

We need to make sure election integrity is taken seriously and that irregularities or probable cases of fraud are fully investigated.

How can we improve the economic health of rural Minnesota?

Open up the state and untie the hands of businesses, especially those on Main Street. We need to make it an attractive environment for businesses to start, relocate, and thrive. We are one of the highest taxed and highest regulated states in the union, so it's no wonder companies avoid us. Line 3 needs to get started, which is currently being held up by the Walz Administration.

What are your views on some of the leading social issues? Abortion, gay marriage, transgender bathroom and sports issues, Black Lives Matter, Antifa, riots, and policing?

I am proudly Pro-Life and endorsed by Minnesotans Citizens Concerned for Life. As a retired sheriff's deputy, I am also a strong supporter of our law enforcement community and front-line emergency workers. I am proud to be endorsed by the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association and the Minnesota Professional Firefighters Association. The right to peaceful assembly is enshrined in our Constitution, but what we witnessed this summer was rioting, violence, looting, and arson, which are completely against the rule of law. Regarding bathrooms and sports issues, I believe God made two biological genders: male and female.

Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications.

I have spent the better part of my life in service to my country and my community. It has never been a burden, but rather an honor I hold dear. An incredible example was set for me by the heroic role models that surrounded my life.

I've served in the Armed forces and in Law Enforcement. I believe I was called to serve then and I believe I am called to serve now, working hard with others at the Capitol in the Minnesota House of Representatives to maintain and improve what we have here in Northern Minnesota.



Jeremiah Liend
Why are you running for office?

To ensure our children don't have to grow up in a world that is poorer, dirtier, and sicker than our own.

If elected, what is your top priority for the 2021 Legislature?

Respond effectively to the impacts of the COVID pandemic.

Do you agree with how Gov. Walz handled the coronavirus epidemic?

I disagree with how Donald Trump has handled the pandemic, particularly his choice to shift the responsibility of response to governors. I believe Gov. Walz is doing the best job he can to respond to a global pandemic, social unrest, and a collapsing economy. Notably he is doing so while also contending with a Minnesota GOP who refuses to set aside their partisanship and help with the problem.

Do you believe Gov. Walz properly handled his authority by claiming emergency powers and sustaining them through at least October 2020?

Yes. We are still in an emergency. The president (who has COVID) still has a declared national emergency as have the majority of other governors. The amount of infections, positive rates, and deaths continues to indicate the need for these emergency powers. This allows the governor to prevent evictions, manage PPE supply, and respond quickly to the needs of the state.

What is your stance on the Line 3 Replacement Project?

We should remove Line 3 and lead the national transition to

a clean energy economy. Tar sands oil is the dirtiest in the world and processing it destroys fresh water while polluting our environment to a degree that no other extraction process does.

The use of illicit drugs remains a large issue in rural Minnesota. What do you think could or should be done to reduce the use of illegal drugs?

A plank within our platform is providing greater access to mental health and chemical dependency treatment services. People do not want to struggle in silence with mental illness or rely on chemicals to cope. By offering resources to heal and succeed we can provide a healthy alternative to addiction.

Should Minnesota increase or decrease its renewable energy mandates on utilities?

Renewable energy alternatives should be incentivized, not mandated. The transition to a clean energy economy must be thoughtfully and comprehensively planned and executed to ensure all parties can succeed.

Do you think Minnesota should have a voter ID law?

No.

Do you believe that mail-in ballots create an opening for voter fraud? Should voter registration information be available for public review in cases where registrations are suspected of being in violation of state law?

No.
Minnesota leads the nation in voter turnout and has some of the strictest campaign finance laws in the union. There is no evidence that minor (let alone widespread) voter fraud exists. I want to ensure that voting is a safe, easy, and secure process for all Minnesota residents.

How can we improve the economic health of rural Minnesota?

We need good jobs, work that provides a living wage, health insurance, and retirement. We have a surplus of low-skill minimum wage jobs in this region that do little to provide for the needs of our residents. We must attract and support manufacturing, technology, and creative industries that provide good work for our communities.

What are your views on some of the leading social

issues? Abortion, gay marriage, transgender bathroom and sports issues, Black Lives Matter, Antifa, riots, and policing?

I am pro-choice. I believe in the right for people to marry who they love. I believe that people should use the bathroom of their chosen gender, wash their hands, and that every bathroom should have a changing table. Black Lives Matter is an idea not an organization. We must work to end the racial disparities within our systems of justice.

Are there other issues you want to address?

We can and must do better for the sake of our shared futures. We can and must work together, setting aside the barriers that falsely divide us. We must recognize that humanity is a family, spread to every corner of our world, and miraculous in our diversity. We should understand that what brings us together is far stronger than what works to tear us apart. Now is a moment in the history of humanity, where we are given an opportunity to show that we are bigger than our hate, better than our prejudices, and stronger than our fears. I believe that we must build bridges to a better tomorrow and I hope that my role in this is as a representative.

Background

Jeremiah Liend was born in Bemidji. He began his life attending school in Bagley, eventually graduating from Bemidji High School. He began his secondary education at Bemidji State University and continued with enrollment in the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City, the University of Wisconsin River Falls, and Metropolitan State University, where he earned a Master of Liberal Arts degree.

Liend has run for office three times, twice for Mayor of Bemidji in 2004 and 2008, and in 2016 as a registered write-in candidate for Governor of Minnesota. In addition to his educational and political pursuits, Liend is an active member of the performing arts community with a focus on creating new work. Liend works remotely as an Operations Support Specialist for Complete Solar while living in Turtle River with his family, the best dog in the world, and 20 chickens.

Trump Administration Invests \$11,500 for Community Infrastructure in Gonvick

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 20, 2020 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development State Director for Minnesota Brad Finstad today announced that USDA is investing \$11,500 in essential equipment for the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick, Minn.

"Modern, safe infrastructure is the bedrock of any community, especially when it helps to provide a safe space for residential recovery," Finstad said. "Whether it's modern kitchen equipment for affordable meals or proper heating and cooling equipment, all these things contribute to the economic prosperity of rural America. Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA is dedicated to assisting community facilities like Clear Waters Life Center with their long-term commitments to economic prosperity; because when rural America prospers, all of America prospers."

