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Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial - Pine Lake 200 races will be held December 30th and 31st, 2023. The last report was that the ice will be thick enough for the event. Gerald was a snowmobile enthusiast who loved snowmobile racing and was the 1995-1996 I.S.O.C. mechanic of the year. He is shown with his plaque. He was known for his mechanic ability and knowledge of high-perfor-

mance snowmobiles. Gerald died November 25, 1997 at the age of 49. He was a specialist 5 in the United States Army in Vietnam from June 1967-1969. He received the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Once again, the race pro-

motors are gathering up some amazing sponsorships, and they are striving to outdo what they did last year, which was a record crowd, near record amount of entries, and what is believed to be a record setting race purse of nearly \$63,000.00! They look forward to another successful year at the Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial - Pine Lake 200!

Council proceeds with the letting of bids for the water tower project

Steve Emery with USN, Widseth, Smith and Nolting gave the Clearbrook City Council an update on the water tower project at their meeting on Monday, December 11. He has been working with KLM on the tower rehab. He had a conference call with City Clerk Lucie Thompson and Mark Snobl and Nick Rankin the City Maintenance men concerning the tower. Emery asked what the council would like for paint, logo or slogans on the new job. The council will have a pre-bid meeting with KLM to discuss specifics of the project. They wanted the most reasonable cost. Advertisement for bids will go until January 24 when the bids will be opened. The bids will be tabulated at the regular council meeting on February 13, 2024.

Juliegh Prosser, informed the council that she has prepared a grant to the Region 2 Arts Council for a \$6,000 grant which would include bringing back the children's summer play that had been put on in the past. She is also working on another grant with the Department of Natural Resources to restore public lands back to the natural habitat. The signs with the Bears that is on the side of the road coming into Clearbrook would be part of the project. The signs were put up 18 years ago and need updating.

Nick Rankin gave the Clearbrook Fire Department report. They had five calls in November with 3 medical, 1 training/work night and 1 structure fire.

Elections were held and they included: Chief: Adam Krog; 1st Assistant Chief: Nick Rankin; 2nd Assistant Chief: Jacob Gerlofs; Training Officer: Jacob Boomgaarden; Treasurer: Tommy Davis; Secretary: James Kumpula; SCBA Officer: Ryan Jensen; Account Trustee: (4 total) James Kumpula, Shawn Groshong, Nick Rankin and Scott Anderson.

The department is looking at having Sanford covering the northern part of the county. Firemen would have to go through hours of training. There is getting to be more medical calls and training would include plans and procedures written up by a doctor. This is only the planning stages and only a few of the firemen would be taking the training.

Ryan Solee, Police Chief sent in his report as he was not able to attend the meeting. They include 32 incidents: 911 Hang up 3; Animal Related 2; Assault 1; Assist 1; Disturbance 1; Duplicate Call 1; Fraud 1; Information Only 3; Juvenile Misc 1; Medical 2; Motorist Assist 1; Motor Vehicle Crash 1; Shot Fire 1; Suspicious Activity 2; Test 1; Traffic Complaint 1; Traffic Stop 4; Vehicle Lock Out 2; Welfare Check 1.

Karra Weems, Municipal Liquor Store Manager's report included a bar profit of

\$10,705.69; December 15th was going to be wine tasting at the Liquor Store; December 23rd Karaoke, December 31st Chuck Foreman will be there at the Vikings Game. Santa Day wine tasting went good with sales of \$1,040. The unit on the roof was checked out and no report was given yet.

Maintenance persons Mark Snobl and Nick Rankin were glad so far that the weather has been holding out so not much snow plowing work. They will have some safety training in the future.

City Clerk - Lucie Thompson has been asked about the speakers on Main Street. They are still looking at it as more wiring has to be done when the weather gets better.

The city has received two

donations for the month. They received \$5,000 from the Clearbrook Firemen's Relief Fund towards the payments on the Fire Truck. The second donations was from the Gonvick Lions Club of \$250 for events at Santa Claus Day 2023.

The council approved Resolution 2023-23 for the 2023 Tax Levy collectible in 2024 at \$265,000.

The Resolution 2023-24 to adopt the final 2024 General Fund Budget was approved with the revenues total of \$881,089 and expenditures total of \$776,536.

Thompson presented the monthly claims of \$86,782.81 and additional claims of \$101,914.69 was approved by the council.



