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The top five pumpkin winners at the event held in Gonvick last Saturday were from left to right; 4th place Jack and Leo Nordland 898.5; 2nd place Tucker Johnson 1,341; J J Solberg and Wade Klema with their first place prize of 2,242 pounds; 3rd place Susanne Olson 909.5; and 5th place Zach Buss 713.

Largest pumpkin ever weighed in Gonvick

The largest pumpkin that had ever been weighed at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day on Saturday September 30. The record 2,242 pound was grown by Wade Klema and JJ Solberg. The crew took the pumpkin down to Anoka for a weigh off event that was held there Sunday October 1. The group was elated as they took first prize at 2,237. With the trip to the cities the pumpkin lost a few pounds. This was the 30th year of the annual event in Gonvick and a lot of the events were done in honor of Wade Klema who has been dealing with ALS. A 60 birthday party was held in his honor on Friday night.

Other winners in the Gonvick weigh off were: 2nd Tucker Johnson 1,341; 3rd Susanne Olson 909.5; 4th Jack and Leo Nordland 898.5; 5th Zach Buss 713; 6th Bryson Fiedler 671; 7th Ray Norman 645; 8th Bobby Edevold 625; 9th Wayne & Lori Bergh 624; 10th Katie Haaven 549 who brought her pumpkin up from Iowa.

Youth division winners had several entries and the top ten winners were: 1st Maverick Fiedler 540; 2nd Bynn Stefanich 458.5; 3rd Wayne and

Lori grandkids 387; 4th Cianna Olson 308.5; 5th Bria Sather 307.54; 6th Colt Pletschett 178.5; 7th Wren Pletschett 172; 8th Dawson Eck139; 9th Emma Eck 118 and 10th Vadia Pletschett.

The five winners by the Car Show held on Saturday with all the other events were from left to right: Daphne Kelma, 1961 Cutlas from Gonvick; Leslie Lien, 1958 Chevy truck from Gonvick; Steve Flerstad, 1964 Impala from Fosston; Ron Grube, 1972 Custom Deluxe from Pembina, North Dakota and Jason Bergman, 2023 Bronco from Gonvick. The names were selected by votes from the 97 car show participants. Each winner received a trophy and \$100.

The big pumpkin drop filled with candy was at a 127 foot drop on a large boom. The equipment was brought in by Christiansen Industrial Developers from Bemidji.

The tug of war between three fire departments from Clearbrook, Bagley and Gonvick. The event and the \$5400 donated by the Gonvick Jubilee Committee was won by the Gonvick Fire Department.



What a wonderful day for Wade Klema and JJ Solberg. Their shared pumpkin project took first place in the Gonvick weigh off on Saturday, September 30. It was the largest pumpkin ever recorded in the 30 years of the event at 2,242 pounds. Shown with Wade is his mother-in-law Barb Brooks and Wayne Bergh congratulating him.

Callie Ehresmann at Gully Show

Gully and neighboring communities are in for a treat on October 14th at the Gully Guide to Texas Etiquette. This year there is a newcomer to the show: Callie Ehresmann.

Callie can play Classical violin or country fiddle and does either with excellence.

Callie has played violin for 11 years (since she was 6) but she also sings and plays piano, mandolin, guitar and bells. She is a member of the BSU Chamber Orchestra and also Skal Klubb Spelmanslag.

Music is a family affair for the Ehresmanns. Callie's mother, Tiffany is a skilled pianist and often accompanies Callie. Tiffany will be playing piano for the Gully Show.

Many local music lovers have also enjoyed the beautiful harmonies

of Callie's grandmother TruDee Torgerson singing with her friend Terri Godtland.

Remember: October 14, 7 pm at the Gully Community Center for a "Gully Guide to Texas Etiquette".



Callie playing with Skal Klubb Spelmanslag.



Callie with her mom Tiffany Ehresmann.



Board holds work session

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board members held a work session on Tuesday, September 26. Four of the members were present of the seven to form a quorum.

The agenda after the Pledge of Allegiance included five items.

1. Referendum update, with a capital media video on the upcoming November 7 vote on the \$28,370,000 ballot question for the district. A meeting will be held October 3 at the Gonvick Community Center and October 17 at the Leonard Town Hall Building. School patrons can request a mail ballot by calling the school and requesting that from Paula at 218-776-3112, ext. 108.
2. Staffing needs. School needs to open up para positions working with younger students. With the increase in younger students there is a need for Special Education para's.
3. Information Technology position which is a paid position to help students work with the Garden Valley TV station to put items on the local channel to show games and events at the school.
4. Transportation- Behavior that is happening on one of the school buses. The bus company has been informed and they are looking at ways to resolve the problem.
5. School board retreat. Discussion was held to have an informal meeting to be able to speak freely. Ideas of where it should be held could be emailed to Superintendent Ryan Grow.
- The MSBA Association meeting will be held in Minneapolis January 11 and 12. Those who wish to attend should let Grow know.
6. Garden Valley Capital Credits - With the short window to apply for the buyout of 50% of the \$99,761.55 that would be available for the years 2002 to 2022. They requested to go ahead and get half of that amount.



Members of the Hansen family by the Hansen Century Farm sign. From left to right: Byron Alcorn, Gretchen Alcorn Mike Jenkins Dawn Jenkins, Anne Hansen John Hansen, Rod Hansen, Rachael Sudenga, Mike Frick, Holly Frick, Amanda Hansen and little girls Addilyn Hansen and Koraline Frick.

Hansen Century Farm honored at County Fair

One hundred years ago starting in Oppland County north of Oslo, Norway and ending up at Clearbrook, Minnesota the Hansen family immigrated. The family arrived in the United States and made their way to Iowa before heading to points in Minnesota. Ole J. Hansen and family was in Zumbrota before moving to Beltrami County. His son Hans Andrew met his wife Thora Thompson who had moved from Maple Lake in Woodside Township south of Mentor to Pinewood.

Hans Andrew and Thora Hansen settled on 160 acres in

Clearwater County and raised their children. They included Donald, Hartvig, Oberon, Grace, Ted (he preferred Olander), Ruth, Anne and Rodney. Most of the children were all born at home and Rodney remembers that when children were born in the neighborhood, Dr. CG Forrest from Clearbrook, would come out to the farms after the fact to check out the newborns.

One of Ole Hansen's eight children was Rodney Hanson who was the one who received



Hansen family taken in 1939 or 1940 included from left to right in the back row: Donald, Hartvig, Thora (mother) Hans Andrew (father) Oberon and Grace. Front row: Rodney, Ted (Olander) Ruth and Anne.

Hanson... Continued on page 7

Community Calendar

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club to meet

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be meeting on Monday, October 9th, 2023 at the clubhouse in Leonard at 7:30 pm. Trail work has begun, including brush hogging, changing out/adding new signs, gates and working on bridges. Please get out and do your share before winter sets in. Many hands makes work easier and goes faster. We will be working on trail maps for the printer, if there is anyone new that would like to advertise on the map, please let one of the officers know. Letters will be going out to all the previous advertisers. We will be reprinting the map the end of November. See ya at the meeting.

