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Bjerke has turned in his resignation at Clearwater-Polk Electric

Bruce Bjerke of Leonard has turned in his resignation at Clearwater-Polk Electric in Bagley. After 22 years working in various positions and the last one being the general manager. He started in March of 1999 when Leroy Riewer hired him to work for the company in the member services department.

His main job was to help install the new automatic meter reading system and off-peak heating.

The Board of Directors appointed him as General Manager in August of 2005. He met many people through NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association), MREA

(Minnesota Rural Electric Association) and Minnkota during his years at Clearwater-Polk.

He and his wife Debbie are both graduates of Clearbrook High School. He became a Master Electrician and worked for Minnesota Pipeline in Clearbrook for 16 years from 1983 to 1999.

He will have more time to do some traveling, golf, hunt and fish, but more important he will be able to spend time with his sons Brandon and Jason and their families and the four grandkids.

The Board of Directors of Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative is seeking a qualified and engaged leader to succeed the current General Manager who will retire in early 2021. Clearwater-Polk has retained Eide Bailly to facilitate the search process.

Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative whose mission is to provide economical and reliable electricity while ensuring the safety and well-being of the employees and members with consideration for the environment.

Headquartered in Bagley, Minnesota, the cooperative is a Touchstone Energy Partner serving approximately 4,400 members in Clearwater County and portions of Polk, Beltrami, Red Lake and Hubbard Counties in Northwestern Minnesota. Clearwater-Polk has 15 dedicated full-time employees, over 1,500 miles of distribution line, annual revenue of \$10 million and nearly \$27 million in utility plant. Clearwater-Polk receives wholesale power from Minnkota Power Cooperative.



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There wasn't a county fair last year due to COVID-19 but community people can start thinking of nominations for Senior Citizens of the year for this year. Minnesota Farm Bureau and Minnesota State Fair work with Century Farm program to honor Minnesota families that have owned their farms for at least 100 years. The deadline for applications for those in Clearwater County is March 1. They are honored at the county fair. Shown above with Dee Strandlien and Al Paulson are the two Senior Citizens that were honored in 2019, Darlene Sawyer and Jim Martin. On the right is the Thorbeck-Imle Century Farm recipients, Paul, Kathy, Sarah, Peter and Tracy.



The wait may be over for the Clearwater County Fair so that we can see the animals that are brought in and enjoy all the food stands that are there for the five days.

Fair Board goes ahead for August

The Clearwater County Fair Board met on Monday, January 25. They decided that they will proceed with sponsoring the 2021 County Fair from August 4 to 8th.

According to Al Paulson there are a couple of things that they will be looking at but for now plans are to move forward.

One is, will there be more orders from the governor in place about outdoor gatherings by August. There are several fairs that are held in June and July that they will be able to monitor as well to see if they

are proceeding with their plans.

They have made a contract with the carnival that is part of the fair. They will also be checking with the food inspectors for the different booths.

Paulson stated that they will be having another fair board meeting on Monday, February 22 at 8:00 p.m.

Clearwater County Ag. Society (Fair Board) officers and directors. They are: Allen Paulson, Secretary/Manager; Alroy Lewis, President; Alton Walker, Vice President; Amy Kent,

Treasurer

Directors are: Mark Larson, Cheryl Grover, Dan Johnshoy, Janell Strandberg, Sandy Girtz, Stephanie Ramsrud, Cindy Benson, Scott Fawver, Kraig Fontaine, Dan Riewer and Mike Nordlund.

The State Fair is still proceeding with the plans for the August 26 through Labor Day September 6 event. They have signed up Miranda Lambert, Doobie Brothers and Tim McGraw among others for performances at the grandstand.

Nordlunds will be having their 24th production sale



The Nordlund family of Clearbrook; Mike & Ashley Nordlund and their two boys, Kelly & Linda Nordlund, Sam & Kendall Nordlund and their two boys. Besides cattle, they also grow their own feed, along with cash crops of alfalfa hay, wheat, soybeans and corn.



From their catalog book, Lot 1 Number 4322533.



From their catalog book, Lot 39 Number 19881554.

DV Auction Service out of Norfolk, Nebraska will be hosting the 24th annual Production Sale for the Nordlund Stock Farm February 20, 2021.

Founded in 1999, DVAuction is the oldest livestock internet marketing service. Specializing in the real-time internet broadcasting of sales and special events, DVAuction provides a unique online viewing experience that is free to the public. Interested in watching their events live as they happen? Contact dva@dvauction.com and complete their free registration process and you can watch and listen. If you are interested in bidding at one of their events, complete their bidder approval process. DVAuction staff will contact you and you can begin bidding at any of their auctions just as if you were ringside!

The Nordlund auction will start at 1:00 p.m. on the farm near Clearbrook. They will have 72 bulls, yearling and coming 2 year olds and 57 females, Registered Breds & Opens, Commercial Breds. To see the cattle google Nordlund Stock Farm.

The Nordlunds will have free delivery in Minnesota and surrounding states. Also one can board bulls for free until April 1.

Nordlund Stock Farm, LLC, is a seedstock operation consisting of Black Angus and Red Angus cattle. Their program is built on the idea of BALANCE, not extremes. Cattle that are balanced in their design, EPD's, and performance with an abundance of fleshing ability and eye appeal. Extra emphasis is placed on the maternal strengths of their cowherd; udder quality, production, efficiency and feet.

Nordlund Stock Farm is a family run operation. It is owned and operated by Kelly, Mike and Sam Nordlund. The operation was originally started by Kelly and Linda Nordlund in the 1970's with Simmental cattle. Black Angus were introduced in the 80's from Hi-View Angus, ND (Linda's parents). In the 90's Red Angus were used to crossbreed with Simmentals and shortly after the first 1A Red Angus females were purchased. The first production sale was held on the farm in 1997. The Simmental cowherd was dispersed in 2004. In 2008, after Mike and Sam completed college, they purchased the cows from Kelly and Linda. 2020 marked the 45th year of marketing seedstock and was the 23rd production sale.

2020 Year in Review

July... Fiber optics near completion in Clearbrook and Gonvick installed by MP... Clearbrook marks the 30th anniversary of the city pool... Operation roundup grants operated by Clearwater Polk gives \$13,150 to local causes... Charla Parker-Sundquist graduated from Chamberlain University with her Master's in nursing... Clearwater County holds public hearing for Renewable Energy to include solar... Sidewalk replaced from broken waterpipe in front of Richards Publishing... Warren Thompson injured in bicycle accident hit by a car, air lifted to #1 trauma center in North Dakota... Nick Rankin joins city of Clearbrook... Clearbrook Honey Farms have bees' working in the area... David and Sandy Knutson are recognized as 2020 U of M Farm Family... Trail holds their annual July 4th celebration with fireworks... Rueben & Wanda Rydeen celebrate 70 years of marriage... Gretchen Beito has published another book about Gully native Leonard Furuseth... City of Gonvick has a new sign provided by Diamond Jubilee committee... Baby girl welcomed to the Edevold family, parents Tiahna & Alex, and grandparents Mark & Jaci of Gonvick...

We Lost... Richard Brtek, David Hagen, Vern Paradis, Rosselyn Nesteby, Darlene Lien, Hallie Potter, Dennis Winkelmann, Lois Peterson, Bruce Brovold, Agnes Simonson, Kenneth Nybo, Gary Gilthvedt, Barbara Leining, Hazel Olson, Fred Moser, Jerome Hruby...

