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Robin Proffit, the Clearbrook-Gonvick Food Service Director and her staff put on muffins with mom at the school on Friday, March 24. Several moms and grandmas came in early for the treat. Shown are some of those who attended.



Meeting includes elimination of Home Care Nursing and Hospice

Clearwater County board holds regular monthly meeting March 21

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

On March 21, the County Commissioners conducted a regular meeting in the board room of the County Courthouse. Following the pledge of allegiance, the agenda was approved and minutes from the last meeting were reviewed with minor typo adjustments being made.

The first department report was made by County Attorney, Kathryn Lorschbach. At a prior meeting, Lorschbach had requested permission to contract with the Zero Abuse project to have an expert testify in a court case. At this meeting, she was now submitting the invoice for payment. Commissioner John Nelson made a motion to approve payment to the Zero Abuse Project in the amount of \$3,288.00, seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera, motion passed.

Chief Deputy Vern Wittenberg was representing the Sheriff Department with two requests. The first was seeking authorization to promote Garrett Baumann from a part-time Communications Corrections Officer to a full-time Communications Corrections Officer, effective March 29. Commissioner Mark Larson made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Nelson – motion carried. The second request was in regards to upgrading the mapping program to replace the existing program that is not working properly. Commissioner Stuart Dukek made a motion to authorize the Sheriff to contract with Central Square to make the upgrade at a cost of \$28,536.79, with the funds coming from the 911 budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera. During discussion, Commissioner Larson asked if this was part of the larger communication project that is currently underway. Wittenberg explained that the big communication project is regarding the radio system and that the mapping program is a separate project. With no further discussion, Commissioner Dean Newland called for a vote, which passed.

County Auditor/Treasurer Allan Paulson submitted invoices that needed to be approved. Commissioner Larson made a motion to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$89,625.21 to be paid from the County Revenue Fund and \$15,538.81 from the Nursing Service Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland and was passed.

County Engineer Dan Sauvé has reviewed the bids that were opened at the last meeting and gave shared his findings. Regarding project CP 23-100 for pavement markings, only one bid had been received. Upon further investigation, he found

that the company Sir Lines-A-Lot had bought out two other companies that normally submit bids for this type of work. To make the project available to more bidders, Sauvé adjusted the paint specification and contacted the following companies to submit quotes – Sir Lines-A-Lot, Warning Lites, Century Fence, and Musera Pavement Marking. The quotes would not require a bid bond or contract performance bond, which are not necessary because the project dollar amount would be below the threshold needed to require sealed bids. A quote sheet and motion was presented to cancel last weeks bid and award the project based on the new quotes. Commissioner Nelson made the motion to cancel the bids received on March 14, 2023 for CP 23-100: Pavement Markings, and to accept the low quote of \$129,179.66 from Sir Lines-A-Lot on the revised quote proposal, and approve the contract for the work in their quote proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera and was approved. The next three motions were regarding the bids for other road projects:

- Commissioner Larson made a motion to award the bid for CP 23-200: Regravel to Vogt Dirt Service LLC of Bemidji, MN in the amount of \$367,502.94. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nelson and passed.

- Commissioner Nelson made a motion to award the bid for CP 23-300: Stockpiling to Northern Aggregate Inc of Bemidji, MN in the amount of \$186,900.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dukek and passed.

- Commissioner Larson made a motion to award the bid for SAP 015-607-025, SAP 015-611-012 and CP 023-608-001: Bituminous Milling & Overlay to Knife River Materials of Bemidji, MN in the amount of \$2,637,137.31. Motion seconded by Commissioner Titera and passed.

MIS Director Stuart Lien explained that since many of the county employees needing access to the county computer network do not use smart phones, they would not be able to generate codes for two-step authentication to gain access to the network. Instead, they will be issued handheld “tokens”, similar to a flash drive, that will generate the two-step authentication code required. These tokens would have a four-year lifespan. Commissioner Titera made a motion to authorize the purchase of 125 RSA SID 700 tokens from Morris Electronics not to exceed \$10,519.34 to be paid from the County Equipment Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dukek and was approved.

