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First Baptist Church has had a temporary pastor

First Baptist Church in Clearbrook has had a temporary

pastor since they lost their pastor of 25 years to a tragic traffic



Brad Spaulding and his wife Angie live in Shevlin.

accident. Brad Spaulding has been filling in for Pastor Verlyn Strenge.

Spaulding received his education from New England Bible College in Biblical Studies, the Oak Hills Christian College in Leadership in Ministry, Organizational Leadership and Christian Theology and from Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Michigan with a Masters Spiritual Formation and leadership with dynamics and history of Christian Formation.

He has been the Director at Camp Timber-lee, Wilderness Adventure in Wisconsin for five years.

The Executive Director for eight years at Lakeshore Christian Camp.

For eleven years is was the Pastor of Solway Bible Chapel Graphic.

The last four years he has been the owner of A&B Spaulding Trucking at Shevlin.

With his being the Pastor for First Baptist Church in Clearbrook, he accepted another part time job as assistant Hockey Rink Manager at the Bagley Rink.

Spaulding and his wife Angie live in Shevlin.

Appreciation Day at Olson Gravel

Curtis Olson has announced that Olson Gravel Inc. will be hosting an appreciation day at the gravel pit.

This is for all Veteran's, Law Enforcement, Farmers and Ranchers, Medical Workers,

School Teacher, 1st Responders, American Workers, Customers and everyone else.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 17th between 9 am and 11 am. Everyone is invited so bring the kids and grandkids

for a ride in the loader. They will be serving rolls, coffee, juice and they will also have candy and coloring books.

The pit is located on 34508 State Highway 92 south east of Trail.

Pulled pork feast in Bagley

The Clearwater County volunteer Sheriff's Reserve will be having a fundraising event on Saturday, April 17.

Adam Broden of Farm Bureau Financial Services is going to smoke the pork for them and Matt Anderson of Anderson Disposal is making his secret recipe baked beans.

Besides he pulled Pork Sandwiches there will be coleslaw, chips and dessert to go from 5:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. being served at the Bagley American Legion.

The volunteers need to raise money to obtain necessary training and gear to help the Sheriff's office in emergency

situations, such as search and rescue.

Due to COVID restrictions this year will be a to-go meal. They greatly appreciate your support.

Cash donations can be sent to Larry Lindgren at 43589 Cty 7 Clearbrook, MN 56634.

Unions challenge public to 'Respect Minnesota'

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners heard from Kathy Ross, Outreach Director for Respect Minnesota on Friday, April 9. This program was started in the effort to spur positive interactions between people of different backgrounds and different opinions during the development of Line 3. Local Union members and Enbridge support the pledge for respect and safety during the construction.

Minnesota unions, businesses and organizations launched Respect Minnesota on September 23, 2019. Dan Olson is Business Manager and International Representative MN/ND of the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) in Duluth.

"The Respect Minnesota pledge is committed to helping Minnesotans find common ground on major infrastructure projects," he shares. "We need to remember we are first Minnesotans, and we need to respect each other and our state. Everyone should be able to go to work in the morning and safely make it home."

"Respect Minnesota pledge aims to encourage respecting the rights of people's freedom of speech and personal safety, to provide a safe environment for everyone during planning, permitting and construction of infrastructure projects," Kathy stated. "It is a positive, impartial initiative while developing Enbridge's Line 3, and for civil responsibility and conversation."

In essence, she says, it is a reminder to treat others as you want to be treated (the Golden Rule).

"It means total respect, coming together to put differences aside. This is what we stand for," Kathy continued. "Our goal is to focus on respect during the Project, and create peaceful discussion."

What can local governments do? They can adopt a resolution toward this goal, they can encourage others, take the following pledge, and live the pledge to make it visible:

The Pledge

I support free speech and a

safe environment for everyone.

I will listen, be inclusive and look for common ground.

I will respect others, our natural environment, and local communities.

I will respect the cultural heritage and history of Indigenous people.

I will be accountable for my words and actions and abide by the law.

Let's move forward together. Respect Minnesota

"Saying this over and over gains support and is a positive tool to build bridges," she said. There are signs up in both Clearbrook and Bagley, and soon coming to Gonvick.

Commissioner Dean Newland said that while he agrees with this attitude, he would not make a pledge.

"I disagree with making a pledge for what we already do here - I have a problem with that. But I think it's a good idea," he said.

'Respect Minnesota and was

It's that time of the year

Countryside Greenhouse will be open as of April 19th. It must be getting close to warmer weather.

They will have a variety of garden vegetable seeds, onion sets, onion plants and sweet potatoes. Plus they also have the full line of Vegetable plant and flowers.

They are open Monday

Equity as Action Workshop Series begins April 22

Region 2 Arts Council invites members of arts/culture organizations in Beltrami, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen and Hubbard counties to learn ways in which they can think about, and engage in, equity within their organizations, decision-making, and work. The first workshop for Equity as Action is held online via Zoom April 22, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and offers a framework for thinking about, and doing, this work. Workshop #1 can be taken alone, or as the first in a three-part series that focuses on basic

driven and led by the Local 49 Operating Engineers Union and namely Joe Kramer. He's now an international representative for the International Union of Operating Engineers (IBEW).

Pledge cards, brochures, hats and bracelets were offered for those interested.

The following is from their website, RespectMinnesota.com: What does being a member of Respect Minnesota entail?

Being a member of Respect Minnesota means that you honor and respect people with varying opinions. This includes respecting everyone's right to freedom of speech and personal safety.

Who can be a member of Respect Minnesota?

