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New owner of Gully Co-op buildings

Alex Carlson is the new owner of some of the buildings that belonged to Gully Tri Co-op in down town Gully. The new business is Gully Ag. Inc. The buildings include the old lumber yard, the original elevator complex, weigh station with the scales and storage bins. Alex has been busy with his father Travis and brother Logan during the harvest season for many years. They had Carlson Harvesting, Inc., out of Goodridge. They started the season with five combines in the southern states with Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma and working their way north during the season. With work in the Dakotas, Minnesota and Canada. See more on the Canary front page this week.



Alex Carlson, new business owner in Gully.



Gonvick Legion Auxiliary members hosted a blood drive at the Clear Waters Life Center on Wednesday, January 6. Pictured from left to right are: Faye Bjerke, Jean Sundquist, Evon Quern and Carol Johnson.

Gonvick's Blood Drive Brings in 57 Volunteers



Cheryl Mollin almost finished at the blood drive.



Leslie Engberg one of the 57 volunteers.



Ken Gunvalson getting his temperature taken by Faye Bjerke before his blood donation.

Gonvick, MN – Gonvick community hosted a blood drive with Vitalant on January 6 at Clear Water's Life Center which helped collect a total of 52 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 57 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 47 individuals were able to donate at the Vitalant blood drive on January 6. A total of five donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC) which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor. There was one donor who volunteered for the first time.

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to Faye Bjerke, who coordinated the drive, and the American Legion which sponsored the blood drive.

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 planning, but the winter weather is no wonderland for hospital patients who depend on blood to keep them healthy and alive.

Vitalant is currently testing all successful blood, platelet and plasma donations for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. We are providing an initial test, to help identify donors who could help COVID-19 patients by becoming future convalescent plasma donors. Because antibodies are part of the body's immune response and not the virus itself, antibody testing cannot be used to diagnose current coronavirus infection. Please postpone your donation if you are feeling unwell or suspect you may have COVID-19. Individuals must be symptom free for at least 28 days to be eligible to give blood. Learn more about eligibility for convalescent plasma donation by visiting vitalant.org/covidfree

Donors can make a convenient appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling 877-25-VITAL. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test.

Blood donation takes about an hour from check-in to refreshments. Donors can save about 20 minutes by completing their Health History Questionnaire the day they donate on www.vitalant.org/health

Clearbrook has been randomly chosen for testing of the water supply

By Bonnie Kirchman
Mayor Dylan Goudge and council members Ole Engebretson, Tom Davis, Rachel Nelson, and Dale Volstad were sworn in at the first Clearbrook city council meeting of the year. The meeting took place on Monday, January 11, 2021 in the Clearbrook Community Room.

Eric Weller of the Minnesota Department of Health attended the meeting to report that the city had been randomly chosen for testing of the water supply. The purpose of testing is to determine the level of manganese present in the city's drinking water. At this time there are not established limits municipalities need to follow, however, manganese levels of 100 parts or more per billion have been shown to be a concern for infants who are being bottle-fed. The city's well tested at just over 100 parts per billion.

Weller explained that the city is not required to make any changes to its water treatment system at this time. If the state establishes manganese limits in the future, the city could be required to implement changes that would reduce manganese in the water supply.

Currently, the state is recommending that infants who are

bottle fed do not consume city water when manganese is at the level found in Clearbrook's water supply. Instead, bottled or filtered water should be used. If residents have concerns about people in other age groups consuming the water, Weller added that some home water filters and some water softeners may reduce manganese levels in the water. Residents should check the manufacturers' information on these systems to determine if they are effective in removing manganese. The city plans to send residents a letter to inform them about the manganese issue.

Curt Meyer, engineer with Wideseth, informed the council that bid opening for the water and sewer will take place on Thursday, January 14, 2021. The opening will take place remotely over Zoom. Meyer stated that there has been a good level of interest in the project.

Police Chief Dan Gazelka reported that the department responded to 68 calls in January. Forty-one of these were traffic stops, with the increased number due in part to forty hours of state-granted traffic patrol time. The department's Dodge Charger has been sold for around \$3,500. The department

has continued to work to reduce vehicle blight in the community.

The council approved the fire department's request to increase the wages for emergency medical responders and emergency medical technicians to \$10 per hour. Fire Chief Adam Krog explained that this increase from \$5 per hour applies to the six department members who have EMR or EMT training, but only when they are responding to medical calls. The purpose of the increase is to motivate department members to pursue medical training and to compensate members who have completed training. The department included this increase in their budget planning and do not anticipate a need for more funds from the city.

Krog also reported that the department received a \$5,000 donation that will be used for a drop tank. The fire department responded to nine medical calls and one fire call during the month of December. Two firefighters have been added to the department's roster on a probationary basis. The department is working on a policy to bill insurance companies for

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2020 Year in Review

January-We all started the new year with 18 inches of snow...Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center started with a new year with an auction and party...History Center in Shevlin resumes children's "Historikids" on Jan 11...Great pictures of many area homes with beautiful Christmas lights shared...Congrats to Chief Deputy Vern Wittenburg for completing all four phases of Credible Leadership for Clearwater County...New faces in the kitchen at C-G School, Janelle Maxie and Danielle Derby...Neal Illies, Mark Larson and Candace Coulter appointed to positions in Clearwater County...Back Breakers Vintage Snowmobile show & ride took place in Grygla...Enbridge presents check to area fire departments...Tammy Tisland of Bagley is the first woman to compete in Auctioneer Championship...Michael Rendahl of Fosston releases a music album...Kandi Momerak celebrated her 50th with an Elvis impersonator at a party in Gonvick...53rd Moonlighters Sno Safari held Jan 25th...Brooklyn Bakke and Emma Christianson passed USFS Gold level test...Local 49ers recognize Roby Severson for 30 years and Travis Ness for 25 years of service...C-G School board votes to accept bids for new addition...Deputy Alexander Yocum is welcomed to Clearwater County Sheriff Office...Historical Society honored friends of the museum...

We Lost...Elizabeth "Liz" Stuhau, Harry Kortan, Karen Bonkowski, Sylvia Anderson, Bobby Lofstrand, Cheryl Plante, Mildred Drey, Lester Johnson, David Holzer, David Myklejord, Jerald "Jerry" Berg, James Walker, Marlyn Dessellier, James Merschman, Barbara Petersen, Anna Quarntstrom, Roger Johnson, Harold "Joe" Parsley, Bruce Horn, Delayne Ekeberg, Gloria Beckstrand, Mary Cyr, Rudolph Hoffman, Michael Harstad, Mervin Wallingford, Bruce Atwater...

February-Zach and Stacy Peterson of Shevlin are representatives in Red River Valley emerging Leaders...Abby



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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.

Elim Mission meeting

Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, January 21st at 2:30 PM at the Elim Church Clearbrook. (Note date change.) It will be our annual meeting with election of officers. Hostesses are Diane Johnson and Kris Dahl.

NOTICE

The January 2021 Clearwater County Township Association meeting has been cancelled.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

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

Wed., Jan. 20 - Tater Tot Casserole.

Thurs., Jan. 21 - Turkey, Potato and Gravy.

Fri., Jan. 22 - Smothered Pork Chop and Potatoes.

Mon., Jan. 25 - Biscuit & Sausage Gravy.

Tues., Jan. 26 - Goulash.

Wed., Jan. 27 - Vegetable Soup with Meat Sandwich.

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.

Thank You

How can I adequately thank everyone in my community, my church family, friends and especially my family for their prayer support, visits, texts, cards, phone calls and various gifts while I have been sick with kidney failure. It has been a humbling experience to know that I am loved and cared for by so many people. I have been blessed by God through so many of your kind deeds and I pray in turn that God will bless you for your generosity. I am grateful to God for beginning the process of healing my kidney's.

Rhonda Erickson

In Memoriam

Inga Othelia Johnson
June 22, 1913
January 13, 1998

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Floyd Elmer Johnson
July 7, 1918
February 10, 1981

Love,
Cecelia, Merlin, Marlene
& families

City Council...

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fire suppression in cases where fire damage is covered under an insurance policy.

