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From Defense to Prosecuting Attorney for County -

By Karen Edelbach
Kathryn Lorsbach, the new Clearwater County Attorney, just finished her job as a trial attorney here, and is transitioning into wearing a new hat as the Prosecuting Attorney.

"I'm new to this position, and very excited about being here after three and a half years as Defense Attorney, first for Beltrami, Hubbard, and then Clearwater County. Now I change sides to become the Prosecuting Attorney here," she says. "I want to grow with the office, and provide a sense of longevity."

Before that, Kathryn (who prefers to be called Katy) spent two years working for Judge Jonathan Jasper in the 10th District in Anoka. He watched via Zoom as she took her oath of office on January 5th to serve as Clearwater County Attorney.

"I am very lucky to have Nic Arneson as my Deputy Assistant Attorney, and to have the collegial relationship with the Clearwater County staff, judges, court, and Department of Corrections. Many other counties don't have this," she says. "It makes this a more just system."

At just 31 years of age, Katy is among the youngest County Attorneys in the State of Minnesota.

Katy graduated Cum Laude at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul (now known as Mitchell Hamline College of Law) in 2015.

Challenges in a smaller county like Clearwater include having limited resources.

"People have to be more creative. But I am so impressed with how resourceful the people are here."

Specialty Courts are among the goals the Legal Department has for the future. Previous County Attorney Al Rogalla applied for a DWI Court Grant. When this is implemented, it will provide ways to circumvent the local needs of accountability, treating addictions, then help with getting a driver's license back. Beltrami County has a DWI Court that it is very successful.

What drew her to the legal field started



New Clearwater County Attorney, Kathryn Lorsbach, says she is very excited to be here and grow with the office. "I love the work. The public service we do here is most important."

with growing up in Duluth with an aunt who worked for the Attorney General's office, and an uncle who was a Defense Attorney.

"I like the community here and the sense of values and traditions," Katy explains. Eventually, she and her husband, who is a Deputy Sheriff for Beltrami County, want to raise a family and settle down between Bemidji and Bagley to have access to both of their jobs. For now, family consists of their two German Shepherds. She is very dedicated to community.

Katy's parents reside in Duluth. Her mother is a nurse at Essentia, and her father works as an engineer for the Department of Sanitation. She is oldest of four siblings, a brother who is a welder, a sister who works for the Aerospace industry, and her youngest sister is a certified teacher, graduating from UWS.

"I couldn't be more honored to accept this position. Community comes first, and I want to be fair and just."

Many items on first meeting of the year for commissioners

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on December 29 2020, and January 5, 2021 to carry out initial duties for the County. Among the business attended to was the appointment of new Board Chairman, Mark Larson, and Vice Chairman, Mark Titera, who were nominated and voted on by their peers.

Commissioner Larson offered a thank you for an excellent job in 2020, especially navigating the technology needed to conduct business during the past year, which was echoed by the other commissioners.

The Oath of Office was administered to the new County Attorney, Kathryn Lorsbach and Commissioners John Nelson and Dean Newland for another term in office, confirming the upholding of the laws of the State of Minnesota and the U.S. Constitution.

Commissioner John Nelson said there may be more money available for business relief if approved by the government.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox brought motions to sell land on Shilling Road SE, which cannot be built on, and a parcel west of the General Dollar Store in Bagley. The City of Bagley offered to purchase the parcels for a total of \$278.65 each including taxes and fees, and sales were passed by the Board. The parcels were sold "As-Is" and without warranty of any type.

Sheriff Darin Halverson brought motions which were passed to authorize the Sheriff to move MonaRae Swenson and Joshua Hasbargen from part-time Communications/ Corrections Officers (CCO) to full-time CCO to fill the vacancies left by the retirement of Ruth Stinar and resignation of Lucas Molitor, both effective January 1, 2021.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received approval for payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$14,254.

A Resolution that Clearwater County enter into an agreement No. 1045305 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, was passed. The purpose is in order to provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 7 and 27 as a detour route during the contract construction to be performed on, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 200 under State Project No. 1504-15 (TH 200-168).

The County Highway Department was authorized to advertise for Pavement Markings, Regraveling, and Bituminous Surfacing for upcoming spring projects.

