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Fourteen events were held at the Gonvick Lions rodeo along with the popular barrel racing. See results and money winners on the Canary front page this week.

Talent and fashion show started off the Gonvick-Trail All-School reunion



Winners in the talent contest were in the Adult category Carole Tharalson and Robin Kelleher with a trophy and \$100 (shown above). Taking second place were Cheryl Mollin, Judy Haugen and Gloria Eck with a \$50 prize (shown below).



Council makes second payment for city project

The Clearbrook City Council met with Curt Meyers with Widseth Smith and Nolthing at their regular meeting on June 14. He presented the send pay application for the Clearbrook Utility Improvement Project. They approved the second payment in the amount of \$980,861.36 for the water and sewer project. The council had concerns about the boring that was being down under Highway 92. Main Street was to being on July 15 and business places were to be notified of the digging that was going to be done. The contractor was to be responsible to lay out plans to the business places along Main Street.

There were three change orders that were to be brought to Rural Development for approval of funding.

1. The asbestos removal for \$4,550 that might have to be trucked out of the area.
2. A new water line for \$23,326.60
3. Replacing of an unknown water main for \$5,645.

The council signed certification and real property declaration papers. They relate to the project that includes replacement of City Sanitary Sewer and Water main along with work on the outlet pipe and valve replacement out at the lagoons, replace the City's Main Lift Station and street repair associated with the

pipe replacement. The financing will be funded in whole or in part with state bond proceeds.

Zach Thoma's has left to pursue a different professional position. He had been working with the city on the Trail Project. Mike Karvakko with the company will be taking over duties to get the project moving along. They are almost done with the work at the ballfields.

City police officer Ryan Solee updated the council on how to handle blight issues more effectively through state statute. He will be meeting with Clearwater County Attorney Kathryn Lorschbach to update the ordinance so that Clearbrook and Gonvick will be more the same. In the August meeting he will give the council the update and in September to make any changes that may be made. The police department has had a budget meeting and they are sitting good financially. He stated that 85% of the blight issues in the city have been taken care of.

They are having some electrical issues with the Ram patrol car.

Solee presented his activities for the month with 33 total. They included: 911 Hang Up 2; Alarm 1; Animal Related 3; Assist Other Agency 3; Civil Com-

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Sheriff's Department held up as example of peaceably managing protests

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on July 13, 2021 for their regular meeting.

Sheriff Darin Halverson was authorized by the Commissioners to purchase a VESTA 911 System from Independent Emergency Services (IES) with 5 years of support at a cost of \$138,854. The motion for this purchase was made by Commissioner Mark Titera and seconded by Commissioner Mark Larson, which passed unanimously.

The cost of this purchase will come out of the Enhanced 911 Fund. The Sheriff said that this is an upgrade of the 911 system, which lasts about seven years.

"I commend the work they (the Sheriff's Department) are doing," stated Commissioner John Nelson. "The article in last week's Bemidji Pioneer was excellent. I recommend that you all read it. Clearwater County is a wonderful example of how things should be done."

Commissioner Nelson hopes that the local newspapers can get permission to publish a copy of the article, and requested this journalist to pursue that. (Article appeared in July 8 issue, "In Clearwater County, sheriff aims to keep peace amid Line 3 resistance").

Callie Johnson was promoted by the Commissioners from part time Communications Corrections Officer (CCO) to full time CCO to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Joshua Hasbargen, effective July 11.

Tyler Carraway was promoted by the Commissioners from part time Communications Corrections Officer to full time CCO to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Nicholas Edwards, effective July 11.

Kyle Kalamaha and Gary Mathis came to the meeting to request that Clearwater County Board appeal Judicial Ditch 72 Predetermination of Benefits and resume acting as Drainage Authority for ditches in Clearwater County, and expressing their concerns of eroding property rights. (Further about this discussion in separate article.)

Nursing Service Director Marissa Hetland brought three motions for the Board to consider, which were all passed.

Jaime Billing was hired as a Registered Nurse part time at Step 3, and starting June 30. She will work more than 1040 hours per year. The justification for hiring her at Step 3 is that Jaime has 17 years of experience working as an RN.

Rebeka Rose was hired as a Home Health Aide, with part time status at Step 1. She will work more than 1040 hours per year. Destiny Halverson was hired as a Home Health Aide/Homemaker, with casual status at Step 3, and will work less than 1040 hours per year.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received approval for the payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$26,546.

The Fuel Bid received from My-Store in Bagley was accepted by the Board. Their mark up per gallon is 4 cents for gas, diesel on

and off road, across the Board, for a total price of \$140,292.50. The bid is awarded to My Store for the fuel supply for County vehicles.

"This is a service they are giving us and the community," the Engineer stated.

The Commissioners authorized the Highway Department to start construction on a new salt shed at the Bagley facility estimated to cost \$58,738; and to authorize the purchase of 12 foot tall concrete panels from Hanson Silo Company of Lake Lillian, Minn. in the amount of \$28,318.

The Highway Department will be able to do site preparation for the panels and concrete work in September, but the top part will be delayed until next year.

"Steel prices are going up, but wood is expected to go down. I am leaning toward waiting to purchase those to see what prices will be in spring," he said.

The Highway Department was authorized to replace three overhead shop doors at the Bagley facility, authorizing North Country overhead Door of Clearbrook to do the work per their quote in the amount of \$17,276.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox brought a Resolution that Winsor Township be approved to purchase a State Tax-Forfeited parcel of land that is for sale located in the township in near the Town of Berner. Motion for the approval of the sale of the parcel to Winsor Township was made by Commissioner Mark Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and approved. Total cost with fees is \$97.68.

Auditor Al Paulson said this can be submitted to the State in order to get a deed.

The Board of Commissioners approved the granting of Utility Easement on Tax-Forfeited Land to Enbridge Energy according to terms and conditions of the easement.

Regarding the campgrounds, Commissioner Cox said there are more and bigger campers being used now, which are using more electricity and water.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht brought a motion for water quality monitoring well installation at the demo landfill, which is required. Wenck Associates of Maple Plain, Minn. is managing this work and received bids from two companies. They are recommending NTI of Fargo as the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$8,158.

