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Members of the Gonvick American Legion were honored with a cake after their regular monthly meeting on November 10. The Legion Auxiliary gave a thank you for their service. Legion members in back of the cake were from left to right: Doug Faldet, Gary Oftelie, Eldin Ostad, Richard Sather, Dennis Johnson, LeRoy Sundquist and Gus Ollestad. Ladies who helped were Carole Johnson, Fay Bjerke, "Tippy" Berg, Louise Sundquist, Karen Oftelie, Teresa Faldet and Liz Ollestad. The delicious cake was baked by Kathy Bakke. -Photo by Fay Bjerke.



Clearbrook-Gonvick elementary student returned to school Monday

by Bonnie Kirchman
In a special meeting held on Monday, November 9th, the Clearbrook-Gonvick school board voted to return elementary students to school beginning November 16th. High school students will return to classes under the hybrid model at a date to be determined by administration. Distance learning on Fridays will continue for both the elementary and the high school.

Superintendent Jeff Burgess reviewed the process the school is using to decide on the appropriate learning model. The safety team continues to meet and review county data on COVID-19 cases. This team makes a recommendation to school administrators, and this is shared with the school board.

"It's an incredibly difficult decision moving forward, I don't think there are any easy answers," Burgess said, "There are many factors involved."

During the meeting, the board received input from teachers, parents and the school administration.

The elementary teachers wrote a letter that was read by Lori Beard, expressing their preference to teach students in-person four days a week. If the district chooses not to do the in-person teaching model, the teachers' second choice would be to continue with distance learning. The letter explained why the teachers do not want to move to the hybrid teaching model. The hybrid model requires a constant shift of students, causing extra

stress on families and teachers.

Parent Kori Machlitt also spoke to the board, expressing her concerns about the distance learning model and its impact on her own children. She feels her elementary-aged student, and many others in the district, are missing so much by not being in school including their teachers' help, the routine, and the stable environment that school provides.

Burgess presented the updated case numbers for the school. Twenty-eight students and three staff members were under quarantine. The active case rate for the county was approximately 120, while the Minnesota Department of Health's latest figure was 88.52.

While the county health personnel would prefer the school stay in the distance learning model, other school districts in the area with higher case numbers are working under other learning models. Burgess explained that in the decision-making processes set by the MDE and MDH, county case rates are just one factor schools look at. Other factors that schools look at include how case rates impact the school, if there is evidence of case spread at school, and adequate availability of staff.

Points included in the discussion were that younger students and their families are struggling more than the older students

in the distance learning model. The elementary students stay in their class all day, making social distancing easier than in the high school. Because of day care needs, elementary students are probably more likely to be mixing with more people when they are not in school.

Staffing continues to be an issue for the district due to a shortage of substitute teachers. Because of this, the board did not select a date for returning high school students. Mr. Burgess explained that staffing needs for the elementary school can be covered immediately. But he was not confident in their ability to provide the necessary staff for the high school in the next week. Once staffing is available, the high school will move to the hybrid model.

Under the hybrid model, the high school students will be able to resume in-person extracurricular activities.

The safety committee will also address this at their next meeting. Coaches Casey Kroulik and Sarah Goudge spoke during the meeting, conveying their teams' hopes to return to finish the season.

In other business, the board approved the candidacy returns for the school board election. The regular school board meeting for the month of November has been moved to Monday, November 23rd.

Craft Day in Clearbrook

Craft Day in Clearbrook that is usually held the same day as Santa Claus Day was going to be discussed at the council meeting on Monday, November 16. They were to make a decision. They had planned to have it, but with the new executive order last week, they are not sure they can hold the event and still follow the state guidelines, according to Clearbrook City Clerk Lucie Thompson.

Thompson went on to say, "but my feeling unless we can find a safe way to hold the event, we will not be having it. Which is too bad for all the vendors that make things all year to sell at our event."



Distance Learning Meal Delivery has been done from the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. According to Robin Proffitt, Food Service Director the kitchen/para crew of 8-9 has served and sent out 7,699 meals from 10/31-11/9! They appreciate the hard work and dedication of each and everyone. Shown is the Stein's Bus Service driver Trent Edgell and Para Professional Jeni Zurhorst. See more photos on page 3.

Commissioners welcome new Board Coordinator Ordinance action regarding camping approved and the CSO resigns

By Karen Edelbach
Commissioners and department heads attending the November 11 Clearwater County Board of Commissioners meeting welcomed a new face in the room, that of Trudi Alberg of Bagley as the new Board Coordinator. She takes over for Emily McDougall.

