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Santa Claus Day was held on December 11 in Gonvick. The day included a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus that was visited by many youngsters. Gifts, games, prizes and treats were given. It was held at the Clear Waters Life Center. Patti Thorssen had her great grand children Lexie and Cheyenne Knox to visit with Santa.



Ellie and Crimsynn Ruggero were busy telling Santa and Mrs. Claus their list.



Above, Evon Quern and Lonny English called the names for the Christmas gifts that were given out on Santa Claus Day in Gonvick. Below, a Clearwater County 4-H Club member was busy helping to make crafts.



Update for Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial Race on Pine Lake

Well... this was not the news we had hoped to be sharing but ice is not yet safe enough at Pine Lake for the event, per insurance and permits we need 14"+ of ice and today where the scoring trailer sits there was only 9.5" and then in other areas 10" so unfortunately we are not where we need to be for safety... With that we have no choice

but to push Pine Lake back one more time and the next available date is January 1-2, 2022. We know changes like this are hard to work around schedules but ultimately this is a safety call and we are doing the responsible choice. All entries received will be carried forward to the Jan 1-2

event, online registration is scheduled to close now on December 29, 2021. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2022. Tomorrow we will have a big announcement for the 21/22 season and that will be dropping at Noon!

Just Around the Corner

We really don't want to rush through December and go right to January, but since the next Clear Waters Life Center's art class starts January 3, we don't have the choice. Registration is open, and let's face it, if you wait until closer to Christmas, you might forget altogether. By registering, you can get it on your calendar.

Wood Carving with Monte begins January 3. You will learn carving techniques for white spruce, basswood, & cottonwood bark. Monte Draper is an amazing artist in his own right and has the ability to pass it on to his students. He can take any willing beginner from a block of wood to a finished product in a matter of weeks.

Nurture the artist within, join us Monday evenings for 10 weeks, January 3 - March 7, 2022, at the CWLC-Clearbrook gym, 6:00-7:30 PM. Cost to you

is only \$5.00 per night which helps cover the cost of supplies. Seating is limited, so register now either by calling 218-776-2789 or via our website, www.clearwaterslife.org. Click on Community Opportunities - Art Experiences; scroll down to Upcoming Events "Register Here".

Our art studios are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Being creative is our specialty whether it is pottery, mosaics, jewelry, beading, or scrapbooking. All ages are welcome, but adult supervision is required for 12 and under. Cost is \$5.00 per day. All supplies are provided. For more information or to reserve a specific time for a larger group, call 218-487-5290, Ext. 2 or 218-776-2789.

Art opportunities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the

Minnesota State Arts Board and Region 2 Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Holiday Cheers!

Whether you're feeling down and out, fallen on tough times, want to share a meal or just want to do something different for the Holiday?

Please join us for this Holiday Meal.

December 25th, 2021
11:00AM-2:00PM
Clearbrook-Gonvick School Commons Area

Volunteers for serving and Donations for our meal will be greatly appreciated!

Limited Delivery service available, call ahead of time.

Any questions or to set up delivery Please contact Yolanda Pindegayosh @ 218-209-1810 or yolandap738@gmail.com

Need Your GED or Adult Diploma?

Same instructor, same location, same times, the only change is a one-stop number. Adult Education is available in Clearwater County four times each week. Evening and daytime hours available; you can alternate between the two sites, if you want. In person and on-line options are available, once you are enrolled and assessed. Expect individual, personalized instruction in a small group setting at no charge. What more could you want?

You must want this for yourself. No other reason will offer the determination that you need. As often is the case with any long-term goal, life happens - kids get sick, daycare falls through, car won't start, etc. You need a back-up plan or maybe two for every situation.

There is never a perfect time to start, except as soon as possible. Enrollment in your local Adult Education Program opens doors for other online education options. Clearbrook and Bagley Adult Education are part of Northwest Service Coop ABE.

Call today, 763-453-0317 or just drop-in:

Mondays: 12:30 - 2:30 PM; Bagley ALP Building on Park Ave., across from TEAM
Tuesdays: 6:00 - 8:00 PM;

Clearbrook, Clear Waters Life Center, 256 2nd Ave., SW
Wednesdays: 12:30 - 3:00 PM; same Clearbrook location
Thursdays: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM; same Bagley location



Brooklyn Zyllo could not even look at Santa Claus. She was all dressed up to have her picture taken with him.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department in honor of serving the men and women veterans in the area, have changed their squad car license plates from the standard MN plate to the MN Support Our Troops plates. The police department requested the change earlier this fall through the MN Department of Motor Vehicles, and the request was granted. Police Officers will be putting the new plates on the squad cars on December, 7th, in remembrance of the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.



Holiday Showcase was presented at the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick on December 3. Dinner and performance of Norman McKinnel's "The Bishop's Candlesticks" was given after the meal. - Photo by Jenn Johnson

Community Calendar

Gonvick City Council meeting

The Gonvick City Council meeting was delayed one week. The meeting set for December 9 will be held on December 16 at 5:00 p.m. instead.

Open House at Border Bank

The Border Bank in Clearbrook will be having their open house on Friday, December 17 from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. Holiday refreshments, cookies and more.

Clearwater Trail Blazers to meet

The Clearwater Trail Blazers will be meeting on Monday, January 10th, 2022 at 7:30pm. Trail work, grooming schedule will be discussed. Happy New Year

Thank you to the Gonvick Lions Club for the delightful Christmas package. Joyous Christmas to each of you! Mary Gustafson

CLEARBROOK AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY "Melvin Johnson Post 256" Lutefisk and Meatball Supper

Thurs., Dec. 16th 4:30-7:00 pm (or until gone) Dine-in or Take-out

Enjoy a more leisurely and comfortable dining experience in the Clearbrook Old School Gym ALL ARE INVITED! Lutefisk \$16.00 Meatball Supper \$12.00 Questions can be directed to the Legion Commander, Bill Stoller at 763-691-490 (cell) or leave a message at 218-776-2005 (home).

