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Clearbrook Council approves water tower reconditioning project

The Clearbrook City Council held their regular meeting on Monday, September 11.

Steve Emery with WSN presented the Water Tower Reconditioning Project Proposal to the council. They approved using that company for funding services for the bonding bill funds for a cost of $2,200.

They will be moving ahead on the water treatment plant and water tower rehab. WSN will be contracting with KLM Engineering that specializes in water towers. The will be advertising for bids and bid opening will be held on October 26th at 11am.

Ryan Solee, Police Chief gave his report. They included 28 incidents with 911 hang up 1; Animal Related 1; Assist Other Agency 1; Court Order Violation 1; Crimes Against Family 2; Disturbance 3; Duplicate Call 2; Hazmat 1; Medical 5; Motor Vehicle Crash 1; Noise Complaint 1; Predatory Offender Registration 1; Sexual Conduct 1; Suspicious Activity 3; Test 1; Theft; Civil Process 1; Traffic Stop 1; Trespass 1.

He also stated that he had received a $500 grant for 3rd grade bicycle Safety Day and Event through the Minnesota Chief of Police Foundation.

Adam Krog, Clearbrook Fire Department Chief had 11 fire calls in August.

The City Council of Clearbrook, County of Clearwater, Minnesota passed resolution 2023-18 approving preliminary 2023 tax levy collectible in 2024 that the following sums of money be levied for the current year collectible in 2024, upon the taxable property in Clearbrook,

General Fund $275,000 - 2011 Series A Refunding for a Total Levy of $260,000. Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to transmit a certified copy to the county Auditor of Clearwater County.

Utilities & Maintenance – Mark Snobl & Nick Rankin discussed leasing a larger wheel loader. The current lease on the wheel loader is up in November. Approved to go with the CAT lease for $2,288.64 a month for 24 months. $1000 cheaper than the lease through John Deere.

They had a quote from MN Pump Work and requests for two Natural Gas Services.

City Clerk – Lucie Thompson had the Gym Floor was Completed and Community Center Cleaning,

Resolution 2023-17: Donations – August 2023 were accepted by the council. $1,500.00 from the Gonvick Lions Club to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Legion Baseball Team and $250.00 from Sharon Johnson to the All-School Reunion Fund in Memory of Sheryll Torgerson.

Monthly Claims were approved by the council for $37,905.74 and additional claims of $92,348.59.





Work has begun on the demolition of the Good Samaritan Center building by the new owners G and G of Clearbrook. Trees were taken down and the lawn area was cleared. Friday, September 15th was the day that they drew the name for the gazebo that sat on the grounds of the old Good Samaritan Center lot. Misty Bjerklie was the lucky winner in the random drawing. She will have to move the structure on her own without help of the owner. The drawing was done by Clearbrook City Clerk Lucie Thompson.

"You Are the Story" at Clearbrook Wednesday



Ann Marie Newman

On Wednesday September 27, 2023, Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) is excited to present, YOU ARE STORY!

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Ann Marie Newman is a creative dreamer who grew up to be a performance storyteller, actress, writer, artist, and perhaps most aptly, "Oopsy Annie".

Oopsy Annie, the joyful wanderer in our "oopsy" world vlogs are available on YouTube. Her prolific, creative life is made manifest through her life's calling to be a "story-sharer". She recently returned to her childhood town, Clearbrook, MN with her husband of 38 years, and wee, fur-baby puppy, Berit Wednesday.

The program will be held at the Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Clearbrook. 116 State Highway 92, Clearbrook.

Doors open at 9:00am, program at 9:30am. Refreshments will be served.

Rash of road sign theft and vandalism in the county

Clearwater County Engineer, Dan Sauvé, reports that there have been several road signs stolen or vandalized in the past few weeks. Most of the incidents have happened in the northern part of the county.

In one case, the vandals hooked a strap on a No Passing sign and tried to pull it down. The culprit wasn't successful, as the strap broke. On Cty 7, the vandals spun their tires attempting to knock down a sign. The next day, when county employees went to put the sign back up, they found that the sign and post had been stolen. At the intersection of 510th St and 199th Ave, both Stop signs were knocked down twice within a week. At the intersection of Clover Rd and 199th Ave, the Stop sign was knocked down and stolen.

Sauvé encourages the townships to check on the township road system and report any damage to the County Sheriff.

These cases do not seem to be random traffic accidents but look to be intentional. It is against the law to knock down or steal traffic signs. It creates a traffic hazard that can lead to loss of life and is an added expense to the county and taxpayers.

If you see or hear about anyone that is doing this, report it to the Clearwater County Sheriff's office.

By Darin Steindl





Sign by Winsor Lefse plant north of Gonvick.



August friend of the county food shelf



Our August Friend of the Food Shelf is Kathryn Lien, the SNAP-Ed Wellness Coordinator with the University of Minnesota Extension Service serving rural communities in northwest Minnesota. She works for the University of Minnesota targeting the low-income audience in our county to teach nutrition and healthful living to individuals and families.

Kathryn is pictured at the Community Youth Garden that is located west of the 4-H building at the Clearwater County Fairgrounds.The garden is in it's fourth year. As well as teaching garden nutrition to the summer youth by learning to grow nutritious foods, all of the fresh produce grown is donated to the Clearwater County Food Shelf! This is one aspect of how she reaches families and individuals in our county about nutrition and healthy living. Kathryn also provides seasonal nutritious recipes to the food shelf to reach those with food insecurity. The Clearwater County Food Shelf is thankful to all of the people that help us with our mission to serve those in our area with food insecurity.

Gonvick City Council August 10

The Gonvick City Council started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The regular minutes of the August 10 meeting were approved.

No visitors and the police report was given by Ryan Solee. He had 8 records to report. They included Disorderly 1; Fire, Alarm, Burglary 1; Harassment 1; Information Only 2; Suicide Related 1; Treats 1; Trespass 1.

