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Clearbrook Fire department Fish Fry Saturday, April 29

The Clearbrook Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a fish fry and fundraiser on Saturday, April 29th, 2023 in the gym at the Clearbrook Community Center. Serving will begin at 5:00 PM. The fish fry will be prepared by the fire fighters with help from family and friends. To-go orders will be available as well. Come check it out!

Department priorities for the coming year are focused on replacing and upgrading an aging ambulance used to respond to emergency medical calls, transport water rescue equipment, and provide an indoor climate controlled space

for rehab of firefighters during extended calls. The current van-body type ambulance is two-wheel drive with a single rear-wheel, which limits their ability to respond to rural areas in adverse weather conditions. They recently purchased a replacement vehicle through government surplus. The replacement is a later model, pickup-cabbed ambulance with four-wheel drive and dual rear wheels. They are gathering bids now for the costs to strip, buff, and re-stripe the new truck, as well as some lighting and radio equipment upgrades.

Personal protective equip-

ment is also vital to safety on any emergency scene. They received some grant money this year and plan to supplement with their own funds to add/replace wildland fire fighting gear. This gear is designed specifically for protecting the firefighters during grass and wildland fire scenes. It differs from structure fire-fighting gear in that it's lighter, allowing for enhanced maneuverability and comfort while fighting fire outdoors in the summer months.

Their goal, as always, is to be ready to protect and serve the community whenever the need arises.



District 2, Harlan Highberg



District 1, Dennis Engbretson



District 2 Cheryl Grover

Clearwater-Polk Electric has 76th annual meeting April 12

Clearwater-Polk Electric held their 76th annual meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at the Clearbrook Community Center.

The many in attendance were treated to a meal prepared and served by the staff of the Clearbrook-Gonvick school Linemen were present to answer questions. There was a bake sale and many events going on.

Attorney Samuel Schmitz with Brady Martz introduced the board, explained the voting process for the directors that were up for election.

Results of the election had District 2, Harlan Highberg the incumbent was elected unopposed for a three-year term.. District 1 for a three year term with Dennis Engbretson, the incumbent winning over challenger Devin Aakre. District 2 for a two year term as Robert Johnson did not run again was won by Cheryl Grover with Janell Strandberg running as well.

General Manager Deanna Lefebvre had her report to the members. The past couple of years Clearwater-Polk had been fortunate to not have many major storms. The number of outages were higher than 2021 but the company needed the year with a reliability rate of 99.3%. Clearwater-Polk has a strong right-of-way maintenance program for the key factor to the high reliability rate.

Clearwater-Polk is not anticipating a rate adjustment for 2023 but they will have to keep a close watch on the costs and plan for tomorrow.

Clearwater-Polk remains financially sound. They have 1,522 mile so line that serves 4,600 electric services. They have 14 full-time employees with a total utility plant of over \$30 million and year-end operating margins of over \$220,000.

The guest speaker was Matthew Marshall. He is Minnkota Power's Economic Development Administrator who lead a conversation on building up economic development in the communities.

He gave a profile of the county with a population of 9,691. The region has a civilian labor



Elaine and Robert Johnson at the Clearwater-Polk Electric Annual meeting. Robert spent 37 years as a director of the coop. He had spent 36 years and was to retire last year but there would have been too many up for election. By running last year he was rewarded with one of General Manager Deanna Lefebvre's famous pies. Johnson said, "she makes the best pies and that one was banana cream." When Clearwater Polk had their open house last year she made all the pies. He is going to enjoy his retirement now.



Clearwater-Polk Electric General Manager Deanna Lefebvre, Greg Spaulding, President of the board and Attorney Samuel Schmitz with Brady Martz were the speakers at the 76th annual meeting on April 12.

force of 4,510. Of individuals 25 to 64 19.2% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 34.3% in the nation. The median household income is \$52,538 and the median

house value of \$142,772. The largest total workers for the areas is Manufacturing 16.8%; Construction 15.2% and Health Care and Social Assistance 14.2%.



The Clearbrook American Legion presented the 2023 poppy poster winners at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Shown above winners are right to left - 5th Grade. 1st- Becca Dahl, 2nd-Brynleigh Samson, 3rd-Ellyse Berg. Shown below winners are right to left - 4th grade. 1st- Jacob Kumpula, 2nd-Easton Derby, 3rd-Tyden Larson



County Board of Commissioners report

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 11 with all commissioners in attendance. The meeting started with the approval of the agenda and the minutes from the March 21st meeting.

Sheriff Darin Halverson had two items to discuss with the board. First was the hiring of Zachary Pratt as a full time Communications Corrections Officer starting April 24, 2023, at starting pay of Range 14, step 1. Commissioner Mark Titera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner John Nelson, to authorize the hiring. Motion carried. Sheriff Halverson stated that by filling this position, his department is fully staffed. The Sheriff's second request was to create a subsidiary account for the Jail Canteen. Fifty percent of the net income generated by inmates purchasing goods in the canteen would be put in the account, with the other 50% going to the general fund. The funds put into the new account would only be used for repair or purchase of equipment in the jail. In essence, the inmates would be paying for repairs/purchases. Commissioner Mark Larson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the creation of a Jail Canteen subsidiary account with 50% of the revenue from the canteen deposited in the subsidiary account and 50% to the general fund. Motion carried.

Board coordinator, Amanda Jordan, representing the County Auditor/Treasurer, submitted invoices of \$188,727.60

to be paid from the County Revenue Fund and \$18,995.93 from the Nursing Service Fund. Commissioner Larson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dean Newland, to authorize the Auditor to pay the submitted invoices. Motion carried. Jordan also submitted a tobacco license application from Angela Paulson for the Trap Inc. Commissioner Larson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the tobacco license. Motion carried.

Dan Hecht from Environmental Services addressed the board about a flooring project at the landfill office. Hecht explained that the board had approved a motion in February to install epoxy flooring at the office for a cost of \$1,509 which included labor only. It was thought at the time that there would be enough materials left over from the jail renovation to complete the job. However, when the jail renovation was completed, it was determined that there was not enough material left over to complete the job at the landfill office. Hecht still felt that the epoxy flooring is still the best option as it is durable and would require minimal maintenance. Hecht submitted a revised proposal from Mr. Mole's Painting, LLC in the amount of \$2,549.00 for the installation of epoxy flooring which includes materials and labor. Commissioner Stuart Dukek made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Titera to accept the revised proposal from Mr. Mole's Painting. Motion carried. Hecht also gave an update about plowing of the garbage collection sites this winter. Hecht noted that

in some areas, residents in the area volunteered to plow a few of the sites one or more times, which helped. By having county employees plow the sites, enough money was saved to cover the cost of the plow that was purchased. Hecht felt that this strategy was very effective and would save money for the county in the long run.