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$86,547 for the County Revenue Fund and \$2,929 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Application of Christian Davis was approved for the 2021 on and off sale beer license for Hoot Owl Resort.

2021 Tobacco Licenses were approved for 21 businesses in Clearwater County.

A Ditch Fund Budget was approved in the total amount for all purposes of \$32,500.

Tom Anderson was appointed to serve on the Red Lake Watershed District Board representing Clearwater County, for an indeterminate period.

Motions to approve dates for the 2021 Regular Board Meetings, and Department Head/Work Sessions were approved. The three-day notice requirement, Agenda for the first meeting of each month, and re-adoption of Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline for facilitating County Board meetings were all approved.

The Leader Record was designated as the legal paper for 2021, and the Engineer is authorized to advertise for County Highway Projects on the County Website. The Board Coordinator is authorized to publish a summary of County Board Minutes upon approval of the County Board. All Resolutions, policies, and Ordinances are available at the Auditor's Office for review.

The County Auditor was authorized to pay routine bills prior to Board approval, including utility, payroll related, registration fees, unemployment, Veterans Transportation volunteer mileage, UND State Medical Examiner Bills, and others.

Boards and Committees Appointments for 2021 on file were approved.

All Commissioners were present at the meeting: Board Chairman Mark Larson, Commissioners Dean Newland, John Nelson, Mark Titera and Neal Illies.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library to Close January 18

All Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) branches and LINK sites will be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, with regular hours of operation resuming Tuesday, January 19.

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. More information is available at www.larl.org.



Leah Leavitt, County Clerk, administers the Oath of Office to new County Attorney Kathryn Lorsbach, Commissioners John Nelson (District 4) and Dean Newland (District 2). L to R: Attorney Lorsbach; Commissioners John Nelson, Neal Illies, Mark Larson, Mark Titera, and Dean Newland; Leah Leavitt; and Trudi Alberg.

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.



Anika Abel as Sacagawea, famous for guiding Lewis & Clark.



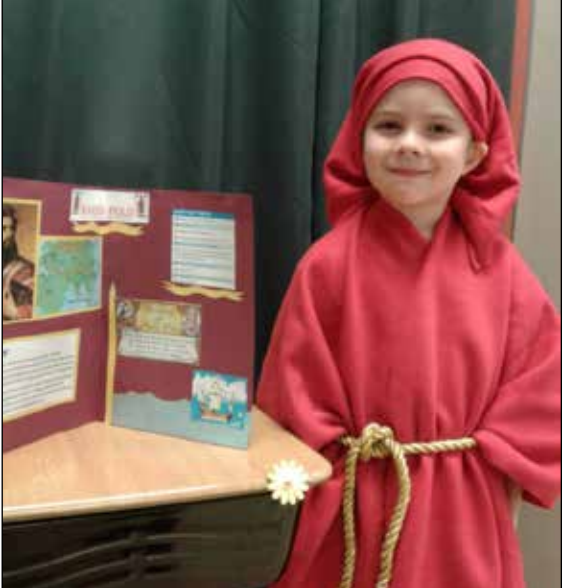
Cyla Rouland as Gertrude Bell, famous for mapping Modern Day Iraq.



Blake Bjerke as Ann Bancroft, famous for being the first woman to complete expeditions to the Arctic & Antarctica.



Jase Iverson as Captain Meriwether Lewis.



Gabe Conner as Marco Polo, famous for his book... The Travels of Marco Polo."



Ellie Wishard as Krystyna Chojnowska Liskiewicz, famous for being the first woman to sail solo around the world.



Sverin Boe as General George Washington, famous for his skills as a spy-master.



Mycah Gerlofs as Daniel Boone, famous for guiding Pioneers over the Cumberland Gap.

Community Calendar

History Museum Hours Announced

The History Center in Shevlin will remain closed to the public until February 1, 2021. Beginning on Tuesday February 2, the History Center will be open by appointment only until June 1.

The museum gallery is limited to 25% capacity, masks are required and groups of less than 6 people at a time are allowed in the gallery. The historic buildings on the site are closed for the winter.

Regular Museum hours are Tuesday- Friday 10- 4. Weekend and evening hours can be made by special arrangement.