Clearbrook Legion Post 256 Membership Meal Johnson Post

A membership meal will be offered for all Clearbrook Legion, Legion Auxiliary members and Veterans desiring to join American Legion Post 256. The meal will be served in the Legion room of the old school from 5 – 6 pm Tuesday, October 10, 2023 before the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The meal is free of charge for members.

Ruby's Pantry

Join us Wednesday, October 4th at Country Faith Church, 46125 149th Ave, Clearbrook for Ruby's Pantry, Clearbrook. Our drive-thru distribution will run from 5-6:00pm or until food items are gone. Bring a \$25 cash donation and receive a "share" which is an abundance of grocery items that are valued over \$100 which varies every month. **Please bring exact change. There is a maximum of 2 shares per vehicle. No registration needed for drive-thru distribution. No boxes needed, everything will be prepackaged for you. Ruby's Pantry is a pop-up non-profit food ministry serving our rural communities across MN & WI on a monthly basis, hosted by non-profits and made possible by volunteers at each site. There is no income or residency requirement. Questions? Contact Country Faith at 218-776-3367. Find us on Facebook: Ruby's Pantry-Clearbrook, MN



BEEF STEW LUNCH and PRIZE BINGO!

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Our Savior's Lutheran, Leonard

Meal: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bingo begins at 2:00!

Beef stew, biscuit and bar: \$12.00

Bingo: .50¢ per card per game



Created with 1000's of strips Paper Quilling Artist Nikki Besser has had her incredible "Quilling" art on display at the Bagley Library (LARL) since August 1st. Her gallery show, "Quilling It-Life in Paper", has been incredibly successful; so successful that her show was extended a week, and she has been asked to return to the Bagley Library for a Closing Reception and Artist Talk: Saturday, October 7th @ 12 noon.

Based in northern Minne-

sota, self-taught artist Nikki Besser uses hundreds, often thousands, of strips of rolled paper, glued and shaped together in various forms to create original, one-of-a-kind artworks. Her paper quilled artworks capture positive life moments of joy, happiness, love, and beauty. If you haven't seen the show at the Bagley Public Library, it is worth the time to see it. It is truly beautiful and unique. This gallery show was made possible by the Bagley

Area Art Collaborative (BAAC). Mark your calendar for April 24, 2024. Nikki will be sharing her Quilling Art at a Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) program, complete with demonstration and hands on experience. Location TBD, however, it will be in our NELL viewing area (Clearwater & East Polk Counties).

Torsk dinner

It's that time of year again! The Sons of Norway, Granlund Lodge #240, has its annual Torsk dinner and this year it is with pork chops, catered by David Lee! The public is invited to attend this event on Thursday evening, October 12. This Scandinavian dinner includes the two meats, mashed potatoes and gravy, a veggie, roll, lefse, dessert and sweet soup for \$15! Registration is required and the meal is offered as a drive through/pick up event between 4:30 and 5:30 or a sit down dinner at 6:00 pm at the Embassy Community Center in Fosston on the corner of 3rd and Eaton Ave. To register, call either Wes and Susie Roland at 435-1230 or Harold and Roz Watnemo at 435-1140. Registration is required by Monday, October 9, for this October 12, dinner event.

History center 2023 exhibits closing

The 2023 Exhibits at the History Center in Shevlin will soon be closing for the season. The last day to view the Historic Buildings (except for the Log Cabin) will be Sunday October 29.

Exhibits in the main museum gallery will be completely gone by November 17th. The Work exhibit will be removed on November 2, the Toy Exhibit will be dismantled on November 9 and the Shevlin and Bagley Quascentennials exhibits will be taken down on Nov. 16.

The museum will be closed November 17- December 2 to prepare for the Second Annual Festival of Trees.

The Halverson Log Cabin will remain open until the snow flies: it will be decorated for Christmas and will be part of the Festival of Trees, as long as visitors are able to get out there!

The History Center will be open Saturday October 28 from 10:00- 2:00 and Sunday October 29 from 1:00- 4:00. Sunday is also the Not So Spooky School House event at the History Center from 1:30- 3:30. Visitors are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume!

For more details call the History Center 218-785-2000

Seniors

9.29- 10.9 Senior Connection Cooking Class Monday Oct 9th 11a.m. to 12:30p.m. at CWLC in Gonvick. During each class prep and make a nutritious meal then sample it! Sponsored by Clear Waters Life Center and Prime West Health.

10.16-11.10 Senior Connection Cooking Class Monday Nov 13th 11a.m. to 12:30p.m. at CWLC in Gonvick.

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Good Shepherd

Wed., Oct. 4: 6:00pm Choir Practice 6:00pm – 7:30pm First Wednesday Youth Group (7th - 12th Grade) (bonfire at Cease Funeral Home, Bagley)

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

Sun., Oct. 8: 9:00am Confirmation & Worship with Pastor Mark Olson; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School

Mon., Oct. 9: 7:00pm Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Tues., Oct. 10: 6:00pm Book Study with Pastor Mark Olson

Wed., Oct. 11: 6:00pm Confirmation/Meal (7th – 9th Grade) @ Good Shepherd 6:00pm Choir Practice; 7:00pm Handbells

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

Our Savior's

Wed., Oct. 4: 6:00pm – 7:30pm First Wednesday Youth Group (7th – 12th Grade) (bonfire at Cease Funeral Home, Bagley)

Sat., Oct. 7: 11:00am – 2:00pm Beef Stew Lunch & Prize Bingo. Bingo starts at 2pm

Sun., Oct. 8: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship with Pastor Mark Olson

Wed., Oct. 11: 6:00pm Confirmation/Meal (7th – 9th Grade) @ Good Shepherd

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Pastor Dawson Grover

53299 269th Ave Leonard, MN 218-776-3331

Last Public Worship Service- Sunday Church Services 10:30 am

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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Sunday Church Services 9:00am

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH

1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6

Senior Pastor - Brad Binder

Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund

Children's Ministry Lead Karl Godin

www.countryfaith.org 218-776-3367

office@countryfaith.org

Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.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.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri

Pastor Jeff Merseth

Wed, Oct. 4: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS

Sat, Oct. 7: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. Sun, Oct. 8: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. Nazareth: 8:45 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11 a.m. Worship.

Wed, Oct. 11: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.

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

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Jarred LeBon, Pastor

Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.

Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund

Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, Oct. 4: 6:30 p.m. 8th grade confirmation at Lund.

Sun, Oct. 8: 9:00 a.m. Service at Lund. 9:30 SS at Sand Valley. 10:30 a.m. Service at Sand Valley. 6:340 p.m. 7th grade confirmation at Lund.

Wed, Oct. 11: 2 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid. 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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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

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

Congratulations to our elementary student of the month winners for the month of September! Front Row: Ezra Krog, Coleman Cloud, Quinn Lewis, Journee Hemingsen, Cheyenne Knox, Barrett Nordlund, Brekken Prestemon, and Logan Burman Back Row: Mick Supan, Jesalyn Roy, Keith Lussier, Arianna Baanrud, and Keegan Kingbird Not pictured: Elsa Larson and Isabella Hoiland

Homecoming update!
Dress up days for HS:
Monday: Ken and Barbie
Tuesday: Dad vs. Chad
Wednesday: Salad Dressing
Staff: Thousand Island
12th: Western
11th: Italian
10th: Bleu Cheese
9th: Caesar
7th & 8th: House Dressing
Thursday: Rhyme without Reason
Friday: Bear Pride
Events:
Coronation: Monday Oct. 2nd at 2:30 in the Big Gym
(Please excuse 9-12th Student Council at 12:30 for set up in the Gym)
Pep Fest: Tuesday Oct. 3rd at 2:30 in Big Gym
(Please excuse 9-12th Student Council at 1:30 for set up in the Gym)
Parade in Gonvick with start time around 1:30 pm. Friday, Oct. 6th

Parade tentative schedule: (Load Buses in front of school)

Friday dismissal times:
12th-8th Grade will be dismissed at 12:20 for a 12:30 bus ride to Gonvick.

