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Gonvick Mayor Candace Coulter on the left listened as the newest member of the Gonvick City Council read his oath of office. Cory Solberg is filling the term of office for Jason Bakke who resigned due to health reasons. He has lived in Gonvick since 2004 and he grew up in New Ulm. He has been working for the Gully Tri Coop. He is now working for the Fosston Tri Coop.

## Reading Contest for Teens and Adults Available at Lake Agassiz Regional Library Locations

Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) will welcome 2021 by bringing back Book Blizzard, a reading contest that challenges adults to keep their reading resolutions. To enter the contest, simply read or listen to four books – you can enter as many times as you wish. In 2021 LARL is celebrating 60 years of service to the community and they're celebrating by adding a virtual option allowing participants to track their reading and enter the contest using an app called

Beanstack in addition to traditional paper reading logs. Book Blizzard will launch on January 1, 2021 and will end February 28, 2021. To participate, visit a location to pick up a reading log or participate virtually using the Beanstack website or mobile app. You can register for the virtual version of the contest today by visiting [larl.org/bookblizzard](http://larl.org/bookblizzard) or by downloading the Beanstack mobile app available for Android or Apple devices. LARL's branch libraries

are located in Ada, Bagley, Barnesville, Breckenridge, Climax, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fertile, Fosston, Hawley, Mahanomen, McIntosh and Moorhead. LARL's LINK sites are found in Cormorant, Frazee, Gonvick, Halstad, Hendrum, Lake Park, Rothsay, Twin Valley and Ulen. Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota.

## The Roxy Theater from the early 1900s

By Bonnie Kirchman  
In the early 1900s, people who lived in and around Clearbrook didn't hop in their cars and drive to Bemidji or Fargo to shop in the malls, see a movie, or attend a concert. Clearbrook was not only a center of business, it was where people went to socialize and maybe find some weekend evening entertainment. Many cities had halls where everyone could gather. Building such a place in Clearbrook was a community effort.

Lauritz Jensen, his wife Mattie, and Emmanuel Randahl had purchased Lots 4 and 5 of Block 5 for \$2,500 from the Tri-State Land Company on November 4, 1919. On April 15, 1926, the Randahls and the Jensens deeded the lots to Clearbrook. This location, on the corner of Main and Second, would be the site of the new Community Hall, now known as The Roxy.

The 40-foot by 100-foot hall was built in the 1920s, with most of the labor donated. Arnold Jensen, who owned a small cement factory at the time, did the cement work. He and his crew poured the basement walls and built the steps. Martin Johnson hauled gravel for the cement work.

The Clearbrook Community Hall was used for many gatherings. In 1929, the high school graduation ceremony was held in the hall for the first time. Land O'Lakes and Garden Valley Telephone held their annual meetings in the hall.

Before the Clearbrook High School gymnasium was built, all of the high school basketball games were played in "The Hall". The hall was used for roller-skating and many dances took place there.

Movies were also shown in the community hall. The first movies were silent films. Mrs. Hoganson, who was the wife of the movie theater manager, would play the piano to accom-

pany the movies.

The original curtain hanging above the stage at the Roxy advertised many businesses. For those who have lived in Clearbrook for at least a little while, some of the names are familiar: First State Bank, Farmers Elevator, and Granley's City Meat

Market. Advertising for the Clearbrook Hotel, B.E. Olson's Jewelry Store, J.H. Norby's Jewelry Store, the Clearbrook Co-op Creamery, and Anderson's Hatchery are reminders of

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The Roxy Theater this fall.

## Funding available to help low-income families and individuals

USDA Funding Available to Help Low-Income Individuals and Families Buy or Repair Homes USDA Rural Development has funding available for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area. The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability.

The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less. The maximum loan amount is \$20,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and

can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs. Grants of up to \$7,500 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace. Time is limited to receive funds for the current fiscal year. Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area today, to see if you qualify. USDA Rural Development loans and grants provide assistance that supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/mn](http://www.rd.usda.gov/mn). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

First grade students in Darcy Hegg's class at Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary had a great project to do again this year. Each student selected a historical figure and learned about them to do a speech on what they have learned. This year they were only allowed to practice it in their room and then recorded for the school and families to see. Pictures were sent from the school to be used for a couple of weeks to come in the Leader-Record.