Wenck staff will manage the well installation under the agreement approved in April for the annual water quality reporting along with this additional hydrogeologic investigation work. This work involves installation of two additional wells that will supplement the existing network of three wells and six piezometers already present at the site.

An update was provided regarding the Pine Lake Solid Waste Site.

"There have been expenses for materials in the amounts of \$1,966 for fence and wire; \$1,505 for posts; and \$400 for hauling the posts to the site, for a total of \$3,871. Anything else should be minor. The installation labor expense is still only an estimate,"

he stated in the update.

The approach and site grading is complete. The invoice for that work totaled \$13,701.

Commissioner Dean Newland said there have been requests that Itasca site be picked up more often due to a bear problem.

County Attorney Kathryn Lorschbach received approval for the DUI Court for the 2022 year, making it possible for application to be done for the grant funding.

"Same grant, same court, same information. We just need a resolution to send with the Grant Proposal."

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$93,828 from the County Revenue Fund and \$15,277 from the Nursing Service Fund.

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

Land owners want Clearwater County to manage ditches to avoid eroding property rights

Appeal deadline looming to stop changes in ditch maintenance

By Karen Edelbach
At the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners meeting of July 13, Gary Mathis and Kyle Kalamaha brought concerns about eroding property rights in the County due to ditch maintenance being done through Red Lake Watershed District.

Kyle Kalamaha and Gary Mathis, who live in the northern area of the county, came to request that Clearwater County Board appeal Judicial Ditch 72 Redetermination of Benefits and resume acting as Drainage Authority for ditches in Clearwater County.

"A Joint Ditch Board is necessary whenever a river crosses county lines, in this case the Lost River," Kyle stated. He said approximately 100 land owners are affected in Hangard, Winsor, and Gully Townships.

When they met with Polk County and Red Lake Watershed District's (RLWD) Joint Ditch Board who has been managing ditches in northern Clearwater County, the decision was made for the Ditch 72 Redetermination, giving RLWD "Eminent Domain". The Ditch Board stated that once this decision is made, if not appealed, it is unlikely that any changes can be made thereafter. One affect of redetermination is that those administering ditch jurisdiction don't have to have land owners permission for right of ways.

"We'd like to see the redetermination changed by the Clearwater County Board, and we have only 30 days to appeal, until August 4," they said. "The big concern is that property rights of residents are being eroded. It circumvents land owners from having a say."

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The Clearwater Day Activity Center had a great float in the Gonvick Lions and all-school reunion parade! They serve in our area with employment, skill building, and fun activities.



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Community Calendar

Free music

Free Music in the Pines during the upcoming Clearwater County Fair August 4-8! If you are interested in performing in the Pines Free Stage call Ron or Twila Swenson - 694-2437

History Museum is now open Saturdays

The Clearwater County History Center in Shevlin has extended its hours this summer. Museum hours- until the end of August are: Tuesday through Friday 10:00- 4:00 and Saturdays 10:00 - 2:00. The museum staff will also give tours by appointment in the evenings and on Sundays. Admission to the museum and historic buildings is always free.

Call the History Center at 218-785-2000 for more information.

Clearwater County Township Association Notice

The Clearwater County Township Association meeting scheduled for July 27, 2021 has been canceled. Clerks will be mailed a written update.

Stephanie Anderson,
Sec/Treasurer

Clearwater County
Township Association

Thank you everyone who came to our "Breakfast on the Farm" to make it a perfectly wonderful day! Thank You volunteers who planned, set up and served a delicious breakfast. Thanks to sponsors and wagon masters with beautiful Belgian horses, bucket lift from Clearwater Polk and "little donkey, Otto". It was all so well planned! Our community is blessed to have dedicated folks provide an event such as this!

It was a privilege to be your hosts! Thank You

John and Barb Brooks



The Gonvick American Legion Auxiliary member rode on a float, driven by Darren and Nancy Sundquist. Shown on the float were from left to right: Eilene Horn, Faye Bjerke, Jean Sundquist, Mary Brovold, Rosie Rude, Louise Sundquist and Tippy Berg.

Celebration of Life



The Family of Ardys Bjerke would like to invite the community to join them for a Celebration of Life Saturday, July 31st, 2021 1-3 pm

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Service at 1:00 followed by lunch and visiting in the Fellowship Hall

COVID-19 VACCINES FOR CHILDREN AGES 12-18

Everyone 12 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccination to help protect against COVID-19. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. Children 12 years and older are able to get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Clearwater County Nursing Service will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at the Clearwater County Court House from 2-4 pm. If you would like an appointment please call 218-694-6581, but we will also accept walk-ins that day. If this date and time does not work for you, please call us and we get another day scheduled for you.

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plaint 1; Disturbance 1; Fraud 1; Medical 3; Noise Complaint 1; Suspicious Activity 2; Theft 1; Traffic stop 9; Warrant Arrest 1; Welfare Check 1.

Karra Weems, Manager of the Clearbrook Liquor Store sent in her report. That had a \$3,238.27 profit for the month. They had a large beer and alcohol buy at the end of June which should carry them through July. The Dart Tournament that was to be on July 17 was going to be moved to the Liquor Store. The Auto Fry that has been installed has been going well. Debbie has offered to give the bar a deep clean on a Sunday. The council discussed how she would be paid.

Fire Department Chief Adam Krog told the council that they have had 73 calls in the first half of this year. Mostly grass and medical call. The department is looking at a fall banquet but someone would have to take the bull by the horns and help get it going. Krog will be taking a sabbatical and he will be gone

Clearbrook-Gonvick Police

Ryan Solee

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department in an effort to better serve the community, is offering to pick up prescriptions for those who are having difficulty getting to the Clearbrook pharmacy due to construction. Anyone living within the city limits of Clearbrook or Gonvick can call and make arrangements for pick up and drop off. Please call the Clearbrook City Clerk's Office at 776-3213.

from August 9 to November 22. The assistant chiefs at the department will be Shawn and Jeff.

Mark Snobl and Nick Rankin gave their utilities and maintenance report. Their card reader has been installed and it is 10 cents per gallon with the water. The pond discharge has been completed and they need to get paper work in. They are finding stuff in the town underground with the water and sewer project that is not where it is supposed to be. It is causing some problems.

City Clerk Lucie Thompson had several items.

