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Serving the Communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Leonard and Trail

Building project ended with a positive balance of \$83,000

By Bonnie Kirchman

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, welcoming new members Vanessa Gustafson and Gus Vettleson. The board was reorganized and new committee assignments were approved. The election of officers resulted in Jeff Westrum continuing as board chair, Tracy Imle continuing as clerk, and Corey Petterson continuing as treasurer.

Board members approved a change in learning models that will bring the high school students back to classes. Before making this move from the more restrictive hybrid model, the district was required to meet with the regional support team. Students must come back to school with a rolling start. The district has started this process, with students in grades seven through nine returning to class on January 19th. Students in grades ten through twelve will return to classes on February 1st. The district will continue to keep Friday as a distance learning day for students. This schedule allows teachers to address planning for and communicating with the 70 students that have chosen to continue distance learning.

Principal Carl Dugstad reported that new families enrolling in the district have increased student numbers to 219 in the elementary and 218 in the high school. A few students have made the change from distance learning to in-class learning. The school administrators are waiting for more information on funding for summer learning programs that might be used to counter the effects of losing class time

during the pandemic.

Superintendent Jeff Burgess updated the board on COVID-related issues. Optional saliva testing for COVID will soon be available for employees. The staff was surveyed and a priority list was prepared for vaccination. According to state guidelines, those with higher risk factors for COVID will receive the vaccine first as these become available. So far, six staff members have received COVID vaccines.

Burgess reported that the building project ended with a positive balance of around \$83,000. The district will hold the money in the project fund to cover any issues that might arise such as heating/cooling or flooring issues.

In other building issues, the floors in the main gym have been re-coated. The district obtained quotes for lighting the school's flag pole. Currently solar lights are being used, but these haven't been effective in winter and have required frequent replacement.

Burgess reported that the district expects to receive an estimated \$411,000 in ESSER funds that can be used in this school year as well as 2021-2022. Burgess explained that the money can only be used for specified purposes such as technology and summer learning programs. The district is waiting for more details on allowed expenses for these funds. The district is looking at purchasing twenty more iPads for students and replacing staff members' computers, as many of these are aging.

Community education is starting elementary basketball at the end of January. Staff has also started scheduling for

driver's education.

With the return to sports, the district is working to allow as many spectators as possible to watch each game. This has been a challenging process, as each game involves working with another district. Fans can help keep the spectator option open by wearing masks and spacing out in the gym.

The salaries of board members were increased. Officer and member payments were increased by \$15 to \$80 for officers and \$75 for members. Payments for negotiation meetings and other meetings were each increased by \$10. Members will now receive \$55 for attending negotiation meetings and \$50 for attending other meetings. It was noted that the salaries for board members haven't been changed for many years and that even with these changes, the Clearbrook-Gonvick board members' salaries are lower than surrounding districts.

The board voted to keep the third Monday of each month as the official meeting date. Border Bank and Northern State Bank were named the official depositories. The Leader-Record and the Farmers Independent will continue to be the official publications of the district. Knutson, Flynn, and Deans were approved as the school's official attorney. Superintendent Jeff Burgess was named the LEA representative and Jeff Westrum as selected as the Minnesota State High School League representative for the district. The district will use the IRS rate for mileage reimbursement.

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2020 Year in Review

April...

David and Sandy Knutson of Clearbrook named Red River Valley Outstanding Leaders... Schools close across the state of Minnesota, but the C-G school kitchens are still open & providing meals to students at home... new learning techniques are put in place to keep students learning...Gonvick Lions donate an iPad to Cornerstone Nursing to help residents stay connected to family and friends...Community functions canceled all across the nation...Lutheran Social service asking for help making masks for community....Feature story of Innovative entrepreneurs examined in book of North Dakota and Northwest Minnesota, local

Bill Ness and Tales of the Arctic Cat...Local fish fry, fundraisers and Bingo canceled all around our region until further notice...Sather family of Leonard donate an animal to Clearwater County Food Shelf in Bagley... While all local churches are closed, Dennis Erickson of Gully uses the Lund Ladies meeting room for a painting project and wood carving repairs at the church...Peatland Reds of Trail donated 850 pounds of potatoes to TRF Area Food Shelf...Work has started on the addition to Clearbrook Gonvick School...History Center in Shevlin has closed due to the pandemic, staff will provide stories of our counties pass -The

ABC's of Clearwater County in the Leader Record in the weeks ahead...Jackie Lynn Taflin signs with Northland College Pioneers basketball and will pursue her degree in nursing...

We Lost... Rosalie Weiby, DeLaine Oppeggaard, Susan Sina, Laurie Nelson, Jeff Gordon Radke, Emilie L Kirk, Sharon Larson, Patricia Lindberg, Allen Barsness...