Camping Ordinance: Board Chairman Neal Illies asked that the commissioners take action based on the "Minnesota Administrative Rules" to create an ordinance regarding camping on county managed lands. With a motion by Commissioner Illies and seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera, they proceeded to pass the ordinance.

Commissioner Illies said that the intent isn't to prohibit, but to have some control over communal type camping in groups and any other occupancy. Mark Titera will be the commissioner appointed to it.

"We could make persons who make a mess liable, or if a person decides to become a squatter on county-owned lands they can only stay a limited amount of time," the Chairman stated.

Extension 4-H Program Coordinator Kayla Nyegaard presented a motion to hire Julie Moe as the part time Extension Administrative Specialist for up to 1040 hours at Grade 8 Step 2 with a starting date of November 16.

Kayla explained that the part time position does not offer vacation and benefits, and the wage would be \$14.77 per hour. Her experience includes working at the fair, which will be very helpful.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht reported on the planned removal of the solid waste collection site located in Pine Lake Township at the request of the landowner who wishes it to be removed from his land.

A motion to approve of removing the site, along with the estimated cost of cleaning it up, was approved after a motion by Board Chairman Neal Illies, and seconded by Commissioner Mark Larson.

"The estimated cost for removal and site cleanup is \$1,500," Dan said.

Commissioner Dean Newland asked what the time line for the next site would be, and whether



Trudi Alberg, of Bagley, recently began duties as Auditor/Treasurer Clerk and the new Board Coordinator for Clearwater County. Best wishes Trudi!

it would be a purchase of land. Dan said word has been out about the need for a new site for two years, and that he has been in discussion with area landowners and some contacts have been made.

"I want to get land secured before winter, and hope for it to be a purchase," he said.

Environmental Services received approval for hours to extend beyond 1,040 hours for two part-time workers.

"They will run out of hours earlier this year due to more activity at the dumpster sites and at the landfill. I can blame this on covid, as more people seem to be doing remodeling due to being off work," Dan stated. The extra hours, will likely be covered by the Cares funds. One will be over by about 150 hours, and the other by about 100 hours by the end of the year.

Other motions for expenditures that were approved using Cares Funds are as follows:

Public Safety Committee in the amount of \$21,696 to

Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center, by Dean Newland a member of that Board, seconded by Mark Titera;

Equipment, Supplies and IT Committee in the amount of \$18,040, by Neal Illies, member of the committee, seconded by Mark Larson;

Cares Act Public Health and Human Services Committee in the amount of \$47,832, by Mark Larson, member of that committee, seconded by John Nelson;

Cares Act Business Assistance Program Committee in the amount of \$142,000, by John Nelson, a member of that committee, seconded by Mark Titera.

One expenditure from the Public Safety Committee was tabled until next week, as it appeared very costly to pursue training and licenses necessary from the FFA for use by Search and Rescue for a pilot and drones.

"It could be useful also to the

Commissioners...
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Clearwater Christmas Project 2020

The Clearwater Christmas Project (CCP) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to bringing Christmas to those in need in Clearwater County. The stakeholders are the Clear Waters Life Center of Clearbrook, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Clearbrook, and the Tuesday Study Club of Bagley.

Through the efforts of volunteers and donations from residents, businesses and organizations, the CCP provides a memorable holiday experience for children in need and their families, ensuring the true spirit of Christmas remains alive and well for everyone involved. For over 45 years, the Clearwater Christmas Project has helped families and children in our county. In 2019, the CCP provided

toys to over 700 children (and we ran out of toys!) and grocery vouchers for Christmas dinner to over 200 families, as well as 200 holiday meals at the three county senior centers for both deliveries and those eating at the center. Hundreds of people had a "Merry Christmas" because of the generosity of this community.

The total population in Clearwater County in the 2010 census is 8,695 with 11% of families and 15.5% of individuals living below the poverty level. Our median income is significantly lower than the statewide average income. Our school districts report more families eligible for Free & Reduced rate meals than the statewide average. Even those families who are not tech-



nically below the established poverty level are perhaps just barely above that line. Factor in the current pandemic situation and we know that we have many families who need help this Christmas.

Fiscally, the Clearwater Christmas project has relied on community support for all of our financial needs. Contributions can be made year-round as all donations are carried over from year-to-year. Monetary donations can be mailed to the Clearwater Christmas Project (PO BX 343, Bagley, MN 56621). Wednesday, December 2, from 1-7 pm, the Bagley American Legion Auditorium will be the location for distribution of toys and grocery vouchers by the Clearwater Christmas Project.