County Engineer Dan Sauvé presented bills totaling \$52,808.75 to be paid. After reviewing the invoices, Commissioner Nelson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dukek to authorize the payment of the submitted bills. Motion carried. Sauvé announced that the bid opening for CP 1511-01 has been canceled due to a delay from FEMA for funding. The township did not want to proceed with the project until funding had been secured. Sauvé also announced the resignation of a maintenance foreman. Advertising to fill the position has been started. There was discussion about filling the position and other options. One option was to replace the non-union position with a union position (with a different job description and no management requirement). There may be current county employees that might consider applying for the union position if it were created. The decision was made to wait to see how many people apply for the non-union position. If there are no qualified applicants that apply, the board would consider looking at other options at that time.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Rescheduled special school board meeting held April 10

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board finally were able to get the Special board meeting held that had been canceled due to the storms in the area.

Scott Able was not present for the meeting held on Monday, April 10.

After the call to order and Pledge to the Flag they approved the agenda.

The board approved the contract for Principal Josh Tharaldson for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year. Pay would be \$88,500 for the first year and \$90,500 for the second year. Other benefits would be 4 personal days, 15 paid sick days. The same as the certified staff.

The unpaid leave request for Linda Box from May 8 to May 15, 2023 was approved. She did not have any personal time available.

The unpaid leave request for Melissa Larson for May 19, 2023 was approved.

The board accepted the resignation of Chris Westrum as Head Boys Basketball coach and thanked him for his years of service.

The board accepted the resignation of Kathryn Bukovic as Special Education Teacher at the end of the school year.

Erica Erickson was hired as the elementary teacher for the 2023-24 school year. They have three good candidates for the position and she will start at BA Step 1 for \$42,466 plus benefits. She will move into the open kindergarten position as Julie Johnson will be moving from that to K-3 Reading interventionist for the district.

The transportation was the next discussion. They need extra curricular bus drivers for events with field trips, sports and co-curricular activities. The district will pay to the drivers to get their proper licensure and training. At the present time they have drivers for the elementary

field trips for this school year unless something bigger comes up. They are in need of extras for next year to be of service to the district. Superintendent Grows stated that there were three people who were going to training on April 26.

The board had questions on liability and if there were other districts around that would have busses available for short trips. They have one van that holds 9 and maybe they could buy another van. More research will be done before the next school board meeting. They will be watching the state legislature for the next few weeks.

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning

The NELL Speaker for Wednesday April 19th is David Jones. Mr. Jones has been to Clearwater Co/East Polk on several occasion with various intriguing topics and is an excellent speaker!

He will present: "The Statue of Liberty: Two Decades of Effort, Almost Impossible Odds" at Faith Lutheran Church Bagley.

The Statue of Liberty stands proudly in New York Harbor, but how did the Statue come to be? What does it symbolize? Join us for a compelling look at the idea, the construction and the meaning.

Doors open at 9:00am and program begins promptly at 9:30am. Light refreshments will be served.

Community Calendar

Sportsman Club meeting April 22

Gully Area Sportsman's Club will meet on Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00 AM at Shorty's Place in Gully.

History Center Open Saturday

The history center in Shevlin will be open Saturday April 22 from 10am to 6pm before the dinner and concert at the Clearwater Lutheran church.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. April 19 - Teriyaki Chicken, Vegetable.

Thurs. April 20 - Sloppy Joe on bun, Baked Beans.

Fri. April 21 - Baked Fish, Vegetable..

Mon. April 24: Ginger Citrus Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable.

Tues. April 25: Meatloaf, Potatoes, Vegetable.

Included with the meal: Vegetable, Bread, Milk, Dessert or Fruit.

We welcome in house dining and home delivery. Call to sign up 776-3154 for more info. Senior Meals on Wheels Program. Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m.

SCHOOL BUS

School Bus Drivers Wanted

Need your School Bus endorsement? We can help!

No need for daycare, bring your little ones along.

\$30/HOUR DRIVERS

Routes are paid for 2 hours

Call Kelly at 218-243-2629

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They are subject to change.

First Lady Tickets now available/Honoree Selected

The Clearwater County First Lady event tickets are now available at The History Center in Shevlin. Tickets are \$15.00 each and must be purchased before May 1. No tickets will be available at the door. The 2023 honoree has been selected and you won't want to miss the surprise! The First Lady will be revealed during morning coffee on May 6 at the Good Shepherd Church in Clearbrook.

For more information call the Historical Society at 218-785-2000.

BAAC Writers Gathering April 22

BAAC Writer's Gathering will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on April 22 at the Bagley Public

Library, Bagley, MN with Vanessa Sarna from Bagley as the guest speaker.

Van's career was interesting! She taught English on the Navajo Nation in New Mexico, went on to be a Principal with populations of Hispanic, Navajo, Ute, Apache and Hopi. Her last setting was as an Assistant Principal and Activities Director of a mainstream High School of around 700 students in a basically Mormon community with a microcosm of Hispanic, Anglo and Native American cultures and reflected a mix of religions including Catholicism, Mormonism and traditional Navajo spiritual beliefs.

Vanessa will be doing a presentation on "Showing vs Telling" which is an effective way to create a more immersive and engaging reading experience. By using sensory details, actions, and reactions, a writer can create a vivid and nuanced story that draws the reader in and keeps them hooked. Showing takes more thoughts and focus, but once you train yourself to pay attention to the feature of your writing, you will find it easier to create writing that POPS!

There will be a Question and Answer time, plus a chance to practice the newly taught skills. Admission is open to anyone interested in writing, with no charge to attend! Hope to see you there! Contact Jill Torgerson at 218-556-2757 with any questions.

Certified Food Manager Course to be Offered Locally

Northwest Service Coop Adult Education (ABE) is offering a ServSafe Certified Food Manager Course at the Clear Waters Life Center, 256 2nd Ave., SW in Clearbrook, on Wednesday, May 24. This course covers both initial certification and recertification and meets all Minnesota state requirements for initial certification. Registration opens at 8:00 AM. Instruction begins promptly at 8:30 AM with the exam administered around 3:30 PM. Most people are able to complete the exam by 5:30 PM. The day includes a one hour

break for lunch on your own.