Mark Snobl and Nick Rankin, utilities and maintenance, give their monthly report. Aluminum doors have been ordered and will be installed in the gym. The city is looking into the costs of making the water station credit card ready. Snow plowing equipment and necessary repairs were discussed. The general plan for plowing will be to first open up all the streets and then follow up with more cleanup to remove snow closer to the curbs.

The council voted in favor of installing new lights in the gym. Cost of the lights and installation will be approximately \$20,000. The city will receive around \$12,000 in rebates from Otter Tail Power. Electricity costs are expected to be reduced by \$4,500 per year by changing the lights.

The Clearwater County board proposed a price of \$200 plus fees for the tax-forfeited house near the pool. The city plans to purchase the house and tear it down. The lot may be used for extra pool parking in the future.

Council members approved a 2 ½% cost of living pay increase for the city's part-time workers. The employee policies are being reviewed and a few wording changes have been made. The federal mileage rate has decreased to 56 cents per mile for 2021. The city will follow this rate when reimbursing employees.

The fire contract rate was increased by 5% for the next year.

The council approved the annual resolutions designating Border Bank as the official depository, the Leader-Record as the city's official newspaper, and Brady Martz as the city auditor.

The city did not receive any donations in the month of December. Monthly claims of \$38,165.66 and additional claims of \$77,029.02 were approved by the council.

STORY TO SHARE!

If you have a story or photos you want to share,

please send to:
richards@gvtel.com



Virtual learning at Clearbrook-Gonvick.



Bernice Magnussen honored for membership.

Year in Review..

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Engen won first place in 2020 District Level Spelling Bee Contest held in C-G School on January 23rd. Second place-Reign Wegscheid and third place went to Jacie Bergerson...Darol & Marilyn Melby volunteer their way into retirement with a story of service and giving...Eileen Vorderbruggen retires from Clearwater County Food Shelf after 20+ years at their annual meeting...Melissa McCoy starts her new administrative assistant job with C-G School...Robin Proffitt attended the Produce Safety University in Denver for Children nutrition...Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center celebrated Valentine's Day with music by Bob Agnew, Becky Agnew and Jim Martin...Pottery Studio open house kicks off a series of workshops in CWLC...C-G Senior basketball players were honored with gift bags...Jonny Hamnes scored his 1000th point for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears basketball team...Northland awards spring scholarships, local recipient was Sawyer Engberg of Gonvick...Bernis Invaldson demonstrates sock knitting in a feature story...Mustard Seed home program offers building trades in CWLC in Gonvick...

We Lost... Jan Voxland, Arnie Lomen, Roy Martine, Roy Nordby, Joyce Flermoen, Anthony Schmitz, Marie Miller, Mervel Devine, Arthur Wagner, Dennis Rossell, Marilyn Kay Evje, Maxine Sorenson, Erling Lian, Darrell Stenlund, Jeanette Hetland, Gerald Cote, Walter Sylstad, Alice Gulbranson, Doris Smeby, Vivan Nord, Leona Brekke, David Uhler...

March...Pickleball is a big hit each Monday at the Clear

Waters Life Center... Former Gonvick resident, Bob Stevens fulfilled his dream of becoming a pilot in the Navy...Local women reestablish roots by starting Operation Gratitude, a project to show support for military, veterans and caregivers...Robin Proffitt named School Lunch Hero by MN Department of Education...Clearbrook Fire host Daddy - Daughter dance...C-G School hosts donuts with dad & grandparents...Marilyn Ames selected as 2020 First Lady of Clearwater County...Coronavirus has everything on hold, bank lobbies are closed and restaurants are take out only...County offices will follow CDC guidelines...Hearts are displayed in windows locally and across the nation showing support of the Covid 19 health crisis...Huge out pouring of support to honor Judy Engbretson for her 64th birthday and her homecoming. A line of cars made their way through the curves of the country road. White paper birds were left behind carrying prayers and gratitude from the people who love Judy. She passed less than a day later...

We Lost... Norma Hanson, Robert Stevens, Louis Ott, Melvin Englund, Phyllis Martell, David Salvhus, Hans Brendalen, Duane Dunrud, Jean Hagen, Ralph Jove, Martha Sather, Nicole Ross, Peggy Cook, David Hagen, Helmer Hanson, Sherman Tranby, Grant Satre, Judy Enebretson, Adelia Kammer, Norma Olson, Maria Reed Kemper, Randy Fogelquist...

Report from county nursing service

Clearwater County: 681 cumulative cases. Our case count for the past 14 days is 27 cases (37 last week) that makes our 14 day case rate 30.65.

Age ranges for COVID cases from January 2, 2021 to January 15, 2021

Age 0-19: 5
Age 20-39: 6
Age 40-59: 6
Age 60-79: 6
Age 80+: 4

We continue to vaccinate and are ready to move to Phase 1b. We are awaiting guidance on priority groups.....things are changing quickly. Phase 1b is a large group and some of the guidance has already changed from age 75 and up to age 65 and up.

We are waiting for vaccine and are ready to get it into arms as soon as we receive it!!

If you have questions regarding vaccination please give us a call at 694-6581 and or visit https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine.html

We need to continue our efforts to keep our community safe! We are seeing some small increases of COVID cases in surrounding counties and around the state.

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

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Flooding in the area in 2020.

Church News

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

Sun., Jan. 24 - 9:00 am - Worship Service, 10:00am Sunday School will be back in church.

Wed., Jan. 27 - 5:45 pm Confirmation - Zoom.

Our Savior's
Sun. Jan. 24 - 11:00am Worship Service. Annual Meeting following Worship.

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...

Jewelry-making Made Easy starts Monday! 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.

Shop-At-The-Top: 50% Off Sale starts today and runs thru Jan. 30. Includes all clothing and footwear! Open 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, weekdays and 10:00-12:00 on Sat.

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

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: Faith-based to find true freedom from hurts, habits, & hang-ups. Thurs., 7:00 PM, CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Second Floor.

Supervised Distance Learning Site: Slots still available on Fridays for K-8th grades at CWLC-Clearbrook. Registration required. Forms & information available on our website or at our Clearbrook office.

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

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.

Restore It! Furniture Shop open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, weekdays, & 10:00-12:00 on Saturday in Clearbrook. Donations of clean, good quality items accepted during business hours.

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 Adam Krog
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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth

Wed, Jan. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

Sat, Jan 23: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, Jan. 24: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 9:15 a.m. Worship, 8:30 a.m. SS; Nazareth: 11:00 a.m. Worship, 10:00 a.m. SS.

Wed, Jan. 27: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Styberg,
Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 20: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

Sun, Jan. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Jan. 26: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions, 10:00 a.m. Quilting.

Wed, Jan. 27: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

Sun, Jan. 24: 10:30 a.m. at Bethany, 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 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

Winter Sports Update
Spectators- Each JV/Varsity participant will be allowed two spectators to attend the event in which they are participating. Spectators MUST be pre-

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

registered(name and phone number required) by noon the day before the contest. Participants will sign up the spectator/s they would like to attend. No walk-ins welcome. Spectators MUST enter through the main entrance to the school and check-in with

event staff before entering the contest. Spectators should follow all signage that is posted in the venue. Spectators should avoid unnecessary movement about the building. Go Bears!



Two Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior players for the Bears. Alex Dawson drives to the basket as Wyatt Buer blocks out Lance Balstad, Number 12, for the Fosston Greyhounds.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the Fosston Greyhounds on Friday, January 15. Senior Wyatt Buer, goes up for the basket.

