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"Spotlight on Education" highlights board meeting

By Bonnie Kirchman
The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020.

Kim Anderson presented the "Spotlight on Education" slideshow prepared by the Agriculture Communications Class. The music teachers created virtual concert experiences for both the elementary and the high school students. These can be viewed on the school's Facebook page. Students in the school readiness program made graham cracker houses and celebrated "E" for Elf week". First grade students did wax museum presentations while 7th grade students gave presentations on future jobs.

In the principal's report, Carl Dugstad gave enrollment figures of 424, with ten students in early childhood. He stated that some kids who have been home schooled are returning to school. Staffing issues have eased, with fewer teachers on quarantine. Elementary students will be taking the NWEA tests in January. Due to COVID, the annual teachers' training scheduled for January 18th will be held virtually.

Superintendent Jeff Burgess reported that lower enrollment in prekindergarten classes across the state have led to the reassignment of funding dollars to programs that meet the eligibility requirements. The administration is working on the application process for these extra funds.

Burgess informed board members that the state is expecting a budget deficit of one to two billion dollars. As a result, schools across the state will not likely receive funding increases.

Board members voted to accept the Title IX policy as presented for the third reading. The updates on the policy pertain to the procedures for handling sexual harassment claims.

Superintendent Burgess provided a truth in taxation presentation. The board approved the final levy and certification.

Board members discussed an increase in minimum wage for support staff substitutes. The district's current wage is \$10 per hour, but the new minimum wage has increased to \$10.08. Superintendent Burgess explained that it has been difficult to find substitutes for these positions, and recommended an increase of these wages to \$11 per hour. The board voted to follow this recommendation.

A grant for \$7,500 from the North West Minnesota Foundation was approved. The grant will be used to fund the purchase of thirty iPads. The district will pay \$1,200 toward the cost of this purchase.

The board approved the district's World's Best Work Force plan. This plan includes goals to increase the number of students participating in pre-

kindergarten, increase graduation rates, and increase the diversity of teachers applying for positions. The district works with other schools in the region to meet some of these goals.

A memorandum of agreement with Ed-Min was approved by the board. This allows for extended pandemic leave of 15 days. The current leave program expires at the end of the year, but if it is extended into 2021, staff would use the days funded by the government before using days funded by the local district.

Board members discussed a transportation request to pick up students who reside in Bagley but are attending Clearbrook-Gonvick school. This will add approximately six extra miles to the route, putting it over the maximum 112 miles allowed in the contract, and requiring the district to pay an extra mileage fee. The board approved the request for this school year. **The state** has updated the guidance for determining the appropriate learning model for school districts. Under the new guidelines, high school students might be able to come back to school full-time after January 18, 2021. The district would have to meet with the regional support team to gain approval for this change. The guidelines require a rolling start for the students, with grades 7,8, and 9 returning first and the remaining high school students returning full-time two weeks later. In order for the district to make this change, the county case numbers would have to continue to decline. Burgess reported that there are currently 46 active cases of COVID in Clearwater County. He also explained that a new quarter starts on January 25th,

adding that this might be the most logical time to change the learning model.

The board discussed the learning model and opted to keep the current models for now. The safety committee is scheduled to meet on January 7th. Superintendent Burgess will set up a meeting with the regional support team for January 11th so the district can be ready to bring high school students back if the case numbers allow this. The school board can make any necessary changes to the learning model at the next meeting.

Other COVID-related changes that affect Clearbrook-Gonvick students and staff were highlighted by Burgess. The decision tree used to deal with questions related to quarantining has been changed. Testing for COVID will soon be available in schools. And beginning on January 18, 2021, staff will need to wear both a mask and a face shield when working directly with students.

Several staffing issues were addressed at this board meeting. Members updated a leave of absence agreement for a staff member, continuing it through the end of this school year. Tiffany Barta was hired as a long-term substitute art teacher. The board accepted the resignation of Brittany Salzer, who had worked as a paraprofessional in the district.

Board president Jeff Westrum expressed appreciation to Tom Stenzel, Rich Hetland, and Kris Snyder for their years of service on the school board. The December meeting is the last board meeting for these three members who did not run for reelection.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Blood Donors needed locally during Covid-19 Pandemic

Living through a pandemic can lead to many uncertainties, although one thing we are sure of, is that the need for blood never ceases. Blood is only useable for 42 days, so a constant supply is always needed, no matter the season. Winter has challenges with the threat of weather, travel and holiday schedules and planning. Gonvick residents are gearing up for a community blood drive to help prevent possible blood shortages in the coming weeks.