Clear Water Life Center (CWLC) will use an \$11,500 Community Facilities Grant to purchase new equipment and implement essential infrastructure improvements to the existing facility. CWLC houses the Mustard Seed Homes program, a 12-month men's residential recovery, transitional, and reintegration program. It provides a safe environment to maintain sobriety, stabilize mental health, and transition to independence with focused life skill and vocational training. Between the two facilities, CWCL is licensed for 13 men in the Mustard Seed Homes Program. The youth center serves 20-30 youth involved in the weekly Youth Connection Program. CWLC serves the communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Bagley, and Gully This project will help purchase new appliances and install a sufficient heating/cooling system in the Mustard Seed Transitional Apartment at the Clearbrook site. The new appliances include two refrigerators, a freezer, stove, microwave, furnace, and air conditioner. The youth center will get a commercial fridge and stove.

Funding for today's announcement was made available through the \$150 million in grants included in the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act that President Trump signed into law on June 6, 2019. These grants are to help eligible rural communities continue their recovery from the devastating effects of natural disasters.

Grants may be used for relief in areas affected by Hurricanes Michael and Florence; wildfires in 2018; and other natural disasters where the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

has provided a notice declaring a Major Disaster Declaration and assigned a FEMA disaster recovery (DR) number. Please check the FEMA website for regular updates and names of additional communities that may be added.

Grant applications will be accepted on a continual basis until funds are exhausted. Contact your local area office for further information or assistance with the application process. Grant assistance will be provided on a graduated scale; smaller communities with the lowest median household income are eligible for a higher proportion of grant funds. For application details and additional information, see page 47477 of the Sept. 10, 2019 Federal Register.

More than 100 types of projects are eligible for Community Facilities funding. Eligible applicants include municipalities, public bodies, nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Native American tribes. Projects must be in eligible rural areas with a population of 20,000 or less.

In April 2017, President Don-

One more chance to do your part

To the editor:
Yes, one more chance to do your part and vote correctly for those best qualified for the future of America. Christians, you're not voting for a preacher, but for the best qualified leaders for this nation.

I'm confused at those Never Trumpers who direct and promote hate groups and give hate speeches. My opinion (which doesn't carry much clout) likens President Trump to King David of old who climbed in his chariot and led the charge, fighting for his nation. President Trump, doing the same, only in Air Force I, is leading the charge, fighting for our nation. If you want to retain your freedom (life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness), he is your choice!

Party politics and loyalties are of little value. Your vote for China Joe is a vote for an America that you won't recognize. By the way, what was Gov. Walz doing in China a couple of years ago? And also I read recently that our Governor is not putting the statue of Christopher Columbus back in place in St. Paul. Maybe Clearwater County would like the statue here?

We are a republic, more than a democracy. As Ben Kenslow said, "A democracy carried on too long turns into a dictatorship. Seems we're beginning to recognize that. Our own State Capitol politicians are advancing that policy. The days are short, voters. Do we vote with prayer or party politics?"

Plato said, "If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed

ald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure is a cornerstone recommendation of the task force.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities 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.

to live under the rule of fools, your silence gives consent."

Newt Gingrich said, "Do you want to be the home of the brave, land of the free, or home of the timid, land of the slaves?" That we will be if we succumb to the Socialist/Marxist agenda. They stand together, therefore they accomplish their agenda (with political help of course).

Take notice, Church: Satan has declared war on America. Christians need to stand together! Some churches have, and are winning their lawsuits and areas are opening up (Rev. McArthur in California, churches in Colorado). The Church can put Satan on the run. We as Christians are to be the city on a hill, the light of the world (read Mathew 5:14-16). As the song says "Stand up, stand up for Jesus."

America doesn't belong to Satan and his Socialist/Marxist buddies and helpers. This is God's country, a nation He gave us to take care of. We are citizens of Heaven, but we live in the greatest country on earth, and therefore have certain rights, privileges and responsibilities.

Vote correctly. It is important. Lord help us in this crucial hour.

To the governors and mayors of our cities who put their hand against the Church of God, heed Romans 12:19 -- "I will repay saith the Lord."

Bye for now, folks. I'll leave you with firm advice, I John 1:9 -- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." All! (not some) "All!"

Jerry L. Wraa
Leonard

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

With Line 3 construction recently completed in North Dakota, the only part of the over 1,000-mile project that is unfinished is the 337 mile stretch in Minnesota, where construction has not yet begun, as we continue to wait for permits.

Why is our state being so indecisive about this project when it's now the most studied pipeline project in state history? Wisconsin, North Dakota, and Canada did not have problems getting this done. It seems in Minnesota that unnecessary politics are holding this up.

The reality is that we need this pipeline. Not only does it supply and will continue to supply a valuable resource, but it fuels the refineries that make sure we have fuel. It is a plain fact that we need oil. We will not be free from oil anytime soon. This means we should make sure that it continues to move safely through an updated Line 3.

It is time our leaders do something for the benefit of Minnesotans instead of personal political agendas.

We need this project approved. We need to put Minnesotans to work and reboot our economy. This project will go a long way in doing both of those tasks.

Let's stop playing political games and approve Line 3. If this were a new Football or Baseball Stadium it would already be completed.

Al Saarinen
Gordon Construction
Mahnomon, MN

Letter to the Editor,

Trying to achieve Herd Immunity by letting the coronavirus spread, without a nation-wide plan to protect seniors and other vulnerable people, is really just culling the herd. So, if you are a senior or a vulnerable person, or you care about a senior or vulnerable person, you would be a fool to believe in herd immunity through letting the virus spread unchecked through our population.

Be smart, follow the advice of real experts, wear a mask, practice social distancing, avoid crowds, etc.

By the time you read this about 220,000 of our fellow citizens will have become fatal victims in this poorly run war against this invisible enemy. Some will say about those victims, "it is what it is".

Stop the spread...Don't spread the lie! The member of the herd you save may be yourself or someone you love.

Don Foster, Bagley

Minnesota DNR grants 2 approvals for Line 3 pipeline

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted two of the 10 required DNR permits for the proposed Enbridge Line 3 crude oil pipeline replacement project in northern Minnesota.