Pre-registration is required. The deadline is Wednesday, May 3. Cost of the initial certification course which includes the book, instruction, and exam is \$175.00. Recertification is \$75.00 and includes instruction and recertification certificate. There is no exam for recertification. If you are recertifying and would like a book; you may order one for an additional cost of \$75.00. Please register at www.nw-service.k12.mn.us. Scroll down to May 24 under "Upcoming Events" on the right side of the page. Click on name of course (in red); "Register Here" prompt is at bottom of page.

For those taking the full certification, a study guide will be sent a couple weeks ahead of the class. Please carefully read and study this book prior to attending the class. If you have general questions about the registration, please call Mercedes Coan at 218-689-6355 or email at mcoan@nwservice.org. If you have specific questions on the course or exam please call Traci Pederson at 763-453-0316 or email at tpederson@nwservice.org.

Sherry Hjelle
ABE Instructor,
Clearbrook-Gonvick, Bagley,
& Oklee 763-453-0317

Spoken Word Poetry Programs Hosted by Local Libraries

Local libraries will host energetic spoken word poetry presentations featuring diverse voices from across Minnesota in April. These dynamic programs will feature artists performing poems which demonstrate the varied experiences of Minnesotans. Admission is free thanks to funding from the Minnesota Art & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Presentations will be hosted by the Lake Agassiz Regional Library and will be held at the:

Bagley Public Library on Wednesday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m. This program will feature Joe Davis

Gonvick Community Room (170 Main St.) on Thursday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m. This program will feature Joe Davis and Kyle "Guante" Tran Myhre

These programs may feature topics sensitive to some listeners.

About the Poets
Joe Davis is a poet and artist who uses art, spoken word and poetry to create space for healing.

Kyle "Guante" Tran Myhre is a poet, educator, and activist whose work explores the relationships between narrative, power and resistance.

Report from County Nursing Service

Update 04/17/2023
Clearwater County COVID-19 Community Level: LOW
We have 3 active cases from 04/03/23-04/17/23 giving us a 14 day case rate of: 3.41

Ages of Current cases:
0-19 0
20-39 1
40-59 0
60-79 1
80+ 1

We continue to give Influenza and COVID 19 vaccinations Thursday afternoons from 2-4 pm. Please call 218-694-6581 to schedule an appointment.

From the CDC:
As of April 13, 2023, there are 17 (0.5%) counties, districts, or territories with a high COVID-19 Community Level, 79 (2.5%) with a medium Community Level, and 3,117 (96.8%) with a low Community Level. Compared with last week, the number of counties, districts, or territories in the high level increased by 0.1%, in the medium level decreased by 0.9%, and in the low level increased by 0.7%. Overall, 25 out of 52 jurisdictions had high- or medium-level counties this week.

As of April 12, 2023, the current 7-day average of weekly new cases (14,491) decreased 17.3% compared with the previous 7-day average (17,519). A total of 104,348,746 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the United States as of April 12, 2023.

As of April 12, 2023, 674.7 million vaccine doses have been administered in the United States. Overall, about 230.5 million people, or 69.4% of the total U.S. population, have completed a primary series. About 55.6 million people, or 16.7% of the U.S. population, have received an updated booster dose.

The current 7-day average of new deaths (190) decreased 25.4% compared with the previous 7-day average (254). As of April 12, 2023, a total of 1,128,404 COVID-19 deaths have been reported in the United States.

Stephanie Anderson
Clearwater County Nursing Service
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Church News

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER

Pastor Dawson Grover
53299 269th Ave
Leonard, MN
218-776-3331
Sunday Church Services 10:30 am

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Kris Snyder
8 miles North of Gonvick
on County Road 7
Sunday Church Services 9:00am

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD

Good Shepherd
Wed., April 19: 5:45 p.m. Confirmation/Meal 7-9th grade. 6:00pm Vocal Choir practice; 7:00pm Handbell practice

Sun., April 23: 9:00am Worship with Pastor Gary Graff 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School

Wed., April 23: 5:45 p.m. Confirmation/Meal 7-9th grade. 6:00 p.m. Vocal Choir practice. 7:00 p.m. Handbell practice.

Our Savior's
Sun., April 23: 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School
11:00am Worship with Pastor Gary Graff

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH

1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Assoc. Pastor Brad Binder
Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Children's Ministry Lead Kari Godin
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218-776-3367
office@countryfaith.org
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
Check the website or Facebook for up-to-date information.

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

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

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

Wed, Apr. 19: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.

Sat, Apr. 22: 9:00 a.m. Mt.Olive. Sun, Apr. 23: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 8:45 SS, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth, 10:00 SS.

Wed, Apr. 26: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.

Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwater-lutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Jarred LeBon, Pastor Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Apr. 19: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, Apr. 23: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship. Tue, Apr. 25: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wed, Apr. 26: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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

Wed, Apr. 19: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley Ladies Aid. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Lund.

Sun, Apr. 23: 9:00 a.m. Lund Service. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley Service. 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley Sunday School.

Wed, Apr. 26: 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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-Homeless shelter

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NOTICE:

Clearwater County Township Association Meeting
All Clearwater County Township Officers are encouraged to attend this meeting at which time special issues to be discussed include:

- County Environmental Officer Update
- County Engineer Update
- State Association of Townships Update

Any other business that comes before the board
This meeting will be held at the Bagley Senior Center on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 at 7 PM.
Stephanie Anderson, Sec/Treasurer
Clearwater County Township Association

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You're Invited

"Step into Spring"

Samhold Lutheran Church
WNALC Bazaar, Gonvick
Saturday, April 22, 2023
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Bake Sale • Craft Sale • Coffee Time
10:30 a.m. Brunch menu includes: Egg Bake, Muffins, Fruit, Coffee and Juice
Proceeds will go to Samhold Parsonage Project

Everyone Welcome!

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Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club

Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club Inc. will be hosting their "Landowner's Appreciation Dinner" on Friday, April 28th, at The Clubhouse/Shop In Leonard, MN. Social Hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the Dinner to be served at 7:00 p.m.

BY INVITATION ONLY.
Please mail your invite back, even if you are not attending.
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Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Who's on Deck? Join CWLC, Sunday May 7th at 3pm in Gonvick. We are celebrating the past and the future with a pie and ice cream social. God has been so faithful to us over the past 19 years and we expect him to continue to be faithful even as our leading teams change.

***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.

Friday Night Out at CWLC Gonvick starting at 5pm.

May 5th – Mexican cuisine
RSVP online at www.clearwaterslife.org or call 218-776-2789. We recommend a donation of \$20 per person (\$10 for 12 and under).