May...National Nurses Week features nurses on the frontlines at Sanford Bagley Medical Center...Ryan Hjellev of Gonvick captured great pictures of dust devil in Berner, seen on KVLV TV weather on 10 pm news...new tower goes up east of Berner, it will be used by MN DOT for public safety...Mustard Seed Home available for bids at the CLWC in Gonvick... Meet the seniors goes in the paper as local schools struggle to plan graduation ceremonies that are compliant with social distancing guidelines...The old laundromat in Gonvick is removed, built in 1940's...C-G Girls Basketball team received their awards from Coach Faldet with social distancing & girls had to take their own selfies to mark the special occasion... Creativity has been a must as people try to continue their lives during the pandemic... Clearbrook All School Reunion postponed...Effects of the coronavirus pandemic continue to impact city planning...Cindy Johnson of Gully celebrated her birthday after recuperating from an accident, friends and neighbors stopped by to decorate her yard at a distance... Richard Mollin shot a turkey south of Gonvick on April 25th... Sportsman's Lodge getting a new look...Clearbrook-Gonvick graduation took place outside with each child and their families coming forward from their vehicles to receive diploma and awards...Court House open by appointment only while wearing masks...Memorial Day ceremonies looked a little different however, veterans still honored...Local families do their part to help farmers as the market ready animals would go to waste...

We Lost....Mildred Hendrix, Wayne Nelson, Lanis Karel, Lavonne Schumuk, Neil R Bursheim, Judith Croft, Dr. Judith Olson, Curtis Hazelton, Aloha Moore, Myong Cha Peterson, Barbara Flanke, David Edwards, Sandra Schultz, Bernie Schultz, Terry Lucken...

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Gail Friborg and Lee Peterson of the Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club got the go ahead to apply for a grant from the DNR to help pay for a bobcat and mower to groom trails in the county. "The equipment has to be American made in order to qualify," Gail said. "Without the landowners, it would be impossible," Lee stated. "We really appreciate them."

New snow plow approved by County Commissioners

Trail Blazers, CVSO, and Hospital to apply for grant funds

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on, January 1, 2021 to hear from the Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Environmental Services, the Veterans Service Officer and several other county departments.

Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club President, Lee Peterson, and Secretary/Trail Coordinator, Gail Friborg received Board approval to pass the Resolution for a grant application through the Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreation Trail Program to purchase equipment to maintain snowmobile trails (up to \$75,000).

The club has secured the 25 percent match requirement for the program. If the Trail Blazers are awarded the grant, Clearwater County agrees to accept the grant award for the project and comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant agreement.

"The equipment has to be American made," Gail stated. Gail writes the grants for the club. The club intends to purchase a bobcat and mower for assisting in maintenance of 200 miles of trails in Clearwater County.

Chairman Mark Larson commented that he had a discussion with the County Engineer about the snow plows covering up the grooming that has been done in the ditches.

County Veterans Service Officer, Logan LeClair received approval of a motion to enter into a Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the County Veterans Service Officer Operational Enhancement Grant Program for fiscal year 2021 for the amount of \$7,500. VSO LeClair hopes to create a mobile office with some of the funds.

"Let us know what you are going to do and bring itemized quotes of what it will be," Commissioner Dean Newland said, and reminded him that he will need Board approval for spending the grant money.

Hospital Grant Programs: Stephanie McKnight, RN and Administrator for Sanford Bagley Medical Center brought information for the 2021 Rural Hospital Capital Improvement Program, which is to update the bathroom facilities in the patient care area of the hospital and to make them handicapped accessible. The award is for up to \$125,000, requiring a 25 percent match of \$42,000.

The 2021 Planning and Transition Grant Program award was also discussed, in the amount of up to \$45,000, and requires a 50 percent match of \$22,500. This grant will allow the installation of permanent negative pressure rooms and other pressure needs.

"We have applied for both in the past," she said.

Motions for both programs were passed by the Board, with the matching funds coming from the Medical Facilities Management Account.

Board Chairman Larson commented that the bathroom updates are very much needed.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht provided the Commissioners with an informational graph showing the cost of county solid waste tonnages delivered to the Foston incinerator starting with January, 1990 and monthly through December, 2020. In 1990 the cost per ton was \$55; and in 2020 it was \$65, with a few years rising to as much as \$72.50 per ton.

MIS Department Head, Stuart Lien was authorized for the purchase of 2021 computer

replacements and technology upgrades for General Government, not to exceed \$79,972. He was also authorized the purchase of the 2021 General Government computer and software maintenance upgrades and support agreements, not to exceed \$75,279.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received approval for payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$12,611.

He received Board approval to purchase a new 2022 snowplow truck in the amount of \$99,346, with related equipment in the amount of \$100,888, with trade-ins. The purchase of a new 2021 GMC Sierra pickup was also approved for \$30,676 plus tax and licensing.

Attorney Kathryn Lorschbach brought a motion regarding her signing the Treatment Funding Disclosure sheet and update the board members concerning their questions on funding breakdowns from the last work session. The motion was amended to include that the Board approved that they accept the funds for the Federal Treatment Grant in the amount of \$150,000.

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$144,559 for the County Revenue Fund and \$49,391 for the Nursing Service Fund.

The Board approved a motion to enter into an agreement with Headwaters Regional Development Commission to administrate the covid 19 Business Assistance Program funds of \$250,000 for a fee of \$6,250.

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

Council holds first meeting of the year

The Gonvick City Council approved the minutes for their December meeting.

The oath of office was done by Mayor Candace Coulter and two council persons, Sue Sims and Corrine Richards.