The DNR on last week issued approvals for the Gully 30 Fen Calcareous Fen Management Plan and the Gully 30 Fen Water Appropriation Permit, both located in Polk County, near Trail, in northwestern Minnesota.

"The DNR conducted a thorough review of these applications, and has determined that these two approvals, as conditioned, meet the requirements of state statutes and rules," DNR Assistant Commissioner Jess Richards said in a statement. "The DNR carefully considered all comments and other input in making these decisions."

According to the DNR, the Gully 30 Fen Calcareous Fen Management Plan approval establishes the requirements Enbridge must follow to protect the area during construction, including construction at the safest time of year, practices to protect the fen and establishes construction and post-construction monitoring requirements to ensure impacts are minimal.

Meanwhile, the DNR's approval of the Water Appropriation Permit allows temporary dewatering to facilitate construction and sets the pumping rate and volume restrictions necessary to ensure sustainable use of local groundwater.

The DNR is still considering eight other Line 3-related appli-

cations from Enbridge, as well as a request from the company for short- and long-term leases for state land so it can use the land for construction access/staging and ongoing operation and maintenance.

The DNR's role in the project is focused on avoiding and minimizing adverse impacts associated with building, operating and maintaining the new pipeline on the 337-mile route across northern Minnesota, the DNR said.

Construction won't begin on the pipeline replacement project yet, though. In addition to the other DNR approvals, Enbridge still needs regulatory approvals from other state, tribal and federal agencies, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Some of these approvals are expected by sometime in November.

Enbridge officials have said they hope to begin construction before the end of 2020, according to MPR News, noting it'll take 6-9 months to build.

A years-long process The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approved the route and a certificate of need for the project in May (the second time it approved the project).

For this project, Enbridge is proposing to replace its existing Line 3 pipeline, which is nearly 60 years old and deteriorating, with a new, larger pipeline along a different route that connects the tar fields in Canada to Superior, Wisconsin, via northern Minnesota.

This has kicked off a years-long approval process that's been delayed by appeals and lawsuits. The state has approved this project twice – most recently in May, when the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) approved the route and a certificate of need for the project.

However, the Minnesota Department of Commerce in August filed an appeal against the PUC approval, claiming the approval didn't take into consideration a possible drop in oil demand as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. This marks the third time the Commerce Department has appealed the pipeline since the approval process began in 2015, and it ended up costing the department's commissioner his job.

Throughout the approval process, proponents of the pipeline say it is needed and will create jobs, while opponents, including Native American tribal members and environmental groups, have been fighting against it in court, saying the pipeline will usurp Indigenous treaty rights and contribute to climate change.

November 14 deadline for MPCA

DNR Issues Permits and ALJ Report Supports MPCA's Draft Water Quality Permit, Economic Development Official Urges Walz Administration to Fully Approve Line 3 Project

(GRAND RAPIDS, MINN) As the deadline gets closer for a state agency to make a decision about a key permit for the Enbridge Line 3 project, a key Minnesota economic development official today urged the Walz Administration to fully approve the project to make sure construction can start as soon as possible. Tamara Lowney, President and CEO of the Itasca Economic Development Corporation said the region needs the jobs and investment the fully-studied project will bring to 14 counties across Northern Minnesota. This week the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issued two permits and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has until Nov. 14th to decide to issue a major permit for the project.

"This is a critically important project for our region at a time of significant economic challenge that COVID-19 has only made worse," said Tamara Lowney, President and CEO of the Itasca Economic Development Corporation. "The recent ALJ report and the decision this week by the DNR to issue permits show that the Line 3 project is clearly ready to move forward. Our region needs jobs, investment, and ways to protect our environment and quality of life. Line 3 does all of this and it is my hope Governor Walz will make sure it is fully approved so that construction can start as soon as possible.

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ery Facility (MRF) recovers recyclables from trash, but the MRF operates more efficiently if it's separating mixed recyclables only, rather than recyclables from trash. Some of the recyclables aren't pulled out and end up in the landfill. Not only that, but the tipping fee for mixed recyclables is ZERO, which saves the county money!

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Clearwater County Environmental Services



X is for eXplosion

On July 30, 1948 the headlines in the local newspapers read "Gas Service Station Demolished By Explosion" and "Blast Destroys Clearbrook Station." The Clearbrook papers described it as "what will probably go down as one of the greatest explosions and fires in the history of Clearbrook completely demolished the structure that housed the Odegaard & Bagne Service Station."

It was later determined that

the blast was caused by gas fumes ignited by the air compressor. No one was in the station at the time of the blast, William Berglund and Arnold Odegaard having just locked up. There was some worry about Odegaard still being in the building, but he was headed to the county fair and was located there.

Soon after the blast, the streets of Clearbrook filled with

people shaken by the force of the blast. And wondering what was going on. Luckily the fire hall was located right across the street so the fire was extinguished very quickly. Luckily, the flames were kept away from two large gas storage tanks just a few feet away. Had they exploded there would have been considerable damage to the buildings on the block.

Both Bagley and Gowick Fire departments were called in "stood by" in case they were needed. The Clearbrook department kept an all night vigil in case the fire started up again.

It was noted that the moneybag, hidden in an air duct, was later found downtown by the Lee building, the blast sending it airborne; landing several blocks away. Another

oddy was that the tires stored in the upstairs part of the building burned up completely, while the tires stored in the basement were undamaged.

The building was owned by William Berglund and was insured. Odegaard and Bagne placed an ad in the next weeks paper stating they were still in business and will rebuild.

The History Center in Shevlin was closed due to the Covid19 pandemic. But it is now open by appointment, Tuesday- Friday 10:00-4:00 call 218-785-2000 to make appointments. The staff has provided stories from the county's past- "The ABC's of Clearwater County" in the meantime.