Clearbrook Gonvick School board meets

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School board started out their March 20, 2023 meeting with the Spotlight on Education presentation with Mr. Bettin. Photos had been put together for a slide presentation. He has been taking advantage of the K-12 building with his yearbook students coming to read to the Kindergarten students. The Animal Science class went to the Erickson Farm to watch them give shots to the small piglets. The fourth grade was finding out many marbles you can float. The choir went to BSU to participate with other schools. Two students sang separate selections. Nine students went to the River Watch Spring Forum. They work with the Red Lake Watershed District.

Principals Report
Currently 29 students have received the Backpack Buddies Food Program. Students received a bag each Friday to take home for the weekend. No cost to the district and it fills the gap for some families in need.

April 3rd is the date for the start of the MCA tests. Math and Reading in grades 3 to 6. Science in grades 5 and 8. Reading and English in grades 7,8 and 11. Biology in Grade 10. Testing should be done by April 28th.

Thirty-six students had preschool screening. The school staff and nursing services provided the task. 30/33 are School Readiness or Kindergarten

eligible for next year.

Mrs. Mendick and Ms. Larson have been working hard on fund raising and preparing for the prom which is set for April 22. The students will have pictures taken by Starkey's Photography in the gym, then the grand march will be in the gym at 5:30. The students will get on buses and go to Bluebelle Event Center near Bemidji for their dance. Buses will be back at the school by midnight for the post prom which is being hosted by a parent group.

Spring break will be April 7 and 10 with no school.

Superintendent Report
Superintendent Ryan Grow, stated "they have filled the ADSIS position with Mrs. Porter's retirement at the end of the school year. Julie Johnson who has been the kindergarten teacher will be moving into that as the Reading Interventionist. With the Kindergarten position open that had multiple candidates and the position has been offered and verbally accepted."

They are still looking for a full-time custodian and extra curricular bus drivers.

The ATSR Pre-referendum/Architect firm has hit the ground running. They had 4 or 5 people already doing the assessment in the school. A steering committee with two board members, Superintendent Grow and Paula Boomgarden. The steering committee will have members of the community.

County Assessor Terrie Johnson shared that her department was due for licensing of software, needed new archiving modules and training for the staff. Johnson reviewed each of contracts from Vanguard Appraisals. The contract for training would allow 40 hours of training over an extended period of time at a cost of \$5,200.00 for the block of hours. Regarding the archiving modules, the county would receive a 20% discount for agreeing to purchase 6 archive modules for a total cost of \$14,280.00. For software licensing, the county would lock in the pricing for 3 years for a total of \$39,285.42 with a payment schedule of \$12,735.42 due 4/13/23, \$13,275.00 due 4/13/24 and \$13,275.00 due 4/13/25. Commissioner Titera made the motion to approve the three contracts with Vanguard Appraisals, seconded by Commissioner Larson and was approved.

Public Health/Nursing Services Administrator Lisa Syverson was the last department head on the agenda. Resolution 3-21-23: Elimination of Home Care Nursing and Hospice Program was distributed and reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Clearwater County ("County") Public Health operates a Home Care Nursing and Hospice program; and WHEREAS, Home Care Nursing and Hospice are not mandated public health programs; and WHEREAS, it is increasingly rare for Minnesota counties to provide Home Care Nursing and Hospice services; and WHEREAS, the agency Home Care Nursing and Hospice program have operated with a significant deficit for many years, including deficits exceeding \$160,000 per year in each of the last two years; and WHEREAS, the County cannot continue to subsidize the non-mandated Home Care Nursing and Hospice program; and WHEREAS, the County is aware of at least two other private home care providers currently serving Clearwater County that are not financially supplemented by Clearwater County that can provide these services to residents; and WHEREAS, the Home Care Nursing and Hospice program employs 23 program staff; and WHEREAS, the sunset of the Home Care Nursing and Hospice program will eliminate the need for: 4 Registered Nurses, 7 Home Health Aides and 5 Clerical employees. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The Home Care Nursing and Hospice program shall be eliminated effective April 28, 2023.