Distribution will look different this year as we adhere to CDC guidelines regarding personal interaction. Masks are required. Digital registration will enable a contact-free experience. Upon registering, your needs will be filled by a personal shopper and your toys and/or grocery vouchers will be delivered to you outside the facility. Watch next week's paper for further details.

Lyn Schroeder, Tuesday Study Club president and CCP board member for many years is the chairperson of the Clearwater Christmas Project. Other board members are: Pamela Bodenstener, Darla Hoie-Ostrom, Tracy Imle, Pastor Bob Kirchman, Janey Merschman, Darien Northrup, Sherry Rettmann, and Lois Rydeen.

Thank you for your support as we work to make Christmas 2020 memorable for everyone!



following the incident. Alcohol was involved. His airbag was deployed and road conditions were dry.

Community Calendar

Winners were announced for the Gonvick Lions raffle

The four winners were announced last weekend for the Gully Lions Club Aeration Raffle. First prize of a Winchester XPR with scope 243 was Jerry Agnes of Gully. Second prize of a Mossberg Patriot Walnut Stock with scope 7mm 08 was Marcus Johnson of Clearbrook. Third prize of a Savage 110 with scope 6.5 Creedmoor was Candace Coulter of Gonvick. Fourth prize of \$100 cash was Jason Bakke of Gonvick. Money that the Lions get with their various activities goes to the aeration of Pine Lake, ditch cleaning, scholarships, ramps for households that need them and glasses for children.

Deer hunter's raffle winners

A drawing was held at Shorty's Place in Gully for the winners of the Deer Hunter's Raffle. That is put on by the Gully area Sportsman's Club and the Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club. First prize of a Tikka T3X Hunter 6.5 Creedmoor was Todd Roue. Second prize of a Browning T-Bolt Sporter 22 Magnum was Justin Friborg. Third prize of a TriStar TT-15 over/under 12 gauge was Angela Paulson. Fourth prize of a Orca 26 quart cooler was Karen Oftelie.

Coffee with the Chief Daniel Gazelka Clearbrook-Gonvick

Gonvick: A Clearbrook-Gonvick police officer as well as the Clearwater County deputy responded to a call of a drunk driver in the city of Gonvick. Subsequently, a wrecked vehicle was found, but no one located. **Clearbrook:** An officer responded to a report of theft in Clearbrook with items and suspect identified... investigation continues.

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

Accepting: Demolition Debris
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	Thursday	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us

Public Notice

The solid waste collection site along County Road 7 north of Pine Lake has been CLOSED. All of the remaining sites in Clearwater County are open to all Clearwater County residents. Please contact Clearwater County Environmental Services at 694-6183 for alternate site locations. Thank you. R33-35C

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Nov. 18 - Chicken & Noodles.
Thurs., Nov. 19 - Meatloaf.
Fri., Nov. 20 - Turkey for Thanksgiving.
Mon., Nov. 23 - Sloppy Joe. Sent out Monday..
Tues., Nov. 24 - Chicken Ala King Sent out Monday.
Wed., Nov. 25 - BB Ribs Sent out on Wednesday.
Thurs., Nov. 26 - Lasagna Frozen meal sent out Wednesday.
Fri., Nov. 27 - Sausage Gravy & Biscuit Sent out Wednesday.

Included with meal: Vegetable, Bread, Milk, Dessert or Fruit.
Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Commissioners...
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Environmental Services and Highway Department for aerial photos at times," Commissioner John Nelson said. "I've been on the Board a long time, and experience shows that free money often costs us more than the free money."
He thought there may be some more effective use of the money and this could be hired..
Al Paulson made a comment that the Cares money is going fast, and the County has just \$117,360 remaining.
Chester Powell and Briel Prokosch, Program Technicians of Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) presented a motion for the submission of the Wild Rice-Marsh River One Watershed One Plan Comprehensive plan to the Board of Soil and Water Resources regional committee for approval.
"This motion is to keep the ball rolling with the One Watershed One Plan," Chester Powell

Attention

Attention Clearwater County property owners: Clearwater-Polk Electric crews are currently performing Right-of-Way maintenance to remove overgrown vegetation in and near Clearwater-Polk Electric's powerlines. Crews are concentrating these efforts in following townships: Holst (including townships along Holst Township borders), Dudley (sections 28-33), and Shevlin (all sections north of Hwy 2, and along 360th St).

