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Donations and storage space part of city council meeting

by Bonnie Kirchman
The Clearbrook City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020. In addition to the regular department reports, the agenda included a request for approval of a new building, an update on the 2021 sewer and water project, and a donation of \$20,000 from Team Industries. **Ryan Solee**, representing the Clearbrook Community Club, requested approval for building a new storage building.



Large dog in front of the Birkeland house in Gonvick.

ing near the city garage on Oak Street. He presented the council with plans for a 20 x 20 building that would cost an estimated \$20,000. The Community Club would donate the money for the building to the city. The city would hold ownership of the building. The Community Club currently rents storage space, but more space is needed to store records and other items related to gaming. The council gave their approval for the Community Club to proceed with plans for a storage building.
The council approved the receipt of a Team Industries donation of \$20,000 for the police department. The grant will be used for equipment and staff needs. Police Chief Dan Gazelka reported that the department responded to 44 calls in November. These included fifteen traffic stops, four medical calls, four calls for suspicious activity, and three information calls. The council discussed issues related to residents leaving junk cars and trash on their property.
Fire Chief Adam Krog reported that the department had a busy November. Calls for the month included nine medical calls, one grass fire,

one hay bale fire, and one call for assistance. The department also participated in the November 10th search for a missing hunter. Krog informed the council that Enbridge is donating a used pickup truck to the department. The department used grant money for equipment purchases including SCBA tanks and three radios. Trevor Rogstad is back on the volunteer firefighter roster after moving back to Clearbrook, bringing the total number of members to nineteen.
Karra Weems, liquor store manager, reported that the business is slow due to current COVID restrictions. New guidelines are expected from the state on December 16th.
The council approved the purchase and installation of new aluminum doors for the big gym. Mark Snobl, Utilities and Maintenance Department, anticipates that the doors will be installed in January.
Lucie Thompson, City Clerk, shared an update from engineer Curt Meyer who was unable to attend the meeting. The sewer project is out for bids. Bid opening is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on January 14, 2021. The bid opening will take place via ZOOM.

Lucie told council members that the County Board will address the issue of a sales price for the house at 3 Oak Street at their December 15th meeting. The city hopes to be able to purchase the condemned house from the county and have it torn down.
The council voted to accept the 2020 audit quote of \$12,000. The audit for 2019 is almost complete. The preparation work for the audit had to be done remotely due to COVID and increased the completion time.
The 2021 budget was presented to the council members. Mayor Dylan Goudge told members that they had the option of accepting the budget at this meeting or holding a special meeting before the end of the year. The council members voted to accept the budget that includes a projected \$6,000 net income for the year. The council also approved the 2021 property tax levy.
The council members expressed their appreciation to Gary Prosser, as this would be his last meeting. Prosser has served as a council member, but chose not to run for re-election to another term.
The council approved monthly claims of \$47,699.37 and additional claims of \$85,968.14.



Decorated house in Gonvick belongs to the Bergersons.



Decorated street poles in Gonvick.



Seven houses received trade bucks in Clearbrook for their Holiday decorating. This one belongs to the Basingers.



Seven houses received trade bucks in Clearbrook for their Holiday decorating. This one belongs to the Gustafsons.



Decorated house in Gonvick belongs to the Krouliks.



New Veterans Service Officer hired Clearwater County has handed out \$1,231,671 in Federal Cares Funds

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on December 15, 2020, with Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson reporting that the county has handed out a total of \$1,231,671 in Federal Cares Funds in an effort to assist with the needs and losses of local businesses and departments within the County. "That's good for the County," he said to the Commissioners.
Most recently, the commissioners approved expenditures of the Health and Human Service Committee in the amount of \$2,000; the County Employee Cost Committee in the amount of \$9,315 for wages reimbursed, \$36,094, and \$702 for supplies; and the Public Safety Committee in the amounts of \$50,000 and \$9,525, all with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Funds.
New Veterans Service Officer Logan LaClair was approved by the Board to be hired for the position, as well as for Safety Control Coordinator. The start date is December 16, 2020 at Grade 16 Step 1, \$20.32, with a one-year probation period.
A Resolution for Reappointment of the Clearwater County Assessor, Jamie Freeman, for the term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 was approved, with motion by Commissioner Dean Newland and seconded by Commissioner Mark Larson.