Area banks held their Holiday Open House to celebrate the season of Christmas. Both banks had refreshments and gifts for those who attended the teas. Above, at Border Bank in Clearbrook, three ladies were enjoying the treats they were Margaret Larson, Heidi Larson and Mary Nordlund. To the left, Dr. Marceen Hammer picked out some special treats at the Northern State Bank in Gonvick.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Second Grade students went around area business places singing Christmas Carols under the direction of Mrs. Ragan. They are shown at Richards Publishing Company, The Leader-Record with Mrs. Beard, the second grade teacher. It was very much appreciated.



FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

We served these brownies at an open house this weekend and they were "the star of the show." I cut them into small pieces since they are so rich. They store well if you keep them wrapped tightly. I hope you enjoy them.



Susan Anderson
Susan's Pantry from her blog

CREAM D'MENTHE BROWNIES

cup sugar
½ cup softened butter
4 beaten eggs
1 cup flour

1/2 teaspoon salt
16 ounces Hersheys syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup chopped walnuts

Spray 9x13 pan with cooking spray. Mix all ingredients and pour into pan.

Bake at 350* for 30 minutes. Cool completely and in a small bowl, beat 2 cups confectioners sugar, ½ cup softened butter, Pour over cooled brownies. Melt 1 cup chocolate chips and 6 tablespoons butter. Cool slightly and spread on top of Cream D'menthe

Store in refrigerator. Until next time, blessings to you and your family.

More recipes at www.susans-pantry.com

To the Residents of Clover Township

The regular meeting will be held Dec. 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the Josh Reed residence.

R40C Joel Wraa, Township Clerk

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF GULLY TOWNSHIP

Gully Township will hold their annual meeting and election on March 12, 2024, with elections beginning at 5 pm and continuing until 8 pm. The annual meeting will begin at 8:15 pm at Gully Town Hall. Offices to be filled are: 1 supervisor for a 3-year term, 1 clerk for a 2-year term. Filing for candidacy will open on January 2, 2024, and close at 5 pm on January 16, 2024. A \$2.00 filing fee is required. You may file by contacting Carole J Tharaldson, Township Clerk, 41654 260th St SE, Gully, MN 56646, or calling 218-268-4900.

Carole J Tharaldson, Gully Township Clerk

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Notice to Leon Township Residents

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at the Leon Township Hall.

Filing for township offices opens on January 2, 2024 and continues to January 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Offices to be elected are: 1 Supervisor for a 3 year term
1 Clerk for a 2 year term
Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2 filing Fee.
Lori Larson, Clerk

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ATTENTION LEON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Leon Township will be available for driveway snowplowing this winter. The property will need to be inspected first and a *Waiver for Responsibility of Damages* form signed, prior to plowing.

Contacts for moving forward: Mike Torgerson 218-280-9409
Brad Borene 218-689-9123

Lori Larson
Clerk

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voter(s) of Eden Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday on March 19, 2024 and if inclement weather the election and meeting will be held March 26, 2024.

The election poll hours will be open from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at which time the voters will elect:

- 1 township supervisor for a 3 year term.
- 1 clerk-treasurer for a 2 year term.

The annual meeting will commence at 8:00 pm to conduct all necessary business provided by law.

The annual meeting and election will be held at the Eden township hall located at 39017, 310th St. SE, Gully, MN.

Filing for township office opens on Jan 2, 2024 and continues until Jan 16, 2024 until 5:00 pm.

Affidavits of candidacy may be filled with the clerk-treasurer. Dennis Erickson 39741 320th St. SE, Gully, MN 56646. Phone 218 268-4590. A \$2.00 filing fee is required by law.

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The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club

would like to say "Thank you" to all the landowners for allowing us to utilize your beautiful land for snowmobile trails.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Truth in Taxation hearing part of County Board of Commissioners meeting

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on December 12 at 5 pm with all commissioners in attendance, except for Commissioner Titera who participated by phone.

Commissioner Dean Newland called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and approved and minutes from the last meeting were also reviewed and approved.

Al Paulson, Auditor-Treasurer, conducted the opening of printing bids. There were bids open for three different items – 1. First Publication of the County Financial Statement Summary (low bid by the Leader-Record), 2. Publication of County Board Proceedings, legal and bid notices (low bid by the Farmers Independent), and 3. Publication of Delinquent Taxes (low bid by the Leader-Record). Since a single newspaper didn't have the low bid for each item, a motion to approve the bids will be submitted at the next commissioners meeting.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Dec. 20: Meatloaf, Baked Potato with our Cream, Green Peas.