If you have any questions or concerns please contact

 Clearwater-Polk Electric's Operations Department at 218-694-6241

stated. Another motion from the SWCD was for the approval of the 2020 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Budget for Clearwater County in the amount of \$109,210.
"The budget includes as raise from \$12 we are paying now, up to \$13 per hour for inspectors as there are reductions in some areas of the budget which would allow this. This raise is so we can get those guys back, and the goal is to get inspectors a better wage. Bemidji is paying more."
"We have 9 inspectors this year," Chester said. "With the wage increase we hope to get more. How many is based on whether they are full or part time. (Amount of hours always stays the same). We hope for less people who work full time."
Both motions received Board approval.
County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received approval for payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$34,669.
The Engineer stated that Enbridge is required by State Statute to pay the county \$500 per mile for the county to have a County Inspector for the Line 3 Enbridge pipeline project.
"I will act as the liaison between the landowner and Enbridge," Dan stated. "If a landowner has an issue, I would step in as a mediator to help resolve the problem and deal with anyone who has questions. Enbridge has always been easy to deal with in the past."
"I want to thank Dan for what he has done," stated Commissioner Nelson.
A motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland to designate the County Engineer as County Inspector for the Line 3 construction project was passed.
Regarding use of a rumble strip on highway projects, while some hate them, others feel they are necessary as a safety feature. Consensus of the Board members is to use them.
County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$180,045 from the County Revenue Fund

and \$7,898 from the Nursing Service Fund.
The Board accepted the resignation of Lindsay Lamwers, Veteran Service Officer effective November 18, and authorized the County Auditor to advertise for the position.
"She has done an excellent job. We have heard a lot of positive comments about her," Board Chairman Illies said.
A motion to hire Trudi Alberg as Auditor/Treasurer Clerk and Board Coordinator was approved by the Board. She is hired at Grade 12, Step 1 for \$16.82 per hour.
All Commissioners were present at the meeting: Neal Illies, Mark Larson Dean Newland, John Nelson, and Mark Titera. Commissioners Newland and Nelson were present via telephone.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Clear Waters Life Center (CWLC) hereby provides notice that it intends to apply to USDA Rural Development for a grant to replace the lighting in the CWLC Clearbrook building with LED lighting and the Youth Connection Gym with new heating units. Individuals or agencies wishing to comment about this application should attend this public meeting at CWLC – Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave SW, Clearbrook, MN. The meeting will be held on the second floor, first room to the left (the old library) at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, December 1st, 2020. R35C

NOTICE

To the residents of Clover Township
A regular meeting will be held at 6:00 pm November 20 at the Josh Reed residence. Joel Wraa, Clerk R35C

NOTICE

The Greenwood Town Board will meet at the home of the Chairman on November 20th at 7:00 p.m. Sheila Horn, Clerk R35C

Report from county nursing
Age ranges for COVID cases from 10-30-2020 to 11-12-2020
Age 0-19: 14
Age 20-39: 37
Age 40-59: 33
Age 60-79: 25
Age 80+: 21
We have a high COVID positivity rate in Clearwater County and in our surrounding counties. Because of the high rate of transmission our most vulnerable populations are at an increased risk.
If you follow the daily situation updates from the Minnesota Department of Health you will see that we do have COVID-19 in our Long Term Care (LTC) facilities. This is very concerning! Per the Minnesota Department of Health: 1 in 5 LTC residents who develop COVID 19 will need to be hospitalized and 1 in 5 will die.
Our decisions regarding following recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19 affect much more than just ourselves. They affect our community! The more it spreads the more chance there is that it will spread to those most vulnerable. We need to do what we can to reduce the spread and assist those facilities in our community!
Please wear a mask, follow guidance regarding gatherings, stay home (especially if you are at risk) and encourage local businesses to enforce these measures to decrease the spread.
Marissa Hetland RN/BSN/PHN
Director-Clearwater County Nursing Service
Public Health/Homecare/Hospice
Administrator-North Country Community Health Services
212 Main Ave. N.
Bagley, Mn 56621
ph-218-694-6581

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Eric Riechert owner of Reichert Saddlery in Leonard.