Kyle Robinson as Squanto, famous for his survival skills.



Emma Chandler as Jeanne Baret, a famous French Botanist.



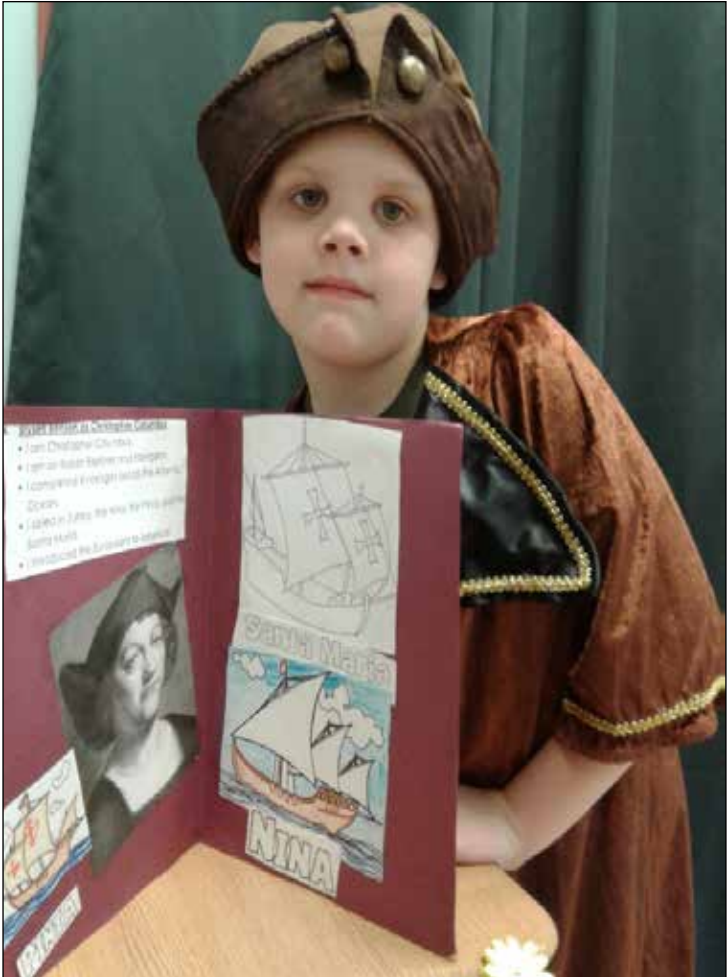
Phoebe Neese as Laura Decker, famous for being the youngest person to sail solo around the world.



Alexis Smith as Amelia Earhart, famous for being the first woman to fly solo over the Atlantic Ocean.



Jackson McKnight as Leif Erikson, famous for being the first European to discover North America.



Brysen Benson as Christopher Columbus, famous for discovering the first trade routes between Europe and America.

Z is for The Zion Churches of Clearwater County.

The History Center in Shevlin provided- "The ABC's of Clearwater County". There were several churches in Clearwater County with the name "Zion." It often gets con-



Zion (of Eddy) Lutheran Church.



Zion (near Zerkel) Lutheran Church.



East Zion Lutheran Church.

fusing when we are researching the churches, or a person's history; to know which Zion they are referring to.

There was:  
Zion located in Leonard.  
Zion located at Zerkel.  
Zion Lutheran Church of Eddy Township.

An East Zion Hauges Synod located north and east of Leonard.

A West Zion Hauges Synod in Leonard from 1907-1912

There was also a Zion (Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation) in Clearbrook.

We do not have complete histories of all of the Zion churches, most closed in the mid 1960's when many churches merged. Zion of Eddy is the only one still active as a Zion Church

Zion (of Eddy) Lutheran Church

Zion Lutheran is located in the S E ¼ of the S W ¼ of section 35 in Eddy Township. The congregation was organized in 1897 and claims the honor of being the first church organized in Eddy Township. Rev. Kringle, who organized many churches in Clearwater County, was its first pastor. (1897-1911)

The group met in homes until a church was built in 1906. Several neighbors donated the logs that were used to build the church. The logs were then hauled to the mill and sawed into lumber. Throughout its early years, the services were conducted in Norwegian. Only in 1931 did the English language become part of the service.

