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Enbridge holds virtual open house December 9

Enbridge hosted a virtual open house through telephone and webcast on Wednesday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the open house was to learn what to expect during pipeline construction.

Built in the 1960s, Line 3 is a 1,097-mile crude oil pipeline extending from Edmonton, Alberta to Superior, Wisconsin. The pipeline is operating below designed capacity with portions of the line already replaced. Line 3 is complete and in-service in Canada and Wisconsin, and is complete in North Dakota, leaving only the segment in Minnesota not yet replaced. The replacement pipeline will follow Enbridge's existing Line 3 route from Joliet, North Dakota to Clearbrook, Minnesota, and then will primarily follow existing pipeline and transmission routes from Clearbrook to Superior, Wisconsin.

Three companies are now involved in the project. Michels Pipeline from Brownsville, Wis; Precision Pipeline from Eau Claire, Wis and MN Limited from Big Lake, MN. The line is broken up in 5 segments and all of them starting concurrently. The duration of the project is expected to take 6 to 9 months.

About 8,600 jobs (6,500 of them local) in Minnesota over a two-year period, including 4,200 union construction jobs,

half of which are expected to be filled locally.

The economic impact to the communities is 2.6 billion dollars invested. 35 million dollars in additional tax revenue with an agreement with 100% of private landowners. Increase property tax revenue in each county crossed by the Project. Enbridge pays more than \$30 million in Minnesota property taxes annually; this will increase incrementally by more than \$35 million beginning the first full year of service.

Laure Kircher, Sr. Community Engagement Advisor at Enbridge directed the virtual Open House introducing speakers and posing the questions that had been asked by the many who were on the zoom meeting.

Matt Bordson, Senior Project Engineer went over the safety rules that have been set up due to COVID 19. Especially to stay at home when sick.

Paul Eberth, Enbridge Project Director went over the stages of construction. They are grading and clearing operations, lay down of pipe, welding some together, digging, placing the pipe, cover-up and final grading and restoration.

A meeting had been held at the Casino in Thief River Falls on the Trust Task Force. Discussed was the risk of human

trafficking which is an issue in Minnesota which the communities are hoping to mitigate. A question about man camps was brought up. The answer to that is the worker camps are not being built. There is sufficient housing and most of the people live in the area where the line is going.

Soil separation was discussed with the top soil and fertile soil being put to one side to be put back when the project is done. There is also a built in crop payment for more than one year for land owners.

Tribal engagement has been a key part of the project with Leech and Fond du lac Reservations. A tribal cultural survey has been completed and tribal monitors will be deployed during the construction of the line. 120 have started working on the job.

Deactivation will be in place to take the old pipeline out of service. They will empty the oil, clean the line and disconnect the system. They will either leave the pipe in place or per the property owner take it out. They have a place south east of Clearbrook that has been a test site for old pipe that is taken out. It has been a long term study for the past 20 years.

You can learn more about Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota by going on line to enbridge.com/line3us



Ashley Reichert is the newest employee at Northern State Bank in Gonvick.

New face at Northern State Bank

The newest face at the drive up window at the Northern State Bank in Gonvick is Ashley Reichert.

She has been hired as the new Loan Processor for the bank. She graduated from the University of Minnesota at Crookston with a degree in Business Management. She worked many years at the

Reichert Saddlery and Farm Supply in Leonard for several years while in school. Working for a business made sense to her so that she should go to school for business.

She is also a local gal who graduated from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School in 2012. She loves to ride horses in her space time, do counter cross

stitch and help her boy friend Dirk Fultz with his business, Fultz Sand and Gravel. She drives a skid steer and loader for the company that is located south of Bagley.

She bought a house in Gonvick in 2017 that was once owned by Verner and Rose Odegard. Now she can walk to work each day at the bank.

Clearbrook Mayor Goudge responds....

Line 3 construction is finally underway. With workers all across Northern Minnesota now bringing business to communities along the route, it's hard not to notice the positive impact this project is already having.

And as construction continues, we will see more benefits from the project as a \$2.6 billion investment continues to create jobs and boost our economy. The benefits will continue after con-

struction, as our communities will see a yearly increase in tax revenue from Line 3.

However, there is more than just the positive impact on our local economies. This project will also make sure our oil refineries are supplied in the most reliable way, which will help keep oil prices down. This project also will keep oil off of the railroads and highways which in turn will help keep

Minnesotans safe.

Simply put, this project is an important step forward for our state. After a year that has been frustrating in so many ways, with the momentum generated by the start of this project, we can now finish 2020 with some hope of what's to come.

Dylan Goudge
Mayor of Clearbrook
Clearbrook, MN

Nearly 700 toys given away

Unseasonably warm weather provided a perfect day on Wednesday, December 2, at Timbers Event Center in Bagley

where the Clearwater Christmas Project held it's annual toy distribution. In compliance with COVID guidelines, the toy

distribution was contactless. Families used their phones to scan a code which took them to a google doc where they could provide gender and age information about their children. Upon sending the document, Tracy Imle would snag the information from her computer and give it to the volunteer shoppers inside the facility. Volunteers inside gathered the toys. The red Santa bag was taken outside and delivered to the family, where they would show proof of residency. Families also received a grocery voucher (valid at local stores) to be used on December 22nd/23rd to provide food for their holiday celebration. Clearwater Christmas Project thanks Timbers for use of the facility, volunteers for unpacking, sorting, organizing the toys and then bagging them for distribution, and the community for the tremendous support that has allowed people in Clearwater County to have a Merry Christmas. Donations are accepted year-round and can be mailed to: Clearwater Christmas Project, PO BX 343, Bagley, Mn. 56621.



Clearwater Christmas Project tech guru, Tracy Imle, mans the computer and relays the family information to the volunteer shoppers.



Volunteers Sharon Johnson and Corrinne Anderson fill red Santa bags with toys provided to Clearwater county residents.

Clearwater County Receives 2020 Achievement Award from Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust

During the 2020 Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) Annual Membership Meeting held in St. Paul Dec. 11, Board Chair Felix Schmiesing announced that Clearwater County is the 2020 recipient of MCIT's award for Outstanding Performance in the Workers' Compensation Division.

Each year MCIT looks for the county that has demonstrated steady improvement in its risk management and loss control efforts, its claims handling practices and its overall responsiveness to MCIT during the past five years.

Schmiesing was proud to

present the workers' compensation division award to Clearwater County for consistently improving claims handling in the area of workplace injury and illnesses, being committed to reducing employee injuries and having an overall focus on loss control and risk management.

The award winning county distinguishes itself in the areas of loss control and risk management. Criteria used to identify the recipient include risk management, loss control, customer service and workers' compensation claims.