The bid for the painting of the Liquor Store and Fire Hall was presented by Dennis Erickson for a total of \$4,700.00. Bid will include repairing and painting at the Clearbrook Fire Hall. Pressure washing and repairing holes in stucco wall. Priming walls with Sherwin Williams Primer and topcoat. He will furnish 4 or more new "No Parking" signs. The color was to be an earth tone.

OtterTail had summarized assessments on what can be done to improve efficiency in the city owned properties. They included heating, cooling, domestic hot water, lighting and refrigeration. They fixed a couple of things with the exit sign by the pool.

Larry Shelquist submitted a letter to lower the height of a portion of curb by his house and Jerry Dahlke needed a building permit for a lean too storage shed on his property.

Monthly claims were approved for \$54,197.10 and additional claims of \$146,257.82.

NOTICE LEON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

LEON TOWN BOARD SUPERVISORS are requesting your cooperation: for liability purposes, no personal property is allowed in township road right-of-way (vehicles, fencing, etc.) Township right-of-way includes 32 feet of centerline of road.

Thank you for your attention to this right-of-way issue.

Mike Torgerson, Chair
James Aakre
John Brendalen

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute 394, Section 26, and the Clearwater County Shoreland Management Ordinance that it is the intention of the Clearwater County Board of Adjustment/Planning Commission to hold a public hearing to consider a Variance application (VA-303-21) by Mary Gustafson on Clearwater Lake, (3-343) Part of Lots 2 & 3, Section 12 Township 149N, Range 36W, Sinclair Township, Clearwater County, Minnesota. This Variance application is for building a new log cabin with a setback from the OHWL of 32 feet, with a deck off to the side. The Variance application will also include a proposed site for a septic system.

This public hearing will be held in the Commissioner's Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, Bagley, Minnesota on August 3rd, 2021 at 11:00 AM or as soon thereafter as possible.

Glenn Rettmann, Chair
Planning Commission
Board of Adjustment

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In addition, their letter states, "With the disbanding of the Joint Ditch Board and retaining authority at the local level ensures residents have direct input on property rights."

Some discussion as to the possibility of Clearwater County taking on jurisdiction of ditch management locally was led by Board Chairman Mark Larson. It was concluded it would surely take more time than required to have results to help such appeal. County Attorney Kathryn Lorschbach was present to add perspective on how this could be done later.

"If we look into administering ditch maintenance again, what benefit do you see?" Board Chairman Larson asked Kyle and Gary.

"Property rights are a big concern. It keeps things more open if it is done locally. There is no cleaning of ditches on this side of the river, but there are always assessments for the ditches," was the response.

"Since 1982, our ditch authority transferred to the Red Lake Watershed District,"

Commissioner Neal Illies stated. "You (the land owners) should have the standing to appeal."

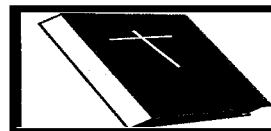
It was stated Clearwater County would stand with their appeal if possible. The Board recommended that landowners contact an attorney to begin the appeal process.

Some land owners, such as Gary Mathis, have decided to object to the new ditch jurisdiction, and are willing to clean their own ditches.

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

A followup telephone conversation with Kyle Kalamaha confirmed that an appeal is being pursued. He can be reached by phone at 406-224-0028 for more information about how land owners can join the appeal process to help protect property rights.

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Church News

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Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
Check the website for up to date information

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Mustard Seed Homes: A recovery and aftercare residential program for adult men that provides support groups, vocational and life skills training, and steps to developing a healthy physical and spiritual life. Openings available. Visit our website for more information: www.mustardseedhomes.org

Youth Connection Fund-raiser It's carnival time! Come spend an afternoon playing games, eating food, and supporting our Youth Connection (YC) Program. Free, fun event for kids. Any donations will go towards our YC program. Saturday July 31, 11am-1pm, CWLC Clearbrook

Pottery & Mosaic Studios: Skilled mentors available Mondays through July 10am -3pm. All ages welcome. Cost \$5.00/day. Located at CWLC Gonvick

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: Summer gatherings July 29, Aug 12 & 26. Starts at 7:00pm Open to men and women. Held at CWLC in Clearbrook

Garden Art Creations 4 Week class instructed by Leanne Walberg. Monday nights in August: 9, 16, 23, & 30. Starts at 6:30pm \$5 a night. All supplies will be provided. Held at CWLC in Gonvick

Shop-at-the-Top: Bag Sale July 28-31. \$5 a bag, fit as much clothing, shoes and/or linens you can. 25% off everything else. Hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm weekdays & 10:00am - 12:00pm Saturdays in Clearbrook.

Restore It! Furniture Shop: Hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm weekdays & 10:00am - 12:00pm Saturdays in Clearbrook.

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

Adult Education: No classes in July. Will resume August 3, 6:00-8:00pm. Contact Sherry at 218-776-2789 or shjelle@nwservice.org.

CWLC Clearbrook: 256 2nd Ave SW

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Thurs. July 22, 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
Sat. July 25, 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sun. July 26, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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Sun. Aug. 1 - Fund raiser for Casey Kroulik at the Gonvick American Legion from 4 to 6 pm. Pulled pork dinner.
Good Shepherd Office Hours; Mon- 8 am to noon; Wed. 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm; Thurs- 8 am to noon; Fri 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Our Savior's
Sun. July 18 - 10:00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship Service.

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Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 24: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun, July 25: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45 Worship. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship.

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

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

www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, July 21: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, July 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, July 27: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wed, July 28: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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

Wed, July 21: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.

Sun, July 25: 9:00 a.m. Lund;

10:30 a.m. Bethany.

CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

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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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The class of 1979 made Gonvick-Trail Football Bulldog History breaking the record and going to State with 11 wins and 1 loss! Rocky Eck, Scott Fawver, Todd Faldet, Glen Huseth were all conference players, and Randy Pederson was honorable mention! Once a Bulldog always a Bulldog! In loving memory of classmates Todd Faldet, Monica Eck, Allen Lussier, Mike Rude, Brenda Rhodes, Junior Berg, and Russell Nass.



The class of 1983 brought ALL the candy in the parade! Making the parade fun!