He also stated that he had received a $500 grant for 3rd grade bicycle Safety Day and Event through the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation.

Maintenance issue with Dan Johnson informing the council that J & R Water Utilities Service replaced 32 valves with the work being done with out any problems.

The loader lease was discussed with the amount going up double from previous years. The council tabled that until they could get more information on loans and cost. A special meeting will be held on September 21 to discuss that and to certify the levy.

No fire department report as the Fire Chief was out of town.

The fireworks display that was to be held during Pumpkin Days was discussed as it was going to be on city property.

Expenditures were approved with $9,155.77 for Water and Sewer; $33,497.13 for General; $1,339.90 for Fire for a total of $43,992.80.



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Friday Bear Wear winners. Back row: Ms. Trcka, James Preuss, Craig Roy, Mrs. Johnson, Tyler Mathson, and Aleeyah Molden. Front row: Elijah Heley, Peyton Wittenberg, Zoe Burman, and Luna Erickson. Go Bears!

Community Calendar

Special meeting

A special meeting of the Gonvick City Council will be held on Thursday, September 21 at the Gonvick Community Center at 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the upcoming lease that's maturing on the 2014 Volvo front end loader and go over other equipment and financial options and to set the 2024 Preliminary Budge/Levy for the City of Gonvick.

CG PEP BAND NEEDS YOU!

Calling all community and alumni pep band members!! The Clearbrook-Gonvick pep band needs YOU! They are putting together an alumni/community pep band to play with the students for the pepfest on Homecoming afternoon following the parade. They would play 2-3 pieces, a couple band cheers, and the school song. Dust off that instrument in the attic, basement, or closet and re-live the glory days of Clearbrook-Gonvick pep band. Please call the school office 218-776-3112 and leave your name and instrument. We will publish a couple practice times and/or you can pick up music at the school. For more information, contact Mrs. Ragan at the school.

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Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Sept. 20: Pasta Salad with Ham, Vegetable, Fruit

Thurs. Sept. 21: Turkey & Gravy, Potato, Vegetable

Fri. Sept. 22: Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Rice, Vegetables.

Mon. Sept. 25: Chef's Choice

Tues. Sept. 26: Pasta with Meat Sauce, Vegetable

Wed. Sept. 27: Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Vegetable

Included with each meal. Vegetable, Bread, Dessert or Fruit and Milk.

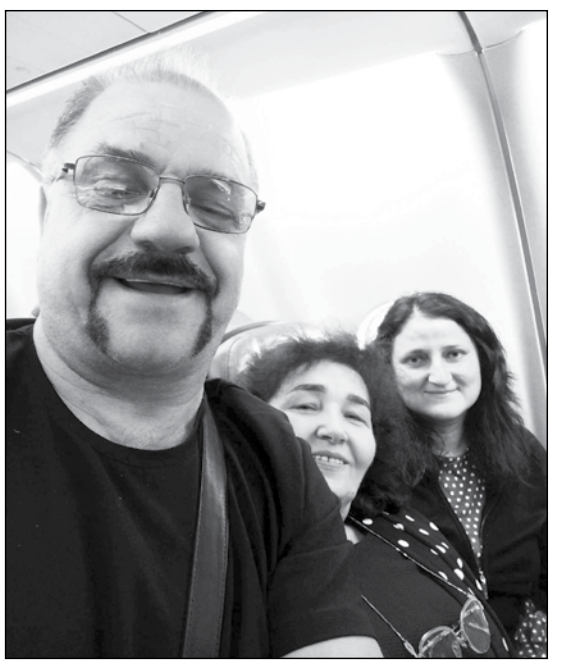
To the Residents of Clover Township

The regular meeting will be held Sept. 22nd, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Clover Town Hall.

R27C Joel Wraa, Township Clerk



Pastor from Ukraine will speaking in the area



Today it seems like there is an Ukrainian flag on every street, but many in this local community have been supporting missions in Ukraine long before it became cool. For over 20 years, the First Baptist church of Clearbrook has sistered with a church in central Ukraine. And every year the people of First Baptist have had fund raising rummage sales and enjoyed broad community support for this ministry.

Key to this ministry is the friendship that has been built with Pastor Anatolii Panasenko and his wife Lidiia of the Stepanki House of Prayer. Many have tried for years to get Pastor Anatolii to come to Clearbrook, and now prayers are answered. Pastor Anatolii is scheduled to arrive in Minneapolis on September 9th along with his wife Lidiia and their translator Svieta.

They will only be in our area for a couple weeks before they travel on to see family in Pennsylvania and then return to their ministry in Ukraine. Come listen to their life stories, the word of God, and what it is like to live in a war torn country. All are welcome.

Speaking Schedule

Wednesday September 20th, 7:00 pm, Anatolii, Lidiia and Svieta will be sharing at Elim Lutheran in Clearbrook at their Bible Study time.

Sunday September 24th at First Baptist Clearbrook. They will all be sharing during the Sunday School time at 9:30 a.m.. Anatolii will be preaching during the worship service at 10:45 am. There will be potbless meal after church.

September 27th is the first day for Awana at First Baptist in Clearbrook. FBC will be kick-

Shown in the picture Pastor Anatolii with his wife Lidiia and their translator Svieta from Ukarine.

Thank you for all that went to Duane's Birthday Party. It was a great time. We appreciate all of you guys. We are truly blessed. Also for cards, gifts & money. Also for those who helped get it ready, serve food & decorate, & those who cleaned up. Thank you.
Duane & Leona Bergerson & Families
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Clearbrook Blood Drive Brings in 35 Volunteers

CLEARBROOK, Minn. – The Clearbrook community hosted a blood drive in memory of Janet Olson with Vitalant on September 11 at the American Legion which helped collect a total of 41 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 35 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 31 individuals were able to successfully donate at the Vitalant blood drive on September 11. A total of five donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC) which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor.