ABOUT MCIT Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust is a joint risk-sharing entity formed pursuant

to Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59 and 471.981. MCIT provides Minnesota county governments and related organizations with property, casualty and workers' compensation coverage, as well as relevant risk management and loss control services tailored to the unique business of the public sector and its related organizations. MCIT is a member services organization created by counties and made available to other public entities through an intergovernmental joint powers agreement

Santa Claus will be in Leonard

Leonard Santa Day will be held on Saturday, December 19th. Come social distance and see Santa from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Leonard Dudley Community Hall.

Goody bags filled with treats and Christmas craft activity to take home and enjoy.



Sanford Health adds more Clearbrook Clinic hours

BEMIDJI, Minn.— Sanford Bagley Clearbrook Clinic recently added an additional day of service to better meet current community care needs.

The clinic located at 22 Elm

St. in Clearbrook, MN, is now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anyone can make an appointment at the clinic by calling (218) 776-3124.



Dean Ulrich, of Clearbrook, decided that it was time for him to retire. He was hired at Richards Publishing, the Leader-Record office in Gonvick on June 15, 1987. During those 33 years he has seen many changes and he has done many different things at the company. He printed envelopes, many different two and three part forms for companies in a wide area. He also worked on putting grommets and wire rings on hang tags and tilt tags for Polaris. He said he was going to enjoy taking some time to spend with his grandchildren and to take care of them.

Community Calendar

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.

Report from county nursing

Clearwater County: 605 cumulative cases. We have a decline in cases since last week! Our actual case count for the past 14 days is 143 cases (157 last week) that makes our 14 day case rate 162.32. We continue to monitor this closely. Age ranges for COVID cases from November 28, 2020 to De-

Coffee with the Chief Daniel Gazelka Clearbrook-Gonvick

On November 28, 2020 Chief Gazelka responded to a report of threats of violence with a firearm near 1st Ave in Clearbrook. On arrival, Gazelka met Clearwater County Deputy Pereira and they entered a residence. After a brief conversation with both individuals present, a male individual was taken into custody and charged with felon in possession of a sawed off shotgun. Suspect was cooperative with law enforcement throughout the encounter.

On November 30th, 2020 Officer Karayel and Deputy Goodwin responded to a report of a fight in a residence near 1st street in Gonvick. After arrival, Officer and Deputy were able to speak with both individuals and determined an individual had come to town, to another's residence and a loud, verbal argument had been in progress but no criminal activity had taken place. They were able to diffuse the situation and both people involved agreed to calm down and go their separate ways.

ember 11, 2020 Age 0-19: 12 Age 20-39: 31 Age 40-59: 44 Age 60-79: 49 Age 80+: 7 As of 12-10-20 (per MDH)

Clearwater County has a positivity rate of 10.6% (10.5% last week). This continues to be higher than our surrounding counties-Becker 6.3%, Beltrami 8.3%, Hubbard 7.9%, Mahanomen 8.0%, Pennington 8.4% and Polk 7.4%.

Presently we have 1 county resident in the hospital 10 Cumulative confirmed deaths due to COVID.

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

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!



American Cancer Society Love Lights a Tree memorials for this week are as follows:

In memory of Lorraine and Bennie Bestul from JaNelle and Brant Melbo.

In memory of James Halvorson from Ruth and family.

In memory of Art Fradenburgh from Melouise.

In memory of Larry K. Salvus from an old friend, Bruce A. Hanson.

In memory of my Mom and Dad, August and Lottie Olsen and husband Stan Perkins from Audrey Perkins.

In memory of Kenneth Walberg from David and Penny Lewis.

In memory of mother Arlene Milton, sister Joan Milton Byrd, uncle Herbert Ziegler and friend Fran Palmer from Denise Milton.

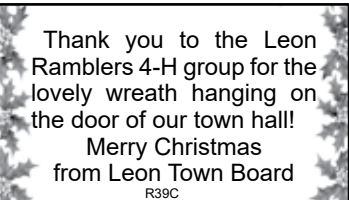
In memory of Donald Schultz, granddaughter Angie Johnson, brother George Berentsen and brother Elmer Berentsen from Margaret Schultz.

In memory of Molly Muckala Carter from Janet Schafer.

Those interested in a memorial listing in the Farmer's Independent and Leader Record can send a suggested donation of 5\$ per name to :

Kim LaVine 18802 County 39 Bagley, Mn 56621

ALL donations go to the American Cancer Society and are sent directly to the Hope Lodge. Please make out checks to the American Cancer Society. We make a difference!



Home Country

Slim Randles When it comes to our unique holiday of Thanksgiving, I think we all can see past the turkey and trimmings to what it's all about. Oh, there are some historians who will tell us the Pilgrims really didn't share a meal with the Indians, and that's okay, because they got grant money to tell us that. And there are other historians who tell us that the Pilgrims and the Indians were pals and split the turkey and dressing. And that's okay, too. Historians have to eat just like the rest of us.

But to me, that's immaterial. No matter who came up with the idea, it's a good idea. At least once a year we need to pause and give thanks in our own way for our blessings.

Of course, those of us who don't live in the big cities tend to be thankful for different things than those who may live in stuccoed cliff dwellings. We tend to look at the natural blessings more than the manmade ones. We tend to be grateful for the simpler things, like calves in the spring, and how clean they look before they discover mud.

Folks in Home Country are deeply grateful that tasty rabbits arrive in large litters, and bears don't. When we think about it, we are thankful that we get eggs from hens and not from rattlesnakes, as checking the rattler house each morning could get 'way too exciting.

When you consider that porcupines have quills, and deer don't, it gives us pause for praise, and we're happy that it's skunks who carry scent glands and not dairy cattle.

We are thankful, too, that hurricanes and tornadoes only happen in warm weather. It's bad enough to lose the barn without being chill-factored to death while it's happening.

Down at the Mule Barn truck stop, Dud said he was thankful turkeys were stupid. When asked why, he said, "Ever look in a turkey's eyes? Not only is no one home, but someone shut off the lights somewhere back in the Middle Ages. A turkey has just enough brains to operate his heart and lungs."

And you're thankful for that? We asked.

And Dud said "Sure. If turkeys had been given the rudimentary intelligence of an empty clarinet case, we might be forced to eat sheep on Thanksgiving."

Brought to you by the good folks down at Make A Wish Foundation. Make a donation and a real difference in someone's life. https://wish.org/contact-us

Winners announced

December 1st Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for a Winchester 270 Rifle is Leslie Berg. Please contact a Fireman to register your gun

The December 2nd Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is Jason Paulson.

The December 3rd Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is Jane Crist.