7th-5th Grade and Mr. Maesse's class will be dismissed at 12:40 for a 12:50 bus ride to Gonvick.

Mrs. Nordlund's class with 3rd-Pre-K will be dismissed at 1:00 for a 1:10 bus ride to Gonvick.

***Parade starts close to 1:30 (See Map below)

Mrs. Nordlund's class with 3rd-Pre-K will load on Elm St. for a bus ride back to school.

12th-5th Grade and Mr. Maesse's class will walk Elm St. south to the Old School. As we pass the old school, students may use bathrooms if needed. We will then continue east to the city park for a loading area.

7th-5th Grade and Mr. Maesse's class will be picked up at the park around 2:20 for a bus ride back to the school.

12th-8th Grade will be picked up at the park around 2:45 for a bus ride back to the school.

Teachers: Please take your classes back to your rooms after we return. There will NOT be a pep fest after this year. High School please keep your grades in your class meeting groups and rooms.

In the event of inclement weather on Friday....

We will dismiss at 2:30 to meet in the gym for a Parade "walk through". Each grade will take their turn walking around the gym parade style.



Congratulations to othe Clearbrook-Gonvick School Friday Bear Wear winners from September 29th! Front: Colt Pletschett. Middle: Trey Goudge, Vicki Vettleson, Hallie Marsh, and Chase Haugan. Back: Joaquin Ryan, Nevah Salzer, Ryan Bodenstainer, and Lexie Lofgren. Go Bears!



Clearbrook-Gonvick School Industrial Technology students, accepting a donation of power tools and hand tools from Milwaukee. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated and the tools will be put to good use!

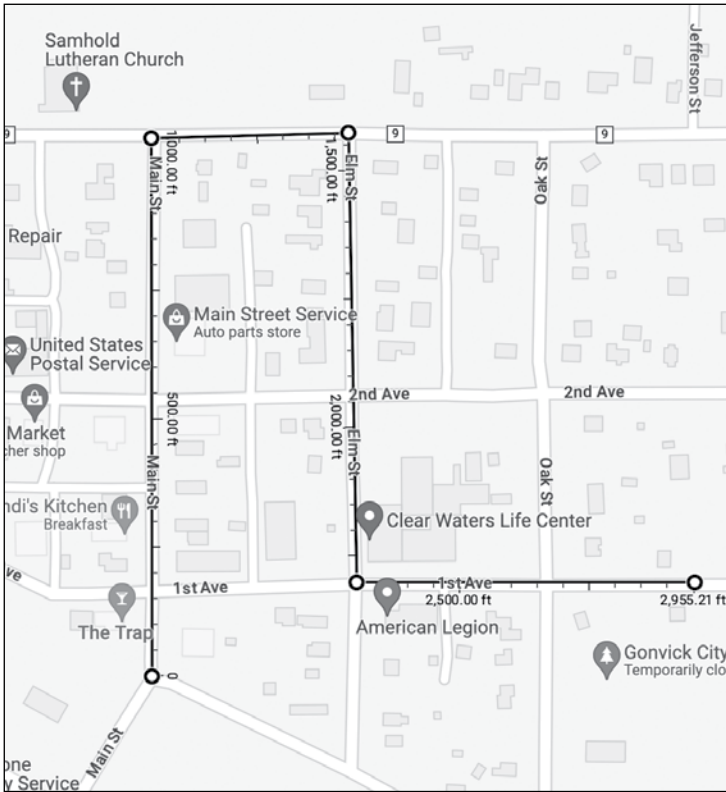
Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch Menu

Wed., Oct. 4 - Cheese Pizza, Corn. Snack: Baked Chips
Thurs., Oct. 5 - Corn Dog, Sun Chips, Baked Beans. Snack: CC Mini Loaf
Fri., Oct. 6- Sub Box Lunch, Apples, Carrots, Cookie Milk. Snack: Pop Tart
Mon., Oct. 9 - Orane Chicken with Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Egg Roll (9-12) Fortune Cookie Snack: Granola Bar
Tues., Oct. 10 - Soft Shell Tacos with Fixings, Refried Beans. Snack: Cheeto Puffs
Wed., Oct. 11 - Pepperoni Stromboli, California Blend Vegetable. Snack: Emoji WG Crackers

Dates for public meetings

Public meetings will be held 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.



Parade route in Gonvick with start time around 1:30 pm. Friday, Oct. 6th

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 the 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.

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Knowing your Government

Government is confusing! Between the Federal, State and local government it can be hard to keep up with the bureaucracy. That is why I believe it is good policy for the government to stop and explain their positions and programs. After all, for citizens to make informed decisions they need to be informed. That being said, I believe it is the duty of every good citizen to take the initiative and be informed. This belief of mine is why I write these articles. A show of good faith from the government to the people, to educate them so they can be informed on their decisions.

In recent months I have gotten many phone calls from concerned citizens with issues that I cannot help with. I either legally can't help in these situations or it's not something I can change. That leads me to believe that the public may be unclear on what the purpose of the Veterans Service Office is. Therefore, I hope this article clears things up!

First and foremost, the Veterans Service Office is the local advocate for Veterans and their dependents. It is the Veteran Service Officer's job to assist Veterans and their families to get the benefits they are entitled to from the Federal and State governments. This can be helping

Veterans with disability claims, pension claims, burial benefits and obtaining military records. We can assist but we can't do it 100% for you. At the end of the day, the Veteran and his family must be willing to and wanting to pursue the benefit they are seeking.

Second, I want to clarify that I DO NOT work for the VA. I work for the county and am no different than any other employee. That means I have no allegiance to the VA and am truly your advocate.

Some things my office cannot do for Veterans would be the following: personal favors, except money for services rendered, give out personal information to non-family members, offer legal advice, build structures, home maintenance, yard maintenance and much more.

I hope now you have a somewhat better understanding of what my office does. That being said if any Veteran is unclear please give the office a call.

Lastly, Michelle Nordlund will be filling in for me on a part time basis when I'm on Duty starting October 1st until early 2024. Feel free to stop up and say hi to her on Mondays or Tuesdays. I will still be your Veteran Service Officer, but I will be working on a limited basis while I'm on Military Duty. Michelle will be able to get ahold of me and she will be able to contact me with any questions. If you have paperwork to go through, we just

ask that you make an appointment. This is because we want to be prepared for you when you come in. Also, we do have 700 Veterans and their families in the county. Therefore, if you just drop by we may be meeting with one of them. I know your time is valuable and by setting an appointment it allows for us to be the most productive and efficient for you.