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**Odegaard & Bagne
Clearbrook Minnesota**



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

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

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

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

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FEDERAL OFFICES

One United States President and Vice President
One United States Senator
One United States Representative for District 7

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

One State Senator District 2
One State Representative for District 2A

COUNTY OFFICES

One Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for District 1
One Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for District 2
One Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for District 5

TOWNSHIP OFFICES

One Town Supervisor Seat 1
One Town Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

Four School Board Members for ISD 162
Four School Board Members for ISD 2311
One School Board Member for Special Election to Fill Vacancy for ISD 2311

JUDICIAL OFFICES

Supreme Court Judges:
One Associate Justice of Supreme Court Seat 4
Appeals Court Judges:
One Judge Court of Appeals Seat 3
One Judge Court of Appeals Seat 9
One Judge Court of Appeals Seat 13
One Judge Court of Appeals Seat 15
District Court Judges:
9th Judicial District:
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 2
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 4
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 5
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 11
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 12
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 14
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 15
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 18
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 19
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 21
One Judge 9th District Court Seat 22

Dated: October 15, 2020
Marilyn Shamp, Clerk of the Township of Eddy

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Grygla **294-6220** McIntosh **563-3585**
Gonvick **487 5225** Oklee **796-5181**

Let us print something for you.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

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Dated: October 15, 2020
Joel Wraa, Clerk of the Township of Clover

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Sample ballots

CLEARWATER COUNTY	STATE OF MINNESOTA	November 3, 2020
STATE GENERAL ELECTION COMPOSITE SAMPLE BALLOT		
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 		
FEDERAL OFFICES	STATE OFFICES	COUNTY OFFICES
PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT VOTE FOR ONE TEAM FOR ALL PRECINCTS	STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2A VOTE FOR ONE	SOIL AND WATER SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 2 VOTE FOR ONE
☐ Donald J. Trump & Michael R. Pence Republican	FOR PRECINCTS: Clover Township, Copley Township, Dudley Township, Eddy Township, Greenwood Township, Hangaard Township, Holst Township, Leon Township, Pine Lake Township, Popple Township, Red Lake	☐ Harlan Strandlien
☐ Joseph R. Biden & Kamala Harris Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Reservation, Shevlin Township, Sinclair Township, Winsor Township, Bagley City, Clearbrook City, Gonvick City, Leonard City, Shevlin City	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente & Darcy Richardson Independence-Alliance	Matthew J. Grossell	SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5 VOTE FOR ONE
☐ Howie Hawkins & Angela Walker Green Party	☐ Republican	☐ John C. Gunvalson
☐ Kanye West & Michelle Tidball Independent	☐ Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Brock Pierce & Karla Ballard Independent	☐ write-in, if any	
☐ Gloria La Riva & Leonard Peltier Socialism and Liberation	STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2B VOTE FOR ONE	SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES
☐ Alyson Kennedy & Malcolm Jarrett Socialist Workers Party	FOR PRECINCTS: Bear Creek Township, Falk Township, Itasca Township, LaPrairie Township, Long Lost Lake Township, Minerva Township, Moose Creek Township, Nora Township, Rice Township, South Clearwater 143-36	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
☐ Jo Jorgensen & Jeremy "Spike" Cohen Liberation Party	Steve Green	INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Republican	NO. 38 (RED LAKE) VOTE FOR UP TO THREE
US Senator VOTE FOR ONE FOR ALL PRECINCTS	☐ David Suby Democratic-Farmer-Labor	FOR PRECINCT: RED LAKE RESERVATION
☐ Kevin O'Connor Legal Marijuana Now	☐ write-in, if any	☐ Jack Desjarlait
☐ Oliver Steinberg Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis	COUNTY OFFICES	☐ Patricia L. Neadeau
☐ Jason Lewis Republican	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	☐ Michael Barrett
☐ Tina Smith Democratic-Farmer-Labor	DISTRICT 2	☐ Christopher Jourdain
☐ write-in, if any	VOTE FOR ONE	☐ Tina Stately
US Representative DISTRICT 7 VOTE FOR ONE FOR ALL PRECINCTS	FOR PRECINCTS: Falk Township, Itasca Township, LaPrairie Township, Long Lost Lake Township, Minerva Township, Nora Township, Rice Township, South Clearwater 143-36	☐ Rob Pemberton Sr.
☐ Slater Johnson Legal Marijuana Now	☐ Dean Newland	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Rae Hart Anderson Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis	☐ Douglas Lindgren	
☐ Michelle Fischbach Republican	☐ write-in, if any	
☐ Collin C. Peterson Democratic-Farmer-Labor	COUNTY OFFICES	SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 IND
☐ write-in, if any	COUNTY COMMISSIONER	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (RED LAKE)
STATE OFFICES	DISTRICT 4	APPROVAL OF SCHOOL REFERENDUM
State Senator District 2 Vote for One FOR ALL PRECINCTS	☐ John A. Nelson	REVNUUE AUTHORIZATION
☐ Paul Utke Republican	☐ write-in, if any	The Board of Ind School Dist 38 (Red Lake) has proposed to increase its general eduation revenue by \$1,343.00 per pupil. A portion of this referendum revenue authorization would replace the school district's prior authorization of \$901.32 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2021. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for ten years, commencing with taxes payable in 2022, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School Dist No 38 be approved? By Voting "Yes" on this ballot question, you are voting for a property tax increase.
☐ Leonard Alan Roy Democratic-Farmer-Labor	SOIL AND WATER SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1 VOTE FOR ONE	☐ Yes
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Alroy Lewis	☐ No
	☐ write-in, if any	