Resolutions for Salary changes in Clearwater County were adopted as follows for 2021: The Auditor-Treasurer's salary shall be increased from \$89,892 to \$92,140; Recorder's salary shall be increased from \$70,930 to \$72,703; Sheriff's salary shall be increased from \$86,330 to \$89,513; and Attorney's salary shall be decreased from \$106,600 to \$85,841.
The 2021 salary for the Commissioners will remain the same as 2020 at \$20,742 annually. The motion was made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and approved. The Auditor-Treasurer confirmed that the Commissioners have not approved a raise for their positions in a long time.
It was approved for the County Sheriff, Jail Administrator and Chief Deputy Sheriff to get the same contribution toward the Teamsters Health Fund Insurance as Teamsters Local 346 Union, effective January 1, 2021.
A non-union employees pay scale increase of 2.5% was approved, effective January 1, 2021.
Land Commissioner Bruce Cox received approval of a Resolution for the Sale of Land to

the City of Clearbrook near the northeast corner of town for a total of \$303.65. Commissioner John Nelson made the motion to do so, which was seconded by Commissioner Mark Larson and approved by the Board. The City will tear down the structure that is now there.
Environmental Services Director Dan Hecht requested an annual cost of living raise for employee Al Spring. A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Titera to move him to Range 8 Step 4 at a wage of \$15.72, and was approved, which will go up to \$16.11 in

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Seven houses received trade bucks in Clearbrook for their Holiday decorating. This one belongs to the Lievings.



The Veterans Memorial in Clearbrook was decorated for the holiday season.



Staff at the Border Bank in Clearbrook were greeting their customers during this holiday season. Shown in the front are Terri Vorderbruggen, Jo Voxland and Niki Groshong. Standing Mona Djernes, Terri Godtland and Monica Johnson.

Community Calendar

Holiday lighting contest for Gonvick

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.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

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

Wed., Dec. 23 - Lasagna.

Thurs., Dec. 24 - Turkey Dinner. Delivered on Wednesday.

Fri., Dec. 25 - Christmas - No Meal.

Mon., Dec. 28 - Tator Tot Casserole.

Tues., Dec. 29 - Crispy Baked Chicken.

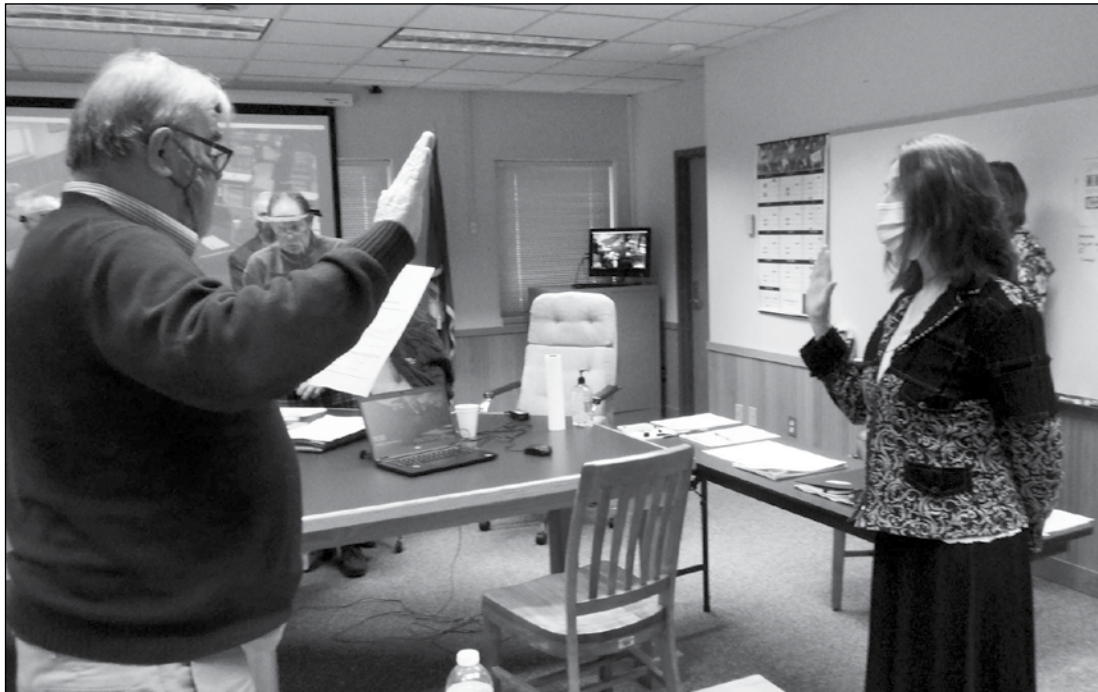
Wed., Dec. 30 - Biscuit & Gravy.

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



I want to thank all my dear friends and family who sent me 90th birthday messages and postcards. Reading all the memories & well wishes made for a very special birthday. I am blessed to know all of you.

Harriet Shellum



Oath of Office is given to Clearwater County Assessor Jamie Freeman by Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson for her reappointment to the position. Her new four year term is from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

Commissioners...

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2021. One no vote was made by Commissioner Nelson.

Director Hecht was authorized for expenses associated with acquiring land for a solid waste collection site in Pine Lake Township, estimated at and not to exceed \$7,200 (not including closing fees) for the cost of land and survey.

County Engineer Dan Sauvé received approval for payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$29,072.

Acceptance of the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for work done, and final payment to Mark's Sand & Gravel Co. was approved.

