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Serving the Communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Leonard and Trail



Karen Bratvold of Clearbrook competed at the NPC Upper Midwest Candice Carter Body Building Championship 2020 held in Fargo. She won her division and was also the overall winner, repeating what she had accomplished at the 2019 competition. Karen competes in the Masters 50+ Physique Division. The competitors are judged on their appearance, their poses, and the performance of a one-minute dance.

This win is another step in Karen's journey to be an International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness (IFBB) Pro, her ultimate goal. Karen gives 100% commitment to a lifestyle that focuses on eating and exercising according to a plan that will help her achieve the level of fitness she needs to win.

See story on the Canary front page this week.



4-H Recognition event held

By Kayla Nyegaard
Extension Education
Clearwater County
Clearwater County 4-H held their annual recognition event on Sunday, November 1st at the Clearbrook Community Center. To start off the event, Hannah Johnshoy, the Leaders Council Vice President, welcomed the attendees. We thanked the Clearwater County Extension Committee, Scott Fawver, John Nelson, Mark Larson, Al Paulson, John Arneson, Cindy Benson, Steve Norman, Dan Riewer and Greg Scherzer, for their support throughout this unprecedented year. We also recognized the Clearwater County Commissioners, John Nelson, Dean Newland, Mark Titera, Mark Larson and Neal Illies, for allocating funding to the 4-H Youth Development program. Without the support from these two groups, a successful 4-H program would not be possible.

The Clearwater County 4-H Ambassadors recognized the 122 young people and 41 adult volunteers involved in 4-H programming throughout the 2019-2020 year. Without the support of our 4-H volunteers 4-H programming would not be possible.

Thank you so much to the 2019-2020 Clearwater County 4-H Club Leaders.

Bits N Spurs Club Leaders
Jen Haman and Jessie Jorgenson

Jack Pine Pals Club Leaders
Laura Dahl and Tiffany Berg
Leon Ramblers Club Leaders
Marceen Hammer and Amy Berg
Woodside Workers Club Leaders
Tara Haugen, Mindy Broden and Misten Kaiser

Each year, Clearwater County 4-H recognizes a local business, organization or group of people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their support of Clearwater County 4-H. Their efforts are recognized through the presentation of the Friend of 4-H Award. This year's 2019-2020 Friend of 4-H goes to the Headwaters Regional Farm Bureau for their incredible support of the Achievement Days. They sponsored part of the judges fees as well as provided sanitizing stations to ensure everyone's safety during the event. Stephanie Ramsrud was present to accept the award on behalf of



We celebrated Steve Norman's 20th year of volunteering in Clearwater County 4-H with a special gift to him.

the Headwaters Regional Farm Bureau.

Next, we recognized the Clearwater County 4-H Cloverbuds. Cloverbuds are youth in grades K-2 grades during the current year. The Cloverbud program is designed to support the positive development of young people as they explore their world, discover the possibilities, build self esteem and practice basic social skills. During the 2019-2020 4-H year we had 16 Cloverbuds. They were: Derrick Norman, Bella Anderson, Ellyse Berg, Becca Dahl, Faith Gunning, Grace Gunning, Dylan Larson, Caroline Machlitt, Amelia Rohde, Cierra Bellefy, Emmalynn Bakke, Jordi Cloose, Kanyon Koster, Olivia Rohde, Wesley Lamwers, and Wyatt Bellefy.

The energizer bunny award is given to a 4-H volunteer that keeps on giving and giving. We are lucky in Clearwater County to have so many outstanding volunteers. This year's Energizer Bunny award goes to Amy Berg. She went above and beyond to ensure 4-H youth had the opportunity to participate in a Livestock Auction Event as well as a State Shoot event. Thank you Amy!

Youth can participate in the 4-H...
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The third award presented at the Annual Recognition Event is the Volunteer of the Year award. This award is given to an individual who is always willing to go the extra mile along with outstanding contributions to the 4-H youth in Clearwater County. This year, Clearwater County 4-H would like to recognize Megan Warmbold. She put in many extra hours going through the finances whenever things needed to be done. Also, Megan donated her time and the use of her photography equipment in order to share our Achievement Days with the community since they couldn't attend in person.



Stephanie Ramsrud was present to accept the award on behalf of the Headwaters Regional Farm Bureau.

Next generation of Rudes taking over Rudes Repair



Ryan and Cody Rude working in their shop in Gonvick.



Now the next generation taking over, Rylee Rude, daughter of Ryan and Alisha Rude. Photo submitted.

\$1,000 in Trade Bucks Will Be Given Away

With no Clearbrook Santa Day this year, we will be giving away Clearbrook Trade Bucks in a different manner. To limit contact, registration forms will only be at the City Office. They can be picked up front of City Hall & left in the drop box or can be picked up in the office. There will also be a registration form in the Leader-Record. Those can be dropped off at the City Office. Only one entry per person. Drawing will be held Wednesday, December 15th. Need not be present to win. Winners will be notified by phone and Trade Bucks can be picked up at the City Office. Trade Bucks can be redeemed

at any Clearbrook business. Must be 18 years or older - One Prize Per Person 40 - \$25 Winners will be drawn.

Clearbrook Community Club Lighting Contest

Clearbrook Residents get your houses & yards "Holiday Ready" by December 15th for a chance to win Trade Bucks to local Clearbrook Businesses. Judging will take place the evening of December 15th. To make sure we don't miss your house, call City Hall & let us know you're full of Christmas Cheer!

Editor's note: This story was published in March of 2014 in the Leader Record.