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to the American Legion which provided the location and to all the donors who came out to donate.

The need for blood is constant and Vitalant strives to always keep a 5-day supply of every blood type on the shelf to be able to meet the needs of patients across the region. Trauma and burn patients, premature infants, heart surgery patients, organ transplant recipients and people fighting cancer all require blood transfusions for their care.

Blood donations are needed daily to maintain a strong blood supply and meet ongoing patient needs. Vitalant encourages healthy individuals to make blood donation a part of one's regular routine to help meet the ongoing needs.

Donors can make a convenient appointment to give blood at www.donors.vitalant.org or by calling 877-25-VITAL. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test and earn reward points.

Blood donation takes about an hour from check-in to refreshments, while the blood draw typically taking less than 10 minutes. Donors can save about 20 minutes by completing their Health History Questionnaire the day they donate on www.vitalant.org/health

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Church News

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

Wed., Sept 20: 6:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Confirmation at Faith (7th - 9th Grade)

Sun., Sept. 24: 9:00am Bible dedication during worship with Pastor Gary Graff; 10:00am Coffee Hour, Sunday School, Acolyte training; 11:00am-1:30pm Fall Harvest Dinner – a fundraiser for Raise the Roof & Youth Group

Tues., Sept. 26: 6:00pm 'The Jesus I Never Knew' book study with Pastor Mark Olson

Wed., Sept 27:9:00am-noon Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) Program; 6:00pm Choir Practice; 6:00pm Confirmation at Good Shepherd (7th - 9th Grade)

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:15am-2:15pm

Our Savior's

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Sun., Sept. 24: 10:00am Coffee Hour

11:00am Worship with Pastor Gary Graff

Wed., Sept. 27: 6:00pm Confirmation at Good Shepherd (7th - 9th Grade)

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Events

*2- Day Moccasin Making Class Sept 29 & 30 at CWLC Gonvick $45 per person, Adults only class. Featuring Regional Anishinaabe Artisans

Cindy Hamilton and Teresa McDowell. Well known in the region for their skill and talent in the creation of Wearable Native American Artwork. They offer considerable experience in teaching the process and techniques used in creating traditional, handcrafted moccasins made from golden elk suede and rabbit fur trim. Limited spots available, register online at www.clearwaterslife.org/art-experiences

CWLC at Pumpkin Days
Sept 30 in Gonvick

Youth Connection Fundraiser lunch 11a.m.-2p.m. Brick Oven Pizza, Strawberry Rhubarb Slushies & Dessert!

*Create It Studio Art Walk 11a.m.-3p.m. Come see local artists as well as art demonstrations!

SAVE THE DATE Mustard Seed Homes Fundraiser Banquet: Oct 20th. RSVP on our website.

Create It Studios*

*Create It! Sessions – NEW TIME

Second Monday of the month from 6:30-8:30pm at CWC Gonvick and $10 per person not including supplies. Classes vary, get more details and register online 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.

Restore It! Furniture Shop is CWLC's furniture shop in Clearbrook. Items range from dining tables to bed frames. Weekdays 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. & Saturdays 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Donations accepted during open hours.

NEW Restore It! As-Is Room in Gonvick Perfect for those who enjoy DIY projects, our As-Is room has items ranging from bed frames to kitchen tables, side tables to dressers. Open Monday and Wednesday 9:30a.m. – 3:00p.m.

CWLC Clearbrook: 256 2nd Ave SW
CWLC Gonvick: 226 Elm St.
Phone: 218-776-2789
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ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed. - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Sun. -9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

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

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

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
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Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Children's Ministry Lead Kari Godin
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office@countryfaith.org
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Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m Men's Prayer
Check the website or Facebook for up-to-date information.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Sept. 20: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.
Sat, Sept. 23: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Sept. 24: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. Nazareth SS at 8:45 a.m. 10:00 SS at Oak Park. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Wed, Sept. 27: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:3- p.m. Vespers.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
Sun, Sept. 24: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Sept. 26: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Sept. 27: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Sept. 20: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley Ladies Aid. 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation at Lund.
Sun, Sept. 24: 9:00 a.m. Service at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Service at Sand Valley.
Wed, Sept. 27: 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation at Lund.

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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BEAR TRACKS

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



Huge thanks to Anderson Farms of Clearbook for providing fresh corn on the cob for a special lunch at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Scott is shown with a pickup load. Mrs. Johnson's agriculture students were busy helping get the corn ready and then it was hauled inside where Robin and the food service crew got it all cooked in time for lunch.





















Getting corn ready for lunch at the Clerbrook-Gonvick School.

Introducing Clearbrook-Gonvick Custodian for the 2023 - 2024 year



Introducing our New Staff for the 2023 - 2024 School Year!

Hello, I am a 2023 graduate of Clearbrook-Gonvick and I wanted to come back to help with the staff members as well as see the teachers again.

In my spare time I like to read, be outside, and spend time with my cat.

Welcome Deagan to our custodial staff at Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools!

ATV Safety

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- onvick.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:



Clearbrook-Gonvick Cross Country Team members with their family on Parents Night. Shown from left to right: Ava Larson, Matthew Rankin & Aubrey McCoy with their parents Matt and Melissa Larson, Nick and Amy Rankin and Michael McCoy, Melissa & Joe Weems. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch Menu

Wed., Sept. 20 - Boneless Chicken Wings, Assorted Salad Choices. **Snack:** WG Muffin

Thurs., Sept. 21 - Hot Ham & Cheese, Potato Soup. **Snack:** Pop Tart

Fri., Sept. 22 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Breadstick. **Snack:** Cheeze It Crackers

Mon., Sept. 25 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll. **Snack:** Scooby Snacks

Tues., Sept. 26 - Build Burter with Bun, Oven Fries, Oatmeal Bar (9-12). **Snack:** Baked Chips

Wed., Sept. 27 - Chicken Alfredo, Stteamed Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick (9-12). **Snack:** Granola Bar

Please note- All Meals come with Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Bar and Milk Choice. This may change!!!