Anyone! Including individuals, companies, organizations and local governments. All it takes is signing the Respect Minnesota pledge.

"Respect Minnesota is a pledge to ask Minnesotans to honor and respect other people and their opinions, especially in the midst of a disagreement."

through Saturday from 8:00 to 6:00 but they are closed on Sunday.

They can be located from Gonvick you are take the Pine Lake Road and go south two miles to 486th Street and then west 3/4 of a mile to Broadwalk Drive. They will have signs.

Their telephone number is 487-5217.



Connie Nelson, Corrinne Anderson, and LeAnne Walberg a few of Shop-At-The-Top's sorters.

Who Hasn't Been to Shop-At-The-Top?

Shop-At-The-Top is an almost daily destination for some, a weekly destination for others, and a "must stop-on-the-way" for others who come from greater distances, but there are those who have never heard of it, much less visited, so let me introduce you to this "secret". Shop-At-The-Top is an amazing thrift store that has served the Clearbrook area for over 15 years.

It evolved from an idea to help pay the utilities for the newly incorporated Clear Waters Life Center to one room on the third floor of CWLC, hence its name, where "everything" took place - donation drop-off, sorting, tagging, hanging, displaying, and selling - to a shop that occupies the entire third floor and part of the bottom floor. As the shop and its hours expanded, so did the need for volunteers. Today, the shop keeps 20 plus volunteers busy and logs at least 85 hours of volunteer time every week.

Perhaps the most beautiful aspect of Shop-At-The-Top is that it is volunteer run. The shop-keepers and sorters are a dedicated group of people; some have been a part of the shop from its inception; others have been here just a few months.

For the most part, they come once a week, but some come in several days a week for a few hours and others are just occasional. The volunteers who wait on you are just the "tip of the iceberg". Shop-at-the-Top could not exist without them. Most are here because someone asked them, and once they discovered the joy of service and treasure hunting, they stayed.

A volunteer most often gives more than she/he gives in time and energy. Volunteering provides a sense of belonging, being a part of something larger than yourself for the greater good. There is a sense of pride in being a part of something done well. There is the conversation and laughter that exists between friends; the exchange of ideas and support; and the simple joy of serving. We are always looking for new volunteers, so feel free to stop in the CWLC office or the shop and ask for a Volunteer Application. No number of volunteer hours are too little, and our manager will match you with what you like to do.

Our volunteers keep the shop neat and organized to make our customers feel valued. It is because of our volunteers and those who donate everything from good quality clothing to



Front door of Clear Waters Life Center-Clearbrook with Shop-At-The-Top sign at 256 2nd Ave., SW.

small kitchen appliances, children's toys, puzzles & games and one-of-kind items that Shop-At-The-Top is able to keep prices low to serve our customers. Thank you, volunteers, donors, and customers for supporting Shop-At-The-Top and Clear Waters Life Center. You keep "the lights on", so we can provide services and programs to help our communities.

Shop-At-The-Top is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. You can keep up-to-date on what's new and sales by liking Clear Waters Life Center on Facebook or visiting our website, www.clearwaterslife.org.



Shop-At-The-Top provides an organized, spacious shopping experience with amazingly low prices for its customers.

Clearbrook's Blood Drive Brings in 49 Volunteers

Clearbrook, MN - Clearbrook community hosted a blood drive with Vitalant on April 7 at the community center which helped collect a total of 51 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 49 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 46 individuals were able to donate at the Vitalant blood drive on April 7. A total of five donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC) which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor.

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to Nancy Goudge, who coordinated the drive, and Good Shepherd Lutheran

Church Women which sponsored the blood drive, as well as others who assisted the day of the drive: Donna Rae Jacobson, Betty Randklev, Susan Sandland, Vicki Hanson, and Bonnie Engen.

Living through a pandemic can lead to many uncertainties, although one thing we are sure of, is that the need for blood never ceases. Blood is only useable for 42 days, so a constant supply is always needed, no matter the season.

Vitalant is currently testing all successful blood, platelet and plasma donations for the foreseeable future for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. If your donation is

antibody positive, Vitalant can produce convalescent plasma from it to help COVID patients, additionally the remaining blood components will help other patients with serious medical conditions. Antibodies are proteins within plasma that help fight off infections. Because antibodies are part of the body's immune response and not the virus itself, antibody testing cannot be used to diagnose current coronavirus infection. Please postpone your donation if you are feeling unwell or suspect you may have COVID-19. Individuals must be symptom free for at least

Blood Drive...
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Community Calendar

Gonvick City spring clean-up

Monday, April 19th through Sunday, April 25th

The following items will be picked up at no charge: furniture, rechargeable batteries, various metals (bikes, trikes, swing-sets, etc.), mattresses/box springs, building materials, carpet, appliances (fridges, stoves, water heaters, humidifiers, tubs and sinks.

The following items will not be picked up: paint/chemicals, waste, pesticides, tires, computer monitors, florescent bulbs and tvs.

The clean-up is restricted to the residents of Gonvick only!!

The brush dump behind the sewer plant will be open to accept yard waste only.

Notice to Eddy Township Residents

The 2021 monthly meetings will be held at the Town Hall

8:00 P.M.

May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13

7:30 P.M.

October 12, **Tuesday**
November 8
December 13
(No meeting in January)
February 14, 2022
March 8, 2022
Annual Meeting, at 4:00 P.M.
Marilyn Shamp,
Eddy Clerk

Blood Drive...