The original church was used until a new building was constructed in 1956. In 2007 the church was a victim of arson and burned to the ground. Members, neighbors and former congregants raised funds to build the current church in 2008.

Zion in Rice Township  
Zion Lutheran church was located in Rice Township about

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how the city of Clearbrook has changed over the years.

The hall's role in the town also changed over the years. During the Depression in the 1930's, the hall was used as a small mattress factory. Mathilda Stenstad was in charge of a program that provided mattresses to needy families. The mattresses were constructed with materials provided by the federal government.

When the Red Lake Falls movie theater took down their "Roxy" sign, they offered it for sale. Clearbrook bought it and had it hauled to Clearbrook by Mr. Johnson, who had a trucking business. The sign was installed on the Clearbrook Community Hall, and the hall became the "Roxy".

After the name was changed to the Roxy Theater, the hall hosted the Ole Borgan and Ole Skrat Hult shows that provided Scandinavian humor and music. Following the shows, dances would be held.

More recently, the Roxy has been home to quilt shows, wedding receptions, and various events that showcased the talents of area residents.

a mile north and a ½ mile east of Zerkel. It was affiliated with the Missouri Synod. In early days services were held in the Zeroed school (also called Pine Center school.) The church was built in 1926- 1927. It closed and the building was sold for \$400.00 and on November 10, 1965 it was moved into Bagley to become the Grace Church.

Zion Lutheran in Leonard  
The Zion Lutheran- Augustana Synod, The Swedish Lutheran Church, was organized sometime before 1916. The first services were held at the home of Johannes Isackson, and then others who wanted a Swedish Lutheran congregation.

In 1916 the congregation organized and became members the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod. They had 32 baptized members. Pastor Chilgren of Clearbrook was the pastor and he came to Leonard once a month for services.

In 1924 the church incorporated as the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Leonard. They planned to build, but by the 1930's they had decided instead to purchase the Congregational Church. In 1934 a dedication service was held after the church had been remodeled and all the improvements had been made.

Also during the 1930's, until 1946, the East Zion congregation also used the church, alternating Sundays with the Zion congregation.

In 1966 Zion and United Lutheran voted to merge to become Our Saviors Lutheran Church of Leonard. Both church structures were used; the former Norway Lake Church building and the Swedish Lutheran church building were put together, the Swedish church becoming the north part of the church, to form the Our Saviors Church that still stands today.

East Zion

In the early years of this church it was often referred to as the Mogster- Monson Church after two of the first

officers of the congregation. Rev. Kringle was the first pastor and organizer in 1915. In the teens and twenties, there were between 40 and 50 members of the church.

During the Depression of the 1930's the congregation dwindled to just three supporting families and it was decided to hold church services in town at the Swedish Lutheran Church. That move to town added twelve new members, breathing new life into a dying congregation. The East Zion church is no longer used, but serves as a storage building for the cemetery in the yard.

In 1945 a meeting was held with the Norway Lake Church and a merger was approved, creating the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 1966 the United and Zion churches merged to create Our Saviors Lutheran Church, which is still a strong congregation in the Leonard area today.



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD**  
Pastor Robert Kirchman  
Good Shepherd  
Sun., Jan. 10 - 9:00 am - Worship Service, 10:00am Sunday School Virtual  
Mon., Jan. 11 - 7:00 pm Church Council.  
Wed., Jan. 13 - 5:45 pm Confirmation - Zoom.  
Our Savior's  
Sun. Jan. 10 - 11:00am Worship Service. They are resuming services.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook**  
Interim Brad Spaulding  
Wednesdays - 5:45 Youth Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Awana  
Thursdays - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer  
Saturdays - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship  
Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

**Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...**

**Senior Connection** Transportation Service: Rides scheduled Monday-Friday. 24 hour notice required!! New phone number, 218-888-2320. Clearwater County residents, 60 & over.

**Supervised Distance** Learning Site: Opens Friday for K-8th grades at CWLC-Clearbrook. Registration required. Forms & information available on our website or at our Clearbrook office. Limited slots still available at no cost to families for K-1st pod.

**Homemaker & Chore** Services offered at no cost for Clearwater County residents, 60 & over. Includes snow removal, general housekeeping, and more. Call 218-776-2789 to schedule or for more information. Donations accepted.