August... Clearwater Polk holds annual meeting with social distancing, Directors were nominated and long-time service people recognized... In order to visit, people are getting creative, a group of pontoon boats tied together for a boat party maintained six feet from each other on Clearwater Lake... Featured story on Carlson (Fossilid) century farm

Year in Review..
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Community Calendar

“Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club to meet”

A meeting will be held at the clubhouse in Leonard on Monday, February 8th at 7:30 pm. Nominations for officers will be held, with voting at the March meeting. We have been grooming a little bit but really need more snow. Do that snow dance! Please, please watch for the pipeline work areas on the trails. See ya on the 8th.

Teams needed for curling event

Men are wanted to make up 16 teams for a curling event that will take place March 6th. The four man teams are needed to fill up the Bemidji Curling Club for the day.

To sign up your team or for any questions you can call Steve Thorson 218-766-0345, Wade Gray 218-280-9489 or Corey Westrum 218-368-4279.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

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

Wed., Feb. 3 - Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans and Dessert.

Thurs., Feb. 4 - Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, Dessert.

Fri., Feb. 5 - Chicken Tetrazzini, Veggie and Dessert.

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

Thank You!

We would like to thank the Gonvick Fire Department for the gun we won on Christmas Day. Frank was in the Fargo Sanford Hospital on Christmas day and I was in a hotel nearby. It was a welcome phone call to learn we had won.

We would also like to thank our daughter, Connie Solberg for purchasing the ticket for us! Frank & Annie Bergh R46C

In Memoriam

In Loving memory of Rodney Eck & Lori Churness Gone but not forgotten.

Remember Me

Remember me when flowers bloom
Early in the Spring
Remember me on sunny days
In the fun that summer brings
Remember me in the Fall
as you walk through
the leaves of gold
and in the Wintertime -
remember me in the stories
that are told
But most of all remember
Each day - right from the start
I will be forever near
for I live within your heart

Missed by your family
Jim & Connie Williams
& family
Darrel Eck & family R46P

WANTED!

MEN'S CURLING TEAMS

SIGN UP FOR MARCH 6TH TOURNAMENT

Bemidji Curling Club

CONTACT:

Corey Westrum 218-368-4279
or Wade Gray 218-280-9489
or Steve Thorson 218-766-0345
to sign up!
NEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

••Need 16, 4 man teams. ••

February Ruby's Pantry, February 3

Join us Wednesday, Feb 3rd. Distribution will run from 4-5:30pm. Bring \$20 cash for a share that is valued over \$100. Maximum of 2 shares per vehicle. No registration needed for drive-thru distribution. No boxes needed, everything will be prepackaged for you. Volunteers needed: If wanting to volunteer to help distribution shares, please head to: www.rubyspantry.org/become-volunteer to fill out a volunteer application.

Here are more details if you would like:

Ruby's Pantry – Clearbrook location will be held Wednesday, February 3rd, from 4-5:30pm.

This distribution will be outside again with the drive thru format. For the safety of our guests and volunteers please read this in its entirety.

• Distribution will start by 4:00pm (could be a tad earlier if ready).

• Distribution will be held outside in our parking lot with a drive thru system.

• Limit of 2 bundles per vehicle (not per person) with NO EXCEPTIONS. We are hoping to help as many households as possible.

REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLES - Guests are always to remain in their vehicles except to use the porta potty. If you are ill or have a compromised immune system, we suggest that you do not attend, please send a younger, healthy neighbor, friend or relative in your place. If at all possible, please do not bring children.

• BATHROOM – There is a porta potty available to give guests an option to use a restroom while in line.

• There is no registration necessary for this month's distribution.

• To limit our volunteer's exposure to germs, have exact change ready (\$20 cash per bundle) to give at the front of the

line. No change will be given.

• Do NOT bring your own totes or boxes. Everything will be packaged and ready to go for you. Sorry there will be no choices or requests honored.

• BE PREPARED - Be sure your trunk/cargo area is emptied and ready to fill. We will NOT put your bundles inside the passenger area of your vehicle. Make sure your trunk or hatch is open and ready to receive your bundle while you're in line (prior to you getting to the front of the line). Trucks are preferred for ease for our volunteers and to limit contact between our volunteers and guests.

• Please be patient, there may be wait times. All of this is new to us and we are doing the best we can. If everyone follows the above guidelines, things should flow quickly and smoothly.

• We have the right to refuse anyone who does not follow these instructions.

Thank You!

We would like to thank all our children & grandchildren for all the care & support they have given us during Frank's hospitalizations September through December.

We appreciate all the time and effort put into Dr. Appointment trips, hotel stays, snow removal and grocery shopping to take care of our needs. We love you all.

We would also like to thank all our friends and extended family for all the phone calls, letters and cards we've received.

We are especially thankful to Father John Melkies Suraken for his weekly visits and prayers. Annie lost two loving sisters to Covid 19 in December. Father John has been a great comfort to us during these trying times.

Love Frank & Annie Bergh R46C

Coffee with the Chief

Daniel Gazelka
Clearbrook-Gonvick

In December in Gonvick, an officer responded to a report of theft in the City. Upon arrival, the officer learned that items missing could not be articulated, no evidence was found and the call was marked as unfounded.

In Clearbrook, officers responded to multiple complaints of a vehicle left on City property and an accumulation of large quantities of trash in violation of ordinances. After several warnings and no acceptable responses, the vehicle was towed and the individual was cited for violations.

Also in December, officers conducted 39 traffic stops between the cities and areas around Clearbrook-Gonvick as part of the State of Minnesota "Toward Zero Death" grant funded initiative. Emphasis for these grants are to reduce DWI's, speed and other traffic violations and reduce accident related deaths.



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Bagley: Ortons, Kubiak's, Galen's, Bagley Co-op, Red Lake: Red Lake Foods

Gonvick: Northern Bait and Convenience, Leader-Record office Richards Publishing

And Online! Go to www.TriCoCanary.com

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Clearbrook-Gonvick School District ISD #2311 ("District") requests proposals for group insurance coverage for the health plan year beginning July 1, 2021. Sealed proposals will be accepted in paper form until 4:00 pm central time on March 24th by Melissa Weems at 16770 Clearwater Lk Rd, Clearbrook, MN 56634. Copies of the request for proposal and exhibits may be requested from Melissa Weems at mmccoy@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us and will be sent electronically at no charge. District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. District reserves the right to select the proposal which it determines to be in the best interest of the District. R46C

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 R45,46C

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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. R45-46C

Report from county nursing service

Clearwater County: 689 cumulative cases.

Our case rate is the lowest it has been for months and is even lower than last week!

Case count for the past 14 days is 4 cases (10 last week) that makes our 14 day case rate 4.54.

Age ranges for COVID cases from January 15, 2021 to January 28, 2021

Age 0-19: 1

Age 20-39: 2

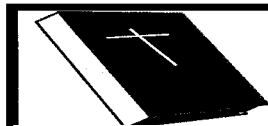
Age 40-59: 1

Age 60-79: 0

Age 80+: 0

Vaccine: We have provided some more second doses this week and have several second dose clinics scheduled for next week. We are hopeful that we will receive some first dose vaccine next week but are unsure of the amount. We continue to plan vaccine clinics and 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 your 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!