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28 days to be eligible to give blood. Learn more about finding ways to help patients during COVID by visiting vitalant.org/COVIDRescueTeam

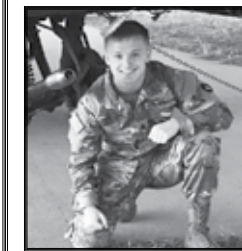
Donors can make a convenient appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling 877-25-VITAL. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test. The next blood drive in Clearbrook is planned to be held on: Monday, June 7, 2021.

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

Please Join Us In Showering
the Mommy-To-Be
Alexis Ballard
on April 17th 2021
at the Gonvick American Legion
Celebration starts at 10am

THANK YOU
We would like to thank all those who came over to help fight the grass fire that we had in Gully. Without their quick action we would have lost our shed and possibly our home. Also thanks to Gonvick, Clearbrook and DNR fire departments for your quick response, it was very much appreciated!
David & Patty Carlson

A MESSAGE TO ALL VETERANS IN CLEARWATER COUNTY!



Logan LeClair, Veteran Service Officer for Clearwater County
You will find my office on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse.
"I've been to Iraq and Kuwait, which helps me relate with the experiences of our veterans in the community."
Please call for an appointment
OFFICE: 218-694-6618; CELL: 218-401-2951
EMAIL: logan.leclair@co.clearwater.mn.us
213 Main Ave., N., Dept. 305
Bagley, MN 56621

MEMORIAL DAY WILL BE HERE SOONER THAN YOU THINK!
Be sure to contact me so your deceased Veteran will have a bronze grave marker designating his or her service to our nation.

In times of need our nation called for your help, you answered the call. As a former service man or service woman, the United States of America made promises to support you in your time of need. If you are a veteran who is suffering the effects of poor health, injuries, or other maladies connected to your service to our country, I am here to help you obtain the help you are entitled to. This applies also to surviving spouses and dependent children.

OUTREACH SCHEDULE

Shevlin on Tuesdays
10 - noon at the City Hall/Fire Hall
Clearbrook on Tuesdays,
1-3 p.m. at City Hall in the Legion room.

PLEASE NOTE: I WON'T BE AVAILABLE ON APRIL 8, 9 OR 19

Gonvick on Thursdays
1-3 p.m. at City Hall
Leonard on Thursdays
10 - noon at CC Trailblazers Clubhouse

NOTICE
To the residents of Clover Township the regular meeting will be held April 16th at 6:00 pm Friday at the Town Hall.
Joel Wraa, Clerk

Letter To the Editor

VA Health Care
The VA has health care that is available to most Veterans. The VA healthcare system has 1,255 health care facilities across the country. They serve 9 million Veterans a year. In 2019 Clearwater County alone spent \$4,197,000 on medical care for Veterans. This money came directly from the federal VA. The closest VA facility to Clearwater County is the Bemidji Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC). As I mentioned most Veterans are eligible for VA health care. If you want specifics on the eligibility you can go to Eligibility For VA Health Care | Veterans Affairs online, or you can talk to me. However, in my opinion, VA health care can be dumbed down to 3 basic eligibility requirements. They are as follows: Vietnam Veteran, Iraq/Afghanistan Veteran and low income Veterans. Again others may apply too but this article would be pages long if I listed every specific eligibility requirement. You may be wondering what is considered low income for Veterans. For VA health care purposes the income limit

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Main Entrees included with meal are vegetable, bread, milk, dessert and or fruit.
Wed. April 14 - Beef Noodle Casserole, Veggie and Dessert.
Thurs., April 15- Tator Tot Hot Dish, Fruit, Dessert.
Fri., April 16 - Turkey, Gravy, Potatoes, Squash.
Mon., April 19 - Baked Chicken Potatoes, Veggie, and Bar.
Tues. April 20 - Hamb. Tomato Hot Dish, Veggie.
Wed. April 21 - Chef Salad, Bread Sticks.
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.

is actually quite high. A single Veteran must be below ~\$40,000 and a married Veteran must be below ~\$45,000. Veterans who are over this limit may deduct their reoccurring medical expenses to get under that monetary value. For example if a married Veteran makes \$50,000 a year but has \$6000 in reoccurring medical expenses that would put him under that limit. To apply for VA health care give me a call and set up an appointment. The form is quite easy to fill out. However, I will need you to bring some accompanying information so the application can be completed efficiently and in one session. I will need your current medical insurance, accurate income levels of the Veteran and the spouse (if married), DD214 or discharge and spouses social security (if married). If you cannot find your discharge or have lost it I may be able to find it for you. Please note that if you get into the VA health care system you will need to at least use it biannually or you will not have a primary care provider. You would still be in the system at this point though, it would just be one more hoop for you to jump through. Please give me a call if interested 218-694-6618.

REWARD
For information leading to a conviction for the improper use of the County's solid waste-canister sites
Up to \$100
Being offered by Clearwater County Environmental Services
(218) 694-6183

Report from county nursing service

Clearwater County: 750 cumulative cases.
We are seeing an uptick in our region. This is concerning as we see the uptake of the vaccine decrease! The case count for the past 14 days is 18 cases and that makes our 14 day case rate 20.43.
Age ranges for COVID cases from March 26, 2021 to April 8, 2021
Age 0-19: 1
Age 20-39: 4
Age 40-59: 5
Age 60-79: 5
Age 80+: 3
Vaccine: We continue to vaccinate (first and second doses) along with partners in our county.
Presently: 2650 residents of Clearwater County have received at least one vaccination dose-38.3 %
2059 residents of Clearwater County that have completed the vaccination series 29.8%
72.3 % of Clearwater county residents age 65 and above have been vaccinated at least one dose!!!
CCNS urges those eligible to receive vaccine to take it. It is an important weapon to reduce the spread of COVID and get back to normal!!
**If you are over 18 years old and would like to be vaccinated please contact our office at 694-6581 to sign up. You will be added to our list. We will contact you to arrange a time to vaccinate you as we receive vaccine.
Questions regarding vaccination?? Give us a call at 694-6581.
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

What's happening now?