School changes learning model

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School safety team met to review the learning model. The safety team recommended that they move to in-person learning for grades 7 to 9. They started on Monday January 18. The safety team and regional support team reviewed county numbers, cases in the school, how those cases have impacted them, the safety plan and a variety of other factors. Grades 10-12 will have a possible return date of February 1st. The district is required to implement a rolling start when moving from a more restrictive model to a less restrictive model. They will monitor the 7 to 9 grade return to in-person learning and if everything goes well, then the grades 10-12 will

return on February 1. There will be move information coming. As the school transitions to learning models please remember the following: A. If your student or students will transition to or from distance learning, please make sure you are doing this at the quarter break. Notify the principal ahead of time, so that they can have learning materials prepared. Teacher and staff need to know if students will be coming back to in-person or moving to distance learning. B. Contact the bus company if transportation is needed. Steins Bus Service at 243-2629. C. Fridays are still distance learning days for K-12. The school district has

worked very hard to get back to a point where they can offer in-person learning. They would like to stay this way. Please remember: A. Don't send students to school if they are symptomatic or have been in close contact. (Contact the school nurse to report symptoms or close contact.) B. Remember that decision outside of the school impact the ability to operate. The more precautions the community and students and families take, the more likely they are able to stay in-person. C. Mask up and social distance. Jeff Burgess Superintendent Clearbrook-Gonvick School



Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior Kolten Schultz in the first game of the basketball season driving to the basket.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior Alex Dawson going up for a basket against two Fosston Greyhound players on Friday, January 15. Both Lance Balstad,12, and Max Staehnke 10.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., Jan. 20 - BBQ on Bun, Sun Chips, Baked Beans, Cucumbers with Ranch, Apple-sauce and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Cheez It Crackers.
Thurs., Jan. 21- Meatball Mashed Potato Bowl, Dinner Roll, Green Beans, Pears and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Sun Chips
Fri., Jan. 22 - Distance Learning Day.
Mon., Jan. 25 - Ham Patty on Bun, Oven Fries, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Baked Beans, Banana and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Granola Bar.
Tues., Jan. 26 - Pepperoni Stromboli, Side Salad, Pine-apple and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Granola Bar.
Wed., Jan. 27 - Soft Shell Tacos, with Fixings, Mandarin Oranges, Cookie and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Baked Cheetos.

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COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

December 1, 2020

The December meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on December 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with Chairmen Illies presiding and Commissioners Newland and Larson present. Commissioner Nelson via phone. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda- Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the November minutes with corrections.

Land Department- Bruce Cox presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the proposed Forfeited Tax Sale Fund Budget for fiscal year 2021.

Auditor/Treasurer- Al Paulson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the fiscal year 2021 Solid Waste Management Fund Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the fiscal year 2021 Nursing Service Fund Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from General Revenue to the Buildings & Ground Account.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from General Revenue to the Landfill Development Account.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the transfer of \$75,000 from General Revenue to the Rural Signing Account.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from General Revenue to the Equipment Account.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the following 2020 year-end committed balances: Landfill Development \$300,000.00 Rural Signing \$240,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to appoint Kathryn Kimball Lorschach as County Attorney effective January 4, 2021 at Grade 28 Step 1 (\$41.27) General consent was given to waive the 3-day notice requirement.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following CARES motions.

Motion by Commissioner Larson,

(member of the Clearwater County CARES Health and Human Services team) seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the purchase of the PharmaRoam3 with BBS22 battery, portable vaccine refrigerator/freezer and cart in the amount of \$6,385.69 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the expenditures of the CARES Act Health and Human Services Committee of which he is a member in the amount of \$6,729.07 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the expenditures of the County Employment Cost Committee of which he is a member, in the amount of \$4,350.06 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the expenditures of the County Employment Cost Committee of which he is a member, in the amount of \$4,350.06 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the application of Kelley Foy for the 2021 off sale liquor license for Rock Creek General Store, Inc. with continuance of insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the application of Marie Knutson for the 2021 on sale liquor, off sale liquor and Sunday sale liquor licenses for Sportman's Lodge, with continuance of insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the application of Mary Gerbracht for the 2021 on sale liquor and Sunday sale liquor licenses for Fireside Grill Inc. with continuance of insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the application of Linda Knutson for the 2021 off sale beer license for Knutson's Store.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the Departmental Budgets under the County Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2021.

Motions by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the levy for county purposes and instruct the County Auditor-Treasurer to spread this levy on the taxable valuation of Clearwater County for taxes payable in the year 2021.

ship, efficiency, accountability, and supervision. The Board was very pleased with his communication with people on the County 2 project. This will be his biggest construction summer.

The Board conducted a performance evaluation of Jamie Freeman, County Assessor, on December 7, 2020. The Board found that Ms. Freeman successfully met her performance standards in communication, leadership, efficiency, accountability, and supervision. Her goal for following year is to complete more quintile.

December 15, 2020

Reconvene- The meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m. on December 15, 2020 with Chairman Illies presiding and Commissioners Newland, Titera, and Larson present. Commissioner Nelson via phone.

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

Auditor/Treasurer- Al Paulson was present to open bids for the 2021 printing bid. The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to accept the low bid of Leader Record for the annual publishing for 2021 for First Publication of Financial Statement, Publication of County Board Proceedings & legal notices and all other publishing requirements and the two publications of the list of delinquent taxes. And Farmers Publishing for the second publication of the financial statement.

Nursing Service- Al Paulson, presented the following motions for Marissa Hetland, who was unable to attend: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, for CCNS may purchase a Dell Latitude 14 laptop (\$1503.12) and office license (\$365) for \$1868.12.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve Agreement with North Country Community Health Board for Clearwater County to provide financial services and clerical support for CHS administration for North Country Community Health Services.

Land Department- Bruce Cox presented the following resolution motion: Motion by Commissioner Larson seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the sale of parcels. (on file)

Environmental Services- Dan Hecht presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Titera seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the pay for Al Spring to Range 8, Step 4 \$15.72

(2020).

Ayes- Illies, Titera, Newland, and Larson Nays- Nelson

Motion by Commissioner Larson seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize expenses associated with acquiring land for a solid waste collection site in Pine Lake Township, estimated at and not to exceed \$7,200.00 for the cost of land and survey not including closing fees.

Engineer- Dan Sauvé presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater county Highway Department bills as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Titera seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to accept the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for SAP 015-631-007, SAP 015-630-006, SAP 015-627- 008 & CP 19-035-001; Bituminous Surfacing to accept said completed project for and in behalf of Clearwater County, and to authorize final payment to Mark Sand & Gravel Co.

Motion by Commissioner Larson seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve 2021 Highway Department Budget.

Auditor/Treasurer- Al Paulson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$234,413.12 from the County Revenue Fund and \$30,518.99 from the Nursing Service Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, for Clearwater County Board of Commissioners to approve the cancellation of the following outstanding warrants:

DATE	CHECK #	DOLLAR \$
12/15/17	137025	\$3.68
11/03/17	136509	\$3.66
01/27/17	133103	\$137.76
04/21/17	134253	\$11.00

Motion by Commissioner Larson seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to hire Logan LeClair as the Veterans Service Officer/Safety Control Coordinator with a start date of December 16, 2020 at Grade 16 Step 1 (\$20.32) with a 1-year probation period.

Motion by Commissioner Newland seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the Non-union pay scale increase of 2.5% effective January 1, 2021 for non-union employees.

Motion by Commissioner Larson seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the County Sheriff, Jail Administrator and the Chief Deputy Sheriff to get the same contribution toward the Teamsters Health Fund Insurance as the Teamsters Local 346 Union, effective 1/1/2021.

Commissioner Newland introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CLEARWATER COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER'S 2021 SALARY. On file. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried.

Commissioner Titera introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CLEARWATER COUNTY RECORDER'S 2021

SALARY. On file. The motion for the adoption for the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried.

Commissioner Larson introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CLEARWATER COUNTY SHERIFF'S 2021 SALARY.

On file. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried.

Commissioner Titera introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CLEARWATER COUNTY ATTORNEY'S 2021

SALARY. On file. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner

Illies and carried.

Motion by Commissioner Larson seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the 2021 salary for the Commissioners to remain the same as 2020, \$20,742 annually.

Motion by Commissioner Newland seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve application of Julie Sauer for the 2021 on and off sale liquor and Sunday sale licenses for Lobo's Bar & Grill, Inc. with continuance of insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Newland seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the Resolution for reappointment of the Clearwater County Assessor, Jamie Freeman, for the term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024. On file.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following CARES motions.

Motion by Commissioner Newland seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the expenditure of the County Employee Cost Committee in the amount of \$702.22 for supplies with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Motion by Commissioner Newland seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the expenditures of the County Employee Cost Committee in the amount of \$36,094.68 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Motion by Commissioner Newland seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the expenditures of the County Employee Cost Committee in the amount of \$9,315.33 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Titera seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the expenditures of the Public Safety Committee in the amount of \$50,000.00 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Motion by Commissioner Titera seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the expenditures of the Public Safety Committee in the amount of \$9,524.50 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Motion by Commissioner Larson seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the expenditures of the Health and Human Service Committee in the amount of \$2,000.00 with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Funds. For the Clearwater County food shelf.