Marissa Hetland RN/BSN/PHN

Director-Clearwater County Nursing Service
Public Health/Homecare/Hospice

Administrator-North County Community Health Services
212 Main Ave. N.
Bagley, Mn 56621
ph-218-694-6581

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

Church News

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

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH

1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6

Senior Pastor Larry Dorman

Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund

Youth Pastor Brad Binder
Children's Minister Nicky Ubert

www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367

office@countryfaith.org

Worship Service – 10 am Sunday morning

Elevate Youth – 7 pm Most Sundays

Men's Prayer – 6:30 am Tuesdays

Service Streamed on Facebook & YouTube. Check out our website for the most up to date information.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

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 this week, 218-76-2789, to register.

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: New students are welcome! Third term runs Tuesdays. thru Feb. 23, 3:30-5:00, for students in grades 5th-8th. COVID protocols in place. Forms available at www.clearwaterslife.org, C-G school or at CWLC office.

Shop-At-The-Top & 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. 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.

As a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, CWLC is able to provide a variety of free or low cost services to our area thanks to generous financial donors just like you. Be a part of making a difference, join our team. All donations to CWLC are tax-deductible.

www.clearwaterslife.org, www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org, or www.mustardseedhomes.org and "like" us on Facebook pages.

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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseth

Wed, Feb 3: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.

Sat, Feb. 6: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m. LYS Ski Trip – Buena Vista.

Sun, Feb. 7: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. 9:15 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. SS. 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. SS.

Wed, Feb. 10: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.

Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Feb. 3: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, Feb. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wed, Feb. 10: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

Sun, Feb. 7: 9:00 a.m. Lund, 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY

Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

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



A little bit of action under the basket as the Bears hosted the WHA Wolves.



Dana Melby drives into the lane for the Bears.



Annabell Phillips shoots for the Bears.

Bears win over WHA 60-55

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted Walker-Hackensack-Akeley (WHA) on Friday, January 29 and won by 5 points 60-55.

Head Coach Ross Faldet had a very good half time talk with his team after the first half. The Bears fell behind 18 to 28. They came out fired up. Kaylee Faldet had 6 points in the first half and put in 14 points in the second half to lead the Bears. Annabell Phillips had 2 points in the first half and scored 13 points for the Bears in the second half.

Also scoring for the Bears were Maci Wagner 10, Ella Engen 8, Dana Melby 4 and Kaylee Westrum 3.

Scoring the WHA were Kali Oelschlagel 27, Aubrey Morrison 7, Emma Deegan 9, Ally Sea 6 and Alexa Johannson 6.

Bears lose to Red Lake 81-68

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the Red Lake Warriors in action on Tuesday, January 26. Six Warriors scored in double figures while the Bears had 4. High Point for the night was T. Kingbird with 19. Scoring in double figures for the Bears were Annabell Phillips 17, Kaylee Faldet 17, Kaylee Westrum 12, Maci Wagner 11. Also scoring were Dana Melby 9 and Ella Engen with 2.

The two teams were even with 3 point shots. At the free throw line the Bears shot 6 of 12 for 50% while Red Lake had 20 of 13 for 76.9%.

Yearbooks are still on sale!

Yearbook purchasing deadline is February 12th. High school books are \$50 and Elementary are \$25. You can send a check or cash with your student and have them drop it off in the office or with Mr. Bettin. If you have any questions please email Mr. Bettin at jbettin@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us Go Bears!

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

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.

Thurs., Feb. 4 - Pepperoni Pizza, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit, Cookie and Milk. **Elementary Snack** String Cheese.

Fri., Feb. 5 - Distance Learning Day.

Mon., Feb. 8 - Orange Chicken, Ric, Egg Rolls, California Medley Blend Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Animal Crackers.

Tues., Feb. 9 - Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Oven Fries, Pears and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Scooby Snacks.

Wed., Feb. 10 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Garlic Toast, Mixed Fruit and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Granola Bar.

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Accepting: Demolition Debris
Waste Tires
Major Appliances
Scrap Metal
Yard Waste
Furniture
Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items

NO regular household trash

Hours:	Tuesday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	Thursday	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATED 1.5 miles NE of Bagley on County Road 24

For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us



Sam Wishard for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears goes up for a shot against Red Lake County Mustangs.



Logan Westrum, Sophomore for the Clearbrook/Gonvick Bears with Michael Roy, #10 Sophomore.



Aiden Churness, junior for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears getting the rebound against the Red Lake County Rebels.

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Bears 71 Rams 58

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears traveled to Roseau for a game with the Rams. They came home with the victory 71 to 58.

The Bears hit the boards out rebounding the Rams 26 to 41. The Bears had 15 offensive rebounds to 8 for the Rams. The Bears had 26 defensive rebounds to 18 for the Rams. Leading the Bears on defensive rebounds was Alex Dawson with 9, followed by Wyatt Buer, 6, Aiden Churness 5, Logan Westrum 3 and Avery Lavine 2. Jed Dunham led the Rams with 5. For offensive rebounds Alex Dawson and Wyatt Buer each had 5. One each went to Kolten Schultz, Aiden Churness, Kyle Gerlofs, Michael Roy and Avery Lavine.

Leading scorer for the Bears was Alex Dawson with 23 points. He was 10 of 16 for field goals and 3 of 4 for three point field goals. He never made it to the free throw line. Kolten Schultz had the best percentage as he was 3 of 4 at the free throw line.

Also scoring for the Bears were Wyatt Buer 15, Logan Westrum 9, Kolten Schultz 8, Michael Roy 7, Aiden Churness 7 and Sam Wishard 2.

Scoring for the Rams were Dave Nelson 17, Jed Dunham 14, Tyler Dirks 13, Clive "the Glyde" Gordon 6, Peter Vandeweghe 4 and Wyatt Aronson 3.

Aiden Churness had 4 assists with Kolten Schultz with 3 to lead the Bears.

The Rams picked the pockets of the Bears by a narrow margin of 8 to 6 steals.

At the free throw line the Rams went 4 for 6 and the Bears went 4 of 12 attempts.

In the turnover ratio each team had two players that turned the ball over 4 times. For the Bears Logan Westrum and Aiden Churness. For the Rams Jed Dunham and Dave Nelson.



Isaac Spears guarding a Red Lake County Rebel.

University of Minnesota Duluth Dean's List

DULUTH, Minn. (January 27, 2021) - The University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2020. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The four colleges within UMD are: College of Education and Human Service Professions (CEHSP); College of Liberal Arts (CLA); Swenson College of Science and Engineering (SCSE); Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE)

Autumn M Smith, Senior, College of Education and Human Service Professions (CEHSP), Pre Psychology from Clearbrook was named to the Dean's List.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 2
01/28/21 09:10 Traffic Stop
01/30/21 14:35 Information Only
City of Bagley - Total 18
01/24/21 00:12 Suspicious Activity
01/24/21 09:39 ASSIST
01/25/21 16:54 Traffic Stop
01/25/21 18:16 Traffic Stop
01/25/21 21:31 Traffic Stop
01/26/21 05:55 Disturbance -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/26/21 17:10 Traffic Complaint
01/27/21 11:41 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/27/21 15:54 Information Only
01/28/21 03:42 Traffic Stop
01/28/21 05:37 Traffic Stop
01/28/21 07:35 911 Hang Up
01/28/21 18:44 Traffic Stop
01/29/21 04:36 Traffic Stop
01/29/21 05:37 Traffic Stop
01/29/21 09:16 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/29/21 14:34 Traffic Stop
01/29/21 21:03 Suspicious Activity
City of Clearbrook - Total 4
01/24/21 13:58 911 Hang Up
01/24/21 16:20 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/25/21 17:25 Traffic Stop
01/27/21 08:26 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Gonvick - Total 1
01/27/21 12:11 Juvenile Misc - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Shelvin - Total 1
01/24/21 05:20 Civil Complaint
Copley - Total 9
01/24/21 07:56 Traffic Stop