For appointments call the History Center at 218-785-2000 or send an email to clearwater-history @icloud.com and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



Dangerous ice on Lindberg Lake.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice To the residents of Clover Township

The regular meeting will be held at the Josh Reed residence at 5pm Jan. 19th (Tues) Joel Wraa, Clerk R43C

NOTICE TO DUDLEY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Dudley Township, County of Clearwater, 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 election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

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

Supervisor for 3 years

Treasurer for 2 years

The Annual meeting will commence by 8:15 pm to conduct all necessary business described by law.

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held at the Leonard/Dudley Township Hall Niki Walters, Dudley Township Clerk R43C

ANNUAL MEETING

The Clearwater Day Activity Center, Inc. will hold it's annual meeting at the Clearwater DAC Offices on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. persons interested in the DAC are invited to attend.

The Pine Ridge Residence, Inc. will hold it's annual meeting at the Clearwater DAC Offices on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Persons interested in Pine Ridge Residence are invited to attend.

The meeting will be held via Zoom, please contact the office at 694-6541, or more information on how to join the Zoom meeting. R43C

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office received word of an ATV that broke through the ice on Lindberg Lake in Eddy Township, Southwest of Clearbrook. After inspection of the ice at the lake, we found areas of thin ice ranging from 2 to 3 inches near the small channel straight across from the public

access. We have marked the area of the lake with Thin Ice signs. Please use caution when going on the ice.

Also, as a reminder, if you find areas of dangerous ice on a lake or river, please report it to the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office so we can get out and mark it.

When using our natural resources have fun, but stay safe!



Showing where the thin ice is located.

Thank You

We would like to thank and bring to light the generous donation we received from Debra Sletten. She donated her CPR and defib training equipment to our local department. It is greatly appreciated! Thank you very much! Sincerely, Gonvick Fire Dept. R43C

REWARD

For information leading to a conviction for the improper use of the County's solid waste-canister sites

Up to \$100

Being offered by Clearwater County Environmental Services (218) 694-6183

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January is National Radon Action Month

About 2 in 5 homes have dangerous levels of radon; every home should be tested

Radon is the leading environmental cause of cancer deaths in the United States and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. More than 21,000 lung cancer deaths are attributed to radon each year in the U.S.

Fortunately, the risk is largely preventable, by testing homes and fixing radon problems. About 2 in 5 Minnesota homes have dangerous levels of radon gas and state health officials say every home should be tested. To help residents get a more accurate picture of radon, the Minnesota Department of Health launched a radon data portal. The portal includes interactive maps that describe radon levels and disparities in testing and mitigation rates. The portal can be found on the MDH web site: <https://data.web.health.state.mn.us/web/mndata/radon>.

Radon is an odorless, colorless and tasteless radioactive gas that occurs naturally in Minnesota soils. It can enter buildings through cracks or openings in walls or foundations. Testing is the only way for residents to know if a home has elevated radon.

Testing takes 2-7 days. The best time to test is during the heating season, but testing can be done year-round. Tests should be done in the lowest level of the home that is frequently occupied. Test kits are available at many city and county health departments, hardware stores, or directly from radon testing laboratories. A list of participating health agencies and test kit vendors can be found on the MDH web site: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/air/radon/rncontacts.html>

During the months of January and February 2021, the Minnesota Department of Health is sponsoring TV, radio, billboard, and internet ads in the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota to encourage people to test their homes. In addition, MDH has partnered with local public health departments to make test kits available to local residents at low or no cost.

It is highly recommended to test during real-estate transactions, for example, as part of a home inspection. MDH licenses home inspectors and other professionals who test for radon. A list of currently licensed radon measurement

Report from county nursing service

Clearwater County: 674 cumulative cases. We have had no deaths in Clearwater county in the last week and have lost 14 residents of Clearwater County to COVID. We continue to keep their friends and families in our thoughts and in our hearts. We are so sorry for their loss.

Our case count for the past 14 days is 39 cases (37 last week) that makes our 14 day case rate 44.27.

Age ranges for COVID cases from December 26, 2020 to January 8, 2021

Age 0-19: 9
Age 20-39: 14
Age 40-59: 6
Age 60-79: 8
Age 80+: 2

We continue to vaccinate using the Moderna vaccine and have now given 138 doses so far!! The vaccinations are given to priority groups per guidance from the Department of Health and we do have a "call" list. We have the "Call" list in place to assure that we do not waste vaccine. Once we open a multi dose vial of vaccine we have 6 hours to use it and if we do not use it within that time we must discard it.