Motion by Commissioner Newland seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to accept the Department Head Evaluations Results.

Recess- The meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on December 29, 2020. December 29, 2020

Reconvene- The meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on December 29, 2020 with Chairman Illies presiding and Commissioners Newland, Larson, and Titera present. Commissioner Nelson via phone.

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

Auditor/Treasurer- Motion by Commissioner Newland seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the application of Christian Davis for the 2021 on and off sale beer license for Hoot Owl Resort.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the 2021 Tobacco Licenses for the following businesses:

Bagley American Legion, Bagley Municipal Liquor Store, Clearbrook Liquor Store, Galen's Super Value, Orton's Bagley Foodmart, Silver Creek Saloon, Knutson Store, Northern Bait & Convenience, Lobo's Bar & Grill, Strand Store, Rock Creek General Store, Sportsman's Lodge, The Trap, Family Dollar, Inc., Bakken's Market LLC, Alid a Country Store, Inc., Northdale Oil Inc., Dollar General Store #20404, My Store- Bagley, Bagley Foods Inc. , Bagley Co-op Association

Adjourn- Motion by Commissioner Larson seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Dated January 5, 2020
Mark Larson, Chairman
Trudi Alberg, Board Coordinator

Dell Marketing LP	6,940.53	Human Services
Department of Human Services SWIFT	4,892.66	Human Services, Collaborative
Election Systems & Software Inc	7,695.52	County Revenue
First National Bank	78,810.80	County Revenue
Garden Valley Technologies	3,720.27	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Gonvick Fireman's Relief Fund	10,000.00	County Revenue
H & L Mesabi	5,360.80	Road & Bridge
Headwaters Regional Development Comm	16,604.02	Townships Cities & Municipalities
Headwaters Regional Development Comm	5,540.00	NCCHA
Hoffman Phillip & Knutson PLLC	5,939.00	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Huschle/Matthew	4,017.20	Human Services
Information Systems Corporation	25,883.00	County Revenue
Information Systems Corporation	62,696.00	Human Services
Itasca Fire Department	5,000.00	County Revenue
Jag Body Shop	2,685.88	County Revenue
Karpel Solutions	32,642.13	County Revenue
Lakewood Public Health	3,897.74	NCCHA
Lewis/Travis & Tiffanie	2,560.50	Human Services
Lewis/Travis & Tiffanie	2,297.88	Human Services
Listrom's Disposal	15,014.88	Solid Waste
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Lutheran Social Services of MN	2,512.00	Human Services
Mark's Sand & Gravel Company	79,940.05	Road & Bridge
MEND Correction Care PLLC	5,124.76	County Revenue
Minnesota Dept of Health	2,391.00	Nursing Service
MN Department of Finance	3,053.57	State Fund
MNCCC	12,919.00	County Revenue
MSOP - Sex Offender Program 462	6,484.50	Human Services
My Store	7,816.95	Road & Bridge
My Store	5,462.69	Road & Bridge
North Homes Inc	5,058.90	Human Services
Northwest MN Juvenile Ctr	15,660.00	Human Services
Polk County Solid Waste	28,107.37	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Port Group Home	10,126.80	Human Services
Prime Health	81,080.44	County Revenue
Prime Health	85,923.42	County Revenue
Pro West & Assoc	18,577.06	County Revenue, Tax Forfeited
Public Utilities Commission	4,482.46	County Revenue, Tax Forfeited
Regents of University of MN	18,813.99	County Revenue
RJ Zavoral & Sons Inc	55,438.22	Road & Bridge
Roemer Industries, Inc	6,385.69	Nursing Service
Roger's Two Way Radio	23,817.70	County Revenue
Rose/ Patrick & Marlene	4,706.40	Human Services
Rose/ Patrick & Marlene	3,451.36	Human Services
Royal Tire	9,101.32	Road & Bridge
Rural Minnesota CEP Inc	15,086.08	Human Services
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Sanford Health System	5,116.56	Human Services
Shewlin Fireman's Relief Association	10,000.00	County Revenue
Soresnen Dep 069 Inc	10,856.72	Road & Bridge
Speedy Van, LLC	5,634.00	Human Services
St Joseph's Community Health	4,825.89	NCCHA
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Summit Food Services LLC	9,444.67	County Revenue
Thomason Swanson & Zahn PLLC	5,546.15	County Revenue
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Township of Eddy	32,449.68	Townships Cities & Municipalities
Township of Falk	21,590.74	Townships Cities & Municipalities
Township of Greenwood	8,499.48	Townships Cities & Municipalities
Township of Hangaard	8,159.75	Townships Cities & Municipalities
Township of Holst	13,335.16	Townships Cities & Municipalities
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Township of Winsor	13,864.87	Townships Cities & Municipalities
Treas Ind School Dist 162	96,510.12	School District
Treas Ind School Dist 2311	46,255.87	School District
Treas Red Lake Watershed Dist	180,347.14	Townships Cities & Municipalities
Treas Red Lake Watershed Dist	6,425.00	County Revenue
Treas Wild Rice Watershed Dist	16,477.63	Townships Cities & Municipalities
Tri Valley Opportunity Council Inc	3,109.00	Human Services
University of North Dakota	5,260.51	County Revenue
Veolia Environmental Services	24,971.00	Household Hazardous Waste

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Watch Guard Video	14,845.00	County Revenue

There were 247 Claims under 2000 in December \$127,566.85

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following is a summary of the operating budget for the 2021 fiscal year for Clearwater County. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 375.169. The detail of the County Budget is on file in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at the Courthouse, Bagley, Minnesota and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

COUNTY SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT			
Budgeted Governmental Funds	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	
REVENUES:			
County portion of tax levy	8,493,509	9,023,423	
Special Assessments	29,506	32,446	
All other taxes	293,255	308,040	
TOTAL TAXES	8,816,270	9,363,909	
Federal Grants	1,038,074	2,943,769	
State General Purpose Aid	1,834,246	1,941,348	
State Categorical Aid	5,737,111	7,845,304	
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	8,609,431	12,730,421	
Licenses and Permits	29,225	29,700	
Charges for Services	2,159,477	2,115,359	
Fines and Forfeits	5,600	5,200	
Interest on Investments	180,500	180,500	
Miscellaneous	2,147,481	2,339,831	
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES:	4,522,283	4,670,590	
Proceeds from Bond Sales			
TOTAL REVENUES	21,947,984	26,764,920	
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	2,786,130	2,785,632	
Public Safety	2,813,849	2,673,110	
Highways, excluding construction	2,685,486	2,724,554	
Sanitation	943,717	1,044,847	
Human Services/Energy Assistance	3,932,014	4,094,499	
Health	1,511,377	1,563,656	
Culture and Recreation	567,448	521,255	
Conservation of Natural Resources	1,455,548	1,392,312	
Economic Development	900	900	
Miscellaneous Expenditures	1,447,450	1,496,100	
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES	18,143,919	18,296,865	
Debt Service, Principle	0	0	
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	
Highway Construction	2,710,000	7,353,000	
Capital Outlay	466,000	541,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	21,319,919	26,190,865	
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	628,065	574,055	

Legal Notice

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING November 9, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Tracy Imle, Corey Petterson, Jeff Westrum, Tom Stenzel (in person); Richard Hetland, Dudley Wishard, Kris Snyder (via zoom). Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess (in person), Principal Dugstad (in person), staff members (in person/zoom), and community members (zoom)

1. Town Hall Meeting/Community Comments – A letter was read regarding the Elementary Staff's view on Hybrid vs In-Person learning. A community member made a comment regarding distance learning.

4 Approval of Agenda – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.

5 Committee Reports - None
6 Old Business – None
7 New Business

7.1 Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Election/Special Election – Candidate Vote Count – 4 Year Seat – Dudley Wishard – 1,059 votes; Vern Wittenberg – 930 votes; Gus Vetteson – 1,085, Jeff Westrum – 1,103 votes. 2 Year Seat – Vanessa Gustafson – 1,298 votes. MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.

7.2 Campaign Financial Report Documents – Supt Burgess reminded all candidates that the financial documents need to be completed & returned to the District Election Clerk.