2. The Board as reviewed and approves the letter to the

Commissioner of Public Health notifying her that Clearwater County's Home Care Nursing and Hospice program shall be eliminated effective April 28, 2023.

3. The County shall immediately cease accepting new clients into Home Care Nursing and Hospice program.

4. The Public Health Administrator is directed to provide written notice of the elimination of the Home Care Nursing program to all clients no later than April 14, 2023 and to coordinate the transfer of care to the private provider selected by the client.

5. 16 positions in the Clearwater County Public Health Home Care Nursing and Hospice program shall be eliminated effective April 28, 2023, at 4:30 pm, as follows: 4 Registered Nurses, 7 Home Health Aides and 5 Clerical employees. The County shall retain the Public Health Administrator, one registered nurse, the home health aides providing school health care, and one clerical employee. The Board has reviewed and approved the layoff notices to be issued to affected employees.

Adopted this 21st day of March 2023.

Dean Newland, Clearwater County Board Chair

ATTEST: Amanda Jordan, Clearwater County Board Coordinator

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 3-21-23 to eliminate the home care nursing and hospice programs in Clearwater County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larson and was approved unanimously.

Following the approval of the resolution, the commissioners discussed with Lisa Syverson and Kathryn Lorschbach about how the commissioners could assist Syverson in talking to available staff that day. Lorschbach explained that in order to operate within open meeting laws, commissioners that walked across the street to the Nursing office to assist Syverson with the announcement would, by law, not be able to answer any questions. However, the commissioners could recess this meeting until the Nursing Staff could come to the courthouse. Since this meeting had already been announced, commissioners could then take questions.

The commissioners decided to recess the meeting until noon, giving Nursing Staff time to join the meeting. Additional information regarding the question-and-answer part of the meeting can be found in the article "County announces elimination of Home Care Nursing and Hospice Program" on the front page of the Canary this week.

al \$2,827.50; DaRoos Pizza \$2,254.06; Garden Valley Telephone \$1,986.01; Knutson, Flynn & Deans \$1,405.00.

Old Business
They tabled the Principal's Contract to the April meeting.

New Business
The board approved the resignation of Joanne Lavin as Head Cross Country Coach.

Jess Larson English teacher was approved tenure as this was her 3rd year.

Two other teachers were approved tenure with this being their first year and they had years of experience in other districts. Tenure to Becky Holtzer, Stem Interventionist and Melissa Larson, Elementary Special Ed.

The board hired Sarah Goudge as Assistant Track & Field Coach for the 2023 season. She has had five years as the Head Coach. They started practise March 20.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) is an agreement that the board accepted with Education Minnesota Clearbrook-Gonvick staff.

Summer Learning teachers will receive a rate of pay at \$40 daily for the 9 to 12 and have one day of prep for the summer.

The board accepted the first reading of the MSBA Model Policy 516.5 plan.

The next regular meeting will be April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Community Calendar

Sportsman's meeting
The Gully Area Sportsman's Club will meet at Shorty's Place on Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 AM.

Clearwater County Historical Society
SPRING BAKE & BOOK SALE

Saturday April 8
Bagley Legion Auditorium
Sale starts at 9:00 a.m. Closes at 2:00 or when everything is gone!
LUNCH SERVED 11:00- gone
Free Will Offering
Baked goodies needed: can be brought to the museum on Friday April 7 before 3:00 p.m. or Saturday morning to the sale site after 8:00 a.m.
Please call if you'd like to help provide lunch items or to volunteer for 2 hour shifts starting at 8:00.
Please call the museum 785-2000 for more information and to volunteer
See you there!