CCNS will not be receiving any vaccine next week.

We will continue to progress through the prioritized groups in Phase 1a as we receive vaccine.

If you have questions regarding vaccination please give us a call at 694-6581.

We need to continue our efforts to keep our community safe!

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!

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

professionals can be found on the MDH site: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/air/radon/findprof.html>

In homes found to have high radon levels, radon reduction typically involves installing a venting pipe and fan to pull the gas from under the home to the outside. This reduces the amount of radon in the home to low levels. Professionals conducting radon mitigation must be licensed by MDH, follow standards, and affix a MDH tag to the system. A list of currently licensed radon mitigation professionals can be found on the MDH site: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/air/radon/mitigation.html>

All new homes built since 2009 must have passive radon resistant features. About 1 in 5 of these newer homes have radon above the recommended action level; this is an improvement over the levels found in the overall Minnesota housing stock where about 2 in 5 homes

have elevated levels. MDH encourages builders to activate the passive radon resistant features through the addition of a radon fan. In addition, new home buyers can request the fan be added during construction. In these new homes with radon fans, MDH has found very low radon concentrations.

For more information on radon visit www.health.state.mn.us/radon or call Clearwater County Nursing Service at 218-694-6581 and/or the Minnesota Department of Health Indoor Air Unit at 651-201-4601. To see how radon has affected the lives of cancer patients and their families visit www.CanSar.org.

If you would like a radon test kit please contact Clearwater County Nursing Service at 218-694-6581.

STORY TO SHARE!

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

Church News

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd

Sun., Jan. 17 - 9:00 am - Worship Service, 10:00am Sunday School Virtual

Wed., Jan. 20 - 5:45 pm Confirmation - Zoom.

Our Savior's
Sun. Jan. 17 - 11:00am Worship Service.

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

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, 10:30am 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. 13: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

Sat, Jan. 16: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Jan. 17: Note time change: Nazareth: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 9:15 a.m. Worship, 8:30 a.m. SS; St. Petri: 11:00 a.m. Worship, 10:00 a.m. SS. Annual meeting & dinner.
Wed, Jan. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 13: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).
Sun, Jan. 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 15: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Jan. 20: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 17: 10:30 a.m. at Sand Valley, followed by annual meeting. Potluck TBD.
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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BEAR TRACKS

Girls Basketball

Hello. Yes, we do have 10 games scheduled. I think this is our 3rd schedule....so it is subject to change. Here are the home games as of now for Clearbrook-Gonvick High School.

Jan. 19 vs. Kelliher/Nor-thome
Jan. 26 vs. Red Lake
Jan. 29 vs. Walker-Hacken-sack-Akeley
Feb. 2 vs. LOW
Feb. 11 vs. Cass Lake-Bena
Feb. 16 vs. Nevis
Feb. 19 vs. Blackduck
March 8 vs. Mahnomen/Waubun
March 12 vs. Red Lake Falls
March 16 vs. RLCC
JV/Var. GBB- Ross Faldet, ross@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Graduation

You can help your children graduate from high school when you:

A. Remind children that with a high school and college diploma, they are more likely to have children who will graduate with a high school and college diploma.

B. Remind children that with a high school diploma they are more likely to earn significantly more money over the course of a lifetime than someone who drops out of school.

C. Identify the special gifts your children or grandchildren have. Too often young people don't know they have special gifts. Their gifts could be anything from being able to make friends, having a warm, happy smile, being a good leader, being a good hockey player or musician, doing well in math or enjoying books. Knowing our gifts gives us confidence.

Let's graduate 100% of our

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

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

Thurs., Jan. 14 - Scalloped Potatoes with Ham, Dinner Roll, Mixed Vegetables, Oranges and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Scooby Snacks.

Fri., Jan. 15 - Distance Learning Day.

Mon., Jan. 18 - *No School*
Tues., Jan. 19 - Chicken Alfredo with Breadstick, Broccoli, Peaches and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Goldfish Crackers.