We laid Terry to rest on December 10th, at Samhold Cemetery in Gonvick. Since Terry's diagnosis in June, it has been a whirlwind of emotions, and a journey we thought we never would've had to be on. The amount of loving support we received from the community during this difficult time has been comforting. Our family can't even begin to say thank you enough to everyone who thought of us, from stopping over to visit, phone calls, kind words, to helping plan and prepare for the benefit in his honor and for the memorials. With all the unknowns right now, one thing I do know is how much Terry loved and appreciated all of you. This is exactly why we love being part of this small community. You all made this awful situation a little bit more bearable. There wasn't a single moment from when Terry first got ill, that we ever felt alone in this. It truly amazes me what a small community can do, and for that, we are forever grateful to you all. Words will never be able to describe the amount of gratitude we feel. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done and continue to do. We will truly never forget it. Stacy Halvorson and family

Santa Day in Leonard December 18

Leonard Santa Claus Day will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, December 18th from 10 to 12. Come say "hi" to Santa and get a treat.

Clearwater County Sheriff Department

Thursday, December 9 It has been brought to our attention that a rumor is spreading that a student took, or attempted to take, a gun from the School Resource Officer earlier today at the Bagley High School. This information is false. An incident did take place where two students were escorted from school, but a gun was not involved. Students and staff were not in any danger.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Dec. 15 - Burrito Bake, Bef and Bean, Lettuce Salad. Thurs. Dec. 16- Turkey-Gravy, Potatoes, Beets. Fri. Dec. 17 - Fish Patty, Hashbrowns, Baked Beans. Mon. Dec. 20 - Chef Choice. Tues. Dec. 21 - Ham, Potatoes, and Peas. Wed. Dec. 22- Sloppy Joe, Broccoli Salad, A pple sauce. Included with the meal: Vegetable, Bread, Milk, Dessert or Fruit. 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.

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

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Neeland-Martinex sisters visited with Santa Claus at the special day in Clearbrook.

Arts Project Grant applications close December 15

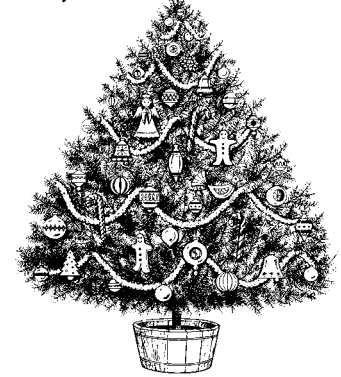
The Arts Project Grant is a project-based grant open to non-profits, public and charter schools*, community education programs, arts organizations, institutions of higher learning, government and tribal entities, and groups formed for nonprofit purposes with a fiscal sponsor. These grants offer funding for a variety of arts projects including costs associated with public art, arts festivals, engagement of guest artists, arts field trips, workshops, exhibitions, presentations, or performances. Arts organizations may also apply to fund consultation projects in board development, fiscal management, fundraising, public relations, audience

Clearbrook Community Club Lighting Contest

Clearbrook Residents get your houses & yards "Holiday Ready" by December 15th for a chance to win Trade Bucks to local Clearbrook Businesses. Judging will take place the evening of December 15th. To make sure we don't miss your house, call City Hall & let us know you're full of Christmas Cheer!

development, or assistance in designing arts programming. Funds can be used to purchase materials and supplies for arts projects but not equipment or nonexpendable items. Funded arts projects and programming must benefit the residents of Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, or Mahnomen Counties. *Parochial schools are ineligible. Application Deadline: December 15, 2021 Maximum Award: \$2,500 (no cash match required) Earliest Project Start Date: January 28, 2022

Love Lights a Tree



Love Lights a Tree Memorials for this week are as follows: In memory of sister Grace Nelson, mom Lottee Olson and dad August Olson from Audrey Perkins. In memory of Dick and Mary Muckala, Molly Muckala Carter and Grace Berg from Janet Schafer. In memory of Margaret Smith, Melvin Smith, Oliver Larson and Ann Larson from Pat and Dick Larson. Memorials (\$5 suggested donation per name) can be sent to: Kim LaVine 18802 County 39 Bagley Mn 56621 Please make checks to the American Cancer Society. All proceeds go to the Hope House in Rochester Mn.

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

Spring Ahead to Gully in 2022

Spring of 2022 is the time to be in Gully! Events are planned for three months from April through June. Gully Community Theater is back on April 23rd. This year's them is Gully Home Companion Goes to Hollywood. The Sportsmen's Club has

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

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Adam Krog Wed. Dec. 15- 6:00 p.m. confirmation; 7:30 p.m. Prayer Time. Sun. Dec.19- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 am Worship Service.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Wood Carving with Monte Learn carving techniques with instructor Monte Draper for white spruce, basswood, & cottonwood bark. January 3-March 7, 2022 * Clearbrook * 6:00-7:30pm * Monday Evenings * \$5/night Seating is limited. Register online at www.clearwaterslife.org or call us at 218-776-2789 Shop-at-the-Top is Clear Waters Life Center's volunteer operated store with over 6,000 sq. feet of retail space in Clearbrook. Donations accepted during business hours. SALE Dec 13-23 75% off Christmas items. Visit our website for more information https://www.clearwaterslife.org/shop-at-the-top.html Hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm weekdays & 10:00am - 12:00pm Saturdays Weekly Exercise for Seniors Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday and get your body stretched and moving. Held at CWLC in Gonvick from 10-11a.m. Some of the activities include chair exercises, creative movement and balance training. If you need transportation and you are a Clearwater County resident that is 60+ years old, give us a call to set up transportation! 218-776-2789 NEW Senior Connection Cooking Classes Held the 2nd Monday of the month from 11am to 12:30pm at Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. Learn how to make healthy and delicious food that does not have to be expensive. Each class you'll make a nutritious meal and sample it! For more information contact Angie Ness at 503-200-0494. Sponsored by Clear Waters life Center and Prime West Health. 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. NEW Chemical Dependency Support Group: Meeting every week on Tuesdays at 2pm. Located on the second floor at CWLC in Clearbrook. COMING SOON Grief Support Group This group is for those going through the grieving process due to the death of a loved one. Join us for one week or ongoing as we travel this journey together. Starts January 11th, 2022 every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night from 6:30-8:30pm at CWLC Clearbrook (second floor, first room on left). Call to register 218-776-2789. Community Art Studios Being creative is our specialty. Pottery, mosaics, jewelry making, beading, scrapbook, paint (acrylic, watercolor), and more. All ages welcome. Cost \$5.00/day - supplies are provided. Located at CWLC in Gonvick. Pickleball is your answer to gloomy winter days. Join us Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 3 - 6 p.m. in Gonvick. What is Pickleball? A great mix of tennis, ping-pong and badminton. Youth Connection After-school youth program for kids in 3rd grade up to 12th grade. No cost to participate. Held at CWLC in Clearbrook. Wednesdays from 2:30-5p.m. for 3rd-5th grade; Tuesdays from 3:30-5p.m. for 6th-9th grade. Visit our website for more info and to register. For more information on programs & services, visit our webpages: www.clearwaterslife.org and www.mustardseedhomes.org, like our Facebook pages, follow us on Instagram. This ad is sponsored by:



their Smelt Feed in April. May 30th the Gully American Legion will resume the Memorial Day Service. June brings the big event! Gully will be celebrating its 110th year anniversary two years too late. Plan for June 16-19th. Remember to come to Gully. Skol!

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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Randy Reimer Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Quilting. AWANA meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm weekly. Call for information. 218-776-3252 Every Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH 1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6 Senior Pastor Larry Dorman Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund Youth Pastor Brad Binder www.countryfaith.org 218-776-3367 office@countryfaith.org Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept - May) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Jr Church during Sermon time) 7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth for all 7th-12th Graders (Most Sundays) Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD Good Shepherd Wed., Dec. 15 - 5:45 pm Confirmation/Meal 7-9th grade. 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7:30pm Handbell Practice Sun., Dec. 19 - 9:00 Worship Service/Communion with Pastor Dale Pepelnjak; 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School Wed., Dec. 22 - 6No confirmation, 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7:30pm Handbell Practice Good Shepherd Office Hours; Tues. to Fri. 8:30 am to 1:30 am. Our Savior's Sun., Dec. 19 - 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship Service/Communion with Pastor Dale Pepelnjak

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseth Wed, Dec. 15: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School 7:00 pm. Ladies Aid. Sat, Dec. 18: Mt. Olive: 9:00 a.m. Sun, Dec. 19: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Jarred LeBon, Pastor Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed, Dec. 15: 6:25 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. Sun, Dec. 19: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship. Tue, Dec. 21: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. Wed, Dec. 22: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Wed, Dec. 15: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley Ladies Aid. 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Sand Valley. Sat, Dec. 18: 9 a.m. Sand Valley Bake Sale. Sun, Dec. 19: 9 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. Confirmation Angle Tree Shopping at Lund, 12 p.m. 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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BEAR TRACKS

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



Clearbrook-Gonvick high school students helped with the many crafts that were done at the Clearbrook Santa Claus Day event. Shown above is Isabelle Torgerson and Kjersti Snyder is below.



Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

All Meals are free for all students for the 21-22 school year.

Adults - \$4.15
Extra Entree - \$1.00 - \$1.50
Wed. Dec. 15 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack -** Cookie Bar

Thurs. Dec. 16 - Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack -** Baked Cheetos

Fri. Dec. 17 - Cook's Choice. **Snack -** Graham Crackers

Mon. Dec. 20 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, corn, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack -** Assorted Choices

Tues. Dec. 21 - Christmas Lunch - Ham Dinner with Fixings, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack -** Assorted Choices.

Wed. Dec. 22 - Cook's Choice. **Snack -** Cookie Bar

Please note- this may change!!! Some food items that we normally purchase are not available!

Bears lose high scoring game

The Cearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted Cass Lake on Tuesday, December 7. 96 points were scored in the first half of the game with Cass Lake putting in 42 and the Bears 34. Final score was 93 for Cass Lake and 72 for the Bears.

Maci Wagner, Annabell Phillips and Dana Melby were the big scorers for the Bears in the first half while Taryn Frazer and Gaby Fineday contributed to Cass Lake scores.

Hitting from 3 point range were Dana Melby with 3, Kaylee Westrum with 2 and Ella Engen

with 1.

The refs were busy calling 26 fouls on Cass Lake and 17 on the Bears.

Scoring for the Bears were Maci Wagner 17, Annabell Phillips 14, Dana Melby 23, Allison LaVine 1, Kaylee Westrum 6, Kenna Hartwig 2 and Ella Engen 7.

Scoring for Cass Lake were: Mya Reyes 4, Taryn Frazer 29, Krisalyn Seeyle 21, Alexiah LaRose 2, Gabby Fineday 25, Jenni Wind 5, Amira Laduke 4 and Tianna Jones 3.

To the right: Ethan Engbretson selling lefse at Santa Day in Clearbrook.



Emmalynn Bakke bought slime from Presley Westrum at the Clearbrook Craft day.



Bruer Bakke on his first ever visit to Santa Claus in Clearbrook. He did not even cry.

Letters To the Editor

Brian Carlson,
Grand Rapids MN
218-256-1522

As I See It

As the school year is progressing, I am reminded of the time when my granddaughter was in 5th grade choir at Forest Lake School in Grand Rapids, MN. My family went to her spring concert and sat in the front row so we could see all that was happening. At one point I noticed my granddaughter, Taiya, talking to her friend and I could see her say, "That's my dad, my grandpa, my great-grandpa and great-grandma." She then sat up to sing with the biggest smile on her face. It brought tears to my eyes and a choke to my throat to know OUR presence was that important to her. I recalled then for a moment when "I" was in school band.

I searched and searched the auditorium to see where MY folks were sitting. I knew they were there...I just had to CONNECT with them.

Later, at Forest Lake School, we had milk and cookies with the kids. My granddaughter introduced me to her friend. Her friend simply said "NO ONE from my family came." Need I say more as to how hurt that made me feel? If you are a parent, grandparent, uncle, or aunt.

MAKE TIME to go to these events and support your kids. Give them hugs that they deserve. Do it TODAY.



Will, Ila and Courtney Severson at the craft table.



Natale Edevold and Paula Paulin at Clearbrook Day.