Annual appointments were made with the Official Newspaper the Leader-Record; The Official Depository the Northern State Bank; Vice Mayor Corrine Richard; City Auditor is Miller McDonald Inc., City Attorney is Reynolds, Harbott, Knutson & Larson without retainer, City Engineer is Widseth, Smith & Nolting; Health Officer is Clearwater County Nursing Service; Bright & Weed Control is Council Members Shane Olson and Kory Solberg and Maintenance Dan Johnson; Emergency Management is Mayor Candace Coulter, Clerk Stacy Halvorson, Kory Solberg, Police Chief Dan Gazelka & E.M.S. Agreement with Clear-

water County; Economic Development and E Commerce is Mayor Candace Coulter, Council Member Susan Sims and Clerk Stacy Halvorson; Water and Sewer is Council Members Kory Solberg and Shane Olson and Maintenance Dan Johnson; Streets & Roads is Council members Kory Solberg and Shane Olson and Maintenance Dan Johnson; Parks & Recreation is Council members Corrine Richards and Susan Sims & Liaison is Mayor Candace Coulter and Council Member Corrine Richards; Community Center is Mayor Candace Coulter and Council Members Corrine Richards & Susan Sims and Clerk Stacy Halvorson.

The update on the water improvement project was given and the report is ready to submit. Gayle with Widseth Smith and Nolting will be at the next meeting with more information.

The council discussed plowing of alleys in Gonvick. City Clerk Stacy Halvorson was going to check back in the minutes to see what she could find.

City Maintenance brought up the need for a Carbon Monoxide Detector for use on the lines in town. Cost was discussed and will be brought up at the next meeting.

The All-school Reunion for 2021 was discussed but nothing has come from the committee as to if they will be having a reunion or not at this time.

The usage of the Community Center was brought up and as of this date the city has not heard if they would be able to open up the facility to various groups. The main problem is cleaning of the facility after each group is in the building. The Council decided that they

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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.

Year in Review..

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June...GED classes resume with 6 feet distance workstations...Wolden family shared photos from a four generation family reunion...Local cafes set up outdoor dining to stay in business...huge storm came through Gonvick on June 7th, taking a few trees down...340 meals twice a week are being delivered from C-G school by the bus drivers as the kids complete class work by e-learning from home...Glen Bardwell of Clearbrook shared a photo of a 31" walleye before releasing it...Police Officer Dan Gazelka gets a new truck for \$27,332... Mary Brovold retires from Richards Publishing after 42 years, due to covid-19 only staff were able to help her eat cake...great story featuring Mary & Ray Waggoner of Shevlin, their life together and her courage to try new things....First State Bank completed the change over to Border Bank in Clearbrook and puts up a new sign...

We Lost...Verna M Erickson, Duane T. Erickson, Christopher Novak, Glenn Paulson, Myrtle Hamrum, Sherman Tranby, Joseph Johnson Jr., Fred Halverson, Joan Engbretsen, JoAnne Meyer, Alden Hylland, Vernie Porch, Franklin Glynn, Frank Hammerlinck, Judith Dunn...

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.



Halverson Adds Partnership to Help Solve Cases

Even as the COVID-19 is impacting communities, Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson is looking ahead to find ways to make Clearwater county safer by partnering with Crime Stoppers of Minnesota to gain more information from the public that may help to solve criminal cases. By working with the Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement Partnership Program, persons who want to or may need to remain anonymous can submit information that helps to find a criminal, a fugitive, or close a case. This proactive support by Halverson invites citizens to turn in information that may speed the solving of cases while saving

City Council...

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The fire department was asked if another company could use the facility for storage of Hydro-Vac Truck. No problem with that being done.

The Journal entries were approved and the expenditures were approved in the amount of water and Sewer \$5,425.14; General \$22,506.77, Fire \$3,281.15 for a total of \$31,213.06.

Dan Gazelka gave the police report with a total of 13 records. They included Animal Related 1; Harassment 1; Information Only 1; Medical 1; Theft 1 Threats 1; Traffic Complaint 1; Traffic Stop 5 and Welfare Check 1.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

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

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

Thurs., Jan. 28- Swedish Meatballs and Potatoes.

Fri., Jan. 29 - Chef's Choice. 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.

Report from county nursing service

Clearwater County: 687 cumulative cases. Our case count for the past 14 days is 10 cases (27 last week) that makes our 14 day case rate 11.35.

Age ranges for COVID cases from January 9, 2021 to January 22, 2021

Age 0-19:2

Age 20-39: 3

Age 40-59: 2

Age 60-79: 1

Age 80+: 2

Our case rate is the lowest it has been for months! We continue to give shots as we receive the vaccine and have completed Phase 1a in Clearwater County. We have started providing vaccinations to those 65 and older, E-12 educators and childcare workers.

CCNS has provided 239 first dose vaccinations and 11 second dose vaccinations so far and we are ready to give more but are awaiting vaccine. We have been notified that we will not be receiving any first dose vaccine next week and will only receive vaccine allotted for second doses. This is because some larger counties have not completed the Phase 1a priority groups. We are hoping that shipments resume the following week and if they do are ready to go!!

**If you are over 65 years old and would like to be vaccinated please contact our office at 694-6581 to sign up.

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>

Please do you part and 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! Take care!