Wed., Jan. 20 - BBQ on Bun, Sun Chips, Baked Beans, Cucumbers with Ranch, Apple-sauce and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Cheez It Crackers.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

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

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

Thurs., Jan. 14 - Pork Loin, Candi Yam.

Fri., Jan. 15 - Meatballs and Potatoes.

Mon., Jan. 18 - Chicken & Noodle Casserole.

Tues., Jan. 19 - Ham and Boiled Cabbage.

Wed., Jan. 20 - Tater Tot Casserole.

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

Letters to the Editor

As the Line 3 replacement continues across Northern Minnesota, it's impressive to see the work that these crews can do, as they construct such a large-scale project that spans over 300 miles across our state.

This important infrastructure update is essential for Minnesota. Replacing an aging pipeline that has been in operation since the 1960s with one that is newer, better and stronger isn't easy, but it's what must be done.

When completed, we can all sleep better knowing that the much-needed resource that travels under us is moved even more safely than the previous pipeline. It's definitely better than using the trucks and trains that would otherwise carry it.

The hard work being done on this project now will benefit the region long into the future. Our land will be better protected, and the communities along the route will continue to benefit from the increases in tax revenue.

After a year where so many things have gone wrong, it's encouraging just to watch this work take place. 2020 felt like a big step back in many ways, but now the work on Line 3 is a beacon of hope as we head into this new year.

Let's keep Line 3 construction moving forward and use its momentum to continue lifting up our communities.

Larry & Tami LePier
LePier Oil Company, Inc.
Fosston, MN

Letter to the Editor

As courts consider requests from opponents of the Line 3 Replacement Project to delay construction, local business owners are urging judges to not stop the project. The owners of Michael's Meats in Thief River Falls say Line 3 construction work has

had a positive impact on their business and the owners, Brian and Heidi Holmer, are concerned that courts could stop the project.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has been asked to delay or stop Line 3 construction work until other lawsuits challenging the project's approval can be heard. Construction work started in December and there are now more than 3,000 people working on the project. The Line 3 project was reviewed by state and federal agencies and regulators for almost six years. The process started in 2014 during the Obama-Biden Administration. Enbridge submitted their application for the replacement of Line 3 to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in 2015 as part of the company's integrity and maintenance driven program.

"We're excited that the project is finally underway and to see it bring an important positive economic impact to businesses and communities like ours and others along the route," said Brian Holmer, co-owner of Michael's Meats in Thief River Falls. "We have already seen a lot more retail traffic. There is also a dramatic increase in business flooding across town from grocery stores to hotels, gas stations and more. After all the challenges we had to deal with last year, having a court decision stop construction work now would be devastating."

Workers on the project across the 14-county route are now doing the initial phase of construction. This includes preparing different sites for more intensive work, moving construction mats, and other logistical work. When Line 3 construction is fully operational, more than 4,000 union members will be working to replace the 340-mile Minnesota section. Enbridge is investing approximately \$2.6 billion to fund work across 14 counties. The company has already spent more than \$165

2021 First Lady Nominations Sought by February 28

The Clearwater County Historical Society will host the Clearwater County "First Lady" award sometime in 2021. Since 1977, Forty- one women in Clearwater County have been recognized for their accomplishments either for their service in a variety of community projects and organizations or for success in their careers.

While we don't know yet when or where the First Lady event will be- we must be mindful of covid19 concerns- we want to continue to honor women from our county for all the work they do to make our county the wonderful place it is. Once the honoree is chosen, we will decide on the best and safest way to make the announcement and have a celebration.

Your help is needed to select the 2021 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination- this can include any accomplishments in her life such as her career highlights or volunteer years of service, and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number so we can let you know if your nominee is selected.

Letters should be sent to
2021 First Lady - History
Center P.O. Box 241 Bagley
MN 56621

Letters will be delivered unopened to a panel of judges
Please do not send emails.

Nominations must be received by FEBRUARY 28.

Questions? Call Tamara at 785-2000

million with tribal communities to help engage their members to connect them with construction jobs.

In addition to directly supporting construction jobs, Line 3 has immediately brought important new retail spending to local communities that are trying to survive and recover from COVID and other economic challenges. Restaurants, for example, are now providing take-away meals to help the businesses survive COVID restrictions that have closed dining rooms. Local retail stores are also seeing more customers and hotels and resorts are able to rent rooms.

The Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) at the University of Minnesota Duluth's Labovitz School of Business and Economics study estimated that that Line 3 will support 2,800 retail/hospitality sector jobs and 1,600 local supplier/manufacturing jobs. The study also shows indirect positive economic impacts will include more than \$160 million in non-local worker spending on meals, lodging, and incidentals while working in the study area.

For Michael's Meats, Line 3 workers have had an immediate impact. The store has increased their inventory of existing products while also adding new items to provide ready-to-go foods for workers. It has had an important, positive impact on their bottom line. "The increase in sales is giving us an opportunity to invest in our business like buying new machinery, which otherwise we couldn't afford," Holmer said. "Enbridge means a great deal to the community and what the Line 3 Replacement Project promised to deliver is happening. We have always known this project was good for Minnesota and now we are seeing this first-hand. We waited years for this to happen and it is our hope courts will do the right thing and let work continue to move forward."



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Leader Record was designated as the legal paper for 2021 for Clearwater County by the Clearwater County Commissioners at their January meeting.

Received a note from Ross Faldet, the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Girls basketball coach. They now have 10 games scheduled for the team. It may change but for now it is a go for the first game to be on Jan. 19 vs. Kelliher/Northome at home. That is exciting.

Sheryll Torgerson of Clearbrook sent this message, "I want to tell everyone who has attended Clearbrook School that the All School Reunion that was planned for this year is canceled due to Corona Virus. No further decision has been made until we see what happens this year. Those of you who get the Leader Record, will have the information in it"

Clearwater Nursing Services has offered the vaccine shots to city employees and fire department people in the area. Also Dick's mother received her shot at the Cornerstone Nursing Home in Bagley. It is coming around.

We were able to get into Cornerstone Nursing Center in Bagley on Wednesday afternoon to see Dick's mother. It was the first time in many months that we were able to do that. We were the first to make the visit. She wanted us to go down to her room and have a cup of coffee and a cookie with her but that was not to be. Maybe soon we will be able to. She turned 102 in November. This has been a hard time.

Gully Cafe has new winter hours. They are open Tuesday to Friday 7 to 1 and Saturday from 7 to 11.

Side Track Tap Bar & Grill will be open 10:30 AM – 10 PM starting Monday, January 11th Monday-Saturday. Sundays – Noon to 8 PM

Dudley's Café will be open 7 AM – 2 PM Tuesday – Sunday starting Tuesday, January 12th. Potato Klub on Tuesdays.

Shorty's Place in Gully is having new hours. They will be open 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick is open Monday thru Saturday 7am - 1.30 pm.

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 open now 6 am to 3 pm. Call 218-776-2195 for specials.

From my email...

The Farm By The Lake in Bagley will be reopening starting January 1st 2021!

Scam calls - This one was



Gunning girls ice skating in Clearbrook down by the dam which was recently cleared off for ice skating

on my email. It said, "I just got a call from a 304 area code. Thinking it was someone I know in WV, I answered. It was a man claiming to be from customer service (didn't say what company, only "customer service.") The first thing he asked was "Can you hear me?" I remembered something I saw on Facebook saying people are calling and asking if you can hear them, then using the recording of your "YES" reply as a way to sign you up for all kinds of stuff. So I replied "I hear you" to which he again asked "so you can hear me?"

Me: I hear you

Him: I just need a yes or no

Me: I hear you

Him: *hangs up*

Thanks to whoever posted that story. I probably would have answered Yes the 1st time he asked.

Joke Time -

Ole and Lars were sipping something on the front porch when a truck went past loaded up with rolls of sod. Ole says to Lars, "I'm gonna do that

FROM THE PAST - 2008



Terry and Ali Johnson holding grand daughter Leah and Sunny Dorn take over ownership of the Villages north of Bagley. They will rename it Garden Place.



Leo Pletchett hands over ownership of Shorty's in Gully to his son Jeff Pletschett.

THANK YOU

My sincere thanks and appreciation to 3 young gentlemen who came to my aid re: a flat tire. They stepped in and took over the situation completely. These very thoughtful kind guys were Jeremy Bakken, Jimmy Ness & Wayne Watkins, what a blessing they were.