Cody and Ryan Rude, the third generation of Rude's, have taken over Rude's Repair in Gonvick. Their grandfather Norman Rude began the business in 1988. Before that point he worked for North Central Services in Clearbrook. He started working as a mechanic in Clearbrook for Lundmark Motors and ended up in the military. After that he worked for Gully Coop and spent 17 years working for Bagne Oil in Gonvick before he started his own business.

In August of 1999, Norman turned the reins over to his son Mike who came home from New Mexico. Mike is an uncle to Cody and Ryan and now they are doing work in the building.

The brothers do have other jobs so their work is being done mostly on the weekends. Ryan is a millwright and Cody is a member of the 49er's and works as a mechanic. They are both graduates of Clearbrook-Gonvick High School, Ryan in 2005 and Cody in 2009. Their parents are Ron and Donna Rude of Gonvick.

They have purchased a new computerized tire and balancing machine to add to the other equipment that is in the shop.

Congratulations to the two brothers.



The Clearwater County 4-H Ambassadors hosted the recognition event. They also plan and volunteer at many different events throughout the year and demonstrate leadership. In 2019-2020 we had 16 Ambassadors. Back: Paul Ramsrud, Kara Maruska, Hannah Johnshoy. Front: Isabella Warmbold, Kayla Johnshoy. Not pictured: Kara Bowman, Kyle Bowman, Izabell Gerbracht, Obadiah Hammer, Alaina Larson, Nora Stout, Nataly Stout, Isaiah Tramm, Tessa Tramm and Elinor Davies



In order to make the 4-H program a success, we rely on volunteers that help in many different ways. This past year we had 41 screened adult volunteers with 6 being first year 4-H volunteers. Congratulations and a HUGE thank you to each 4-H volunteer. (DSC_0948) Megan Warmbold - 5 years, Shelley Johnshoy - 6 years, Sandy Girtz - 8 years, Curt Nyegaard - 8 years, Stephanie Ramsrud - 1 year, Dava Maruska - 4 years, Marceen Hammer - 7 years, Stacy Baird - 2 years, Steve Norman - 20 years. Not pictured: 1 year - Emily Coombs, Bonnie Eriberg, Scott Anderson, Misten Kaiser, Bryan Ramsrud. 2 years - Craig Dahl, Laura Dahl, Sarah Riewer. 3 years - Scott Fawver, Tiffany Berg. 4 years - Amy Berg, Susann Evenwoll, Jen Haman, Jessie Jorgenson, Amber Marshall, Amy Rankin. 5 years - Tasha Bakke, Mindy Broden, Megan Bellefy. 6 years - Tara Haugen, Dan Johnshoy, Sara Tramm, Kathi Grandbois. 7 years - Rick Lewis. 8 years of service - Crissy Otting, Corey Petterson. 9 years - Stephanie Tronnes. 11 years - Pat Larson. 12 years - Carol Anderson. 18 years - Ora Mord. 21 years - Lynn Anderson. 42 years - Donna Rae Carlson.

Community Calendar

Notice

The next Gonvick City Council meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, December 15th following the Public Hearing to discuss pre-development planning funds for the proposed Water Improvement Project at 5:00 p.m.

“Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club to Meet”

“The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be meeting on Monday, December 14th, at 7:30pm at the clubhouse in Leonard. Note change of day of meeting, moved back to Monday nights. Trails and grooming will be discussed.”

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF DUDLEY TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to qualified candidates to file affidavits of candidacy for:

1-Supervisor, 3 year term
1-Treasurer 2 year term
Filing begins December 29th, 2020 and ends January 12th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Filing can be done at Strand's Store in Leonard. A \$2.00 filing fee is required at time of filing.

Please call ahead 968-2347.
Niki Walter, Clerk R37-38C

Holiday lighting contest for Gonvick residents

The Gonvick Community Club and Ottertail Power Company will be sponsoring a holiday Lighting Contest for residents in the City of Gonvick.

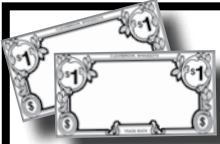
Top 4 cash prizes will be awarded of \$100, \$50, and two \$25 dollars.

If you would like to register yourself or your neighbor please contact the Gonvick City Clerk's office at 487-5243. Judging will be ongoing through the month of December with cash awarded in January.

Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial Pine Lake race canceled

The Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial race at Pine Lake due to ice conditions and COVID restrictions that were in place for large events has been canceled. Cor PowerSports race series submitted a 20-page COVID procedure and policy proposal for the event permits but they were notified that the State of MN will not be reviewing event permits until they know what the next round of restrictions from the MN governor will be. They then had a conference call with the Dyrdahl family and were notified ice conditions at Pine Lake are only half way to what we need to hold the event and there is no significant cold weather in the forecast.

See more information on the Canary front page this week.



Clearbrook Community Club Trade Bucks Registration Form

Drop off your registration by Dec 14th at the City Office

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Thank you for supporting the Clearbrook Community Club & local Clearbrook businesses!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant applications are now open

Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grants are open to Native American artists in all arts disciplines residing in the following counties: Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Itasca, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, or Roseau. This grant offers funding for costs associated with the exhibition, performance, or production of a creative work, purchase of materials or equipment to create works of art, educational opportunities in the arts (excluding academic credit), and proposals for projects or opportunities to enhance the career of an individual artist. Eligible proposals must be adaptive to restrictions that exist during the current global pandemic.