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Wed. Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m. Awana
Thurs. Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Sat. Nov. 21, 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sun. Nov. 22, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC
Samhold Lutheran Church is having services every Sunday at 10:30am. Also, Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30am.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Kris Snyder
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Rd 7
Sunday Church Services 9:00am
Sunday School 10:00am
United Lutheran will not be having Thanksgiving day services on November 26th.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
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Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Youth Pastor Brad Brindley
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 Merseeth
Wed, Nov. 18: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Nov. 21: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Nov. 22: 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.
Wed, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Eve: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.
Thu, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Nov. 18: 6:25 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Nov. 22: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Nov. 24: 10:00 a.m. Quilt-ing.
Wed, Nov. 25: 6:25 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Nov. 18: 7:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting at Lund.
Sun, Nov. 22: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
1:00 p.m. Confirmation grades 8th and up.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

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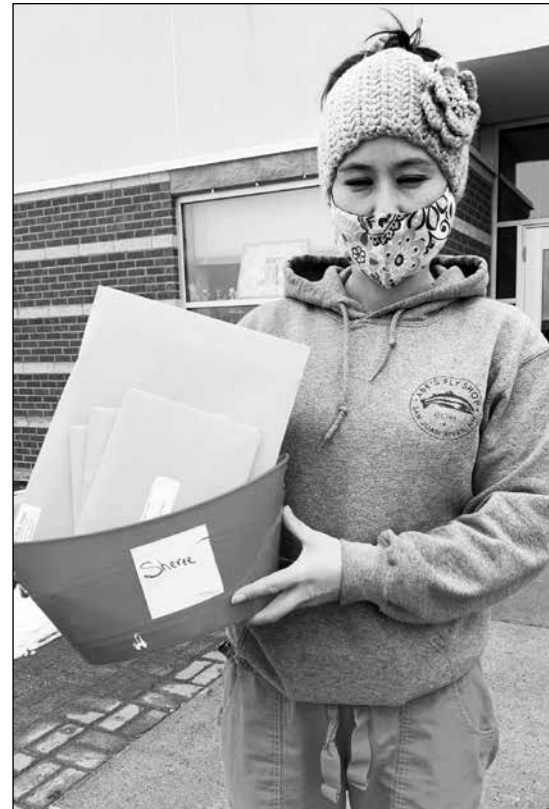
All meals are free for all students this month.

Wed., Nov. 18 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Breadstick Cucumber Slices, Pears and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Goldfish Crackers

Thurs., Nov. 19 - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrots with Ranch, Applesauce and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Rice Krispy Bar



Children eating their lunches at the Clearbrook-Gonvick school.



Janelle Maxie

Distance Learning Meal Delivery at Clearbrook-Gonvick school

The kitchen/para crew from Clearbrook-Gonvick School has served and sent out 7,699 meals from 10/31-11/9!

People helping in meal preparation were: Danielle Derby, Melynda Zurhorst, Mary Mohr, Tasha Bakke, Janelle Maxie, Mike Lindgren, Jeni Zurhorst, Sherre Hoie, Darlene Bergman, Stein's Bus Service and C-G Custodial Staff.

Robin Proffitt, Food Service Director at the Clearbrook-

Gonvick school says, " We will be delivering meals to families in need during our distance learning model. As we transition back into the school we will be providing meals to families via meal pick up available at the school during designated times. All meals are provided to children 0-18 free of charge through this school year. If families have any questions or would like to sign up for meals they can contact me at

the school via phone or email. There is additional information available on the school webpage and school facebook site.

We've also been providing meals for our emergency care kids at school."

Robin Proffitt
Clearbrook-Gonvick School FSD

16770 Clearwater Lake Rd.
Clearbrook, MN 56634
218-776-3112 ext. 320

With articles submitted by the staff, administration and students at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior and Senior High Schools

Fri. Nov. 20 - Distance Learning Day

Mon., Nov. 23 - Dunkers with Dipping Sauce, Green Beans, Pineapple and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Sun Chips

Tues., 24 - Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Stuffing, Dessert, Dinner Roll and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Baked Cheetos

Wed., Nov. 25 - Ham Sub Sandwich, Baked Chips, Fresh Veggies, Apple and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Cheez It Crackers

CG Families-

This is just a reminder that if you are going to have your students switching to Distance Learning and you have not spoken to anyone in the CG office, please call and let us know your plan. If you have been doing distance learning for a few weeks we don't need a call but if you have recently made the decision, please reach out.

Please contact the Principal, Carl Dugstad, at 218-776-3112 x 103.

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Covid is hitting closer to home. There are business places that were closed in Clearbrook, Gonvick and Gully last week. The North Country Hardware Store and DaRoo's in Clearbrook, The Trap in Gonvick, Sportsman's Lodge on Pine Lake and Shorty's in Gully. Most have already opened this week.

Charps, LLC will be giving away turkeys at their office in Clearbrook on **Thursday, November 19, 2020** from 10:00 until noon (or until gone.) Turkeys will be given away on a first come, first served basis - 1 per household.