Michelle Nordlund

Clearwater County Veteran's Service Office
213 Main Avenue North, Dept.
Bagley, Minnesota 56621
218-694-6618 | Fax: 218-694-6181
To stay up to date on Veteran news and happenings with the Veteran Service Office, please reference the office schedule: VSO Schedule - Clearwater County, MN

CW Rice Total: 4
CW Shevlin
09/24/23 12:22:11 TEST O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/24/23 12:25:30 TEST O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/24/23 12:45:28 Motorist Assist
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/24/23 13:08:28 Traffic
Complaint O - Handled By Officer
/ Deputy
09/24/23 15:50:37 Property
Damage O - Handled By Officer /
Deputy
09/25/23 09:17:30 Civil Complaint

O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/27/23 07:10:55 Traffic Stop O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/29/23 00:05:55 Information
Only O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/30/23 16:06:19 TEST O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Shevlin Total: 9
CW Winsor
09/24/23 20:01:38 Fire O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/24/23 21:02:09 Traffic Stop
W - Warning
CW Winsor Total: 2
Total Records: 75

Clearwater County Sheriff

Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

CW City of Bagley
09/24/23 23:16:29 Information
Only O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/25/23 09:54:44 Information
Only O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/25/23 11:20:22 Traffic Stop 04
- Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
09/26/23 09:49:00 Harassment O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/26/23 15:06:28 Traffic
Complaint O - Handled By Officer
/ Deputy
09/27/23 09:10:29 Drug Related
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/27/23 10:17:21 THEFT O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/27/23 17:55:18 Information
Only O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/28/23 10:36:17 Welfare Check
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/28/23 11:02:53 Missing/Lost
Person O - Handled By Officer /
Deputy
09/28/23 11:58:25 Medical O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/28/23 15:00:22 Vehicle Lock
Out O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/29/23 09:21:32 Transport O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/29/23 20:41:46 Traffic Stop
W - Warning
09/29/23 21:06:13 Medical I -
Information
09/30/23 07:52:10 Information
Only O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW City of Bagley Total: 16
CW City of Clearbrook
09/24/23 13:45:01 TEST O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/27/23 15:33:17 Medical O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/27/23 15:58:23 Animal Related
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW City of Clearbrook Total: 3
CW City of Gonvick
09/24/23 01:54:22 Disturbance O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/29/23 12:42:00 Fraud 01 -
Report Taken
CW City of Gonvick Total: 2
CW City of Shevlin
09/27/23 08:55:17 Civil Complaint
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW City of Shevlin Total: 1
CW Copley
09/24/23 15:37:41 ASSIST O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/25/23 15:05:05 Lost/Found
Property O - Handled By Officer /
Deputy
09/26/23 11:12:30 Information
Only 01 - Report Taken
09/26/23 22:36:27 Runaway O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/27/23 15:35:35 Juvenile Misc
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/29/23 12:12:55 Suspicious
Activity O - Handled By Officer /
Deputy
CW Copley Total: 6
CW Dudley
09/29/23 16:23:59 Traffic
Complaint O - Handled By Officer
/ Deputy
09/29/23 17:05:41 911 Hang Up
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Dudley Total: 2
CW Eddy
09/30/23 09:42:33 Vehicle Lock
Out O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Eddy Total: 1
CW Falk
09/24/23 13:03:17 TEST O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Falk Total: 1
CW Holst
09/27/23 12:52:14 Medical 45 -
Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
CW Holst Total: 1
CW Itasca
09/24/23 17:42:39 Motorist Assist
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/30/23 13:25:53 Fire O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Itasca Total: 2
CW Itasca State Park
09/24/23 16:45:39 Vehicle Lock
Out O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Itasca State Park Total: 1
CW LaPrairie N
09/25/23 20:31:49 Information
Only O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/25/23 21:26:38 Traffic Stop O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/25/23 22:54:47 Traffic Stop O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy

09/28/23 03:21:09 Extra Patrol O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/28/23 20:49:52 Welfare Check
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/30/23 18:50:44 Disturbance O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW LaPrairie N Total: 6
CW Leon
09/24/23 13:29:49 Animal Related
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/24/23 23:56:56 Medical O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/25/23 05:03:40 Traffic Stop
W - Warning
09/25/23 06:54:26 Motorist Assist
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/30/23 23:08:39 Traffic Stop O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Leon Total: 5
CW Minerva
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CFS Date/Time Description
Codes With Descriptions
09/27/23 11:04:11 ASSIST O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Minerva Total: 1
CW Moose Creek
09/24/23 11:10:35 911 Hang Up
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Moose Creek Total: 1
CW Nora
09/26/23 05:17:48 Traffic Stop O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/29/23 18:11:37 Domestic O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Nora Total: 2
CW Out of Jurisdiction
09/25/23 16:30:25 Civil Complaint
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Out of Jurisdiction Total: 1
CW Pine Lake
09/28/23 19:51:19 Motor Vehicle
Crash O - Handled By Officer /
Deputy
09/29/23 10:39:33 Threats O -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Pine Lake Total: 2
CW Poppel
09/24/23 03:06:41 Welfare Check
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/25/23 16:01:38 Disturbance O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/26/23 13:54:55 Welfare Check
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/28/23 10:18:16 Traffic
Complaint O - Handled By Officer
/ Deputy
09/30/23 10:26:06 Missing/Lost
Person O - Handled By Officer /
Deputy
09/30/23 14:07:33 Welfare Check
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW Poppel Total: 6
CW Rice
09/24/23 07:35:26 Animal Related
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/25/23 22:31:29 Traffic Stop O
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/28/23 14:35:55 Information
Only O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
09/30/23 18:53:31 911 Hang Up
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

What a weekend in Gonvick. Thanks to the many who made the event such a success.

Future Events

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.

They are already thinking of Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook. Craft Show from 10 to 3 in the Wes Westrum Gym. Space is available by calling the city clerk

Joke Time

Ole has a T-shirt with a rather puzzling legend: "No matter where you Go- Why, thee you are!"

Ole drove his old jalopy up to the toll booth. "Fifty cents," the toll collector said. "Sold", said Ole.

How do Norwegians refer to milk? - They call it the "Udder Cola"

Oldies, but goodies!!
From my email
Failure notice!

1. The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.

2. When a kid says, "Daddy, I want mommy" that's the kid's version of "I'd like to speak to your supervisor."

3. I don't mean to interrupt people, but I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

4. I thought growing old would take longer.



Congratulations to Clearbrook-Gonvick High School student of the month winners for the month of September! Natasha Chandler, Abby Engen, Brady Hagman and Gunner Olson. Not pictured: Ashten Churness and Molly Phillips.



Your current leader in North America 2237 pound pumpkin grown by Wade Klema/ J.J. Solberg. This is where they took their pumpkin after the weigh in at the Gonvick Pumpkin Day on Saturday, September 30. Photo by Kim Solberg at the Anoka Pumpkin Festival.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

"You hear 'bout Andy's barn?" asked Dud. We nodded and had another sip of morning coffee.

"You s'pose it was all globally warmed up?"

"Beats me, Windy. Could be."

"Buncha that," Windy said. "On the news and all over the place. Fires and rivers goin' over the bank and killin' cows. Some places, they say, got so hot it caused a earthquake and shook people's houses down."