Maximum Award: \$1,000
Application Deadline: January 15, 2021

Create a Login and apply online at r2arts.org, or use our Paper Grant Application op-

tion – print, fill out, and mail applications to: Region 2 Arts Council, P.O. Box 693, Bemidji MN 56601. For questions or assistance please email us at staff@r2arts.org, or leave a message at 218-751-5447 or (Toll Free) 800-275-5447. Our office may be closed due to COVID restrictions yet our staff is available and ready to support you.

Missions Friends meeting December 10

Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, December 10th at 2:30 PM at the Elim Church Clearbrook. A festive Christmas program will follow our short business meeting.

If you choose you can share wrapped treats or baked goodies for 10 Holiday Goodie boxes that will be assembled and dispersed. Hostesses will be Roxanne, Do-reen, Bonnie and Lurae.

Social distancing and precautions will be practiced.

submitted Home Environment and Youth Leadership project records. Evelyn is the first 4-Her in her family to submit project records! Izack Girtz was awarded the Overall Complete Record award with this being his 5th year submitting project records.



Evelyn Warmbold



Derrick Norman Clearwater County 4-H Cloverbuds.

4-H... Continued from front page

4-H program for one year after graduating high school. After their "grade 13" year, they officially graduate out of the 4-H program. Graduating the 4-H program this year were Caleb Petterson with 12 years in the program and Kara Bowman with 10 years in the program. We are so proud of them and can't wait to see all that they will accomplish in the future.

We would like to recognize the Finance Team! They help keep the finances accurate and up to date. 2019-2020 Leaders Council Treasurer were Sara Tramm and Paul Ramsrud. Other members of the Finance Committee were Isabella Warmbold, Megan Warmbold and Marceen Hammer.

Finally, we elected new officers for the Clearwater County 4-H Leaders Council. Our 2020-2021 Leaders Council officer team includes: Paul Ramsrud - Treasurer, Hannah Johnshoy - President. Not pictured: Peyton Berg - Vice President, Secretary - Ava Larson

4-H is a youth development program of the University of Minnesota Extension and part of a national program sponsored by the USDA. Available for youth beginning in kindergarten, 4-H'ers participate in hands-on learning experiences in STEM, leadership & civic engagement, animal science, creative arts and much more. Through 4-H's learn-by-doing process, youth obtain essential life skills such as problem solving, decision making, coping and communicating that help them succeed in school, community and career. Research shows that youth who participate in 4-H have better grades and are more emotionally engaged with school, are more than twice as likely to be civically active and contribute to their communities. If you would like more information about Clearwater County 4-H visit <https://extension.umn.edu/4H>.

Report from county nursing

Clearwater County: 554 cumulative cases.
We have a decrease in our 14 day case rate with 157 actual cases in the last 14 days. That brings our 14 day case rate to 178.21. We are hoping this pattern will continue but are concerned related to the recent Thanksgiving holiday. Age ranges for COVID cases from 11-21-20 to 12-4-20
Age 0-19: 13; Age 20-39: 36; Age 40-59: 52; Age 60-79: 46; Age 80+: 10
As of 12/3/2020 (per MDH)

Clearwater County has a positivity rate of 10.5%. This is an increase since last week and is higher than our surrounding counties-Becker 6.2%, Beltrami 8.1%, Hubbard 8%, Mahnomen 7.9%, Pennington 8.3% and Polk at 7.3%. Presently we have 2 county residents in the hospital with COVID-19. We have had 10 deaths total in Clearwater County with 4 of those within the last week. Our sincere sympathy goes out to those family and friends that have lost a loved one to COVID.

Please follow recommendations to decrease the spread of COVID. WEAR A MASK, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE (greater than 6 feet), and WASH YOUR HANDS.

For now, what we choose to do (our own behavior) is the most powerful weapon we have to combat COVID! It is important that

we follow guidance now and over the upcoming holidays. We need to decrease the spread in our community to protect those that are vulnerable and those caring for them, and also so our kids can return to school and activities!

It has been a long year! But, we do have light at the end of the tunnel. Vaccine is coming! We are currently working on vaccination planning for Clearwater County and will be sharing more information as we learn details. We do know that the first round of vaccines will be administered to Hospital workers and will be arriving in the next week or two.. We are very much looking forward to and excited about COVID vaccinations starting in

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

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Main Entrees included with meal are vegetable, bread, milk, dessert and or fruit.

Wed., Dec. 9 - Tomato Basil Soup, Egg Salad on Bun.

Thurs., Dec. 10 - Baked Herb Fish.

Fri., Dec. 11 - Pork Loin *Sent out Wednesday.*

Mon., Dec. 14 - Meatloaf.

Tues., Dec. 15 - Meatloaf.

Wed., Dec. 16 - Hamburger. *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
Sundays - 9:30am Sunday School, 10:30 Worship Service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Wed. Dec 2nd, 6:30 p.m. Awana
Thurs. Dec 3rd, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Sat. Dec 5th, 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sun. Dec 6th, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchner
Good Shepherd
Wed., Dec. 9 - 5:45pm Confirmation - ZOOM.
Sun., Dec. 13- 9:00am Worship Service. 10:00am Virtual Sunday School.
Mon. Dec. 14 - 6:00pm Church Council, 7:00pm Joint Church Council with Our Savior's
Our Savior's
No services at this time.
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Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Homemaker & Chore Services offered at no charge for Clearwater County residents, 60 & over. Includes snow removal, help with holiday preparations, general housekeeping, and more. Call 218-776-2789 to schedule or for more information.

Shop-At-The-Top: 50% off all Christmas items, Wed. thru Sat., Dec. 9-12. Open 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, weekdays and 10:00-12:00 on Sat.