Music programs set for May 9 and 16
Also coming this spring is the High School Spring Concert on May 9 and the Elementary Spring Concert on May 16. Both concerts will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Author will be at the Bagley Library
Author Visits Featuring Marcie Rendon Scheduled April 11-14
Join Lake Agassiz Regional Library for an author visit featuring Marcie Rendon (Murder on the Red River, Girl Gone Missing). Rendon will discuss her writing career and her most recent book, Sinister Graves, which is a gripping mystery set in Minnesota in the 1970s.
Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bagley Public Library
Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mahnomen Fire Hall, 124 S. Main Street
Friday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Detroit Lakes Public Library

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Weekly activity by Darin Halverson	
Bear Creek - Total 2 03/22/23 14:38:57 Motor Vehicle Crash - Information 03/25/23 06:05:43 Animal Related - Handled By Officer	Falk - Total 4 03/20/23 23:17:54 Warrant - Attempt t - Handled By Officer 03/21/23 21:41:14 Missing/Lost Person - Handled By Officer 03/24/23 13:57:25 Burglary - Handled By Officer / Deputy 03/25/23 22:55:49 Threats - Handled By Officer / Deputy
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Blood drive in Clearbrook

Women of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook are putting on a blood drive on Wednesday, April 5th.
If you have any questions, you can give Nancy Goudge a call at 776-2777.

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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

*Art Class: Mosaic Spring Garden Creations: Do you have family dishes you don't know what to do with? How about turning them into outdoor art that gives them new life and a unique way to be remembered!
Mar 27-Apr 24 {5 weeks} on Monday Evenings from 6:30-8:30pm at CWLC Gonvick. \$5 per person
*Create It! Sessions Second Monday of the month from 12:30-3:00pm. \$10 per person. Classes vary, get more details online and register at www.clearwaterslife.org/art-experiences
*Community Art Studios 3rd Monday of the month Basket Weaving class. 12:30-3pm at CWLC Gonvick. Register at www.clearwaterslife.org/art-experiences *These activities 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.
*Grow It! Greenhouse and Garden Center Basket Party
March 31-April 1 Register online or call our office to save your spot! Join us in creating beautiful flower pots for your garden. You bring or purchase a planter, choose your perfect flowers and plant them. Then enjoy snacks and drinks with friends.
We care for your planter until May 13.
Friday Night Out April 14th at CWLC Gonvick from 5-7pm. We will be enjoying in Scandinavian cuisine. With Swedish Meatballs, candied carrots, fresh made lefse and Risgrynskaka (rice pudding) for dessert. RSVP online at www.clearwaterslife.org or call 218-776-2789. We recommend a donation of \$20 per person (\$10 for 12 and under).
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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Good Shepherd
Wed., March 29 -5:30pm Lenten Service with free-will meal by the youth following the service, ending at 6:45pm; 6:45pm Vocal Choir; 7:30pm Handbells
Sun., April 2 9:00am Worship with Pastor Gary Graff; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School
Wed., April 5 -9:00am Worship with Pastor Gary Graff; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School
Office Hours - Monday: Closed, Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am - 2:00pm
Our Savior's
Sun., April 2 - 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School; 11:00am Worship with Pastor Gary Graff

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER
Pastor Dawson Grover
53299 269th Ave
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Sunday Church Services 10:30 am

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Tues. March 28 - Chicken Ala King, Vegetable
Wed. March 29 - Goulash Vegetable
Thurs. March 30 - Pork Loin, Potato, Vegetable
Fri. March 31 - Lemon Pepper Fish, Potato
Included with the meal: Vegetable, Bread, Milk, Dessert or Fruit.
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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30a.m. Fellowship Time, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery & Jr. Church during sermon time) 6:00 p.m. Youth Night (Most Sundays) Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m Men's Prayer
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Gonvick
Samhold Lutheran Church is having services every Sunday at 10:30am. Also, Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30am.

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

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
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Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Tues, Mar. 28: 6:30 p.m. St. Petri Lenten Service.
Wed, Mar. 29: 5:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:00 p.m. Meal. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Nazareth.
Thurs. Mar. 30: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Lenten Service.
Sat, Apr. 1: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. Sun, Apr. 2: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth, 9:00 SS. 9:15 a.m. Oak Park, 10:30 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. St. Petri.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Mar. 29: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Apr. 2: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Apr. 4: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Apr. 5: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Mar. 29: Confirmation 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Meal and 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Sand Valley.
Sat, Apr. 1: 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley Bake Sale.
Sun, Apr. 2: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany. 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley.
Wed, Apr. 5: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Lund.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Head Pastor
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.
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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Frank and Annie Bergh would like to say thank you to everybody that attended Frank's Surprise 90th Birthday Party on March 25th.
It was a surprise and we are grateful for everything that family and friends did to make it such a special day.