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the editor
Dear Veterans,
My name is Logan LeClair and I am your Veteran Service Officer. That means I am an advocate for you. My whole job is dedicated to you getting the benefits you are entitled to as a veteran or family member of the veteran. I am here to help and happy to help!
Periodically, I will be writing articles and publishing them in the paper updating you on any changes to benefits and how to go about getting them. This article though is not for that purpose. Today I wanted to explain who I work for and debunk some common misconceptions. Lastly, I wanted to make some announcements for my office.
First and foremost, I do not work for the Veterans Administration (VA). I am a county employee and a resident of the greatest county in Minnesota! Minnesota Statute 197.60 requires all counties to appoint a County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO). Remember I am an advocate on your behalf!
Second, our county has a veteran transportation system in place. This is meant for veterans to get to their appointments free of charge or if they are unable to bring themselves. Our transportation fund raises almost \$15,000 annually to bring veterans to their appointments. This money is mostly donated by our selfless citizens in the community. With that being said we are always looking for more drivers and donations for our program. If interested please call 218-694-6618. We accept donations in any amount!
Third, our office in instituting an outreach program. This means that certain days of the week I will be in the various cities of our county. This is to make it easier for you the veteran to see me and speak

with me. Once these days and times are finalized they will be published on the Clearwater County website as well as in the paper.
Lastly, our office is moving to appointments only for now. This is due to COVID and out of respect to you, the veteran. If you give me a heads up on the topic of the meeting I can be far better prepared for when you are in the office. That way you walk away with the answer you deserve. If it slips your mind just know I will never turn away walk-ins.
Any questions please give me a call.
Thanks.
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Letter to the Editor
When we look over how pipeline projects in Minnesota and around the country have been addressed in the past, it is evident that we have come a long way.
For the Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline, extensive planning and organization has been executed to get us to where we are today.
I have been impressed and proud of the public, open debate that has surrounded this project. For an undertaking as big as this, it is crucial we have the buy-in of landowners, tribes, business owners, local leaders and the communities impacted.
Enbridge has conducted numerous public meetings, including 15 on tribal grounds, with nearly ten thousand people to get insight and input from Minnesotans.
Safety has also been a top priority throughout the planning of this replacement project.

We must protect the safety of workers and those along the pipeline route, but also prevent future spills from happening.
There have been incredible advances in technology since this pipeline was originally built in the 1960s. Numerous measures are being implemented to make certain that previous spills have been learned from and will not happen again.
To date, the Line 3 pipeline is currently the most studied pipeline project in our state's history. What this means is that everyone involved can know that this project can and will be completed and improve safety for all.
We should applaud the outreach and efforts on the Line 3 project learning from the past to change the outcome for the future.
Laura Mack
Clearbrook, MN

Letter to the Editor
As our new President's term in office now is measured only in days, we would like to say, "give the guy a break" and "his heart's in the right place".
Our nation right now, is in a heap of trouble and it is in all of our interests that those troubles start to be resolved.
Whether you take the epidemic of covid-19 as serious as some of us do, or not, the virus is real and in every state of our nation. And whether you believe that the death toll is over 400,000 or just 4000, this ain't no hoax and ain't going to miraculously disappear. And we all should be doing our part. (masks, etc.) That is not too much to ask.
Whether you think out economic problems can be blamed on the virus, or on the politicians who made decisions that adversely affect the economy, those economic problems are

real. And they've got to be addressed.
Whether you believe that the new President won fair and square, or if there was cheating...It wasn't Joe that personally did the cheating.
And whether you accept the results of the election yesterday, today, tomorrow or never, the fact of the matter is that he's going to be the President of the next four years.
Anyone who's been in government, even as small cog in the gears; or in any endeavor involving a group of people (herding cats!), Knows that there are a lot of "regular things" that need to be done. In federal government that the President now leads that can be as "regular" as getting Social Security checks out to people all the way to ensuring that Russia or China don't nuke us (or secretly invade our cyber security system).
At a time when circumstances and people of less than goodwill are still pushing petty grievances, these things are pulling at the very threads that hold our nation together.
The guy in the white house has got a lot on his plate, a lot of responsibilities on his shoulders.
It seems like he's respectful of others and will be a steady hand on the tiller of the ship of State. Most Americans will be wishing him well and success for the good of the nation...Because that's what Americans do! The will "give the guy a break".
Don & Pat Foster, Bagley

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01/24/21 14:17 Traffic Stop
01/25/21 16:40 Traffic Stop
01/28/21 00:07 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/28/21 15:09 Traffic Stop
01/29/21 09:41 Crimes Against Family - Report Taken
01/29/21 23:57 Information Only
01/30/21 16:43 Traffic Complaint
01/30/21 22:47 Traffic Stop
Dudley - Total 1
01/26/21 18:18 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Eddy - Total 3
01/27/21 11:24 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/27/21 12:27 Information Only
01/30/21 15:01 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Falk - Total 6
01/24/21 19:43 Medical
01/25/21 13:32 Animal Related
01/25/21 14:55 CIVIL PROCESS
01/25/21 23:00 Suspicious Activity
01/27/21 10:29 Domestic
01/28/21 07:07 Welfare Check
Holst - Total 5
01/27/21 08:12 Traffic Stop
01/27/21 13:31 Traffic Stop
01/28/21 15:36 Traffic Stop
01/28/21 20:21 Traffic Stop
01/29/21 07:16 Traffic Stop
Itasca - Total 2
01/27/21 18:15 Traffic Stop
01/28/21 21:32 Snowmobile

Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
LaPraire N - Total 4
01/25/21 08:10 Medical - EMS and Transport
01/26/21 15:09 Traffic Stop
01/27/21 22:02 Civil Complaint
01/30/21 00:04 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Leon - Total 6
01/24/21 15:53 Traffic Stop
01/25/21 19:23 Traffic Stop
01/27/21 08:31 Warrant - Attempt to - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/28/21 18:25 Juvenile Misc - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/29/21 13:29 Traffic Stop
01/30/21 10:44 O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Minerva - Total 2
01/28/21 14:58 Medical - Unit Cancelled Enroute
01/30/21 10:30 Traffic Stop
Moose Creek - Total 1
01/25/21 11:24 THEFT - Report Taken
Nora - Total 2
01/26/21 15:41 Traffic Stop
01/29/21 14:07 Traffic Stop

Out of Jurisdiction- Total 1
01/24/21 04:51 Information Only
Pine Lake - Total 7
01/26/21 14:42 Animal Related
01/26/21 15:08 Traffic Stop
01/27/21 06:24 Traffic Stop
01/27/21 09:12 Warrant - Attempt to - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/27/21 09:24 Warrant - Attempt to O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/28/21 13:53 Traffic Stop
01/29/21 06:55 Traffic Stop
Popple - Total 2
01/30/21 12:16 Domestic - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/30/21 15:38 Information Only
Rice - Total 2
01/26/21 13:41 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued
01/29/21 11:22 911 Hang Up
Shevlin - Total 3
01/25/21 16:29 Traffic Stop
01/27/21 12:43 Property Damage - Report Taken
01/28/21 15:33 Traffic Stop
Sinclair - Total 1
01/25/21 08:08 Traffic Stop
Total Records: 83