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

CLEARWATER COUNTY	STATE OF MINNESOTA	November 3, 2020
STATE GENERAL ELECTION COMPOSITE SAMPLE BALLOT		
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 		
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES	JUDICIAL OFFICES	
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS	SUPREME COURT	JUDICIAL OFFICES
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 162 (BAGLEY) VOTE FOR UP TO FOUR	ASSOCIATE JUSTICE 4 Vote for One FOR ALL PRECINCTS	COURT OF APPEALS
FOR PRECINCTS: Bear Creek Township, Copley Township, Dudley Township, Eddy Township, Falk Township, Holst Township, Itasca Township, LaPrairie Township, Long Lost Lake Township, Minerva Township, Moose Creek Township, Nora Township, Popple Township, Rice Township, Shevlin Township, South Clearwater 143-36, Bagley City, Shevlin City	☐ Michelle L. MacDonald	JUDGE 11
☐ Andrew Bennett	☐ Paul Thissend Incumbant	VOTE FOR ONE
☐ Mark R. Olson	☐ write-in, if any	FOR ALL PRECINCTS
☐ John Arlo Gerbracht	COURT OF APPEALS	☐ Anne M. Rasmusson Incumbant
☐ Bill Prochaska	JUDGE 3	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Renee Benson	VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 12
☐ Adam Broden	FOR ALL PRECINCTS	VOTE FOR ONE
☐ write-in, if any	JUDGE 9	FOR ALL PRECINCTS
☐ write-in, if any	VOTE FOR ONE	☐ Sarah L. McBroom Incumbant
☐ write-in, if any	FOR ALL PRECINCTS	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Randall J. Sleiter Incumbant	JUDGE 14
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	VOTE FOR ONE
☐ write-in, if any	JUDGE 13	FOR ALL PRECINCTS
☐ write-in, if any	VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 15
☐ write-in, if any	FOR ALL PRECINCTS	VOTE FOR ONE
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS	☐ Jeanne Cochran Incumbant	FOR ALL PRECINCTS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2311 (CLEARBROOK-GONVICK) VOTE FOR UP TO FOUR	☐ write-in, if any	☐ Tamara L. Yon Incumbant
FOR PRECINCTS: Clover Township, Dudley Township, Eddy Township, Greenwood Township, Hangaard Township, Holst Township, Leon Township, Pine Lake Township, Sinclair Township, Winsor Township, Clearbrook City, Gonvick City, Leonard City	JUDGE 15	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Dudley Wishard	VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 18
☐ Vern R. Wittenberg	FOR ALL PRECINCTS	VOTE FOR ONE
☐ Gus Vettleson	☐ Kevin G. Ross Incumbant	FOR ALL PRECINCTS
☐ Jeff Westrum	☐ write-in, if any	☐ Jeffery S. Remick Incumbant
☐ write-in, if any	9TH DISTRICT COURT	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	JUDGE 4	JUDGE 21
☐ write-in, if any	VOTE FOR ONE	VOTE FOR ONE
☐ write-in, if any	FOR ALL PRECINCTS	FOR ALL PRECINCTS
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Benjamin T. Lindstrom Charles D. Halverson Incumbant	☐ Patricia Aanes Incumbant
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	JUDGE 19	JUDGE 22
☐ write-in, if any	VOTE FOR ONE	VOTE FOR ONE
☐ write-in, if any	FOR ALL PRECINCTS	FOR ALL PRECINCTS
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES	☐ James Hughes Jana M Austad Incumbant	☐ Darlene Rivera Spalla Incumbant
SPECIAL ELECTION SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTE FOR ONE	JUDGE 2	
FOR PRECINCTS: Clover Township, Dudley Township, Eddy Township, Greenwood Township, Hangaard Township, Holst Township, Leon Township, Pine Lake Township, Sinclair Township, Winsor Township, Clearbrook City, Gonvick City, Leonard City	VOTE FOR ONE	
☐ Vanessa Gustafson	FOR ALL PRECINCTS	
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Matthew Mallie Incumbant	
	☐ write-in, if any	
	JUDGE 5	
	VOTE FOR ONE	
	FOR ALL PRECINCTS	
	☐ D. Korey Wahwassuck Incumbant	
	☐ write-in, if any	

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Home Country

Slim Randles
Dewey Decker showed his new business cards to the other guys at the Mule Barn Truck Stop's philosophy counter, and each member of the world dilemma think tank got to keep one.
Steve, our owlsh-appearing cowboy, scratched his head as he studied the card.
"Okay, Dewey, I'll bite ... what's a verm-a-?"
"Vermiculturist, Steve," Dewey said, proudly. "It means I raise worms."
Dewey, the beloved accident-prone member of the think tank, began his new career with just a shovel and his pickup, spreading manure

in people's yards. Now, thanks in great part to the genius of his girlfriend, Emily, (she of the magnificent cheekbones) he was earning a decent living. Back when they fell in love ... and that's literally, because Dewey tripped. she took this crash-and-burn disaster and molded him into a multi-dimensional businessman, while still keeping him away from sharp objects or things that crush.
Dewey has branched out now into compost, worms (excuse me ... vermiculture) and fertilizer tea. The tea goes on the lawn, not in the tea cups.
"Dewey," said Doc, "this vermiculture stuff now ... how much work is it, really?"
"That's the good part about it, Doc. You see, I don't have to do anything at all, really, except keep them in ... product, you know. They reproduce without any outside help, and turn manure into the best compost in the world. Then you can sell them to other people to

PUBLIC NOTICE
To the Electors of the City of Clearbrook, County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota:
Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the above-named City of Clearbrook at the Clearbrook Community Center, 200 Elm Street SW in Clearbrook, Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers to the Federal, Legislative, State, Judicial, County, City, and District 2311 School Board.
CLEARBROOK CITY OFFICES ON THE ELECTION BALLOTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3rd, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Mayor (2-year term)
Vote for one:
Dylan Goudge
City Council (4-year term)
Vote for two:
Tom Davis
Olaf Engebretson
City Council (2-year term)
Vote for two:
Rachel Nelson
Dale Volstad
Yolanda Pindegayosh R32C

OFFICIAL BALLOT CITY ELECTION BALLOT CITY OF GONVICK COUNTY OF CLEARWATER MINNESOTA TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020
Put a cross mark (x) opposite the name in the square indicated by the arrow for whom you wish to vote.
Mayor
Two year term (vote for one)
____ Candace Coulter
____ write in, if any _____
Council Member
Four year term (vote for two)
____ Corrine Richards
____ Susan Sims
____ write in, if any _____
____ write in, if any _____
Council Member
Two year term (vote for one)
____ Shane Olson
____ write in, if any _____ R32C

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One Judge 9th District Court Seat 22
Dated: October 15, 2020 Stephanie Anderson, Clerk of the Township of Holst R32C

work their compost piles, or to fishermen."
"Well, Dewey," said Herb, "it looks to me like simply being a vermiculturist doesn't really cover the subject. Wouldn't those red wigglers also make you a compostocologist?"
"Hadh't really thought about ..." Dewey said.
"And when it comes to selling them to fishermen," Doc said, "wouldn't you be an ichthymasticusdietician?"
"I ... I ..."
"Yes, Dewey?"
"I refuse to be anything I can't spell."