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

Restore It! Furniture Shop in Clearbrook. Donations of clean, good quality items accepted during business hours. Open 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon.-Fri., & 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturday.

Youth Connection: Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00, for students, grades 5th-8th. COVID protocols in place. Forms available at www.clearwaterslife.org, C-G school or at CWLC office.

Adult Education: Tues., 6:00-8:00 PM & Wed., 12:30-3:00 PM. Individualized instruction is free, but \$20.00 to help cover the cost of books & supplies. Please call before coming. Contact Sherry at 218-776-2789 or shjelle@nwservice.org.

Office Hours: Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday

As a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, CWLC is able to provide a variety of free or low cost services to our area thanks to generous financial donors just like you. Be a part of making a difference, join our team. All donations to CWLC re tax-deductible

www.clearwaterslife.org, www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org, or www.mustardseedhomes.org and "like" us on Facebook pages.

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GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, Dec. 13: No Services at Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

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

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 Merseth
Wed, Dec. 9: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Dec. 12: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec. 13: 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, Dec. 16: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 9: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).
Sun, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Dec. 15: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Dec. 16: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

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.

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Let’s graduate 100%

COVID-19 changes many things but it doesn't change the fact that regardless of the grade level including college, teaching is fun. Here are some things teachers can look forward to that will make this unique year of COVID-19 memorable.

You can tell riddles and dumb jokes to students.

You can tell stories that begin with "When I was your age. . ."

You get valentines from your students—sometimes at all grade

Minnesota Association of Townships announces 2021 Scholarship Program for high school juniors

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is proud to announce its 2021 Scholarship Program, which will award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. All students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study pro-

Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA & Ag Education
Region 1 Creed Speaking
1st Place: Kailey Klema
2nd Place: Joely Hinrichs-Olson
Well done, Ladies!
Be proud, CG Bears! They did a FANTASTIC job!

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., Dec. 9 - Turkey Sub Sandwich, Baked Chips, Fresh Veggies, Apple and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Scooby Snacks
Thurs., Dec. 10 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Dinner and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Baked Cheetos
Fri. Dec. 11 - Distance Learning Day.
Mon., Dec. 14 - Pizza Slice, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Cookie and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Cheddar Chex
Tues., Dec. 15 - Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Goldfish
Wed., Dec. 16 - Orange Chicken, Whole Grain Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Egg Roll, Fortune Cookie, Pineapple and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Cheez It Crackers

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

levels. On special days, you can celebrate a little.

You will be remembered by some students who you think would never remember you.

If there is a blizzard and you are teaching virtually, your students won't have to miss any school. Is that a blessing or a curse?

On some days you can just forget about your lessons and talk about the weather or a new movie or song or the Vikings or how you

gram, are eligible to apply for this program. Since its inception in 2001, the MAT Scholarship Program has had over 2000 submissions and 87 winners.

Applicants should submit a written essay using critical thinking on the topic of land use by May 1, 2021. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel of judges and will be notified by September 1, 2020. They will also be invited to attend MAT's annual conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota in September 2021.

For more information and application details, please call the MAT offices at 1-800-228-0296 or visit www.mntownships.org.

"Townships are proud to offer the Scholarship Program, and encourage as many high school juniors as possible to apply, whether they are from the largest cities or from smaller rural areas. We know the MAT Scholarship Program has made a real difference for our recipients in furthering their education. It is also an opportunity for learning about township government, which embody the values of "grassroots government" where local citizens directly participate," said MAT Executive Director David Hann.

There are approximately 914,174 township residents in 1,781 townships in Minnesota. Townships exist in every area of the state, including the metropolitan area. Some, with populations of more than 1,000, function in much the same way as a small city. While many townships remain rural agricultural centers, other host a variety of residential, light commercial, and industrial development.

need to help a relative that is sick.

You can dress kind of weird and your students will appreciate it, even when you teach virtually.

You can play games with students.

You get to greet students and ask them how they are doing.

You get to wish students a happy birthday.

You learn something about their family—some things that you probably don't need to hear.

You can tell your students some things about your family.

You can learn about your class and what they enjoy and don't enjoy.

You can ask your students what they did over the Christmas break.

If you do have face-to-face classes, you get to smell all of those interesting odors that are particular to every school.

You get to serve as a parent, counselor, traffic controller, soothsayer, enforcer, negotiator, confidant, mentor, tutor, and, when time allows, you get to teach.

You get to show pictures of your family and see pictures of your students' families.

You get to remind students about the high expectations you have for them.

You get to remind students about how important education.

You get to show your students your high school diploma.

You get to tell your students they can do better because you know they are smart.

You get to talk about what's on TV and who's who in sports.

You get to share your favorite music and learn what your students like.

You get to say, "This is my classroom."

Occasionally you receive a note that says, "Thanks, for being my teacher."

You get to assign students' homework and listen to their complaints.

You get to say to your students, "See you tomorrow". Don't forget to do your homework. But, most of all, don't forget to graduate."

Let's graduate 100% of our students in northwest Minnesota. Never believe for one minute that we can't do it. For more information contact Dr. John Eggers at 218-766-9009 or envision@paul-bunyan.net

Distance Learning Site Support for Parents FREE at CWLC-Clearbrook

Does your family need extra support during this season when every Friday is a distance learning day? We would love to help!

Clear Waters Life Center's (CWLC) mission is to support individuals and families, and in this season of COVID-19, opportunities keep presenting themselves. CWLC has been awarded a grant through Northwest Minnesota Foundation to support students and their families by providing a safe and supervised distance learning site at CWLC-Clearbrook for kindergarten through eighth grade students on Fridays. Bank Forward, Enbridge, Country Faith Church, and Clearbrook Community Club have also helped sponsor the program which will be offered FREE. The site will be open and supervised 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, starting Friday, January 8th.