Newly elected to the Minnesota FFA Foundation board of Trustees

The Minnesota FFA Foundation Board of Trustees held elections to lead their efforts. Elected to serve as chair – Valerie Velde of Roseville, chair elect- Lara Durben of Buffalo, past chair - Jean Johnson of Grand Forks, secretary- Staci Martin of Waterville, treasurer- Pat Dingels of Redwood Falls and executive sponsors board chair – Kevin Paap of Garden City. Valerie Velde, Chair Julie Tesch, Center for Rural Policy and Development
Jasmine and Julie join current board members: Paul Aarsvold of Altura, Patrice Bailey of Maplewood Jim Burns of Watertown, Pat Dingels of Redwood Falls, Lara Durben of Buffalo, Francis Homans of St. Paul, Jean Johnson of Grand Forks, ND, Staci Martin of Waterville, Paula Mohr of Anoka, Natasha Mortenson of Danvers, Ben Olander of Staples, Kevin Paap of Garden City, Kyle Petersen of Murdock, Jason Schwantz of River Falls, WI, Zane Sheehan of Minneapolis, Clint Smith of Rockford, Juleah Tolosky of Roseville, Mat Vaupel of Racine, Valerie Velde of Roseville, Amanda Sommers of Waseca and Val Aarsvold of Altura.
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Year in Review.. Continued from front page

Carlson (Fossilid) century farm north of Gully...great photo of the smiley face satellite dishes between Trail and Gully that represent the Weber family...Clear Water Life Center held a, Taste of the Fair, it was a great success... 2020 4H Clearwater County Achievement Days, photos of kids with their animals were shared... Cares funding available for covid impacted businesses...Sanford Bagley received a donated ambulance...Robin Proffit is featured in a story of custom crafts she designs and sells... There is new soft serve ice cream at Sportsmen's Lodge at Pine Lake...recent storms have caused some flooding and damage to area...

We Lost...Robert Berglund, Patricia Ostby, Albert Graftaas, Marion Ask, Darrel Johnson, Carsten Zahl, Christine Plashnik, June Bergeson, Daniel Stauffer, Kenneth Walberg, Edgar Olson, Joyce Ronning, Polly Englund...

September... Story shared by Joel Wraa of collection of



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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

I received a call that Reuben Rydeen celebrated his 94 birthday. I hope that is correct. Happy, Happy, Happy Happy, four more to make up for the 90 that I had in last weeks paper. I went to the Internet and found this information. The snapshot of Reuben Leonard Rydeen's life was captured by the 1940 U.S. Census. Reuben Leonard Rydeen was born about 1927, the son of Louella and Edward. In 1940, he was 13 years old and lived in Leon, Minnesota, with his father, mother, 2 brothers, and 2 sisters. It said Minnesota and not Township.

Men are wanted to make up 16 teams for a curling event that will take place March 6th. The four man teams are needed to fill up the Bemidji Curling Club for the day.

To sign up your team or for any questions you can call Steve Thorson 218-766-0345, Wade Gray 218-280-9489 or Corey Westrum 218-368-4279.

Specail this week at Shorty's Place this Friday and Saturday is Chicken and Ribs or Meat-balls.

Also Moran's in Winger is opening February 9th Senior meals serving 11 to 1 Tuesday to Friday. Indoor dining Tuesday to Saturday 4 to 9 pm On Sunday 11 to 7:30. They are closed Mondays. Good news things are opening up.

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 Fri-



This humongous owl flew and perched on the tip of my house. He flew to the trees behind my house while my neighbor Brandi Knutson took the picture.

Century Farms

Minnesota Farm Bureau and Minnesota State Fair work in conjunction on the Century Farm program to honor Minnesota families that have owned their farms for at least 100 years, are at least 50 acres in size and are currently involved in farming. Century Farm families receive a commemorative sign, as well as a certificate signed by the president of the State Fair, president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau and the Governor of Minnesota. The deadline for applications is March 1. For information regarding Century Farms signs, contact the Minnesota State Fair at 651-288-4400 or centuryfarms@mnsstatefair.org.

There have been several Century Farms in Clearwater County. The name at the beginning of each article is the name signed on the Century Farm Application and the date.

Information is from the date when the Century Farm was applied.

Paul A. Rydeen – 1997
Edward and Louella Rydeen came from Gibbon, Minnesota and purchased the 190 acres for \$14.00 total. The farm is located in Section 27 in Leon Township. The homestead was begun before the Spanish-American War and finished after military service was completed. Their son Reuben and Wanda Rydeen took over the farm in 1950 and in 1985 Paul and Lois Rydeen still farm the land.

Alden C. and Mary Lou Spray - 2003

Johannes Clausen came from Norway and purchased the property in Section 32 of Winsor Township. It was purchased March 17, 1903. He and his wife farmed until 1913 when his wife Mina took over until 1939. In 1939 the three daughters, Nora, Agnes and Mabel, daughters of Mina and Johannes took over the farm until 1946. In 1946 Mable and her husband Richard Kamrud were on the farm until 1983. Their daughter Marylou and her husband Alden Spray took over in 1983. The major crops were dairy and grain. They were presently doing beef cattle.

Roy Kleppe – 1997

Arnent L. Kleppe came from Norway and purchased 160 acres in Section 24 of Pine Lake Township. His son Roy Kleppe took over in 1960. The first frame house was built in 1898 with a log cabin in 1896. Roy stated, that his father walked from Fosston, the 25 miles, to pick his 160 acres. He built a log cabin in the summer and he and his wife moved in November 16, 1896. The Soo Railroad was built across the farm in 1910 and the State Highway crossed the farm in 1930. Roy was born in the original house and still lives in it.

Marvin Wolden – 2015

Knute Volden, came from Valdres, Norway and got the original homestead free. The property was located in Section 29 of Pine Lake Township. Oscar Wolden, who changed his last name with a "W" took over the property in 1941 followed by his son Marvin Wolden who started in 1971. The grainery is still standing. The major crops or products were grain, milk, beef and timber.

Trygve L. Thorkildson – 2008

Tobias Thorkildson homesteaded the 160 acres in Section 29, Dudley Township in 1905. He kept the property until his son Trygve took over in 1942. Trygve L. Thorkildson was the next owner starting in 1996. The major crops were dairy, alfalfa and oats.

day 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. Monday through Saturday.

Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick is open Monday thru Saturday 7am - 1:30 pm.

Sportsman's Lodge on Pine Lake has different hours during this COVID time. Monday through Thursday, 11 to 7/8, Friday and Saturday 11 to 8/9 and Sunday from 12 to 7/8.

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

K&K's Cafe hours in Clearbrook open now 6 am to 3 pm. Call 218-776-2195 for specials.

From my mail...
Serious Lock Down Advice

Everyone please be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home. I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my Pepsi, and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on everything!! I certainly couldn't share with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant. In the end, the iron straightened me out. She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out!

The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up. But the fan was very optimistic and gave me hope this it will all blow over soon. The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip! You can just about guess what the curtains told me: They told me to "pull myself together!" We will survive!

Joke Time...