The December 4th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$75 is William Krueger.

The December 5th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$250 is Cody Halvorson.

The December 6th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$200 is Judy Nepean.

The December 7th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is Lurae Erickson.

The December 8th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is Adam Burman.

The December 9th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is Hadley Fawver.

The December 10th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is John Johnson.

The December 11th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$75 is Roxann Coan.

The December 12th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$250 is Sharon Solien.

The December 13th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$200 is Bradley Holm.

The December 14th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is Trey Goudge.

\$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 out 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 16th. 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-Leonard Senior Meals

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

Wed., Dec. 16 - Hamburger. Thurs., Dec. 17 - Pot Roast. Fri., Dec. 18 - Honey Mustard Chicken.

Mon., Dec. 21 - Sloppy Joe. Tues., Dec. 22 - Ginger Citrus Chicken.

Wed., Dec. 23 - Lasagna. Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change.

We sell office supplies! Envelopes, Paper Cardstock... Printed OR plain! Stop in & see us M-F 8-4:30 p.m. Gonvick, MN Richards

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook

Wed. Dec 16th, 6:30 p.m. Awana

Thurs. Dec 17th, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer

Sat. Dec 19th, 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

Sun. Dec 20th, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service and Christmas Program

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD Pastor Robert Kirchman Good Shepherd Wed., Dec. 16 - 5:45pm Confirmation - ZOOM

Sun., Dec. 20 - 9:00am Worship Service; 10:00am Virtual Sunday School

Thurs., Dec. 24 - 3:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Fri., Dec. 25 - 9:00am - Christmas Day Worship Service Our Savior's

Thurs., Dec. 24 - 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Supervised Distance Learning Site: Opens Friday, January 8, for K-8th grades at CWLC-Clearbrook. Registration required. Forms & information available on our website or at our Clearbrook office. Limited slots available at no cost to families.

Homemaker & Chore Services offered at no cost 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. Donations accepted.

Youth Connection After-School Program: See you in 2021! Registration is open for our third term which starts Tuesday, Jan. 5, 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.

Shop-At-The-Top: 75% off all Christmas items, Wed. thru Sat., Dec. 16-19. 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.

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

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

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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 sup-

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

port 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

Attention CG Students and Families!

There is a change being made to the schedule for the last week of school before we break for the holiday.

Elementary students will be in school as usual on Monday 12/21 and Tuesday 12/22.

High School Students in Hybrid Group 'A' will have school on Monday 12/21. They will be distance learning 12/22 (this is a change).

High School students in Hybrid Group 'B' will have school on Tuesday 12/22. They will be distance learning (as usual) 12/21

We are changing the schedule to ensure that students and staff can make contact before the long break.

Thank You,
Carl Dugstad
CG Principal

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., Dec. 16 - Orange Chicken, Whole Grain Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Egg Roll, Fortune Cookie, Pineapple and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Cheez It Crackers

Thurs., Dec. 17 - Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Broccoli, Fruit, Dinner Roll, dessert and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Cheesse Crackers.

Fri. Dec. 18 - Distance Learning Day.

Mon., Dec. 21 - Pizza Slice, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Cookie and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Baked Chips

Tues., Dec. 22 - Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Goldfish

Wed., Dec. 23 - No School. Christmas Vacation.

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the editor

Now that construction has finally started, we are already starting to see the positive impact the Line 3 Replacement Project is having on our community and our local economy.

Businesses all across Northern Minnesota now have new customers, hotels are filling up with new guests, and our stores have more customers. Local downtowns are already seeing the impact of the Line 3 Replacement Project and what happens when more people and dollars come to a community.

What's even better is it won't be long for the rest of Minnesota to start seeing and experiencing positive impacts. The fact this project is now being built is something that every Minnesotan should be happy about. This \$2.6 billion project is delivering on its promises exactly the way everyone has been saying it would.

Through the years of planning and preparation, Enbridge has long committed to doing this project the right way here in Minnesota and has set the bar very high.

This project will be an example for other large scale, infrastructure work in other parts of the country. To keep seeing progress in the future, we continue to need to update our aging infrastructure.

This means we cannot spend 5-6 years analyzing every project like we did with Line 3. Infrastructure projects benefit everyone - local communities, union members, states, and the country as a whole. They are investments in our economy and protect people and the environment.

It's only been a couple of weeks, but I know we will continue to see great results with Line 3. I also think that other states will be able to look to Minnesota as an example of how important it is to move projects like this forward.

Sid Michel
Mayor of Bagley, MN

To the editor:

In these troubling times, where is Blessed Hope? Titus 1:13 says, "looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." There it is! Our salvation is in the cross of Jesus Christ and what He there did; (not in political parties, men and women of power, or if you wear a mask (diaper) or not). Consider your choices carefully. Who or what is your God or idol?

On to politics.....News Flash: China wants Biden for President of the U.S. It's been said that Democrat-led states, with Republican help, have done more damage to America than 9-11. In eight months they have used COVID to shut down national holidays, churches, family gatherings and small businesses. Under the President-elect Biden administration it most likely will never come back. You can forget Line 3, you can forget Second Amendment, you can forget anything gas driven of the 2030 Green New Deal aka the Great Reset.

We've already had the Aahbs and the Jezebels. Is Nero next? He had Christians tied to poles, lit them on fire, and used them as street lamps. God forbid! Someone stated that while our brave governors and mayors were curbing COVID, our Commander-in-Chief was absent. That statement, in old language, is "bull." He's alone against Democrats, Republicans and the fake Media.

Where are those brave governors and mayors? I haven't noticed any. Our local officials should be charged along with the drunk driver who caused the car accident that killed our dear friend Pastor Verlyn Strenge. Where is their responsibility? These same officials, earlier this year, issued a 10 p.m. curfew on all residents in Bagley because of a couple of irresponsible crooks who had already been caught. My wife, who had a heart attack earlier this year,

was in critical condition and I took her to ER three times. If we would have had trouble after 10 p.m. and been stopped by police, I guarantee it would not have gone well in my view.

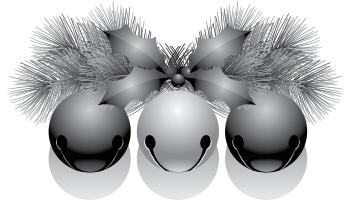
What happened to We the People? Is it now we the governors and mayors? It appears that those in power are led by a satanic influence. We need to follow Jesus' example and say; "Get thee behind me Satan." We need to pray for our leaders, although I find it hard to do so for some of them. Matt. 5:44 states: "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to them who hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

Antifa's origin was in Nazi Germany in 1930; Communism has been operative in America for some 100 years; Islam some 60 years (check out with Marine Corps John Guandolo at UTT). George Washington said, "Do not let anyone claim to be a true American if they ever attempt to remove religion (Christianity) from politics." America needs a Holy Spirit Revolution!