Santa came early to Fosston on Wednesday, November 11. A mystery veteran was walking around and giving away \$100 bills to workers in stores including A&W and Dollar General. No one seemed to know who he was. He thanked them for all the good work they were doing.

Santa Claus Day will be held on Sat., Dec. 5, 9:30 – 12:00 in Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. **FREE** for all ages of youth accompanied by an adult. Craft project gifts, created & wrapped. COVID-19 protocols in place. Movie & popcorn while you wait your turn!

Any 9-12 grade Student interested in participating in the Bagley High School One Act Play this year should contact Mrs. Hood by November 20th. (mghood@bagley.k12.mn.us) Rehearsals AND competitions

will be virtual this year - a new adventure for all of us.

From my email...

To be Fair, I don't think only roosters are allowed to start the day screaming.

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

Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

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 fire department members.

Joke Time -

Lena: Why do you go on da balcony hen I sing? Don't yo like to hear me sing?

Ole: Vell, I yust vant da neighbors to see I'm no beating my wife.

Ole's brother, Rasmus was an over-the-hill boxer who refused to retire from the ring. After being knocked out for the 98th time, his manager began selling advertising space on the soles of his shoes.



also what to expect with winter weather watches and warnings.

If you are going to be traveling this winter, pay attention to any weather-related announcements. If you hear that a winter storm warning has been issued in the area you will be driving, reconsider your reason for going out. If it is not an emergency, stay home. A winter storm warning means that a winter storm is occurring or is going to occur usually within 36 hours. The criteria for a winter storm are snow fall between 4-7 inches or at least 3 inches of snow with a large accumulation of ice and winds less than 35 miles an hour. If the same inches of snow occur with winds in excess of 35 miles an hour, a blizzard warning will be issued. If your travel plans can be delayed during one of these events, delay them. It is not worth getting stranded and having to spend countless hours in a cold car waiting for help to arrive.

If you become stranded, stay with your car. Help will come. Plan ahead and have a winter weather survival kit in each vehicle you own. The kit could include a flashlight with extra batteries, high energy foods such as dried fruit or candy, a first aid kit, blanket or sleeping bag, disposable hands warmers, a tow rope, booster cables and a small shovel or something similar to keep snow cleared from your exhaust pipe.

If you have a cell phone, be sure it is charged before leaving and inform your family or friends of your destination and approximate time or arrival. That way,

Sheriff's thoughts ...

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

We have a new President-Elect, and the election results will likely be certified before we know it.

Now there are many who wish this wasn't the case but, in the end, they will move on because that's what Americans do. They accept the results of our democratic process and move forward. Those who worked so hard against candidates who won will find ways to accept this.

In the same way, we have to respect the results of other processes, whether or not we agree with them.

It seems odd that some of the same people who undoubtedly agree that we need to respect the results of our election have no trouble dismissing the results of the long process that has gone into approving the Line 3 replacement here in Minnesota.

This project has been reviewed, challenged, and approved again and again for the better part of six years now. Minnesota's Public Utilities Commission, DNR, and PCA have all spent time reviewing it. They have all come to the same conclusion – that the project should move forward.

I understand that opponents of the project don't like the result. While they don't have to like it, they do need to accept it.

Instead of being divided on this issue we should now focus on how it will benefit our state. Those who disagree with the results can at least focus their energy on one thing that everyone should want – the boost that this project will bring for our state.

John Gerbracht
Bagley Fire Chief
Bagley, MN

To the Editor

As the 2020 Election is being looked into legally, Americans are watching for fair and just results. Republicans and Democrats then have to accept the results and move forward with their roles and responsibilities. The same can be said about opposing sides of the Line 3 Replacement Project.

For the better part of six years people have been pushing for or against this project, and now the results are in. The state is granting this project its final permits and construction will soon be starting.

What has happened over this long process?

The project has been held to an extremely high standard countless times – environmen-

tal impact studies, water permit reviews and so forth. While this took a lot of time and was frustratingly slow, it did do one thing: it made sure that the decision to approve this project was airtight.

As we look to move forward with the results of the election, now we need to move forward with Line 3 in Minnesota.

There was a process, and that process was followed to a "T". Not everyone agrees with the result but there will never be a full consensus with every decision that's made in our democracy.

Let's respect decisions that have been made and move forward together.

Laura Mack
Clearbrook, MN

To the Editor

Permits have started to be issued for the Line 3 replacement project, and construction is on the horizon. It's no surprise that opponents of the project are becoming more agitated.

This led to a small protest in Backus at a pipe yard, in which activists bragged on social media that they were able to stop work from happening.