Breakfast Menu-Cereal choice offered daily as 2nd option. Breakfast is free for all students.

Monday-Waffles w/syrup, Fruit, Juice, and Milk

Tuesday-Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit, Juice, and Milk

Wednesday- Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, Juice, and Milk

Thursday-French Toast Sticks w/syrup, Fruit, Juice, and Milk

Friday-Breakfast Roll, String Cheese or Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, and Milk

Dear Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department:

The Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation (MCPF) is pleased to offer this grant check in the amount of $500 to support Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department's 3rd Grade Bicycle Safety Day and Event.

The MCPF Community Partnerships Grant Program supports MN police departments in their efforts to build trust and strong relationships with their community. We hope this grant will provide an opportunity for your department to make a difference and continue to cultivate a mutually respectful and strong working relationship with your constituents.

The Foundation is proud to be able to offer grants and make a difference. Together, we will advance high quality, effective policing and strengthen police community relations in our state.

Thank you for your dedication to keeping our communities safe.

Sincerely,
Matt Gottschalk,
Board President
Minnesota Chiefs of Police Foundation.

Dates for public meetings

Public meetings will be held at three locations. September 19 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School, October 3rd at the Gonvick Community Center and October 17th at the Leonard Township Building.

ATSR Planners, Architects and Engineers Company was at the school with a marketing team to take photos and to interview on different projects that they will address for the referendum link on the internet. Proposed options include a gym addition, SPED additions, Secure Entry, Media and small group space additions and repairs & building betterment would cost about $28 million. Public meetings have been set up for the public to attend.

Bears win over Mahnomen-Waubun Thunder

The Clearbrook Gonvick Bears had to battle back from a 2-0 deficit to get a 3-2 win over the Mahnomen Waubun Thunderbirds 25-27, 22-25, 25-21, 25-13, 15-13. The Bears are now 3-1 while Mahnomen Waubun drops to 0-5.

Clearbrook-Gonvick stats:

Allison Lavine 12 kills 3 blocks

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Haley McCoy 11 srv pts

Molly Phillips 10 srv pts

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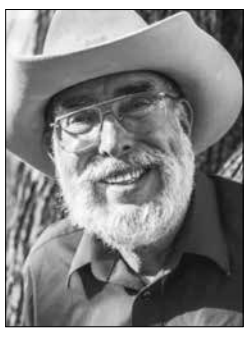
Clearwater County Sheriff

Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

City of Bagley - Total 16
09/10/23 02:15:26 Traffic Stop
09/10/23 09:06:30 Vehicle Lock Out \ - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/10/23 11:13:02 Alarm - Fire Control or Extinguishment
09/11/23 10:07:44 Drug Related
09/11/23 13:35:53 Drug Related
09/12/23 07:14:37 THEFT
09/12/23 19:38:06 ASSIST
09/12/23 19:59:51 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/13/23 02:39:14 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/13/23 16:57:14 Transport
09/14/23 07:59:47 Transport
09/14/23 09:28:17 Disorderly - Report Taken
09/14/23 11:21:00 Drug Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/14/23 13:34:30 Court Order Violation - Handled By Officer
09/14/23 20:41:55 Traffic Stop
09/15/23 23:47:38 Animal Related
City of Clearbrook - Total 8
09/10/23 08:50:59 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/11/23 22:47:51 Information
09/12/23 07:48:43 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
09/12/23 18:19:06 Burglary - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/13/23 07:56:37 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/15/23 07:59:29 Traffic Stop
09/15/23 14:16:10 Information Only - Report Taken
09/15/23 20:55:27 THEFT - Information
Clover - Total 1
09/15/23 21:50:50 Noise Complaint - Handled By Officer
Copley - Total 3
09/12/23 06:36:43 Traffic Stop
09/13/23 17:29:33 Traffic Stop
09/13/23 20:53:22 Traffic Stop
Dudley - Total 4
09/13/23 06:44:37 Traffic Stop
09/13/23 06:52:23 Traffic Stop
09/13/23 06:57:49 Traffic Stop
09/16/23 00:16:53 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
Eddy - Total 3
09/13/23 13:16:33 Fire - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/14/23 15:20:58 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
09/16/23 03:34:05 Medical - Patient Refused Evaluation/Care
Falk - Total 1
09/14/23 12:07:35 Transport
Greenwood - Total 2
09/11/23 01:07:11 Runaway - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/14/23 07:13:32 Traffic Stop
Holst - Total 4
09/10/23 06:24:39 Traffic Stop
09/10/23 16:55:16 Traffic Stop
09/11/23 16:01:37 Traffic Stop
09/16/23 05:05:44 Traffic Stop
Itasca - Total 1
09/16/23 02:20:30 Noise Complaint - Handled By Officer
Itasca State Park - Total 2
09/16/23 09:52:24 911 Hang Up
09/16/23 11:38:52 Extra Patrol
LaPraire - Total 1
09/16/23 14:43:21 Traffic Stop
LaPraire N - Total 4
09/13/23 21:07:04 Traffic Stop
09/15/23 06:17:32 Suspicious Activity - Information
09/16/23 20:51:41 Animal Related
Leon - Total 2
09/12/23 18:35:40 Warrant Arrest - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/13/23 11:22:18 Traffic Stop
Minerva - Total 1
09/13/23 17:42:27 Traffic Complaint - Information
Moose Creek - Total 1
09/12/23 09:47:03 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Nora - Total 2
09/13/23 23:44:28 Traffic Stop
09/15/23 07:40:45 Animal Related
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
09/15/23 09:58:38 Duplicate Call - Arrest
09/15/23 10:21:26 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Pine Lake - Total 2
09/10/23 19:03:29 Trespass - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/11/23 12:28:01 Traffic Stop
Popple - Total 1
09/11/23 08:55:14 Alarm
Rice - Total 3
09/15/23 00:34:21 Traffic Stop
09/16/23 14:01:19 Traffic Stop
09/16/23 15:51:15 Traffic Stop
Shevlin - Total 4
09/11/23 07:04:13 Traffic Stop
09/11/23 07:16:40 Traffic Stop
09/11/23 13:27:24 Motorist Assist - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/12/23 00:49:10 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Total Records: 68

Home Country

By Slim Randles



We all read about Pastor Jeff's latest tribulation in the local paper, the Valley Weekly Miracle. Maybe tribulation is too strong a word, because, after all, when someone leaves your church a huge legacy, isn't it time for rejoicing? Shouldn't we all be walking around the walls of Jericho tootling on ram's horns and beating the drums in jubilation?

