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Gully 100 Show a success

The Gully 100 Committee put on a production titled "A Gully Guide to Texas Etiquette" on October 14th, at the Gully Hall. It loosely portrays a radio show on a live stage. It also addressed some of the peculiarities of Texas and the wealth and variety of its musicians.

Doug Robbins was the writer, director and producer of the event that had a large crowd in the Gully Hall. At the end of the evening he was presented with a gift and congratulations on his effort for the show. Carol Torgerson presented him with the gift.

Gully radio show had the Dixie Chicklets shown below singing. They are from left to right; Hillary Paulson, Callie Ehresmann and Emilee Anderson. They sang, "Cowboy Take Me Away."







Donald Prosser Award for the best poster went to Adilee Larson. The award was given by the Clearbrook Fire Department last week during Fire Prevention Week. She is shown with Firemen Nick Rankin and Ryan Rude in front and standing in the back: Jake Gerlofs and Aaron Pankratz. The award is given annually in honor of Prosser who had served on the department for many years.

Tyler Rogstad donates time to clear school forest trails

The Minnesota school forest program officially began in 1949 when the School Forest Law gave public institutions the authority to create school forests for the purpose of "creating a classroom in the woods". Under this law school districts could establish their own school forest by acquiring tax-forefited land from the county.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Forest was established on April 27, 1965. At 353 acres, the C-G school forest is the largest in the state. It is also one of the most unique and diverse school forests as a large portion of it is considered a "patterned fen". This means that there is an uncommon association of bog plants that are thriving on calcareous springs that flow northward out of the glacial till in the southeast portion of the forest.

Recently, a former Clearbrook-Gonvick 2012 graduate, Tyler Rogstad, was gracious enough to re-establish the former trail system that winds through the southern border of the forest. The trail system is a 1-1.5 mile trail that passes through the high hardwood ridges that the school forest has to offer as well as parallels the fen and natural springs that feed the diverse habitat and plant life north of the trail system. The trail system will be utilized by Clearbrook-Gonvick classes, activities, and the public.

Rogstad has operated his Rogstad Land Services LLC for the past two years with Dustin Wentworth working full time.

Rogstad has specialized services serving all of Northern Minnesota. It includes -forestry mulching -property thinning -fence line clearing -lot clearing / clean up-building site prep -TSI cutting -invasive species control -trails and shooting lanes -excavation -tree removal -pasture clean up -food plot planting / tilling - ditch mowing -custom spraying for weeds -driveway clean up /soil conditioner - Food Plot seed, Real World Wildlife Products -Deer Gro Products -skid steer attachment rental -soil conditioner -rototiller -brush mower -grapple - stump ripper -tree shear. If you need something you can call Tyler Rogstad -218-368-6740.

Rogstad divides his time between his job at Charps in Clearbrook and with his family. He and his wife Jessica have three children, Mason 5, Letti 3 and Josie 7 months.

Thank you, Tyler and Dustin!



Dustin Wentworth did the clearing on the Clearbrook-Gonvick school forest for Rogstad LLC.



Equipment is taken from job to job for Rogstad Land Service LLC by Wentworth and Rogstad.



ASV RT120 Head for forestry mulcher.



Tyler and Jessica Rogstad.



Tyler and Jessica Rogstad have three children, Mason 5, Letti 3 and Josie 7 months.

Generator taken from Good Samaritan building tracked down

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

The October 10 meeting of the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners started at 9 am with the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the agenda and minutes from the last meeting.

County Attorney Kathryn Lorsbach explained that the generator that had been taken from the Good Samaritan building prior to the sale of the property has been tracked down and is expected to be returned to the county today. In other business, Lorsbach asked for the board to approve and sign the Office of Justice Programming grant for Clearwater County in the amount of $40,000. Commissioner Mark Larson made the motion to approve the grant, seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera, motion passed. With the upcoming addition of a second Assistant County Attorney, Lorsbach explained that the coffee room in her office has been converted to a small office. A desk from the basement will be brought up for the office space. In addition, a workstation (computer, monitor, mouse, keyboard) will be needed and a new laptop is needed to replace an old one. Commissioner Stuart Dukek made a motion to approve the purchase of a Dell laptop for $1,268.48, motion seconded by Commissioner John Nelson. Motion approved. Commissioner Nelson then made a motion to approve the purchase of a workstation for $1,361.85, seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried.