Brought to you to honor those masked folks who wait on us in the coffee shops and take our temperature at the doctor's office. Thank you for your courage.

Commissioners Minutes

Board of Commissioners' September 8, 2020
The September meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on September 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Illies presiding and Commissioners Titera, Larson and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the Agenda.
Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the minutes for the month of August with corrections.
Land Department – Bruce Cox presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, accepting the bid from Champion Forestry Service for \$12,052.25 for bud capping 175 acres of regenerating pine.
Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the resolution approving the sale of a tax-forfeited parcel to the City of Gonvick. Resolution is on file.
Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to pass the resolution on file fixing terms and conditions for land sale and approving the list of lands and appraisals on file.
Commissioner Newland present at 9:16 a.m.
Environmental Services – Dan Hecht presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the resolution for the establishment of a market price for solid waste management tax purposes, on file.
Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills 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 \$96,043.06 for the County Revenue Fund and \$16,665.41 for the Nursing Service Fund.
Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to accept the resignation of Steve Faldet, Maintenance Supervisor effective October 31, 2020 and to advertise to fill that position.
Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to accept the resignation of Jill Evje, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer effective September 11, 2020 and to advertise to fill the position.
Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the application for the 2021 Seasonal Beer and Wine License for Douglas Lodge, Itasca State Park.

FUND	GROSS LEVY	CPA	NET LEVY BASE
Revenue	5,302,250	472,369	4,829,881
Reg. Lib.	108,780	9,691	99,089
DHS, SS	1,154,531	102,855	1,051,676
DHS, IM	594,755	52,986	541,769
Road & Bridge	1,167,200	103,984	1,063,216
SWM	600,000	53,453	546,547
Totals	8,927,516	795,338	8,132,178

This is a 1.4% increase from 2020.
Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$13,546.14 for the County Revenue Fund and \$1,033.63 for the Nursing Service Fund.
Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to accept the Three year proposal and sign contract with KLD Surveying Service to remonument Public Land Survey System corners in Itasca (T144N R36W), Rice (T144N R37W), LaPrairie Central (T144N R38W), Long Lost Lake (T143N R37W) and LaPrairie (T143N R38W) for a 2021 fee of \$177,475.50, 2022 fee of \$167,620.00 and 2023 fee of \$167,620.00. Funding for these fees will be paid out of Land Surveying.
Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to hire part time help in the Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer for Election and Pandemic COVID-19 additional responsibilities with reimbursement funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Maximum of 2 positions. Those positions would end December 31, 2020 unless extended by the County Board.
Recess – The meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2020.
September 29, 2020
Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2020 with Chairman Illies presiding and all Commissioners present.
Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the Agenda with additions.
Extension – Kayla Nyegaard presented the following motion: By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement. Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded

Clearwater County Sheriff Weekly Activity
Darin Halverson
Bear Creek - Total 1
10/19/20 03:02 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Bagley - Total 24
10/18/20 11:43 911 Hang Up
10/18/20 17:21 Medical 43 - Patient Treated, Released
10/19/20 00:42 Traffic Stop
10/19/20 04:55 Motorist Assist - Arrest
10/19/20 13:45 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/19/20 16:18 911 Hang Up
10/20/20 05:17 Medical 41
10/20/20 07:41 Warrant Arrest
10/20/20 12:30 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/20/20 12:55 Vehicle Lock Out
10/21/20 12:55 Death
10/21/20 15:40 Fire 32 - Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)
10/22/20 08:57 Alarm
10/22/20 09:15 Medical
10/22/20 16:25 Traffic Complaint
10/23/20 10:19 Traffic Complaint
10/23/20 13:20 911 Hang Up
10/23/20 13:20 Threats
10/23/20 13:36 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
10/23/20 14:42 CIVIL PROCESS
10/23/20 16:45 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
10/24/20 08:47 CIVIL PROCESS
10/24/20 09:22 Lost/Found Property - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/24/20 13:28 Traffic Complaint
City of Clearbrook- Total 2
10/20/20 16:15 Civil Complaint
10/20/20 22:17 Alarm
City of Gonvick - Total 1
10/21/20 15:55 Medical 43 - Patient Treated, Released
Copley - Total 6
10/19/20 07:25 Welfare Check
10/21/20 14:55 Welfare Check
10/21/20 15:20 ASSIST
10/21/20 20:01 Motorist Assist
10/22/20 15:17 Traffic Stop
10/23/20 14:58 CIVIL PROCESS
Dudley - Total 1
10/18/20 17:16 ASSIST
Eddy - Total 1
10/20/20 21:49 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Falk - Total 5
10/21/20 18:11 Traffic Complaint
10/23/20 09:41 Vehicle Lock Out
10/24/20 09:10 CIVIL PROCESS
10/24/20 09:18 CIVIL PROCESS
10/24/20 09:30 CIVIL PROCESS
Holst - Total 3
10/18/20 17:47 Traffic Stop
10/21/20 13:10 Welfare Check
10/24/20 19:52 Traffic Stop
LaPrairie - Total 2
10/20/20 14:06 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/24/20 15:48 Welfare Check
LaPrairie N - Total 3
10/18/20 12:14 Animal Related
10/19/20 20:25 Disturbance
10/24/20 20:57 Disturbance
Sheriff's Weekly Activity ...
Continued on next page

Auditor-Treasurer to advertise for an Auditor-Treasurer Clerk position.
CARES motions – Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the expenditures of the Public Safety Committee of which he is a member, in the amount of \$55,376.56 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. A complete list and breakdown is on file with Committee's recommendation to pay.
Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the expenditures of the Equipment, Supplies and IT Committee of which he is a member, in the amount of \$152,344.10 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. A complete list and breakdown is on file with the Committee's recommendation to pay.
Marvin Sauers/ Engineer – Marvin Sauers was present to discuss an approach to be put in for a new business he owns on County 2. The following motion was made: By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement. Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, the County Board does find that extraordinary hardships or practical difficulties exists for the Marvin Sauer Access Plan request on CSAH 2 and authorizes a modification of access standards and affirms that any new approaches to parcel number