Ole and Lena's neighbor, Claye Overleen, has been going steady with Tina for several years. Then, Tina broke off the relationship. But, suddenly, one day Tina wrote Claye a letter which said, "Dearest Claye, Words cannot express how much I regret having broken off our engagement. Will you please come back to me? Your absence leaves a space no one can fill. Please forgive me and let us start all over again. I need you so much. Your Forever, Tina PS, by the way congratulations on winning the four million dollar lottery."

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We take passport pictures.

Home Country

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

"She's been sorta creepitatin' 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 lov-

ers 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 on-cet a year, boys."

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2002 and 2003 Clearbrook-Gonvick School 5th grade band. Front row: Evan Godtland, Danny Jackson. Row 2: Jacob Gunvalson, Sierra Klasse, Kera Hinrichs, Brittani Nelson Olson, Kellen Learmont, Miss Otto. Row 3: David Larson, Veronica Knutson, Nikole Dunker, Jeremy Haynes, Bobbie Tjolsen, Arianne Hockenson. Row 4: Joanna Emmel, Kailee Dyrdaahl, Ashley Ness, Alechia Stout, Chelsea Bjerke, Amber Layton.



Wyatt Buer, #25, for the Bears up for a shot.



Kolten Schultz, senior for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears.



Kaylee Faldet, senior for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears goes up for a shot. She was the high scorer for the Bears with 20 points.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears getting ready last Thursday, January 28. They hosted the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley girls and won the game by 60-55.

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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7th picture- Mrs. Ehlers 6th Grade DARE L to R: Grant Engen, Mya Engen, Braxton Bjerke, Daisy Stine, Malea Mathson, Kailem White, Carver Kroulik, DARE Officer Andy Anderson



ist picture- Mrs. Rude's 3rd Grade Class with Officer Andy for Officer Appreciation.



6th picture- Front Row Left to Right: Raina Jarnot, Charlie Phillips, Peyton Wittenberg, Bella Dahl, Aris Halvorson, Avery Haugan. Back Row Left to Right: Kameron Johnson, Ja'Nya Hardy-Martin, Gavin Solberg, Kayden Dombkowski, Avery Ostenaar, Chris Skjaret, Gus Damann, DARE Officer Andy Anderson. DARE Essay winners: Avery Haugan and Bella Dahl

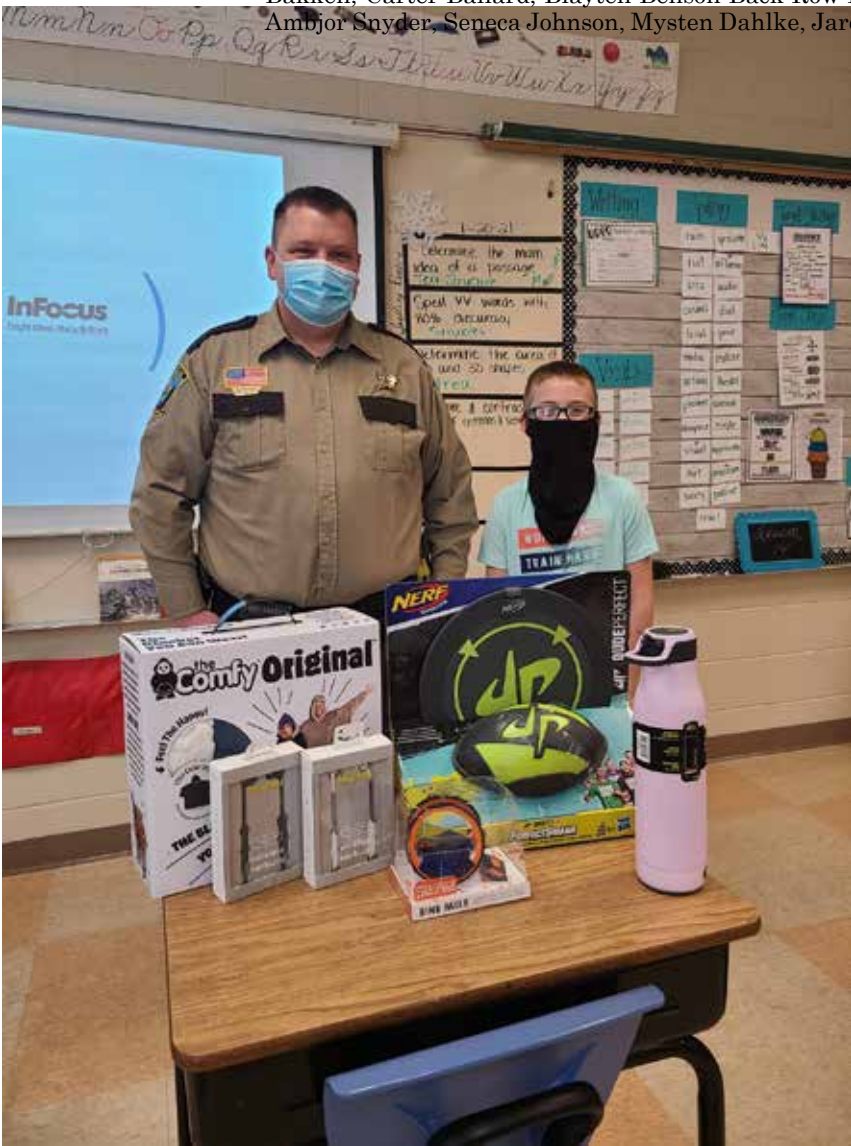


nd picture- Mrs. Balcer's 5th Grade Class Front Row Left to Right: Wishard, Savannah Kumpula, Lainey Fawver, Tomi Cloud. Back Row: Gunner Olson, Drayden Cobenais, Alexa Anderson, Jamison Coxsey