Sheriff Darin Halverson explained his intent to purchase two 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD vehicles at the price of $40,822 each. These two squads will also need to be upfitted with additional equipment at a cost not to exceed $20,000 each. The funds for these purchases would come from the 2024 budget. Commissioner Dukek made the motion to approve the purchase of the two vehicles, with upgrades. Commissioner Larson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved. Sheriff Halverson had a quote for the purchase of exercise equipment from TriActive USA as recommended by the MN Department of Corrections. The exercise bike and pull-up & dip station would cost $4,550.00 plus $1,871.00 for shipping. The purchase would come out of the inmate canteen fund. Commissioner Titera made a motion to approve the purchase, with

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Congratulations to Clearbrook-Gonvick Friday Bear Wear winners from October 13th! Front: Nevada Vettleson, Bridger Juberian. Middle: Chris Skjaret, Adilee Larson, Jacob Kumpula, and Wyatt Abel. Back: Millie Shegrud, Joanne Lavin, and Jalina Gerlofs. Go Bears!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy 40th Anniversary

Pat and Bonnie Ward
October 21st



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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.

All voting for every precient will be done at the Clearbrook City Hall building at 200 Elm St SW, Clearbrook. Polls will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 p.m. on election day Tuesday, November 7.

Public meeting will be held October 17th at the Leonard Township Building.

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



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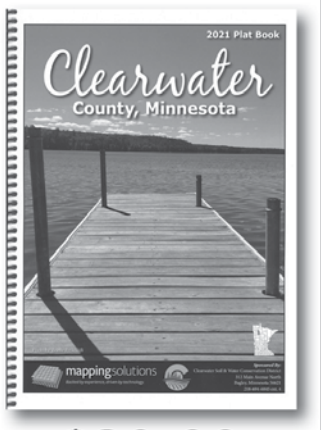
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celebrating the birth
Aaliyah Grace
at Country Faith Church
on October 22 from 2-4.

Aaliyah is the daughter of
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& Alex Dawson.

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Commissioner Dukek seconding the motion. During the discussion, Commissioner Larson questioned the cost of shipping. Sheriff Halverson stated he also thought that the shipping was high and had checked to make sure it was correct. The motion was approved with Commissioner Larson casting the only opposed vote.

Environmental Services Administrator Dan Hecht gave an update on the 9-county Regional Hub & Spoke project. Hubbard County will be applying to the MN Management & Budgeting office for capital funding of $61 million on behalf of the 9-county board. Hecht brought a resolution in support of the request that is being adopted by each of the 9 counties involved in the project. Commissioner Dukek made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. During the discussion Hecht explained that this project will probably become the standard that other counties adopt as landfills around the state become obsolete due to state policies and requirements. The motion was approved unanimously. In other business, Hecht stated that concrete crushing has been completed. The total due to Northern Aggregate for the crushing will be $51,131.20. With additional prep costs of $17,908.49 being incurred between 2014 and 2023, the 7,328 cubic yards of crushed concrete cost the county $9.42/cy.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson submitted invoices of $106,779.53 from the County Revenue Fund and $13,819.77 from the Public Health Fund to be approved. Commissioner Mark Larson made the motion to approve the payments, seconded by Commissioner Dean Newland. The motion was approved. Paulson also asked the board to consider a pay increase for Derek Loiland to Range 19, step 10 effective November 1, 2023. Commissioner Titera made the motion to approve the increase, seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried. In preparation for the next general election, Paulson requested approval to purchase an EVS 6.0.7.0 Reporting Standard standalone system for election reporting. The cost would be $4,687.00 which includes installation and shipping. The funds would come out of the Election Equipment account. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Motion carried. Paulson also asked for approval to advertise for a Building Maintenance Worker at grade 11 with a salary range from $18.00 - $23.54. This position would require a boiler license (or intent to obtain one) and would primarily work in the jail. Commissioner Larson made the motion to approve advertising for the position, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion approved.

County Engineer Dan Sauvé presented invoices to be paid by the Highway Department totaling $25,910.27. Commissioner Nelson made the motion to approve the payment of bills, seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried. Sauvé presented a certificate of performance for Houle Excavating, Inc. for bridge L-1496 in Eddy Township over the Lost River. The total value of work certified was $285,197.00. Commissioner Larson made a motion to accept the certificate and authorize payment, seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried. Another certificate of performance was submitted for roadwork on CSAH 7, CSAH 8 & CSAH 11. The work completed by Knife River Materials was certified at $2,657,156.68. Commissioner Larson made a motion to accept the certificate and authorize final payment, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion carried. Sauve gave an update on the repair of the Alida Shop. The roof has collapsed and Sauvé would like to hire Larry Olson to take down sheet rock, do cleanup and then reinstall steel and insulation. The cost would be $12,765.90. A motion was made by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Newland to approve the repairs. Motion carried. Sauvé also received a quote from North Country Overhead Doors for a replacement door at the Alida Shop for $7,700. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the installation of a new door, seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion carried.