The low bid of \$2.25 per column inch from Leader-Record newspaper in Gonvick was accepted for the annual publishing for 2021 for First

Publication of Financial Statement, County Board proceedings and legal notices and all other publishing requirements, including the two publications of delinquent taxes. The second publication of the financial statement will be handled by Farmers Independent of Bagley which bid \$2.30 per column inch.

A motion to adopt the 2021 Highway Department Budget was made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland, and approved by the Board.

An agreement with North Country Community Health Board was approved for Clearwater County to provide financial services and clerical support of CHS administration for North Country Community Health Services.

Purchase of a Dell Latitude laptop for \$1503 and office license for \$365 was approved for the Clearwater County Nursing

Service.

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$234,413 from the County Revenue Fund and \$30,519 from the Nursing Service Fund.

Application of Julie Sauer for the 2020 on and off sale liquor and Sunday sale licenses for Lobo's Bar & Grill, Inc. was approved with continuance of insurance.

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

Trade Buck Winners announced

Congratulations to our 2020 Clearbrook Community Club Trade Bucks Winners!!

Levi Nelson, Frank Bergh, Steve Hagen, Ty Nelson, Max Syverson, Rose Nyland, Janet Olson, LeeAnn Bakke, Kevin Prosser, Naomi Shamp, Bev Anderson, Ordean Swanson, Glenn Olson, Theresa Beardsley, Jandi Braaten, Julie Weems, Tim Shamp, Leone Swanson, Jody Bjerke, Lurae Erickson, Jen Forsberg, Rose Amundson, Bev Shelquist, Nicholas Erickson, Danny Ulrich, Roxanne Engbretson, Craig Bjerke, Mary Ulrich, Rachel Forsberg, Emily Shamp, Kayla Walberg, Becky Johnson, Virgil Tronnes, Molly Shamp, Heidi Syverson, Joni Hagen, Pam Bagaason, Julie Prosser, Rilla Nelson, and Arian Wangstad.

Stop into the Clearbrook City office to pick up your trade bucks. I will be making calls as well. Thank you to all that registered for our drawing.

Lucie Thompson, Clearbrook City Clerk.

Report from county nursing

Clearwater County: 619 cumulative cases. We have seen a marked decrease in new cases!!

Our actual case count for the past 14 days is 53 (143 last week) that makes our 14 day case rate 60.16. We have not had a count that low since October!! Let's keep this up and keep our spread and case count down.

Age ranges for COVID cases from December 5, 2020 to December 18, 2020

Age 0-19: 3
Age 20-39: 15
Age 40-59: 13
Age 60-79: 18
Age 80+: 4

Please follow recommendations to slow the spread of COVID. WEAR A MASK. WATCH YOUR DISTANCE (greater than 6 ft.) WASH YOUR HANDS and stay home as much as possible!

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

We are experiencing a significant decrease in the numbers and the first vaccine has been received in our region!! Frontline healthcare workers are receiving vaccinations and we are expecting to start vaccinating the nurses here at Local Public Health next week or the week after. CCNS nursing staff are all completing training and education regarding the vaccine and it's administration. We continue planning for vaccinations as we progress through the allocation of vaccine.

Marissa Hetland RN/BSN/PHN

Director-Clearwater County Nursing Service
Public Health/Homecare/Hospice

Administrator-North Country Community Health Services
212 Main Ave. N.
Bagley, Mn 56621
ph-218-694-6581



Galli Furniture Giveaway winners

This is the last of the Galli Furniture of Bagley Holiday Giveaway gift certificates to local bars, restaurants and Slim Gym.

These are first come first serve: Kaili Fawver, Cheryl Grover, Heidi Marsh, Athena Bugg, Leah Kingbird, Bryan Cooper, Derek Tollefson, Aricka Marsh, Ramona Cook-Stately,

Joel Manecke, Liz Hargreaves, Anna Willborg, Connie Boe, Kim Halverson.

Merry Christmas and thank you for shopping local!

STORY TO SHARE!

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



would like to say "Thank You" to all the landowners for allowing us to utilize your beautiful land for snowmobile trails.

Due to Covid, we were not able to host an appreciation dinner which we hope we can do this spring.

Please know we do appreciate our landowners.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Brad Spaulding
Wed. Dec 22nd, No Awana
Sat. Dec 26th, 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sun. Dec 27th, 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
Thurs., Dec. 24 - 3:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Fri., Dec. 25 - 9:00 am - Christmas Day Worship Service
No Church Services Sunday Dec. 27th.

Our Savior's
Thurs., Dec. 24 - 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Merry Christmas and know that Jesus really is the reason that there even is Christmas. All CWLC businesses & buildings closed, Dec. 24-26.

Shop-At-The-Top: 75% off all Christmas items thru Jan. 12. Open 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, weekdays and 10:00-12:00 on Sat.

Monday Art Class Starting Jan. 4: Crocheting w/ Gwen, 1:00-3:00 PM, CWLC-Gonvick. \$5.00/week. Registration required. Call 218-776-2789.

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.

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.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: Resumes next week, Thurs. evening, Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve.