Clearbrook High school class of 1960 held a mini reunion at Sportsmans Lodge on Pine Lake. Front row from left to right: Dick Richards, Doreen wife of Warren Bardwell, Glen Bardwell, and Janet Nesland. Back row: Janet Larson, Sheryll Erickson, Neil Nelson, Karen Thompson, Gwen Briese, Eileen Voxland, Dennis Johnson, Jean Johnson, Shirley Bjerke, Betty Walberg and Corrine Peterson.



These 11 graduates from the CHS class of 63 got together at K&K in Clearbrook on Sat. July 11th for a fun mini-reunion. Pictured are: Tom Anderson, Don Metcalf, Elwood Nordlund, Sheryll Torgerson, Victor Thompson, Larry Paulson, Jane Moen, Betty Malm, Marilyn Hair, Gayle Bjelland and Dave Dahlberg. Fun times with lots of stories!



Jorgenson Backhoe made a good show in the Rodeo Reunion Parade! Owners Jeff and Jane hope you had a great weekend! Riding in the Parade were Jane, Kaydence, Mija Charley, and Kaylie.



Janie Walker driving a custom built trike bike by her dad Jim Walker.



Bjerke Sod brought in a big rig for the Gonvick Parade. Driving a 2021 Firefly Harvester! They produce Kentucky Bluegrass Sod!



Candace Coulter enjoying serving her 2nd term as Mayor of Gonvick. She was driven by Matt Bergman.



Judges at the Gonvick All-School reunion talent Show were Joann Birke-land, Terri Godtland and TruDee Torgerson.



Duane Hayes, has Paradise Valley Bison which was the main ingredient for the sausage that was used for the Breakfast on the Farm.



Jenell Strandberg helping out at Breakfast on the Farm.

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Letter to the Editor

7/12/2021
72 Hour Emergency Report-
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Attention those of you with VA healthcare! In the event of an emergency medical situation you need to notify the VA no later than 72 hours after the fact. Medical providers are sometimes proactive and will do this for you if they know you have VA healthcare but it is not always the case. It is quite easy to notify the VA in the event of an emergency, just call 1-844-724-7842. You can also call this office if you can't get through to that line.

If you fail to notify the VA of this emergency it could cause unwanted headaches down the road. However, take comfort in the fact that if this happens I can usually remedy the situation. In the event that you do not notify the VA of an emergency and receive a bill for treatment in a private hospital, please give me a call. In that situation I will need to see the bill and have the dates the Veteran went into the hospital.

In an attempt to remedy this from happening in the future we have cards you can hand the hospital to notify them that you are a Veteran and how to notify the VA. These cards are called "Emergency Care Information Cards". These cards can be helpful in the event of an emergency and should be carried by the spouse of the Veteran and the Veteran themselves to save possible future headaches. As always, any questions please give me a call.

Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer
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Letter to the Editor

Last month thousands of Line 3 pipeline opponents came from out of state to protest the pipeline project.

Last week, the head of the Rainforest Action Network traveled to Minnesota to chain herself to a piece of construction equipment, disrupt work, and get arrested. This is the same group that Winona LaDuke has asked previously to come to Minnesota to...get arrested.

A few years ago, the head of the Sierra Club also flew to protest in Bemidji.

Now, whether they came by plane or by car, the question remains. How can you travel

thousands of miles thanks to the same resource you are traveling to protest?

Simply put: We need oil. It literally fuels our daily lives. And even fuels the cars and planes that Line 3 protesters use on their way to protest.

Line 3 workers deserve the chance to safely do their jobs while Minnesota and Line 3 are moving forward. First responders deserve the time to serve their communities instead of being called to protest sites every day.

The idea of people from around the country coming to Minnesota as some sort of a stunt and put more pressure on our first-responders is absurd.

It is time for this hypocrisy and these protests to stop.
Heidi Johnson
Bemidji, MN

Letter to the Editor

Last week, the Minneapolis City Council passed a resolution against the Line 3 pipeline project. They spent time, energy and taxpayer money to show their opposition to a pipeline hundreds of miles outside of their city that is nearly 75 percent complete.

Not only does this resolution carry zero weight, but it is also just another publicity stunt from Line 3 pipeline opponents.

The fact of the matter is, this project has hired more than 5,000 workers, has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in Northern Minnesota, and brought an increase in property taxes for our state.

Additionally, these city councilors should be reminded that the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport depends on Line 3. This pipeline is literally responsible for tens of thousands of jobs in a billion-dollar industry right in the backyard of this city council.

I would invite those from the Minneapolis City Council to travel to Northern Minnesota and meet with some of the local law enforcement and small business owners who have been impacted by this project.

I bet that if they spent a few hours with any of the hundreds of business owners who have witnessed increased sales, more customers and an overall recovery largely due to the Line 3 workers they would think differently.

Nicole Carlson
Bemidji, MN

Klobuchar
Statement on
Canada Border
Update

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) issued the statement below following Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's comments that fully vaccinated Americans may be permitted to pursue non-essential travel to Canada beginning in mid-August. The Prime Minister also commented that fully vaccinated travelers from all countries will likely be permitted to travel to Canada by early September.

"Since the pandemic began, border restrictions have resulted in serious disruptions for so many close to the border. I have been working with both Canadian and U.S. officials about the need to safely reduce border restrictions as soon as possible, and Prime Minister Trudeau's comments make clear that cross-border travel between our two countries will soon be back to normal. Opening the border will increase tourism, make it easier to see family and friends, and allow businesses to get goods to market. While we see the light at the end of the tunnel, I will continue to push for the lifting of border restrictions until it's done."

County Sheriff aims
to keep peace

Oil and water: The Line 3 debate

In Clearwater County, sheriff aims to keep peace amid Line 3 resistance

Kirsti Marohn
Shelvin, Minn.
July 8, 2021 5:14 a.m.

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson confers with Dawn Goodwin and other leaders of a Line 3 resistance camp along the Mississippi River near Shelvin, Minn., on June 14. Halverson visited the camp several times and gave pipeline opponents time to pack and leave peacefully before issuing a handful of citations for trespassing.

On a sweltering day in mid-June, Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson arrived at the spot where Enbridge's Line 3 oil pipeline is expected to cross underneath the Mississippi River, not far from its headwaters.