With no other business on the agenda, the motion was adjourned. The next meeting will be October 17 at 10 am.

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

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Clearwater County Environmental Services

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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Church News

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday Church Services 9:00am

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Good Shepherd
Wed., Oct. 18: 6:No confirmation – MEA break 6:00pm Choir Practice; 7:00pm Handbells
Sun., Oct. 22:9:00am Worship with Pastor Jeb Monge; 10:00am Coffee Hour, NO Sunday School
Wed., Oct. 25: 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. 18: No confirmation – MEA break
Sun., Oct. 22: 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School; 11:00am Worship with Pastor Jeb Monge
Wed., Oct. 25: 6:00pm Confirmation/Meal (7th – 9th Grade) @ Good Shepherd

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 - 2:00 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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Events
9.29 – 10.20 Mustard Seed Homes Fundraiser Banquet: Oct 20th @ CWLC Gonvick, no cost to attend. RSVP at www.clearwaterslife.org
Youth Connection. Now offering after school programs Monday through Thursday for Grade 3-12. Find more information and sign up online at www.clearwaterslife.org.

10.20- 12.15 SAVE THE DATE Holiday Showcase: Dec 15th Tickets go on Sale November 1st.

Create It Studios*
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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 *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.

Seniors
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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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.

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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, Oct. 18: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.
Sat, Oct. 21: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Oct. 22: 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. 25: 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. 18: 2 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid. 6:30 p.m. 8th grade confirmation at Lund.
Sun, Oct. 22: 9:00 a.m. Service at Lund. No SS at Sand Valley. 10:30 a.m. Service at Sand Valley.
Wed, Oct. 25: 6:30 p.m. 8th grade confirmation at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Pastor
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
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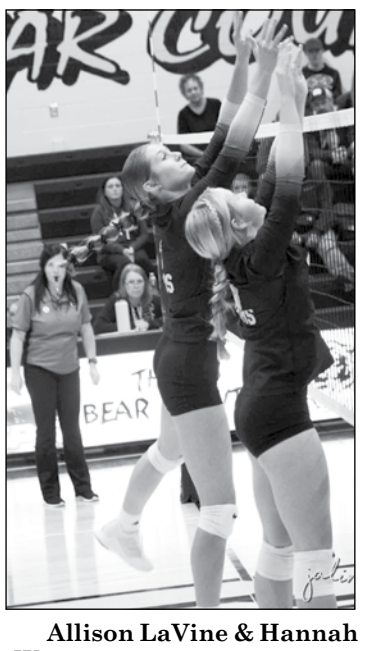












Allison LaVine & Hannah Weems



Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors playing their last regular scheduled football game on October 18 at Fertile-Beltrami. From left to right: Nathan Weems, Jake Stoskoff, Luke Johnson, Colin Crotteau, Trever Solberg, Alex Churness, Ben Goudge and Roman Beaulieu. -Photo by Jalina Gerlofs

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch Menu

Wed., Oct. 18 - Chicken Wing Wednesday, Assorted Salad Choices. **Snack:** Muffin

Thurs., Oct. 19 - No School MEA

Friday, Oct. 20 - No School MEA

Mon., Oct. 23 - Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Dinner Roll. **Snack:** Rice Krispy Bar

Tues., Oct. 24 - Build a Burger on Bun, Assorted Salads, Baked Beans. **Snack:** Baked Chips

Wed., Oct. 25 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Garlic Breadstick. **Snack:** Pop Tart

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



Abby Engen & McKenna Hartwig



Haley McCoy



Allison LaVine & Presley Westrum



Clearbrook-Gonvick Cross Country said, "We might not know what to do with our hands or our faces for pictures but we do know that we LOVE running in the school forest!! Thanks to Rogstad Land Services, LLC for cleaning things up and making a trail perfect for getting miles in without even realizing it.



Emma Nybo, McKenna Hartwig & Tatum Melby, Photos by Jalina Gerlofs .

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Letters to the Editor

Beware of obscure messages

To the editor:

Twice in a recent time span I have received calls from two people I know. They said they had received weird electronic messages from me.

The first thought, "That doesn't sound like Tom." He called me and I said I haven't sent him any messages.

The second caller said she had received a note from me saying: "Why are you ignoring me?"

I told her also that I haven't sent her any messages.

For whatever weird reason, somebody is using my name in various forms of electronic communication. It could be that the culprit is "phishing" for an entry into private files, or else just gets his "jollies" from sending these messages.

I would advise anyone receiving such messages to ignore them.

If I want to communicate with friends or past associates, I will use the telephone or deal with them face to face.