Adult Education: Tues., 6:00-8:00 PM & Wed., 12:30-3:00 PM. Individual 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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www.clearwaterslife.org, www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org, or www.mustardseedhomes.org and "like" us on Facebook pages.

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UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Kris Snyder
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Rd 7
Sunday Church Services 9:00am
Sunday School canceled for the immediate future due to COVID.
Fri- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day service at 9:00am. Masks and social distancing are recommended.

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Men's Prayer - 6:30am Tuesdays
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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Thu, Dec. 24: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.
Fri, Dec. 25: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth.
Sat, Dec. 26: Mt Olive; 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Dec. 27: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship; Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 11:00 a.m. Worship.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 23: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).
Sun, Dec. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Dec. 29: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Dec. 30: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Dec. 27th: 9:00 a.m. at Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Radio service continues on 96.7FM
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. And on Facebook Live as well, Sunday at 10AM.

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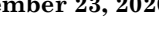
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BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., Dec. 23 through January 1 - No School. Christmas Vacation.



Looking for pictures for the yearbook

Announcement from CG Yearbook Class.

If you have any photos we can use for the yearbook, we will take them! Here is how you can help! (Details in the comments)

**examples of what we can use are photos from sporting events or just groups of kids hanging out.

Download the ImageShare App on your phone and create an account.

It will ask for our project number: 124019

The photos will be visible for Mr. Bettin to upload to the editing software for the staff to use.

*Books are also on sale from now through Jan 29th. You can send a check or cash with your student and give it to Mr. Bettin.

HS is \$50. Elementary is \$25.

If you have any questions, please send an email to jbettin@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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

2019 Traffic fatality count

Minnesota Reaches Grim Milestone One Month Ahead of 2019 Overall Traffic Fatality Count

• Preliminary figures from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety show 364 people have died on Minnesota roads since Jan. 1. That compares with 364 fatalities in all of 2019.

• The state reported 364 deaths on Dec. 1 in 2020; 364 deaths were reported on Dec. 31, 2019.

• On a 10-year average, 30 people die on Minnesota roads in December.

Recent Deaths on Minnesota Roads Include:

• A 36-year-old who died in a rollover crash in Benton County.

• A 30-year-old who died in a rollover crash in Steven County.

• A 75-year-old driver who failed to yield at a stop sign and was hit by a semi in Becker County.

Drive Smart

The 364 fatalities include:

• 314 motor vehicle occupants compared with 339 reported this time last year.

• 63 motorcyclists compared with 44 reported this time last year.

• 40 pedestrians compared with 43 reported this time last year.

• 10 bicyclists compared with 10 reported this time last year.

• 107 are speed-related compared with 68 this time last year.

• 97 are alcohol-related compared with 103 this time last year.

• 29 are distracted-related compared with 27 this time last year.

• 92 fatalities involved an unbelted motorist compared with 66 this time last year.

Quotes

• Mike Hanson, Director of Department of Public Safety

Office of Traffic Safety:

"With fewer vehicles on the road during the 2020 pandemic, the loss of life on Minnesota roads is beyond disappointing; it is tragic and completely preventable. While most Minnesotans are driving smart, there are a number of people who have used the lighter traffic as a license to disobey laws. The rising number of speed violations and the decline in seat belt usage from 2019 to 2020 cannot be ignored. We grieve with all of those experiencing an empty chair at the table for the holidays and we beg each and every one of you to start understanding the consequences of dangerous driving behaviors."

• Matt Langer, Chief of the Minnesota State Patrol:

"There are names behind the 364 traffic deaths. They are loved ones; individuals who never made it home while traveling on our roads. Troopers know all too well how preventable these deaths are. By buckling up, slowing down, putting the distractions away and line up a sober ride, we can significantly reduce fatalities on our roads."

Fatality Breakdown

Out of the 364 fatalities on Minnesota roads, 72 percent are male.

Minnesota Traffic Fatalities

2019.....	364
2018.....	381
2017.....	358
2016.....	392
2015.....	411
2014.....	361
2013.....	384
2012.....	395

Impaired Driving Kills the Holiday Spirit

• Extra DWI Enforcement on holidays and weekends runs Nov. 25 through Dec. 31.

oAlcohol-related traffic deaths are slightly down from this time last year.

Impaired Driving Arrests

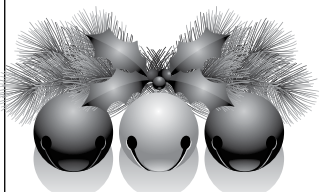
• Law enforcement across Minnesota made 267 DWI arrests during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend (Wednesday 6 p.m. - Monday 6 a.m.).

• So far this year, law enforcement helped make Minnesota roads safer with 21,258 DWI arrests, compared with 25,607 at this time last year.

Lives Lost in Traffic Crashes in 2020

• The slow scroll of hundreds of names found at dps.mn.gov is a somber reminder this holiday season of friends and family that won't be home for the holidays.

• Their deaths were preventable and you can prevent tragedy by driving smart.