It seems one of Pastor Jeff's former church members - a kinda strange former church member - went off to the city some years ago and became a fairly well-known painter of pictures. When this eccentric artist went to that great studio in the sky recently, leaving no family, his will left everything to Pastor Jeff's congregation. There was a little money, which was welcomed, naturally, but the main item was paintings. More than a thousand of them. They are now the property of Pastor Jeff's church. They have filled the basement with them and they're threatening to crowd the pie-cooling counter in the ladies' kitchen area, which just can't happen.

They must be sold, of course, but there is one catch: none of them are named, and everyone knows a painting must have a name or else it's not a real work of art. These paintings are from the school of abstract expressionism, which means there's a lot of bright paint on them, and if you can look at one and figure out what it's supposed to be, the artist failed.

A painting-naming committee was formed, naturally, and the last we heard, had about a dozen paintings named, based loosely on what some wild curve or blob on the canvas brought to someone's mind.

Of course, down at the Mule Barn truck stop's philosophy counter and world dilemma think tank, we came up with a solution in about three cups' time.

The trick, we decided, is to blend nonsensical words together, because anyone who would buy one of these paintings has an obvious contempt for reality in the first place. So we came up with a formula. Make a list and name a painting an amalgamation/dynamism/cataclysm/rudiment/despotism/heraldry/approximation

of

sin/pulchritude/embellishment/innocence/hitchiking/world order/fishing season/spaghetti feeds/lassitude/ennui/cyclamates.

You simply pick one from one column, one from the other column, slap 'em together and there you go. With seven in the first column and 11 in the second column, the naming committee can instantly name at least 77 paintings. And this was just during three cups of Mavis's best. A hard-working church committee could name a thousand paintings during one of Pastor Jeff's sermons and be back in business in time for the benediction.

I'm putting my dibs down on Despotism of Pulchritude. Hope I don't get outbid.

Read the first novel ever published in Alaska - The Long Dark by Slim Randles. https://archive.org/details/longdark-0000slim

Weekly Inky Wink with Oopsy Annie!

I was driven, crying all the way, away. Away! Away from Clearwater Lake on a late August evening in 1973. Fifty years ago, this August – perhaps on the very August date I write this.

Newly married, my sweet mother and her new husband were leaving for a new start in Charleston, SC. My Marine Corps, Vietnam vet stepdad had been accepted into a VERY special program at the Citadel, where they would educate him into an officer. An honorable career path in the USMC. Adventures awaited our little family of three that would become five.

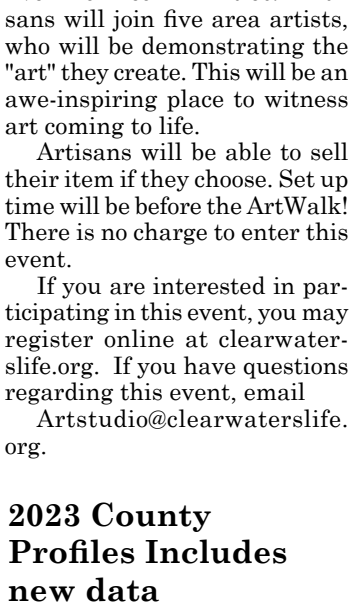
I, however, did NOT want adventure. I wanted HOME. Home to me, was here. Here, in the rural farmlands of northern Minnesota. Well, I indeed got adventure, and had a pretty good time at it too, I might add. Finally, after 50 years, (oh, my Lord!!!) I am back with my Alabama man, my husband of nearly 39 years. I've lived all over the United States – north, south, east, and west. None can compare to the homeland of both sides of my family going back to the early homesteading days of Clearwater County. This is truly my most favorite place to be. I've come full circle – rather literally.

My name is Ann Marie (Peterson) Newman. I'm back living in the first town I called home, Clearbrook. I am a super creative person who made a career out of being a professional storyteller, visual artist, published poet and writer. I am the possessor of a playful spirit and love seeking out moments of joy, creativity, and meaningful connections with others. So many good things happen by accident for me, I named myself 'Oopsy Annie' on my YouTube Channel. Too, I've authored several wee books under that name.

Inky Winks is where I will be sharing all the good times of living life in the northlands of rural Minnesota. I will also be inviting fellow writers in the area to share their good times. Good times are heart-warming, or funny memories from the past. They are true life stories about the people who impacted life here in meaningful ways. They are optimistic stories of modern-day life celebrating this fair (okay, often COLD) land, and its people.

My vision is for the Weekly Inky Wink to be a twinkly wink of joyful gratitude. Perhaps even produce an inky tear, or two of happiness in the reader's eye. We are a blessed community here. Let us remind ourselves regularly. Let us share in the blessings together.

I'm happy to meet you. Truly I am. Blessings.



Share you art with others

Are you artistic and want to share your art with others? The CreateIt Studio located within Clearwaters Life Center (Gonvick-CWLC) in Gonvick is seeking artisans to introduce and showcase their work for the "ArtWalk" during the 30th Annual "Pumpkin Days" on Saturday, September Sept 30, 2023 from 11am to 3pm.