NOTICE OF SNOWMOBILE TRAIL CLOSURE

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club has a permit from private landowners to make their property available for snowmobile trail riding during the winter months only. This permit expires April 1st.
During all other months, anyone who wishes to go onto these privately owned lands must have permission from the owner. The fact that it is a trail for public use in the winter does not give permission for anyone to use it in warm weather. This applies to hikers, ATV's, Horseback riders and 4-wheel drive or off-road vehicles.
Please respect the rights of property owners. Any person or organization who wishes to use any land for any reason must be sure that they have permission for their activity from the owner.
Unless you have permission, you are trespassing!
Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club

Thank You!

My family and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Clearbrook Rescue Squad, Sanford Bagley Ambulance Service, and Sanford AirMed for their quick response. Thank you to all the wonderful doctors and nurses at Sanford Medical Center in Bagley and Fargo for the excellent care given during my medical emergency and heart surgery. Thank you to Pastor Mark Olson for his comforting visit. Also, thank you for all of the texts and calls to my family during my hospital stay and all of the prayers and prayer chains. A special thank you to Dylan Goudge and Clifty Group for providing meals to my family and to Jennifer and Danielle Faldet for cleaning my house and taking good care of Max, along with Carter Matthews for keeping my driveway snow-plowed and caring for Max, too.
I am so grateful for our caring community and my family. I am happy to say that I am doing well and at home recovering now.
Ryan Faldet

BEAR TRACKS

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



Muffins with mom and Grandmas held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch Menu

Wed., March 29 - Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Egg or Tuna Salad sandwich on Bun, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack** - Scooby Snacks
 Thurs. March 30: County Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Sun Ships
 Friday, March 31 - Fish Sandwich, Baked Chips, Cole-slaw, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack** - Pop Tart
 Mon. April 3: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread-

stick, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack** - Shortbread Cookies
 Tues. April 4: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Dessert, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices, Milk. **Snack** - Cheez It Crackers
 Wed., April 5 - Dutch Waffles with Topping Choices, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Links, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack** - Granola Bar

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

Winter Sports Banquet March 30

The C-G High School Winter Sports Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 30th @ 6pm in the school commons. Winter sport athletes (9-12 girls basketball, 8-12 boys basketball, Cheerleaders) and their families are invited for dinner and the program following. Each player/athlete can bring up to two family members for a complimentary dinner. Any extra family members attending must pay \$10 for the meal (if they choose to eat). Players/athletes must sign up in the office indicating how many family members will be in attendance by Friday, March 24th!! Please spread the word. Thanks

First Lady Nominations due

Nominations will be accepted through Saturday April 1 for the 2023 First Lady award. It's easy to do- think of a county woman who should be considered for the award, then send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination; this can include her accomplishments, years of service, her career highlights, and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominees can be volunteers or can be a woman who is excelling in her chosen career. The nominees can be retired or just starting out. The only requirement is that she must be a woman currently living in Clearwater County.

Make sure to include your name and contact information so we can let you know in time so you can help get your selected nominee to the event! A secret panel of judges will read all the letters and make their decision in time to be revealed on May 6 at in Clearbrook.

Letters should be sent by April 1 to 2023 First Lady History Center P.O. Box 241 Bagley MN 56621

STORY TOSHARE!