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precious hours of investigators' time, and protecting tipsters from retribution or harm for being known to have helped the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. In addition to staying anonymous, persons giving tips may be eligible to collect up to \$1,000 in reward paid by Crime Stoppers.

Crime Stoppers' ability to attract tips from the public has meant a steady influx of the information it provides to law enforcement agencies such as the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office that investigators would not otherwise have thanks to the assurance of anonymity. Robert Dennistoun, the Chair of the nonprofit Crime Stoppers of Minnesota says that "being separate and independent of law enforcement and government gives assurance of anonymity to those wanting to do 'the right thing'." That assurance is essential when they are in a position that may threaten their well-being, their living circumstances or their social network, if it became known

they helped law enforcement".

People with knowledge about a crime, criminal or a fugitive can give information to Crime Stoppers of Minnesota by adding the free P3 Submit a Tip APP to their smartphone; calling Crime Stoppers toll free from anywhere in Minnesota (1-800-222-TIPS [8477]); or by going online at their website www.crimestoppersmn.org. If the tipster may qualify to receive a reward of up to \$1,000 and still remain anonymous.

Dennistoun says Crime Stoppers of Minnesota sends about 3,000 yearly tips to more than 150 law enforcement agencies across the State of Minnesota because the public trusts that submitting those tips is anonymous. The non-profit Crime Stoppers of Minnesota is funded solely by tax deductible donations and has been working with law enforcement to build safer communities in Minnesota since 1979. To donate and for more information visit their website www.crimestoppersmn.org.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchner
Good Shepherd
Sun., Jan. 31 - 9:00 am - Worship Service, 10:00 am Sunday School will be back in church.
Wed., Jan. 27 - 5:45 pm Confirmation - Zoom.
Our Savior's
Sun. Jan. 31 - 11:00 am 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.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

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

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.

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

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.

Art Class: Paper Quilling with Nikki Shull. Three-week class starting Mon., Feb. 15, 1-3 PM in CWLC-Gonvick. \$5.00/session. Includes all supplies. Call 218-776-2789 to register.

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. 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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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 27: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Jan 30: Mt. Olive: 9:00 a.m. Sun, Jan. 31: 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. Annual meeting.
Wed, Feb. 3: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 27: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).
Sun, Jan. 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Feb. 3: 6:30 Youth Group (Online).

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 31: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
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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With articles submitted by the staff, administration and students at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior and Senior High Schools



Annabell Phillips, junior for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears goes in for two of her 19 points that she scored against Northome/Kelliher Mustangs on Tuesday, January 19.



Kaylee Faldet, Senior for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears drives around #5 Donna Thayer, junior for the Mustangs.



Kaylee Westrum Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Junior works the ball around against Northome/Kelliher Mustangs on Tuesday, January 19.



Macy Wagner, junior for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears, scored 18 points as the Bears defeated the Kelliher/Northome Mustangs.

Bears wins first game of the season

Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears had their first home game of the basketball season. The girls holsted Kelliher/Northome on Tuesday, January 19. The Bears outscored the Mustangs 29 to 22 in the first half. Macy Wagner went to town and scored 14 of her 18 points going four for seven at the free throw line and hitting two-three pointers and two-tos.

The second half was a lot closer with the Bears scoring 37 points and the Mustangs 35. Annabell Phillips who scored 2 points in the first half scored 17 of her 19 points in the second half to make her the highest scoring person of the game. She had 6 - two point baskets and she went 5 for 9 at the free throw line.

Scoring for the Bears were Macy Wagner 18, Kaylee Faldet 13, Annabell Phillips 19, Dana Melby 4, Bailey Klema 2, Kaylee Westrum 3 and Ella Engen 7. Both Kaylee Faldet and Ella

Engen had a three pointer that counted for the Bears.

Scoring for the Mustangs were Kate Thayer 1, Bailey Lindley 13, Ella Thayer 2, Monica Johnson 6, Donna Thayer 5, Cayde Johnson 10, Meleah Grundmeier 3 and Lynelle Charnoski 17. Of her 17 points she had five three point plays. Donna Thayer had the other 3 point score.

Games that are scheduled are Jan. 26 vs. Red Lake and Jan. 29 vs. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., Jan. 27 - Soft Shell Tacos, with Fixings, Mandarin Oranges, Cookie and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Baked Cheetos.

Thurs., Jan. 28 - Chicken Noodle Soup with Egg Salad or PB & J Sandwich, Pineapple and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Scooby Snacks

Fri., Jan. 29 - Distance Learning Day.

Mon., Feb. 1 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Applesauce and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Goldfish.

Tues., Feb. 2 - Lasagna, Garlic Breadstick, Side Salad, Fresh Fruit and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Sun Chips.

Wed., Feb. 3 - Chicken Wild Rice Soup, PB & J or Egg Salad Sandwich, Carrots with Ranch, Orange Slices and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Rice Krispy Bar.

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LEGAL NOTICES - CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
December 21, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at p.m. Declaration of Quorum - Members present: Richard Hetland, Corey Petterson, Tracy Imle, Jeff Westrum (in person); Kris Snyder, Dudley Wishard, (via zoom). Absent: Tom Stenzel. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess (in person); Principal Dugstad (in person); staff members (in person/zoom); and community members (zoom)

1 Town Hall Meeting
4 Community Comments - None
5 Spotlight on Education - Ms. Anderson showed a power point presentation of events that have happened since the last regular board meeting
6 Approval of Agenda - MMS Imle/Petterson to approve agenda as presented, Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU.