CWLC will be able to provide

tutoring support for distance learning. Students will be divided into small pods of eight or less students; space is limited to 32 students. Pods will not interact to help limit contact and exposure to potential COVID-19. In addition to academic support, students will be able to participate in gym class, art class, and story time.

Each pod will have their own instructor and a high school mentor. Pod leaders will establish relationships with each student's parent and classroom teacher to identify special needs, if any.

The goal is to provide support for parents that are needing to be at work or working from home and provide the students a structured learning environment and supportive social interaction. As students struggle emotionally, mentally, and/or physically during this time, our hope is to provide opportunities

to counteract these aspects by providing personal contact, physical and creative activity, and support.

We encourage parents to transport children to the center, if possible, or we will help arrange car-pooling with other families who have students attending. A third option, if there are no other workable options, is pick-up with the CWLC van within 10 miles of CWLC-Clearbrook.

If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in the supervised distance learning site program you can get an enrollment form at the CWLC-Clearbrook office or on our website, www.clearwaterslife.org. Pre-enrollment is required to reserve your spot. There is no cost to participate due to amazing community support. Questions? Feel free to call 218-776-2789.

Building Lives, Growing Relationships, Imparting Hope



Syndee Martin established a new speed record of 230.238 MPG for a distance of one mile in October 2020. The Arkansas 1-mile challenge is held at the Blytheville International Airport on the grounds of the Arkansas Aeroplex at 4701 Memorial Drive in Blytheville, Arkansas. The East Coast Timing Association is the sanctioning organization for Land Speed Racing in the Eastern United States. Syndee rode her MPS/BF-1000/4 Yamaha motorcycle the one mile distance for the record. Syndee is John Bredalens of Clearbrooks cousin. John's mother June a sister to Wally Gunderson, Syndeas father.

Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Two people have birthdays this month. An uncle and his niece. In 1950 on December 14 Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Johnson had a baby girl Rosalind Eve born on December 8 at 9 pounds and 10 ounces. Her uncle Robert was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson on December 23 weighing 8 pounds and 1 ounce. This article on the uncle and niece was found in old scrap

books that belonged to June Brendalen. Happy birthday to you two. Happy 90th birthday December 17 to Ordean "Jiggs" Swanson. Also happy birthday to anyone else that is celebrating this month.

Our condolences to the Strenge family with the passing of Pastor Verlyn, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Clearbrook as the result of an accident

on Main Street in Bagley.

The Gerald Dyrdaul Memorial race at Pine Lake due to ice conditions and COVID restrictions that were in place for large events has been canceled. Sure will be nice when this year is over.

Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick is open five days a week for take out only. Hours are all week 7:30 to 1:30 Monday to Friday. She will be having Senior specials on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

89 years ago since the Pearl Harbor invasion on December 7, 1942. That brought us into World War II. So many of that generation are gone and we will not forget what they sacrificed for our freedom.

Sportsman's Lodge on Pine Lake has different hours during this COVID time. Monday through Thursday, 11 to 7/8, Friday and Saturday 11 to 8/9 and Sunday from 12 to 7/8.

Shorty's Place in Gully is having new hours. They will be open noon to 8:00 p.m. daily.

The Clearbrook Veterans Memorial Committee will soon be placing an order for the next group of pavers to be added to our memorial. If you are, or know of a veteran with ties to this community you can obtain an order form for a paver stone by contacting the Clearbrook City office 218-776-3213, or Tom Anderson 218-776-3718. Pavers are \$160.00 each. The deadline for this order is Feb. 1, 2021.

For their giving tree project this year, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is collecting warm items of clothing, like hats & mittens. There is also a need for shelf stable individual servings of food, like mac-n-cheese, granola bars, cereal and soup, which will be distributed through the school. To help brighten the holidays for our families. GSL Mission Team

Because of the Corona-Virus that has been a big problem, the Berghs will take your order by phone and make a plan to see you get their canning. They really want to see that you get your pickles, relish, salsa, jam, jellies, syrups and much more. Phone 776-3552 or cell 1-218 766-7891 P.O. Box 233 Clearbrook, Frank and Annie Bergh.

Jokey Time -

A young Norwegian bride brought a dish for approval of her new husband. She said, "Da two tings I prepare best are meatballs and peach pie..."

Ole: Hmmm. and which vun is dis?

Ole: why do you suppose Norwegians don't wear tennis shoes?

Swede: I tink it's becoss seed corn companies don't give dem away.

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.