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

Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors

Each week the Leader-Record is featuring the 2023 seniors



Name: Isabelle Coxsey
 Family Members: Mom - Sarah; Step-dad - Michael; Brother - Jamison
 Best High School Memory: Being in the one-act play and all the choir trips.
 Favorite teacher or coach: Ms. Larson
 Most important person in your life: My grandma
 Favorite class: English
 Favorite movie: "Zombieland"
 Favorite song or band: Anything by Taylor Swift
 Plans for next year: I plan on going to St. Cloud University



Name: Jesse Anderson
 Family Members: Mom - Tamera; Dad - Craig; Brother - Wyatt; Sisters - Bella and Alexa
 Best High School Memory: Brett Vettleson setting the school shop on fire by accident.
 Favorite teacher or coach: Ross Faldet
 Most important person in your life: Parents
 Favorite class: Shop
 Favorite movie: "Talladega Night"
 Favorite song or band: George Strait
 Plans for next year: Work-ing in Agriculture



Name: Josh King
 Family Members: Mom, Dad, Sister, Girl friend
 Best High School Memory: Grape war in the bathroom in 8th grade.
 Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. Hjort
 Most important person in your life: My girlfriend Chasity
 Favorite class: Chemistry
 Favorite movie: "Iron Man 3"
 Favorite song or band: "Small Town Saturday Night" by Hal Ketchum
 Plans for next year: Work and then school.



Name: Matthew Roy
 Family Members: Michael Roy, Brandie Roy, Chris Roy and Mason Roy
 Best High School Memory: Me and my friends playing basketball.
 Favorite teacher or coach: Coach Kroulik
 Most important person in your life: My mom and dad
 Favorite class: Credit Recovery
 Favorite movie: "Wall-E"
 Favorite song or band: "Mocking Bird" - Eminem
 Plans for next year: College and work.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Windy Wilson dropped anchor at the philosophy counter just about the time we'd finished the hash browns with chile on the side. Red this time. Windy looked terrible.

"What's wrong, Windy?"

"These here folks today ..." he said. And we gulped a bit when we hear a sentence begun that way. "Folks today..." he sounded resigned, "they don't ever try to unnerstand folks who ain't perzackst like them. And people who have a leetle handi-clap? Fergit it!"

Yep. Windy talks like that. "What happened, Windy?" "Wellsir, Doc, you know I been gittin' a leetle hard a-hearin' recently. Sometimes gotta ask somebody to say somethin' twice ... you know?"

We all knew. "It's that ding-danged tea kettle," Windy said. "You know ... got a whistler on it for when the water boils up? Cain't hear it. I gotta be right in the ding-danged kitchen to hear it."

"So you got some hearing aids?" Steve asked.

"Naw, cost too much. What I figgered to do was jest make that tea kettle louder. I saw one a them coach whistles in the store and I got that fer only \$3.59. Then I got me a little piece of tube thing and I glued 'er all together. Hey, looks good,

too. I figgered, that there steam would come out and actualize that coach whistle, and I know I could hear that."

"Work? Well, I should smile it worked," he said, proudly. "I was admirin' that sound. I could hear it even out in the back yard. Yes-

sir, 'course my dog, Ramses, he wouldn't come back in, but it's a nice day. It's them other folks."

He took a sip of coffee. "Well-sir, first thing happens is Old Man Johnson next door, he calls the fire departmentals and tells 'em my smoke alarm is goin' off. Then Mrs. Garcia over the way, she calls the cops and says my burglar alarm is goin' off. That ol' brown dog of the Simpsons started barkin' and runnin' off toward Lewis Crick. Them kids at the playground thought recess was over and went back in to class."

Windy shook his head. "First thing ya know, sirens and flashing lights up and down the street. Oh well ... two good things come of it, though."

"Two things?" "Yep. I can hear that kettle now, and I noticed I ain't got no more gophers in the yard."

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

On Wednesday, March 29th The Bagley American legion will be hosting a free dinner for all Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans. This annual event is sponsored by the "In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club" Bemidji Chapter. This will be the 9th year the club has held this event, although March 29th was not officially recognized as "Vietnam War Veterans Day" until declared so in 2017 by President Donald J. Trump.

The event will kick off at 5 pm with social time, followed by the presentation of the colors by the White Earth Honor Guard at 5:30, a brief program including a guest speaker, presenta-

tion of a blanket by the Quilts of Honor Foundation, and dinner.

This is a "plus one" event, so veterans are encouraged to bring a spouse, significant other, or close friend.