All humanity wants to believe in something, someone, or anything to fill the emptiness in their heart and soul. Try this: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised Him (Jesus) from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9

So long for now, folks. And God Bless America.

Jerry L. Wraa
Leonard
Quotation from AZ Rep. Mark Linchenich that he said to his governor and I quote to our governor: "You don't have the right to make me safe; that's my job!"





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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The decade-long hunt captured the world's attention, but when it finally ended in June, everyone still wanted to know: Who had solved the mystery? This week, as legal proceedings threaten his anonymity, a 32-year-old medical student is ready to go on the record.

A decade ago, Forrest Fenn hid his treasure chest, containing gold and other valuables estimated to be worth at least a million dollars, somewhere in the Rocky Mountains. Not long after, he published a memoir called The Thrill of the Chase, which included a mysterious 24-line poem that, if solved, would lead searchers to the treasure.

One local person from Gully was really interested in the hunt and went to a couple of places looking for the treasure.

It has been found by a 32-year-old Michigan native and medical student, was the person who had finally solved Fenn's poem. His name is Jack Stuef. He retrieved the chest on Saturday, June 6, 2020, in Wyoming and delivered it to Fenn's Santa Fe New Mexico home. And then Forrest Fenn died in September of this year.

The Gerald Dyrdaahl 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.

K&K's Cafe hours in Clearbrook are 7-2 Call 218-776-2195 for specials.

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.

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.

Galli Furniture winners of their Gift Certificate drawing to Slim Gym, Main Street Tavern, Sportsman's Lodge, Daroo's, JD's Outpost, The Clinic, Lobo's, Side Track Tap, Fireside Grill & Patio, Silver Creek, D&R Cafe are: Paula Keezer, Jill Bakken, Lenore

Hilliard, Sheila Horn, Christopher Branchaud, Linda Stai, Lori Hinrichs, Jeanne Davis, Heidi Wagner, Megan Erickson, Marcy Kaste, Daphne Kl-ema, Karen Graham, Kara Waldvogel, Elsie Johnson, Jackie Ulrich, Alissa Martinson, Paige Jourdain, LaVonne Schwartz, Jandi Theis.

These are first come first serve \$20 and \$50 gift certificates.

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

From my email...
I have not tried this yet but I will. One of the best baking tips ever... I have done this many times.. If you need to soften butter quickly but don't want to melt it.... Put boiling hot water in a glass to heat the glass. Dump the water out and flip it over your stick of butter. In a few minutes it will be soft to use!

Hi Corrine:
Just finished reading last week's paper - it came in the mail this morning. It's not your fault, you can't control the goofy post office. Enjoyed reading about your trip to Rochester - I, too, remember the polio epidemic. Those were scary times for our parents, but we didn't have the mobility or the number of people that we have now. In other words, life was much more simple.

Take care, stay safe and keep the paper coming.
Patti Malm
Joke Time -
Teacher

There was this Swedish teacher who was yelling at his class because they were so incredibly lazy. "I wouldn't be surprised if 50% of you flunk this math class," he said. One of the kids put up his hand. "But teacher, there aren't that many in this class," he said.

Interesting Facts
Your left lung is smaller than your right lung to make room for your heart.
Each time you see a full moon you always see the same side.

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COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Commissioners' November 10, 2020

The November meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on November 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairmen Illies presiding and Commissioners Titera, and Larson present. Commissioner Newland via zoom and Commissioner Nelson via phone. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda- Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Minutes- Board put minutes approval on November 17, 2020 Agenda.

Extension- Kayla Nyegaard presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to hire Julie Moe as the part time Extension Administrative Specialist for up to 1040 hours at Grade 8 Step 2(\$14.77) with starting date of November 16, 2020.

Environmental Services- Dan Hecht presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the removal of the solid waste collection site located in Pine Lake Township including estimated costs of \$1,500.00 for site cleanup and signage.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to allow part-time position Demolition Landfill Operator to exceed 1,040 hours for the year 2020, with benefits to be offered on a pro-rated basis at the option of the employee.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to allow part-time

employee Al Spring to exceed 1,040 hours for the year 2020, with benefits to be offered on a pro-rated basis at the option of the employee.

Soil & Water Conservation District- Chester Powell and Briel Prokosch presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the 2020 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan and Budget for Clearwater County.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to support the submitting of the Wild Rice-Marsh River One Watershed One Plan Comprehensive plan to the Board of Soil and Water Resources regional committee for approval.

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

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to accept the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for CP 20-100 Pavement Markings to accept said completed project for and in behalf of Clearwater County, and to authorize final payment to Traffic Marking Services, Inc.

Motion Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the County Ditch 2 application on file submitted by Mr. Danny Ekre and the conditions provided by the County Engineer which are included in the application. The cost to install the culvert or bridge shall be born on Mr. Ekre.

Motion by Commissioner Larson,

seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the purchase off the State Contract a John Deere 624L Loader and trade in Unit 15 to McCoy Construction & Forestry of Bemidji, MN in the amount of \$149,662.00.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve resolution to transfer excess municipal funds to regular funds. Resolution on file.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to accept designate the County Engineer as the County Inspector for the Line 3 pipeline construction project.

The Board gave general consent to County Engineer to put rumble strips on County Road 2.

Auditor/Treasurer- Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$180,044.57 from the County Revenue Fund and \$7,898.20 from the Nursing Service Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to accept the resignation of Lindsay Lamwers, Veteran Service Officer effective November 18, 2020, and authorize County Auditor to advertise for the position.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to hire Trudi Alberg as Auditor/Treasurer Clerk and Board Coordinator effective November 2, 2020 at Grade 12 Step 1, (\$16.82)

CARES motions- Motion by Commissioner Neal Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the expenditures of the Equipment, Supplies, and IT Committee of which he is a member, in the amount of \$18,040.00 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. A complete list and breakdown

is attached with the Committees recommendation to pay.

Motion by Commissioner Dean Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the Expenditures of the Public Safety Committee in the amount of \$21,695.49 to the Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center(Commissioner Newland is a Board Member) with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Motion by Commissioner Mark Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve expenditures of the Cares Act Public Health and Human Services Committee of which he is a member in the amount of \$47,831.73 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Motion by Commissioner John Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve expenditures of the Cares Act Business Assistance Program Committee of which he is a member in the amount of \$142,000 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Motion by Commissioner John Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve expenditures of the Cares Act Business Assistance Program Committee of which he is a member to pay our administrative agreement to Headwaters Regional Development Commission of \$200.00 per the 41 Clearwater County Businesses in the amount of \$8,200.00.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to initiate an ordinance on County Managed Land regarding camping or any other occupancy. Recess- The meeting recessed at 10:27 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on November 17, 2020.