**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:** Jewelry-making Made Easy: Three weeks, Jan. 25 & Feb. 1 & 8. 1:00-3:00 PM, CWLC-Gonvick. \$5.00/week covers all supplies. Registration required. Call 218-776-2789 as soon as possible.

**Youth Connection** After-School Program: Third term runs Tuesdays. thru Feb. 23, 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.

**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., 12:30-1:00 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 Kringle was also pastor of the West Zion Church. Its location is just given as Leonard. It was a Hauges Synod church that organized in 1907 and ended in 1912. According to Norwegian Lutheran Congregations in America 1842-1916, it was a large church with 102 souls between 1907 & 1912.

The Zion Norwegian Evangelistic Lutheran Congregation

This congregation was located in Clearbrook, and is also mentioned in the Norwegian Lutheran Congregations in America 1842-1916. It was a Norwegian Synod organized in 1912. There were 18 souls in 1913 and its pastor was O.M. Stensgaard. The only officer listed (in 1913) was A. Anderson.



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

**UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Kris Snyder  
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Rd 7  
Sunday Church Services 9:00am  
Sunday School canceled for the immediate future due to COVID.

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

**COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH**  
1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6  
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman  
Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund  
Youth Pastor Brad Binder  
Children's Minister Nicky Ubert  
www.countryfaith.org  
218-776-3367  
office@countryfaith.org  
Worship Service - 10am Sunday morning

**Elevate Youth** - 7pm Most Sundays  
**Men's Prayer** - 6:30am Tuesdays  
Service Streamed on Facebook & YouTube. Check out our website for the most up to date information.

**CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri  
Pastor Jeff Merseeth  
Wed, Jan. 6: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.  
Sat, Jan 9: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m. Sun, Jan. 10: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS; Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Worship, 8:30 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship, 10:00 a.m. SS.  
Wed, Jan. 13: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

**NEW JOURNEY CHURCH**  
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor  
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor  
www.newjourneyfosston.com  
Wed, Jan. 6: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).  
Sun, Jan. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.  
Tue, Jan. 12: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.  
Wed, Jan. 13: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

**GULLY-TRAIL PARISH**  
Bethany \* Lund Sand Valley  
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister  
Sun, Jan. 10: 10:30 a.m. at Lund, followed by annual meeting. No Potluck.  
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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Legal Notices

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.  
Carole J. Tharaldson  
Gully Township Clerk

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NOTICE TO

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Johnson 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 Johnson Townhall.

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.  
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COVID-19 Distance Learning Is Taking Its Toll on Minnesota Students’ Mental Health

Most students in the country have had a substitute teacher now since last March—it’s called distance learning. Bringing the teacher and classroom to students via laptop computers is, out of necessity, the front running model in pandemic-era education. But it has not been good for kids. Disengagement in learning, lack of supervision, distractions in the home, and “Zoom Fatigue” are all contributing to a marginal education at best. But what should be the scariest concern of all is the impact distance learning is having on the mental health of our young people.

“Keeping kids engaged and doing school work at home was something we always expected would be difficult,” said Brainerd High School counselor and author Jeff Howard. “But what I didn’t see coming was how devastating this was going to be to our kids emotionally. If you think about it, we have

removed this most social age group of all from their friends and sequestered them in their homes. Of course they are going to feel lonely, disconnected, and worried.”

When a child or teenager feels anxious about their world being turned upside down, it can be a quick slide to full-blown depression and anxiety. School officials say it’s a common story. First, a child or teenager is abruptly taken out of school and is expected to learn via some sort of device. Kids may be savvy with technology but that doesn’t mean they quickly master different learning apps and online platforms. By the time they figure things out, they may be several homework assignments behind and ill-prepared for a quiz or test scheduled the next day. Within a mere week, or two, many students have found themselves behind in classes, not only looking at make-up work but a new lesson every day from multiple teachers. Suddenly their minds become fertile ground for anxiety, hopelessness, and ensuing depression.

Howard, who has been a front row witness to adolescents and their emotional challenges for nearly 20 years, recently released a young adult novel *Screw You Van Gogh* that gives teens a different way of looking at their own mental health. “This rise in adolescent mental health disorders should have us more worried than it does,” continued Howard. “In my years as a school counselor, the number of students who came to me to say they feel dangerously depressed or anxious, even before COVID, had increased dramatically. Now with distance learning it is even getting worse and affecting students in unexpected ways.”