Santa came to Trail this year, bringing treats and joy to Peter Bohn, and even though it seemed a little early, Santa came just in time for Peter. It's been said that, "Santa knows, he always knows." I think Santa must have a heart as big and kind as Tony Webers' heart. Thank you Santa Tony and God bless you and the Mrs. - Submitted by Margie Buer.



Look what Kaitlyn Boyer created in Osceola, Iowa with round hay bales..

Clearwater County Sheriff

Darin Halverson
Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1
12/17/20 18:38 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Bagley Total 18
12/13/20 06:45 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/13/20 20:06 Warrant Arrest
12/14/20 09:22 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/14/20 14:27 Vehicle Lock Out
12/14/20 21:34 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
12/16/20 09:31 Death - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/16/20 16:07 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/17/20 04:56 Alarm - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/17/20 15:08 Medical - Event Cancelled
12/17/20 16:58 Traffic Stop
12/18/20 01:54 Information Only

12/18/20 09:51 Transport
12/18/20 15:13 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
12/18/20 18:44 Transport
12/18/20 20:39 Predatory Offender - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/19/20 07:41 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/19/20 19:19 Traffic Stop
12/19/20 21:59 Traffic Stop
City of Clearbrook - Total 8
12/13/20 00:26 Traffic Stop
12/17/20 14:02 Information Only
12/18/20 12:10 Medical - Patient Treated, Released (Without
12/19/20 01:07 911 Hang Up
12/19/20 11:01 CIVIL PROCESS
12/19/20 21:00 Traffic Stop
City of Gonvick - Total 1
12/16/20 20:03 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Leonard - Total 1
12/19/20 23:21 Traffic Stop
City of Shevlin - Total 2
12/15/20 07:35 Traffic Stop
12/15/20 16:09 Fraud - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Copley - Total 6
12/13/20 19:43 Traffic Stop

12/14/20 09:55 911 Hang Up
12/14/20 13:42 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/14/20 16:14 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/17/20 15:01 Sexual Conduct - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/19/20 14:19 Suspicious Activity
Dudley - Total 2
12/13/20 09:43 Traffic Stop
12/18/20 16:44 Traffic Stop Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
Eddy - Total 2
12/16/20 15:01 Death - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/18/20 17:49 Alarm - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Falk - Total 3
12/13/20 14:41 Disturbance - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/14/20 14:03 Fraud
12/15/20 16:11 Warrant Arrest
Holst - Total 2
12/17/20 17:45 Traffic Stop
12/19/20 06:05 Traffic Stop - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Itasca - Total 3
12/14/20 21:28 Suspicious Activity
12/17/20 13:26 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
LaPraire - Total 3
12/14/20 16:57 Burglary - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/16/20 01:43 Suspicious Activity I - Information
LaPraire N - Total 7
12/15/20 06:33 Civil Complaint
12/15/20 23:22 Sexual Conduct
12/16/20 09:42 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
12/17/20 22:50 Medical - Patient Evaluated, No
12/17/20 23:17 Disturbance
12/19/20 08:09 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/19/20 19:40 911 Hang Up
Leon - Total 3
12/13/20 00:54 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
12/17/20 16:35 Disturbance
12/18/20 13:10 911 Hang Up
Minerva - Total 3
12/16/20 18:08 Traffic Stop
12/18/20 07:32 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/19/20 14:53 Traffic Stop
Moose Creek - Total 1
12/14/20 12:49 Fraud

Sheriff's Weekly Activity ... Continued on next page

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Usually a traffic jam in our small communities involves 3 vehicles in sight of each other at the same time...more and more we are seeing streams of traffic as photographed. With more traffic comes the risk of more accidents. Stay alert, stay safe, have a great weekend everybody! - Submitted by the Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department

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Clearbrook Police Department Receives \$20,000 Grant from Team Industries

The Clearbrook Police Department, along with the Clearbrook City Council, would like to express thanks to Team Industries for a \$20,000 grant. The money is being used for staffing and equipment needs. Enbridge also donated over \$6,000 in grant money to the department. In addition to these grants, emergency COVID funds were also used for equipment purchases.

Because of these grants, the police department will be able to move a part-time officer into a full-time position. The additional money will help pay for both the salary and the benefits

for this officer for one year.

The grant money is also being used to obtain much needed equipment for the department. A new computer has been purchased for the office. The squad cars have been updated with radios, printers, emergency lights and pursuit tires.

The police department received another grant from the State Farm Insurance Agency in Bemidji. This one-time community grant was used to send a Clearbrook police officer to defensive driving training.

Police Chief Gazelka wrote the grant applications. In a small city police department, it can be diffi-

cult to find money in the budget to purchase the equipment needed and grant-writing is something Gazelka does on a regular basis. Gazelka said he usually has to try to find used radios or computers. Now, for the first time since becoming police chief, he has been able to purchase a new computer.

Thanks to the support from businesses like Team Industries, Enbridge, and State Farm Insurance, the Clearbrook City Police Department will go into 2021 with more staff and better equipment. The department is grateful for this support of their efforts to keep the Clearbrook community safe.