And all of this, we knew, was going on faster than the paper could print the news. Hey, you turn on the teevee, somebody else just lost everything they had.

"Oughta be a list a guy could prescribe to, ya know?"

Doc looked up from his eggs and toast. "What kinda list, Windy?"

"Oh, you know, Doc. If we're gonna have these here



destructions, oughta be able to add Miller's old milkin' barn to the victim's list. That thing ain't been safe for years, and the kids play in it all day."

"Request destruction?"

"Well, kinda."

"We understand your point, Windy."

Doc said, "but I think maybe all we can do is be helpful until we can figure out all this craziness. Thought I'd got help Andy clean up the ashes at his old barn."

"Ya s'pose it's 'bout like a friend test? Ya know, see how much of a friend we can be when ever-thin's cavin' in?"

We nodded and sipped. One of those kinds of heavy thinking mornings.

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thoughts, and memories, I'm only wanting more.

A treat on every holiday, from childhood through today. I'm blessed to feel my family, as I share with you this way.

The first batch is the hardest, anticipation starts to grow. It's only 14 minutes, yet time goes on so slow.

Finally they're done cooking, lightly kissed so golden brown. Smear with lots of butter, the best way I have found.

Enjoy these little cookies, or biscuit if you wish. Memories ballad up inside this special potluck dish.

Kringla Recipe

1 cup buttermilk
1 cup sugar
1 cup sour cream
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
½ cup butter Crisco*
1/8 tsp baking powder
***Sour cream and buttermilk should be room Temperature.

Cream together sugar, salt, and Crisco until light/fluffy. Add sour cream. Put buttermilk in 2 cup measuring cup. Add soda and stir. This mixture will double. Add baking powder with flour.

Alternate flour mixture and buttermilk mixture, mixing well between ingredients. Dough should not stick to hands. Place dough in fridge for at least 6 hours, overnight best. (I divide dough in half and wrap each in plastic wrap kinda in a log shape).

Preheat oven 400. Use light colored cookie sheets. Very lightly sprayed with non-stick cooking spray the first time. Not necessary after the pan has cooked once through.

Cut or scoop a wad of dough the size of a large walnut. Roll evenly into a thick pencil. Grab both ends and twist once, pressing the ends into the middle (Figure eight shape).

Bake till light brown about 12-14 minutes, watching carefully at 12 minutes, as they will brown quickly.

Pop Kringla out onto paper towel or wax paper. Make sure cookie sheet is completely cooled before using for next batch. (I use 3 cookie sheets to assure cool cookie sheets).

Weekly Inky Wink



with Oopsy Annie!

Food opens doors into our memories. Offers glimpses into families, other cultures. Food is rich in story!

Recently, I had the opportunity to eat my very first Kringla. Delicious! Pamela Hagen-French, who often has articles in this very newspaper, had made them for a potluck. Weekly, Pamela writes about the happenings in our area for the paper. Guess what? Do you know she is a delightful creative writer, too?

Here she shares two poems she wrote about Kringla. As a special gift to us all, she even shares her family recipe below. Yummy!

What's In a Kringla?

By Pamela Hagen-French

A rare find for the longest time, no matter the sites I look, delicacy from childhood, every year I have to cook.

Always at Thanksgiving, Christmas time too, if I'm begged long enough, Easter I'll come through.

Each little cookie, rolled carefully by hand, there is but one shape only, the rest I'll have to ban.

Sour cream and buttermilk, my recipe will employ, if either one is missing it's only a decoy.

It's really not a cookie, or biscuit you would know, It's becoming much more popular, but not the ones I show.

Neither Swedish, Dutch or Finnish, but Norwegian don't forget, this precious little memory, as perfect as it gets.

The Smell of Memories

By Pamela Hagen-French

Kringla started cooking, aroma filled the room. Memories from childhood, my mind began to bloom.

No longer just the flavor, or taste that I adore. Feelings,

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING July 17, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

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

3 Community Comments

– Community members were allowed to make comments.

4 Approval of Agenda

– MMS Petterson/Nelson to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

5 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

– MMS Petterson/Bodensteiner to approve minutes as presented. MCU.

5.1 6/26/23 – Regular Meeting

6 Informational Items

6.1 **Principals Report** – Principal Tharaldson presented the report, and discussed the following items: A) **Student Handbook** – A draft of the 23-24 Student Handbook was presented, and changes were discussed. There are a number of changes due to law & policy changes coming from the state. B) **New Math Curriculum** – New math curriculum for grades K-12 has been ordered, and should arrive prior to the start of the school year. Training for teachers will be provided before the start of the school year. C) **Direct Admissions Minnesota**

– The program was reviewed, and it was noted that this will be our 2nd year participating in the program. D) – **New Teacher In-Service** – Will take place for our 7 new teachers on 8/23/23. E) – **Fall Sports Information** – The fall sport meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2023. Fall sports practice will begin on 8/14/23. F) – **Class Registration** – New student class registration, and schedule changes for returning students, in grades 7-12, will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

6.2 **Superintendent Report** – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) **Personnel** – A) **Open Positions** – FT Custodial, Extra-Curricular Bus Drivers, Band Teacher, Assistant BBB Coach, Jr. High FB, and GBB Coaches, and Industrial Tech B) **Custodian Interviews** – We interviewed 3 candidates for the 2 open positions. Two of the 3 candidates are not interested in the position. We will proceed with an offer to the third of the candidates. C) **New Requirements** – Were enacted during the last legislative session for certain staff positions, and our office team is developing a plan to address the new requirements. 2) **Educational** – A) **Reading Well by Grade 3 Plan** has been submitted to the state. B) **Read Act** – More information will come, but this will impact what we are using for a reading curriculum and assessment, and how we implement it across our district. 3) **Legislative** - A) **Changes** – Much of the work our education organizations are doing now is going through the statutory language, and determining what needs to be discussed during negotiations, and what needs to be included in master agreements. B) **MSBA Model Policies** – Many policy revisions and additions have become law. Approving the policies tonight brings our policy manual into compliance with the changes. 4) **Financial** – A) **LTFM Plan** – These funds are specific to facilities maintenance. We will review this later in the agenda. B) **Border Bank CD Program** – The program offered a CD with 5.25% interest for 12 months. We transferred \$300,000 into the CD program. After the program ends, we can decide to transfer the money back into savings or invest it again. C) **Finance Committee** – Is scheduled to meet on Tuesday at 5:00 pm to go over several financial topics. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Main Gym Resurfacing** – Is complete. B) **Campus Grounds** – Different weeds have become a big concern. We have a quote for spraying the football fields, but having our entire campus sprayed might be advantageous to controlling the spread. C) **Tool Cat PTO** – Is not operating. Virgil contacted the dealer on this issue, and is a smaller interest than first thought. The Tool Cat is currently in the shop.

6.3 **Committee Report** – No reports at this time. The Finance

Committee & Negotiations Committee will meet this week.