Thurs. Dec. 21: Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, Peas.

Fri. Dec. 22: Baked Fish with Tarter Sauce, Rice Pilaf, California Normandy Veg, Applesauce, Dessert.

Mon. Dec. 25: Merry Christmas.

Tues. Dec. 26: Baked Chicken, Baked Potato with Sour Cream, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, dessert and Milk.

Wed. Dec. 27: Beef Chili with Beans, Corn, Bread, Applesauce, Milk

Thurs. Dec. 28: Smothered Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Bread, Dessert and Milk.

Fri. Dec. 29: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas, Peaches, Bread and Milk.

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

Community Calendar

History Center

The History Center in Shevlin will close at 3:00 on December 22 for the holidays.

The center will reopen on



Thank you to the Gonvick Lions Club for the special treat I received.
Betty Langseth



Thank you to the Gonvick Lions Club for the nice Christmas basket I got.
Shirley Ness



THANK YOU!

Thank you, Gonvick Lions, for the Christmas goodie bags and all you do. Have a wonderful Christmas!
Bernice & Cheryl R40P

Tuesday January 2 at 10:00.

Happy Holidays from the Clearwater County Historical Society

Thank you to the Gonvick Lions Club for the Christmas bag of goodies. So nice to be remembered.
Merry Christmas, Bev Anderson



Thank you, Gonvick Lions Club for the wonderful goodie bag.
David Carlson R40P

Thank you to the Gonvick Lions for the Christmas treats!
Sharon Bergerson R40C

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Church News

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Gonvick

Pastor Will Anderson

Samhold Lutheran Church is having services every Sunday at 10:30 am. Also, Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 am.

Every Tuesday at 8:30 am. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Samhold. Everyone welcome.

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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.

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

Interim Synod Authorized Minister Marilyn Grandstrand

Good Shepherd

Wed., Dec. 20: 6:00pm Choir Practice; 7:00pm Handbells

Sun., Dec. 24: 5:00pm Candle-light Christmas Eve Service

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

Our Savior's

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

11:00am Worship with Marilyn Grandstrand

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Create It Studios*

*Create It! Sessions – Art Classes for every age.

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

January 8th Wet Felt Mittens \$25. *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.

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Hurts, Hang-ups, Habits? Celebrate Recovery encourages fellowship, provides hope and celebrates God's healing power in our lives as we work our way along the road to recovery. Every Thursday at 6:30pm at CWLC Clearbrook.

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Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Friday Bear Wear winners from December 15th:
Back: Aubrey McCoy, Sarah Imle, Grant Engen, Elias Haugan, Brooklyn Oliver, Kayla Skjaret, and Mrs. Mickelson. Front: Dylan Larson, Jake Tennepe, and Hendrick Erickson

SPORTS SCHEDULES
FOR CLEARBROOK-GONVICK

Boys
12/14/23 @ Cass Lake-Bena
12/19/23 @ GGG (Goodridge)
12/22/23 vs. Red Lake
12/28/23 @ Sacred Heart (SH Varsity Tournery) 7:00pm

SPORTS SCHEDULES
FOR CLEARBROOK-GONVICK

Girls
12/14/23 vs. Blackduck
12/15/23 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
12/19/23 @ Lake of the Woods
12/21/23 vs. Roseau
1/4/24 vs. Red Lake Falls

JH GIRLS BASKETBALL		
Jan. 4.....	vs. Red Lake Falls	5:00PM
Jan. 5.....	vs. Kelliher/Northome	4:00/5:00PM
Jan. 11.....	@ Laporte (1 game)	5:00
Jan. 16.....	VS. Nevis	4:00/5:00PM
Jan. 19.....	@ Walker-Hack-Akeley	4:15/5:30PM
Jan. 25.....	vs. Red Lake	4:00/5:00PM
Jan. 26.....	@ Bagley	4:30/5:30PM
Jan. 30.....	@ Fosston (elementary)	4:30/5:30PM
Feb. 2.....	@ Blackduck	5:00/6:00PM
Feb. 9.....	vs. GGG	4:00/5:00PM
Feb. 10.....	@ Blackduck (conf. Tournery)	9:00AM