About a hundred opponents of Line 3 — who call themselves water protectors — had been

camped along the pipeline's path for a week, holding prayer ceremonies by the river.

Taysha Martineau leads a spiritual song in the Mississippi River at the site where the Line 3 oil pipeline will cross beneath the river.

Halverson told the water protectors that they needed to leave that day. Enbridge had given notice that the campers were trespassing, and asked the sheriff to evict them. But he gave them the day to pack up, and shook hands with tribal leaders.

By 5 p.m., the camp was completely dismantled, and most people were gone. A handful stayed behind to receive citations they could challenge in court. One person asked to be taken to jail.

It was a remarkably peaceful end to what could have been a volatile situation. Halverson said it was an emotional moment.

"There were just a lot of 'thank you's' on both sides," he said. "They were thanking me for allowing them to exercise their treaty rights and respecting them. And I was thanking them as well, for holding true to their word."

•In JuneMore than 200 arrested in northern Minnesota Line 3 protests

•Line 3Opponents kick off a summer of resistance

As Enbridge continues building the replacement Line 3 pipeline along a new, 340-mile route across northern Minnesota, there have been some tense standoffs between Line 3 opponents and law enforcement.

Some pipeline resisters have complained of heavy-handed tactics by police, who've rounded up and arrested people holding marches and occupying construction sites.

Police from multiple different Sheriff's departments secure the inside of an Enbridge Line 3 pump station near Park Rapids on June 7.

In Clearwater County, Halverson has taken a noticeably different approach.

That final day of the Mississippi River camp on June 14 was a key test of the strategy he has used throughout his law enforcement tenure — to carefully balance the protection of public safety with the peaceful expression of free speech.

"I want to make sure people can exercise their First Amendment rights, as long as you're doing it peacefully and lawfully," Halverson said. "I've told them I'll help you all day long, if you want to do that."

At the root of that strategy is a relationship built on trust with leaders of the community, including the White Earth Reservation — which covers part of Clearwater County.

County Sheriff
Darin Halverson
Courtesy of Clearwater
County Sheriff's Department

Halverson, 49, served for 18 years as the Bagley police chief before he was elected Clearwater County sheriff in 2015. He and other area county sheriffs meet on a monthly basis with White Earth tribal police to discuss common issues or concerns.

"He's been doing a very good job," said Dawn Goodwin, a member of the White Earth Nation and co-founder of the RISE Coalition, or Resilient Indigenous Sisters Engaging.

Goodwin has known the sheriff for most of her life. They attended Bagley High School together.

In 2019, Halverson and a deputy attended an educational summit White Earth leaders put on about Native American treaties, Goodwin said.

When resistance to the Line 3 pipeline began to heat up, he and Goodwin began communicating regularly. She kept him updated about their plans to hold peaceful marches and prayer vigils. As long as people weren't breaking the law, he gave them space to express their views.

After the weeklong camp at the Mississippi River, Goodwin said tribal leaders and Halverson talked about how to end it peacefully.

"Both of us together, we decided that this is a good opportunity to show the rest of the world how things should be," she said. "The sheriff shouldn't be treating us as criminals, because we weren't doing anything criminal."

Some opponents of Line 3, who had been camping at one of the places where the pipeline will cross the Mississippi River southwest of Bemidji, pack up on June 14. The Clearwater County sheriff notified them they were trespassing and needed to leave.

Goodwin said the promise to the sheriff factored into the decision to disband the camp after a week.

"If we stayed, that's breaking that trust we have with the sheriff," she said. "He held up his end. We need to hold up our end."

Halverson said he was prepared in case things didn't go as planned at the Mississippi River camp. Officers from the Minnesota State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies waited nearby.

Halverson said some officers were impatient, and wanted to move in to arrest the campers. But he said he believed that the camp leaders would hold true to their word.

"I kept telling everybody that I felt that it was going to be handled peacefully, and that

it was going to be resolved that way," he said. "And it was, and we didn't have to bring anybody down there. So that was a good thing."

Clearwater County is part of the Northern Lights Task Force, an organization of agencies statewide that is coordinating law enforcement response along the pipeline route.

But unlike some other counties, Clearwater has not requested or received any financial reimbursement from a public safety escrow account Enbridge was required to establish, according to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Halverson avoids criticizing other law enforcement agencies' response to Line 3 protests. He said they've had to deal with criminal activity, like people climbing fences and vandalizing equipment.

Halverson said he hopes to avoid that behavior in his county, and keep the peace by keeping the communication lines open. He thinks his strategy could be a model — and not just for Line 3.

"We can show that things can be done differently, but there has to be work done on both sides," Halverson said. "It's not just a law enforcement thing, but it's people who are protesting as well. If we can communicate and work through differences or whatever, hopefully more things can be handled peacefully."

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Announcer at the Talent Show and Bulldog Fashion Show was Sid Sletten. All part of the Gonvick All-School reunion.



Carrying the welcome banner for the Gonvick Lions Rodeo and All School Reunion parade were Eric Preuss and Gus Coulter. Both boys attend Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



The Gonvick Jubilee wants to remind you to make plans to attend Pumpkin Day this upcoming September 25th! The Jubilee Committee is the proud sponsor of Pumpkin Days and Community Projects. Driving the 4-wheeler is Pete Peterson.



Bagley Lions members cooked all the pancakes that were served at Breakfast on the Farm near Gonvick July 10. From left to right: Jim Martin, Keith Larson, Bruce Bjerke, Neil Illies, LeRoy Riewer and Jim Martin.



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Bakken's Market
Clearbrook Amoco (Y92)
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Gonvick
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Northern Bait & Tackle

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Cheryl Grover, Chris Tiederman and Charlene Olson enjoying the morning at Breakfast on the farm at the John Brooks property. Yes... those are the twins Cheryl and Charlene.



Gonvick Lions Club members John Hellquist, head chef and assistant Corrine Richards getting the sausage ready for Breakfast on the Farm. in the background is Lion Richard Vinje.



Serving the food to the many who attended the Breakfast on the Farm from left to right were: Lynsey Paulson, Mark Strandberg, Kevin Geerdes, Cal Larson and Al Paulson.



Gonvick High School class of 1978 in the parade.