7.3 Learning Model – Supt Burgess discussed the Learning Model recommended by the Safety Committee. He also went over the survey sent to staff. Discussion

was held. MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve In Person (Elementary)/Hybrid (HS) Learning Model, on November 16th for Elementary, and at the administration's determination of our ability to staff for high school. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.

Extra-Curricular activities should be brought back for the varsity teams when the high school returns to hybrid mode.

8 Next Meeting – The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment – MMS Imle/Stenzel to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. MCU
Next Regular Meeting – Monday, November 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING November 23, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:04 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Tracy Imle, Tom Stenzel, Jamie Wishard, Corey Petterson, and Jeff Westrum, (in person); Kris Snyder (via zoom). Absent: Richard Hetland. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess (in person); Principal Dugstad (in person); Vern Wittenberg-Board Elect (in person); Brian Stavanger – representing Eide Bailly (via zoom); staff members (in person/zoom); and community members (in person/zoom)

1. Community Comments - None

4 Spotlight on Education – Ms. Goudge showed a power point presentation of events that have happened since the last regular board meeting

5 Approval of Agenda – MMS Stenzel/Imle to approve agenda as presented, Roll Call Vote: Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.

6 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting



Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

I want to start off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and hope that 2021 will bring us back to business as usual. Last year was consumed with COVID-19 and I am hopeful we can put that in the past and start to live our lives again. We still have many hurdles ahead of us, but we can get through this. I have been amazed at the generosity and acts of kindness that have been shown throughout our communities during this difficult time. It shows how resilient and caring our community members are. I want to thank each and every one who expressed your appreciation and support of law enforcement in our county. Your actions mean more than you know.

Last year was another busy one in Clearwater County and I want to give everyone a glimpse at what 2020 held for law enforcement, fire and EMS. There was a total of 8,793 calls for service countywide in 2020. That number climbed from a total of 7,728 in 2019. Calls for service increase yearly and going back in historical data, just six year ago in 2014, the county had 6,177 calls. Some of the increase can be attributed to more accurately documenting all calls that come into our dispatch center and also to more people calling in to report suspicious behavior. These are all good as it gives us a better picture of what exactly is occurring in our county.

Deputies in Clearwater County responded to 4,491 calls for service last year. A breakdown of calls show that deputies made 1,081 traffic stops resulting in 238 traffic citations being issued. Some of the more major crimes, or frequent call types responded to, include 120 theft calls, 48 burglaries, 41 assaults, 47 domestic assaults, 21 criminal sexual conduct cases, 42 property damage complaints and 152 assist calls.

Other law enforcement agencies working in our county include the Bagley, Clearbrook/Gonvick and White Earth Police Departments as well as the Minnesota State Patrol. I do not have access to the State Patrol numbers so they will not be reflected here. A breakdown of calls responded to by the other agencies within their respective jurisdictions are as follows: Bagley - 2,119 calls for service (1,038 traffic stops, 79 thefts, 8 burglaries, 10 assaults, 15 domestic assaults, 4 criminal sexual conduct, 6 property damage, 83 assists); Clearbrook/Gonvick – 426 calls for service (167 traffic stops, 17 thefts, 3 burglaries, 2 assaults, 3 domestic assaults, 9 property damage, 11 assists); White Earth – 494 calls for service (217 traffic stops, 7 thefts, 1 burglary, 9 assaults, 9 domestic assaults, 5 criminal sexual conduct, 4 property damage 9 assists). In addition to law enforcement activity, there were

also 92 fire calls that our local fire departments responded to as well as 617 medical calls that the Bagley Sanford Ambulance responded to. As you can see, our first responders were kept busy last year serving our county.

A look at where the total number of major crimes, or frequent call types, took place show that the City of Bagley had the most burglaries with 13, followed by the townships of North LaPrairie with 8, Rice with 7 and Sinclair with 5.

Thefts occurred at the greatest rate in the City of Bagley with 110 followed by the townships of Copley with 17, North LaPrairie with 15 and the City of Clearbrook with 14. Assaults were most prevalent in North LaPrairie Township with 23 followed by the City of Bagley with 18 and Copley Township with 6. Domestic assaults occurred most in the City of Bagley with 21, followed by North LaPrairie with 14, Popple with 7 and the City of Clearbrook with 7. Criminal sexual conduct cases were reported most in North LaPrairie township with 10, the City of Bagley had 5 and Copley township had 3. The City of Bagley had the highest number of property damage complaints with 12, North LaPrairie had 10, the City of Clearbrook had 8 and Copley township had 7. Lastly, assists were highest in the City of Bagley with 126, 20 in the City of Clearbrook, followed by the townships of Copley with 18, 16 in Popple, 15 in North LaPrairie and 10 in Nora.

A further breakdown of total calls by township show that North LaPrairie had the highest with 625, followed by Copley with 597, Leon with 326, Popple with 317, Rice with 291 and Nora with 238. If your township is not on the list it means that you had fewer than 200 calls for service for last year.

I hope this 2020 snapshot of what occurred in our county is beneficial to the public by providing a better understanding of activity responded to by our first responders and which areas of the county saw the most activity. We continue to work diligently to provide the best service to the residents of Clearwater County and those who visit here. I, again, want to thank the public for your support and kindness shown to us throughout the year. We stand ready to serve the citizens of Clearwater County.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you and as always, I am honored to serve as your Clearwater County Sheriff

6.1 10/19/20 – Regular Meeting – MMS Imle/Stenzel - Roll Call Vote: Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.

6.2 11/09/20 – Special Meeting – MMS Imle/Stenzel - Roll Call Vote: Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.

7 Informational Items

7.1 Principal Report –Principal discussed the following items: 1) MDE, AIPAC Meeting – Principal Dugstad discussed the results of the recent meeting with MDE. Current expected uses for the funding includes Scholarships and fees, after practice/tutoring bus, and Paras who are working directly with American Indian students. 2) Learning Model – High School – Principal Dugstad advised that the current model in the high school is the Hybrid Model, and it seems to be going well. Our biggest challenge is social distancing. 3) Learning Model - Elementary – Principal Dugstad advised that the in-person, Friday distance model is going well in the elementary school. Our biggest issue is staffing concerns, and probably will be moving forward. 4) Sports Activities – Principal Dugstad advised that per orders of the Governor of the State of Minnesota, there are new prohibitions for sports and gatherings. 5) PLCs – Focus on subject areas and teaching teams.

7.2 Superintendent Report – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: 1) Educational - A) Current Enrollment – Supt Burgess advised that our current enrollment is 428, which is down from 444 last year. There is discussion in the legislature to allow funding based on student counts from last year. This will be very helpful. B) Extra-Curricular – Supt Burgess advised that the recent governor's orders paused in person extracurricular activities through December 18, 2020. We can still have virtual practices at this time. We are still preparing to run our seasons. 2) Building – A) Leak – We had the plumbers in to fix a significant leak last week in one of our water lines. Fortunately, they came in at 8:30 at night, so we were able to have school the next day. Thank you! B) Furniture -New Addition – Most of our furniture for the new addition has arrived. C) Flooring – We have met with the flooring contractor for the new addition, and they will be replacing the floor in the hallway and two classrooms because it was not up to expectations. D) Final Bills - We are finishing our final budgets for projects, and should have those available at the December board meeting. 3) Financial– A) Budget – Supt Burgess advised that we are currently working to adjust the budget to account for our drop in students, and our adjustments to revenue and expenditures. We are spending a bit more money this year with the additional purchases of technology, but are also trying to spend within the extra revenues we have received so far. Comparison reports were reviewed.

7.3 Committee Report – None
8 Consent Calendar – MMS Stenzel/Imle to approve Consent Calendar as presented. Roll Call Vote: Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.
8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds
Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 68734-68767/Wires
Payroll Checks 0030490
August Bills
Voucher Numbers: 58915 – 59040
Check Numbers: 68768 – 68829
Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$793,973.72

8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions
8.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report
8.4 Accept/Approve Donations
9 Old Business – None
10 New Business

10.1 Approval of Auditors Report – Brian Stavanger of Eide Bailly presented the audit report for fiscal year 2020. Questions were asked and answered. MMS Imle/Petterson to approve audit report as presented. Roll Call Vote: Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.