7 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting -

7.1 11/23/20 - Regular Meeting - MMS Imle/Petterson to approve minutes as presented - Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU.

7.2 10/26/20 - Special Meeting - MMS Petterson/Imle to approve minutes as presented - Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU.

8 Informational Items
8.1 Principal Report - Principal discussed the following items: **1) Enrollment Update** - Principal Dugstad discussed the current enrollment numbers. **2) PLC** - Principal Dugstad discussed the current items being discussed in PLCs with teachers. **3) MLK** - Principal Dugstad advised that MLK will be a virtual workshop hosted by Thief River Falls **4) Truancy** - Principal Dugstad gave an update on regarding state advice on how to handle truancy in the district, for the 2020-2021 school year. **5) Teacher Observations/Walkthrough** - Principal Dugstad discussed the upcoming observations and walk through visits for teachers. **6) Testing** - Elementary NWEA testing will be held in January.

8.2 Superintendent Report - Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: **1) Educational - A) VPK** - Supt Burgess advised a very low amount of students participated in pre-k across the state this year. He advised that they are re-assigning some of the funds for programs that

are eligible and applied, but did not receive funds. The District has again applied for VPK, and hopefully will receive good new regarding funding.

B) Community Education - Supt Burgess advised that Community Ed is getting lists together for drivers ed, and are trying to plan a time to do that program. **2) Building - A) Computer for Heating System** - The computer used to control our heating & cooling system has been very glitch lately. We are currently keeping an eye on the situation. **B) Long Term Generator Care** - We are currently looking at some long term contracts for our generator vs using a yearly contract. **3) Personnel - A) Health Insurance** - Our insurance bids are up for the year, so we will be getting bids on our health insurance for upcoming years. **4) Financial- A) Gen Ed** - Supt Burgess advised that our general education aid is still down, however, we have made up for that in other areas. Our expenses are still up, with some particular large expenses being in technology. We are still working on our budget update, and will have that ready in January. Our financial position looks okay at this point, but we are still wading through the different expenses and revenues we have seen for the year. Once we look at the budget for this year in January, we can start to budget for next year, using the updated levy certification. **5) Legislative - A) Regional Meetings** - Supt Burgess advised that Regional meetings were held, and legislative agenda items are starting to roll out for the spring and the new budget sessions. There is some discussion on the "Hold Harmless" for this year, but there doesn't seem to be a strong push forward on that front. **B) State Budget** - With the budget biennium coming up MSBA and MREA updated superintendents on some possible things the state might do moving forward. With a looming budget deficit of 1-2 billion dollars, we are not expecting any increases for education moving forward. We are starting to hear that we may either have to look at some cuts to education overall, or funding shifts. Possible shifts could include an 85/15 or 80/20 scenario. **C) Committee Assignments** - Supt Burgess advised that he included committee assignment sheets in the December board packet. He advised it might be a good idea to think about what committee people would like to serve on as we move forward.

8.3 Committee Report - None
9 Consent Calendar - MMS Hetland/Imle to approve Consent Calendar as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU.

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented - All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:

68830-68852/Wires
Payroll Checks 0030491-0030493
December Bills
Voucher Numbers: 59153 - 59239
Check Numbers: 68853 - 68905
Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$603,117.99

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

9.4 Accept/Approve Donations

10 Local Business

10.1 - Title IX Third Reading - A third reading of the policy was done. Supt Burgess explained the updates to the policy. MMS Petterson/Imle to accept policy as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU.

11 New Business

11.1 Truth in Taxation - Supt Burges presented the Truth in Taxation report. No action needed.

11.2 Approve Final Levy & Certify - Supt Burgess presented the final levy. The maximum levy allowed is \$1,882,725.94, and includes a levy for Alternative Compensation (Q-Comp). The final levy, which removes the Alternative Compensation levy, totals \$1,837,300.43. MMS Imle/Petterson to approve levy as presented, without levying for Alternative Compensation. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Stenzel - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU.

11.3 Minimum Wage - Superintendent Burgess advised that we currently pay our subs \$10/hour. Minimum wage has increased to \$10.08/hr. MMS Petterson/Imle to approve increasing sub pay to \$11.00/Hr, and to look at a possible increase based on what other districts offer. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU.

11.4 Resolution to Set Polling Place - Supt Burgess advised that this is a legislated, yearly requirement. This is not for a general election. This is only for special elections not running with another election. He recommended that we set the polling place as the school. MMS Imle/Petterson to set the school as the polling place. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU.