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

For the week of December 20:

In memory of husband Vernon Kortan from Alice Kortan.

In memory of Irene Henderson, Peter Henderson, Lillian Howard and Hilburn Howard from Denise and Bob Howard..

In memory of Nicky and Ted Ekre from Kitty Plante.

In memory of Ervin Knoell and Arnold Van Oort from Marianne Van Oort.

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!

Gonvick Fire Department Winners announced

The December 15th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is Sue Bergman.

The December 16th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is Shirley Anderson.

The December 17th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is Thor Solien.

The December 18th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$75 is Lori Clemenson.

The December 19th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$250 was Dave and Sue Daleger.

The December 20th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$200 is Mike Blowers.

The December 21th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$50 is Roxy Bakke.

MLBA statement on continued closure of indoor service for bars and restaurants

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz will announce continued full closure of indoor service at Minnesota's bars and restaurants. Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association Executive Director Tony Chesak issued the following statement in response.

"Today's news is not only devastating, it's shameful and unjust. Minnesota's hospitality industry has complied in good faith with mask mandates, limited service, and yet has only seen 1.76% of COVID cases tracked back to bars and restaurants. The data driving the decisions is not transparent to the public and isn't being used to make our collective actions smarter or safer for all involved.

Governor Walz's order continues blanket rules that are resulting in the near elimination of an entire industry, employing thousands of Minnesotans. The paltry offering of limited outdoor dining in the middle of a Minnesota winter doesn't even begin to make up for the forced closures. While Governor Walz's

dials turn, more and more of Minnesota's restaurants and bars will be forced turn their lights off permanently."

TOP Data

Against the backdrop of the pandemic, people of Minnesota have been reaching out for an extra beer or two to help them pass the time. TOP Data conducted a study and found that alcohol consumption across the country has gone up by 19% since the pandemic started. Budweiser was revealed as the most purchased beer in Minnesota during the pandemic.

Overall Key Findings:

- 262% Countrywide Increase in Online Alcohol Sales
- 19% Increase in American Alcohol Consumption during the pandemic
- 41% Increase in instances of Woman drinking 4 drinks or more a day

Minnesota's Most Purchased Beers:

- Budweiser
- Bud Light
- Miller Lite
- Coors Light

Celebrating the Holidays When Your Loved One is Ill

by Heather Larson, LSW, CT

Holidays are typically a joyful time filled with celebrations, gatherings and merriment, but it can be a stressful and emotional time when a family member or someone close to you is dealing with an illness.

My family and I were in this situation in 2017 when my beloved grandpa was diagnosed with terminal stomach cancer. The holidays were approaching, and this would be a difficult time for our family. But my grandpa, who was well-known for his upbeat personality and treasured (but very corny) jokes, took his prognosis in stride, and in doing so, he brightly lit the pathway for our family.

That last holiday with my grandpa taught me that holidays aren't as much about the traditions and the things we soon forget after the hustle and bustle ends. Rather, the holidays are about the feelings and memories made when we are with the people we love.

We often worry about the details of the celebration coming together – what to wear, what to make for dinner, what dishes to use, how tidy the house is, the presents to wrap. Reflecting on the last major holiday spent with my grandpa, I can't recall some of the things that may have concerned me in preparing for the day. I don't remember the meal we ate, how much time my sister spent decorating and so on.

But I clearly remember feeling grateful as I sat next to my grandpa—our chairs side by side. We talked about the meal that day and my concern about him smelling all the good food but not being able to eat much himself. He said, "Don't worry about it; I don't need all that food anymore." I understand now that he was telling me his body was changing and it didn't need to use food in the same way a healthy person's body does. He was content with that, and I believe many of our hospice patients are, too, as they near the end of their lives.

Our family spent cherished time together, talking, laughing and observing my grandpa enjoying the day. This was all he needed for the holiday—to be with his family, and it's all our family really needed, too. Although my grandpa and grandma were only able to spend a couple of hours with us that day, it was enough time for him to fill his heart and soul with the precious gift of love and quality time with family. And, that was enough for all of us.

You may be struggling with how to celebrate the holidays with someone who is ill. Below are some ideas to consider this holiday season, but remember just simply being together will likely be the most meaningful of all.

- Modify your expectations and traditions. This holiday season will look different, and that's OK. Adjust your expectations about how the holiday typically goes, and don't get too caught up in the details. Modify the traditions you're able to, so you and your loved one can still enjoy the special season. If your loved one is ill and not feeling well, they may not need or be up for spending as much time together as they normally would, and that's OK. Focus on making the most of the time you do get to share.
- Bring the holidays to your loved one. If your loved one can't get around much, bring the holiday to them. It's OK if they can't leave their bed or the house. You can create meaningful memories by bringing the holiday joy to them. Decorate their room or home with a few special items that hold meaning for them, or simply string up some beautiful holiday lights. A

little tinsel will go a long way to making your loved one feel the cheer of the season.