JH BOYS BASKETBALL		
Jan. 4.....	@ Bagley	4:30/5:30PM
Jan. 5.....	@ Blackduck	5:00/6:00PM
Jan. 11.....	vs. Roseau (1 game)	4:15/NA
Jan. 12.....	vs. Northern Fre (old school)	4:30/5:30PM
Jan. 16.....	@ Red Lake Co (RLF Elem.)	4:30/5:30PM
Jan. 19.....	vs. Bagley	4:30/5:30PM
Jan. 23.....	@ Fosston (elementary)	4:30/5:30PM
Jan. 26.....	vs. Red Lake Co (old school)	4:30/5:30PM
Jan. 30.....	@ Red Lake	5:00/6:00PM
Feb. 1.....	vs. Park Rapids (old school)	4:30/5:30PM
Feb. 6.....	@ Win-E-Mac	4:30/5:45PM
Feb. 8.....	vs. GGG	4:00/5:00PM
Feb. 13.....	vs. Fertile-Bel (old school)	4:30/5:30PM
Feb. 16.....	vs. Kelliher/Nort (old school)	4:30/5:30PM

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Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch Menu

Wed., Dec. 20 -Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tri Tater. **Snack:** Sun Chips
Thurs., Dec. 21 -Baked Potato Bar with Assorted Toppings, Dinner Roll. **Snack:** Granola Bar
Friday, Dec. 22 -Italian Dunkers with Dipping Sauce. **Snack:** Cereal Bar
Dec. 25 to Dec. 29 - No School. Merry Christmas.
Please note- All Meals come with Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Bar and Milk Choice. This may change!!!

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



As a culmination of their nutrition unit for their online college course, students in Clearbrook-Gonvick are shown here. They were able to get a "hands-on, behind the scenes" look at what goes into a nutritious school meal each day!



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Letter To the Editor

It's time to save our nation from 'useful idiots'

To the editor:
"The Rich Men North of Richmond" is a song I hear occasionally on the radio. The singer laments the woes of our nation and sets some of the blame on our elected officials and lobbyists to form our nation's policies (or lack of them). The singer, Oliver Anthony, reflects the anger of our populace.

When I read and listen to "news," I wonder who owns our large media companies. They focus on climate change, transgenderism, racism, class warfare, etc. The large media companies carry the ball for those hell-bent on dividing and henceforth destroying our nation. They focus on division according to one's color, wealth, gender and they re-invent history (the 1619 Project, for example). They focus on the party they serve. And the party they serve – the Democrats – has been overrun by extreme leftists.

These aforementioned issues serve to distract the citizenry from the real issues. The real issues include runaway spending, the flood of illegal immigrants (some of them from terrorist nations), a growing populace of unemployed or underemployed persons, sending our wealth to enemy nations in exchange for oil and cheap goods, promoting the wealth and power of our

greatest threat (Communist China) in the name of climate change (all the while ignoring the evils and social and climactic "poisons" that come with such products).

The list of dangers we face includes a weakened defense of our nation; meddling in other nations' quarrels (enriching what President Eisenhower called the "military-industrial complex"), a falling level of the nation's IQ via addiction to digital devices, and allowing China to infiltrate our nation.

I find it hard to believe our leadership is so stupid that it goes along with all these failures.

I find is very believable that corruption and political party power are at the root of our nation's problems.

We must drain the swamp and rid ourselves of the "useful idiots" who succumb to propaganda and bribery.

America is need of an awakening before we self-implode. It requires more than just voting. It requires that we make our anger known to the people in Washington and St. Paul. It requires that we get on our knees and pray to Almighty God that he will heal and save our nation. It requires that we bring about a revival of patriotism.

America serves as the "beacon of freedom." A failure of America to remain strong and free will bring about a new Dark Age where freedom is but a dream.

Tom Burford
Bagley

Remembering Veterans

On Saturday, November 11, 2023, the United States celebrated Veteran's Day.

This holiday is dedicated to all Veterans that have honorably served in the United States military, both in wartime and peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank the living veterans for their service; to acknowledge that their contribution to our national security is appreciated, and to recognize the fact that all those who served, not only those who have died, have sacrificed and done their duty to keep America free.