One unforeseen impact is how stay-at-home learning affects even the most ambitious students. According to Howard, students who are vying for acceptance in elite colleges are taking this particularly hard.

“Going to class, earning top grades in college-level courses, thriving in a classroom environment ... it’s what they do. And when that’s taken away from them, they are at a loss. They can feel like their whole life and future are falling apart. Last spring I was email counseling more students with high GPA’s than any other group.”

Another example of the fallout of distance learning is how it affects an entire family and beyond. Parents have found themselves having to alter their lives to stay at home to supervise their children and even become tutors. Frustrations at what seems to be their child’s apathy or lack of efforts often result in arguments and family strife that can permeate an entire home. Parents, in turn, take those frustrations to work, creating a vicious back-and-forth cycle that keeps feeding itself.



Jeff Howard, author and counselor at Brainerd High School, MN explains how pandemic distance learning is emotionally difficult for students. Adolescent mental health concerns are rising at an alarming rate. Howard believes everyone needs to look at teenage mental health disorders differently. He recently released a young adult novel *Screw You Van Gogh* that helps young readers look at depression in a more hopeful way.

Howard believes that parents needn’t sit back and simply wait for an end to the pandemic and the return to school. There are things that can help now. “As a parent myself I know it is hard to not come down on our kids when we believe they are being lazy or not trying at school. But do your best to not become angry at your child over distance learning; it only makes a difficult situation worse. There’s nothing wrong with stern reminders, expectations, and even removal of privileges; kids understand those things, but do not go to war with them.

“Your kids need your support and parental compassion. Talk to them calmly, emotion-free, about what is going on. Help them know that what seems like a big dark cloud is often nothing more than making up a few assignments and redirecting themselves. To kids, a small thing can seem big and overwhelming.”

Parents should remember, too, that just because a child or teenager is feeling depressed and anxious doesn’t mean they have a mental disorder. Essentially all people experience sadness or despair when they feel their lives are out of order. When the time comes that kids return to school and their lives go back to what they are used to, most will feel better.

“I have a lot of faith in our kids today. This has been really hard on them, but we can have a lot of hope that most of these students who are struggling will not have persistent anxiousness or depressive feelings,” concluded Howard. “I would like to think they just need to get

back to what they are used to. Kids are resilient, and given a chance they will be fine. We just hope that can happen as quickly as possible.”

Home Country

By Slim Randles

“Well,” said Steve, polishing off the last of his coffee, “what should we discuss this fine morning?”

“I’m awful glad you asked, ol’ pard,” came the cheerful voice of Windy Wilson, emerging through the swinging doors that came from the kitchen of the Mule Barn truck stop. “Yessir. Awful glad.”

Steve and the other members of the world dilemma think tank looked in amazement as this old camp cook and cowboy came over with the coffee pot and topped off their coffee mugs. Windy had found a dish towel and wrapped it around his waist, too.

Windy?” said Doc. “Mighty fine-looking dish towel you’re wearing.”

“Thanks, Doc. I cnsider it the apex of dining room fashion for a volunteer coffee guy. Took me a while to talk Loretta into lettin’ me wear it, howsomever. I guess she ain’t up on dining room fashions.”

“Let me guess,” said Doc. “This must be your helping day, right?”

“Right as grain, Doc,” Windy said, cheerfully. “I thought about it and decisioned I’d devote my helpin’ day to the good ol’ Mule Barn.”

We all knew Windy dedicat-

ed one day each week to helping others. This sometimes meant helping them when they really didn’t need it, but hey, the older folks in our town get some trash picked up in the yard and some kindling split. You know.

“So fer a conservational subject this sparklin’ a.m.,” Windy said, “I believe I’d meander-ate through the mysterious of ancient history, beginnin’ with them Egypt guys. Whadda ya think?”

“Might just do that, Windy,” said Steve. “But if you don’t mind me asking, why are you helping out with the coffee in here rather than cleaning up somebody’s yard.”

Windy looked around to see if the other 43 people in the café could hear, then leaned down toward Steve. “Lot warmer in here than it is in somebody’s yard, and thassa fact.”