They patched my tire quickly right there in front of Bakken's store so I finished my grocery shopping and got home safely!

Thanks Again Guys!!!

Mavis Hegg

Clearwater County Sheriff

Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1

01/06/21 18:30 Information Only

City of Bagley - Total 32

01/03/21 09:18 Suspicious Activity

01/03/21 10:06 Domestic

01/03/21 22:16 Medical

01/03/21 22:51 Traffic Stop

01/04/21 10:40 Court Order

Violation - Report Taken

01/04/21 11:54 CIVIL PROCESS

01/04/21 13:01 Medical - Patient

Treated, Transported by EMS

01/04/21 16:08 Warrant Arrest

01/04/21 19:26 Medical - Patient

Treated, Released

01/04/21 20:36 Traffic

01/04/21 21:50 Hang Up

01/05/21 08:12 911 Hang Up

01/05/21 10:15 WORTHLESS

CHECK - Report Taken

01/05/21 11:04 Motorist Assist

01/06/21 00:36 Traffic Stop

01/06/21 17:50 Traffic Complaint

01/07/21 05:59 Burglary

01/07/21 09:02 Suspicious Activity

01/07/21 14:00 911 Hang Up

01/07/21 16:33 Suspicious Activity

01/07/21 19:06 Information Only

01/07/21 21:51 Traffic Stop

01/08/21 04:44 Traffic Stop

01/08/21 05:32 Traffic Stop

Treated, Released

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Jeff Potts served 29 years with the department

Bloomington police chief to retire, become executive director of Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association
By Katy Read for the Star Tribune, December 26, 2020

Editors Note: Jeff is the son of Margaret (Sather) Potts who graduated from Gonvick High School in 1964. Margaret's grandparents were Oscar and Anna Erie. Margaret's parents were Doris (Erie) and Floyd Sather.

Bloomington Police Chief Jeff Potts has announced he'll retire at the end of January after 12 years as chief and 29 years with the department.

During his tenure as chief, his department handled such high-profile cases as the bombing of Bloomington's Dar Al-Farooq mosque in August 2017 and a 2019 case in which a 24-year-old man threw a 5-year-old Woodbury boy from a third-floor railing in the Mall of America.

Potts, 52, will become executive director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association in February.

"I've enjoyed the entire 29 years on the Bloomington Police Department," Potts said. "It's got really, really good, high-quality people, full of great



Jeff Potts will become executive director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association.

high-quality professionals. ... I've had a good run."

Potts joined the department at age 23 as a patrol officer and has served as a sergeant and commander. He established the department's branch at the Mall of America and served on an undercover team tracking down stolen cars and thieves.

Potts holds a master's in police administration from the University of St. Thomas and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Virginia. He's a past president of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police.

As chief, Potts collaborated with other agencies on the Pathways to Policing Program, designed to help people interest-

ed in law-enforcement careers who can't afford to attend the standard two-years' schooling. It received an award for community diversity and inclusion from the International City/County Management Association. He also joined a Hennepin County program designed to strengthen relationships between police and immigrants, people of color, Indigenous people and religious communities.

Under Potts' leadership, the department focused on hiring and training officers to handle situations appropriately and treat people with respect and dignity. He also established a requirement that all officers get annual mental health checkups to help them deal with the emotional strain of their jobs. "They go to these horrific things," Potts said. "They're all human beings, and all of that stuff affects you."

He added a social worker to the department to assist in mental health and substance abuse crises. Potts began requiring the use of body-worn and squad car cameras, expanded the department's use of social media, launched a video series called "Q&A with BPD" and increased community outreach.

"His professionalism and his steady leadership have been a real benefit to the entire city of Bloomington," said Mayor Tim Busse. "He's an outstanding police chief, but he's also such

a nice guy." Deputy Chief Mike Hartley will be interim chief while the city looks for Potts' replacement, Busse said.

Katy Read is a reporter covering Carver County and western Hennepin County. She has also covered aging, workplace issues and other topics for the Star Tribune. She was previously a reporter at the Times-Picayune in New Orleans, La., and the Duluth News-Tribune.