In areas with harsh weather, cold weather and storms often keep people from donating blood. With fewer people donating blood, some parts of the country run the risk of having critical shortages. To make sure there is a dependable blood supply locally, Gonvick Legion Auxiliary has scheduled a community blood drive on January 6, 2021 from 11:00 am to 5:30

pm. To schedule an appointment call Faye Bjerke at 218-487-6456. The drive will be held at Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. Appointments are encouraged to keep donors socially distanced. Face masks/coverings are required.

Vitalant is offering covid-19 antibody testing with each complete blood draw to help find future convalescent plasma donors! Volunteer blood donors must at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed Vitalant from a parent or guardian. For questions on eligibility, call 1-80-289-4923.

To help speed up the process, donors can now complete their Health history the day of their donation by visiting www.vitalant.org



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Ms. Stacie's School Readiness Class & ECFE at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School with elf hats.



The Clearbrook Community Club teamed up with Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick, and the Clearbrook Senior Citizen Center to bring Christmas meals to the community. Officers with the Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department volunteered to deliver meals to the elderly and the sick in the Clearbrook, Gonvick, and Leonard areas. In all, 160 meals were provided at no cost to the community. The Clearbrook Community Club would like to thank Michael's Construction for their generous donation that made all this possible. Shown in this picture is Kandi Momerak and her daughter Kenzie Momerak with Clearbrook-Gonvick Police officer Ryan Sollie at Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick. They also thank others who were out on deliveries that were not pictured. - Photo courtesy of Daniel Gazelka, Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Chief.

Gonvick Council closes community center to groups

The Gonvick City Council is still keeping the Community Center closed to groups during this time until the governor says it can be open again. The blood drive will not be held at the center as it has been moved to the Clear Waters Life Center which has more space to set up. That date will be January 6 starting at 11:00 a.m. for the Vitalant.

The mayor Candace Coulter administered the Oath of Office to Cory Solberg who is filling the remained term of Jason Bakke.

Representative from Widseth, Smith and Nolting, Dustin Fanfuk, was present to update the council on the water

improvement project funding that is being pursued. He also went over the whole project for the benefit of the new council member.

The council looked at a proposal for the Carbon Monoxide Detector bid from Utility Logic from Rogers, MN. Total cost for the various parts was \$2,015. No action was taken at this time.

A question was asked if any CARES money had been distributed in the Gonvick area. There had been some given.

The Council passed the resolution 20-10 certifying the property 2021 Property Tax Levy.

The fire department had been looking at a SBA Public Finance Lease. No other items

were brought up other than a few medical calls for the department.

Journal entries were approved and the expenditures. They include Water and Sewer \$3,604.46; General \$17, 503.85, Fire \$6,554.30 for a total of \$27,662.61.

Police Department report included 25 incidents for last month. They included: 911 Hang Up 1; Alarm 1; Assault 1; Assist 1; Civil Complaint 1; /disturbance 1; Domestic 2; Duplicate Call 1; Information Only 1; Medical 3; Office Detail 1; Property damage 1; Suspicious Activity 2; Traffic Stop 5; Trespass 1; Vehicle Lock Out 1 and Welfare Check 2.

Community Calendar

Gonvick Fire Department Winners announced

The December 22nd Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$75 is Darrell Haugen.

The December 23rd Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$100 is Shawn Ostenna.

The December 24th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for \$300 is Gary Ubert

The December 25th Winner of the Gonvick Fire Department 25 days of Christmas, for the Beretta A300 12 ga. Real tree Camo is Connie Solberg for Frank and Anne Berg Congratulations and Merry Christmas

City of Gonvick received donations

The City of Gonvick received donations from the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee Committee in 2020. The amount for the year was \$36,500. The funds were designated to eight different funds. They included City Parks - \$4,000; Pumpkin Day - \$5,000; Lions Aeration - \$3,000; Gerald Dyrda Memorial Race - \$1,000; Heavy Equipment towards purchase of a new lawn mower - \$2,500; Heavy Equipment Fund for Loader Lease - \$7,500 and Beautification \$13,500. Part of that beautification fund is to go towards the repair of the side walk by the Gonvick Community Center. That work will be done by Gustafson and Goudge of Clearbrook when it is possible.