Grow It! Greenhouse in Gonvick and Garden Center will have a Basket Party from March 31-April 1 Register on-line or call their office to save your spot! Phone: 218-776-2789 or Email: office@clearwaterslife.org Join them in creating beautiful flower pots for your garden. You bring or purchase a planter, choose your perfect flowers and plant them. Then enjoy snacks and drinks with friends. They care for your planter until May 13.

Joke time..

A Norwegian was strolling through the farm yard one day when he gazed down to find himself ankle deep in manure. "Good Heavens," He said, "I'm melting!"

Did you hear about the man who as half Norwegian and half Japanese? Every December 7th, he goes out and attacks Pearl Olson.

Events...

The date has been set! Lund Lutheran Church Congregation of Gully turned 125 on January 16, and will be celebrating this big anniversary on July 16th, 2023.

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING February 27, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Wishard at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Corey Petterson, Kayla Walberg, Randy Bodensteiner, Dudley Wishard, and Vern Wittenberg (arrived at 7:14 pm). Absent: Jill Nelson, Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff and community members

3 Community Comments – Prior to community comments, Supt Grow thanked the board for their service & presented them with Certificates of

Appreciation in honor of School Board Member Month. A question was asked about baseball/softball.

4 Spotlight on Education – Mr. Bettin showed a power point presentation of activities that have taken place since the last board meeting.

5 Approval of Agenda – Clerk Wishard turned the meeting over to Chair Wittenberg. MMS Petterson/Abel to approve agenda as amended, adding item 10.6 – Resignation (Retirement) of Theresa Porter. MCU.

6 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to approve minutes as presented. MCU.

6.1 1/23/23 – Regular Meeting 7 Informational Items

7.1 Principals Report – Principal Tharaldson presented the report, and discussed the following items: A) **Resolution from Indian Ed Parent Advisory Committee** – Principal Tharaldson discussed AIPAC vote of concurrence/non-concurrence. B) **2023-2024 High School Schedule** – Principal Tharaldson reviewed the draft of the schedule for next year. C) **MN Dept. of Natural Resources Grant** – The District received a \$5,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources, and the money will be used to purchase snow shoeing & fishing equipment. The goal is to use this equipment with our elementary physical education classes, as well as with other groups. D) – **CTE Ag Dept. Funding** – Mrs. Monica Johnson applied for \$14,500 in CTE funding from our Pine to Prairie CTE Cooperative to purchase some additional teaching models. Her request was approved! E) – **PLC Emergency Manual Update Training** – After the board approved the updated manual, Andy Anderson & admin will provide training to all staff with the new updates.

7.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) **Personnel** – A) **ADSI** – The district has applied for ADSIS funds for 2024 & 2025. As part of our new application, we are requesting to add a 4-6 math position. B) **Potential Opening** – Due to the potential of an additional ADSIS math teacher position, we are anticipating some movement within our elementary staff, and therefore, are being proactive by posting for a potential elementary position. C) **Open Math Position** – Our open high school elementary position has been verbally accepted by Abigail Lauderbaugh. D) **Open Positions** – We currently have open positions for a FT custodian, anticipated Elementary teacher, and bus drivers. 2) **Educational** – A) **MSBA Training** – Phase I and Phase II trainings up coming up in early March. B) **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – These took place on February 16th & 4

17th. Attendance from parents who have student in the high school was very low. C) **High School Schedule** – This is nearly finalized. D) **Calendar Committee** – The calendar committee will meet this week to start working on the 23-24 calendar. As of now, for this year, we have enough instructional hours built into the calendar and don't have days to make up. E) **Scheduled Snow Day** – March 10th is a scheduled snow day. 3) **Legislative** – A) **Bills** – There are several bills being introduced. Links to bills of interest to education were highlighted. 4) **Financial** – A) **ADSI** – The budget and application for FY 24 & FY 25 have been submitted. B) **ESSER** – All budgets have been submitted. We were notified by MDE that FIN 160 has a couple of modifications to make for final approval. C) **Telecommunications** – TechCheck gave a presentation to a group of us about their phones and services. If we upgraded our phone system with them, we would save a considerable amount of money each month. D) **Grants/Funds** – 1) Voluntary Pre-K – I was unable to complete grant, due to time constraints. This isn't a funding source we currently receive or qualify for. 2) School Bus Stop Signal Arm Camera – Notice on successful recipients will be announced at the end of March/early April. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Joint Powers Agreement with Clearbrook** – The city has agreed to make some changes and additions to the JPA. These changes & additions are recommendations from our insurance company. B) **Custodial Dept.** – This department is currently short staffed, and I am planning to meet with the MSEA reps to discuss some possible solutions. This may/may not involve offering some additional hours to paras.