11.5 Approve NW MN Foundation Grant - Supt Burgess advised that an additional GEER grant was made available by NW MN Foundation. He advised that he applied for the maximum grant of \$7,500, which would be used towards the cost additional iPads. The total cost of additional iPads is approximately \$8,820, so the District would pay approximately \$1,300 towards the cost of iPads. MMS Imle/Hetland to approve the grant. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle -

Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU

11.6 Approve WBWF Plan - Supt Burgess presented the plan. MMS Imle/Petterson to approve plan as presented. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU

11.7 Memorandum of Agreement Ed-MN - Supt Burgess presented the MOU for Pandemic Leave for Ed MN. The agreement would make an additional 15 days of leave available through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Supt Burgess advised that he believed the agreement to be reasonable, while offering protection to both the District and the staff. MMS Imle/Hetland to approve MOU. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU

11.8 Transportation Request - Supt Burgess advised that we have received a request for pickup in Bagley. This year, we do have enough room on the bus at this point. It would be approximately 6 extra miles per day, which adds approximately \$2,000 in cost through the remainder of the year. Discussion was held. MMS Petterson/Hetland to approve Bagley pickup for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, and to review the issue for next year. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU

11.9 Learning Model - Supt Burgess updated the board on the new guidance received from the Governor and MDE. Discussion was held. He advised that no action is needed at this time, if we wish to continue in our current learning model until the Safety Committee meets in January.

11.10 Approve Hiring Tiffany Barta - Long Term Art Substitute - MMS Imle/Petterson to approve hire. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU

11.11 Approve Hire of Guy Garner - Part Time Custodian - MMS Imle/Hetland to not approve hire at this time. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU

11.12 Resignation of Brittany Salzer - Paraprofessional - MMS Petterson/Hetland to accept resignation. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU. Superintendent Burgess thanked Brittany for her service.

11.13 Leave of Absence Agreement - Supt Burgess presented the update leave agreement. MMS Imle/Petterson to approve leave agreement. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU

11.14 Adding Distance Learning Coordinator - Supt Burgess discussed the need for the addition of this position, and the importance of having this person in place for the second semester. Discussion was held. MMS Imle/Hetland to approve distance coordinator position for the remainder of the school year. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU

12. Action Items for January Meeting -

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13 Adjournment - Chairman Westrum thanked the departing board members for their service on the board. MMS Imle/Petterson to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Hetland - Yes, Imle - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Snyder - Yes, Wishard - Yes, Westrum - Yes. MCU
Next Regular Meeting - Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. R45C

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COVID -19 house cleaning

We have had time on our hands during this past year due to the COVID -19 shut down. There has been time to do some house cleaning. We found a roll of photos from the Gonvick school that said Class of 1959. We made a quiz out of this by putting only a letter under each picture for you to try and figure out. Answers are in Corrine's Corner this week.



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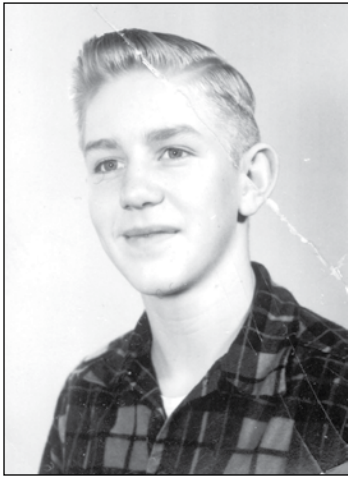
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Clearbrook-Gonvick School board...

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An updated budget for the 2020-2021 school year was presented and approved. Superintendent Burgess explained that lower enrollment has caused a decrease in revenues. Due to the pandemic, the school has increased technology and staff expenses. While ESSER funds have increased revenue, use of these funds is restricted to specific expenses. Board chair Jeff Westrum highlighted the district's efforts over recent years to establish a healthy fund balance. This has provided stability and has helped the district weather unexpected financial changes such as the ones seen this year due to the pandemic.

The district has obtained three quotes for generator maintenance. This work has

been contracted on a year-to-year basis. Board members approved the district's plan to contract with Ziegler for a 3-year plan that would be less expensive and provide the required maintenance and EPA certification.

The board approved the district's Indian Policies and Procedures. Principal Dugstad has worked with federal representatives to improve these policies.

Board members approved two staffing changes. Brittany Salzer was hired as a special education paraprofessional and Blake Hanson's resignation from his custodial staff position was accepted.

The board approved the consent calendar items. Approval was made for payments that included the following: \$69,095.40 to Stein's Bus Service, LLC, \$7,950.51 to Clearwater-Polk Electric,

\$4,811.01 to Community Oil Co., \$4,770.89 and \$2,446.09 to Marco, \$2,972.35 to City of Clearbrook, \$2,700.00 to Thompson's Sand and Gravel, \$2,075.00 to Garden Valley, \$1,400.00 to Anderson Disposal, \$1,368.58 to Naylor Heating & Refrigeration, and \$1,202.00 to 2 Loons Letters & Threads.

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Notice is hereby given that the city of Gonvick, Minnesota, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 5:00 PM at the Gonvick City Hall (address: 170 Main Street, Gonvick, MN).

This will be an informational meeting to obtain and respond to questions related to the proposed activity (proposed upgrade of the city's water system). The discussion will include review of the proposed activity, the benefitting location and service area, overall cost and proposed financing, alternatives to the project, implementation schedule, historic buildings and potential funding sources that include USDA Rural Development and the MN Department of Employment and Economic Development. All residents and property owners within the City of Gonvick are encouraged to attend.