November 17, 2020 Reconvene- The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m. on November 17, 2020 with Chairmen Illies presiding and Commissioners Titera, and Larson present.

Commissioner Newland via zoom and Commissioner Nelson via phone. Agenda- Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the Agenda with additions.

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the minutes from the month of October with corrections.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to remember with Honor the former Clearwater County Sheriff, Marcell Goodwin who served the residents of Clearwater County from January 1, 1983 until his retirement on December 31, 1990 with a moment of silence in respect to his recent death on November 10, 2020.

Auditor/Treasurer- Al Paulson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the 2019 Financial Statement for publication.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to cancel check #150018 dated October 20, 2020 for \$871.43. Bill was paid.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement on the following 2 motions. Motion by Commissioner Nelson, and seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the expenditures of the CARES Act Business Assistance Program of which he is a member, in the amount \$20,000.00 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, and seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve expenditures of the CARES Act Business Assistance Program Committee of which he is a member to pay our administration agreement to Headwaters Regional Development Commission of \$200.00 for one additional business.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, and seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of 66,545.35 from the County Revenue Fund and 28,184.19 from the Nursing Service Fund.

Interviews for candidates for the Attorney position were scheduled with the Board November 30, 2020.

County Managed Land Ordinance will be tabled for now. Commissioner Titera voiced timing not right, revisit in 6 months.

Open- The Board discussed the possible Courthouse closure to the public. By general consent the board decided to keep the Courthouse open at this time and review at the December 1st meeting. Dan Hecht and Al Paulson were present to voice concerns.

Adjourn- Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Dated: December 1, 2020

Neal Illies, Board Chairman

Trudi Alberg, Board Coordinator

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Notice to Leon Township Residents

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the Leon Township Hall.

Filing for township offices opens on December 29, 2020, and continues to January 12, 2021, 5 p.m.

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED ARE: 1 Supervisor for a 3 year term 1 Treasurer for a 2 year term Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2 filing fee. Lori Larson, Clerk

Notice

The Greenwood town board will meet at the home of the clerk on December 21st. 2020 at 7:00 pm. Sheila Horn Clerk

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF CLOVER TOWNSHIP

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Filing can be done by contacting Joel Wraa Clerk of Clover Township at 218-776-2457. A \$2.00 filing fee is required at the time of filing. Joel Wraa, Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voter(s) of Eden Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 9, 2021. In case of inclement weather the meeting and location may be postponed until the third Tuesday on March16 2021 and if inclement weather the election and meeting will be held March 22, 2021.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at which time the voters will elect:

1 Township Supervisor for a 3 year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00pm to conduct all necessary business provided by law.

The Annual Meeting and election will be held at the Eden Township Hall located at 39017 310th St. SE, Gully, MN.

Filing for township office opens on Dec 31, 2020 and continues until Jan 14, 2021 until 5:00 pm.

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk-treasurer Dennis Erickson, 39741 320th St SE, Gully, MN 56646. Phone 218 268-4590. A \$2.00 filing fee is required by law.

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Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids must be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Widseth, 315 5th St NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Bidding Documents also may be examined at the City of Clearbrook by calling 218-776-3213 to schedule an appointment, the Clearwater County Hwy Department Building in Bagley, MN and at the Minneapolis and Fargo/Moorhead Builders Exchanges.

Digital Bidding Documents can downloaded online for \$60.00 at www.widseth.com by clicking the "Bid Documents" tab near the upper right hand corner of the screen or at www.questcdn.com by inputting QuestCDN project #7253001 on the website's project search page. Please contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of \$60.00 for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents must be payable to "Widseth". Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

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Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



As the year is quickly coming to an end, I am ready to put 2020 in the rear-view mirror. There have been many challenges this year and I am hopeful that 2021 will be better and people can begin to get back to their normal lives. With the holiday season just around the corner, I wanted to take time this month to give some safety reminders for everyone in an effort to keep everyone safe.

This time of year, there seems to be a Christmas tree inside nearly every home. Whether you have a real tree or an artificial one, fire hazards do exist with them. Always remember never to place them near a heating source such as a fireplace, space heater or anything that gives off heat. Real trees, in particular, can become very flammable if they are allowed to dry out. You should always have a base that can hold at least a quart of water per inch of the tree trunk base at all times. Tree fires within the home are not that common, but when they occur, can be very disastrous.

With Christmas trees also come lights. Don't overdue lights whether on a tree or elsewhere. By rule of thumb, never connect more than three strings of lights together. Too many lights in one series can overload outlets and cause them to overheat. With new LED lights, this is not quite as much of a concern as with standard lights, but caution should still be used. Also, make sure you are using the correct lights if you are hanging them outside. Make sure they say on the packaging or the UL label that they are for outdoor use.

Candles are another common fixture during the holiday season. They can add a

nice ambiance to your home, but it can also present a fire danger. It is estimated that close to 50% of house fires are started by candles. If you are using one, keep it at least 12 inches away from anything combustible. Do not leave them burning if you go to bed or leave your home. Make sure the candle is extinguished completely before leaving it unattended. Make sure the wick of the candle is trimmed down to approximately ¼ inch to prevent a larger flame or have the risk of the burning wick falling off and starting a fire. You should only burn your candle for an hour for every inch of the candle diameter to allow for even wax melting. For instance, if you have a four-inch diameter candle, you should not let it burn for more than four hours.

If you have a wood burning fireplace in your home, only burn logs. Do not burn wrapping paper, cardboard boxes or any evergreen boughs as they can cause a large number of sparks that can get thrown onto your floor or through the chimney and onto the roof. It can also cause a buildup of creosote that can cause a chimney fire. On top of that, materials such as wrapping paper and some boxes can give off hazardous fumes that can cause health problems. As with candles, do not leave your wood burning fireplace burning overnight if you are sleeping unless this is your main source of heat and you have protective measures in place. It is also wise to have your chimney inspected on a regular basis by a professional.

If you are going to be leaving for the holidays, make

sure your home is secure. Let neighbors or friends know you will be gone and ask them to watch your place to prevent someone from breaking into your home. Lock up any fire-arms in your home and make sure not to leave valuables in plain sight. There are always people scouring social media to see what other people are doing, so be careful not to advertise your plans to everyone on the internet that you are going to be gone. Wait until you return home to post any pictures you may have taken of your adventure.