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Brought to you by Slim’s latest novel “Cock-a-Doodle Death” What happens when a chicken’s ghost haunts Home Country. Not yet available, but start saving up.



These are the donations that came in the last week of December:

(Thank you for enabling me to do this every year it is greatly appreciated by all who give. God Bless and take care until next year!)

In memory of daughter Jamie Beth Mercier, cousin David Strandlien, grandfather Helmer Strandlien, grandfather Edward Peterson, friend Ron Karsnia, and friend James Halvorson from Lois Pahlen.

In memory of Robert and Erllys Clarin, Sharon Stenseng and Ken Braaten from Pamela and Dennis O’Connell.: Kim LaVine 18802 County 39 Bagley, Mn 56621

**Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals**

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

**Wed., Jan. 6** - BBQ Chicken Wild Rice Casserole.

**Thurs., Jan. 7** - Chef Choice.

**Fri., Jan. 8** - Beef Chili with beans.

**Mon., Jan. 11** - Ham & Scalloped Potatoes.

**Tues., Jan. 12** - Spaghetti.

**Wed., Jan. 13** - Baked Fish, Potatoes.

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.



**Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu**

**Wed., Jan. 6** - Chili Cheese Fritos, Cornbread, Applesauce, Carrot Sticks with Ranch and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Cheez It Crackers

**Thurs., Jan. 7** - Chicken Patty on Bun, Tri Tater, Fresh Fruit, Lettuce Salad and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Cheddar Chex.

**Fri., Jan. 8** - Distance Learning Day.

**Mon., Jan. 11** - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Fresh Vegetables with Ranch, Apple Slices and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Yogurt.

**Tues., Jan. 12** - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dinner Roll, Corn, Fresh Fruit and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Yogurt.

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

**Wed., Jan. 13** - Pizza Hot-dish, Garlic Toast, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Trail Mix.

**Hello,**

Just a reminder that winter sports will begin practice on Monday, January 4th. Competitions can begin on Thursday, January 14th. The following individuals will be coaching our student/athletes this season and their contact information is as follows:

JV/Var. GBB- Ross Faldet, ross@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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JV/Var. BBB- Chris Westrum, chris\_8644@yahoo.com

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Please contact your respective coaches if you have any questions regarding the season. Practice schedule for the week of January 4th:

JV/GBB@ High School 3:20-5:30

JV/BBB @ High School 4:30-6:15

JH GBB @ Community Center 3:40-5:00

JH BBB @ Community Center 3:40-5:00

JH boys and girls will board bus #6 or #9 at the school each day, and the bus will depart for the Community Center at 3:20. All athletes will be required to wear a face mask for practice and competitions at this time per the state’s safe sports requirements.

Future updates will be posted as they are handed down by the MSHSL and MDE. Happy New Year!! Go Bears!!!

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

**City of Bagley - Total 21**  
12/27/20 05:02 Suspicious Activity  
12/28/20 02:58 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS  
12/28/20 12:27 THEFT  
12/28/20 16:29 CIVIL PROCESS  
12/29/20 20:19 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued  
12/30/20 09:52 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
12/30/20 12:29 Civil Complaint  
12/30/20 13:43 Suspicious Activity  
12/30/20 13:51 Snowmobile Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
12/31/20 12:54 Transport - Transport/Escort Given  
12/31/20 21:04 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS  
01/01/21 04:19 Noise Complaint  
01/01/21 06:25 Noise Complaint  
01/01/21 07:10 Noise Complaint  
01/01/21 08:54 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS  
01/01/21 10:06 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS  
01/02/21 07:44 Welfare Check  
01/02/21 15:10 911 Hang Up  
01/02/21 15:24 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS  
01/02/21 15:32 Disorderly  
01/02/21 19:38 Traffic Stop  
**City of Clearbrook -Total 6**  
12/27/20 10:00 Domestic - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
12/27/20 17:25 Traffic Stop  
12/28/20 18:04 Traffic Stop