Tom Burford

BagleyFormer editor of the Farmers Independent

To the Editor

Gonvick = Magic. Is that even possible? If you were not among the estimated more than 2,000 people who were here on the last day of September, 2023, for Pumpkin Days, you might say that there is no such thing as magic and that such a phenomenon was impossible…maybe even a silly notion.

However, had you woke up that foggy Saturday morning following a day highlighted by much needed rain and joined the festival air which began with the makings of a perfect sunny day, segueing in late afternoon into cloudy relief from the dominating sunshine and hung around for all the festivities, well into the evening hours where a waning gibbous moon lit up the eastern sky, followed by a vivid fireworks display, you may well have been one of the many folks, young and old who sensed that the entire occasion was saturated with a feeling of magic.

As an historian, whose infancy was lived in an apartment above the old Bjerknes store and who currently lives in town, only some six miles down the winding road around Pine Lake and then up half mile hill to the homestead created by my maternal grandfather, Magnus Nelson; it is my profound pleasure to drive between the lake and the surviving white-pine dominated bluffs at no more than 45 miles per hour during that curvaceous splendor of a piece of countryside which has enchanted me since the days of early childhood.

Serene and peaceful beauty is a reality not often discovered by a majority of Americans…at least on a near daily basis.

Why be in a rat-race hurry to get there yesterday when you have the good fortune to be retired from the workaday world and are able to surround your senses with beauty? Waking up on that wondrous morning, my first vision amidst that fog was the log Legion club, conceptualized by Russell V. Eck, a somewhat distant cousin and built by volunteer labor of many, with the able "foremanship" of "Bud" Seversen. As a visionary, Russell echoed that most pleasant manmade site in Gonvick with a cabin…and matching garage… on Pine Lake… structures still owned by his descendants.

Magic of the morning drew throngs of early celebrants to the booths and stands proffering merchandise, including pumpkin-themed favors by weekend merchants from near and far, a few easy steps up First Avenue from my current residence and thence cornering southwards up Main Street for even more enterprises, including the beckoning aromas of food and fancies. People everywhere. Everyone in an uplifting friendly mood. Exhilarating and even amazing in a town now "boasting" fewer than 300 residents.

It reminded me of the full streets of this little town back in the Fifties, when living at the old family home a couple miles west of town on a very small farm where dairy cows, pigs, chickens, horses and an aging Case tractor were nestled a quarter mile walk to the school bus as a September 1950 first day first grader at the Gonvick school, where Annie Pearson ruled the roost with a firm hand.

Recollections of the Slagerman drug-store with its magical soda fountain, along with a magazine and comic-book rack captured one's fancy. Yes, back in the day, Saturday night in Gonvick was something special…now that one looks back on that day when the Soo Line railway station "created" the town in 1910 and engendered a hotel, Helland's hardware store, three grocery stores, the Northern State Bank... the original flagship of George Beito's little financial empire, two or three restaurants, a couple of gas stations, the Royal Theater, built by Ole Broin and his son, Leander, husband to my Aunt Cora and father to five first cousins, Les Reimer's garage, the Steenerson lumber yard, George Norquist's meat market, the Gonvick farmer's creamery where Art Larson was the butter maker back in those days, a beer-tavern which had many owners over the years and a back room "bullpen" where later to be sheriff Almer Olson and his brother duked it out, echoed a decade later by Robert and Roger Eck in front of the municipal liquor store, a blacksmith shop, two car-dealers…Chester Berg's and Philip Allen's .

Last mentioned but hardly least in the memories of many, the Samhold Church and it's cemetery where all four of my grandparents, many uncles, aunts, cousins of all stripes and even a pair of great grandparents, Andrew Soderlund and his wife Marie. The east couple blocks of Gonvick are named the Soderlund Addiltion, as they were originally a part of the 1896 homestead. Two of the three oldest tombstones in that cemetery are those of great-uncles who died of childhood diseases which were so common in the early years of the 20th Century. One of their younger brothers, Palmer, was lost in the naval Pacific battles in World War II.

From memory lane, back to the recent present. Chatting with Gary Quern, I learned that the vintage car display had no fewer than 96 official entries along with a few who showed up but hadn't registered. Those latter ones may well have made the splendid car show with entrants from as far north as Roseau, west into North Dakota and east as far as Pengilly, a town in the Itasca county section of the Iron Range. The exhibitors brought in antique, pre-WWII vehicles, rarities from the 30's, numerous muscle cars from the 60's and 70's and a host of beautifully restored and deeply cherished vehicles. Owners were delighted to give accounts of their treasures for car buffs who were enthralled by cars, pickups, trucks and even a vintage fire-engine.

The history of America of the 20th century was there in gleaming, glowing metal.