- Don't overdo it. Allow time to be present. This can be an emotional time for everyone, including your loved one. Make sure to allow for moments of peace and rest, so that everyone has an opportunity to recharge. More things packed into the day doesn't necessarily mean the more meaningful the time will be. Think quality time over the quantity of time. Just being present with one another might be what everyone needs.

- Enjoy the sounds of the season. Music can be therapeutic and can have a positive effect on a person's overall well-being. Play your loved one's favorite holiday music in the background for a portion of your time together. Listening to their favorite tracks can bring back happy memories from past holidays.

- Share favorite family memories and stories. Plan to have everyone share a favorite holiday memory or story as you gather. Your family's laughter and visiting back and forth can provide a sense of normalcy and comfort for the person who is ill. In some situations, your family member might not be alert or able to respond verbally, but research has shown and we have witnessed with our own hospice patients that even while someone is nonresponsive, they can hear their surroundings. It's OK to share laughter and moments of levity together even if your loved one can't respond. It will provide comfort for them.

I will always miss my dear grandpa and think of him often. I'm so grateful for the gift of holiday memories we spent together throughout the years—especially the last holiday despite his illness and knowing what was to come. We took the time to just be together and that is what mattered most.

If your loved one is struggling and can use extra support, we can help. Contact us or call (800) 237-4629.

Heather Larson is a grief specialist with Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Sheriff's Weekly Activity ...

Continued from page 3
Nora - Total 7
12/13/20 11:09 Traffic Stop
12/13/20 19:57 Civil Complaint
12/14/20 11:34 ASSIST
12/16/20 18:18 Traffic Stop
12/18/20 09:10 Traffic Stop
12/19/20 15:55 Assist Other
12/19/20 18:41 Traffic Stop
Pine Lake - Total 3
12/14/20 15:19 Traffic Stop
12/19/20 10:12 911 Hang Up
12/19/20 10:38 Traffic Stop
Popple - Total 4
12/16/20 04:56 Animal Related
12/16/20 08:56 Traffic Stop
12/19/20 12:43 Animal Related
12/19/20 12:52 ASSIST
Rice - Total 4
12/15/20 08:28 Traffic Stop
12/15/20 10:39 Suspicious Activity
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/16/20 17:03 Juvenile Misc
12/19/20 18:12 Traffic Stop
Shevlin - Total 5
12/15/20 18:33 Suspicious Activity
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/18/20 08:17 Disturbance
12/18/20 11:16 Disturbance
12/18/20 14:47 Information Only
12/19/20 22:57 Traffic Stop
Winsor - Total 1
12/15/20 17:48 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Total Records: 88

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Wednesday, December 23, 2020



Santa Claus was ready in Leonard last Saturday afternoon.

Legal Notices

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 March 16 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. R39-40C

CITY OF CLEARBROOK CITY STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND CSAH STREET IMPROVEMENTS (SAP 015-605-012, SAP 015-642-003 & SAP 015-657-001)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Clearbrook City Street & Utility Improvements and CSAH Street Improvements (SAP 015-605-012, SAP 015-642-003 & SAP 015-657-001) project will be received by the City of Clearbrook at the office of **Widseth, 315 5th Street NW – Suite 1, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601, until 1:00 PM on Thursday, January 14, 2021** at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud via ZOOM Web Conferencing. A web meeting invite will be sent to all plan holders prior to the bid opening. The Project consists of constructing sanitary sewer, watermain, street and storm sewer improvements.

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 be 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.

A pre-bid conference will not be held for this project.

Bid security must be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Women and Minority owned enterprises are encouraged to submit bids.

Owner: City of Clearbrook
By: Lucie Thompson
Title: City Clerk
Date: December 10, 2020

+ + END OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS + +

CITY OF GULLY COUNTY OF POLK STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION OF THE ALLEY ABUTTING EAST GULLY AVENUE IN THE CITY OF GULLY PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTE § 412.851

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the City Council on the 6th day of January, 2021, in the Gully Community Center located at 120 Main Street at 7:00 PM to consider a proposed vacation of the aforesaid alley legally described as:

That certain alleyway located in Block One of the Plat of Gully, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at a point designating as the Northeast corner of Lot 8 of said Block 1, said point being the point of beginning of the alley being vacated;thence Northerly as an extension of the East line of Lot 8 of said Block 1 a distance of 25 feet, more or less, to the Northern boundary of said Block 1; thence Northwesterly and along the Northern boundary line of said Block 1 a distance of 45 feet, more or less; thence Southerly and parallel to the West line of Lots 6,7 and 8 of said Block 1 a distance of 25 feet, more or less, to the Northern boundary line of Lot 8; thence Southeasterly and along the North boundary line of Lot 8 of said Block 1 a distance of 47 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Dated this 16th day of December, 2020.