This is unacceptable.

The process for approving this project has been going on for over 5 years. Every argument from each side has been reviewed. After dozens of public comment meetings and comment opportunities, everyone's voices have been heard.

These activists participated in that process. But because they don't like the results of that process, they now think its ok to step outside of it and break the law.

The Public Utilities Commission and state agencies have reviewed all of the information about the project. There is no way they would approve something if they believed it would hurt the state.

They are doing their jobs. The people who are doing the construction will just be doing their jobs as well.

Can't we just respect the process and the decisions that are being made and let people do their jobs without threats and intimidation?

If you want to voice your disagreement with a decision, I support that right. What I don't support is harassment, breaking the law, and interfering with construction projects just because you didn't get your way.

Kory & Jennifer Anderson
Bagley, MN

To the Editor

There are many who oppose the Line 3 Replacement Project whose sole argument is that we do not need this project and that we do not need fossil fuels anymore.

This can be quickly debunked as Flint Hills, which operates our state's biggest refinery has supported the long-range demand forecasts for the oil transported by this pipeline.

It is a simple fact that we need oil and will for the foreseeable future – as wind and solar technology is currently nowhere near sufficient, not to mention the thousands of products we use every day that are petroleum-based.

I have only made several small arguments, and I could continue but that isn't the point. The point is that opponents of this project are either uneducated, wildly idealistic, or have some kind of economic incentive to preventing any fossil fuel project.

When it comes down to it, building a new Line 3 is what is best for Minnesota. The state of Minnesota – while having taken way too long – is starting to see this. We need to start construction on this project and put Minnesota back to work. We need the jobs, we need the infrastructure, and we need the oil.

Doug Rockstead
Bemidji, Mn

To the Editor

As Americans there is one thing that we should all agree on, and that is respecting each other. Regardless of how this election turns out, life goes on and so must we. Therefore, we must strive to respect one another regardless of what happens. Neighbors are neighbors regardless of who they voted for or what they believe in.

I believe the same goes for other decisions made in government, just like with the Line 3 Replacement Project.

The decision to move forward with the Line 3 project is being decided on multiple levels of state government, and the people in those departments have spent hundreds of hours collaborating in good faith for Minnesotans to make sure this project was the right thing for Minnesota.

Why wouldn't we trust them, and respect the decision?

Those who disagree with the decisions about Line 3 still need to respect those who have done their jobs to approve the project. They need to take into account the people who will be working

hard during the construction of the project. We can't forget about the safety of the workers and the communities along the pipeline route, and treating them with respect is the right thing to do.

Rich Siegert
Owner of Edgewater Group
Bemidji, MN

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

Bear Creek - Total 2
11/08/20 22:19 Welfare Check
11/09/20 13:19 Traffic Complaint
City of Bagley - Total 24
11/08/20 00:46 Welfare Check
11/08/20 03:07 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/08/20 08:21 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/08/20 18:51 Animal Related
11/09/20 13:38 CIVIL PROCESS
11/09/20 13:52 CIVIL PROCESS
11/09/20 17:22 Traffic Stop
11/09/20 21:37 CIVIL PROCESS
11/10/20 08:47 Information Only
11/10/20 10:12 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
11/10/20 12:01 911 Hang Up
11/10/20 14:20 Medical
11/11/20 10:21 Suicide Related
11/11/20 16:41 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/11/20 17:53 Disturbance
11/12/20 09:09 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/13/20 06:32 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/13/20 07:08 Medical
11/13/20 07:15 Medical
11/13/20 10:02 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/13/20 21:04 Medical 39 - Patient Dead at Scene-No EMS
11/14/20 04:28 Medical
11/14/20 13:32 Traffic Stop
11/14/20 16:29 911 Hang Up
City of Clearbrook - Total 2
11/10/20 23:42 Traffic Stop
11/13/20 08:26 Information Only
City of Gonvick - Total 1
11/14/20 12:01 Medical 43 - Patient Treated, Released
City of Shevlin - Total 2
11/09/20 10:29 Traffic Complaint
11/10/20 18:54 Welfare Check
Copley - Total 5
11/08/20 07:51 Suspicious Activity
11/10/20 17:53 Welfare Check
11/11/20 13:03 Harassment
11/13/20 14:36 THEFT
11/13/20 15:41 Fire
Dudley - Total 4
11/09/20 10:48 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/09/20 16:17 CIVIL PROCESS
11/11/20 14:26 Vehicle Lock Out
11/11/20 14:31 Fraud
Eddy - Total 2
11/11/20 04:46 Traffic Stop
11/11/20 19:42 Traffic Complaint
Falk - Total 3
11/08/20 08:59 Vehicle Lock Out
11/08/20 09:03 Suicide Related
11/14/20 14:19 Traffic Stop
Greenwood - Total 1
11/14/20 06:23 Traffic Stop