Senior Homemaking and Chore Services Now Available! We are excited to offer services like general housework, sorting and organizing, snow removal, small outdoor repairs and more. Call our office to schedule! 218-776-2789.

Grow It! Greenhouse and Garden Center Open starting April 3rd. Hours are Mon - Friday 9-4, Saturday 9-12.

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CWLC Gonvick: 226 Elm St.
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Kailey Klema retired as Region Reporter for the 2022-2023 year, and was elected as Secretary for the 2023-2024 year! Kailey Klema's parents got Honorary FFA Degrees.

FFA Members Advance in MFBF Discussion Meet

EAGAN, Minn. – Fifteen regional FFA finalists from across the state have advanced to compete in the Minnesota Farm Bureau (MFBF) State FFA Discussion Meet, held during the Minnesota State FFA Convention in St. Paul, April 23-25.

The competition will take place on Sunday, April 23 starting at 2 p.m. in Haecker Hall on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus.

The Discussion Meet competition encourages participants to have a conversation about current agriculture topics. The discussion simulates a committee meeting with the goal of finding a solution. Each FFA region in Minnesota can send up to two participants to the state contest, where the top two winners will receive a scholarship to the FFA Washington Leadership Conference or to further their education.

Participants in this year's competition include:

Region 1
Mikayla Engum, Detroit Lakes FFA

Kailey Klema, Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA

Region 2
Paige Gerads, Upsala FFA
Tiffany Siltala, Sebeka FFA
Region 3

Madison Lein, Fergus Falls FFA

Region 4
Alison Murrell, Braham FFA
Cole Sundeen, Rockford FFA

Region 5
Sophie Greer, Renville County West FFA

Dayna Terning, Dassel-Cokato FFA

Region 6
Joe Dagel, Russell-Tyler-Ruthon FFA

Lydia Rylaarsdam, Edgerton FFA

Region 7
Andrew Burns, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop FFA

Kiya Williamson, Belle Plaine FFA

Region 8
Katie Radman, Randolph FFA

Cadence Spearman, Triton FFA

The FFA Discussion Meet is sponsored by the MFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) Committee and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation.

About the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
To ensure Minnesota's agricultural vitality, the Minnesota Farm Bureau amplifies its members' voices through engagement, grassroots advocacy and agricultural awareness. Learn more about our efforts as an advocate for our nearly 30,000 members and 78 county Farm Bureaus at www.fbmn.org.



Isabelle Torgerson and Sarah Imle placed 2nd in the Region Talent Contest and will be advancing to State!!

ATV Safety classes offered

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office is hosting an ATV Safety Class for interested operators ages 10 and older who wish to obtain their ATV Safety Certificate.

An ATV Safety Certificate is required in the State of MN for anyone born after July 1, 1987. Students who are 16 or older can take the online course only and do not need to attend a field day. Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us for more information.

There are three steps:

Step 1: Contact Andy Anderson at 218-776-3112 Ext #104 or andyanderson@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us to pre-register.

Step 2: Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us and click on "Education and Safety" > "Recreational Vehicle Safety Classes" and follow the links to take the online ATV Safety Course. After the online course is complete, print the certificate/voucher and bring it to the Field Day.

Step 3: Attend the Field Day:
When: May 20th, 2023 at 8:30 AM

Where: Clearbrook-Gonvick School; 16770 Clearwater Lake Road, Clearbrook, MN 56634

Students need to bring their voucher from the online course, a helmet and proper riding attire (long pants, no open toed shoes, gloves, eye protection and clothes appropriate for the weather). A parent or guardian needs to attend the first part of the class for registration.



It was a GREAT day today for Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools FFA team members!



Students in the Bemidji State University concurrent enrollment course American Literature 1865-Present spent the day on the campus of Bemidji State on Monday, April 3 with their instructor Mrs. DeVries. The visit included a tour of the campus, including a dorm room, the rec center, the student union, and the newly built Hagg-Sauer building. Students also had library orientation to help aid them in upcoming research assignments. Lunch was provided for the group at Walnut Dining Hall. Lastly, we made a mad dash across campus to Bangsberg Hall where we participated in Dr. Gary Rees' American Literature class. Students read the same material as their on-campus counterparts, enjoyed Dr. Rees' lecture, and participated in discussion. Students enrolled in this course earn university credits which are transferable to other colleges and universities.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch Menu

Wed., April 12- Turkey Subs, Sun Chips, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack** - Goldfish Crackers

Thurs. April 13, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tri Tater, Baked Beans, Oatmeal Cookie (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Sun Chips

Friday, April 14 - Cheese

Pizza, Side Salad, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack** - Baked Doritos

Mon. April 17: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack** - Shortbread Cookies

Tues. April 18: Corn Dog, Macaroni and Cheese, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices,

Milk. **Snack** -Teddy Grahams

Wed., April 19 - Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack** - Shortbread Cookies

Please note- this may change!!!

Some food items that we normally purchase are not available!

Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors

Each week the Leader-Record is featuring the 2023 seniors



Name: Hailee Hanson
Family Members: Mom - Denise; Dad - Jamie; and little sister Ariana

Best High School Memory: The conversations that were had at the lunch table.

Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. Hjort

Most important person in your life: The people that are there for me no matter what.

Favorite class: Study Hall during Mr. Bettins prep Freshman year.

Favorite movie: "The Fast and Furious" series

Favorite song or band: Kip Moore

Plans for next year: I plan on pursuing a degree in dental.



Name: Kevin Sumner
Family Members: Mom - Victoria Mostrom; Grandpa - Adrian Oman; Brother - Saydoo Stately; Sister - Samiysh Stately; Cousins - Michael and Matthew Roy

Best High School Memory: Being in choir in 9th grade

Favorite teacher or coach: Mr. Bettin

Most important person in your life: My grandpa

Favorite class: Yearbook - 12 grade

Favorite movie: "The Wolf of Wall Street"

Favorite song or band: "Tears for Fears"

Plans for next year: Get money



Name: Sarah Reichert
Family Members: Dad and Mom - Ray and Valerie Reichert - Sisters - Ashley Reichert and Monica Johnson

Best High School Memory: In 7th grade I accidently clothes lined Kjersti going for the ball.

Favorite teacher or coach: Ross Faldet

Most important person in your life: My niece Paisley Johnson

Favorite class: Yearbook

Favorite movie: "Cowboy's" a John Wayne movie

Favorite song or band: "xxx's and ooo's" by Trisha Yearwood

Plans for next year: Going to Crookston and working with my horses and dogs.