Most recently, the CRP (Community Review Panel) reviewed segment three (east of Ridgeway Avenue to Bemidji Avenue) of the Highway 197 corridor in Bemidji. Joe DeVore, an engineering consultant with KLJ, has been present at each meeting to review expected safety improvements, present analysis on CRP concepts, and provide engineering insight to each segment of the corridor. Based on the input on segments one, two and three from the CRP, KLJ is currently working to provide two new alternative layouts for community input. These new concepts will prioritize CRP feedback of prioritizing business ingress and egress

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.

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

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Kris Snyder
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Rd 7
Sunday Church Services 9:00am Church

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center: Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday thru Friday, and 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturday. CWLC-Gonvick, 226 Elm St. Use Oak St. Entrance.
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.
Shop-At-The-Top: Adding Spring & summer items, daily. Open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, weekdays, & 10:00-12:00 on Saturday in CWLC-Clearbrook.
Restore It! Furniture Shop Hours: 0:00 1AM - 4:00 PM, weekdays, & 10:00-12:00 on Saturday in Clearbrook. Donations of clean, good quality items accepted during business hours.
Senior Connection Transportation Service: Clearwater County residents, 60 & over. Rides scheduled Monday-Friday. 24 hour notice required!! Call 218-888-2320 to schedule.
Youth Connection After-School Program: Fourth term is winding down with just two weeks remaining, but new students in grades 5th-8th are still welcome. 3:30-5:00 PM, Tues. Registration form available at www.clearwaterslife.org. C-G school, or at CWLC office.
GED Prep: Tues., 6:00-8:00 PM & Wed., 12:30-3:00 PM. Individualized instruction is free, but a one-time \$20.00 fee to help cover the cost of books & supplies is appreciated. 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.
For more information on programs & services, visit our webpages: www.clearwaterslife.org and www.mustardseedhomes.org, like our Facebook pages, follow us on Instagram.
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and multimodal improvements while still addressing key safety improvements responding to recent crash locations.

Over the next month, MnDOT, HRDC, KLJ and the CRP will present those new alternatives to business owners along the corridor. Beginning in May, the group will develop a Virtual Open House. The virtual open house will provide an opportunity for community input on the new alternatives for the corridor. Along with the virtual open house, the groups will schedule events in Bemidji to share the new concepts in a variety of ways. More information on these community engagement efforts will be provided in early May.

Church News

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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., April 14 - 5:45pm Confirmation - Zoom
Sun., April 18 - 9:00 am - 9:00am/Communion/Baptism; 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School

Our Savior's
Sun. April 18 - 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service/Communion

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, April 14: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, April 17: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, April 18: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 8:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Worship.

Wed, April 21: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. OP Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m.

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

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, April 14: 6:25 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, April 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, April 20: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, April 21: 6:25 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, April 14: 2:00 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid.
Sun, April 18: 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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MEMORIAL TO BE HELD AT
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Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



We have been fortunate this year to have an early spring. Many of our area lakes are already open and people are counting the days to the fishing opener. The opener is over a month away, but people are already getting out onto the lakes. This time of year can be dangerous as the water temps are very cold and can pose a very real threat should you find yourself in the water. I want to take time this month to remind people of the dangers and urge people to take precautions this boating season.

First off, the water temperatures in our area are still very cold. It takes until July most years to have the surface temperature of lakes to be the same as air temperatures. If you fall out of your boat and end

up in the water, the cold-water temperatures will pose a significant danger to you, regardless of your swimming ability. In water temperatures of 32.5-40 degrees Fahrenheit, it only takes 15-30 minutes for you to succumb to exhaustion or unconsciousness. Your expected time of survival ranges from 30-90 minutes. As water temperatures increase, so do your chances of survival.

If you find yourself in cold water, wearing your life jacket will be your best chance for survival. When a person falls into cold water, the body has the reaction of taking a deep breath because of the shock to the body. It is that first deep breath that can be fatal if you are under the water when that reaction occurs. If you have a life vest on it will not only help you resurface, but

keep you floating without having to exert too much energy. The amount of time you have to keep meaningful movement in your extremities is limited in cold water, so it is important to assess the situation you're in and decide on how to get out of the water. Time is not on your side, so please wear your life vest, especially in the early season. It may just save your life.

Another factor that can lead to a tragedy is mixing boating with alcohol. Alcohol is the number one factor in boating fatalities. I've had people ask me if it is legal to be drinking while boating. The answer to that question is yes, you can drink alcoholic beverages aboard a boat and have open containers. The Boating While Impaired (BWI) laws are targeted at individuals who are operating a motorboat that is not anchored, beached or docked. The blood alcohol concentration for a BWI is the same as Driving While Impaired (DWI) which is a .08. A BWI will go on your driving record just like a DWI. If you have repeated BWI's, the level of crime can be enhanced to a

felony just like in a DWI case. Please keep this in mind when you are out enjoying the summer sun on your boat. If you're going to drink, do so sensibly.