12/29/20 04:55 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS  
12/29/20 19:31 Warrant - Attempt to - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
01/01/21 00:51 Traffic Stop  
**City of Gonvick - Total 2**  
12/30/20 18:50 Information Only  
01/01/21 00:08 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS  
**City of Shevlin - Total 3**  
12/27/20 09:14 Liquor Violation - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
12/27/20 19:48 911 Hang Up  
12/31/20 15:09 Crimes Against Family - Information  
**Copley - Total 11**  
12/27/20 10:10 Runaway - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
12/28/20 08:24 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS  
12/28/20 17:35 CIVIL PROCESS  
12/29/20 00:33 Suspicious Activity  
12/29/20 11:52 Domestic-Handled By Officer / Deputy  
12/29/20 19:58 Traffic Stop  
12/30/20 17:01 Traffic Stop  
12/30/20 17:27 Suspicious Activity - Gone On Arrival (GOA)/Unable to Locate  
12/31/20 14:17 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
12/31/20 15:41 Fire 05  
**Dudley - Total 1**  
12/30/20 10:53 Civil Complaint  
**Eddy - Total 2**  
12/27/20 16:31 Traffic Stop  
12/27/20 18:11 Traffic Stop  
**Falk - Total 5**  
12/27/20 12:23 Burglary - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
12/28/20 08:26 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)  
12/30/20 10:30 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS

12/30/20 10:59 Sexual Conduct - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
12/30/20 15:58 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
**Itasca - Total 1**  
12/29/20 14:39 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
**Itasca State Park - Total 1**  
12/31/20 08:08 Parking Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
**LaPraire - Total 1**  
12/30/20 20:22 Disturbance - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
**LaPraire N - Total 5**  
- Patient Treated, Transported by EMS  
12/28/20 12:54 Vehicle Lock Out  
12/31/20 08:59 Welfare Check  
12/31/20 09:57 Suspicious Activity  
01/01/21 01:11 Suspicious Activity  
**Leon - Total 6**  
12/28/20 10:36 Suspicious Activity  
12/29/20 17:48 Traffic Stop  
12/31/20 13:34 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
12/31/20 16:43 Harassment  
12/31/20 16:43 Lost/Found Property - Handled By Officer  
01/01/21 00:26 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued  
**Long Lost Lake - Total 1**  
12/28/20 17:12 911 Hang Up  
**Minerva - Total 4**  
12/28/20 02:03 Medical - Patient Refused Evaluation/Care  
12/29/20 14:02 Motorist Assist  
12/31/20 03:03 Animal Related  
12/31/20 18:35 Traffic Stop  
**Nora - Total 4**  
12/28/20 07:21 Information Only  
12/28/20 10:43 Animal Related  
12/29/20 12:29 Alarm  
01/02/21 19:49 911 Hang Up  
**Out of Jurisdiction - Total 3**  
12/29/20 12:17 Assist Other Agency - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS  
12/31/20 21:15 911 Hang Up  
01/01/21 08:59 Warrant Arrest  
**Pine Lake - Total 1**  
12/29/20 14:49 Medical - Patient Treated, Released  
**Poppo - Total 4**  
12/27/20 17:35 Animal Related  
12/29/20 22:02 Traffic Stop  
12/31/20 21:28 - Handled By Officer / Deputy  
01/02/21 14:41 Animal Related  
**Rice - Total 3**  
12/29/20 09:21 Traffic Stop  
12/31/20 18:22 Traffic Stop  
01/01/21 12:26 Burglary  
**Shevlin - Total 4**  
12/29/20 13:26 Transport  
12/31/20 04:21 Traffic Stop  
01/01/21 15:36 Medical - Patient Treated, Transferred  
01/02/21 15:23 THEFT  
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With help from her friend, Esther Olson, 101, is able to live at home after a battle with the coronavirus. Silver Bay residents Esther Olson, 101, and Gavin LeBlanc, 20, share a bond of friendship that helped Olson through her recent stint with COVID-19.