Name: Julie Lavin
Family Members: Parents - John and Joanne; Sister - Jenni; Brother - Josh; Cat - Bosley

Best High School Memory: Daniel's banana joke in health in 8th grade.

Favorite teacher or coach: My dad

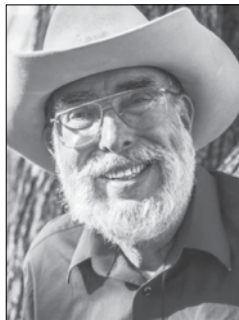
Most important person in your life: Taylor Swift

Favorite class: 7th hour Chemistry

Favorite movie: The batman Lego movie

Favorite song or band: Taylor Swift

Plans for next year: Begin to acquire an engineering degree and get rich.



Billy's been a busy guy ever since he became the official town dog here. Sally had been the town dog until she passed away on Doc's porch, and then Billy's owner died just two weeks after that, so it was something of a natural progression. Sometimes offices are filled without an election.

The high school wood shop boys built Billy a dog house next to the school crossing, but Billy preferred Aunt Ada's couch in the cold months and a nice dog depression under an oak tree when it's warm.

Billy was making the rounds this morning. He had snacks at the Gates of Heaven Chinese café (back door, of course) and the Mule Barn truck stop, and conned a granola bar out of some kids just leaving the convenience store. Then he headed down the main street, turned right at the drug store, and ended up on the porch of The Rest of Your Life Retirement Home. A brief scratching and whining gave him access, and he cruised around, being pet-

By Slim Randles

ted and loved, until he found Pop Walker. Pop can remember what happened in World War II right down to the mess hall menu, but he has a tough time with names and whether he's had breakfast today or not.

"Uh ...?" Pop looked at the lady in the nurse's uniform.

"I'm Jean, Pop."

"Oh sure ... Jean, okay if I go outside with the dog?"

"Only in the back yard, Pop. Okay?"

He grinned. "Okay."

Pop and Billy walked around back there for a while, and Pop found a stick and threw it for Billy a few times. Then they went to a bench in the shade and Billy laid his head on Pop's knee and got some free ear rumples.

Pop looked down at the dog.

"I'm glad you came over today ... Billy," Pop said.

Pop remembers World War II, also.

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Clearbrook, both at County Highway Department shops.**

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Clearwater Polk Electric's 76th annual meeting April 12

To the Upper Right.. These two, Teresa Olson and Angie Swenson were busy greeting the many Clearwater Polk members who attended the 76th annual meeting on Wednesday, April 12 in Clearbrook.

To the Lower Right.. Todd Waggoner, Clearwater Polk Electric Operations Manager was passing out programs at the 76th annual meeting on April 12.

Shown below... Darrel and Marleen Quick of Shevlin, visiting with Matthew Marshall, Economic Development Administrator with MinnKota Power who was the guest speaker at the Clearwater Polk Electric meeting on April 12.



Employees of Clearwater Polk Electric were available to answer questions at the meeting on April 12. From left to right: Matt Rendahl, Member Services Manager; Ian Willborg, Lineman; Josh Hendricks, Lead Lineman and Adam Sweno, Lineman.



Tasha Bakke in the serving to Larry Djernes for Clearwater Polk Electric annual meeting. He was one of the Clearbrook American Legion Post 256 presenting the flags.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick School lunch ladies prepared and served the meal that was served at the Clearwater Polk Electric annual meeting. Shown from left to right: Cassie Lene, Tasha Bakke, Melynda Zurhorst and Robin Proffit.

Corrine's Corner By Corrine Richards

"Step into Spring" is the title of the Samhold Lutheran Church WNALC Bazaar in Gonvick on Saturday, April 22. It all starts at 10 am with the bake sale and craft sale. Ode to Spring will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley on Saturday, April 22. Brunch served by the men. Call 694-2631 for tickets. Bingo will be held at Shorty's Place in Gully this Saturday night with 55 numbers. Special is Chicken and Ribs. Saturday, April 29 will be the Smelt Fry at Shorty's in Gully sponsored by the Gully Area Sportsman's Club. Serving starts at 2:00 p.m. The Cornerstone Veterinary Services will be having their drive through vaccine event coming up April 21 and 22. That is a busy time.

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. All members and friends, please mark your calendar! The Clearwater County First Lady event will be held on May 6 at Clearbrook. The 2023 Fosston All School Reunion is taking shape for the week of July 6 to 8 with a golf scramble on July 9.

The Gonvick Lions Rodeo will be held July 14 and 15. Save the date. Does anyone need old newspapers for their bird cages, their new puppies or for the garden center? We are getting ready to put some in the garbage bins for pick up. It would make the load lighter if we got rid of some of them before that point.

The Library Link in Gonvick is open three days a week. Check out various items or order what they don't have in stock for you. Or call 487-6220 to request something to be ordered for you. Hours are Monday 9 to 11 am, Wednesday 3 to 5 pm and Thursday 4 to 7 pm.

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 Club and they are put to very good use. Clearwater County Service on T.H.E. Bus. Rider alert; County wide; 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Bagley: 10 am - 4:30 pm 1st, 3rd Saturday. Bemidji: 2nd, 4th Friday. Ride reservations to Bemidji must be scheduled by 3 pm the day prior to the trip. Call 800-201-3432.

Joke Time... Ole tried unsuccessfully for months to collect a bill from Sven. He finally sent a sob story to the debtor along with a picture of little daughter. Under it he wrote, "This is why I need the money." By return mail Sven sent a picture of a beautiful girl in a bikini with the message, "This is why I can't pay."

Momma Johnson: Eat your spinach, Hjalmer. It'll put color in your cheeks. Hjalmer: Who wants green cheeks.. Lunch With Girlfriends Elaine's vertigo has never been worse Kay can't recall where she left her purse Rhonda's about to replace her knees Linda's breathing is tinged with a wheeze Lorraine's husband can't remember a thing Nine years a widow, Marge still wears her ring Marlene is dealing with another UTI Sally's giving a hearing aid another try Marie has decided she can't drive at night Sharon still wears clothes two sizes too tight They've been through divorces and babies and wakes They do for each other what-

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Bauer to be featured at Puposky

The found object / assemblage art works of well known on the air personality at KAXE / KBXE community radio station, John Bauer, will be featured at the Fleur de Lis Art Gallery in the Wild Rose Theatre located at 24011 Highway 89 NW. Puposky, MN. 56667 The gallery is located near beautiful Puposky MN and the Red Lake Nation. Join us on Friday, May 5th Meet the Artist Hour begins at 6:00 PM. John Bauer will share a brief talk about his work and process in creating his assemblage works at 6:30 PM. Appetizers will be served following the artist talk and visitors are welcome to then work with sculptor Al Bellevau to create a simple garden sculpture out of doors (weather permitting). The Fleur de Lis RURAL arts gallery is located 14.75 miles north on Highway 89. Look for the yellow submarine sculpture on the left to come into the parking lot. Please join us for this wonderful night of support, art, community, discussion and sharing collectively in supporting rural arts!