A few more reminders to keep you safe this summer if you go out fishing or boating include telling someone where you're going and what time you are expecting to be back. If you have a cell phone, bring it with in case your plans change or some kind of accident happens. Don't assume that your phone will work in all places. There are many dead spots throughout our county where you will not have cell service. Whomever you told of your plans should also know that if you don't show up when you're supposed to and they haven't heard anything different, to call 911 immediately. As I stated earlier, time is important if a rescue would need to be initiated.

Next, be alert to weather changes. Don't stay on the water if you see a storm approaching. Lightning and strong winds can be a very serious threat if you are on the water in a boat. If you happen to be on a bigger body of water, strong winds can cause large waves which make the risk of capsizing much more likely. Depending on the size of your boat, even smaller bodies of water can have waves big enough to capsize your boat. If you find yourself in rough water, slow down. Doing this will help you avoid capsizing.

Lastly, be familiar with your boat and how it operates. Stay seated and low in the boat when it is moving to avoid falling over and stay alert to dangers in the water such as rocks, trees or other floating objects. And remember, be courteous to others who are also using the waters of our state.

I hope that everyone has a great summer and take the time to enjoy all of our local area lakes. We are truly fortunate to have such a great natural resource so readily available to us. Get out and enjoy it. Also, please come out on April 17th for the annual Sheriff's Volunteer Reserve Fundraiser at the Bagley American Legion from 5-7 pm. Enjoy a pulled pork meal and visit with current members of the Reserve as well as others from the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

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

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

2021 Career Expo April 14

April 05, 2021 — Northland Community & Technical College is set to host the 2021 Career Expo virtually on April 14 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. The event will give high school students grades 9-12 an exclusive opportunity to meet with faculty in a wide variety of programs as well as student services staff.

Northland's Career Expo is an annual event for local high school students on both the East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls campuses. The purpose of the Expo is to help high school students make decisions about their future and understand the value of education in preparing for careers. The event focuses on Northland's programs and provides an in-depth and engaging experience connecting participants directly with faculty.

"The Career Expo is an event that occurs annually, usually in-person, on-campus, and provides hands-on opportunities to students participating," shares Nicki Carlson, Northland Director of Enrollment Management & Admissions. "Unfortunately, like many events this past year, we have had to move this to a virtual event. We've gotten creative to ensure we're providing an opportunity for participants to gain deeper insight and have engaging experiences to many of the programs Northland has to offer."

Students will learn firsthand from program faculty as they talk about the classroom experience, how online classes

work, highlight career opportunities, and hold a question and answer session. An extensive variety of Northland's programs will take part in the Expo, including; Paramedic, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Respiratory Therapist, Business, Digital Marketing, Marketing & Management, Auto Body Collision Technology, Automotive Service Technology, Agriculture, Geospatial Intelligence Analysis, Early Childhood Education, and Architectural Technology & Design.

"We know that a virtual Expo isn't the ideal situation," Northland Dean of Liberal Arts, Business, and Technical Programs, Shamani Shikwambi admits, "An in-person experience is usually preferred, however, with the use of technology, participants will be face-to-face with program faculty and have the opportunity to gather information and evaluate how well a particular career suits their talents and interests."

Participants will be able to attend several sessions of their choosing and get a comprehensive overview of Northland's diverse program options. In addition, they will be introduced to their student support team and have a chance to ask any questions about the admission process, class registration, tuition, and financial aid. Participants will have the opportunity to win door prize drawings throughout the event.



Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., April 14 - Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas & Carrots, Dinner roll, Cinnamon Apples and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Animal Crackers

Thurs., April 15 - Turkey Subs, Baked Chips, Carrot Sticks with Ranch, Fresh Fruit and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Trail Mix.

Fri., April 16 - Distance Learning Day.

Mon., April 19 - Pork Fritter, scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Grapes, Dinner Roll and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Yogurt

Tues., April 20 - Ham Stromboli, Baked Chips, Carrot Sticks, Apples and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Strawberry Chex.

Wed., April 21 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Peaches and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Goldfish Crackers.

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Quarter 3

A Honor Roll

7th Grade - Joley Hinrichs -Olson, Sarah Imle, Amelia Machlitt, Chasity Matheson, Aubrey McCoy, Hannah Weems, Mikaela Weems, Wyatt Westrum

8th Grade -Gabrielle Anderson, Ryan Bodensteiner, Dylan Dahlke, Allison Lavine, Tatum Melby, Ceceila Midbo,Emma Nybo, Craig Roy III, Cooper Wishard

9th Grade -Skylar Ballard, Alex Churness, Abigail Engen, Haley McCoy, Trevor Solberg, Nathan Weems

10th Grade - Ty Dyrdahl, Elizabeth Eckman, Hailee Hanson, Julianne Lavin, Avery Lavin, Dawson Quern, Sarah Reichert, Kjersti Snyder, Logan Westrum

11th Grade - Jayden Bergerson, Aiden Churness, John DeVries, Jensen Engberg, Ella Engen, Malaina Hartwig, Chantelle Kusick, Thomas Straabe, Jayna Tronnes, Mck-

enzie Weems, Kaylee Westrum, Samuel Wishard

12th Grade - Kayla Ehlers. Falline Erickson, Kaylee Faldet, Chelsey Gilbertson, Gabe Lavine, Sydney Vakoch

Quarter 3

B Honor Roll

7th Grade - Peyton Berg, Jacie Bergerson, Natasha Chandler, Emma Fawver, Bryce Helberg

8th grade - Tavia Johnson

9th grade - Aliyah Ballard, Cameron Bergman, Vincent Harmon, Makenna Hartwig, Luke Johnson, Presley Westrum

10th Grade - Jesse Anderson, Daniel Rankin, Pauline Roussel

11th Grade - Justyce Auginash, Shayla Baker, Danielle Faldet, Kelsey Johnson, Dana Melby, Annabell Phillips, Emma Rude

12th Grade - Amara Churness, Alec Halverson, Mykenzie Larson, Benjamin Nelson, Gabriel Nunez

Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors

Each week the Leader-Record is featuring the 2021 seniors



Name: Ben Nelson
Family Members: Angela Hensley (mom) and Darwin Nelson (dad), Jenna (sister), Sam & Hunter (brothers)

Best High School Memory: Burning my 35-15-15 Super-Swampers in the Parking Lot

Best Part of Being a Senior: No rules are enforced on me.