10.2 Title IX Policy (Second Reading) – Supt Burgess presented the second reading of the policy. No board action needed for the 2nd reading.

10.3 Learning Model – Superintendent Burgess discussed the current situation and presented the recommendation of the Safety Committee, which met on Thursday, November 19, 2020. Discussion was held and questions were answered. The board decided to continue as we are, as long as we can staff the models

10.4 Approval of Hiring a Cook for the 2020-2021 School Year— Supt Burgess advised that we have been using a sub cook in the kitchen for a portion of this year, in order to help meet the requirements of providing meals in a variety of different formats. The addition of an extra cook for this school year would help us get meals out to the students who need it without having to pull staff from other areas, which can impact our maintenance of effort. MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve hiring an additional cook for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll Call Vote: Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU.

10.5 Set Board Dates for January and February – Supt Burgess advised that the normal meeting dates in January and February fall on Federal holidays, and meetings are not allowed on those dates. Therefore, we would need to set different dates for those

meetings. –

MMS Imle/Petterson to move January meeting date to 1/19/21, and the February meeting to 2/16/20 at 7:00 pm. Roll Call Vote: Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU

11. Action Items for December Meeting –

11.1
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11.3

12. Adjournment – MMS Petterson/Imle to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum – Yes. MCU

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, December 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

R44C

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

The Line 3 construction in Northern Minnesota has already started to positively impact the communities, just as supporters of the project have said it would.

Stores and hotels are busy, restaurants have been able to stay open due to increased business, and our downtowns have been impacted positively.

Minnesota needs Line 3. This project represents so many positives for our state. In the present, it represents thousands of jobs, and the best chance we have right now to boost economic activity in Northern Minnesota.

In the long term, it represents safe transportation of valuable fuel for our refineries, protection of our environment and other natural resources, and millions of dollars in tax revenue that will benefit Minnesota communities.

We are thankful to experience the benefits of Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement Project delivering what it promised - strong revenue streams to communities along the route. Thank you, Enbridge!

Corey Westrum
Safety Manager
Gustafson & Goudge, Inc.

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Letter to the Editor

Why should a person respect, honor and obey a party that broke the law to become the law.

Joe Wraa

To the Editor

A message of Unity
The Republican Party, the Part of Lincoln, Dave Durenberger, Eisenhower, John McCain and so many other good people is like the Majestic Pines of Itasca Park, standing proud for so many years.

The Democratic Party, the Party of Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy, Carter and so many other good people is also like those Majestic Pines.

There are very few "evil people" on either side and anyone who demonizes people from the other side... well, they are the ones that are doing something that is evil. Respect for our fellow citizens is a key to success for our country.

The truth is our, two party system has operated pretty well for along time. It's been kind of like a car with both a brake and a gas pedal. Without both "the vehicle of our nation" doesn't operate as well, massive economic devastation. The good people of both parties must unite, compromise and cooperate to fight the virus and save and rebuild our nation.

Don and Pat Foster, Bagley

2021 First Lady Nominations Sought

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

1977- Laurel Carlson; 1978- Edith Refshaw; 1979- Mangeline Kirkeby; 1980- Arlene Cease; 1981-Dorothy Katzenmeyer; 1982- Adeline Beltz;

1983- Sharon Dukek; 1984- Olga Peterson; 1985- Lois Bromaghin; 1986- Dolores Johnson; 1987- Zella Tangjerd; 1988- Ruth Offerdahl; 1989- Karen Gesell; 1991- Lucille Kildal; 1993- Judy Carver; 1994- Ruth Anderson; 1995- Marilyn Melby; 1996- Alma Burr; 1997- Hennie Merseth; 1998- Mildred Mathison; 1999- Lila Strandlien; 2000- Dee Strandlien; 2001- Grace Nelson; 2002- Lillian Sauer; 2003- Crystal Schmitz; 2005- Charlotte Stoker; 2006- Vivian Torkildson; 2007- Betty Johnson; 2008- Ardella Lindberg; 2009- Darlene Sawyer; 2010 - Linda Kaul; 2011- Opal Friberg; 2012- Shirley Gunderson ; 2013- Lois Hoie; 2014- Marilyn Stinar; 2015- Ardis Thompson; 2016- Eileen Lein; 2017- Alice Gunderson; 2018- DonnaRae Jacobson; 2019- Elaine Johnson; 2020 – Marilyn Ames; 2021?

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

City of Bagley - Total 15
01/10/21 10:38 Information Only
01/11/21 01:15 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/12/21 14:17 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/13/21 00:24 Traffic Stop
01/13/21 00:26 Traffic Stop - Arrest
01/13/21 11:38 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/13/21 16:16 Traffic Complaint
01/14/21 08:33 Information Only
01/14/21 12:47 Fraud - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/14/21 16:48 Transport
01/15/21 13:30 Information Only
01/15/21 20:29 THEFT
01/16/21 12:11 Disturbance
01/16/21 12:32 Motor Vehicle Theft - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/16/21 12:54 911 Hang Up
01/16/21 12:54 911 Hang Up
City of Clearbrook - Total 4
01/11/21 20:34 CIVIL PROCESS
01/12/21 21:28 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/14/21 19:42 I - Information
01/14/21 23:50 Assist Other Agency - Information
City of Gonvick - Total 2
01/11/21 15:22 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/12/21 05:03 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
City of Shevlin - Total 1
01/10/21 18:05 ASSIST
Copley - Total 13
01/10/21 11:11 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/10/21 17:38 Traffic Stop
01/11/21 14:41 Welfare Check
01/11/21 20:39 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/12/21 14:32 Traffic Stop
01/12/21 15:37 THEFT
01/14/21 01:00 Traffic Stop
01/14/21 01:27 Traffic Stop
01/14/21 17:33 O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/15/21 13:01 Welfare Check
01/16/21 10:11 911 Hang Up
01/16/21 14:49 Traffic Complaint
01/16/21 18:14 Motorist Assist
Dudley - Total 1
01/11/21 14:05 Trespass
Eddy - Total 2

01/11/21 18:09 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/11/21 19:16 Alarm O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Falk - Total 4
01/10/21 11:31 Information Only
01/13/21 17:54 Warrant - Attempt - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/13/21 20:09 Warrant - Attempt - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/14/21 10:39 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Holst - Total 3
01/10/21 18:38 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
01/10/21 19:51 Traffic Stop
01/16/21 18:00 911 Hang Up
Itasca - Total 2
01/14/21 06:09 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/16/21 14:24 Animal Related
LaPraire - Total 2
01/12/21 15:28 O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/16/21 22:15 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
LaPraire N - Total 4
01/12/21 14:37 Lost/Found Property - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/14/21 12:13 Disturbance
01/15/21 02:59 Transport (Welfare/ Civil) - Handled By Officer
01/16/21 05:37 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Leon - Total 6
01/12/21 07:54 911 Hang Up
01/13/21 05:07 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
01/13/21 18:19 Fire - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/14/21 10:29 Juvenile Misc
01/14/21 15:21 Traffic Stop
01/14/21 20:18 Information Only
05 - Assignment Completed
Long Lost Lake - Total 1
01/14/21 10:28 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Nora - Total 3
01/10/21 08:31 Information Only
01/10/21 11:55 Traffic Complaint
01/10/21 12:16 Traffic Stop
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
01/10/21 16:07 Assist Other Agency - Patient Evaluated, No
01/16/21 16:00 911 Hang Up
Pine Lake - Total 5
01/10/21 20:59 Traffic Stop
01/10/21 21:14 Traffic Stop
01/10/21 21:27 Traffic Stop
01/13/21 22:20 911 Hang Up 05 - Assignment Completed
01/16/21 17:07 Animal Related

Popple - Total 8
01/10/21 21:59 Traffic Stop
01/11/21 05:50 Animal Related
01/11/21 12:33 Traffic Stop
01/12/21 08:31 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/13/21 04:00 Animal Related
01/13/21 07:16 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/14/21 10:13 Information Only
01/15/21 04:20 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Rice - Total 1
01/15/21 20:04 Traffic Stop
Shevlin - Total 3
01/12/21 03:03 Traffic Stop
01/13/21 08:28 Suspicious Activity
01/14/21 01:14 Traffic Stop
Sinclair - Total 1
01/12/21 17:57 Animal Related
Total Records: 83



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Bows & Britches Boutique have a plan to support the community

By Karen Edelbach

Michelle Raiter never imagined her dad's plumbing building would become the current Bows & Britches Boutique and Consignment as a place to shop for gently used baby and children's clothing, toys, and women's clothing. Paul Neill's Plumbing & Heating operated along Highway 2 W in Bagley for over 30 years.