The ArtWalk, located inside Gonvick CWLC, is a place for the public to meet and learn more about talented artists who live in our communities. Artisans will join five area artists, who will be demonstrating the "art" they create. This will be an awe-inspiring place to witness art coming to life.

Artisans will be able to sell their item if they choose. Set up time will be before the ArtWalk! There is no charge to enter this event.

If you are interested in participating in this event, you may register online at clearwaterslife.org. If you have questions regarding this event, email

Artstudio@clearwaterslife.org.

2023 County Profiles Includes new data measurements in critical housing areas, county by county

MHP's 2023 County Profiles provides new data measurements at the county level in critical housing areas. The resource features data on different demographics of cost-burdened households paying at least 30% of their income for housing, changes in rent and home prices, eviction filings compared to pre-pandemic rates, racial disparities in homeownership, a comparison of top in-demand wages compared to current housing costs, and more.

Key takeaways from the 2023 County Profiles:

In every county in Minnesota, at least 1 in 4 renter households pay more than they can afford for housing.

In every county in Minnesota, at least 1 in 10 homeowner households pay more than they can afford for housing.

Every county in Minnesota has a shortage of affordable and available rental homes for extremely low-income households. 79% of counties have a shortage that exceeds 100 homes, and 31% have a shortage exceeding 500 homes.

While white, non-Hispanic households have strong homeownership rates throughout the state, ranging from 66% to 88%, households of color have significant homeownership disparities in many areas of the state. In Minnesota's most populous counties,* the homeownership rate for BIPOC households ranges from 38% to 63%.

60 of 87 counties have seen an increase in evictions filings compared to pre-pandemic averages.

In 40 of 87 counties, no permits for multifamily construction were issued in 2022.

*Counties with over 100,000 households.

Data for the County Profiles is gathered from a variety of sources including the American Community Survey (ACS) from the US Census Bureau, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Eviction Lab, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, and the Wilder Research Center.

Cross County Team Parents Night



Alexa Anderson & Bella Dahl with their parents Craig and Tamara Anderson and Laura and Craig Dahl. -Photo by Jalina Gerlofs. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs



Auggie Wishard, Avery & Elias Haugen with their parents Dudley & Cindy Wishard and Darrick and Carie Haugen. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs



Caroline & Amelia Machlitta nd Isabella Krog with their parents Ben & Kori Machlitt and Ashley & Adam Krog. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs

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FHL took time to pray for all 911 responders throughout the day. They also baked cookies and prayed over local responders to show our support and appreciation! We were able to hand deliver to Bagley PD, Clearwater Sheriff's Dept. and Bagley Ambulance crew. (Bagley fire dept and MN state troopers - your partners have your cookies!)

Board of Commissioners Report

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on September 12, with all Commissioners in attendance. The agenda and minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Sheriff Darin Halverson requested authorization to promote deputies Alexander Yocum and Meagan Pereira to the position of investigator effective October 15, 2023. Salary for Yocum will be at Range 18 step 3 and Pereira will be at Range 18 step 6. Commissioner John Nelson made a motion to authorize the promotions, seconded by Commissioner Stuart Dukek with the motion passing. Sheriff Halverson explained that he would like to advertise for a full-time deputy to fill a vacancy due to retirement. Commissioner Mark Titera made the motion to authorize the advertising of the position, seconded by Commissioner Mark Larson. The motion passed. After being tabled during the last meeting, Commissioner Titera made a motion to authorize the Sheriff to purchase and have installed a 21-foot power awning for the Emergency Management Mobile Command Post Bus. Cost of the purchase and installation will be $3,513.98 from Roth RV in Bemidji. Funds for this will come out of the Emergency Management Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larson and was passed unanimously.

Nicki Broten from the Auditor/Treasurers office presented the outstanding bills that need to be paid. Commissioner Larson made a motion to authorize the Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of $198,027.36 from the County Revenue Fund and $18,821.15 from Public Health. Commissioner Newland seconded the motion and was passed.

Dan Hecht, Environmental Services Administrator, brought the annual resolution for establishing the market price for solid waste management tax purposes. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to set the cost at $30.80 per ton. Commissioner Dukek seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. Hecht discussed the progress of the 9-county planning group that is proposing a new garbage disposal project. The group has created a video explaining the proposed project (the video is available to view at farmersindependent.com/news). Hecht requested authorization to pay Clearwater County's share of the cost to produce the video, which is $1,000 per county. Commissioner Nelson made the motion authorize the payment to Beltrami County with funds from account #392-6241. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera and was approved.

Dan Sauvé, County Engineer, presented the bills to be paid by the County Highway Department. Commissioner Nelson made the motion to approve the payment of bills, seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried. Sauvé presented a engineer's certificate of performance for CP 23-1000; pavement markings and requested authorization to make final payment to Sir Lines-A-Lot, LLC. Commissioner Titera made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Larson, to approve the final payment. Motion carried. Sauvé's final request was authorization to purchase a 2023 Chevrolet 550 Silverado off the State Contract from North Country GM of Hibbing for $62,583.41 plus tax and licensing. Commissioner Larson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Titera, to approve the purchase. Motion carried.

In the final order of business, Derek Loiland presented an amended request to purchase 4 stainless steel toilets for the jail at a total cost of $7,825.72 with $7820.00 coming from ARPA Funds and $5.72 from the Maintenance and Repair budget. Commissioner Nelson made the motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A Gully Guide to Texas Etiquette

Are you ready to enjoy some good music and share a few laughs with your neighbors?

The Gully 100! Committee will be hosting a production titled A Gully Guide to Texas Etiquette on October 14th, at 7:00 pm at the Gully Hall. The show is all about having a good time. It loosely portrays a radio show on a live stage.

Just because the show is about Texas, it's not just about cowboys. It also addresses some of the peculiarities of Texas and the wealth and variety of its musicians. People are encouraged to wear their best cowboys duds, however you're all welcome to dress any way you wish (like normal people).