Thank You!

At 11:30 on Christmas Day a Clearbrook Gonvick police car delivered a Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. I learned later that Kandi's Kitchen had prepared the delicious meal and it was paid for by a Pipeline company. Thank you so much. That is one of the nice things about living in a caring community. Thanks again. Ardella R41C

Home Country

By Slim Randles
When it comes to romantic flops, it's hard to beat ol' Dud. He and Anita have been married for about five years now, but sometimes we question why she puts up with him. He has all the courtship skills of a flea collar.

"Dud Campbell," Anita said the other night, "what are you getting me for Christmas?"

"Now Honey, it wouldn't be a surprise if I told you, would it?" "That means you haven't bought it yet, doesn't it?"

"Well, I won't say I have and I won't say I haven't, but, uh, don't get in that cupboard out in the garage now..."

"I won't, Dud," she said, purring.

Ten minutes later, Dud was flipping his coffee cup upright and sliding into his place in the line of scrimmage at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop.

"I'm dead meat, guys," he said.

We inquired as to why this emotional putrefaction should be setting in, and he said, "I don't have anything for Anita for Christmas and I have no idea what to get her."

"Let's look at this scientifically for a moment," said Steve. "What kinda stuff does she like?"

"Uh ... well ..."

"You don't know, do you?" said Doc.

Home Country.. Continued on page 3



We would like to thank the anonymous donor who paid for everyone's Christmas Day Dinner from Kandi's Kitchen. What a thoughtful & generous deed. We were very appreciative and the meal was delicious! Wade & Roxy Bakke & family

R41P

Winners announced

The winners of the City of Gonvick and Otter Tail Poer Compnay lighting are as follows:

\$100-Bobbie Tjolsen and Steve Ruckreigle
\$50-Lonny English
\$25-Jackie Hunter and Erik Anderson
\$25-Pricilla and Dan Johnson

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas!!



December 27 Love Lights a Tree

In memory of Frances Hayes, Irene Loftus, Ron Hanson and Bette Vaccaro from Bertina Hanson.

In memory of Frankie Benesh and his brother Bennie Benesh from Eileen Benesh.

In memory of parents Margaret and Melvin Smith from Pat and Dick Larson.

In memory of Grace L. Thorson, Mary I. Willborg, Kevin Beck, Dawn L. Swenson and James Schroeder from Dennis Thorson.

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
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Clearwater County staff member getting her COVID shot.

Report from county nursing

Clearwater County:
630 cumulative cases.
We have lost 13 residents of Clearwater County to COVID and we continue to keep their friends and families in our thoughts and in our hearts. We



Roger Crane had one cow with the most beautiful set of horns. He brought this into his Meat Market on Main Street in Gonvick to be processed. The Texas Longhorn belongs to Mark Benson who lives north of Gully. He has more but this one will have the horns saved for a customer. Roger said she is about 20 years old and the meat will all be made into hamburger.

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Pastor Robert Kirchner
Good Shepherd
Sun., Jan. 3 - 9:00 am – Worship Service
Wed., Jan. 6 & 13 - 5:45 pm Confirmation - Zoom.
Our Savior's
Sun., Jan. 3 - 11:00 am – Worship Service

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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Happy New Year! We look forward to serving you in 2021 as we continue our mission to bring hope and support to individuals & families. All CWLC businesses & buildings closed, January 1.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: Women's & men's small groups. Faith-based to find true freedom. Meeting New Year's Eve, Thurs., 7:00 PM, CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Second Floor.

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.

Youth Connection After-School Program: See you in 2021! Registration is open for our third term which starts next Tues., Jan. 5, 3:30-5:00, for students in grades 5th-8th. COVID protocols in place. Forms available at www.clearwaterslife.org, C-G school or at CWLC office.

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.

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.

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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Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 30: No Wednesday School.
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Sun, Jan. 3: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship; Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 11:00 a.m. Worship.