Much volunteer work from many individuals made the day magical. The Gonvick fire department and the city's maintenance guys, Dan Johnson and Les Watne, played their part and so did Lion's club members and community activists of all sorts. Probably the largest crane ever to show up in Clearwater County hoisted up a donated giant pumpkin. The donation of that massive piece of equipment was one of the many magical gifts that made our day. When that pumpkin was lifted up over more than 120 feet, a broad area around was taped off by the attendants. Mobs of children, all pent up, awaited the drop. The monster had been hollowed out and laden with sweets for the kiddies. They scooted through the pumpkin "shrapnel" and dived into the center of the smashed highlight of the day. One might describe that scene by the time-worn newspaper term: "A good time was held by all".

Firemen from Clearbrook, Bagley and Gonvick held a tug-of-war…Ah, excitement. The scene was held on land now held by the Paulsons, between their "Trap" for tipplers and partiers and its volleyball court abutted by, from the old railroad days, Curtis Anderson's potato warehouse, now owned by Vance Norgaard and who erected a memorial stone for the pipeline industry which was initiated by Noel Coon and his wife, cousin Patty and initially financed by aunt Myrtle Salem who loaned the money for the first stage of Northern Pipeline which was launched with a bulldozer and a dump-truck. The story is told on the memorial stone.

Something about small towns in rural America…relatives and shirt-tails. Speaking of the latter, I even ran into Clayton Berg, whose uncle Pete was the husband of my second oldest Aunt, Clara, parents of the original Clemenson wives, including Phyllis, whose grandson and his wife are now the promoters who run the most snappy trap in the neighborhood. Clayton, whose daughter, Daphne, is now, I believe, the teller at the local bank. The Bergs summer in a home on Breezy Point, in the Brainerd-Lakes country and winter in south Texas. Clayton played center on one of Gonvick's most outstanding football teams, since the days of All-American Golden Gopher lineman, Ed Widseth, a rawboned son of Norwegian immigrants, up north of Berner, who, like Cliff Gustafson, whose wrestling prowess would have been a gold medal contestant in the 1940 Olympics…had not WWII got in the way and cancelled the thing. Basketball: That was Arnie Johnson, a star player for the then NBA Rochester Royals. He married well… into the Bosch and Lomb family.

But one has to switch lanes over to Clearbrook for baseball, where Wes Westrum was the catcher for the 1954 New York Giants, who along with perhaps the greatest player ever, Willie Mays, who was voted the MVP that year for the World Champs, while Wes ran the pitching staff from behind the plate. Yes, northern Clearwater county has produced its share of star athletes.

Back to that dominating 1961 football team, Clayton's twin, Clyde was a crushing fullback and younger brother Larry brought beef to the line while Steve Eck quarterbacked, David Odegaard was chief pass-catcher at the more active end of the line and Shorty Pletschett exploded out of the backfield. That team had it all…muscle up front… power and speedy athleticism in the backfield and mindfulness running the show.

Yes, the Trap. They provided a sand-pile, where kiddies had a ball mining out coins with their bare hands. Two of them and then several more had a great old time chasing an escapee…evidently someone's pet chicken who evidently did not want to become someone's dinner and provided a scooting, scrambling merry chase which that youngest generation may long remember, maybe even until their retirement days.

Memories. They are many.

Centerpiece of the whole festival was the weigh-down in the Biggest pumpkin contest. Even youngsters entered the fray… with fathers and grandfathers providing the inspiration and drive. Entrants who have been veterans and winners from over the many years of the event, such as Bobby Edevold and Tucker Johnson, who this time took the runner-up trophy, brought veteran chops to the contest. But the BIG winner had just turned 60 Wade Klema, long courageously dealing with a challenging medical condition and present in his motorized wheelchair…and thus ably assisted by J.J. Solberg. Wade's massive specimen weighed in at something like 2,242 pounds, not only a Gonvick all-time record, but also a triumph which brought him and J.J. to Anoka where they took first prize.

Souvenirs: Sweatshirts featuring both Pumpkin Days and the Gonvick Fire Department flew off the tables…and they were products of Gonvick, designed and created by Jay Jones, who runs the Two Loons shop with its silk-screen system. It's located on Main Street in Gonvick just south of the Lefse office. Expect more productions for 2024 coming atcha from right down in downtown Gonvick.

Grand Finale, was a combination provided by the Paulsons. The trap featured a D.J. who kept the evening going with dance tunes…some of them even fast enough to get an old-timer inspired to kick up the heels. Then their fireworks lit up the eastern sky, dancing to their many-colored tunes under that bright, gibbous moon.