R10.027.0530 be placed as shown in documentation on file 250-350 feet from North edge of TH 200.
Engineer – Dan Sauvé presented the following motion: By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement. Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the County Engineer to spend up to \$1,000 or the balance of the County Ditch 2 Fund to remove beaver dam after each occurrence on County Ditch 2 without approval of the County Board.
Land Department – Bruce Cox presented the following motion: By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement. Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to encourage Congressman Peterson, through the Joint Powers Natural Resources Committee, to include property tax reimbursement for Federal Land acquisitions in his bill.
Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m.
Dated: October 13, 2020
Neal Illies, Board Chairman
Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator

SEPTEMBER 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000		
Always There Staffing, Inc	8,596.08	County Revenue
Anderson Disposal	11,374.64	Solid Waste
Beltrami County Public Health Nur Serv	18,798.19	NCCHA
Beltrami County Treasurer	12,476.00	County Revenue
Bemidji Bituminous	45,738.00	Road & Bridge
Cease Family Funeral Home	2,769.50	Human Services
Clearwater County Nursing Service	11,430.75	NCCHA
Clearwater County Nursing Service	10,175.85	NCCHA
Clearwater Day Activity Center	2,976.56	Human Services
	2,454.00	Co Rev, R&B, Solid Waste
Clearwater Polk Electric		
Commissioner of Revenue	2,462.00	County Revenue
Commissioner of Transportation	2,473.81	Road & Bridge
Dept of Human Services SWIFT	82,668.55	Human Services
Election Systems & Software Inc	3,054.44	County Revenue
First National Bank	6,256.27	Taxes & Penalties
Fox/Rosshell & Mikel	2,827.40	Human Services
	3,738.01	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Garden Valley Technologies		
Haugen/Gregory K	2,635.00	County Revenue
Headwaters Regional Development Comm	2,770.00	NCCHA
Lakes Concrete Plus Inc	2,956.55	Human Services
Lakewood Public Health	8,552.84	NCCHA
Lakewood Public Health	7,202.22	NCCHA
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	51,925.04	NCCHA
Lewis/Travis & Tiffanie	2,420.24	Human Services
Listrom's Disposal	15,014.88	Solid Waste
Marco Technologies	8,082.71	County Revenue
McKesson Medical Surgical	5,913.16	Nursing Service
Murray Surveying Inc	2,240.00	County Revenue
MEND Correction Care, PLLC	5,124.76	County Revenue
MN Dept of Finance	6,468.50	State Fund
MN Dept of Finance	3,554.00	State Fund
MSOP - MN Sex Offender Program 462	6,700.65	Human Services
North Homes Inc	16,399.93	Human Services
Northwest MN Juvenile Ctr	17,342.00	Human Services
	29,900.00	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Polk County Solid Waste		
Prime Health	83,825.86	County Revenue
Pro West & Assoc	3,528.12	Forfeited Tax
Public Utilities Commission	4,385.73	County Revenue
Quin County CHB	12,471.51	NCCHA
Red Lake Builders	191,675.94	Road & Bridge
Rose/Patrick & Marlene	2,340.48	Human Services
Rural Minnesota CEP Inc	8,552.27	Human Services
RJ Zavoral & Sons Inc	340,669.43	Road & Bridge
Serenity Living Solutions of Remer	3,063.00	Human Services
Speedy Van, LLC	10,878.00	Human Services
St. Joseph's Community Health	10,355.28	NCCHA
St. Joseph's Community Health	24,177.35	NCCHA
St. Joseph's Community Health	4,791.13	NCCHA
St. Joseph's Community Health	25,526.45	NCCHA
Township of Nora	2,128.23	Road & Bridge
Traffic Marking Services	113,083.94	Road & Bridge
	19,726.18	Household Hazardous Waste
Veolia Environmental Services		
Vogt's Dirt Services LLC	193,312.18	Road & Bridge
Winter/Sheena & Christopher	2,369.64	Human Services
4 Imprint Inc	2,336.58	Energy
*** 217 VENDORS WERE PAID AMOUNTS UNDER \$2,000		
TOTALING \$93,692.23		

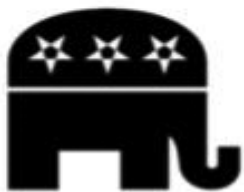


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The only candidates WILLING TO FIGHT for YOUR VALUES are your REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

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Paul Utke - MN Senate | Matthew Grossell - MN House 2a | Steve Green - MN House 2b

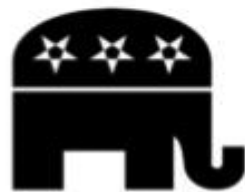
Non-Partisan Judge Candidates Endorsed by the Clearwater County GOP Executive Board Ben Lindstrom and James Hughes for JD9



PLEASE VOTE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 3RD

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Harriet Shellum of Clearbrook will be celebrating her 90th birthday on November 1st. Her family mailed out 250 letters with post cards enclosed for people to mail to her for her special day. Because of coronavirus they are not able to have a get together. Happy Birthday Harriet.

Most Township Election precincts have the polls open at 7:00 am but there are a few that open at 10:00 am including Eddy, Laprairie, Itasca and Minerva. Don't go away but do go and vote.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1, 2020, at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks back one hour to "fall back." Goodie one more hour of 2020.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick varsity volleyball team has a home game vs. Lake of the Woods on Thursday, October 29 @ 7 p.m. This is Homecoming Week.

The History Center in Shevlin was closed due to the Covid19 pandemic. But it is now open by appointment, Tuesday- Friday 10:00-4:00 call 218-785-2000 to make appointments. The staff has provided stories from the county's past- "The ABC's of Clearwater County" in the meantime.

The Gonvick Lions Club is having 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

Sportmans 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.

The Gonvick Fire Department has a 25 day Christmas Giveaway raffle. It will start on Tuesday, December 1 with a Winchester 270 Composite 24 with a scope and each day until December 25 will be a drawing for \$50, \$75, \$100, \$250, \$200 or \$300 drawing for cash until the last day December 25 with a drawing for a Beretta A300 12 gauge. Tickets will be available.