Michelle owned a similar consignment shop for four years while living in New Mexico. She majored in psychology at Eastern New Mexico University. When she moved back to Minnesota, she worked as a mental health practitioner at the Clearbrook School District for several years until her job ended the first week of October last year.

"It's time to take my future in my own hands," she decided, and by the last week of October, incredibly, Bows & Britches was launched, and was up and running with the help of her partner, Jessica (Jess) Fowler.

"I knew the systems, and how to get started. I go into things full force when I do something - Jess too," Michelle says. "I couldn't ask for a better partner."

Jess and Michelle went into business together with consignments and donations of infant and children's clothing. However, from the beginning they had many requests for women's clothing as well, and soon found themselves expanding into that area.

Jess had lots of experience with arranging items in an attractive and neat fashion. A stint of working for Herberger's in Bemidji honed her talent in that area which has been very helpful in developing the Bows & Britches Boutique.

"We do very well together," Jess describes their partner-

ship.

During her childhood, Jess loved to play "storekeeper" using the toy cash register and play money she had been given.

"I had lots of fun doing that," Jess says. "I have wanted to own my own store ever since."

The store is attractively decorated with dots and inspirational sayings on the walls, a theme created by Michelle's daughter, Charissa Neill and her cousin Leslie Armstrong. The atmosphere is very uplifting. The consignment offer is a generous 40% for the consignor.

Michelle is a 1988 Bagley graduate, and considers Minnesota her home, although she spent part of her growing up years in New Mexico. Jess grew up in Barnum, Minnesota near Duluth which she describes as a quiet town, before moving to Bemidji where she graduated

in 2008 from Trek North High School.

"Dad sold Neill's store to my son Tyler," Michelle says.

Jess and Tyler are engaged and plan to be married in October.

Jess has a 10 year old son, Harley, and Tyler has a 10 year old son, Alex. The boys do their homeschooling at the store everyday. Harley has plans to write a future Marvel Comic Book, and Alex does science experiments provided by his other grandma.

"I am blessed to have Harley too," says Michelle, who already considers him her grandson.

"We want to give back to the community here which has been so generous during our start up."

Some of what doesn't sell they will donate. Then they will have a garage sale and give the proceeds to the local food shelf.



A wide variety of infant and children's clothing and other items are displayed.



Jess and Michelle proudly show off their first dollar earned at the store. One of their goals is to give back to the community. "Pursue your dreams, you're never too old!"



Proprietors Michelle Raiter and Jessica Fowler stand in front of their Bows & Britches consignment shop. They opened in late October, with infants and children's clothing, toys, and recently added women's consignments as well.

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Plans for the future include additional expansion. The building could hold twice as much merchandise, as there is another room adjacent to their current business area. It is just a matter of figuring out how to best incorporate that space, and rotate the stock down the road, they say.

"We need more space," Jess says, and looks forward to expanding to double the floor space in the future.

"I want to do this until I retire," Michelle emphasizes, "but we are still in the 'Pie in the Sky' stage."

"Pursue your dreams and passion. You're never too old!" is the advice Michelle offers to others contemplating something they want to do.



The women's corner even includes some brand names to choose from. Above you can see the beautiful array of colorful dots and motivational sayings interspersed.

FROM THE PAST



First Lutheran church with Pastor K A Knutson. Front row: Charles Jorgenson, Leone (Walberg) Swanson, JoAnn (Erickson) Hallin, Elaine (Jacobson) Klug. Back row: Paul Knutson, Roger Edverson, Donald Seeger, Donald Brinkman, LeRoy Bierbaum. Submitted by Roger

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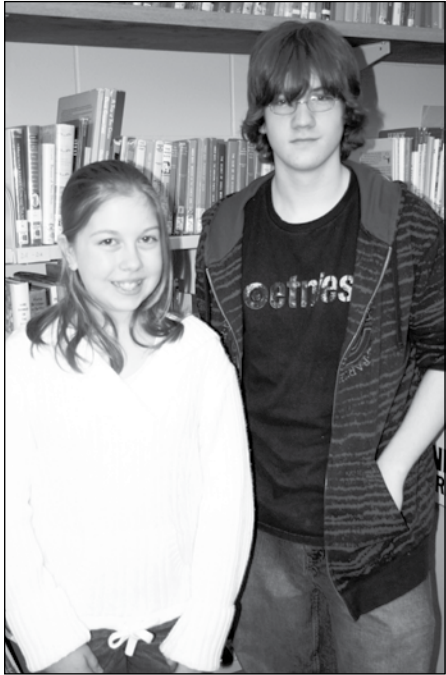
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Spelling bee champs at the school are Cheryl Hutchens and Micah Farenik.



Cathy Bergerson is the new owner of DaRoos Pizza. She is with her daughter Carlie.



Dee Strandlien and Kurt Nyegaard with the new trees at the county fairgrounds.



Linda Ostrom calling bingo at the school.



Pastor Tom and Shanna Seaver.



Our Saviors Meatball dinner Ken Brein and Gordy Solberg on KP duty.



Gonvick's Twin Towers before they were taken down.



Marlene Westrum and Laura Lindgren.



Jean Sundquist.



Annie and Frank Bergh were named Outstanding Senior Citizens for Clearwater County. Standing in back are their children: Janet Thompson, Patty Beardsley, Wayne Bergh and Connie Solberg.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Goodridge/Grygla 500 Snowmobile Race set for February 12-14 has been cancelled. Representatives from COR PowerSports Race Series offered the following statement: "Due to the current snow conditions, and looking at the long range forecast the 2021 Goodridge/Grygla 500 has been forced to cancel, unfortunately. The date for 2022 will be February 12-13." **The Leader Record** was designated as the legal paper for 2021 for Clearwater County by the Clearwater County Commissioners at their January meeting.

Gully Cafe has new 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.

Joke Time...

Brenda and Terry are going out for the evening. The last thing they do is put their cat out. The taxi arrives, and as the couple walk out of the house, the cat scoots back in. Terry returns inside to chase it out. Brenda, not wanting it known that the house would be empty, explains to the taxi driver, "My

husband is just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother.' Several minutes later, an exhausted Terry arrives and climbs back into the taxi saying, 'Sorry I took so long, the stupid idiot was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger several times before I could get her to come out!'

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.

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.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

"What a great winter morning, guys," said Doc, seating himself at the philosophy counter and flipping his cup to the upright and fillable position. "Makes a guy glad to be alive."

We all nodded and sipped.

"Say Doc," said Herb, "how's old Chipper getting along these days?"

We all chuckled, because all the locals know Chipper was invented by Doc a few years back to be his very own imaginary squirrel. Yeah, Doc's like that.

Doc laughed, too. "Hibernation, boys," he said, "Sacked out 'til spring. You should all get hibernating pets. They're really easy to care for as long as they stay asleep."

"And he's all tucked in?"

Steve wanted to know.

"Fluffy tail covering his face. The very picture of warm beds and happy dreams."

"That's good," said Dud.

"The man in the uniform

stood up from his place over in the booth and walked over to the counter. "Excuse me, sir, but are you Doc?"

Doc nodded.

"Doc that has the squirrel?"

"Well, yes," he said.

"I'm the new game warden here and I'd like to see your squirrel permit, please."

"Squirrel permit?"

"A civilian can't keep a wild animal without first obtaining a permit. Otherwise, it's a \$500 fine."

We sat in stunned silence, then Dud spoke up. "You boys haven't met my cousin Jimmy yet, have you? He's here for the weekend and I put him up to it."

We made Dud buy the coffee. We all chipped in for Jimmy's breakfast. Most cafes only serve food.

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Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior Aiden Churness, 11, for the Bears drives in for the lay-up shot against Fosston Greyhounds on Friday, January 15.