Lastly, be aware of scammers preying on unsuspecting people during this time of year. These people count on others feeling overly generous and rely on that kindness to steal your money. Be cautious if anyone calls you and asks for money or wanting you to donate to some cause. Do your homework before giving out any financial information. There are legitimate organizations seeking monetary donations, but there are many more fraudulent ones out there. If you are concerned, call your local law enforcement agency for their advice. It is better to be safe than sorry.

I wish everyone a happy holiday season and wish for a safe and happy new year for you all. Please be safe this season and make memories that will last a lifetime. Be sure to share your blessings with others and take the time to remember those less fortunate. We have such wonderful and caring people in our county and that is what makes it such a joy to serve this community.

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

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

Bear Creek - Total 3
12/10/20 11:54 Animal Related
12/10/20 17:50 Suspicious Activity
12/10/20 18:06 Animal Related
City of Bagley - Total 19
12/06/20 05:05 Harassment - Report Taken
12/06/20 11:11 Death - Patient Evaluated, No
12/06/20 13:04 Information Only
12/06/20 17:11 Medica - Patient Treated, Released
12/06/20 18:54 Traffic Stop
12/07/20 03:27 Suspicious Activity
12/07/20 14:07 Information Only
12/08/20 18:49 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/09/20 11:13 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/09/20 12:20 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/10/20 02:05 Suspicious Activity
12/10/20 07:14 Traffic Complaint
12/11/20 15:06 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/11/20 21:38 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 00:26 Medical
12/12/20 10:09 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 13:19 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 14:14 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 16:45 Transport - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
City of Clearbrook - Total 7
12/06/20 16:38 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/11/20 13:34 ASSIST
12/11/20 20:21 Traffic Stop
12/11/20 23:50 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 00:21 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 00:59 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 04:25 Traffic Stop
City of Gonvick - Total 1
12/12/20 21:21 Traffic Stop W - Warning
City of Shevlin - Total 4
12/08/20 12:50 Suspicious Activity
12/08/20 13:26 Fraud
12/11/20 08:12 Warrant - Attempt to - Handled By Officer / Deputy

12/11/20 19:12 Information Only
Clover - Total 2
12/08/20 01:13 Alarm O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/10/20 11:43 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Copley - Total 10
12/07/20 20:32 Traffic Complaint
12/08/20 00:23 Traffic Stop
12/08/20 12:38 Information Only
12/09/20 17:07 Suspicious Activity
12/10/20 16:16 Information Only
12/10/20 16:54 Lost/Found Property - Handled By Officer/ Deputy
12/12/20 17:07 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 17:17 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 17:27 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 17:38 Traffic Stop
Dudley - Total 2
12/08/20 12:51 Traffic Stop
12/09/20 13:42 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 3
12/09/20 16:38 Animal Related
12/10/20 05:58 Animal Related
12/11/20 12:45 Fire 23 - Fire Control or Extinguishment
Falk - Total 2
12/06/20 07:58 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/09/20 15:34 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Holst - Total 2
12/09/20 13:30 CIVIL PROCESS - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/12/20 11:09 Traffic Stop
LaPraire - Total 1
12/07/20 17:07 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
LaPraire N - Total 4
12/07/20 09:53 CIVIL PROCESS - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/09/20 22:41 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/11/20 13:08 911 Hang Up
12/11/20 18:59 Juvenile Misc - Unit Cancelled Enroute
Leon - Total 5
12/06/20 08:23 Motor Vehicle Theft - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/11/20 03:30 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
12/11/20 20:12 Traffic Stop
12/11/20 23:09 Traffic Stop
12/12/20 23:44 Traffic Stop 04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)

Minerva - Total 4
12/07/20 19:37 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/07/20 22:01 Medical 41 - Patient Evaluated, No
12/09/20 09:45 Warrant - Attempt to - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/11/20 10:00 Warrant - Attempt to - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Moose Creek - Total 1
12/07/20 03:47 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Nora - Total 4
12/07/20 09:36 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/08/20 18:18 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/10/20 06:53 Traffic Stop - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/12/20 12:51 Traffic Stop
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 1
12/07/20 14:36 Transport - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Pine Lake - Total 2
12/07/20 15:44 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/08/20 23:35 ASSIST - Information
Popple - Total 5
12/08/20 11:54 CIVIL PROCESS - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/08/20 12:35 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/10/20 12:08 Property Damage - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/11/20 14:20 ASSIST - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/12/20 05:39 Information Only
Rice - Total 5
12/07/20 08:31 Motorist Assist - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/09/20 17:49 Harassment - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/09/20 19:22 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/10/20 19:42 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/12/20 14:25 Fire - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Shevlin - Total 3
12/06/20 20:30 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/10/20 07:36 Runaway - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/11/20 14:48 Traffic Stop
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Recently a Forum Communications' Editorial Board weighed the irreparable harms of death as less significant than lost income when asking us all to "accept" the Line 3 project as a "greater good beyond (ourselves)". While unemployment benefits can replace lost wages, atop grieving, many Minnesota families are facing the economic hardship of a funeral — or two — as the coronavirus thrives in congregate living.

A few short-term Minnesota jobs versus scores of dead Minnesota nurses and neighbors? I'd call that "unacceptable".

Unlike referenced election lawsuits, Line 3 evidence has for years resulted in clear court decisions for opposition parties, as well as a report from the Minnesota Office of Legislative Auditors, showing that the Public Utilities Commission failed to follow the law in the Line 3 approval process.

Forum Communications said "violent protesters ... are staging and readying, and law enforcement has been equipping itself with armor ... to respond." If war is coming, it will be waged by over-militarized police fearing violence when faced with women praying while holding sage. It is not our life-protecting stand, but the corrupted power of money that brings war.

We need to maintain jobs that our Minnesota neighbors do: inspecting and repairing the current Line 3 infrastructure for our safety. Applaud their fine work! Line 3 is perhaps Enbridge's safest, leaking only 66 gallons in the last dozen years (mostly contained pump station leaks).

Meanwhile, in just five weeks, we've lost 1729 neighbors; 271 more than last week's 5-week review. Progressing weeks' data show a bad trend: 249, 327, 317, 397, and now 439 deaths. How many next week?

Let's do some things that truly are for the greater good: Wear a mask, stay home, and delay Line 3.

Jami Gaither
Alida, MN

In case you are not aware, public health officials in Aitkin County where Enbridge work is already impacting the community have petitioned for relief.

FYI: The Forum Communications' editorial:

GUEST EDITORIAL: Accept, respect Line 3 process, its legitimate result

The Duluth News Tribune editorial board argues to accept, respect Line 3 process, its legitimate result.