How did COVID impact your senior year? I can't really do anything I want.

Favorite teacher or coach: Mr. Kroulik

Favorite class: Shop

Favorite Movie: Joe Dirt

Favorite song or band: Motley Crue

Plans for next year: Just work.



Name: Wyatt Anderson
Family Members: Craig (Dad), Tamera (Mom), Jesse, Alexa, Bella

Best High School Memory: Late night shenanigans

Best Part of Being a Senior: Last year of school.

How did COVID impact your senior year? Made us wear dumb masks.

Favorite teacher or coach: Ross Faldet

Favorite class: Senior skills

Favorite Movie: Tombstone

Favorite song or band: Koe Wetzel

Plans for next year: Go to Lynnes welding, then work.



Name: John Davis
Family Members: Darien (grandpa), LaFerne (grandma) Northup, Jake (twin), my pet bunny "bun bun"

Best High School Memory: Making friends

Best Part of Being a Senior: I don't have to come back.

How did COVID impact your senior year? I have to wear a mask.

Favorite teacher or coach: Ross Faldet

Favorite class: Shop

Favorite Movie: Joe Dirt

Favorite song or band: Promise to love her.

Plans for next year: Go to work and get married



Name: Jake Davis
Family Members: Darien – grandpa, LaFerne – grandma, John, Chris, Jeri

Best High School Memory: Playing Football

Best Part of Being a Senior: Last year of school

How did COVID impact your senior year? IDK

Favorite teacher or coach: Mr. C – teacher & Mr. Kroulik -coach

Favorite class: Gym

Favorite Movie: Fast & Furious

Favorite song or band: Country music

Plans for next year: Work and maybe more.

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The calendars feature photos of fair activities and advertisements from local businesses that support the fair. If you can't reach a Fair Board member, you can find the calendars at the office of County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson.

THE LEADER-RECORD 3

Notice of Expiration of Redemption

State of Minnesota
County of Clearwater

Allen L. Paulson
County Auditor-Treasurer

TO: All PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Clearwater County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest and costs levied on those parcels. The time of redemption from forfeiture expired if redemption is not made by the later of (1) 60 days after the service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the parcel or (2) September 30, 2021.

The following information is listed below: the name of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the County Auditor-Treasurer; the legal description and parcel identification number of each parcel; and the amount necessary to redeem a parcel as of the date listed below.

Clover Township

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2SE1/4NW1/4) And the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE1/4SW1/4), Section Thirty-Five, (35), Township One Hundred Fifty (150) North, Range Thirty-Six (36) West, of the Fifth P.M; According to the United States Government Survey thereof;

02.035.0500

Thomas & Delores Torgerson
26302 Bagley Lake Rd
Leonard, MN 56652

First State Bank of Clearbrook
123 Main Street South
PO Box 27
Clearbrook, MN 56634

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Range Thirty-eight (38).

06.005.1210

The East 417.33 feet of the West 834.66 feet of the North 208.66 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4NW1/4), Section Twenty-nine (29), Township One Hundred Forty-six (146) North of Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the 5th P.M.

06.029.0300

Paragon Bank-Shakopee
115 1st Ave East
PO Box 598
Shakopee, MN 55379
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Hunter & Skyler Campbell
C/O Edith Campbell
19729 Naples St NW
Elk River, MN 55330-8860

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Copley Township

The West 28 rods of the North 40 rods of Lot 1, Section Four (4), Township One Hundred Forty-Seven (147), North of Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the Fifth P.M.

03.004.0300

Duane & Lorna Dahlke
19913 400th St
Bagley, MN 56621

\$1,261.35

The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE1/4SE1/4) Section Thirteen (13), Township One Hundred Forty-five (145) North, Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the Fifth P.M.

11.213.0300

Lanton Johnson
17276 250th St
Bagley, MN 56621

\$587.80

That part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 147 North, Range 37 West, Clearwater County, Minnesota, lying southwesterly of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 92 as located in 1999 described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 1, DEL-LYNN ACRES, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence South 57°°31’ West, record plat bearing, along the northwesterly line of said Block 1 and the southwesterly extension, a distance of 246.00 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence North 37°50’50” West a distance of 285.00 feet; thence South 57°20’ West a distance of 387.50 feet; thence South 30°41’17” East a distance of 309.16 feet to the intersection with the northwesterly line of said DEL-LYNN ACRES; thence North59°54’ East a distance of 66.00 feet along said northwesterly line; thence North 57°52’43” East a distance of 177.26 feet along said northwesterly line; thence North 58°38’ East a distance of 180.20 feet along said northwesterly line to the intersection with the westerly line of Patricia Lane; thence northwesterly along the westerly line of said Patricia Lane to the point of beginning. Subject to and together with an easement for ingress and egress over and across part of said Southwest Quarter. The center line of said easement is described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 1, DEL-LYNN ACRES, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence South 57°31’ West, record plat bearing, along the northwesterly line of said Block 1 and the southwesterly extension, a distance of 246.00 feet; thence North 37°50’50” West a distance of 245 feet to the point of beginning of said center line; thence South 73°18’18” West a distance of 337.73 feet; thence; South 88°09’41” West a distance of 173.72 feet; thence South 89°52’20” West to the intersection with the northwesterly line of DAWN ACRES, according to the recorded plat thereof, and said center line there terminating.