Signed By
Barbara Sellers, City Clerk, City of Gully

R40-41C

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF CLOVER TOWNSHIP

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

1- SUPERVISOR - 3 yr term 1 - TREASURER - 2 yr term

Filing begins Dec. 29th 2020 and ends Jan. 12th 2021.

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 R39-40C

Notice of Filing for Town Offices to be elected

Notice is hereby given that a town election will be held in the Township of Pine Lake, Clearwater County, Minnesota on Tuesday, the 9th Day of March, 2021.

The first day for filing affidavits of candidacy will be Tuesday, December 29, 2020. The last day will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Filing may be made with Clerk, Pamela Goebel. Call 218-280-2356, or email pinelaketownship@gmail.com

The following terms will be expiring:

Supervisor
for a term of 3 years
Clerk/Treasurer
for a term of 2 years.
Filing fee is \$2.00

R40-41C

Notice

Notice to the residents of Clover Township. The regular meeting will be held at the Josh Reed residence, Dec. 29th at 5 p.m.
Joel Wraa, Clerk R40C

NOTICE TO GULLY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Gully 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, at the Gully Townhall, Gully, MN.

Filing for township offices open on December 29, 2020 and continues to January 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Officers 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 \$2.00 filing. R40-41C





Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Merry Christmas... May you and yours have a Christmas season filled with love and laughter, peace and joy. It has been a trying and long year and hope the best for one and all.

The Clearwater-Polk Electric office will be closed on Thursday December 24th, Friday December 25th and Friday January 1st. The office will reopen Monday morning January 4th 2021.

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 spe-

cial 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.

The Trap in Gonvick is open Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 1 am and on Sunday from Noon to Midnight.

Dudleys' Cafe in Leonard is open 7 to 2 for take out.

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'll be home for Christmas because I have been there all along.

Joke Time -
During a visit to his doctor, Ole asked him, "How do you de-

termine whether or not an old person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, " we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, Ole said he understood,". "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" the doctor said "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?" he asked Ole.

From my mail...
Note from Marion Tveitbakk Anderson. She says Happy Holidays to everyone in Leader-Record land. She is with the Class of 1961. Just think, she says, next May 24, 2021 will be 60 years since they walked the hall of C.H.S.

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

Quick tickets... Does your organization need raffle tickets" Call 218-487-5225 or email richards@gvtel.com your information and we will be glad to help you.

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

We collect used eye glasses in the Leader-Record office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions Club and they are put to very good use. We have been getting in cell phones but we do not collect those for the Lions Club. If anyone knows where they can go let me know.

We take passport pictures. Call 218-487-5225 to set up an appointment. They can be made while you wait

Holiday decorating in Gonvick



Home Country

Slim Randles
Saw this ad t'other day in my outdoors magazine, Campin' 'n' Fishin'. Oh, hi there, Alphonse Wilson doin' the talkin' don't you see. Call me Windy. Sneaked in here again when Slim weren't lookin'. But I gotta tell ya not to believe ever dang thing you read. Yessir, they had this little-bitty sleeping bag made out of space materials, I guess so you can stay warm on Mars or somethin' and it weighed just about nothin' and a half.

Just how stupid do they think we are, anyhow? I mean, you gotta surround yourself with good stuff to sleep right or you're just flippity squidglin' around all night. Like a inch bug or somethin' ... well, somethin' that's cold and has an agrellation of sleeplessness.

You give me a good ol' cowboy bedroll every day! Yessir. Now if you ain't up to slump on what a bedroll is, I'll just clue you in. You take a great big ol' tarp and inside it you put your blankets and a pillar and such. How many a-them blankets do you use? Wellsir, how cold is it going to plunge down to tonight? You see, it's adjustable and you can thicken it if it's cold or skinny it down if it's a warm night.

Now what a good smart cowboy will do is build hisself a bedroll so thick he can go dog mushin' on the Idiot Road race up in Alaska. Yessir! Then, he can take out half the blankets if it ain't gonna be cold enough to hang meat tonight. You see? 'Course now, a real cowboy bedroll ain't easy to haul around. You ain't goin' far with it on your back. Nossir. But that's why them early cowboys invented pack mules and pickup trucks.

There's a rule of thumb tacks here, and you're getting it straight from the horse's mouth ... if you can carry it, It ... Ain't ... A ... Bedroll.

And you can tell 'em I said so.

Brought to you by "A Cowboy's Guide to Packing the Backyard Horse," by Slim Randles. Available at www.amazon.com.



Seven houses received trade bucks in Clearbrook for their Holiday decorating.



Sather



Prosser



Granley



Larson



Curling or a form of curling in the area. They were using plastic jugs with red and green coloring. Thinking of everything to do during these times.



*Peace, love & harmony
we wish to you
and may love fill your home with
blessings too.*

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Garden Valley Technologies
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Northdale Oil Company
Northern State Bank - Gonvick
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Reichert Saddlery & Farm Supply - Leonard
Team Industries - Bagley
Thrifty White P747 - Clearbrook
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Brooks Feed Milling*



*Merry Christmas,
& Happy New Year!*