Indi and Bridger Juberian visit with Santa.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears on defense as they traveled to Oklee for a game with the Mustangs. Bears are Ella Engen 33, Kaylee Westrum 22 and Dana Melby.

Photo courtesy Red Lake County Central students.

RLCC hosts the Bears and travel to Bagley

By Kya Morinville
RLCC student

On Friday December 12th, 2021 the Varsity girls basketball team of Red Lake County Central lost to Clearbrook/Gonvick in Oklee, 45-72. Some girls that had a great game were Cari Bachand with 24 points and 8 rebounds, Carlee Whalen with

7 points and 7 rebounds, and Marissa Thomas with 7 points and 8 rebounds.

Scoring Leaders for the Clearbrook Gonvick Bears were Dana Melby 23 points, Annabell Phillips 14 points, Maci Wagner 14 points, and Kaylee Westrum with 10 points.

Also Morinville wrote that,

on Monday the girls varsity basketball team played again against Bagley in Bagley and won, 62-41. Some girls that had a great game that day were Cari Bachand 34 points and 8 rebounds, and Maddie Inda-Valdez with 8 points and 9 rebounds.

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Clearwater County Sheriff

Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

City of Bagley - Total 26
12/05/21 10:14:36 Animal Related
12/06/21 08:53:41 Alarm
12/06/21 10:59:41 I - Information
12/06/21 14:25:02 Court Order
Violation - Handled By Officer
12/06/21 15:26:04 Medical - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
12/06/21 15:32:30 Threats
12/06/21 15:45:32 Medical - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
12/07/21 08:48:57 Lost/Found
12/07/21 09:09:45 Medical - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
12/07/21 10:36:25 Medical 4 -
Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/07/21 10:46:05 - Handled By
Officer / Deputy
12/07/21 11:33:44 Trespass
12/07/21 11:34:19 Crimes Against
Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/07/21 11:48:02 Medical - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
12/07/21 16:53:13 Suicide Related
- Patient Treated, Transported
12/08/21 08:51:45 Information
12/08/21 14:50:39 Disorderly
12/08/21 15:08:40 Weapon
Violation - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/08/21 15:30:35 Vehicle Lock

12/08/21 15:59:25 Disorderly
12/08/21 16:00:36 Medical -
Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/09/21 08:23:43 Disorderly
12/09/21 10:54:04 Disturbance O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/09/21 14:31:13 Threats O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/10/21 20:47:53 Traffic Stop
W - Warning
12/11/21 08:41:00 Vehicle Lock
City of Clearbrook - Total 4
12/06/21 17:44:19 Death - Patient
Dead at Scene-No EMS
12/07/21 07:29:12 Traffic Stop
12/08/21 02:41:16 Motorist Assist
12/11/21 02:43:08 Domestic
City of Gonvick - Total 3
12/09/21 11:30:28 Medical -
Patient Treated, Released
12/09/21 21:15:08 Motor Vehicle
Crash - Report Taken
12/10/21 12:37:12 ASSIST 41 -
Patient Evaluated,
City of Leonard - Total 2
12/07/21 10:50:16 Crimes Against
Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/09/21 15:58:04 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Shevlin - Total 3

Representative Matt Grossell

Legislative Update District 2A

GROSSELL RESPONDS TO RECORD-SET- TING SURPLUS

ST. PAUL—On Tuesday Minnesota Management and Budget released the November budget forecast showing a record-setting \$7.7 billion projected surplus for the 2022-2023 biennium. State Representative Matt Grossell, R-Clearbrook, issued the following statement regarding the forecast report.

"Despite the best efforts of Governor Walz and the House Democrat Majority, Minnesota businesses and individual taxpayers created the largest budget surplus on record. Unfortunately, this means the state government is overtaxing Minnesotans to the tune of \$7.7 billion. This needs to end and we need to return this budget



surplus to those who created it — YOU the Minnesota taxpayer."

Later this month, Minnesota businesses are expected to be hit with a 15% or higher hike to address the \$1 billion deficit in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. House Republicans have urged Gov. Walz to take action to avoid a harmful tax increase on businesses struggling with inflation and supply chain challenges. In addition to the \$7.7 billion surplus, Minnesota has more than \$1 billion in COVID relief dollar available, which 31 other states have used to address UI debts owed to the federal government.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Date: November 30, 2021
YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage dated August 6, 2018, executed by David E. Anderson, a single person, as Mortgagor, to TruStar Federal Credit Union, as Mortgagee, and filed for record on August 7, 2018, as Document No. A172587 in the office of the County Recorder of Clearwater County, Minnesota, as extended and modified of record. The land described in the Mortgage is not registered land.

2. The Mortgage has been assigned as follows: N/A

3. The original or maximum principal amount secured by the Mortgage was: \$15,920.00.

4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof.

5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of debt secured by the Mortgage, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes, including Minnesota Statutes, §580.02, have been satisfied.

6. At the date of this notice, the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is \$11,239.41.

7. The tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises is 06.033.0520.

8. The physical street address of the mortgaged premises is as follows: 28040 131st Ave Bagley, MN 56621

9. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be

foreclosed, and the land, located in Clearwater County, Minnesota, and legally described as follows:

The South 372 feet of the West 352 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 of SW1/4), Section Thirty-three (33), Township One Hundred Forty-six (146) North, Range Thirty-eight (38) West.

Clearwater County, MN
Will be sold by the Clearwater County Sheriff of Clearwater County, Minnesota at public auction on January 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the main office of the Clearwater County Sheriff, 213 Main Ave N #102, Bagley, MN 56621 to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees, allowed by law.

10. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagors or Mortgagors' personal representatives or assigns is six months after the date of sale.

11. If Minnesota Statutes, §580.04(b) applies, the date on which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the Mortgage is not reinstated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, §580.30 or the property redeemed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on July 25, 2022, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under Minnesota Statutes, §580.07 or 582.032.