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Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 30: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).
Sun, Jan. 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 5: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 6: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

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Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 3: 9:00 a.m. at Lund, 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

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

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You can reduce the volume of rubbish by recycling your paper, cardboard, plastic food and beverage containers, steel cans and, of course, aluminum and glass containers! Take them to the recycling bins located by the County Highway Department in Bagley. Thank you! Need pointers? Call us at 218-694-6183.

Clearwater County Environmental Services

BEAR TRACKS

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

Ms. Stacie's School Readiness Class & ECCE at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

Home Country..

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"Not a clue."
"Does she read? You can pick up a couple of books."
"I don't really know. I never really paid attention."
"Does she knit?"
"Knit what?"
"Never mind."
"I got it," said Herb Collins. "You can get her a gift certificate to a store and let her pick out her own gift."
"She said if I ever did anything so insensitive, she'd brain me with a skillet."
So Dud headed home, only to find the garage door open and Anita standing there holding his brand-new Homelite XL chainsaw. He only had time enough to mumble "Our father..." when Anita set it down gently and flung herself in his arms.
"Oh Honey, how did you know I wanted a Homelite XL with automatic oiler and a 16-inch bar? I couldn't help myself. I looked in the cupboard and found it. It's just what I've always wanted."
"Well, Darlin'," Dud said in his most debonaire voice, "I do try to be sensitive to your needs."

Brought to you by the Homelite XL chainsaw, which fended off the Alaska cold for ten years for this family. Found at Home Depot and Wal-Mart.

Letters To the Editor

Letter to the Editor

When large projects are planned by the government or private companies, they often do not deliver what people thought they would. It's easy to make claims about how many jobs will be created to try to get people to support a project, knowing reality might be different when construction starts.

That is not the case however with the Line 3 Replacement Project. From when the process started, Enbridge promised this would be done the right way and to make sure jobs and spending happens here with union workers.

In less than a month since the final permit, more than 2,000 Union members have already started working. More are being added every day as the project progresses, peaking at over 4,000 workers.

The impact of these workers is real and is already being seen in communities across Northern Minnesota. Hotels that were struggling to attract guests are now filling up. Restaurants are now doing more takeout orders than ever and stores are trying to keep up with demand.

This project is positively impacting local economies and downtowns. Even better, it is being done safely with no COVID problems to date and it is being done in a way which is best for the environment.

In fact, the only negative thing we can note with the project is the number of out-of-town protesters who think it makes sense to chain themselves to heavy machinery and interfere with workers.

After six years of hearing Enbridge talk about the project and what it would mean for Minnesota, it was more than just talk. It was a commitment to support our communities, our workers, and our environment. In just a few weeks we have already seen this happen and it should give us hope that as

bad as things are now because of COVID, we have a reason to have economic hope in 2021.

Luke Bruns
President
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Letter to the Editor

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B. Remind children that with a high school diploma, young people will live longer. It's true.

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Letter to the Editor

In this season of giving, I have noticed a lot of "paying it forward" going on. Recently, I was blessed with someone buying my lunch and the cashier stated that the anonymous person asked me to pay it forward. I thought for a long time and decided to pay it forward to a funeral home. Having served 40 years in the funeral business I know there are those who, for whatever reason, are unable to cover the costs of a family funeral. I am no longer in the business so my gift does not affect me other than the thought of giving. I took a check to the funeral home and asked them to apply it to a bill that was outstanding and left it at that. In this time of COVID, deaths seem to be hitting more and more families unexpectedly as well. Consider this option as a way to "pay it forward" anonymously.