Police officer Josh Owen died in shooting in Cyrus

Police have confirmed that one of three law enforcement officers shot during a domestic call in west-central Minnesota Saturday evening has died along with the suspected shooter. Tributes paid on social media by Minnesota police departments and sheriff's offices state that Josh Owen, a deputy for the Pope County Sheriff's Office, died following the shooting, which was reported at 7:30 p.m. on the 400 block of Stromen Street in Cyrus, a town of about 300 people. A Starbuck police officer and another deputy from Pope County, Brody Merrill, suffered non-life-threatening gunshot wounds and are no longer hospitalized. Merrills family lives in Thief River Falls. "The subject, a man, was also struck and killed during the exchange of gunfire," the Pope County Sheriff's Office said. According to a post from his father, Saturday was Owen's 44th birthday. "I'm numb at this moment. Josh came into this world April 15, 1979, And on this day was taken from us. Rest easy my son," he wrote.

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Clearwater County Sheriff
Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

Bear Creek - Total 1
04/14/23 08:27:31 Traffic Stop
City of Bagley - Total 27
04/09/23 10:39:06 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
04/09/23 12:23:59 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
04/09/23 14:07:20 THEFT -

Assignment Completed/
04/09/23 17:19:29 Traffic Stop
04/10/23 10:35:02 Court Order Violation - Report Taken
04/10/23 18:27:08 Traffic Stop
04/10/23 23:48:57 Medica - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
04/11/23 11:17:21 Information

04/11/23 12:34:33 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/11/23 14:05:01 Trespass - Gone On Arrival (GOA)/
04/11/23 15:13:17 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
04/12/23 05:56:49 Disturbance
04/12/23 09:44:54 Welfare Check
04/12/23 09:50:53 Disturbance
04/12/23 12:34:04 Vehicle Lock Out - Event Cancelled
04/12/23 13:26:10 Information

04/12/23 17:00:56 CIVIL PROCESS - Handled By Officer
04/12/23 18:37:28 Trespass
04/13/23 00:45:03 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/13/23 08:45:34 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/13/23 12:43:59 Information
04/14/23 10:08:07 Suicide Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/14/23 14:16:57 Transport
04/14/23 14:22:13 Court Order Violation - Handled By Officer
04/14/23 21:07:43 Suicide Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/15/23 06:16:20 Animal Related
04/15/23 12:25:46 Medical
City of Clearbrook - Total 4
04/09/23 20:47:40 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/12/23 08:38:35 Disturbance
04/12/23 11:03:04 Disturbance
04/12/23 18:45:44 Disturbance
City of Gonvick - Total 1
04/15/23 01:31:13 Disturbance
City of Shevlin - Total 1
04/09/23 19:20:33 Traffic Stop
Copley - Total 6
04/09/23 19:00:48 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
04/10/23 16:10:11 Civil Complaint
04/10/23 22:40:27 Alarm
04/12/23 18:01:23 I - Information
04/13/23 19:04:34 Suicide Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/13/23 20:31:28 Court Order Violation - Handled By Officer
Dudley - Total 5
04/09/23 18:39:22 Traffic Stop -

Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
04/09/23 21:56:07 911 Hang Up
04/11/23 13:49:53 Burglary - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/11/23 21:59:41 Information
04/15/23 22:34:56 Harassment
CW Dudley Total: 5
Falk - Total 3
04/09/23 20:52:34 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/14/23 12:09:04 Motorist Assist
04/14/23 18:58:34 Trespass
Holst - Total 3
04/09/23 18:01:46 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
04/09/23 22:31:53 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
04/14/23 17:23:41 Traffic Stop
LaPraire - Total 1
04/09/23 00:01:33 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
LaPraire N - Total 8
04/09/23 21:02:22 Medical
04/10/23 17:14:22 Motor Vehicle Theft - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/13/23 18:37:50 Welfare Check
04/13/23 23:01:18 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/15/23 04:26:52 Suspicious Activity 03 - Arrest
04/15/23 08:40:58 Animal Related
04/15/23 09:14:39 Traffic Stop
04/15/23 14:02:28 Trespass DC - Duplicate Call
LaPraire S - Total 1
04/14/23 07:43:29 Alarm
Leon - Total 2
04/11/23 06:59:02 Motorist Assist
04/14/23 06:59:06 Traffic Stop

Long Lost Lake - Total 1
04/10/23 19:51:30 Alarm - Information
Minerva - Total 2
04/13/23 20:20:31 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/14/23 09:14:28 Traffic Stop
Nora - Total 4
04/09/23 22:10:33 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/10/23 15:12:55 Motorist Assist
04/14/23 17:34:01 Traffic Stop
04/15/23 11:40:12 Traffic Stop
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 4
04/09/23 17:17:17 Assist
Other Agency - Unit Cancelled Enroute
04/14/23 06:00:16 Transport
04/14/23 09:22:05 Transport
Pine Lake - Total 1
04/09/23 17:46:09 Traffic Stop
Rice - Total 1
04/12/23 17:12:23 Medical - Patient Refused Evaluation/Care
Shevlin - Total 1
04/13/23 08:37:48 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Total Records: 77