From my email...

I'm enjoying the weekly articles submitted on various Clearwater Co. History items, thank you for these. I am sharing them with my 6th grade teachers and they are using for their Minnesota History class.

Jacob Melby Elementary Principal Mahnomen School 218-935-2581, fax 935-5921.

Thank Tamera Edevold at the Clearwater County Historical Society for the submissions each week.

Joke Time -

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!". The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her

shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition.

She tried and tried, and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat. A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down.

She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

The moral of the story?

If you're going to have a senior moment... make it memorable.

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.

If you have a story or photo to share you can send to richards@gvtel.com. Your new family member, the big buck or fish that you got, wedding or engagement picture.

Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our website for you to see. Go online at trico-canary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our office.

We collect used eye glasses in the Leader-Record office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center.

4-H Premium Auction held

Kayla Nyegaard Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Clearwater County nyeg0007@umn.edu Office: 218.694.6151 Cell: 218.556.3732

I've attached the Clearwater County 4-H Premium Auction sale results. The Buyers are listed in bold.

Nora Stout: Grand Champion Market Steer - Erickson Family Farms

Peyton Berg: Reserve Champion Market Steer - Bagley Livestock Exchange

Nataly Stout: Grand Champion Market Heifer - Bagley Livestock

Bryce Helberg: Grand Champion Dairy Steer - Northern State Bank

Bryce Haugen: Grand Champion Market Barrow - Haugen Farms

Peyton Berg: Reserve Champion Market Barrow - Border State Bank

Bryce Haugen: Grand Champion Market Gilt - Winger Livestock Exchange

Peyton Berg: Reserve Champion Market Gilt - Clearbrook Elevator and Community Oil

Kyle Bowman: Grand Champion Market Lamb - Bagley Co-op Association

Kara Bowman: Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Lakes Area Co-op Perham

Charlie Kaiser: Grand Champion Market Goat - Lakes Area Co-op Perham

Jackson Kaiser: Reserve Champion Market Goat - Lakes Area Co-op Perham

Adriana Marsh: Grand Champion Market Chickens - Bagley Co-op Association

Adriana Marsh: Reserve Champion Market Chickens - Bemidji Co-op Association

Brett Berg: Grand Champion Market Ducks - Bemidji Co-op Association

Beau Berg: Reserve Champion Market Ducks - Bagley Co-op Association

Hannah Johnshoy: Grand Champion Market Guineas - Titan Machinery Winger

Brett Berg: Grand Champion Market Turkeys - Curt and Wendy Nyegaard

Hannah Johnshoy: Reserve Champion Market Turkeys - Rhodes Feed and Garden

Hannah Johnshoy: Grand Champion Market Rabbit - Curt and Wendy Nyegaard

Hannah Johnshoy: Reserve Champion Market Rabbit - North Country Hardware

Matthew Rankin: Blue Ribbon Market Barrow - Border State Bank

Caleb Petterson: Blue Ribbon Market Barrow - Border State Bank

Kaden Bowman: Blue Ribbon Market Lamb - Lakes Area Co-op Perham

Rose Java: Blue Ribbon Market Goat - Johnshoy Repair and Scott and Marnie Fawver

Chloe Marsh: Blue Ribbon Market Chickens - Davis Veterinary

Special thanks to our Round Robin Sponsors: B & M Supply, Bagley Co-op Association, Bemidji Area Co-op Association, Northdale Oil, Petterson Farms, Hoie Farm, Dave and Misten Kaiser, Haugen Farms, Scott and Marnie Fawver, Winter View, Haugen Farms Trucking, Erickson Family Farms, Northwoods Cottage, Circle B Ranch, Curt and Wendy Nyegaard.

Sheriff's Weekly Activity ... Continued from last page

Leon - Total 4
10/19/20 22:50 Traffic Complaint
10/22/20 14:59 Motorist Assist
10/23/20 19:58 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)

Long Lost Lake - Total 1
10/22/20 17:04 Welfare Check

Moose Creek - Total 3
10/20/20 08:40 911 Hang Up
10/23/20 02:38 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
10/23/20 08:34 Property Damage

Nora - Total 2
10/18/20 16:35 Traffic Stop
10/19/20 22:55 Animal Related

Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
10/20/20 09:58 Animal Related
10/20/20 10:55 Information Only
CW Out of Jurisdiction Total: 2

Pine Lake - Total 1
10/22/20 10:46 Traffic Stop

Popple - Total 7
10/18/20 20:23 Traffic Stop
10/20/20 18:23 CIVIL PROCESS
10/21/20 02:43 ASSIST
10/21/20 09:07 ASSIST

10/22/20 16:42 Traffic Stop
10/22/20 17:41 Animal Related
10/23/20 10:21 Death O - Handled By Officer / Deputy

Rice - Total 7
10/18/20 08:49 Traffic Stop
10/18/20 09:11 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)

10/20/20 13:30 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/21/20 14:29 Sexual Conduct
10/23/20 23:37 Alarm

10/24/20 20:30 911 Hang Up
Shevlin - Total 7
10/18/20 04:04 Traffic Stop
10/18/20 04:33 Traffic Stop
10/19/20 01:43 Traffic Stop

10/19/20 15:33 Information Only
10/20/20 10:06 911 Hang Up
10/20/20 17:20 Motorist Assist
10/24/20 20:11 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)

Sinclair - Total 2
10/19/20 15:09 Alarm
10/23/20 08:49 911 Hang Up

Total Records: 85

FROM THE PAST - 2008



Sarah and Tracy Imle.



Sharon and Mark Larson, Honored Beef Producers.



Linda's prepared lunch all starting with L. Lasagna, Lettuce, Lemon bar, LeFrench Bread. Kneeling are Linda Lindom and Linda Nordlund. Standing Linda Ostrom Linda Titera and Linda Berg.



Homecoming candidates. Emily Shamp, Jacey Ward and Arianna Hockenson, Taylor Pletschett, Brennan Bakke and Kellen Learmont.



CLEARBROOK-GONVICK KINDERGARTEN
Kindergartners are having baskets of fun while they practice social distancing.