Quick tickets... Does your

		Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266				District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY 2021			ED-00110-43	
General Information: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.										
District Name:		Clearbrook-Gonvick School District					District Number:		2311	
Fund	FY 2020 Beginning Fund Balances	FY 2020 Actual Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2020 Actual Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2020 Actual Fund Balances	FY 2021 Budget Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2021 Budget Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2021 Projected Fund Balances			
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 294,995	\$ 346,989	\$ 239,774	\$ 402,210	\$ 169,400	\$ 206,180	\$ 365,430			
General Fund/Other	\$ 1,146,630	\$ 6,177,907	\$ 5,557,825	\$ 1,766,712	\$ 6,172,320	\$ 6,032,893	\$ 1,906,139			
Food Service Fund	\$ 28,010	\$ 396,967	\$ 367,304	\$ 57,673	\$ 347,950	\$ 347,950	\$ 57,673			
Community Service Fund	\$ 8,620	\$ 147,156	\$ 162,908	\$ (7,132)	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000	\$ (7,132)			
Building Construction Fund	\$ 1,779,405	\$ 35,686	\$ 771,549	\$ 1,043,542	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,320,500	\$ (266,958)			
Debt Service Fund	\$ 163,659	\$ 829,933	\$ 863,563	\$ 130,030	\$ 851,099	\$ 851,099	\$ 130,030			
Trust Fund	\$ 29,906	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,906	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,906			
Internal Service Fund	\$ -			\$ -			\$ -			
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Total - All Funds	\$ 3,451,225	\$ 7,934,638	\$ 7,962,923	\$ 3,422,940	\$ 7,740,769	\$ 8,948,622	\$ 2,215,087			
Long-Term Debt		Current Statutory Operating Debt per Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.81								
Outstanding July 1, 2019	\$ 3,970,000	Amount of General Fund Deficit, if any, in excess of 2.5% of expenditures 06/30/2020					\$0			
Plus: New Issues	\$ -									
Less: Redemmed Issues	\$ 735,000	Cost per student - Average Daily Membership (ADM) 06/30/2020								
Outstanding June 30, 2020	\$ 3,235,000									
Short-Term Debt		Total Operating Expenditures					\$ 6,201,772.72			
Certificates of Indebtedness	None	FY 2020 Total ADM Served + Tuitioned Out ADM + Adjusted Extended ADM					440.39			
Other Short-Term Indebtdness	None	FY 2020 Operating Cost per ADM					\$ 14,082.46			
The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.										
Comments:										
Figures for FY 2020 are taken from actual figures. Figures for FY 2021 are taken from budgeted figures (estimates), and not actual figures										

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

Ladies and gentleman, the unfortunate winner(s) of the 2020 Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial Pine Lake 200 is governor Tim Walz, and Covid-19. With heavy hearts, we will have to cancel this years event. We tried our best, but the department of health said with current restrictions which will likely be extended, we can't be considered a drive through event and sit in our vehicles to watch the races, because the spectators would be paying to attend. Racers could still race, but they could not show up with a pit crew, they would have to be all alone, all weekend. As we all know, we can't have races without paying fans, and we can't have races without a pit crew. There was even talks about not being able to charge admission because that would be person to person contact, much like not being able to sell our raffle tickets. We simply can't gather people from different households together, even though for years vehicles have parked side by side for a half a mile watching the races prior to social distancing. Even if we could get the permits, we still likely wouldn't have been legal to race according to the gentleman from the state department of health. Some said call it a protest like they did in Effie at the rodeo, but we don't have the funds for the potential

finances and the time for the days in court, it is just not worth it. We want to keep this a premier event in memory of Gerald with \$10,000.00 to win and a roughly \$50-\$75,000.00 total purse in all classes every year, and we are determined to come back bigger and better next year!

We would like to thank Todd and his wife Andrea at Cor Powersports for their HUGE effort in trying to put this race on, they have been great to work with and will surely be successful in this business of racing moving forward.

All of the sponsors who already donated this year will be contacted shortly to see if they would like their money back, or if they would like to leave it in the Five Star Race Promotions account until next year.

Be safe everyone, have a Merry Christmas and we will see you in 2021!

Sincerely,
The Gerald Dyrdahl family and Five Star Race Promotions

Join Us in a Letter Writing Ministry of Caring and Support

With cases of Covid19 on the rise in Bemidji there is increasing pressure on our friends, neighbors and family members working in healthcare as they put their own lives at risk to help heal us and keep us safe. In gratitude and appreciation for their service to us, you are invited to join a letter-writing campaign of support and encouragement for them. Together, we can express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all their work and sacrifices during this pandemic. Feel free to get creative with your messages. Get your children or grandchildren involved. Address letters to a general or specific group as it is the doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers, administrators, CNAs, housekeeping, food service workers and so many others working together, saving lives.

Send a letter or multiple letters of appreciation to:

Chaplain Theresa Gehrke-Herwynen Rt# 10085
1300 Anne St NW
Bemidji MN. 56601

To the Editor

Opponents of Line 3 would have you believe that the project will spread COVID like wildfire across Northern Minnesota. Making false claims and continuing to try and scare people about COVID-19 and the Line 3 replacement project is wrong. It is important that people know the facts about the construction process.

These opponents show how

disingenuous they truly are when they claim that it's dangerous for construction workers (who are using safety protocols) to come to northern Minnesota. It's funny that they don't say the same thing for people who plan to travel north to protest.

Enbridge takes great caution when they do any construction projects. They are doing even more during the pandemic when they just replaced the North Dakota section of the Line 3 pipeline. There was not a single COVID incident during that construction project. Construction workers and their teams show that they can live and work during this pandemic and avoid the spread of COVID. They will do the same when working on the Minnesota portion of Line 3.

The facts still matter, even during a pandemic. The facts are in this case they show Line 3 can and will be built safely. Just because there is a pandemic does not mean we can put a hold on building infrastructure – it certainly hasn't halted other construction projects.

It does not mean that all of a sudden infrastructure projects aren't needed. We need to do what is best for our state, and right now that means building Line 3.

Jim Lucachick
Beltrami County Commissioner, Bemidji, MN

To The Editor,

This week we commemorated the attack on America on December 7th 1941 (Pearl Harbor). 2,403 Americans were killed in that attack.

Not long ago we commemorated the 9.11 attacks from September 11th, 2001. 2,977 Americans were killed in that attack.

Last week on December 2nd 2020, in only one day, a similar number of Americans died from the attack by the unseen enemy, the Coronavirus.