There will be prizes awarded to the best dressed cowboys.

At the conclusion of the show, you're welcome to go to Shorty's and have a bowl of Texas chili on us.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Drive In in Clearbrook will be open all year again. Monday to Saturday 11 to 8 pm and Sunday from noon to 8 pm.

Bingo is back at Shorty's in Gully Saturday night. Meatball special both nights.

Future Events

The Border Bank in Clearbrook is having a Community appreciation with a Grab 'n Go on Friday, September 22 from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. This event is free of charge to thank their customers and community. The staff will be serving a grab 'n go meal inside the lobby.

Fall Fest Dinner will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook on September 24th.

The annual United Lutheran Church dinner will be held on September 24 with serving to start at noon. They will have roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy and all the goodies to go with it.

The annual Pumpkin Day in Gonvick is set for September 30. They are planning to bring back the bed races. They need six teams for the races. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leonard will host a beef stew dinner and prize bingo on Saturday, October 7 for 11:00 to 2:00. At 1:00 the bingo will start.

The Gully 100 is planning another show at the Gully Community Center for October 2023. It will be another musical variety show. The date has been set for October 14th. It has been called, " A Guide to Texas Etiquette."

Clearbrook Fire Department 6th annual fall banquet on Saturday, October 14,. Doors open at 5 with meal at 6:00. Tickets are available from Clearbrook firemen.

Joke Time

There is a new Norwegian insurance policy. It's called "My Fault Insurance."

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The Norwegians have invented a new parachute, Opens on impact."

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A Norwegian was brought to the hospital with severe facial burns. Seems he had been bobbing for French Fries.

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF: CLEARWATER
JUDICIAL DISTRICT: NINTH
Court File Number:
15-PR-23-404
Case Type: Formal Probate

In Re the Estate of:
Sheryll J. Torgerson, aka Sheryll Jean Torgerson,
Decedent (Deceased person)

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS GIVEN that on October 18th, 2023 at 1:15 p.m., a remote hearing will be held in the above named Court at Bagley, Minnesota, on the petition of Kristin J. Torgerson, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of Decedent, dated December 6, 2021, as amended by the First Codicil thereto dated December 19, 2022, and for the appointment of Kristin J. Torgerson, whose address is 4801 Waville Rd NE, Bemidji, MN 56601, as personal representative of the estate of Decedent in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT:
Dated: September 12th, 2023
/s/Robert D. Tiffany
Judge of District Court

Dated: September 12th, 2023
/s/Carissa Scholz
Court Administrator
By: Leah Leavitt, Deputy
R27-28C

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF CLEARWATER
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 15-CV-23-405
Case Type: Other Civil

IN RE:
THE SHERYLL J. TORGERSON REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 9, 1998

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING

Petitioner, Kristin J. Torgerson, has filed with the Court a Petition to Appoint a Successor Trustee dated September 6, 2023 ("Petition"), relating to the Sheryll J. Torgerson Revocable Trust Agreement dated January 9, 1998 ("Trust") and seeking appointment of Kristin J. Torgerson as successor Trustee of the Trust.

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS GIVEN, that a hearing addressing the Petition is scheduled for October 18, 2023, 1:15 p.m. The hearing will be held by remote conference and appearance shall be by video and audio unless otherwise directed.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or at the hearing. If no objections are filed and the Petition is proper, the relief requested by the Petition will be granted.

Notice of this judicial proceeding shall be given as provided by Minnesota Statutes § 501C.0203, subdivision 1.

BY THE COURT:
Dated: September 12, 2023
/s/Eric P. Schieferdecker
Judge of District Court
R27-28C

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BELTRAMI COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
August 2, 2023
Court File No. 04-PR-23-1470
Case Type: Informal Probate
In re the Estate of
Emily Norma McDowell,
Deceased

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated January 17, 1990 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Terry Lee McDowell, whose address is 9610 Wax Wing Drive, Blue Ash, OH 45242, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice,or the claims will be barred.

Melbye, John
District Court Judge
8/2/2023 8:06 AM
Judge of District Court R26-27C

LEGAL NOTICE

Board of Commissioners' August 29, 2023

The August 29, 2023 meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 9:00 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 Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to approve the agenda.

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to approve the August 15th Board Minutes.

Sheriff – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to promote Ashley Maruska from part-time Communications Corrections Officer to full-time Communications Corrections Officer effective August 20, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to authorize the hiring of Victoria Swanson as a full-time Communications Corrections Officer.

Environmental Services – Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to authorize the purchase of one 2024 Ford F250 according to quote FTM20 Contract # 169665 from Midway Ford Commercial Fleet and Govt. Sales, Roseville, Mn in the amount of $47,065.64 plus tax, title and license fees.

Engineer – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to correct the motion to hire Mr. Josh Coyle to the General Foreman position at the Highway Department at a starting pay of $31.56/hr with a hire date of August 14, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to authorize the purchase of the following vehicles off the State Contract from North Country GM of Hibbing, Minnesota in the total amount of $218,128.50 plus tax and licensing.

• Land Department: 1 GMC 1500 Regular Cab 4x4 with 8 foot box for $42,163.20.

• Highway Department: 2 GMC 1500 Regular cab 4x4 with 8 foot box for $42,163.20/each.

• Highway Department: 1 GMC 1500 crew cab 4x4 with 6'6" box for $44,265.70.

• Highway Department: 1 GMC 3500 crew cab 4x4 with 8 foot box for $47,373.20.

Auditor – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to approve for truth-in-taxation purposes the following Departmental Budgets under the County Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2024. (On file)

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried to approve the 2024 Levy for Truth-in-Taxation purposes as follows:

FUND	GROSS LEVY	CPA	NET LEVY BASE
Revenue	3,564,655	569,526	2,995,129
Reg. Lib.	115,610	18,471	97,139
DHS, SS	1,119,544	178,870	940,674
DHS, IM	629,743	100,614	529,129
Road & Bridge	1,163,000	185,813	977,187
SWM	450,000	71,896	378,104
Totals	7,042,552	1,125,190	5,917,362

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to approve the purchase of ExpressVote Universal Voting Systems from Electrons Systems & Software in the amount of $61,040.00 and to authorize the County Auditor-Treasurer to sign the sales order agreement.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 am.