Written By: Duluth News Tribune Editorial Board | Dec 5th 2020 - 7am

After endless debating, campaigning, and spirited rallies, a result not going the way you wanted is tough to take. It can be hard to accept, even if doing so is right for a greater good beyond yourself.

No, this isn't about President Donald Trump and the result of the November election. This is about the final permit being issued this week for the Line 3 Replacement Project, allowing construction to finally begin on what, really, should

have been routine infrastructure-improvement work.

Like with Trump and the election, lawsuits are quickly being filed to challenge the outcome. For Line 3, the review and permitting processes were years-long, involving expert analysis, scientific scrutiny, and numerous opportunities for public comment and input. Everyone who wanted to be heard had ample opportunity to share their viewpoints, allowing them to be considered.

After all that, numerous state and federal agencies determined Minnesota's portion of Enbridge's \$2.9 billion private investment could safely proceed, ensuring our state and elsewhere the oil we need, even as we transition to renewable sources of energy, to fuel our vehicles, heat our homes, and produce the petroleum products we use every day: things like life-saving medical devices, household goods, and even pens. Legal challenges are part of the process, too, and need to play out in accordance with the law.

It's what comes after those legal challenges, should they prove unsuccessful, that is concerning right now.

That's because opponents of the Line 3 project have been using words and phrases like "battle lines," "war," and "never stop fighting," suggesting not peaceful protests of the Line 3 project but violent conflicts — and an unwillingness to accept the result of a legitimate and painstakingly thorough public process because the result was disagreeable. (Again, not talking about Trump here).

Already, Line 3 opponents have been caught destroying heavy construction machinery being used for the project outside of Minnesota, including by pouring cement into gas tanks. And they've been arrested after trespassing onto private property to damage equipment and disrupt work, causing costly delays and endangering innocent workers and the public alike.

Few of us want to see the many clashes that marred protests over the Dakota Access pipeline project repeated in northern Minnesota. But violent protesters from around the country already are staging and readying, and law enforcement has been equipping itself with armor and mutual-aid agreements to respond en masse.

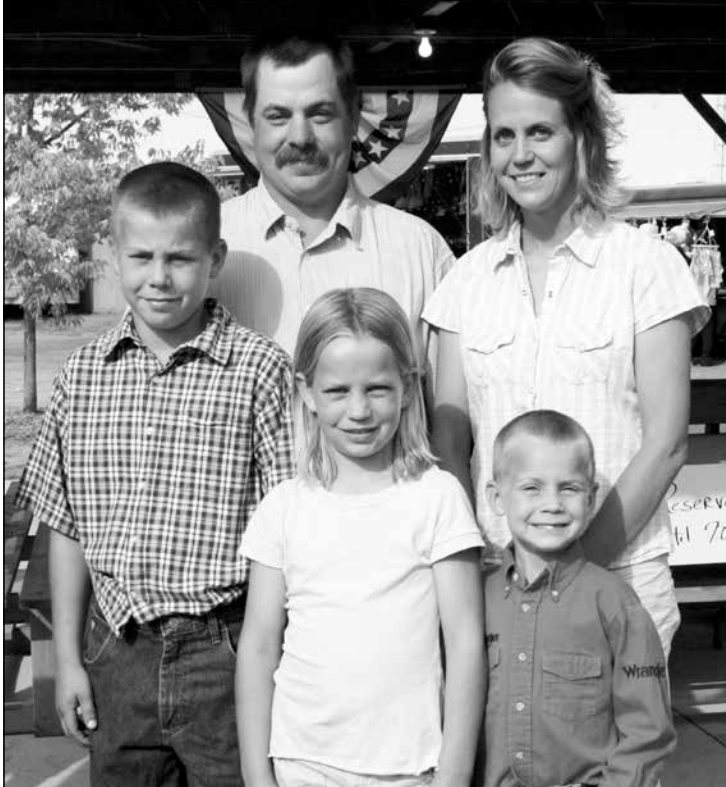
The stage may be set, but the destruction of public and private property, the bloody clashes, and our northwood skies filled with teargas and smoke don't have to happen. Not with respect — whether in agreement or still in vehement opposition — for the legitimate result of a lengthy, inclusive, thoroughly considered, and exhaustive public process.

There's no denying the economic benefit of Line 3 construction allowed to be peacefully and safely completed. The project is to provide 4,200 good-paying construction jobs across 13 counties. It's work for local union members as well as out-of-town contractors who'll come here and spend their money here, helping to refuel our COVID-devastated local economies. In addition, the project is to result in \$19.5 million in new property taxes every year — on top of \$34.5 million Enbridge already pays annually in property taxes.

The new pipe will be safer for the environment, too. The existing Line 3, laid way back in the 1960s, had deteriorated to the point where Enbridge pumps only 390,000 barrels per day through it when its original capacity was 760,000 barrels per day. The project is replacing outdated infrastructure before it fails with state-of-the-art technology, reducing the need for oil to be transported by rail or truck, both of which are environmentally riskier options.

In the coming months, the Line 3 Replacement Project can be peaceful or it can become a flashpoint. Which one depends on the respect given to a trust-worthy, inclusive, and legitimate public process.

FROM THE PAST - 2008



Roelf and Patches Aufforts were named as Clearwater County Emerging Leaders at the Clearwater County Fair. Their children in front are R.J., Rylee and Remington.

Let's do Lefse!

Local Artist Cindy Kolling's Coloring Art Workshop selected for "Artists Respond: Combating Social Isolation" project.

Free online event Dec.18
What a Year! It's been one for the History Books, that's for sure! 2020 has been a swirling year of pivoting, adjusting and learning to take each day one at a time, knowing that any or all your plans might be cancelled or changed because of pandemic updates.