In reaction to those historic attacks, neither President Roosevelt nor President Bush treated those attacks as a hoax, or said that the Japanese or the Terrorists will magically go away. Instead, they made the hard decisions a Commander in Chief is supposed to make to protect Americans.

They led... and Americans rallied to defeat the enemy... Because that's what Americans do! That's what we do when we are led by competent, brave leaders who are grounded in facts and reality.

Over 275,000 Americans have been killed by this new enemy and Americans have had to be led by a patchwork of brave, intelligent Governors

and Mayors who believe in facts, reality and science, because the Commander in Chief has been missing in action.

Regardless of politics, let's now rally to defeat this new enemy.

Enthusiastically wearing a mask and social distancing is certainly not as difficult as being drafted to go fight the Japanese and Germans as our parents and grandparents had to do.

Don and Pat Foster, Bagley

To the Editor

Beltrami County Sheriff Ernie Beitel is encouraging the community to take the proper steps needed to protect themselves and their assets from scammers.

"In the cyber society we live in today, your information is out there in one fashion, form or limitation. Scammers troll for this information and often times you may innocently share just enough information to give them enough to start working on you. A social media post or sharing can leave you very vulnerable so be wary of what you share or post," said Beitel in a release.

Beitel explained a recent incident of a persistent scammer that convinced a resident that the caller was a federal agent.

"The scammer had already obtained limited information on the citizen and through some tactful conversation learned or confirmed even more. The catch for our citizen was the ability to pay for "their warrant" with the purchase of gifts cards and transferring money."

According to the release, this particular resident then received a call with a spoofed caller ID that said it was from the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office.

"Spoofing" is the manipulation of caller ID to display a fabricated number to falsely represent where the call is coming from.

The FBI has some resources available to help identify spoofing, phishing, vishing, smishing and pharming.

To the Editor

Last Friday afternoon, Indigenous warriors and water protectors blocked construction on Enbridge's Line 3 tar sands pipeline by exercising their treaty rights to perform Anishinaabe cultural practices including smudging, making tobacco ties, and praying. This action comes only days after Line 3's final permits were approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and is part of an ongoing Indigenous-led battle on the front lines of construction.

In the words of Anishinaabe Warriors at the action, "We need people to have a connection with this Earth so deep that nothing can shake them. Take a stand." They went on to raise the call for solidarity on the frontlines, "Your ancestors are here too. Take a moment to speak to her, our Mother Earth is crying out for the Warriors to rise again. Strong hearts to the front."

Line 3 violates the treaty rights of Anishinaabe peoples by endangering critical natural resources in the 1854, 1855, and 1867 treaty areas, where the Ojibwe have the right to hunt, fish, gather medicinal plants, harvest wild rice, and preserve sacred sites.

The state of Minnesota does not have the consent of many tribes that will be impacted by construction and spills. Last week, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa and the White Earth Band petitioned the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to pause its approval of Line 3 construction while challenges to the permits are considered by the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

As one of the Indigenous leaders at the action affirmed, "We have the right to practice our treaty rights. We ask you to bear witness and protect our right to do so."

For more information, contact one of the Indigenous organizers at 218-464-3082 or email media@resistline3.org.

To the Editor

As construction work on the Line 3 Replacement Project has now started, Keewatin Mayor Bill King today cheered the milestone as updated data shows that even more Minnesotans have filed for economic help. On November 30th the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issued a stormwater construction permit, the final approval needed to allow Line 3 to move forward. On December 1st crews in different locations along the route area began initial work on what will be the largest privately financed construction project in Minnesota's history. All of this comes as information from Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) shows that the average percentage of workers in the 14 "Line 3

Counties" who have filed unemployment insurance applications since March of 2020 is now above 32 percent.

"This week has been historically important for Northern Minnesota because Line 3 is finally moving forward after so many years of review and needless delays," said Keewatin Mayor Bill King. "This great news comes as the latest DEED information shows how much we need to find ways to get people back to work through projects like Line 3. In addition to the hope that new jobs will bring, seeing the final permits issued restores some confidence that large-scale projects can actually get through Minnesota's regulatory system. As hard as this year has been, it is beyond uplifting to know that we will finally see people getting back to work."

Hundreds of people are now working on the initial phase of construction that includes preparing sites for more intensive work. When fully operational, the project will put more than 4,000 union members to work to replace the 340-mile Minnesota section. Enbridge will invest approximately \$2.6 billion to fund work across 14 counties and it has already spent more than \$100 million with tribal communities to help engage their members to connect them with construction jobs.

The Line 3 project has been reviewed by state and federal agencies and regulators for almost six years. The process started in 2014 during the Obama-Biden Administration. Enbridge submitted their application for the replacement of Line 3 to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in 2015 as part of the company's integrity and maintenance driven program.

In November, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issued its 401-water certification, a key permit for the project. This was followed by the Army Corp of Engineers issuing its 404-certification, the PUC issuing an order to construct the project, and the MPCA stormwater construction permit.

"After so many years of meetings and delays that had many of us wondering if this would ever happen, it has been great to see agencies get their work done and permits be issued," King said. "Minnesota has strong rules to regulate mining and projects like Line 3 for good reasons. Yet in Minnesota, it seems our recent history for these projects has been filled more with delays than permits that result in work. The fact Line 3 is now fully permitted and under construction is important for the people who need jobs and for our region where mining, pipelines

and large-scale projects will continue to be a key part of our economy. This has truly been a great and important week."