Dated: September 12th, 2023
Amanda Jordan,
Board Coordinator
Dean Newland, Chairman
R27C

LEGAL NOTICE

Description of Proposed School Construction Project

Clearbrook-Gonvick Public School District, ISD #2311-01 is proposing a single question bond referendum on November 7, 2023 that would authorize $28.37 million in bonding authority to finance upgrades to their existing PK-12 facility. Most of the proposed projects focus on building additions, including: a two-station gymnasium with ancillary spaces, special education classrooms, a classroom/media center area and a secure entry vestibule. The ancillary space to the gymnasium includes: storage, restrooms and changing areas. Other proposed projects include renovations to existing building spaces, deferred maintenance and the repurposing of the existing, single-station gymnasium into a fitness room and two classrooms.

The projects would be scheduled for completion in calendar years 2024 and 2025. Cost estimates by project component are as follows:

Gymnasium Addition	$5,922,500
SPED Classroom Addition/ Renovations	$1,324,800
Repurpose Existing Gym	$2,418,220
Secure Entrance/Office Remodeling	$554,300
Commons Area Remodel	$2,932,000
Classroom / Media Center Addition	$4,105,500
Other Renovations	$920,000
Deferred Maintenance	$3,348,800
FF&E /Technology	$600,000
Contingencies	$860,973
Fees, Permits & Testing	$5,095,821
Bond Issuance	$426,802
	$28,509,716

In addition to the projects subject to voter approval, the district plans to issue $2.82 million in long term facilities maintenance (LTFM) bonds to finance building-wide HVAC upgrades. LTFM bonds do not require voter approval and would result in an annual debt service levy of approximately $600,000 beginning with the Payable 2024 levy cycle.

The district expects an increase in enrollment over the next five years; projecting an increase from 521 students in the 2022-23 school year to 583 students in 2027-28. The district gains approximately 135 students via open enrollment. For the 2022-23 school year, 135 students open enrolled into the district and 59 resident students open enrolled out to neighboring school districts.

The district has supplied cost estimates to operate and staff the additional building space and it appears existing revenues will be sufficient to fund any associated operational cost increases. The proposed projects appear to be in the long-term interest of the school district.

Review and Comment Statement

Based on the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment.

Additional Information is Available

Persons desiring additional information regarding this proposal should contact the school district superintendent's office.

Willie L. Jett II
Commissioner
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Clearwater County Recycling Drop-Off Locations Accepting:

- aluminum cans
- steel food cans
- glass bottles and jars with lids removed
- plastic containers #s 1, 2 and 5
- newspaper and office paper
- clean cardboard

Two drop-off locations, one in Bagley and one in Clearbrook, both at County Highway Department shops.

Mixed recyclables from these locations are sorted at the Materials Recovery Facility in Fosston. Revenue from recyclables sales helps offset tipping fees paid by the County for garbage disposal at the Fosston Incinerator. Please contact Clearwater County Environmental Services at 694-6183 for further information.

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Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior Ben Goudge with his parents Dylan and Sarah Goudge.



Senior Jake Stoskopf with his parents Steve Watne and Stacey Stoskopf.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior Roman Beaulieu with his parents Adrian and Karen Beaulieu.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Football Team Parents Night

Photos by Jalina Gerlofs



Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors Nathan Weems & Trever Solberg with their parents Andrew and Ashley Weems and Jay and Kim Solberg.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors Luke Johnson & Colin Crotteau with their parents Robyn and Doug Johnson and Craig and Amie Jarnot.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior Alex Churness & Junior Jason Defoe with their parents Travis and Danielle Churness and Amber and Jason Defoe.



Dakota Erickson #50 with Jake Stoskopf #63.



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Ben Goudge runs for the Bears.



Quarterback Colin Crotteau #10.



Alex Churness

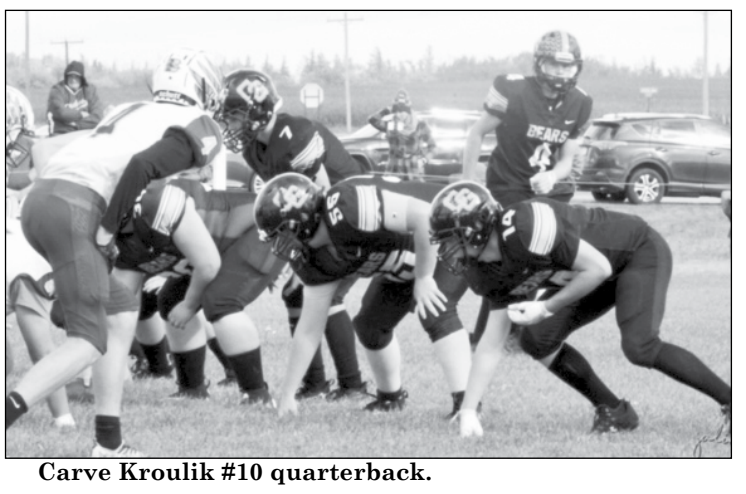


Brady Haman



Jacob Anderson with the tackle.

Clearbrook-Gonvick won over Stephen/Argyle 36-14 in a game last Friday night. Photos by Jalina Gerlofs



Carve Kroulik #10 quarterback.



Community Appreciation

Grab 'n Go

Friday, September 22, 2023
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Clearbrook Bank Lobby

Please join us for our Community Appreciation event as we thank our customers and community! This event is free of charge, so come hungry! Our staff will be serving a grab 'n go meal inside the lobby.

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