7 Consent Calendar

– MMS Petterson/Nelson to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

7.1 Approval of Bills Presented

– All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 71663-71671/Wires

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit

No Checks – All Payroll was Direct Deposit

June Bills (Year End Cleanup)

Voucher Numbers: 67927-67966

Check Numbers: 71672-71694

July Bills

Voucher Numbers: 67967-68019

Check Numbers: 71695-71724

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$682,510.33

7.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

7.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

7.4 Accept/Approve Donations

7.5 Student Activity Report

8 Old Business

8.1 Consider Approving Additions and Revisions to MSBA Model Policies

– MMS Wittenberg/Nelson to approve. MCU.

9 New Business

9.1 Consider Hiring Valerie Wahl as a Long Term Substitute for the 2023-2024 School Year

– MMS Abel/Wittenberg to hire. MCU.

9.2 Consider Approving the 2023-2024 Staff Handbook

– The handbook was presented & reviewed. Questions were asked and answered. MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve. MCU.

9.3 Consider Approving Employee Job Descriptions & Duties

– MMS Nelson/Wittenberg to approve. MCU.

9.4 Consider Accepting the 2023-2024 Milk Bid

– Two bids were received and reviewed. MMS Wittenberg/Abel to accept Prairie Farms bid & award contract for 2023-2024 school year. MCU.

9.5 Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Plan

– The resolution was introduced. MMS Nelson/Petterson to approve. Roll Call Vote – Able – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes

9.6 Consider Adopting a Resolution of the School Board to Issue General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds

– The resolution was introduced. MMS Petterson/Bodensteiner to approve. MCU. Roll Call Vote – Able – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes.

9.7 Consider Adopting a Resolution Calling the Special Election

– The resolution was introduced. MMS Wishard/Nelson to approve Resolution. MCU. Roll Call Vote – Able – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes.

10 Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items

– Questions were asked and answered

11 Future Meetings

11.2 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

12 Adjournment

– MMS Nelson/Bodensteiner to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. MCU

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING August 21, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Wishard at 7:02 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Kayla Walberg, Scott Abel, Dudley Wishard, Corey Petterson, and Randy Bodensteiner. Absent: Jill Nelson, and Vern Wittenberg. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff and community members

3 Community Comments

– None

4 Approval of Agenda

– MMS Petterson/Walberg to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

5 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

– MMS Bodensteiner/Abel to approve minutes as presented. MCU.

5.1 7/17/23/23 – Regular Meeting

6 Informational Items

6.1 **Principals Report** – Principal Tharaldson presented the report, and discussed the following items: A) **Elem & HS Student Handbooks** – Changes were noted. This will come up later in the agenda. B) **New Teacher Mentors** – The Mentor Program was reviewed. C) **School Leadership Team Meeting** – Will take place on August 24th to go over PLC plans and final changes before the school year begins. D) – **Title & American Indian Ed Applications** – Application due dates & meeting dates were discussed. E) – **New Math Curriculum** – Most of the new materials are in, Training sessions will be held via Zoom on August 23rd

6.2 Superintendent Report

– Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) **Personnel** – A) **Open Positions** – FT Custodial, Extra-Curricular Bus Drivers, Assistant BBB Coach, and Assistant GBB Coach. B) **Mentorship Program** – The changes in the program were reviewed. 2) **Educational** – The following dates and activities were presented A) **New Math Curriculum** – August 23rd training for staff. B) **Title and American Indian Ed Aid Applications** – Currently being worked on by Mr. Tharaldson. C) **Class Registration** – August 22nd 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. D) **Meet the Bears** – August 23rd from 5:30-7:30 p.m. E) **New Teacher In-Service** – August 23rd F-G) **All Staff In-Service** – August 28th and August 29th H) **K-6 Entrance Conference & 7-12 Open House** – August 30th. 3) **Legislative** - A) **Changes** – Much of the new statutory language put into law is being reviewed by education organizations, along with their legal teams, to determine what school districts must have in place, language additions to contracts, and establishing timelines of when new laws take effect. A majority of this will come through during the negotiations process. 4) **Financial** – A) **LTFM 10 Year Plan** – Has been approved by MDE. This included the indoor air quality project. B) **Finance Committee** – The committee met to review several financial topics. It was decided to proceed with repairs to the north & south parking lots. The school project car was brought to McMullen online auction. The dates of the online sale are 8/24/23 thru 8/31/23, at 6:00 p.m. Additional parking lot repairs will be done in the summer of 2024. C) **Audit** – Eide Bailly auditors were here last week. Preliminary information should come out in a few weeks. 5) **Building/Grounds** – A) **Tool Cat PTO** – Is not fixed yet. Arrangements have been made with the city for mowing larger areas. Thank you to the City of Clearbrook for bringing your equipment to the school & mowing the grass as we wait for the repairs to be completed. B) **ATSR** – Their Marketing team will be here the first week of school to interview students & staff as part of a developing video to incorporate into the referendum information that will be posted on the district website. C) **Thank You Custodial Staff** – A big thank you to our custodial staff for all of the work they have done over the summer. D) **Referendum Public Meetings** – The public meetings for the proposed referendum will be – **9/19/23** – Clearbrook-Gonvick School; **10/3/23** – Gonvick Community Center; **10/17/23** – Leonard Town Hall. All meetings start at **6:00 p.m.**

6.3 Committee Report

6.3.1 Negotiations Committee – An update was given.

7 Consent Calendar

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

7.1 Approval of Bills Presented

– All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 71725-71748/Wires

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit

No Checks – All Payroll was Direct Deposit

August Bills

Voucher Numbers: 68091-68164

Check Numbers: 71749-71795

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$475,535.70

7.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

7.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

7.4 Accept/Approve Donations

7.5 Student Activity Report

8 Old Business

– None

9 New Business

9.1 Consider Accepting Resignation of Kasey Lene,

as Cook – MMS Walberg/Abel to accept. MCU.

Mr. Grow & the Board thanked Kasey for her service.

9.2 Consider Accepting Resignation of Melissa Larson, as Asst GBB Coach

– MMS Abel/Petterson to accept. MCU.

Mr. Grow & the Board thanked Melissa for her service as a coach.

9.3 Consider Hiring Lexie Lofgren as Cook

– MMS Walberg/Bodensteiner to approve hire. MCU.

9.4 Consider Hiring Deagan Griffin as Custodian

– MMS Petterson/Walberg to approve hire. MCU.

9.5 Consider Hiring Brittany Lefebvre as JH Volleyball Coach for the 2023-2024 season

– MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to approve hire. MCU.

9.6 Consider Hiring Paul Gustafson as JH Football Coach for the 2023-2024 season

– MMS Abel/Petterson to approve hire. MCU.

9.7 Consider Hiring Casey Crane as JH Football Coach for the 2023-2024 season

– MMS Walberg/Bodensteiner to approve hire. MCU.

9.8 Consider Accepting Resignation of Joe Skjaret, as Information Technology Specialist

– MMS Petterson/Walberg to accept. MCU.

Mr. Grow & the Board thanked Joe for his years of service.

9.9 Consider Increasing the Daily Teacher Substitute Rate for the 2023-2024 School Year

– MMS Petterson/Walberg to approve new rate of \$150 per day. Voting in Favor – Petterson, Abel, Walberg, and Bodensteiner. Abstaining – Wishard. Motion carried.

9.10 Consider Approving the 2023-2024 Contract with Clearwater County Nursing Services

– MMS Petterson/Abel to approve. MCU.