CLEARWATER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Commissioners' March 21, 2023
The March 21, 2023 meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 10:00 a.m. with Chairman Newland presiding and Commissioners Larson, Dukek, Titera and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda-Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the agenda.
Minutes-Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to approve the March 14th Board Minutes with corrections.
Attorney – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to approve the payment of the previously approved expert from the Zero Abuse Project in the amount of \$3,288.00.
Sheriff–Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to authorize Garrett Baumann to be promoted from part-time Communications Corrections Officer to full-time Communications Corrections Officer effective March 29, 2023.
Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to authorize the Clearwater County Sheriff to

upgrade the mapping program with Central Square from the current Insight mapping that is currently not operating properly. The cost of the upgrade is \$28,536.79 and the funds will come out of the 911 Budget.
Auditor – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$89,625.21 from the County Revenue Fund and \$15,538.81 from the Nursing Service Fund.
Engineer – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to cancel the bids received on March 14, 2023 for CP 23-100: Pavement Markings, and accept the low quote of \$129,179.66 from Sir Lines A Lot of Edina, Mn on the revised quote proposal, and approve a contract for the work in their quote proposal.
Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to award the bid for CP 23-200: Re-gravel to Vogt Dirt Service LLC of Bemidji, Mn in the amount of \$367,502.94.
Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to award the bid for CP 23-0300: Stockpiling to Northern Aggregate Inc of Bemidji, Mn in the amount of \$186,900.00.
Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera

and carried to award the bid for SAP 015-607-025, SAP 015-611-012 & CP 023-608-001: Bituminous Milling & Overlay to Knife River Materials of Bemidji, Mn in the amount of \$2,637,137.31.
MIS - Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to authorize the purchase 125 RSA SID 700 Tokens from Morris Electronics not to exceed \$10,519.34 to be paid from the County Equipment Fund.
By general consent, the board waived the 3-day notice for the following motion:
Assessor – Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to approve the following contracts with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. – 3-year renewal of all software, 6 archive modules, and 40 hours of training.
Nursing Service – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to approve the Resolution 3-24-23 to eliminate the home care nursing and hospice programs in Clearwater County. Resolution on file.
Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 pm.
Dated: April 11, 2023
Dean Newland, Chairman
Amanda Jordan, Board Coordinator R5C

MARCH 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2000

Aquarius Home Services	27,195.00	County Revenue
Avenu Insights & Analytics	6,901.37	Road & Bridge
Capital One Bank	3,083.90	Co Rev, Road & Bridge, Hum Serv, Nurs Serv, Solid Waste
Choice Therapy	3,003.54	Nursing Service
Clearwater Co Nursing Service	7,769.03	NCCHA
Clearwater Co Nursing Service	5,404.25	NCCHA
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	3,341.00	Co Rev, Forfeited Tax
Clearwater Day Activity Ctr	3,847.20	Human Services
Code 4 Services Inc	5,563.16	County Revenue
Community Oil Company Inc	5,547.67	Road & Bridge
Compass Minerals America	2,710.12	Road & Bridge
Data Works Plus LLC	10,577.50	County Revenue
Dell Marketing LP	6,213.13	County Revenue
Department of Human Services SWIFT	9,101.07	Human Services, Collaborative
Equipment Blades Inc	6,158.84	Road & Bridge
ESRI	10,100.00	County Revenue
Garden Valley Technologies	3,532.22	Co Rev, Solid Waste
Glenn's Carpet Service	2,125.00	County Revenue
H & L Mesabi	13,242.10	Road & Bridge
Headwaters Regional Development Comm	2,978.00	NCCHA
Heartland Girls Ranch	5,868.00	Human Services
Hetland/Marissa	13,616.00	NCCHA
I.U.O.E. Local 49 Fringe Benefit Fund	21,300.00	County Revenue
John Hopkins Central Lockbox	3,000.00	NCCHA
Johnson/Terrie	5,734.53	County Revenue
Johnson/Terrie	6,391.15	County Revenue
Jones/Holly & Lugene	3,994.20	Human Services
Lakeland Transportation Services LLC	9,803.20	Human Services
Lakeshirts, LLC	3,382.67	County Revenue
Lakewood Public Health	5,224.86	NCCHA
Larson Parts & Repair Inc	2,902.41	NCCHA
Larson/Sharon	6,127.87	NCCHA
Listrom's Disposal	32,873.90	Solid Waste
Marco Technologies LLC	2,043.45	Solid Waste
Morris Electronics Inc	2,625.00	County Revenue
Murray Surveying Inc	2,240.00	County Revenue
My Store	33,898.57	Road & Bridge
MN Department of Corrections	7,280.00	Human Services
MN Department of Finance	2,064.00	State Fund
MV Sport	2,554.73	County Revenue
Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing	8,126.66	Human Services
North Homes Inc	12,885.69	Human Services
North Homes Inc	9,721.88	Human Services
Polk County Solid Waste	23,867.20	Solid Waste
Prime Health	81,260.08	County Revenue
Pro West & Assoc	5,222.48	Co Rev, Forfeited Tax
Rock Creek General Store Inc	2,528.79	Road & Bridge
Roger's Two Way Radio, Inc.	17,514.92	County Revenue
Royal Tire	2,469.56	Road & Bridge
Rural Minnesota Cep Inc	9,234.38	Human Services
Sanford Health	8,519.00	Human Services
Sanford Health System	5,115.12	Human Services
Schindler Elevator Corporation	5,163.50	County Revenue
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St Joseph's Community Health	16,655.79	NCCHA
St Joseph's Community Health	3,122.53	NCCHA
St Joseph's Community Health	5,468.28	NCCHA
Sanford Health	5,144.85	County Revenue
Thomason Swanson & Zahn PLLC	2,108.05	County Revenue
Todd County Auditor's Office	20,897.74	County Revenue
Township of Lapairie	3,186.45	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Long Lost Lake	5,493.55	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Moose Creek	2,305.76	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Township of Rice	2,042.56	Townships, Cities & Municipalities
Treas Ind School Dist 162	30,375.98	School District
Treas Ind School Dist 2311	3,327.69	School District
Vern's Carpet	3,510.00	County Revenue
Vogt's Dirt Services LLC	9,105.42	Road & Bridge
There were 236 Vendors paid under 2000 totalling 115,128.68.		

Wednesday, April 12, 2023



Kate Hammer of pretty Dirt pottery facilitated a weeklong residency for the Bagley Area Arts Collaborative in Gonvick at the Clear Waters Life Center last week. Kate is from Roseau and has been creating beautiful pieces of pottery for over 15 years. Students who participated in the workshop came from Park Rapids, Clearbrook, Bagley, Fosston and Bemidji. Each student learned the process for creating a design that could be used in the monoprint transfer on clay workshop. Once the designs were created, they were outlined with an underglaze and then filled in with liquid “slip”. Mason stains were added to the “slip” to create the pallet of colors. These completed designs were then transferred to clay and allowed to dry to the “leather hard” stage. Finally, the pieces were prepared for firing in a kiln. Thank you Kate Hammer for a most enjoyable workshop!! Check out her website at www.prettydirtpottery.com.