NOTICE TO CLOVER TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Clover Township that the annual election of town officers and the annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at the Clover Town Hall. Meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. Election polls will be open 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
1 Supervisor for 3 year term
1 Clerk for 2 year term
If there is inclement weather, the meeting and election will be held the following Tuesday, March 15th at the same times.
Joel Wraa, Clerk R39,43,48C

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voter(s) of Eden Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday on March 15, 2022 and if inclement weather the election and meeting will be held March 24, 2022. The Election Poll hours will be open from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at which time the voters will elect:

1 Township supervisor for a 3 year term.
1 Clerk-treasurer for a 2 year term.
The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00 pm to conduct all necessary business provided by law.

The Annual Meeting and election will be held at the Eden township hall located at 39017 310th St. SE, Gully, MN.

Filing for township office opens on Dec 28, 2021 and continues until Jan 11, 2022 until 5:00 pm.

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk-treasurer. Dennis Erickson, 39741 320th St. SE, Gully, MN 56646. Phone 218 268-4590. A \$2.00 filing fee is required by law. R39-40C

12/06/21 16:12:22 Medical -
Patient Treated, Transported
12/08/21 12:50:52 911 Hang Up
12/08/21 14:20:47 Motor Vehicle
Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Clover - Total 1
12/10/21 13:57:52 Crimes Against
Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Copley - Total 6
12/06/21 08:26:27 Motor Vehicle
Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/06/21 13:53:14 Alarm
12/08/21 16:50:23 THEFT
12/09/21 19:36:21 Traffic Stop
12/11/21 13:17:04 Medical - Patient
Treated, Transported
12/11/21 13:33:57 Information
Dudley - Total 5
12/07/21 11:50:00 Traffic Complaint
- Handled By Officer
12/07/21 13:54:59 Crimes Against
Family - Handled By Officer
12/10/21 08:44:14 Civil Complaint
- Handled By Officer
12/10/21 13:00:01 CIVIL
PROCESS - Handled By Officer
12/10/21 21:09:14 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 1
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Falk - Total 3
12/06/21 11:33:42 Medical - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
12/06/21 22:59:29 Disturbance
12/11/21 16:59:16 Motorist Assist
Holst - Total 2
12/05/21 14:36:03 Information
12/10/21 16:52:02 Fire 21 - Unit
Cancelled Enroute
Itasca - Total 1
12/09/21 18:13:22 Medical -
Patient Treated, Released
LaPraire - Total 2
12/05/21 16:54:05 Medical -
Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/05/21 20:21:51 Information
LaPraire N - Total 3
12/06/21 09:42:27 Transport
(Welfare/Civil) - Handled By Officer
12/07/21 22:30:38 Civil Complaint
12/10/21 19:05:28 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Leon - Total 1
12/07/21 11:26:01 Crimes Against
Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Long Lost Lake - Total 1
12/08/21 18:43:20 Disturbance
Minerva - Total 1
12/07/21 11:06:31 Crimes Against
Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Moose Creek - Total 7
12/05/21 15:00:24 Medical -
Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/05/21 21:56:13 ASSIST
12/06/21 01:53:54 911 Hang Up
12/08/21 22:19:26 Medical -
Patient Refused Evaluation/Care
12/09/21 12:47:19 Disturbance
12/10/21 14:01:17 ASSIST
12/11/21 07:16:38 Domestic
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 4
12/08/21 08:28:31 Medic - Patient
Treated, Transferred Care to
12/08/21 15:00:19 THEFT - Report

Taken

12/09/21 13:04:40 Medical
12/11/21 14:24:00 Information
Pine Lake - Total 2
12/10/21 04:57:53 Traffic Stop
12/11/21 00:43:51 Traffic Stop
Popple - Total 9
12/06/21 14:18:11 Motor Vehicle
Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/08/21 08:52:28 Traffic Complaint
- Handled By Officer
12/08/21 13:17:17 Medical - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
12/09/21 12:38:45 911 Hang Up
12/10/21 12:21:00 CIVILPROCESS
- Handled By Officer
12/10/21 13:06:14 Medical - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
12/10/21 13:21:16 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/11/21 11:56:57 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/11/21 22:07:22 Motor Vehicle
Crash - Information
Rice - Total 1
12/08/21 07:33:12 Trespass
Shevlin - Total 4
12/08/21 13:26:13 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/08/21 22:06:58 Disturbance
12/09/21 00:18:01 Medical - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
12/10/21 22:35:43 Traffic Stop
Winsor - Total 1
12/06/21 11:21:54 Medical - Patient
Treated, Transported by EMS
Total Records: 93



Jake and Luke TeHennepe spent time with Santa last weekend in Gonvick.



Sharen Dyrdaahl and Joan Senger registered the different age groups for the gifts that were to be drawn at Santa Claus Day.



Jaci Anderson presented the prize for the games at Santa Day in Gonvick.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

A Lutefisk/Meatball supper will be offered for ALL on December 16 from 4:30 – 7 p.m. It will be served at the Clearbrook Legion "Melvin Johnson Post 256". The meal will be available for Dine-In and takeout.

The Clearbrook American Legion Christmas POTLUCK supper is December 14 at 6:00 pm. This is their regular monthly meeting time. All members are welcome. Meat will be provided.

The Border Bank in Clearbrook will be having their open house on Friday, December 17 from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. Holiday refreshments, cookies and more.

Shorty's is back to Friday and Saturday night specials. It will be ribeye both nights.

Snowmobile races on Pine Lake that was set for Saturday and Sunday December 18 and 19th This has been canceled to January 1 and 2. The Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial races do not have enough ice.

Joke Time...

The church held a "Marriage

Seminar" and the minister asked Ole, as his 50th wedding anniversary approached, to share some insight into how he managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. Ole replied to him, "Well, I tried to treat her well and spend money on her. But the best thing I did was take her to Norway for our 20th anniversary."

The minister said "Ole, you are an inspiration to all husbands here today. Please tell the audience what you plan for your wife for your 50th anniversary." Ole proudly replied

"I'm gonna go and get her."