03.020.0400

\$177.56

Shevlin Township

The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE1/4SW1/4) and that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4SW1/4) which lies North of the Great Northern Railway right-of-way in Section Twenty-two (22); all in Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147) North, Range Thirty-Six (36) West of the Fifth P.M. according to the governmental survey thereof.

19.022.0500

Keith O’Beirne
C/O Jamey O’Beirne
25722 US 2
Shevlin, MN 56676

Vincent O’Beirne
C/O Jamey O’Beirne
25722 US 2
Shevlin, MN 56676
\$700.51

That part of the Southwest Quarter(SW1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the Fifth P.M., lying Southwesterly of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 92 as located in 1999, South of a line 409.5 feet South of the North line of said Southwest Quarter, Northwesterly of the plat of DEL-LYNN ACRES, according to the recorded plat therof and Northeasterly of the following described line: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot One (1), Block One (1) of said DEL-LYNN ACRES; thence South 57°31’ West, record plat bearing, along the Northwesterly line of said Block One (1) and the Southwesterly extension, a distance of 246.00 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence North 37°50’50” West to the intersection with a line 409.5 feet South of the North line of said Southwest Quarter and said line there terminating. Subject to a 20 foot wide easement for ingress and egress over and across the above described property. Said easement lies 20 feet Northeasterly of and coincident with the following described line: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot One (1), Block One (1), of said DEL-LYNN ACRES; thence South 57°31’ West, record plat bearing, along the Northwesterly line of said Block One (1) and the Southwesterly extension, a distance of 246.00 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence North 37°50’50” West a distance of 305 feet and said line there terminating.

03.020.0420

Ray & Donna Hanson
PO Box 302
Bagley, MN 56621

Conseco Finance Company
1155 Centre Point Dr Suite 700
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Winsor Township

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4), Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Fifty (150) North, Range Thirty-eight (38) West, off the Fifth P.M.

22.023.0900

Mark Sundquist
341 Elm St
Gonvick, MN 56644

Northern State Bank of Gonvick
283 Main Street
PO Box 60
Gonvick, MN 56644

\$1,141.07

Bagley City

Beginning at a point two hundred fifty (250) feet South of U.S. Highway No. 2 on the West boundary Line that is known as the Dam Road, thence West on a straight line drawn parallel to the South line of Lot Three (3), Section Thirty (30), Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West, a distance of One Hundred Fifty (150) feet; thence at right angles and South on a straight line drawn parallel to the West line of said Lot Three (3), Section Thirty (30), Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West, a distance of One Hundred Eighty (180) feet; thence at right angles and East on a straight line drawn parallel to the aforesaid South line of said Lot Three (3), a distance of One Hundred Fifty (150) feet; thence Northerly and along the West boundary line of the aforesaid Dam Road a distance of One Hundred Eighty (180) feet to the point of beginning. Said tract of land being located in Lot Three (3), Section Thirty (30), Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West, according to the government survey thereof.

23.030.5300

Glenn & Delores Peterson
41 Tower Ave SW
Bagley, MN 56621

Northwest MN Multi-County HRA
PO Box 128
Mentor, MN 56736

\$1,291.26

The E1/2 of NW1/4, Section 33, Township 147 North, Range 37 West of the 5th P.M.

03.033.0310

Sheldon Johnson
PO Box 183
Long Prairie, MN 56347

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
610 Lake Street South
PO Box 180
Long Prairie, MN 56347
\$1,358.87

Dudley Township

North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter Of the Southwest Quarter (N1/2NE1/4NW1/4SW1/4) Section Thirty-three (33) Township One Hundred Forty-eight (148) North of Range Thirty-six (36) West of the 5th P.M.

04.033.0800

Benjamin Strandlien
26735 360th St
Shevlin, MN 56676

\$1,631.16

Lots Five (5) and Six (6), Block Four (4), Higdem’s Addition to Bagley.

Jason Swenson & Monarae Teige
225 Oak Ave SW
Bagley, MN 56621

Mark & Elaine Netland
21235 350th St
Bagley, MN 56621

\$2,989.47

Eddy Township

The South 990 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4SW1/4), LESS the South 330 feet thereof, Section Thirty-four (34), Township One Hundred Forty-eight (148) North, Range Thirty-eight (38) West of the Fifth P.M.

05.034.0820

Ericka Beckett
PO Box 147
Erskine, MN 56535-0147

Unity Bank North
210 Main Ave
PO Box 280
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

\$1,895.53

23.303.0310

That part of Block Four (4) Auditor’s 2nd Subdivision of Bagley, described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the Northerly Right-of-Way line of County Road 96 and the North-South Quarter line of Section Twenty-nine (29) Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the Fifth P.M. (SE corner of said Block Four); Thence in an assumed North Azimuth of 291°42’31” along said Right-of-Way (Southerly boundary of said Block Four) 398.17 feet to point of beginning; thence continuing along said Right-of-Way at an assumed North Azimuth of 291°42’31” 66.0 feet; thence at an assumed North Azimuth of 06°10’52” 305.92 feet; thence at an assumed North Azimuth of 90°24’46” 138.13 feet; thence at an assumed North Azimuth of 204°29’15” 226.40 feet; thence at an assumed North Azimuth of 187°27’23” 122.56 feet to point of beginning.