Clearbrook City Council report

The Clearbrook City Council was held on March 13, 2023, in the City Council Chambers in the Clearbrook Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dylan Goudge.
Present were Council Members: Dylan Goudge, Tom Davis, Ole Engebretson, and Rachel Nelson; Others present were Lucie Thompson, Mark Snobl, Nick Rankin, Sue Weems, Ryan Solee, Adam Krog, Darrin Steindl, Logan LeClair, and Bill Stoller.
Rachel Nelson made a motion and Ole Engebreson to accept the approval of the February 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.
Presentation of Petitions and Complaints by Council Members and Citizens:
Bill Stoller and Logan LeClair presented to the City Council information on Clearbrook becoming a Purple Heart City. The Clearbrook Legion is going to replace the fountain at the Veteran's Memorial this year and rededicate the Memorial. They will be changing it, so you see the ones that died in those conflicts first and then those that served. The city would need to do a proclamation to support becoming a Purple Heart City. The new dedication is planned for August 7th, 2023. They would declare the city as a Purple Heart City at that dedication. The council supports the proclamation and will move forward with the process of becoming a Purple Heart City.
-Logan LeClair provided the city with a letter giving the stats from the Clearwater County Veterans Service Office for 2022.
Police Report/Update – Ryan Solee, Chief of Police
-26 incidents for the month of February 2023. Typical month. Starting to get ready to deal with blight issues in Clearbrook. If the city has to clean up a property, there is the option of charging the property owner with a special assessment. May need to look into bringing in a large dumpster for yard cleanup.
Fire Department Report/Update – Adam Krog, Fire Chief
- 9 calls in February 2023 – 3 medical, 2 lift assists, 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle accident, 1 cancelled in route and 1 meeting.
The council passed a motion to purchase the Medical

Vehicle from the DNR at a cost of \$6,500. Getting quotes for stripping and restriping and upgrading the lights.
Liquor Store Report/Update – Karra Weems, Liquor Store Manager: City Council reviewed the Liquor Store monthly financial summary. \$2,315.40 profit for the month of February 2023. Planning karaoke for Friday, March 24th. Food sales are doing well.
Maintenance Report/Update: - Mark Snobl & Nick Rankin
The pilot study needed for the water treatment plant has been completed by Tonka Water. Currently working with the engineers on the building plans. Busy moving snow. Need to replace the tire chains for the big orange plow truck. Broke the last time they needed to move snow.
Mark attending the water conference in St. Cloud to obtain the credits needed to maintain his water and sewer licenses.
City Clerk Lucie Thompson Update. She informed the council on how the appeal for funds to the state legislature by the clerk and mayor for funds through the state bonding bill for the water treatment plant.
Discussed the old Good Sam property. County is working on lowering the property value in order to lower the value for the land auction and the amount of taxes charged for the property. Tentative planning the land sale for the summer of 2023. House will be one sale and old nursing home building will be

another sale.
Need to contact insurance about the cost of the property/liability insurance on the Roxy.
Can look into a special meeting to meet with the auditors.
Look into garbage pickup service again. Possible another garbage service that would be willing to do curbside pickup again. Contact Listrom about the possible need for another dumpster.
Resolutions:
Resolution 2023-08: Resolution for the PFA Application for the Water Treatment Plant – Tom Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution for the PFA Application for the Water Treatment Plant; Ole Engebretson seconded the motion; all others present approved; motion carried.
Resolution 2023-09: Approval of Donations for February 2023 – Ole Engebretson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09: Donations for February 2023; Tom Davis seconded the motion; all others present approved; motion carried.
Other motions:
Monthly Claims Totaling \$58,043.93; Rachel Nelson and Tom Davis made and seconded a motion to accept as presented. Motion carried.
Additional Claims Totaling \$138,735.08; Rachel Nelson and Tom Davis made and seconded a motion to accept as presented. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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Lillian is oldest member of the Clearwater County History Center. She also taught school in the Shevlin school, which is now our museum building. When she attended a recent reunion there at the museum, she recalled most of her students as they greeted her, many of them as gray haired as she is. Happiest birthday to you was sent from the museum staff.

Lillian Mathews celebrates 105th

Lillian Mathews celebrated a very special milestone on last week as she rang in her 105th birthday joined by friends, family members and those who share her passionate faith.

A gathering space in Tamarack Court assisted living in Bemidji was packed with smiles along with some festive balloons, a basket overflowing with birthday cards and a big cake to celebrate the life of a woman that's lived for over a century.

While many ponder what the secret to living a long life is, Mathews' answer is simple: "My strong Christian faith," she said.

"She was educated, went to church faithfully, traveled all over the world, was active her whole life and is such a loving mother," her youngest daughter Winnie Simenson said. "I think that's what led to her long life."

Pastor Corey Fuhrman of First Lutheran Church said Mathews has always been immensely active in the church from attending worship regu-

larly and living her life as a servant of God to being a part of the Women's Organization inside the church — and many of those women attended her party.

-Article courtesy of the Bemidji Pioneer

“Ode to Spring” at Faith Lutheran Church - Bagley

The Faith Lutheran Church WELCA of Bagley is excited to be hosting their 6th annual Ode to Spring brunch on Saturday April 22, at 10:30 a.m. The tasty brunch will be served by the men of “Faith” in the fellowship hall among festively adorned tables.

Our program is titled “You were born for such a time as this” as presented by Geri LaVoi of Fosston. Many people know her as a loom weaver. She draws from her experiences in life as a married women raising three daughters and being involved with their 10 grandchildren. She has been involved in church ministries locally and abroad for 50 plus years that add to her very interesting times and

presentation.

Come early to connect with your neighbor and to view the sanctuary pews adorned with the newly constructed mission quilts and the altar rail with handmade colorful prayer shawls. These items are part of our local and world mission projects. They will be offered for a nominal price to help in continuing the success of these worthwhile projects. The local prayer shawl ministry has been a very rewarding project for the ladies making them, for the one that delivers them and to the people that are in need of comfort receiving the shawl. The quilts are mostly distributed through Lutheran World Relief to foreign countries.

The day will conclude with the drawing for many door prizes.

Tickets are available at Faith Lutheran Church, Bagley, 694-2631 Good Shepherd Church in Clearbrook, 776-3139 or from women of Faith Lutheran members for \$15.

This is a Thrivent Action Team event with net proceeds to help with our many mission projects.



Mrs. Hegg's First Grade Class at Clearbrook-Gonvick performed their Wax Museum of Famous Explorers. Individual pictures will be in future issues.



Geri LaVoi of Fosston.

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