Do you believe in magic now? Gonvick sure demonstrated it with the biggest and most enjoyable and memorable Pumpkin Days yet. It's all about community, a feature which still lives in rural America…specifically in small towns where people can have fun without hostility or violence. Back in the Fifties, Gonvick's Fall Festival centered on home-grown produce and just a chance for people to get together in harmony and peace. It is this spirit which has the power to recapture the grace and the magic of an America beloved by its people.

Believe it or not…Gonvick is becoming a destination…Rodeo Days in the Summer, while the turning leaves of Autumn brings out the Charlie Brown tales of The Great Pumpkin. This time around Wade and J.J. set a record. Next year you better find a parking-spot early.

-Carstie Clausen

To the editor

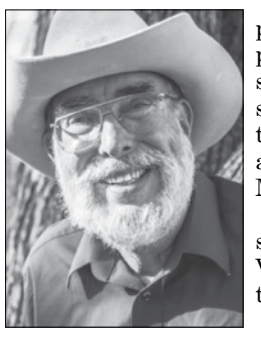
It's simply amazing to me..... that the same people who are abhorred by the atrocities and killing of innocent children in israel can't comprehend or understand the correlation that abortion is also the killing of innocent children.....it is all simply amazing.....it is all simply evil....

Dianne Maddy

Shevlin, MN

Home Country

By Slim Randles



The sign in front of the gas station says "Unleaded, 3.39, special on Colt .357 Magnum, six-inch barrel."

Visitors here in the valley do a double take when they see Vince's sign there at what we all know as "the gas station gun shop." That's because Vince doesn't believe in being deprived of his passion while earning a living. His passion: guns. His living: pumping gas.

We had all known of his passion for many years. He is the perennial president of the local rod and gun club, plans nearly all their annual spaghetti feeds to raise money for targets. If you want to go hunting, all you need to do is pull up in front of Vince's house on the edge of town with some hounds in the back of the truck in the evening and honk the horn. You don't even need to call ahead.

The combination business began about three years ago when an out-of-town customer pulled up to the gas pumps, walked inside to pay Vince, and saw the owner sitting there polishing a 1911 Government Model .45 auto.

CPR wasn't necessary, but it did give Vince some thinking to do.

"I looked around in here," he said, "and saw all this wall space. What did I have on it? Fan belts, stacks of motor oil containers, those little air fresheners shaped like pine trees. What a waste! So I put that stuff out in the repair side of the station and nailed up this knotty pine. Looks pretty good, doesn't it?

"Then I got my federal firearms license, bought a bunch of ammunition and some guns, and set it up."

He says he's always sure to put a gun ad up on the big white sign, along with the gas prices, so people won't be surprised when they walk in and find him cleaning a Model 70 behind the counter.

"I actually do okay in the gun business here," he said. "It isn't enough to be a gun shop on its own, really. We aren't a big enough town."

And then he grinned and said, "And I've never been held up."

For great hunting season advice and products, check out https://www.sportsmansguide.com.

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

Accepting:

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- ✘ Scrap Metal
- ✘ Yard Waste
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Thank you to the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee for the bike I won at Pumpkin Day. Max Goodwin R31P

Clearwater County Sheriff

Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1
10/13/23 16:58:20 Search Warrant
City of Bagley - Total 13
10/08/23 08:49:15 TEST
10/09/23 06:53:18 TEST
10/09/23 13:49:49 Drug Related
10/09/23 13:56:55 Drug Related
10/09/23 20:00:56 911 Hang Up
10/10/23 06:07:07 Transport
10/11/23 12:53:14 Traffic Stop
10/12/23 12:17:49 Search Warrant - Report Taken
10/12/23 13:24:47 Drug Related
10/12/23 19:04:38 Traffic Stop
10/13/23 15:46:46 TEST - Report Taken
10/14/23 04:47:20 Suspicious Activity - Arrest
10/14/23 13:50:29 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Clearbrook - Total 3
10/10/23 01:23:06 Fire 23 - Fire Control or Extinguishment
10/12/23 18:51:35 Trespass
10/13/23 20:22:42 Motor Vehicle Crash - Report Taken
City of Gonvick - Total 4
10/09/23 00:52:57 Alarm
10/12/23 09:43:08 Burglary
10/12/23 16:22:37 THEFT
10/14/23 02:21:29 Suspicious Activity - Information
City of Shevlin - Total 3
10/12/23 12:22:20 Suspicious Activity - Report Taken
10/13/23 15:11:15 Civil Complaint - Report Taken
10/14/23 15:02:48 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Copley - Total 4
10/09/23 18:26:15 Disturbance
10/11/23 09:32:53 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/12/23 14:42:22 Sexual Conduct - Handled By Officer
10/14/23 09:57:01 Animal Related
Dudley - Total 3
10/08/23 13:05:46 Alarm - Unit Cancelled Enroute
10/13/23 11:55:02 Harassment
10/14/23 12:09:31 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 1
10/08/23 13:28:28 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Falk - Total 3
10/09/23 12:32:29 Animal Related
10/09/23 13:35:34 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/10/23 14:30:27 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
Hangaard - Total 1
10/14/23 17:51:07 Animal Related
Holst - Total 4
10/08/23 06:36:38 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
10/10/23 14:14:21 Fraud - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/10/23 21:12:31 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
10/14/23 06:21:14 Traffic Complain - Handled By Officer
Itasca - Total 1
10/12/23 22:11:33 Extra Patrol
Itasca State Park - Total 1
10/12/23 21:53:26 Extra Patrol
LaPraire - Total 2
10/08/23 15:43:11 Warrant Arrest - Arrest
10/11/23 17:54:52 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
LaPraire N - Total 5
10/08/23 18:20:24 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy

Sheriff report....

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The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears won their Homecoming game against the Win-E-Mac Patriots. Hassani Bruton shown above with the ball. Below the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears defensive line. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs.



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Richards Publishing Company

Our Savior's in Leonard hosted a beef stew lunch followed by prize bingo on Saturday, October 7. The stew was good (and filling!) and the bingo game was a lot of fun. Photos courtesy of Becky Colebank









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Individual Unemployability

The VA has many benefits veterans may be eligible to receive, one in particular is called Individual Unemployability (IU). IU is for those who are receiving VA compensation and is designed to help Veterans who are unable to work due to a disability incurred while serving in the military. The bottom line is if you qualify for IU, you will receive the same rate as a 100% service connected veteran. That could mean $3,621.95 a month, tax free, for a veteran without dependents or $3823.89 a month, tax free for a veteran with a spouse – and even more for additional dependents. It is VA's way of compensating you for lost income.

Of course, for everything VA related there are eligibility requirements. To qualify for IU you are required to have at least one service-connected disability rated at 60% or more disabling, OR two or more service connected disabilities with one of those rated at 40% or more and a combined rating of 70% or more. To further explain the program, please give me a call and I will set up an appointment for us to get together. If you would like to read more on IU, you can go directly to the VA's website at VA Individual Unemployability If You Can't Work | Veterans Affairs.

Filing for IU is easy and can be completed with me at the courthouse or at the outreach locations in the county! Even if IU does not apply to you, give me a call to discuss the other benefits you may qualify for – especially if you haven't met with a Veterans Service Officer in a while. It would be great to meet the Clearwater County Veterans who I haven't had the opportunity to meet and to make sure the information in our system is up to date and correct.

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Legal Notices

Board of Commissioners' September 19th, 2023

The September 19, 2023 meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 10:00 a.m. with Chairman Newland presiding and Commissioners Larson, Dukek, Titera and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda- Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to approve the agenda.

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to approve the September 12th Board Minutes.

Sheriff – Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to authorize the Board Chair and Sheriff to sign the 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of $15,634.00.

Auditor – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of $59,428.16 from the County Revenue Fund and $12,232.87 from the Public Health Fund.

MIS – Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to authorize the purchase of eGoldFax Cloud Faxing Solution for $1,980.00 ($164.97 monthly) 3-year contract with Marco Technologies. Item will be paid for out of the IT budget.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried to approve the Acceptable Use Policy for County Computer Systems effective September 19th, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carries to approve the Social Media Policy effective September 19th, 2023.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Dated: October 10th, 2023
Amanda Jordan,
Board Coordinator
Dean Newland,
Chairman R31C

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. R28tfc

To the Residents of Clover Township

The regular meeting will be held Oct. 26th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Clover Town Hall.
R31C Joel Wraa, Township Clerk

NOTICE: Clearwater County Township Association Meeting

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

- County Environmental Officer Update
- County Engineer Update
  County Assessor Update/Questions
- State Association of Townships Update
- Any other business that comes before the board

This meeting will be held at the Bagley Senior Center on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 at 7PM.

Stephanie Anderson, Sec/Treasurer
Clearwater County Township Association R31C



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 Quasquicentennials 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

Sheriff report....

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Total Records: 73

Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

No Clearbrook-Gonvick school October 19 and 20. Vacation time.

Travis Gienger from Nowthen, Minnesota just broke the world record for Heaviest pumpkin!! the pumpkin weighed in at 2749 pounds to break the old record of 2702.9 pounds. He drove all the way to California to do it, a 33 hour ride after they got his Pumpkin loaded into the trailer!! A big congratulations for bringing the pumpkin world record back to the United States and for the first time to Minnesota!! Nowthen is a city in Anoka County, Minnesota, . The population was 4,444 at the 2010 census.