Oklee Quilting is becoming an online presence

By Bonnie Cote

Oklee Herald

Oklee Quilting has been open throughout the pandemic. The storefront business has increased, but the mail order has declined quit a bit, due to the fact that customers couldn't get together to quilt for the mission projects and other things.

Recently, Oklee Quilting Supply in Oklee did their first online video on January 5th. Owner Toni Johnson and employee, Judy Schue, to promote their new online presence,

Starting January 14th at 9 a.m. they will be going live online to feature some of their new products, giving tips and all kinds of fun stuff, says Toni Johnson.

More videos will be coming on their facebook page.

In their introduction video they informed everyone one of their physical location at 205 Main Street in Oklee, MN. Their phone number is 218-796-5151. They are open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

During the winter months, the have special evening hours on Thursdays until 7 p.m. where they do interesting things, like Show & Tell, strip exchanges, etc. and have in-store specials.

They have had online ordering for batting for a number of years and have now added fabric to their website store. Go to <http://www.okleequiltinginc.com> to see all the things the online store offers, batting, fabric, notions and much more. It is a great place to see what our store has to offer.

If you have any questions or need assistance, you can also email them at okleequilting@hotmail.com.

With their facebook presence, (<https://www.facebook.com/okleequiltingupply>) you

can check for sale specials, flash sales, have access to their newsletter. They usually feature a new fabric weekly.

If you want to get on their mailing list for the newsletter, just shoot them an email to okleequilting@hotmail.com stating you want to be added to the list.

Oklee Quilting has been part of the Quilt Minnesota Shop Hop for three years and is one of the five stops in the Northwestern part of Minnesota. This year's Quilt Minnesota Shop Hop, the 15th annual, will take place from July 30th

to August 21st, 2021. There is usually a featured fabrics which can be pre-ordered. Just give Oklee Quilting a call and put in your order.

Many people consider Oklee Quilting the "Best little secret of Northern Minnesota." It offers a very good quality and selection of fabrics at reasonable prices. People walking in to the store are amazed at what they have.

They have 45" cottons and flannels in petit's, children's

Oklee Quilting...

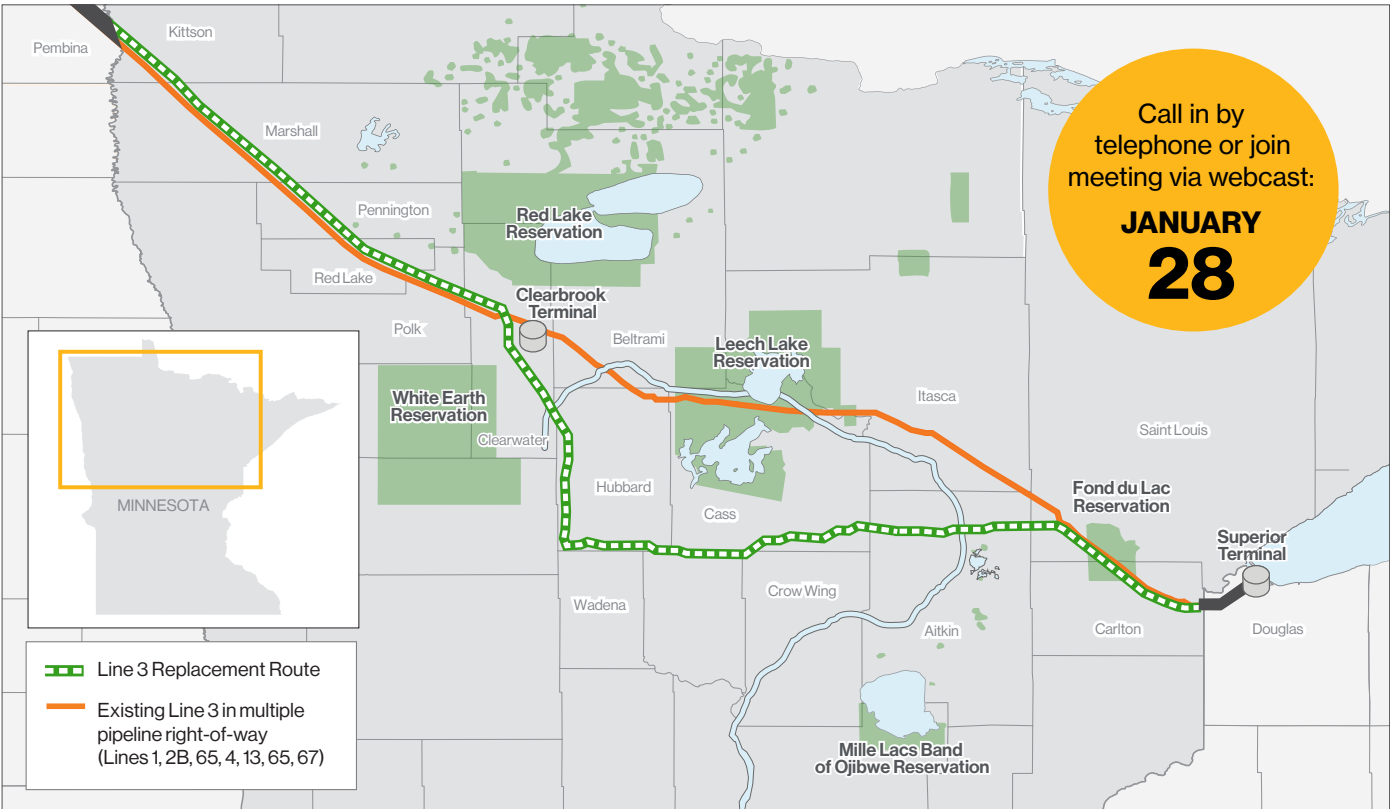
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Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota

Virtual Open House with Enbridge

The Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota is now under construction. Please join our virtual open house for an update on the pipeline construction.



Enbridge is hosting a virtual open house that will have telephone or webcast options. Once you register at tinyurl.com/Line3OpenHouseJan, you will receive a link providing you with meeting details.

Meeting date: **Thursday, January 28 at 5 p.m.**
You can also visit our virtual open house any time at: enbridgeopenhouse.com/line3.



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Oklee Quilting..

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prints, nature prints, sport prints (Vikings, Twins, NDSU, UND, Gopher, Wild) and generic prints for hockey, football, and basketball. They also have a selection of blended basics that will blend with your quilts, and many different widths of wide backing for your quilts.
Right now they have specials of \$4.00 off per yard of their seasonal fabrics (Christmas , Halloween, Easter, Valentines, & St. Patricks). They also have a great selection of home decor and are running a 25% discount on Christmas decor.
There are too many items to mention but they also have a selection of Minkee Minkee 60 and 90 inch widths, prints Batiks, solids, patterns, notions of all kinds, and if you can't

find it, they will look for it and order it for you from their suppliers. Lots of samples hanging on our walls, kits varying from table runners to full size quilts. boxed kits, prepacked kits, 2.5 inch strip rolls, fat quarters, and much more.
If you need a quilt quilted, they also have long arm quilting machines to finish your projects. They are a full service quilt shop.
Coming up is a Show and Tell night scheduled for January 21st. Oklee Quilting will be hosting another Show & Tell night. Bring a project to share & tell us all about it. You can also share tips & tools. We will have a special prize for one lucky show & tell participant.
We have been open during Covid. Come on over to Oklee. We are masked up and ready to serve you!



The staff at Oklee Quilting include Judy Schue, Cheryl O'Neill, LeAnn Smith (owner) Amanda Nelson, Toni Johnson (owner) and Sandra Tougas. Not pictured: Jess Knutson.



Books available at Oklee Quilting.

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

How are Tribes being involved in this project?

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

As part of the Line 3 replacement, we've committed \$100 million for Tribal-affiliated work opportunities, and we're engaging with Minnesota Tribes on training, contracting, procurement and hiring.
A Tribal-led Cultural Resources Survey was completed along the project route. With representatives of nine Tribes doing direct survey work, and more than 30 Tribes involved via government-to-government consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this has been the largest such survey ever attempted in the energy industry.
Most importantly, we've been listening. From the start, we respected the wishes of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to route the new Line 3 around their reservation. We've also signed a 20-year easement renewal with the Fond du Lac Band and made further route changes based on the Tribal Cultural Resources Survey results.
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