23.308.0110

Vera Qualley
PO Box 602
Bagley, MN 56621

CitiFinancial Services, Inc
1500 30th Ave Suite D
Moorhead, MN 56560

\$248.18

Falk Township

The North 792 feet of the West 718 feet of The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4SW1/4), Section Four (4), Township One Hundred Forty-six (146) North, Range Thirty-Eight (38) West of the Fifth P.M. Less the East 315 Feet of the West 652 feet of the North 240 feet of said NW1/4SW1/4.

06.004.0400

Anthony & Althea Colgrove
13163 336th St
Bagley, MN 56621

Phyllis Skala
13157 336th St
Bagley, MN 56621

\$662.08

Clearbrook City

Lot Nine (9) of Block Seven (7), of the Village of Clearbrook

24.300.0600

Patrick Bishop
PO Box 209
Clearbrook, MN 56634
\$3,348.81

Robert Holder
111 Elm Street
Clearbrook, MN 56634

\$809.50

The North 208 feet of the West 208.7 feet of the East 1100 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE1/4SE1/4), Section Five (5), Township One Hundred Forty-six (146),

Anthony & Althea Colgrove
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In addition, statewide tornado drills will be held Thursday, April 15. Outdoor sirens and NOAA weather radios will sound.

This is the perfect time to engage with your communities, schools, and local businesses to talk about their emergency plans and how they can prepare for the upcoming severe weather season.

Each day of Severe Weather Awareness Week highlights an important weather safety topic.

- Monday: Alerts and Warn-



ings

- Tuesday: Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail
- Wednesday: Floods
- Thursday: Tornadoes (with statewide tornado drills)
- Friday: Extreme Heat
- Promote Emergency Preparedness in Your Community
- Hold preparedness seminars.
- Consult with local businesses.
- Host a preparedness and health fair.

Northland Community Announces Pioneer Athletics Return

April 12, 2021 – After a season off for nearly all Pioneer Athletics, today, Northland announced the intention for a full return of athletics beginning fall 2021. This decision will affect volleyball, clay target, wrestling, and men's and women's basketball.

The spring 2021 sports schedule saw a return to play with an abundance of caution for Pioneer Baseball and Softball. This spring season will hopefully be a bridge to return to a more full-time normalcy for the College's athletes and fans.

Northland is aiming for a season with full schedules, fewer disruptions, and more fans in the stands. The safety and well-being of all students and staff remain Northland's primary goal. Although there is much confidence in the positive outlook for fall, all plans remain contingent upon federal, state, and local health guidelines, and the status of all competitions will be subject to the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"All of the coaches are looking forward to next year's season, however, the challenge we will be facing is if our new recruits and the returners will be ready to step on the court," expresses Northland Athletics Coordinator Abdul Chamma. "In addition, many people in the community have been asking about fall sports, and whether fans will be allowed. We hope to have fans in the stands because we know that their support adds to the overall competitive experience."

Once the Pioneers hit the court or field, they will have es-

entially been out of the action for a year or more. However, that does mean they've been idle, as many athletes have found creative ways to stay active and keep their skills sharp.

"We are looking forward to getting back into the gym. It was an adjustment for all when fall came around last year, and we weren't able to get on the court," shares Pioneer Volleyball Head Coach Courtney Nordby. "It really made athletes accountable for their schedules and routines. They didn't have that set schedule that many are very used to. We have seen our players' initiative when they let us know how they are getting in workouts or ball handling, etc., and their true passion for the game is showing."

While fall sports like volleyball and clay target will be ready to roll early, Pioneer winter sports that begin their practice and scrimmage schedules in late fall will also benefit from this decision.

"We are excited to be back for the 2021-22 season and look forward to building on the recent success of Northland women's basketball, having competed in three of the past seven national championship games," asserts Shannon Nelson, Pioneer Women's Basketball Head Coach. "Although we were all disappointed with the COVID pause, we are fortunate to return nine players and have signed four more so far."

Since March 2020, student-athletes and college coaches have been in a constant state of uncertainty as the COVID situation has evolved. There has

- Start a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

- Meet with homeowners associations.

- Post newsletter, social media and website articles with preparedness tips.

- Encourage others to know how to contact their county emergency manager.

More information about these emergency preparedness steps is provided on the HSEM Weather Safety and National Weather Service websites.

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April 12 - 16, 2021

Statewide Tornado Drill Day is April 15

been little chance for athletes to showcase their skills when athletic events and entire seasons have been canceled, and in-person recruiting has been halted. Coaches have needed to adapt in order to fill their rosters.

"Our incoming recruiting class has a lot of local young ladies that people will recognize. We have some key roles to fill this coming year, and I think our incoming class will do a nice job filling those spots quickly," adds Norby, "The excitement is steadily building, and the girls are wondering when we can get in the gym and a ball in the air."

Pioneer Women's Basketball is also enthusiastic about the upcoming season. Nelson expressed, "Throughout the recruiting process this past year, we communicated Northland's commitment to athletics and our confidence in this program's ability to bounce back in 2021. This announcement just solidifies that confidence and gets us one step closer to being back on the court and representing our college and communities."

"It's been a tough year all around. It was very hard to recruit overall because we couldn't give a definitive answer if fall sports will be a go, relayed Chamma. "But now it will be different."

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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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