From my mail

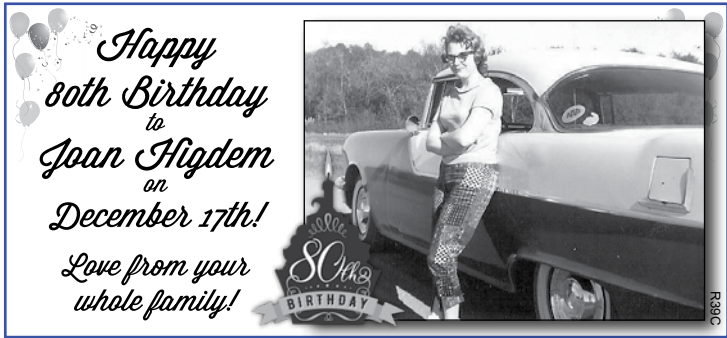
Today was a bad day. My ex got hit by a bus. I also lost my job as a bus driver.

What is the leading cause of dry skin? Towels.

Quick tickets... Does your organization need raffle tickets? Call 218-487-5225 or email richards@gvtel.com your information and we will be glad to help you.

Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our website for you to see. Go online at trico-canary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our office.

We collect used eye glasses in the Leader-Record office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions



Home Country

There is a nighttime sweetness and hope that hovers over us this time of year here at home. This is a time for summing up and looking ahead ... and a time for dreams.

And at night... ah, that's the time, isn't it? Outside it's dark, December dark, and we're inside and warm and cocooned up. The cold makes our world shrink, especially at night.

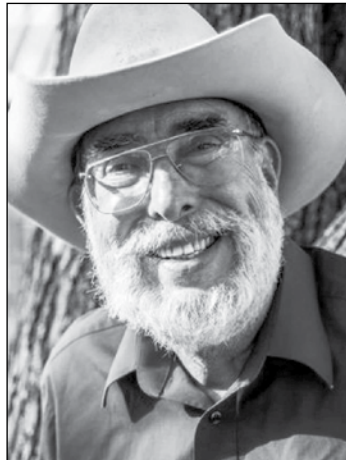
But we have our dreams. For Janice Thomas, our art teacher at the high school, it's that painting she's planning. She makes starts at it, from time to time, but she's wise enough to know she isn't good enough to paint it yet. She paints other things well, but that one ... it has to be perfect. It will be the painting of a lifetime, she knows.

Doc will drift off to sleep tonight thinking about that new

fly rod. He has half a dozen, of course, that will take about any weight line, and let him catch anything from mouse to moose. But even the most expensive rod isn't what he dreams of. This year, for Christmas, he's giving himself a rod-builder's jig, and he will make his own rod from a Sage blank. That will be the one. It will have his own wrappings and he'll put the ferrules on it himself. He'll be able to feel the fish breathe with this one. It will be true and wonderful and last forever.

For cowboy Steve, the December dream is always the same: staying in that little cabin. The one with a turret and a corral. And hearing of Snort happily eating out there in the corral. And exploring. Time enough to explore those mountains with Snort.

There is a nighttime sweet-



ness and hope that hovers over us this time of year. Here's to dreams.

Brought to you by Home Country (the book), published by Rio Grande Press and now available as a Kindle ebook on Amazon..

Thoughts
from the
Sheriff

Clearwater County
Sheriff Darin Halverson



The year is quickly coming to an end and the holiday season is upon us. Everyone here at the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office wishes you a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season. This month, I wanted to give some home safety tips for the season so everyone can enjoy the festivities without any major incidents.

This time of year, there seems to be a Christmas tree inside nearly every home. Whether you have a real tree or an artificial one, fire hazards do exist with them. Always remember never place them near a heating source such as a fireplace, space heater or anything that gives off heat. Real trees, in particular, can become very flammable if they are allowed to dry out. You should always have a base that can hold at least a quart of water per inch of the tree trunk base at all times. Tree fires within the home are not that common, but when they occur, can be very disastrous.

With Christmas trees also come lights. Don't overdo lights whether on a tree or elsewhere. By rule of thumb, never connect more than three strings of lights together. Too many lights in one series can overload outlets and cause them to overheat. With new LED lights, this is not quite as much of a concern as with standard lights, but caution should still be used. Also, make sure you are using the correct lights if you are hanging them outside. Make sure they say on the packaging or the UL label that they are for outdoor use.

Candles are another common fixture during the holiday season. They can add a nice ambiance to your home, but it can also present a fire danger. It is estimated that close to 50% of house fires are started by candles. If you are using one, keep it at least 12 inches away from anything combustible. Do not leave them burning if you go to bed or leave your home. Make sure the candle is extinguished

completely before leaving it unattended. Make sure the wick of the candle is trimmed down to approximately ¼ inch to prevent a larger flame or have the risk of the burning wick falling off and starting a fire. You should only burn your candle for an hour for every inch of the candle diameter to allow for even wax melting. For instance, if you have a four-inch diameter candle, you should not let it burn for more than four hours.

If you have a wood burning fireplace in your home, only burn logs. Do not burn wrapping paper, cardboard boxes or any evergreen boughs as they can cause a large amount of sparks that can get thrown onto your floor or through the chimney and onto the roof. It can also cause a buildup of creosote that can cause a chimney fire. On top of that, materials such as wrapping paper and some boxes can give off hazardous fumes that can cause health problems. As with candles, do not leave your wood burning fireplace burning overnight if you are sleeping unless this is your main source of heat and you have protective measures in place. It is also wise to have your chimney inspected on a regular basis by a professional.

Another important safety reminder is to make sure your

walkways are clear of snow and ice. Whether you are having family and friends coming over or you are staying home, falls can easily happen if your sidewalk or steps are ice covered and slippery. This time of year, carrying presents and other large items for the holidays into your home can pose a risk of slipping and falling due to it being difficult to see where you are stepping. Removing ice and snow from where you will be walking can greatly reduce your risk of falling and being injured.

If you are going to be leaving for the holidays, make sure your home is secure. Let neighbors or friends know you will be gone and ask them to watch your place to prevent someone from breaking into your home. Lock up any firearms in your home and make sure not to leave valuables in plain sight. There are always people scouring social media to see what other people are doing, so be careful not to advertise your plans to everyone on the internet that you are going to be gone. Wait until you return home to post any pictures you may have taken of your adventure.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope for a safe

and happy New Year. Be sure to share your blessings with others and take the time to remember those less fortunate. We have such wonderful and caring people in our county and that is what makes it such a joy to serve this community.

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.



Barrett and Ashley Nordlund visited with Santa Claus in Clearbrook.