God Bless
Brian Carlson
Grand Rapids, MN

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

City of Bagley - Total 17
12/20/20 03:36 Disorderly - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/20/20 13:31 911 Hang Up
12/20/20 16:38 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/21/20 03:55 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/21/20 07:55 Vehicle Lock
12/21/20 08:07 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
12/21/20 18:33 Vehicle Lock Out-Handled By Officer
12/22/20 10:13 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
12/22/20 12:18 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/22/20 16:33 Lost/Found
12/24/20 12:05 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer
12/24/20 16:34 Traffic Stop
12/25/20 00:09 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/25/20 04:54 Alarm
12/25/20 10:19 Vehicle Lock
12/26/20 11:55 Trespass - Gone On Arrival (GOA)/Unable to Locate
12/26/20 13:10 Information Only
Handled By Officer
City of Clearbrook - Total 6
12/21/20 07:50 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/21/20 17:45 Traffic Stop
12/22/20 13:08 Sexual Conduct
12/22/20 13:45 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/23/20 18:47 Traffic Complaint
12/26/20 03:12 Domestic
City of Gonvick - Total 3
12/21/20 15:51 Traffic Stop
12/22/20 10:08 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/25/20 06:17 Threats
City of Shevlin - Total 3
12/20/20 00:38 Traffic Stop
12/21/20 19:21 Juvenile Misc
12/25/20 02:43 Domestic
Copley - Total 6
12/20/20 14:20 Traffic Stop
12/22/20 01:11 Information Only
12/23/20 02:04 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/25/20 20:57 Traffic Complaint
12/26/20 15:50 Traffic Stop
12/26/20 21:59 Overdose - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Dudley - Total 1
12/22/20 13:26 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Eddy - Total 2
12/20/20 05:58 Traffic Stop
12/23/20 16:09 Vehicle Lock Out
Falk - Total 2
12/22/20 14:22 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/26/20 16:41 Burglary
Holst - Total 6
12/22/20 04:03 Animal Related
12/22/20 09:55 Warrant
12/23/20 08:22 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/23/20 15:46 Animal Related
12/24/20 15:48 Traffic Stop
12/25/20 16:40 Traffic Stop
Itasca - Total 2
12/20/20 09:59 Suspicious Activity
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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Well I think that by staying home over the holidays has added a couple of extra pounds. Maybe my scale is wrong. But we did have a little lutefish... That was always a dish that we had on Christmas Eve with the parents. But we also had meat balls so that we only had to taste a small bite. It brought back memories.

The Clearwater-Polk Electric office will be closed Friday January 1st. The office will reopen Monday morning January 4th 2021.

Dudley Café hours in Leonard – Tuesday – Sunday 9 AM-2 PM for take out.

Side Track Tap Bar & Grill in Leonard– Thursday, Friday and Saturday – Noon – 8 PM for take out and off sale.

Shorty's Place in Gully is having new hours. They will be open noon to 8:00 p.m. daily. But they will be closed on Monday January 4 through Wednesday, January 6 next week.

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.

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

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

From my email...

A lady went to KFC to get the kids something to eat. They wanted the kids meal with a leg so she said "kids meal with the leg" and the KFC person says "which side?" The lady is in complete silence as she heavily contemplates such an odd decision.. The lady says she said the right side I don't know what the difference is. After several moments of laughter KFC person says " no honey which side would you like to go



Pipeline work in Clearbrook is going on strong this week. This picture was taken on the south side of Clearbrook. You can see the old watertower in the background.

with the leg? "Mashed Potatoes or Wedges."

Joke Time -

Now that we have all had our share of lutefish for Christmas. Here is one from Ole. Vilhjallmer Aadland, a Norwegian who grew up in Ole's hometown, became a mystic, dabbling in the occult, transcendental meditation and other strange beliefs. When last seen, he was heading for Tibet to ask the Grand Lama to answer a question that had been nagging him for years, namely, "If a lutefish is dropped into the forest with no Norwegians within a thousand miles, will it still SMELL as bad?"

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

Drawing winner

Chris Eklund was the lucky winner of the drawing that was held at the K&K Cafe in Clearbrook.

STORY TO SHARE!

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

Sheriff's Weekly Activity ...

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12/22/20 15:30 Warrant Arrest - Handled By Officer / Deputy
LaPraire - Total 1
12/22/20 10:51 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
LaPraire N - Total 4
12/21/20 21:39 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/23/20 14:45 Welfare Check
12/25/20 01:13 Juvenile Misc
12/25/20 23:07 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Leon - Total 2
12/21/20 16:00 Motorist Assist - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/24/20 15:38 Traffic Stop
Minerva - Total 4
12/21/20 10:51 Alarm - Patient Treated, Released (Without
12/22/20 14:09 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/22/20 14:13 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/26/20 09:31 Traffic Stop
Moose Creek
12/20/20 16:26 911 Hang Up
12/21/20 18:13 Fire - Cancelled
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 1
12/25/20 15:54 Alarm - Unit Cancelled Enroute
Pine Lake - Total 3
12/20/20 17:38 Disturbance
12/21/20 09:18 Vehicle Lock Out
12/22/20 02:01 Welfare Check
Popple - Total 7
12/20/20 17:26 911 Hang Up
12/21/20 13:05 Civil Complaint
12/22/20 18:14 Suspicious Activity
12/23/20 12:12 Burglary
12/23/20 12:49 Information Only
12/24/20 14:58 Information Only
12/25/20 19:49 Domestic
Rice - Total 2
12/23/20 17:59 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/24/20 16:38 05 - Assignment Completed/Settled by Phone
Shevlin - Total 3
12/21/20 15:10 Traffic Stop
12/22/20 14:16 Crimes Against Family- Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/25/20 13:20 Traffic Stop
Sinclair - Total 2
12/22/20 10:32 911 Hang Up
12/25/20 13:32 Alarm
Total Records: 79