9.11 Consider Approving the 2023-2024 Service Agreement with Steller Human Services

– MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to approve. MCU.

9.12 Consider Approving the Field Usage Agreement with the City of Clearbrook

– MMS Abel/Bodensteiner to approve for 1 year. MCU.

9.13 Consider Approving the 2023-2024 High School Handbook

– Changes were discussed. Questions were asked and answered. MMS Wishard/Petterson to approve as presented. MCU.

9.14 Consider Approving the 2023-2024 Elementary Handbook

– Changes were discussed. MMS Petterson/Abel to approve as presented. MCU.

9.15 Consider Approving the Chromebook Handbook

– Handbook was presented. MMS Wishard/Petterson to approve as presented. MCU.

9.16 Consider Approving the Bus Routes for the start of the 2023-2024 School Year

– MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to approve the 7 general routes for the start of the school year, subject to any additional changes that might be necessary as additional information comes in from contractor. Additional information has been requested from the contractor. (i.e. Special Ed routes and drivers). MCU.

9.17 Consider Hiring Patty Mickelson as a Band Teacher for the 2023-2024 School Year

– MMS Petterson/Walberg to approve hire. MCU. Ms. Mickelson will begin 2nd quarter. The board thanked Mrs. Ragan for stepping in and helping fill the void during 1st quarter.

10 Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items

– Questions were asked and answered.

11 Future Meetings

11.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

11.2 Work Session Meeting date and time TBD

11.3 Board Retreat Potential date and time TBD

12 Adjournment

– MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. MCU.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Clearwater County Courthouse will be installing a new elevator. Please note that the anticipated start date is October 16th. During the time of installation, the stairs will be the only access to the 2nd and 3rd floors. It is estimated that the installation will take 4 to 5 weeks. If you need to conduct any business in the Courthouse, and you need the elevator, you may want to come in prior to October 16th. If you have any questions please call our Service Center at 218-694-6520.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TAX NOTICE SECOND HALF TAX DUE OCTOBER 16, 2023

The second half of Real Estate Taxes are due on or before **OCTOBER 16, 2023**. All mail must be post-marked no later than **October 16th, 2023**. **Penalties will apply as shown below on October 17th, 2023.**

Different rates of penalty apply to the first and second half of Homestead and Non-Homestead property as indicated below.

REAL ESTATE TAX PENALTY SCHEDULE

	HOMESTEAD		NON-HOMESTEAD	
	1st Half	2nd Half	1st Half	2nd Half
October 1st	8%	12%		
October 17th	8%	2%	12%	4%
November 1st	8%	4%	12%	8%
November 16th	8%	2%	12%	4%
December 1st	8%	5%	12%	9%

*** A special law permits owners of FARM AGRICULTURAL property to pay their SECOND HALF property taxes by November 15th, 2023. On your tax statement it will be stated if your property is either Agricultural Non-Homestead or Agricultural Homestead in the space designated property class. Penalties will apply as shown above on November 16th, 2023, to all Agricultural property.

On the first business day in January unpaid Homestead taxes will bear 10% penalty and Non-Homestead taxes will bear 14% Penalty.

Respectfully,

Allen L Paulson, Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer
Clearwater County 218-694-6520

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Clearbrook
Clearbrook, MN
Water Treatment Plant

General Notice

The City of Clearbrook (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Water Treatment Plant

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Clearbrook City Hall & Community Center located at 200 Elm Street SW, Clearbrook, MN 56634 until Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 11:00 AM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Iron and manganese removal water treatment plant construction and municipal well upgrades.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: Water Treatment Plant

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check or a bidder's bond acceptable to the Owner in an amount of at least five (5%) percent of the total amount of the bid, payable without condition to the Owner. If the successful Bidder fails to enter into a contract or to give bond as required by law within the specified number of days after the award of the contract; certified check or bidder's bond shall be forfeited as liquidated damages.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

www.questcdn.com

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website for \$25.00 by entering Quest project #8749966 on the website's search page. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Widseth
610 Fillmore Street
Alexandria, MN 56308

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be purchased for \$50.00 (non-refundable) from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above.

All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website or Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website or Issuing Office.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Clearbrook

By: Lucie Thompson

Title: City Clerk

Date: September 13, 2023

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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
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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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Ron Beaulieu with his parents Georgia and Ron Beaulieu.



Ryan & Mycah Gerlofs (Mycah -manager) with parents Jalina and Jon Gerlofs,



Ryan Bodensteiner with his parents Pamela Bodensteiner and Randy Bodensteiner.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Football Team Parents Night
Photos by Jalina Gerlofs



Wesley Snare & Carter Ballard with their parents Anna Morris and Cindi and Steve Ballard.



Brandon Branchaud & Logan Knutson with their family members.



Jaret Larson & Brady Hagman with their parents Misty Bjerkli and Jordan Larson and Danielle and Chris Westrum.



Dakota Erickson & Wyatt Westrum with their family members.



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Rod Hansen mowing trail for the animals he feeds



John Hansen has planted soybeans and food plots for deer... Tom and Cathy Kolar have horses and an outdoor riding arena along with a large family vegetable garden! Both John, Anne, Tom and Cathy have numerous trails throughout the properties... both properties have a little lake, one named Hansen Lake and the other Kolar Lake.



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Hanson... Continued from front

the Century Farm designation award at the Clearwater County Fair this year along with his nephew John Hansen.

The family always had dairy, crops, pigs and chickens. Rodney, the youngest member of the family, graduated from Clearbrook in 1954. He went into the Navy and served on the USS Helena (CA-75), a Baltimore-class heavy cruiser, that was the third ship of the United States Navy to be named for the city of Helena, Montana. After that he spent 27 years working in the Minnesota Post office in St. Paul. His brother Oberon continued living on the farm after other members had left the farm or had passed away.

Deer hunting was big and he was back to be part of the annual event when many of the family members came for the yearly event.

His brother Oberon developed Parkinson's disease and Rodney did not want to have him living alone. So he moved back to the farm in November of 1992 to be the youngest and last Hansen back on the farm after Oberon passed away.

Rodney did not do any farming on his return. The pole building had every tool that had ever been used. Most of the stuff went for scrap iron. He enjoyed feeding the wild animals which included turkeys, deer, rabbits and squirrels. He also worked on farm tractors, his vegetable garden and apple trees.

The original Century Farm acres was expanded by family member, John Hansen, nephew to Rodney and his wife Anne. John and Anne purchased the Century Farm 160 acres from Rodney Hansen. John and Anne Hansen also purchased Adolph Hansen Farm 120 acres. Tom and Cathy Kolar (Anne Hansen's sister) along with John and Anne Hansen purchased a surrounding 120 acre Farm back in 1997...all total 400 acres. They were also present at the Hansen Century Farm celebration.

After the county fair, where the Century Farm plaque was presented, the family had a "Hoedown" on the property. They had BBQs, a hayride, rode horse's and enjoyed a get together as some of the family came from Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Knoxville, Tennessee; Lisbon, Ohio; New Brighton, Duluth and Bemidji. Some of them stayed at Pipers Inn in Clearbrook and local B&Bs.