Carstie's Comments



Darlene Sawyer had several young people writing letters to Santa at the events in Gonvick last weekend. She also assisted other who wanted her to help.



Letters to Santa

Dear Santa...
You are welcome to come in my front door on Christmas Eve. Your reindeer will have to stay on the roof. Please bring me a Polly Pocket (a mini one) and a Cinderella Barbie that wears a real gown.
We'll have carrots for yor reindeer - cookies for Santa.
We have two dogs (Rider and Mia) Please bring them something..
Love you, Santa.
Bristol.

Dear Santa...
I have not been the best boy this year but all I want for Christmas is to spend time with my family and a phone but I will be happy with anything.
Love,
Carson

Dear Santa...
When you come to our house on Christmas Eve, please use the front door. I will lock my dog up cuz he's crazy. Your reindeer can come in our garage.
Please bring Bo (my brother) a big Nerf gun and for me, I'd like a bow and arrows. I'd like to shoot my brother with it - but he would be very mad at me.
We'll leave the reindeer some corn and water. Also some cookies, also some glasses of milk.
Love you,
Maverick

Dear Santa...
How are you?
Do you know where I live?
You can come in the chimney or the door. I would like projects that you can make out of wood.
Love Christopher

Dear Santa...
You can get into our house on Christmas Eve by coming in our side door or front door. Please bring the reindeer in, too, to get warm.
Please bring Cheyene a real Unicorn to ride on that can fly.
Please bring Lexi a Unicorn with real wings and a Polly Pocket house.
We will leave fruit for your reindeer and you.
Love you,
Cheyenne and Lexi

Dear Santa...
I love your reindeer - especially Comet because he has a black nose and flies.

We have a chimney for you. I think you'll fit down it.
For Christmas please bring me a fast remote controlled red, fast moving car and the remote.
For Mom, please bring a cooking pan. (She has only old ones.)
For Santa, I'll leave some candy canes, cookies and milk. He can share them with the reindeer.
Love,
Coy

Dear Santa...
When you come and see the cookies and milk make sure you eat them. But it's OK if you don't. I want my dad to have a new nerf gun. I want one too. I want to give my dad a Sniper one. I would like one too..
Jack my dog might notice you so bring treats for him. Jack loves some Doritos.
See you soon.
Love,
Ben

Dear Santa....
You have to come down my chimney. I would like you to pray for my sister's heart to be healed.
May God Bless You,
Love, Ben

Dear Santa...
I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas this year I wish for tools to build with my dad.
Love,
Easton

Dear Santa...
Please come down my chimney on Christmas.
I would like you to bring me a real blue tractor. I can feed our cows with it. If it gets a flat tire, I can fix it.
For Dad, I'd like a pair of boots.
For Mom - she needs a pair of gloves.
For your reindeer, we will leave some cookies, Santa can have some of the cookies, too.
Bye, Bye
Love,
Tilden

Dear Santa...
I will be looking for you to come down our chimney at Christmas.
Please bring me a pink dirt bike this Christmas. I'll ride it at the dirt track. For my sister, please bring her a real Unicorn that has a real horn.
Mom and Dad will both play with my unicorn and ride sisters dirt bike. Dad already has a motorcycle.
We'll leave cookies for Santa.
Love,
Crimsyn and Ellie

Gone Back to Gonvick
By Carstie Clausen

Although the headline for this essay features Gonvick, the main body of this first of a short series of articles on small-town and rural living primarily focuses on the only hospital located within Clearwater County. Main focus of the series, extolling the highly developed community values still thriving in small-town and rural America, will be on Gonvick, a small community where Dumas' "The Three Musketeers" motto of "One for all and all for one" remains a living presence due to the efforts of a number of community-minded individuals blessed with the qualities of caring for others and who work cooperatively for the betterment of all.

Future coverage, besides this one village, will explore neighboring communities and individuals who strive continually to make our little region of rural America a harmonious and comfortable place to live.

Of late my adventures in purposeful reading arrived at a book Lewis Mumford titled "Sticks and Stones". Originally published in 1924, the author reprinted and updated his "study of American architecture and civilization" 30 years later in '54. Mumford's 1954 preface caught my eye some 16 pages into the book. As an independent, non-academic scholar, thinker and critic, the author became famous in his day as America's most prominent analyst of architectural fashions and styles as a window into and mirror of American life. His take was that changes in how we live are evidenced in the buildings in which we work, play, shop, seek entertainment and in a very broad sense, live. In that preface, Mumford observed that "an intelligent and socialized community will continue to grow only as long as it can remain a unit and keep up its common institutions." Reading those insights got me to thinking about my recent return to Clearwater County and also nearby portions of east Polk and western Beltrami counties, as well as a couple of brief forays to Oklee, in Red Lake County. Seems like folks in this area share a lot of common values. Sometimes being away for awhile makes for a bit of perspective. My conclusion after half a year back home is that those common institutions Mumford cites are alive and well in this little capsule of rural America.

Back home on the little homestead in Eddy township, Echo Ridge being located pretty much halfway between the long-lost settlement of Moonlight and the now ghost town of Weme (though the sign still stands on Pine Lake Road—County 7 the bureaucrats in St. Paul insist we call it these days). Currently in a seasonal apartment in Gone Back to Gonvick, it's possible to look back at the last couple seasons and realize that I have come to appreciate even more living in an environment where a deeply shared personal way of life happens to be our almost sacred heritage.

There is a homeyness about residing in the Upper Lost River Valley, a comfort-zone centered on cousins, shirt-tail relatives, friends old and new and a whole host of folks who share quiet insights and realizations not to be found in such richness by even the nearby agribusy Red River Valley, to say nothing of the "Sitties" (the way I think of the place as most people there earn their living on their heinies) spending their time in deeply alienated, de-personalized lives where all too many sub-urbanites down there barely know

their neighbors and basically exist day to day and paycheck to paycheck and bill to bill, all caught up in their perpetual rat-race existence.