Cow moose and her calf in the Clearwater River in Emardville township. Photo submitted.

Rep. Fischbach Visits Minnesota's Northwest Angle

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach (MN-07) led a delegation to Minnesota's Northwest Angle last week to call attention to the continued closure of the border between the United States and Canada and visit with affected business owners, workers, and residents. The delegation included State Senator Paul Utke (District 2), State Representative Matt Grossell (District 2A), David FitzSimmons, Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Fischbach, and Ben Anderson, District Director for Congresswoman Fischbach.

"For a region that relies so heavily on cross-border travel and tourism, the indefinite border closure has been devastating. We visited with many resort owners, workers, cabin owners, and Angle residents who simply want to resume doing what they love, but they need the government to act," said Congresswoman Fischbach. "One resort owner told us they typically have 80 boats at their docks at this point of the summer. This year, they are happy with 20 boats at their docks. They are understandably frustrated and anxious, and they need certainty."

"This has been an extremely challenging time for our region, and we appreciate Congresswoman Fischbach's visit and assistance. Resorts and businesses up at the Angle are in their second summer with little to no business since the border closure has cut off customers from driving up. There needs to be action," said Joe Henry, Executive Director of Lake of the Woods Tourism. "We want to see a safe and practical end to these restrictions so people will come and enjoy our incredible part of the country once again."

The delegation made stops at Sportsman's Lodge on the Rainy River, Sunset Lodge on Oak Island, Flag Island Resort on Flag Island, and Young's Bay Resort and Angle Inlet Elementary School in Angle Inlet. The delegation also participated in a meeting at Ballard's Resort on the Rainy River with the Lake of the Woods Tourism Board

of Directors and Lake of the Woods County Commissioners Ed Arnesen and Jon Waibel.

Background: Minnesota's Northwest Angle, a functional exclave, is the only portion of the contiguous United States located above the 49th parallel. It is geographically separated from the rest of the state by Lake of the Woods and is accessible by land only through a remote Canadian highway. Due to COVID-19 restrictions by the United States and Canadian governments, the border has remained closed to non-essential travel since March 21, 2020. The current restrictions are set to expire on July 21, 2021.

Since taking office in January, Congresswoman Fischbach has led the call to end the punitive border restrictions. She and her staff have held more than a dozen meetings with elected officials from both governments, community members, and business owners. In April, she and Congressman Pete Stauber (MN-08) held a roundtable meeting with two members of the Canadian Parliament to discuss the impacts of the border closure. Congresswoman Fischbach also introduced the Assistance Needed for Great Losses Experienced in Isolated Northern Lakes Economic Territory Act, known as the ANGLE Act, to create a forgivable loan program for "remote recreational businesses" impacted by the border closure, as well as legislation to create an international travel corridor for individuals seeking to visit areas like the Northwest Angle.

Michelle Fischbach is a wife, mom, grandma, attorney, and the U.S. Representative for Minnesota's Seventh Congressional District. Get updates from Rep. Fischbach's congressional office on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Sanford 1611 Anne Street Pharmacy expands hours

BEMIDJI, Minn. – The Sanford Bemidji 1611 Anne Street Pharmacy—located at 1611 Anne Street NW, Bemidji, Minn. 56601—will be expanding their current hours to 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., 7 days a week, starting Monday, July 19.

All current services provided by the pharmacy will remain available during all hours of operation. Expanding the pharmacy's hours to later into the evening will better meet patient and community members needs. The expanded hours will also make it easier for patients who are seen at the Sanford Bemidji Walk-in Clinic, open 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., to fill prescriptions.

Due to the expiration of the Minnesota Peacetime Emergency Declaration, pharmacies in the state, including the 1611 Anne Street Pharmacy, can no longer provide curbside delivery of prescriptions effective July 16.

Patients are able to get their prescription refills mailed to their home address by calling (218) 333-2450. They can also verify if their prescription is ready for pick up at the pharmacy using My Sanford Chart.

Norsk Høstfest plans for 2022

Norsk Høstfest is moving ahead with plans for the 2022 festival under the leadership of a new board of directors and president.

Tim Mihalick has been named the new president, taking over for David Reiten who retired this spring. Mihalick says the new board is receiving guidance from a Minneapolis-based festival consultant to devise the best path forward. "The board is working closely with the consultant to make sure that when Høstfest returns next year, it will be on solid footing to continue the legacy of the festival while positioning itself for future growth."

Mihalick says the decision to cancel the 2021 festival was unavoidable given several factors. First, the US/Canadian border remains largely closed, shutting off a large portion of Høstfest's traditional audience. Second, other international travel — especially from Scandinavia — is likewise limited, leaving in doubt the ability to welcome Nordic visitors. In addition, planning for a large festival such as Høstfest requires a long lead time and the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic has made it impossible to make required arrangements in time to finalize this year's event.

Mihalick stresses that he and the new board are fully engaged and have confidence Norsk Høstfest will be held in September of 2022, re-starting a tradition that has been a big part of North Dakota for over 40 years. Exact dates of the 2022 festival will be announced in the coming months.



Farmers Publishing editor Tom Burford enjoying Breakfast on the Farm.



The Disabled American Veterans Float! Driver Tom Berdahl. All drivers are volunteers! The Van travels from Bemidji to Fargo VA Hospital 5 days a week. Call for a ride!



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John Eggers promoting 100% graduation rate for all students! Don't forget to graduate!

Outdoor Summer Concert Series in Fosston continues...

Summer and outdoor concerts go together! The Fosston Community Library & Arts Association (FCLAA) is sponsoring its outdoor concert series "Music on the Porch" beginning Thursday, July 8 and held each Thursday evening through the month. An amazing line-up of musicians has been selected for the series.

Kicking off the series were Jeff Menten and Paul Nye. Menten and Nye who offered up a unique blend of acoustic music that artfully weaves modern and old-time classic and celtic tunes with ragtime and blues. This duo has performed in Fosston before and last year's concert had to be performed online due to the state shutdown.

On July 15, Sydney Melby performed. An Oklee native, Melby has had a passion for music all her life. She started singing at a very young age and eventually learned piano and guitar to support her vocals. Her style is "a little bit of everything" but she primarily sticks to 60's, 70's and 80's folk and rock music.