Holst - Total 3
11/13/20 23:34 Assist Other
11/14/20 15:39 911 Hang Up
11/14/20 18:43 Animal Related
Itasca - Total 2
11/09/20 15:28 Traffic Stop
11/10/20 09:34 Vehicle Lock Out
LaPraire - Total 2
11/10/20 03:26 Welfare Check
11/11/20 03:22 Alarm
LaPraire N - Total 4
11/12/20 09:51 Assault
11/12/20 21:30 Disturbance
11/12/20 22:29 Disturbance
11/13/20 15:00 Animal Related
LaPraire S - Total 1
11/12/20 15:23 Burglary
Leon - Total 4
11/09/20 08:17 THEFT
11/09/20 17:04 CIVIL PROCESS
11/14/20 02:00 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/14/20 12:00 Traffic Stop
Minerva - Total 1
11/08/20 13:56 Traffic Stop
Moose Creek - Total 1
11/08/20 20:32 Fire
Nora - Total 1
11/08/20 03:39 Death
11/08/20 19:13 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 1
11/13/20 23:52 Assist Other Agency
36 - Standby-Public Safety, Fire, or EMS
Pine Lake - Total 1
11/12/20 15:25 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Popple - Total 8
11/08/20 11:54 Alarm
11/08/20 17:10 Traffic Stop
11/09/20 19:38 Animal Related
11/09/20 19:49 Motorist Assist
11/11/20 21:32 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
11/13/20 21:15 Animal Related
11/14/20 09:46 Traffic Stop
11/14/20 22:27 Domestic
Rice - Total 4
11/08/20 14:08 Traffic Stop
11/08/20 14:43 Traffic Stop
11/08/20 14:50 Traffic Stop
11/12/20 04:27 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
Shevlin - Total 8
11/09/20 16:11 CIVIL PROCESS
11/10/20 07:27 Animal Related
11/11/20 09:24 Fraud
11/11/20 11:13 911 Hang Up
11/11/20 15:32 Disturbance
11/12/20 09:06 Runaway
11/12/20 15:21 Traffic Complaint
11/14/20 18:32 Animal Related - Even Cancelled
Sinclair - Total 2
11/13/20 09:29 Trespass
11/13/20 12:14 Trespass
Winsor - Total 2
11/08/20 03:24 Fire
11/10/20 23:05 Suspicious Activity
Total Records: 92

Thoughts from the Sheriff

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hopefully you can reach someone if you go into the ditch and in turn, someone will know where to start looking if you don't show up at your destination. Don't assume your cell phone will work at all times, as cell service can be intermittent in rural areas and storms can make signal strength worse.

If you decide to keep your travel plans despite the winter weather conditions, always buckle up. The law states that you must be buckled up at all times while traveling in a motor vehicle and driving on slippery roads makes it that much more important that you are. Drive with reduced speed if the roads are covered in snow or ice. Just because the speed limit may say 55 miles per hour, doesn't mean you should drive at that speed. You must always drive with due care and caution.

Greater speeds on icy roads is a recipe for disaster. Your chance of going into a skid is much higher. If your vehicle does go into a skid, remain calm, ease your foot off the accelerator and steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go. Never use cruise control on slippery roads as you are more likely to lose control if your car begins to skid.

Another concern when driving in winter is stopping. You must allow a greater distance between vehicles if you are on icy roads. If your vehicle has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), use that feature as it was intended. Apply a steady and firm pressure to the brake pedal. Do not pump the brakes. The system is designed to do all the work and you will feel a vibration in the brake pedal and hear what sounds like a grinding noise. This is all normal.

You may think that you are not stopping when the ABS system is activated, but you are. Don't panic. Let the computer in your car do its job.

As a last precaution, be alert to snowplows. Leave at least five car lengths between yourself and the snowplow. They are trying to clear the roads and make them safer for us and they cannot always see you. Be sure to keep your windows clear of snow and ice and also make sure your tail-lights and headlights are clear of snow. If others cannot see you, you are much more likely to be involved in an accident.

I hope this is a safe winter season for everyone. Be alert to the weather and use common sense. We all need to do our part to keep the roads safe.

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

Thank you and as always, I am honored to serve as your Clearwater County Sheriff.



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