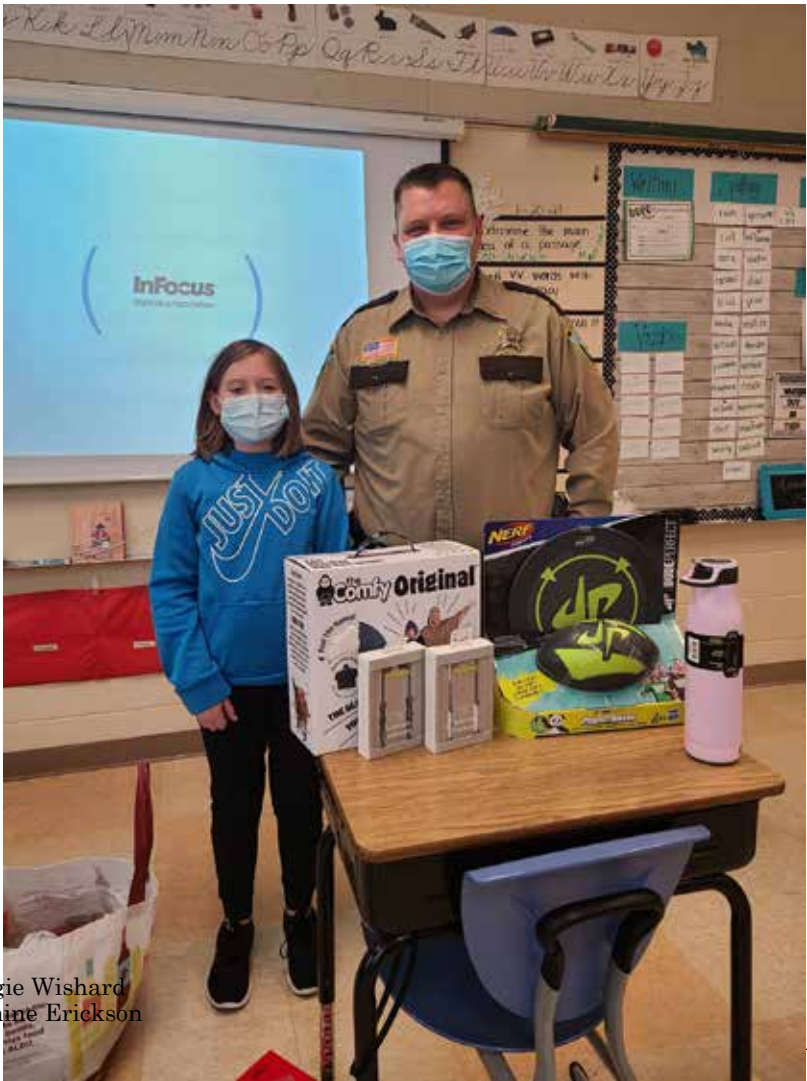


5th picture- Mrs. Marsh's 6th Grade Class
Front Row Left to Right: Makenzie Holmstrom, Erika Rude, Trey Goudge, Lucas Bakken, Carter Ballard, Blayten Benson Back Row Left to Right: Cassidy Lykins, Amojor Snyder, Seneca Johnson, Mysten Dahlke, Jaret Larson, Ryan Gerlofs, DARE

DARE Essay Winners: Mya Engen and Carver Kroulik



3rd Picture- Mrs. Balcer 5th Grade DARE Essay Winner Auggie Wishard
4th picture- Mrs. Balcer 5th Grade DARE Essay Winner Jasmine Erickson





Mrs. Beckstrand's Kindergarten class at Clearbrook-Gonvick. Back row: Kayla Ehlers, Obadiah Hammer, Wyatt Anderson, Wyatt Buer, Kenneth Wyland, Amara Churness. Middle Row: Jesse Bjerke, Benjamin Nelson, Evan Molden, Devin Lykins. Front row: Sydney Vakoeh, Kaylee Faldet and Kielee Hubbard.



Mrs. Kjolhuag's Kindergarten class at Clearbrook-Gonvick. Back row: Carl Wolden, Emma Dorman, Ashlyn Weems, Gabriel Lavine, Timothy Lykins, Jaquincy Hammer, Alec Halvorsen. Front row: Bailey Klema, MyKenzie Larson, Jennifer Lavin, Lauren Melby, Rose Java, Riley Chaboyea and Wesley White.



Mrs. Hamnes had her 4th grade students making Valentines boxes at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Patrick Johnson receiving a check from Joy Walberg for the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Citizens. The money came from the Clearbrook Community Club.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Spelling Bee change Seher Kar and Alternate Aaron Horn.



Master Sergeant Bryan Jacobson presented a flag that was flown over Iraq and Kuwait. Clearbrook Legion members accepting were Bob Granley and Lloyd Engen.

Wednesday, February 3, 2021



Steve Norman, Dennis Engebretson seated and Scott Anderson standing are officers of the Clearbrook Elevators Association.



Darlene Sawyer named First Lady of the year. She is with her son James and grandson JT.



Ardella Lindberg congratulating Darlene Sawyer being Named Lady of the Year.



Sisters, Darlene Sawyer and Sharon Bergerson at the Lady of the year event honoring Darlene.



Xavier Mack and Zach Dorn with the Science project "Dirty Scum Bottles." They were part of the Science Fair at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Abby Shamp and Cheryl Hutchens with the Clearbrook-Gonvick Science project "How Does Solar Energy Work."



Getting ready to take down the Sun Plnt in Gonvick.



Vivian Solien and Jeanette Anderson took in \$1,500 for the WELCA bazaar that was held at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick.



Lars, AKA Jim Paulson was the entertainment at the Lions Club District meeting with Fosston, Bagley and Gonvick.



Mike Lindgren presenting to Harvey Miller money from a drawing that was held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Honoring the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears players. From left to right: Kristi and Paula Elston, Owen Haugen, Andrea and Julie Beard.



Honoring the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears players. From left to right: Lori, Nick and David Spray, Molly, Beth and Terry Carter.



Paula's place in Gonvick with Alexis and Paul Elston, Gus Vettleson and Kristi Elston.



Sun Plant building going down.



Gully Tri-Coop Association Board from left to right: Lloyd Sweno, Dennis Magnell, David L. Olson, Scott Hoeft, Trent Dyrdaahl, Lawrence Vettleson and Brian Klein.

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Grateful for My Career at Clearwater-Polk

I feel blessed to be finishing up my 22nd year at Clearwater-Polk, but it comes with mixed emotions. It was March 1st, 1999, when Leroy Riewer hired me to work for Clearwater-Polk in the member services department. As I was introduced to my coworkers, many of whom had been working at the co-op for many years, I realized it must be a great place to work.

In the beginning, my main job was helping to install the new automatic meter reading system (The Turtle) and off-peak heating. It was nice to get out and learn the system while meeting so many of our great members. At that time, the other issue everyone was talking about was Y2K and fear of the possible havoc it may bring as the year changed from 1999 to 2000. Thankfully, it wasn't a big deal.

In August of 2005, the Board of Directors trusted me to be the next general manager. It was a huge change for me. I am thankful for the board's experience and leadership, an outstanding group of employees with a lot of knowledge and understanding in regard to the operation of the co-op, and the neighboring co-ops, general managers and CEO's, who were just a phone call away and always willing to share their knowledge. It made the transition much easier for me.

This job has taken me down an interesting path. I have enjoyed the variety of challenges and friendships I have made throughout the years. Seeing a part of the cooperative family and meeting so many great people through NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association), MREA (Minnesota Rural Electric Association) and Minnkota was wonderful. Thank you to my wife Debbie, who has been extremely supportive throughout the years! Fortunately, she has been able to join me at some of the meetings we are both going miss the friendships we have made.



I think we all agree, 2020 and the year of COVID may be a year we would like to forget. Most of the meetings were either canceled or held virtual, and we have not been able to have face-to-face contact. At this time, we won't have the opportunity to personally say goodbye and thank you to all the special people we have met. Saying goodbye is never easy!

I've been asked what my plans are after retirement. Well, when things get back to normal, we would like to do some traveling. I love to golf, hunt and fish; but haven't done much of that for many years. Most importantly, I hope to spend a lot of time with the boys, Brandon and Jason, and their families! We have four grandkids and like I have mentioned in previous newsletters, I sure love being Papa!

By the time you receive this newsletter, a new general manager will likely be chosen. Final interviews are going to be held by the board on December 18th. My final day hasn't been set; it will be determined by when the new person is able to start. Watch our web site and Facebook page for updates.

Clearwater-Polk is closing and I would like to thank the members for the support you have given to the cooperative, our hardworking employees who take pride in providing safe and reliable electricity, and the privilege of working with and for a dedicated Board of Directors. We have been through a lot together and am so thankful to have worked with such a great group and proud to be a part of the heritage of Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and wish you all a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous and Joyful New Year! God Bless!

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Home Country
Slim Randles

“Boys,” said our tall cowboy, Steve. A problem coming up and I’m not sure I

The rest of us in the world dilemma here each morning as long as the coffee doesn’t run out, turned toward nothing if not a helpful bunch. We put even Dud, who was still on his first c

Doc said, “Maybe we can help about it.”

“Well, Doc, it’s these dang New Time’s almost here, and I don’t even one.”