## Minnesota friends, ages 20 and 101, bonded by COVID-19

Written by Teri Cadeau for the Brainerd Dispatch on Dec 21st 2020 - (Photo courtesy of Gavin LeBlanc)  
*Editors Note: Esther (Dahl) Olson was the daughter of Ole and Betsy Dahl. She grew up on the Dahl farm south west of Gonvick. Esther's husband was Tenny Olson from Trail.*

SILVER BAY, Minn. — A few Sundays ago, Gavin LeBlanc, 20, noticed his friend, Esther Olson, 101, seemed a little weaker than usual. LeBlanc visits Olson in Silver Bay, Minn., fairly often to check in and spend time talking, drinking coffee and playing cards. It wasn't anything specific that stood out to him that Sunday, just that she seemed not quite herself. "I didn't think anything of it. Looking back now, I should have," LeBlanc said. "Later that evening, I was uptown playing cards with friends and got a call from her granddaughter. She couldn't get a hold of (Esther) and asked if I could run down and check on her." He found Olson laying down on the floor where she'd been for six hours. "The first thing she asked me was: 'Have I had supper

yet?' I said: 'Don't worry about that; let's see what you're doing here,'" LeBlanc said. "I picked her up and the rescue squad came to check her out." LeBlanc stayed the night to keep an eye on her, but Olson kept saying she didn't feel sick. Later that afternoon, she had lain down for a nap and couldn't get herself up off the couch. LeBlanc drove her to urgent care at Lake View Memorial Hospital in Two Harbors, Minn., where Olson tested positive for COVID-19. "She went a day in the hospital without any oxygen or anything," LeBlanc said. "Then she had to be on oxygen for the next five or six days, but she kept saying she didn't feel too bad. After rehab, she was able to come home." Olson said that the illness was "a simple one" and that she didn't feel much of anything, other than having to take "lots of pills." But she's never seen anything like this pandemic before. LeBlanc credits the doctors and nurses at Lake View for her recovery. She's especially thankful for LeBlanc's help during this time. **A 10-year friendship** Olson and LeBlanc met

about 10 years ago. LeBlanc's brothers used to mow her grass and he'd tag along. "I was knee-high to a grasshopper in those days. I asked if I could come over and visit sometime and she said 'yes,'" LeBlanc said. "I went over that afternoon, and lo and behold, we've become friends ever since." LeBlanc grew up close with his grandfather and said he's "always chummed around with older people." He's well-known at the area elder care homes as well. With both of her children and husband gone, Olson relies on grandchildren and friends in the community for companionship. A Silver Bay restaurant, Northwoods Family Grill, has stepped up to provide her with dinner every Wednesday night while she's recovering. "They just fell in love with her and wanted to help out," LeBlanc said. Olson and LeBlanc have a special bond, according to both. "He's like my son," Olson said of LeBlanc. LeBlanc is happy to help his friend. This isn't the first time he's helped out when she's dealt with medical issues. Earlier in 2020, Olson fell and broke her

hip. LeBlanc was the one who found her on the floor then as well. "It's been quite a year for her," LeBlanc said. "We went through rehab and everything back then, but she was able to recover and go back home again." Both Olson and LeBlanc are anxious for the pandemic to end so that they can get back to doing things they love, like dancing. "She's a real trooper," LeBlanc said. "Just yesterday she stripped her bedding and washed it herself. She's pretty much back to her normal, spit-fire self."



Look what was being sold in Super Value in Anacortes, Washington. Mrs. Olson's leftse.

### Corrine's Corner By Corrine Richards

I received word that the All-School reunion for this year has been canceled due to COVID. 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. There is a new city in Clearwater County. It is just North East of Clearbrook. There are enough fish houses on Clearwater Lake to qualify to being incorporated as a city. I hope they are having fun and catching fish. The turkeys are flourishing in the area. Is there a hunting season on them in the county. I found that there is one in north-

ern Clearwater County in zone 509. Licenses for all spring 2021 wild turkey seasons go on sale Monday, March. 1. Once they go on sale, licenses will be available by calling 888-706-6367. Happy New Year! 2021 will be a big year for Lake Agassiz Regional Library as they celebrate 60 years of service. They will be having special events and experiences in celebration of this milestone. 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 this 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. Joke Time - Lena visited her husband in prison. Before leaving she tells a correction officer, "Ya should not make my husband work hard like that. He's exhausted." The officer laughs and says are ya kidding. He just eats, and sleeps and stays in his cell. Lena then replied, "He just told me he's been digging a tunnel for months." Photos below are from First grade students in Darcy Hegg's class at Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary.



Jesalyn Roy as Sally Ride, famous for being the first woman astronaut to fly in space.



Zysean Jones as Matthew Henson, famous for discovering the North Pole.

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