Rodney has now moved off the Century Farm and lives at Brookfield Apartments in Clearbrook. He has macular degeneration and he does not drive anymore. He said it doesn't take much to keep him busy. He appreciates his rides to church on Sunday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church from Donna Rae Jacobson.



Rachel Sudenga, Rod Hansen, Gretchen Alcorn by the church in Clearbrook.

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John Hansen and Anne Koler with the original farm house in the back ground.



Hay ride.



The old shed.



Rodney Hansen, nephew to John Hansen, was with him when the Century Farm award was given.



Deer hunting with OBERon and Rodney Hansen and Virgil, Tom's dad.



The members of the Clearbrook -Leonard Senior Center would like to Thank all of the Individuals, Business's and Government units for your generous donations toward the new windows and siding on the front of our building. Also Thank you to Clairity glass from Bemidji for making and installing the windows, B and M supply for getting the building materials, and Paul Ehlers and his crew for doing the work. If you are 65 years or over and would like to become a member please stop in.



Voting November 7

Clearbrook-Gonvick School board has set November 7, 2023 for the bond. Voters will be asked to approve the amount not to exceed \$28,370,000 for the school district.

School patrons can request a mail ballot by calling the school and requesting that from Paula at 218-776-3112, ext. 108.

The \$28,370,000 investment will provide the following for our school, our communities, and our futures!

- Remodel main entrance to address safety and security.
- Addition of several single-user toilets for students and staff.

- Addition of secure changing rooms for officials and coaching staff.
- Designated changing areas for visiting teams
- Expand cafeteria to move lunch tables out of the hallway corridor.
- Addition of a second cross corridor to reduce congestion during passing time.
- Roof Replacement.
- Replacement of damaged doors and hardware throughout building.
- Replacement of buckled flooring.
- Repairs and improvements to building systems.
- Improved and Expanded Learning Environments.
- Small group spaces for one-on-one learning.
- Right-sizing and modernizing the Media Center.
- Dedicated Special Education classrooms and consolidated SPED services.
- New SPED space allows FACS room to be used for intended purpose.
- Storage rooms and expansion of the staff workroom.
- Remodeling areas of the Elementary school to accommodate additional toilets and small group rooms.
- Acoustical upgrades to Commons and stage spaces.
- Replace small gym with two-station gym for Phy. Ed and capacity for Indoor Recess; creates more space for extracurricular and community events.

ricular and community events.

- Convert small gym to a larger fitness room, two additional Health/ Phy. Ed. classrooms and storage space.

Green color is for the additions, yellow is for the renovations.



Fireworks on Gonvick Pumpkin Day.
Photos by Kendra Bakke



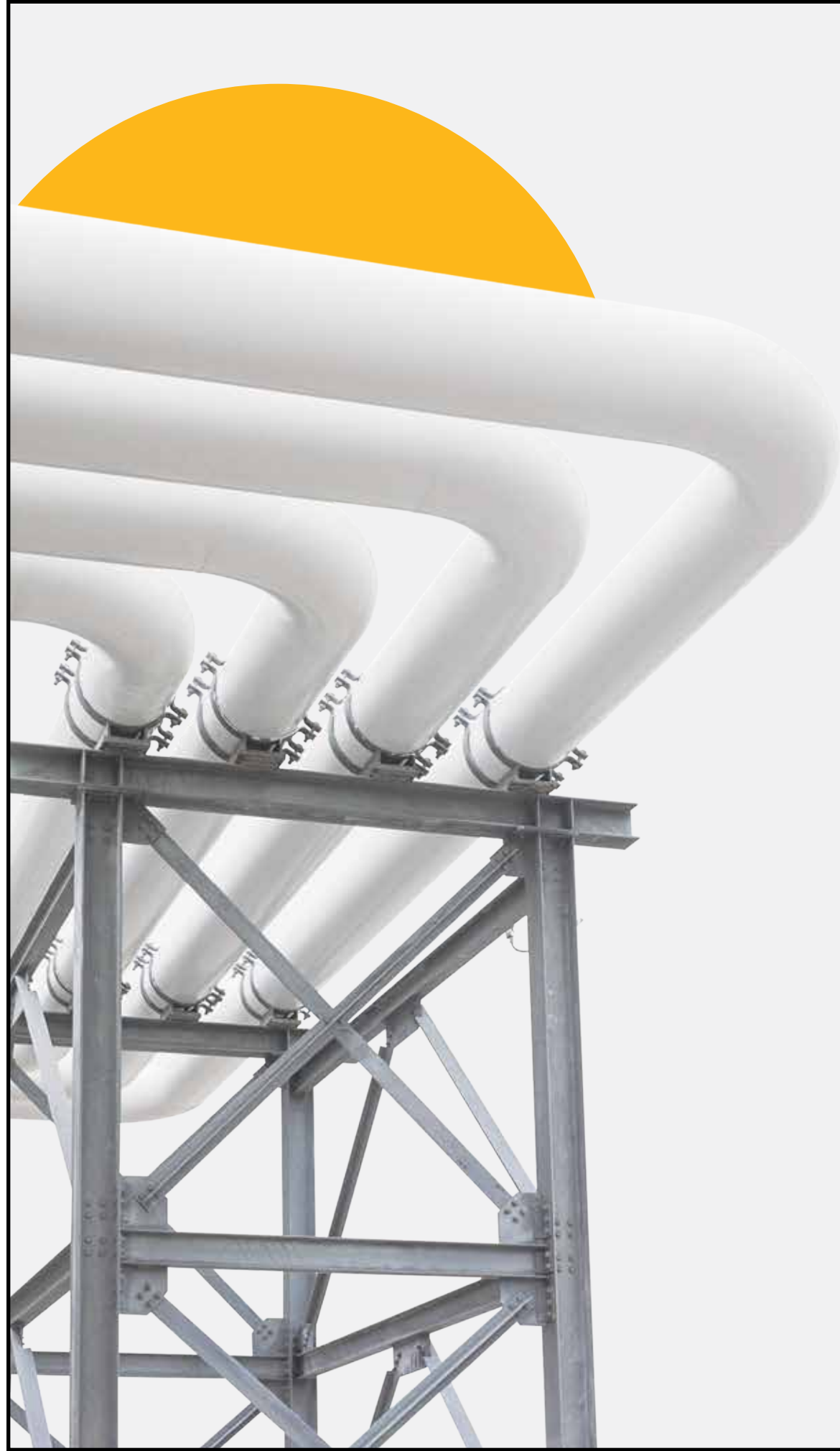
Judges for the Pumpkin bake off that was part of the Gonvick Pumpkin day on Saturday, September 30 were from left to right Norma Erickson who was in charge of the event; Stacy Petterson, Joe and Jaime McCollum; Joni Twito, Shari Solberg, Shirley Solheim and Marilyn Sundquist.



Adult Division Pumpkin Bake Off winners were: Judges Choice, Marilyn Shamp accepting for Tim Shamp of Clearbrook; 3rd place Barb Brooks, Gonvick; 2nd place Tamera Ostenaar, Erskine; and 1st place Euriana Edevold, Gonvick.



Youth Division Pumpkin Bake Off winners from left to right: Judges Choice Katie Haaven; 3rd place McKinley Watne; 2nd place Niah Willett; 1st place Peyton Wittenberg and Logen Burman Drawing winner.



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