“Why not?” asked Dud.

Steve grinned, picked up his coffee in a toast to others at the philosophy Barn truck stop.

“Well,” he said, “since I’m dang n it makes it kinda hard to find some provement.”

“We can see,” said Herb, “where a guy’s mind all right.”

“Now Steve, when you say ‘perfect’ hypothetically, right?”

Dud leaned over and whispered t hypothetical was what Doc gives us

“Hypothetically? Bull drool!” Steve out. Muscles. Brain. Ability to drive a to level a horse’s hoof with a rasp a stand before you a genuine American pinnacle of human evolution. Thank the thunderous applause you were giving me. I’ll go to the head of the cl

“I may have one solution to your

“What’s that, Doc?”

“Oh ... just maybe you could wo just a bit next year.”

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"Christmas of Yesteryear"

In 2003 Esther Lindmark King, (photo 3) who grew up in the Leonard area, shared a Christmas memory in a letter to her family. She was 92 years old and she wanted to everyone back to “Christmas of Yesteryear.”

“Our house, all clean and sparkling, was decorated upstairs and down. Red and green crepe paper streamers were hung across the ceiling from corner to corner in the living room with a large red paper bell in the center. I have not seen one of these bells it is impossible for r describe one. They were so colorful and pretty.

The large Christmas tree was decorated with paper chains of various colors and many decorations made by the children in our family. There were some store bought things but not very many. Various colored candleholders with red and green spiral candles were clamped on to the branches and a bright shiny star on the top competed the decorations. It was absolutely beautiful! On Christmas Eve lighted candles sparkled in the windows of our two-story house: a beautiful sight in a dark world without electricity. There were not many gifts around our tree but apples and colored Christmas candy were plentiful.

The School (now the Birchmond community center in photo) Christmas program was a delight.

Living on the crossroads we were serenaded by real jingle bells, for every horse drawn sleigh had bells of various sizes. Some sleighs were outfitted with small bells and other had larger ones. The faster they traveled the louder they jingled and the sound was magical in the winter night. Our family too joined the people with our prancing horses and jingles. The school, just one mile west was inviting with lights from kerosene and gasoline lanterns brightly lit in the windows.

The schoolhouse was filled with friends and neighbors and everyone dressed in their finest.

The most exciting was the beautifully decorated tree with the brightly wrapped gifts just waiting to be opened. After the program of song and recitations we kids waited with eager anticipation. Here he comes! Santa and his reindeer (we thought) hearing the sound of the bells on his sleigh. He came in the door with a Ho! Ho! Ho! and Merry Christmas Everyone! He began passing out the gifts under the tree and as he read the name tags, his beard got too close to the burning candles and caught fire. Oh my, what a commotion that caused! With much help the fire was put out and we children breathed a sigh of relief as we were assured that Santa would come back next year. The apples and candy were passed around without a hitch and Santa left with a wave of his hand and a “Merry Christmas and to all a Goodnight!”

P.S. I wondered why Otto Nelson had to leave early? He came back but he missed out on the fun and excitement...."

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October... New people welcomed to the Clearbrook-Gonvick School system, Jess Larson, Amanda Bodensteiner, Jared Sewall, Tasha Bakke... Clearbrook Fire Department holds their fall banquet outside...Modern Woodsmen donate \$2500 to Pine Ridge Residence...Members of the Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve honored with life-saving awards...CWLC host 3rd annual Mustard Seed Homes banquet...Many challenges for schools with distance learning/hybrid model and keeping kids safe while still getting their education...School board candidate questionnaire from Lawrence Vettleson, Vern Wittenberg and Dudley Wishard...Invest Forward and Forward Foundation donate to Youth Connection after school program with CLWC...Local youth share their deer hunting photos...4-H Junior Leader workshop going to the next level are Peyton Berg and Ava Larson...

We Lost... Margaret Kaasa, Joyann Espeseth, Oren Syrtveit, Linda Rasmussen, Clifford C Klamar, Ella Molvik, E Howard Dickey, Milo Sandeen, Marvin Lindberg, Shelly Willberg, Olivia Rose Urdahl, Audrey Lee, Irene Keisow, Henry Chirstianson, Deloris Fritz, Lee Sather, Richard Kriewald, Carol Jo Kankel...

November...Clearwater County 4-Her's participate in Minnesota State Dog show include Kara Maruska, Lily Walberg and Bryce Haugen... Patty Theis is honoring her mother during Breast Cancer Awareness month with pink highlights...Community infrastructure in Gonvick at CLWC for essential equipment grant through USDA...Great pictures from Sportsman's Lodge Halloween party shared & Trunk and Treat in Leonard...Tara Paulson, employee of Cornerstone Residence received scholarship grant for education and training...C-G Homecoming Court shared photos...Veteran's Day memorials were very different than most years,... Clearwater County Veterans' received donation from "Ride for Stones" raising \$10,000 promoted by Jeff Schermerhorn and Neal Illies...Feature story on Whitney Pittman's love of music... Paul Nelson is new Science teacher in Oklee...Successful hunter's share their pictures of the hunting season...Trudi Alberg has new duties as the Clearwater County Auditor Treasurer Clerk...Local bus drivers are delivering meals during distance learning, with a lot of hard work from kitchen and para staff and the Stein Bus service...Joe Johnson and Joe Midthun from Clearbrook-Gonvick have both become minister in Lutheran faith...Postal service encourages packages to be mailed early with covid and ballot voting...Flag retirement service held in Gonvick by the American Legion...

We Lost...Betty Janik, Elmer Hanson, James Brown, Eunice Reinhold, Yvonne Morinville, Gloria Parenteau, Evelyn Dahl, Albert Perruzzi, Adele Strandberg, Donald J Knutson, Morris Plante, Benjamin Erholtz, Lloyd Breiland, Evalyn Swenson...

December...Feature story on Karen Bratvold's win in Body Building Championship...Line 3 Replacement Project finally begins after 6 years of regulatory review...Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial Pine Lake Snowmobile Race is canceled...Next generation of Rudes take over Rudes Repair in Gonvick...4-H recognition event held...Ordean Jiggs Swanson celebrates 90th birthday...Ashley Reichert has joined the Northern State Bank in Gonvick...Dean Ulrich retires from Richards Publishing after 33 years...Clearwater Christmas Project gives away nearly 700 toys in red Santa bags...Let's do Lefse! Is Cindy Kolling's coloring Art workshop available on-line...Live Nativity at Humbleberry Farms in Brooks... Pictures of local homes decorated for the holidays are shared, seven received trade bucks in Clearbrook and money winners in Gonvick...Federal CARES Funds are handed out by Clearwater County...First vaccine shots are starting with Red Lake Tribal Council members getting their shots...Local businesses worked together to give and deliver free holiday meals to seniors and home bound individuals...New Clearwater County Veteran's Service Officer is Logan LeClair...

We Lost... Beverly Charles, Robin Gunning, Bonnie Crudup, Eileen Olson, Robert Janssen, Terrance Lendway, Mary Sweno, Delores Aakre, Paul Noyes, Ronald Rustan, Leroy Irlbeck, Lois Anderson, Joan Carpenter, Sheldon Lee, Veryl Streng, Joann Redgate, Alvin Royce Wolden, Marvin Wikstrand, Everett Schulz, Ronald Amundson, Arden Lundeen, Colleen Knoop, Harvey Johnson, Jr, Velda Hetland, Diane Smith, DelRay Ruud, Maxine

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