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

County	Percentage
Kittson	14.1%
Beltrami	30.2%
Marshall	22.7%
Pennington	30.9%
Polk	26.6%
Red Lake	27.8%
Clearwater	37.8%
Hubbard	34.2%
Cass	42.3%
Crow Wing	37.4%
Aitkin	37.5%
Carlton	36.3%
St. Louis	37%
Wadena	33.3%
AVERAGE	32.01%

To the Editor

A long time ago Ronald Reagan would say "there you go again," when critics would keep coming up with new ways to oppose his administration.

The more I see new claims by Line 3 opponents, the more I think Ronald Reagan's line would apply to them. When their attempts to stop the project don't work, they constantly come up with new ways to try and scare us.

First, it was that Line 3 would destroy water quality in Northern Minnesota. This was countered by the MPCA's own data that shows that the areas with the best water quality already have pipelines present.

Next, they claimed that Line 3 would be a threat to Lake Superior. This was also shut down by further study.

Then they claimed that we did not need the oil from Line 3, but the refineries of Minnesota proved that was not true.

Now, "there you go again."

The newest claim is that Line 3 should be stopped because of COVID-19.

Enbridge just wrapped up the construction of the North Dakota section of Line 3 without any COVID problems though.

In fact, many construction projects across Minnesota have gone on this year without any COVID-19 issues, and Enbridge has a strong plan to make sure everyone in every community stays safe during construction.

The fact of the matter is that we need this project. We need to replace this aging infrastructure and put people back to work in a safe way. Line 3 will do all of this.

There will be another new reason to try to scare us, so let's remember to discern between truth and distractions as we move forward with Line 3.

Dale Adams
Mayor of Grand Rapids

Clearwater County Sheriff
Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

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Ordean "Jiggs" Swanson

1.4% increase from last year

County approves 2021 Net Tax Levy of \$8,132,178

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on December 2, 2020 to approve the 2021 Net Tax Levy in the amount of \$8,132,178. This reflects only a 1.4% increase from last year.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson offered several comparisons from nearby counties of Kittson, Beltrami, Red Lake, Polk and others which expect higher increases in their levies than Clearwater County, however they were not yet finalized.

Hiring of new County Attorney Kathrine Kimball Lorsch, effective January 4, 2021, was approved by the Board members. A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Larson and seconded by Board Chairman Neal Illies. She will be at pay Grade 28, Step 1 (\$41.27).

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox explained the proposed 2021 Land Department Tax Forfeited Fund Budget with revenues for Forfeited Tax Sales, Timber Development, In Lieu, and County Forest Roads totaling \$362,660; and expenditures for the same totaling \$500,252. A motion to approve the budget was made by Commissioner John Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Dean Newland, and approved by the Board.

Bruce also talked about the upcoming Timber Sale on December 14. Commissioner Newland asked a question regarding whether there are smaller acre tracts on our timber sale.

"Some tracts are large because we are working in forests types that are managed differently. We need large acre tracts to get volume that the loggers need to make it work," he said. "We finished harvesting our old aspen a few years ago and are working in other forest cover types that are mature while we wait for the second generation aspen to become merchantable."

"Hardwood takes more acres to get the volume, and we just don't have that kind of volume. These are lean times which we knew would come as we carried out our management plan. There will be plenty of aspen in a few year."

County Auditor Allen Paulson brought the Clearwa-

ter County Revenue Fund Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. Expenditures totaled \$8,477,557; and Revenues totaled \$10,017,803. A motion made by Commissioner Newland and seconded by Commissioner Larson received approval.

He received approval for the Solid Waste Management Fund 2021 Budget after motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland. Expenditures and Revenues for Demolition Landfill, Solid Waste Disposal, Solid Waste Collections, and Recycling, totaled \$2,445,281, which is equal to the Total Year 2021 Operating Revenue.

Another motion was approved for the Nursing Service Fund 2021 Budget. Expenditures totaled \$1,490,565; and Revenues totaled \$1,585,194.

Several motions were approved to transfer funds from the General Revenue as follows: \$50,000 to the Buildings & Grounds Account; \$100,000 to the Landfill Development Account; \$75,000 to the Rural Signing Account; and \$50,000 to the Equipment Account.

Year End Committed Balances for 2020 were approved for Landfill Development in the amount of \$300,000, and Rural Signing in the amount of \$240,000.

Liquor licenses were approved for Rock Creek General Store, Inc., Sportsman's Lodge, Fireside Grill, Inc., all with the continuance of insurance, and Knutson's Store.

He was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$60,850 from the County Revenue Fund.

CARES funds were approved to be used to purchase a portable vaccine refrigerator/freezer with battery and cart requested by the Department of Human Services in the amount of \$6,386; cleaning products, face shields, masks, shoe covers, privacy screens, postage, zoom account, phone head sets and other items requested by the Department

of Human Services totaling \$6,729; 10 portable radios and 10 tasers for the jail totaling \$39,118; additional hours used for collection site maintenance and landfill operator requested by Environmental Services in the amount of \$4,350.

Additional invoices must be submitted by the end of the year.

Truth in Taxation: The regular meeting was adjourned in order to conduct the Truth in Taxation meeting. No members of the community attended the meeting in person.

Assessor Jamie Freeman made a few comments about increases made to properties such as 5% on Ag land; or 10% on Ag buildings because of recent sales; and 2% on tillable land and pasture.

It was stated that some Townships will benefit because of the pipeline now that construction by Enbridge has begun.

"Enbridge" has been given the green light to start construction," Commissioner Mark Larson commented.

Commissioners present at the meeting: Neal Illies, Mark Larson Dean Newland, and John Nelson.

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