I have to say a big thank you to Roger Crane and his Sentence to Serve crew for cleaning up the empty lot (Vandy's old lot on Main Street) for the Pedal Pull that was held during Gonvick Pumpkin and Car show day.

Kandi's in Gonvick will be having burger night on Friday, October 20 from 5 to 7. Eat in or dine out.

Bingo is back at Shorty's on Saturday, October 21. His special for Friday and Saturday night is shrimp.

Rude's Repair in Gonvick is having a fall tire sale until November 30th. A flyer was sent out with coupons and rebates that are available.

Future Events

They are already thinking of Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook, Saturday, December 2. Craft Show from 10 to 3 in the Wes Westrum Gym. Space is available by calling the city clerk 776- 3213.

Mark your calendars... Chuck Foreman will be at the Clearbook Liquor Store to sign autographs & watch the Vikings play the Packers on Sunday, December 31st!

Joke Time

Ole was hunting big game in Africa when he suddenly came screaming through the jungle.

"What's the matter?" asked the guide.

"A lion bit off my big toe.," said Ole.

"Which one?" asked the guide.

"How vould I know". said Ole.

"Dose lions all look da same to me."

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

We collect used eye glasses in the Leader-Record office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions Club and they are put to very good use.

The Library Link in Gonvick is open three days a week. Check out various items or order what they don't have in stock for you. Or call 218-487-6220 to request something to be ordered for you. Hours are Monday 9 to 11 am, Wednesday 3 to 5 pm and Thursday 4 to 7 pm.

Weekly Inky Wink with Oopsy Annie!

Paint Chip Poetry – A Writing Game
By Ann Marie Newman

A few years back, while a member of a poetry group in Texas, I purchased a writing game called, Paint Chip Poetry. Several of us "aspiring" poets gathered at a fellow poet's home to play a few rounds. It was wildly fun! We loosened up. Tossed our inner critic out of the room, and wrote poems in ten short minutes using seven random words printed on little paint chip cards. The activity turned the act of poetry writing into spontaneous play. We laughed, oohed, and aahed. We were thoroughly delighted with all the creativity in the room. One man who was not a poet (a boyfriend who tagged along), wrote his first poem that day. It was quite good. The other day on Facebook, I received a note from him. "Thank you." He said, "Your game and all the encouragement turned me into a poet." This November, we will both be published in the annual, Waco Wordfest Anthology. Yes, I will be visiting Waco for this event.

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, we never had another Paint Chip Poetry game day before my husband, and I left Texas and its fiercely hot summers no Scandinavian human should have to endure. I found another writing group after returning to my homeland. Currently, I lead Writers Gathering that meets in the Bagley Library, and are part of Bagley Area Arts Collaborative. See their website for information regarding details. The last couple of months, we've played the game. Yes, we've laughed, oohed, and aahed over the results.

Folks, it takes courage, and a playful spirit to share unedited writing while attempting to use preselected words. I have two writing samples from two of us for your perusal.

First – our seven words: Firefly, Tea Leaves, Velvet Cake, Patina, Faded Denim, Wishbone, Fig. One need not use them all in one ten-minute writing challenge, BUT it's more fun if you try.

NOT A FIG
By Oopsy Annie

Firefly on faded denim
fiddles with his fate.
While I read my tea leaves
dining on red velvet cake.

I eye firefly with
annoyed side-eye.
His black-green patina
catches the light as I
very slooowwwly
raise my hand to swat.

Firefly doesn't give a flying fig as he casually flits away.

Oopsy Annie didn't use the word, "wishbone". Oopsy!

UNNAMED
By Anonymous Joy

I can't believe it still! My heart's desire to travel to Italy on Firefly Airlines had come true. It happened so fast, I only had time to pack a pair of faded denim jeans and a red velvet, cropped top. I was already decked out in my patina red sandals. Can you tell my favorite color is red? Even the wishbone covering the back of the jeans was red.

Venice! I love you. Now my eyes fell upon The David – tears filled my eyes like tea leaves. Oh dear! David! I am so embarrassed for you. The artist showing all your manhood?. Cover it with a fig leaf!

Anonymous Joy used all the words! Wahoo! And, she was funny, too. Loved it!

For a fun challenge, we have homework words for December's Writers Gathering: Hot Potato, Silver Spoon, Blizzard, Halo, Evergreen, Hot Pink, Pizzazz. We added a prompt: write about "The Key to Happiness". What will we come up with? What would you write?

If you decide to give it a writing try, and are willing to share it, email me at oopsyannie@gmail.com. It would delight me to read what you come up with.

Remember – this is a GAME. Grammar and punctuation are not important. Playful creativity is. Having fun, too!



Clearbrook-Gonvick Homecoming parade