Legal Notices

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

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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.

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 \$2.00 filing.

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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

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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 ++

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Logan LeClair is Clearwater County's new Veteran's Service Officer.

New County Veterans Service Officer begins duties

By Tom Burford
Courtesy of the Farmers Independent

A veteran of the Middle East conflict, Clearwater County's new Veterans Service Officer began his duties on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Logan LeClair, 23, resides in Gonvick, where he is a beginning farmer.

LeClair served with the National Guard in Iraq from December 2019 through May 2020, and then in Kuwait from May 2020 through October 2020, and then returning to Minnesota.

His job with the National Guard was to maintain and repair aircraft, most notably helicopters.

Stationed just north of Baghdad, Iraq, he experienced incoming rockets on occasion. He said, "We had some fireworks once in a while." What was coming in were Soviet-made rockets fired by the enemy. He said such attacks were carried on from a distance, with the enemy firing the rockets and quickly dispersing in order to avoid being detected. Such attacks occurred once or twice a month.

When he arrived in Iraq the temperatures were in the 50's, and in Kuwait the temperature reached 120 degrees. He became acclimated to the heat, so when he returned to Minnesota in a

snowy October, he felt the chill.

He said he came home with plans to continue his pursuit of a B.S. degree in aviation with an emphasis on agriculture, but then he picked up a newspaper and saw the county's advertisement for a Veterans Service Officer. LeClair did the math on costs of continuing his education vs. starting with a paying job and opted for the job. This aspiring young farmer will need income to support his 550-acre agricultural venture.

"Everything fell in line," he said. He has already visited with some veterans. He noted that his new job will require a lot of on-the-job learning. The Veterans Administration that he works with on a daily basis is one of the largest bureaucracies known to man.

"I'm pretty easy going," he noted. "I only ask for patience. I'm new on the job."

As far as farming goes, he's also in on-job-training and will rely upon the advice of experienced farmers and lessons from the school of hard knocks.

LeClair grew up and graduated from high school in Pine City, MN. He has ties to a piece of land northwest of Gonvick. His great-great-grandparents, Albert and Lily Torgerson, purchased the farm in 1920. Then LeClair's great-grandparents,

Billy Torgerson and Dorothy Torgerson, took ownership of the farm and built a new house on the property around 1965. LeClair's grandparents, Steve and Deborah (Torgerson) Eck were next to own the farm but later divorced. Their daughter LeAnn married Jamie LeClair of Rhode Island and settled in Pine City.

LeClair attended UMC and the University of North Dakota.

He and his grandfather Steve Eck remodeled the 1965 house that now belongs to LeClair.

To kick-start his dream of owning a cattle farm, LeClair said his stint in the Middle East allowed him to save money.

He comes from a family with a history of Army service. His father's dad, Paul LeClair, was in the European theater of World War II; his great-grandfather Billy Torgerson served during World War II; and his dad, Jamie LeClair, was an Army sniper in Desert Storm.

He joined the National Guard just after high school, and he learned that the commitment requires more than the advertised two days per month and two weeks per year.

What would he say to someone considering joining the National Guard?

"It shapes you and makes you an outstanding citizen."

FROM THE PAST



Confirmation class in Leonard with Pastor Paul Knutson. Standing in the back with Knutson are Kim Mootz, Vernon Larson and Debbie Navratil. Front row: Jarald Rosnow, Shari Lindberg and Susan TeHennepe.

Wednesday, December 30, 2020