Legal Notices

NOTICE

TO THE RESIDENTS OF CLOVER TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Clover Township that the Annual Election of Town Officer's and Annual Town Meeting will be held Tues., March 9th, 2021. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election will be held the third Tues. in March. The meeting (annual) will start at 4pm. Election polls will open at 5pm to 7pm at which time voters will elect

1 Sup. for 3 yrs

1 Treas. for 2 yrs

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held at the Clover Town Hall.

Joel Wraa

Clover Township Clerk

2021 Public Notice of North Country Board of Health and Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

The North Country Community Health Services Board of Health and Advisory Committee will hold quarterly joint meetings on January 27, April 28, July 28 and October 27, 2021 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. To obtain the location of the meeting site, contact Marissa Hetland at 218-694-6581.

The North Country Community Health Services for Clearwater, Hubbard, and Lake of the Woods Counties under the Minnesota Local Public Health Act.

City of Gonvick 2021 Summary Budget Data

Primary Financial Officer: Stacy Halvorson, Clerk/Treasurer
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Revenues	2020 Original Budget	2020 Final Budget	2021 Proposed Budget
Property Taxes (Do not include Market Value Credits)	118274	118274	124188
Tax Increments	0	0	0
All Other Taxes (franchise, hotel/motel taxes, etc.)	0	0	0
Special Assessments	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	1825	1825	1825
Federal Grants	0	0	0
State General Purpose Aid (Market Value Credits, etc.)	78244	78244	80357
State Categorical Aid (state aid for streets, etc.)	12000	12000	12000
Grants from County and Other Local Governments	0	0	0
Charges for Services	59690	59690	65636
Fines and Forfeits	500	500	0
Interest on Investments	5325	5325	5875
Miscellaneous Revenues	53142	53142	45150
Total Revenues	329000	329000	335031
Proceeds from Bond Sales	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0
Transfers from Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	0	0	0
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	329000	329000	335031

Note: Enter whole numbers only. DO NOT use non-numeric values such as dollar signs, commas, decimal points, and parentheses. Use a hyphen (-) to indicate a negative number. All entries must contain a number before you can continue to the next page.

Expenditures	2020 Original Budget	2020 Final Budget	2021 Proposed Budget
Current Expenditures (Exclude Capital Outlay)			
General Government (board, administration, etc.)	94020	94020	95365
Public Safety	104080	104080	93653
Streets and Highways (excluding construction)	78400	78400	79100
Sanitation	0	0	0
Human Services	0	0	0
Health	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	22500	22500	39913
Conservation of Natural Resources	0	0	0
Economic Development	30000	30000	30000
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	0	0	0
Total Current Expenditures	329000	329000	335031
Debt Service - Principal	0	0	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	0	0	0
Streets and Highways Construction	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
Other Financing Uses	0	0	0
Transfers to Other Funds (include Enterprise Funds)	0	0	0
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	329000	329000	335031

Fund Balance	2020 Original Budget	2020 Final Budget	2021 Proposed Budget
General Fund - Beginning Balance (January 1)	569451	569451	622854
General Fund - Ending Balance (December 31)	622854	622854	674027
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance - Budgeted	0	0	0
Unrestricted Fund Balances (includes committed, assigned, and unassigned) for GAAP-based entities			
General Fund - Unrestricted - Ending Balance (December 31)	0	0	0
Special Revenue Fund - Unrestricted - Ending Balance (December 31)	0	0	0
Other Items	2020 Original Budget	2020 Final Budget	2021 Proposed Budget
Total property Tax Levy - All Funds	118274	118274	124188
Net Unrealized Gain or (Loss) from Investments for 2020	0	0	0
Cash Balance for Cash-based entities	2020 Actual Amount		
General Fund - Cash Balance - Ending Balance (December 31)	674027		

Sanford Bemidji offers first COVID-19 vaccines to the public

BEMIDJI, Minn. — Sanford Health locations in Bemidji and Bagley began administering the COVID-19 vaccine to individuals last Wednesday, beginning with patient's 65-years and older.

"We are excited to begin offering the COVID-19 vaccine to the public and take the next step toward ending this pandemic," said Dr. David Wilcox, chief medical officer and primary care physician.

After receiving approval from the regional health coalition and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to move ahead, Sanford Health plans to offer vaccinations over the course of the next week as more vaccines from the state become available. Right now, the supply is very limited.

It is important that patients do NOT call Sanford Health locations to make a vaccination appointment, unless they have received a communication instructing them to do so.

"As we begin this next phase, please know that not all patients will be able to get their vaccine at the same time," clarified Dr. Wilcox. "We will contact you directly when you are eligible to schedule your vaccination based on guidelines from the Department of Health and as more vaccines become available."

COVID-19 vaccine FAQs

When will I receive my vaccine?

Everyone will eventually get access to the vaccine. When you receive your vaccine depends on the vaccine supply locally available and if you belong to a priority group. View more details about priority group 1B and additional guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health on their website.

How will I be notified when it is my time to get a vaccine?

If you are currently a Sanford Health patient, you will receive a My Sanford Chart message, a

letter and a call or text message when we are ready to set up your vaccine appointment.

All patients are encouraged to enroll in a My Sanford Chart account if they do not already have one as this is the fastest and most efficient way to communicate. To enroll in My Sanford Chart, visit mysanfordchart.org.