After living in quite a few big cities in my younger days, I feel so much more comfortable knowing a lot of people by name. Couple weeks ago, the sidewall on the right rear tire blew out. Had a bit of trouble getting that off and the temp one on. So what happened? One fellow who drove up, loaned me his jack, one much better than the one which came with my \$200+ plus a Diamond Willow carving and an elongated tool very handy for turning the nuts. He had to go for a few minutes. While my battered back was giving me a hard time with the real lug-nuts, up drives a youngish Amish guy in his horse and buggy. He was doing some concrete and carpentry work for the lumberyard where I'd pulled in off the road. He had those rusted-in things off in no time. Neither of the fellows would accept any payment. Yes, it sure is nice to be back in the home-country. Its not very hard to meet new friends up here.

Another pleasant experience happened to me in of all places, a hospital. Not just any hospital, but Clearwater County's own "new" Bagley hospital, now a part of the Sanford system. How that all came about was the result of overtaking the 77 year old bod a bit overmuch during that unreal heat we had this last summer. My days had been taken up with the sadly neglected homestead. With forests of cockleburrs, gobs of gopher-mounds, a lawn of some 3 acres untouched by my 22 inch Huskvarna push mower over the past five years, out of control saplings, windfallen trees, collapsed woodstacks and a vandalized and trashed house with a collapsing 105 year-old shed roof kitchen grandfather Magnus had added on in 1916, the year uncle Clarence was born; the whole business had me going for endless hours, most of them invested out in that 90 degree hot sun.

In all that scooting around outdoors and demolishing the inside of that beyond repair kitchen, and while evacuating the mess of stuff that had been accumulating dust over those missing years; I just happened to overlook something important. Hour after hour toiling in that hot sun literally sweats out the salts and electrolytes in one's system. That and a tiny tick, smaller than a pinhead, created a bit of drama. Had been feeling a bit tucked out over the past few days and kinda pooped. I took off a bit of time and lay down on the bunk. After a bit, with a need to attend to a bit of pressure in the system, I got off the couch and took a step and then something like half a step. Ended up collapsing against the wall in the six by sixteen "ice palace", generously lent by Mark Edevold who lives just a couple miles towards town.

Couldn't get off the floor. Body simply would not cooperate. No strategy would work. Fortunately the little Tracfone was within arm's reach. 911 calls and THREE ambulances showed up. One of them maneuvered around the others and sped to Bagley with me on a stretcher. Soon I was officially admitted into Sanford by Dr. Spence. He seems to be pretty popular around here. Perhaps that's because the Jamaica native is not just any old doctor who's basically in it for the money. Nope, Spence is a real physician. He cares about people. Great listener. A blood-test decreed three days on an intravenous saline drip and

another three in early recovery. First time since '81 that all those tubes and such were part of reality.

In this day and age hospitals in most communities are not known as pleasant adventures. Most of them are professional and all but a certain something is in short-supply. That certainly was not the case in Bagley. By my lights it might just be one of the most caring and personalized medical environments in the state, if not the whole country. Staff was fantastic. Constant attention was given by two nurses, from Winsor and Greenwood townships respectively. Countryfolk for caregivers? Oh yeah! Besides more good care by a traveling nurse who fills in at various facilities for the Sanford system, even Joyce, the kitchen coordinator, the hospital administrator and the cleaning lady were friendly and helpful. These kind folk went out of their way time and again to provide a level of genuine heartfelt support and personal interest which would be relatively rare in Bemidji and Fargo—to say nothing of the Metro.

Since America's school systems these days, to say nothing of the boobtoob and the gaming world, have shortened people's attention spans, lots of people are challenged by long articles. So I'll try to cut this a bit short. But I do promise to share some further adventures in rediscovering the warm and cozy values experienced in the space of only a few months back in an area where talk of "progress" by politicians and talking-heads is met with a dash of experienced skepticism and where most everyone agrees that common-sense is a quality and outlook not frequently encountered down there where "higher education" and "good jobs" land all too many relatives, former classmates and old friends smack-dab in the middle of over three MILLION fellow human-beings who are all caught up in the traffic jams and the ever more impersonal bureaucratic reality which most everyone—even down there—call the Rat-Race.

Small town and country living amidst a still breathing folk-culture is an ever more rare privilege in Covid-clouded America. A lot of us used to be a bit envious of those relatives, friends and neighbors who had the get up and go to get those good-paying jobs, the opportunities to shop till you drop and the occasions to take in major-league sporting events, museums and even the State Fair. Even the publisher of this paper told me that when he graduated out of Clearbrook high school in 1960, people used to ask him "where are you going to go"? My own parents had run out of work in '59—a time when you couldn't buy a job up here—so we moved to south Minneapolis on the 15th of June, my late cousin Ardell Broin Maple's 17th birthday if memory serves. But there is work up here now and those who need to commute to work, need to be concerned about deer crossing the road a bit more than getting caught up in traffic jams.

Anyway, a few small-town advents and places I took in over the past half-year and the pleasure of a host of renewed and even new friendships, convinced me over and over again that those of us here in "fly-over country" or "left over land" just happen to be the lucky ones. Not too many riots in Gully lately. Berner neither. With Thanksgiving come and gone and the Holidays soon to come, we, the fortunate few, indeed have reason to be thankful for our many blessings.

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Ryder Kindem had his first visit with Santa.



Tilden Lindem was anxious to talk with Santa.



Visiting with Santa in Gonvick from top to bottom. Mak Fawver, William Pierce and Maverick Erickson.



The Gonvick Lions Club packed up 99 packages and delivered them to area residents on Sunday, December 12. Shown are some of the members when they were ready to go out and deliver. Lions Club members include: Janice Anderson, Lori Bahr, Jarica Lea Carroll, Brandon Earl, Caden Eck, Kim Eckman, Dan Johnson, Robert Johnson, Misty Larson, Autum Molden, Richard Richards, Norman Rude, Jesse Smith, Jonathan Solberg, Danny Sundquist, Tony Torgerson, Leslie Watne, Matt Anderson, Wayne Bergh, Michael Carroll, Heidi Earl, Chris Eck, John Hellquist, Pricilla Johnson, Austin Kindem, Logan LeClair, Corrine Richards, Cody Rude, Crystal Smith, Mark Snobl, Kim Solberg, Lucie Ann Thompson, Richard Vinje.

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