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- 01/09/21 02:19 Information Only
- 01/09/21 07:17 911 Hang Up
- 01/09/21 07:27 THEFT
- 01/09/21 07:39 Suspicious Activity
- 01/09/21 09:14 Suspicious Activity
- 01/09/21 20:32 Assault - Report Taken
- City of Clearbrook - Total 4
- 01/03/21 14:10 THEFT
- 01/04/21 07:49 Medical - Patient Refused Evaluation/Care
- 01/06/21 13:26 Vehicle Lock Out
- 01/09/21 06:27 Traffic Stop
- City of Gonvick - Total 3
- 01/05/21 15:11 Traffic Stop
- 01/09/21 04:20 Hazmat - Fires, Rescues and Hazardous
- 01/09/21 18:22 Traffic Stop
- City of Shevlin - Total 3
- 01/06/21 13:20 Information Only
- 01/06/21 16:02 Motorist Assist
- 01/07/21 12:40 Vehicle Lock Ou
- Copley - Total 6
- 01/04/21 22:20 Traffic Stop O
- 01/06/21 15:23 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
- 01/07/21 07:51 Motor Vehicle

- Theft - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- 01/08/21 08:29 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- 01/09/21 09:21 Welfare Check
- 01/09/21 17:12 Animal Related
- Dudley - Total 3
- 01/04/21 20:06 Traffic Stop
- 01/04/21 20:14 Traffic Stop
- 01/09/21 08:16 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
- Eddy - Total 2
- 01/05/21 14:13 Information Only
- 01/06/21 09:13 Fire
- Falk - Total 4
- 01/03/21 04:37 Motor Vehicle Theft - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- 01/08/21 14:01 Disorderly - Citation Issued
- 01/08/21 16:11 Burglary
- 01/09/21 15:34 Suspicious Activity
- Holst - Total 4
- 01/03/21 07:25 911 Hang Up
- 01/05/21 20:17 Traffic Stop
- 01/06/21 23:52 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- 01/08/21 21:01 Traffic Stop
- LaPraire - Total 1
- 01/03/21 07:31 THEFT
- LaPraire N - Total 7
- 01/07/21 11:08 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- 01/08/21 08:44 Sexual Conduct - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- 01/08/21 10:04 Information Only
- 01/08/21 10:08 Court Order Violation - Handled By Officer
- 01/08/21 12:01 Lost/Found
- 01/08/21 15:50 Lost/Found
- 01/09/21 00:22 Overdose - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
- Leon - Total 5
- 01/05/21 12:56 Traffic Stop
- 01/06/21 11:35 Traffic Stop
- 01/07/21 07:59 Information Only
- 01/07/21 14:38 Threats - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- 01/08/21 17:06 Suspicious Activity

- (Prior to Arrival at Scene)
- Long Lost Lake - Total 1
- 01/09/21 14:08 Snowmobile Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- Minerva - Total 1
- 01/03/21 19:46 Traffic Complaint
- Moose Creek - Total 2
- 01/06/21 08:58 Alarm
- 01/08/21 06:39 Suspicious Activity
- Nora - Total 3
- 01/03/21 15:41 Snowmobile - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
- 01/06/21 11:58 Information Only
- Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
- 01/05/21 14:17 Transport
- 01/07/21 15:35 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- Pine Lake - Total 5
- 01/04/21 11:14 ASSIST
- 01/04/21 15:27 Animal Related
- 01/04/21 15:47 Information Only
- 01/08/21 18:25 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
- 01/08/21 18:59 Suspicious Activity
- Popple - Total 4
- 01/03/21 16:25 Harassment
- 01/05/21 12:41 Medical
- 01/07/21 12:06 911 Hang Up
- 01/08/21 18:33 Animal Related
- Shevlin - Total 3
- 01/09/21 10:17 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- 01/09/21 20:38 Suspicious Activity - Warning
- 01/09/21 22:24 Suspicious Activity
- Winsor - Total 2
- 01/04/21 11:11 CIVILPROCESS
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
- 01/04/21 11:14 CIVILPROCESS
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
- Total Records: 98

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.



Luke TeHennepe as Juan Ponce de Leon.



Above: Grayson O'Rouke as Harriet Chalmes Adams, famous for her published explorations in the National Geographic magazine.

To the left: Logan Burman as Neil Armstrong, famous for being the First Man on the Moon.



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