7.3 Counselor/Activities Director Report – The following items were reviewed by the Counselor/AD – A) **State/District testing** for the 2022-2023 school year. B) The 2023-2024 High School Schedule. C) Spring College Tours/Career Fairs. D) State/Regional/Community **Scholarship Programs**. E) **CG Extracurricular participation for 2022-2023** F) **Building Leaders & Good Citizens Within our Extracurricular Activities** G) **Challenges and Needs in the Extracurricular World**. For more detailed information on any of the above items, contact Scott Schafer at sschafer@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

7.4 Committee Report

8.4.1 – Transportation – Board member Abel discussed the recent meeting with Steins regarding the billing for EI, and the Midday Route/Para. He advised that the committee recommended the District pay the EI billing, but will hold the Midday route & para.

7.5 Enrollment Report – Enrollment numbers as of 2/22/23 for Pre-K thru 12th were 532, which remained the same from 1/23/23.

8 Consent Calendar – MMS Wishard/Wittenberg to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:

71202-71249/Wires
Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit

0030513/ Direct Deposit
February Bills

Voucher Numbers:

66387-66509

Check Numbers:

71250-71307

Total Payroll/Expense Checks

Approved: \$741,020.03

8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

8.3 Approval of Treasurer's

Report

8.4 Accept/Approve Donations

8.5 Student Activity Report

9 Old Business – None

10 New Business

10.1 Consider Approving the Principal's Contract – MMS Petterson/Wittenberg to table until March meeting. A copy of the current contract will be sent to the board. MCU.

10.2 Consider Approving the American Indian Parent Advisory Annual Compliance/ Vote of Concurrence or Non-concurrence – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to accept Vote of Concurrence. MCU.

10.3 Consider Approving the Pay Equity Implementation Report – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to approve. MCU.

10.4 Consider Awarding RA Morton as the Construction Management Firm to Work With the District for the Building Referendum Process – MMS Walberg/Abel to table decision until next special or regular meeting. A work session will be held prior to the next meeting to allow the board to meet with additional architect firms. MCU

10.5 Consider Paying Steins Bus Services, LLC for January's Early Intervention Transportation – MMS Bodensteiner/Wishard to approve. MCU.

10.6 Consider Accepting the Resignation (Retirement) of Theresa Porter – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to accept. MCU. Superintendent Grow and the school board thanked Mrs. Porter for her many years of dedicated service.

11 Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items – Questions were asked regarding transportation charges for Indian Education for the 21-22 school year, architect firms, and next year's high school offerings. The board was complimented on the work done during the meeting.

12 Future Meetings

12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

13 Closed Meeting for Superintendent Evaluation Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Sub. 3(a) – MMS Walberg/Bodensteiner to close at 8:55 p.m. MCU.

MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to reopen meeting at 10:05 p.m. MCU

14 Adjournment – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. MCU

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING March 14, 2023 - 7:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 a.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Dudley Wishard, Randy Bodensteiner, Scott Abel, Vern Wittenberg, Kayla Walberg, Corey Petterson, and Jill Nelson. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, staff members

3 Approval of Agenda – MMS Walberg/Petterson to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

4 Awarding a Construction Management Firm for the Potential Building Referendum – MMS Wishard/Walberg to award Construction Management Contract to RA Morton. MCU.

5 Awarding a Pre-Referendum/Architect Firm for the Potential Building Referendum – Discussion was held. MMS Walberg/Wishard to approve for award bid to ATSR. MCU.

6 Adjournment – MMS Petterson/Wishard to adjourn at 7:07 a.m. MCU

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Clearbrook-Gonvick School Muffins with Mom