The Occasionals are scheduled for the July 22 concert. This group is a rotating selection of Bemidji-based musicians who put their own spin on tunes from nearly every genre. They are a spinoff group of The Seasonals, a group that plays original music led by Eric Carlson and Katie Houg.

The series will wrap up on July 29th with a performance by The Jensen Sisters, Goodridge, MN. This sister duo will bring their timeless "new wave retro country" to the stage. A modern duo rooted in the old-school twang of the country singers, outlaws, and roots-rockers who came before them, they have taken their harmony-singing talent to stages across the Midwest.

The "stage" for the concerts is the back porch of the Larson House at the East Polk Heritage Center grounds on Highway 2 East in Fosston. The picnic shelter offers limited seating so concert-goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chair or blanket and set up on the lawn. All concerts begin at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$10 with children 12 years old and under can attend for free.

In addition to four evenings of great music, folks can enjoy a meal prior to the concerts. The "Pitmaster Pastor", Jesse Stanley, will be serving his barbecue menu starting at 5:00 PM. Come early and enjoy brisket, pulled pork, smoked chicken or one of the other delicious menu items!

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Sydney Melby performed on July 15th at the "Music on the Porch". An Oklee native, Melby has had a passion for music all her life.



The Class of 1987 made a good showing in the parade!



All smiles in the parade from the Town and Country Car Wash! Located on highway 92 in Clearbrook! Open 24 hours!

CLEARWATER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

June 8, 2021

The June meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners' commenced on June 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Larson presiding and Commissioners Titera, Illies, Newland, and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the May minutes.

Nursing Service- Marissa Hetland went over the 2020 Agency Annual Evaluation and presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to delegate Clearwater County Nursing Service Director to administer CCNS Quality Improvement Programs including: Outcome Based Quality Improvement (OBQI) and Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) and Infection Control programs for CCNS homecare and hospice. QI committee to meet 4x/year.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve third year of phased retirement for Lynn Riggs CCNS employee.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to hire Tasha Bakke as a Home Health Aide/Homemaker-casual position. Step 5. She will work less than 1080 hours per year.

Sheriff- Kathryn Lorschbach, on behalf of Darin Halvorson, presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the Board Chair and the Clearwater County Sheriff to sign and execute the 2021 State of Minnesota Boat and Water Grant in the amount of \$2,645.00.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the Clearwater County Sheriff to advertise for a full-time Deputy Sheriff that will work collaboratively with the Clearwater County Department of Human Services

and the DWI Court.

Attorney- Kathryn Lorschbach presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the County Attorney sign the Court Data Services Subscription with the BCA to retain access to BCA information.

By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice for the following motion.

Open- Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to pledge \$64,500.00 to Bagley Sanford Hospital building construction project, updating bathroom facilities in patient care area, in connection with Grants brought in January 2021. Funds to be taken from the Hospital lease funds.

Engineer- Dan Sauvé presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and carried to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills of \$17,786.60.

Environmental Services- Mike Stenseng presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to authorize expenses of up to \$6,000.00 including labor and chemical for roadside noxious weed spraying specifically targeting Leafy Spurge for 2021, to be paid from account #609-6308 (weed control)

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to accept the proposal from Thompson Gravel & Rock, LLC in the amount of \$11,945.00 for site preparation work related to construction of a solid waste collection site in Pine Lake Township with extra \$2,000.00 for site modifications.

Auditor-Treasurer- Trudi Alberg presented the following motions for Al Paulson: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, for the Board to sign The Resolution requesting a State Legislative Financial Solution in the Enbridge Energy, L.P. Tax Court findings. (On file)

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to pass the Clearwater County Pet Policy.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$60,371.20 from the County Revenue Fund and \$9,623.38 from the Nursing Service Fund.

Recess- The meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. June 22, 2021. June 22, 2021

Reconvene- The meeting reconvened at 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2021 with Chairman Larson presiding and Commissioners Titera, Illies, Newland, and Nelson present.

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

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following Soil and Water Conservation District motions.

Soil and Water Conservation District- Chester Powell presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to have the Board sign the Clearwater County Recognition of 2021 Drought Disaster Relief Assistance Resolution. (on file)

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to have the Board Chairman sign The Resolution to Submit, Adopt and Implement The Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed Comprehensive Management Plan. (on file)

Environmental Services- Dan Hecht presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize expenses of approximately \$4,000.00 for purchase of fencing materials including mesh fence, wire, posts and accessories necessary for construction of litter fence at the Pine Lake Township solid waste collection site.

By general consent the Board agreed to waive the 3-day notice requirement for the following Environmental Services motions.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize expenses of approximately \$3,500.00 for labor and equipment rental necessary for construction of litter fence at the Pine Lake Township solid waste collection site.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to accept the quotation from More Than a Carpenter LLC, Bagley, MN in

the amount of \$1,043.00 for materials and labor for installation of a door at the Demolition Landfill property.

Auditor-Treasurer- Al Paulson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$221,412.33 from the County Revenue Fund and \$10,096.06 from the Nursing Services Fund.

By general consent the Board agreed to waive the 3-day notice requirement for the following Personnel motions.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to modify Section 1 of the Personnel Policy removing the wording "non-union". (on file)

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to modify Section 14 of the Personnel Policy removing the wording "County Attorney" (on file).

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to modify Section 3.4.2 of the Personnel Policy.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to add Section 2.5.1 Motion to Hire Policy to the Personnel Policy.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to modify Section 18.3.4 of the Personnel Policy and approving the exit interview form and questions. (on file)

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to allow employees to make changes to their HSA contributions in July and at open enrollment each year.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the payroll department to take half of all ABT's, Benefits and Deductions out of the employees pay check the first and second pay periods of each month.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with University of Minnesota/ Extension for 3 year period ending on 12/31/2024.

By general consent the Board agreed

to waive the 3-day requirement for the following motion.

Sheriff- Trudi Alberg presented the following motion for Darin Halvorson. Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the Board Chair and the Clearwater County Sheriff to sign the Joint Powers agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections for the Sentence to Serve contract for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 in the amount \$31,521.85

Recess- Board of Equalization- The meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m. for the Board of Equalization meeting.