If you are not a patient of a health system or if you are unsure and would like to get the COVID-19 vaccine, please go to this link at sanfordhealth.org to be added to our waiting list.

Please, do NOT call Sanford Health locations to make a vaccination appointment, if you have not already received a communication instructing you to do so.

What is the vaccination process?

After receiving the vaccination scheduling communication, patients will be instructed on how to schedule their appointment and where/when to go to receive it.

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Upon arrival for their appointment, patients will check in with patient access staff at the vaccine clinic, briefly wait to be called on and receive their vaccination in either their left or right shoulder. After being vaccinated, patients will be observed on-site for 15 minutes after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

The most common side effects are injection site pain, soreness and swelling. The second dose of the Pfizer vaccine should be received 21 days after the first dose. The second dose of the Moderna vaccine should be received 28 days after the first dose. The second dose will be scheduled during the patient's first vaccination appointment.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit sanfordhealth.org and the CDC.



Norman Anderson hard at work.

Keeping tradition alive

Keeping the Scandinavian tradition alive is Norman Anderson, age 93 1/2 years old. He is shown shredding potatoes for Klub that is served every Tuesday at the Dudley Cafe in Leonard.

So every Tuesday morning he is up and ready to go to work by 6:30 am! He helps peel and shred the potatoes and even helps with some of the dishes!

Each spring he plants about 300 hills of potatoes and other vegetables. This garden is spotless! He keeps it clean by doing his own hoeing and tilling. His potatoes are enjoyed by his family and friends. He lives just south of Leonard where he also has a very large raspberry patch.

-Submitted article

Home Country

By Slim Randles

"Windy, my man," said Doc, "how are you and the widow getting along?"

"She's been sorta creepin' up on my blind side, Doc," Windy said.

"Which side is that, Windy?"

"Very humoristic, Dud. Ha. Ha."

We had all been watching, as closely as we could, the relationship between Windy Wilson, bachelor, camp cook, cowboy, and teller of tales ... and Mamie Dilworth, aging hippie chick, starrer at crystals, vegetarian, widow.

We all knew, those of us who lived vicariously alongside the perimeter of their friendship, that if it could've been filmed, it'd be on television longer than The Flying Nun.

"Doc," said Windy, "ol' Mame the Dame is a awful nice lady, sure 'nuf. I have considerationed maybe takin' our friendship to the next level."

"What level is that?"

"Steve, that would be puttin' one of my patented power sneaks on 'er and holdin' hands."

"Be careful you don't rush these things, Windy. You've

only known each other a couple of years now."

"I'll be careful, Doc, don't you worry none. Why, we almost got to that there hand-holdin' when we capper-sized that stock tank boat of mine in the crick. Had to pull 'er out. Weren't no grateful smooch, howsomever."

"So why ramp it up now?"

"Valentine's Day, Steve! Comin' up, ain't it. Yessir, afore long there's gonna be young lovers squarin' off and smoochin' and darin' the world to stop 'em from cuddlin.' I really take to Valentine's Day."

"Buy her a card yet?"

"Thinkin' on it, Doc. But I gotta get jest the right kind. Can't be too moochie-smoochie or she'll get the wrong idear. What I'm lookin' for is one that says, 'Mame, I kinda like you and think you'se smart and kind, And would you like to hold hands and talk about good stuff? And no more a-them tofu tacos, thank you.'"

"That's a tall order, Windy."

"Valentine's only comes once a year, boys."

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4-H announces new animal learning experiences for Minnesota youth

ST. PAUL, Minn. (1/19/2021) —Did you know that only 2% of youth in the U.S. live on a farm or ranch? Many young Minnesotans are excited about animals, but don't have easy access to them for learning and exploration. 4-H just announced three

new opportunities just right for these curious kids. Youth from every part of Minnesota are welcome.

Down on the Farm is a seven-part learning series for youth in grades K-3. Weekly sessions will include hands-on activities



Goats are one of the animals that Minnesota youth will explore in 4-H's winter animal science learning experiences. Photo credit: Mamie Luhman

focused on a different animal and virtual visits to real Minnesota farms. There is no cost to participate.

Date & Time: Saturday mornings beginning Jan. 30.

Register online or call Casey Olson at 320-589-1711 for more information.

Live at the Bunny Barn is the perfect one-time learning experience for kids who love rabbits. Maybe you don't have rabbits but have always wanted to learn about them. Youth in grades K-3 will get to meet a Minnesota teenager who is passionate about rabbits and practice rabbit care with a stuffed animal of their choosing.

Date & Time: Saturday, Feb. 20, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Register online by Feb. 17

Livestock in a Box is a four-part series for 4-7th graders to explore goats, rabbits, poultry and dairy. Each box, mailed to family homes, will introduce youth to breed identification, nutrition, health, care, and careers associated with each animal. Cost: \$25/box

Order one or the whole series beginning Jan. 15

To learn more about 4-H Animal Science projects, visit our website or contact a 4-H educator in your community.



Everyone home safe.

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We are following robust COVID-19 Safe Work Protocols and practicing strict construction safety procedures to ensure everyone arrives home safe. Our employees and contractors are advised to follow local COVID-19 guidelines while in your community.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

For more information, visit enbridge.com/line3US.