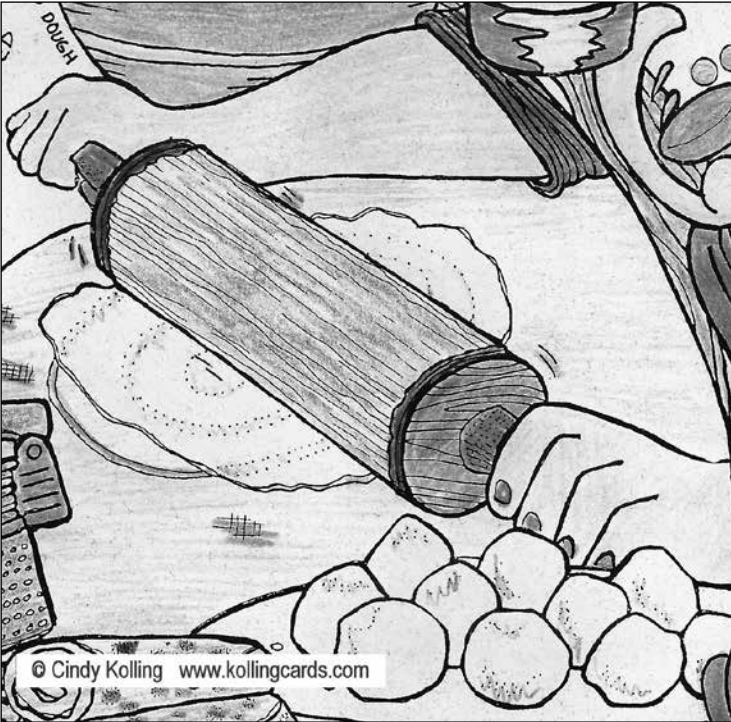
In many ways, we have all learned more new stuff than we probably care to. A year ago, a mask was for Halloween or theatre. Now it's something you grab when you get out of your car. A year ago, a handshake or a hug was a standard greeting. Now it's bad manners. A year ago, if someone stood six feet away when talking to you, you'd figure they must have been drinking! Now it's just normal. Who knew what "Zoom" even was a year ago? Now we know it is an online communication tool that allows us to have meetings and gatherings from our home.

A year ago, calendars were over-filled with social activities, monthly club organization and committee meetings, fund-raising suppers, weekly card parties, weekly church services, nights out and parties in: gatherings were everywhere; and we hosted or attended. It was normal. We didn't even think about it. It was sometimes exhausting even!

Then came COVID and for many people, their social world has become still. There isn't socializing at workplaces, or schools, churches, cafes, bars or grocery stores now. Senior and group housing has restricted in-person visits. Social contacts have been cut to minimal as we all play our important part to fight the spread of this virus while scientists and health care facilities work to get it under control. It turns out, social isolation can be a serious thing, and is really having an impact on many people, especially now.

The Springboard for the Arts organization recognized early on that artists were being hit hard by COVID cancellations and they also became alerted to the increasing social isolation among students in distance learning, people suddenly working from home, and many retirees and elderly people whose social network is in "pause". Springboard concentrated on "creating simple, practical solutions and systems to support artists as key contributors to community issues." They came up with a concept called "Artists Respond: Combating Social Isolation" which would select several professional Minnesota artist's projects to participate.

While skimming a newsletter, Cindy Kolling, owner of Kolling Cards and Things Made Here! of Gully caught a headline about the project. It looked like



This is a detail from the "Lefse" Minne-Mural Coloring Art Poster to be featured in the upcoming (Free) Online Kolling Cards Online Holiday Coloring Art and Content Adventure

a good match for one of Cindy's interactive Kolling Cards Online Coloring Art and Content Adventures. She applied and a couple months later, received word that her December project had been selected.

The online events offer a format for Minne-Mural Coloring Artists of all ages to gather and learn and laugh in a COVID safe manner. Of course, not everyone who participates feels socially isolated. Many anticipate a needed break from a busy house. Most are looking for a fun, creative growth opportunity for themselves and their kids. It's a new kind of community and community is particularly important now.

The next Kolling Cards Online Coloring Art and Content Adventure will be held online (via Zoom) on Friday night, December 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. (Central Time).

There is No Charge to join the event, but you do need to pre-register. You can do this by contacting Kolling Cards directly or simply by clicking the icon on the Kolling Cards website shopping page (put it in your cart & follow the steps all the way through; expect a confirmation email.)

The theme will be "Let's do Lefse!" and the featured design will be the Lefse Minne-Mural™ Coloring Art Poster.

The work of other Minne-Mural Coloring Artists of all ages, tips on how to blend colors, achieve highlights and shadows and grow as their coloring art skills can be seen on the Kolling Cards blog at www.kollingcards.com under the "about" menu tab.

Minne-Mural Coloring Art is a way for folks young and old to warm up their creative side and visitors to the blog enjoy seeing the work of fellow Minne-Mural™ Coloring Artists. To display the "Awesome Wall Art"



We would like to congratulate Halie Krause—CNA on her \$4000.00 RN scholarship from Cornerstone Residence of Bagley! Halie started at CRB less than 6 months ago and in that short time has shown to be a very dependable and knowledgeable team player! We are so happy to help her further her nursing career in health care! Thank you for joining our team and good luck with your studies! -Submitted from Cornerstone Residence of Bagley.



STORY TO SHARE!
If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: richards@gvtel.com



Here is the Rudolph project of the day that Marge Trembath of Clearbrook has been busy with!! They are gingerbread men turned up side down. She says they taste good too!!



Clearwater County 4-H Ambassadors making reindeer.

Santa day, to-go!

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our communities have been forced to cancel our traditional Santa Days. Clearwater County 4-H, still wants youth to get in the Holiday Spirit with a craft!

The Clearwater County 4-H Ambassador program has put together Candy Cane Reindeer kits for your kids to take home and put together. Make them on your own, with the directions included, or join a Zoom session to get crafty as a group!

What's better than Christmas Crafts during the holiday

season? Being charitable! Our Ambassadors would love if you could donate a non-perishable item to our food drive when you pick up your kit.

Kits are available at Kubiak, Family Food's in Bagley, Galen's in Bagley, Bakken's Market in Clearbrook or Palubicki's in Fosston.

Get Crafty as a group and join the zoom meetings on Friday, December 18 at 5 pm Meeting ID is 468 258 2984 or Sunday, December 20 at 2 pm, Meeting ID is 468 258 2984.



The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sunday School kiddos went caroling last week throughout Clearbrook! They were troopers in the cold. They sang their hearts out to so many and spread Christmas cheer everywhere!!! - Photos submitted.

How are Tribes being involved in this project?

We're engaging with Minnesota Tribes and creating opportunities for their citizens and communities to benefit.

At Enbridge, we are proud of our relationships with Indigenous communities, and see them as mutually beneficial—economically, socially and culturally. Our Line 3 replacement marks an unprecedented level of Tribal engagement, inclusion and economic participation.

As part of the Line 3 replacement, we've committed \$100 million for Tribal-affiliated work opportunities, and we're engaging with Minnesota Tribes on training, contracting, procurement and hiring.

A Tribal-led Cultural Resources Survey was completed along the project route. With representatives of nine Tribes doing direct survey work, and more than 30 Tribes involved via government-to-government consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this has been the largest such survey ever attempted in the energy industry.

Most importantly, we've been listening. From the start, we respected the wishes of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to route the new Line 3 around their reservation. We've also signed a 20-year easement renewal with the Fond du Lac Band and made further route changes based on the Tribal Cultural Resources Survey results.

Learn more at enbridge.com/Line3US.