Reconvene- The meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Adjourn- Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to cancel the June 29th meeting and adjourn this meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Dated: July 13, 2021

Mark Larson, Chairman

Trudi Alberg, Board Coordinator

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JUNE 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2000

Always There Staffing Inc	6,824.32	County Revenue
Always There Staffing Inc	9,855.44	County Revenue
Anderson Disposal	11,522.93	Solid Waste
Armstrong/Kristi and Richard	2,740.92	Human Services
Beltrami County Public Health	9,612.59	NCCHA
City of Bagley	460,613.65	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
City of Bagley	6,830.17	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
City of Bagley	125,285.23	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
City of Clearbrook	100,480.99	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
City of Clearbrook	80,193.43	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
City of Gonvick	2,701.62	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
City of Leonard	23,925.92	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
City of Shevlin	7,626.00	NCCHA
Clearwater County Nursing Service	11,847.17	NCCHA
Clearwater County Highway Department	5,748.26	County Revenue & Solid Waste
Clearwater Day Activity Ctr	2,547.44	Human Services
Commissioner of Revenue	3,453.00	County Revenue & Solid Waste
Dell Marketing LP	10,476.78	County Revenue
Department of Human Services SWIFT	9,083.88	Human Services
Farmers Publishing Co	2,184.00	County Revenue & Solid Waste
Fox/Roshell & Mikel	2,791.55	Human Services
Garden Valley Technologies	4,591.88	County Revenue & Solid Waste
Glenn's Carpet Service	2,000.00	County Revenue
Headwaters Regional Development Comm.	27,445.29	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Headwaters Regional Development Comm.	2,770.00	NCCHA
Henry's Foods Inc	2,888.47	County Revenue
Knife River Materials	762,902.53	Road & Bridge
Kramer Leas DeLeo, PC	90,282.00	County Revenue
Lakewood Public Health	6,762.49	NCCHA
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	21,932.63	NCCHA
Listrom's Disposal	15,206.28	Solid Waste
Midstates Equipment & Supply	2,252.25	Road & Bridge
MEND Correctional Care, PLLC	5,227.26	County Revenue
MN Department of Finance	2,705.50	State
MSOP MN Sex Offender Program	6,700.65	Human Services
MV Sport	3,619.51	County Revenue
MV Sport	2,504.35	County Revenue
North Homes Inc	20,528.87	Human Services

Northwest MN Juvenile Ctr	3,016.00	Human Services
Omang/Chris A	2,369.64	Human Services
Phelan, P.A./Francis J.	3,550.00	Nursing Service
Polk County Solid Waste	33,291.75	Solid Waste
Prime Health	87,616.56	County Revenue
Pro West & Assoc	4,105.00	County Revenue
Projects Unlimited Inc	2,208.75	Forfeited Tax
Public Utilities Commission	4,713.83	County Revenue & Forfeited Tax
Quin County CHB	7,079.77	NCCHA
Regents of the University of MN	18,814.00	County Revenue
Royal Tire	2,598.62	Road & Bridge
Rural Minnesota Cep Inc	6,862.78	Human Services
Sample Tech	2,480.00	Solid Waste
Sanford Bagley Medical Center	64,500.00	County Revenue
Sanford Bemidji Medical Center	3,799.95	Nursing Service
Sanford Health System	5,232.56	Human Services
Sanford Health System	5,214.56	Human Services
Sanford Medical Center TRF	2,186.56	Human Services
Speedy Van, LLC	7,601.60	Human Services
St Joseph's Community Health	4,959.10	NCCHA
St Joseph's Community Health	11,211.39	NCCHA
St Joseph's Community Health	32,007.37	NCCHA
Summit Food Service LLC	9,709.32	County Revenue
Thomason Swanson & Zahn PLLC	2,035.11	County Revenue
Thompson Gravel & Rock LLC	9,660.00	County Revenue
Township of Bear Creek	21,294.37	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Clover	7,706.74	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Copley	35,128.04	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Dudley	56,348.78	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Eddy	35,395.65	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Falk	38,362.30	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Greenwood	24,072.35	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Hangaard	9,774.40	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Holst	92,479.01	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Itasca	23,388.35	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Leon	72,641.06	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Long Lost Lake	2,403.11	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Minerva	17,102.74	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Moose Creek	18,702.65	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Nora	45,518.04	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Pine Lake	92,279.36	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Popple	35,702.34	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Rice	10,454.71	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Shevlin	43,135.12	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Sinclair	19,106.94	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Winsor	28,679.21	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Treas Ind School Dist 162	4,652.28	School District
Treas Ind School Dist 2311	6,493.00	School District
Treas Red Lake Watershed Dist	291,440.58	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Treas Wild Rice Watershed	43,882.82	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
University of North Dakota	5,260.51	County Revenue
Visa	2,123.87	County Revenue
*** 232 VENDORS WERE PAID AMOUNTS UNDER \$2,000		
TOTALING \$111,411.71		



Fashion show winners were Rocky Eck and Terry Berg Nelson.



In the under 17 group \$100 and first place was Mia Hammes. She is with her grandpa Vernon Hammes.



Wayne Bergh provided a solo for the group after the awards were given.

**Gonvick
Lions Rodeo,
All-School
Reunion,
and Breakfast
on the Farm**

Madelyn and Elsie English came a long way to enjoy the Gonvick Rodeo! They came from Plymouth.



Avery Ostenaar and Kendra Klein won the \$25.00 prize at the All-School Reunion Talent Show.



Gonvick Lions members manning the food booth at the rodeo. They are Janice Anderson and Crystal Smith.



Wojo's Rodeo in Gonvick.



Clearwater Polk Electric had their boom truck out for people to get a ride and to see what was going on at Breakfast on the Farm.



Mounted Honor Guard. Carrying the flags of the United States, Minnesota, Lions International, Canada, and Red Lake Nations in the Gonvick Rodeo parade!



Everyone home safe.

Work has begun on the replacement of Line 3 in Minnesota—bringing jobs and economic benefits to local communities along the route.

Keeping communities, our employees and contractors safe is our top priority.

You will see increases in truck traffic, heavy equipment and more people around town. For your safety and the safety of others, please use caution when driving near construction activities and do not enter our work areas.

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

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

For more information, visit enbridge.com/line3US.



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