The Clearwater County Veterans Memorial, located in Bagley, MN, is not only dedicated to the Clearwater County Veterans that have died in the service to their country, but also honor those Veterans that have served, and are presently serving the United States. The Veterans that died in service to their country during wartime are honored on the Memorial's black marble monuments. The Veterans that have served and are serving the United States are honored with the etched field stones that have been placed at the Memorial. Presently, approximately 1018 Veterans are honored with the etched field stones.

On Saturday, September 2, 2023, there was a motorcycle ride, the "RIDE FOR STONES"; that also honors the Veterans of Clearwater County. This motorcycle ride was originated by, and continues to be promoted by, both Jeff Schermerhorn, Bagley, MN; a

Vietnam Era Veteran, and Neal Illies, a Bagley resident. The 2023 ride raised approximately \$16,440 in donations. These donations were donated to the Clearwater County Veterans Memorial to provide 82 etched field stones honoring Clearwater County Veterans.

The Clearwater County Veterans Memorial randomly selected 82 names from the combined list of Veteran's names that are read at Memorial Day Ceremonies at Rice Lake, Bagley, Clearbrook and Gonvick (this list is comprised of the names of approximately 1999 deceased Clearwater County Veterans from the Civil War to the present).

The 82 Clearwater County Veterans randomly selected in 2023 are as follows:

ARA B. AMADON - US Army Veteran that served during World War I and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Clearwater County, MN. Ara B. Amadon was the son of Henry G. and Sarah (Robbins) Amadon, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

KENNETH VINCENT ANDERSON – US Army Air Force that served during World War II and is buried in the Sinclair Cemetery, Sinclair Township, Clearwater County, MN. Kenneth Vincent Anderson was the son of Andrew O. and Annie Theoline (Larson) Anderson was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

WILLIE WOODROW ANDERSON – US Army Veteran during World War II, and is buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Itasca Township, Clearwater County, MN. Willie Woodrow Anderson was the son of Alfred and Anna (Johnson) Anderson, and was a resident of the Itasca Township and Zerkel, MN area.

VERA LEONE BELLAND – US Army Women's Corps Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Friendship Cemetery, Leon Township, Clearwater County, MN. Vera Leone Belland was the daughter of Joe and Mabel Hazelton and was a resident of the Clearbrook area.

JOHN EDWARD BENSON – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Rice Free Lutheran Cemetery, Zerkel, MN, Clearwater County, MN. John Edward Benson was the son of Gilbert and Mary Benson and was a resident of the Zerkel, MN area.

HARLOW EDWARD BERG – US Army Veteran that served during the Korean War Era, and is buried in Samhold Cemetery, Gonvick, MN. Harlow Edward Berg was the son of Robert and Getta Berg and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

LEONARD THURMAN BERGLAND – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Silver Creek Cemetery, Clearbrook, MN. Leonard Thurman Bergland was the son of Torger K. and Tilda Bergland, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

ALVIN RUNO BERGMAN – US Army Veteran that served during the Korean War Era, and is buried in the Augustana Cemetery, southwest of Clearbrook, Clearwater County, MN. Alvin Runo Bergman was the son of Henrik Anselman and Elin Matilda (Erickson) Bergman, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

GLENN STARDIG BIRKELAND – US Army Veteran that served during the Korean War Era, and is buried in the Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery, Pequot Lakes, MN. Glenn Stardig Birkeland was the son of Soren G. and Mildred (Stardig) Birkeland, and grew up in the Gonvick MN area.

HENRY F. BLOHM – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Henry F. Blohm was the son of John and Anna (Tosen) Blohm, and grew up in the Bagley, MN area.

JORGEN GEORGE BRUE – US Army Veteran that served during WW I, and is buried in the Greenwood Lutheran Cemetery, in Leon Township, Clearwater County, MN. Jorgen was the son of Jorgen Rasmussen and Ellen Marie (Trulsdatter) Brue, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

JAMES CLEMENSON – US Army Veteran that served during WW II, and is buried in the Samhold Lutheran Cemetery, Gonvick, MN. James Clemenson was the son of James and Gurina (Baanrud) Clemenson, and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

ROGER DUANE DRELLACK – US Army Veteran that served during the Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, in Fosston, Polk County, MN. Roger Duane Drellack was the son of Vincent and Elsie (Gust) Drellack and was a resident of the Shevlin/Fosston, MN area.

VALENTINE OLIVER ERION – US Army Veteran that served during World War II/ Korean War Era, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery, White Earth Township, Becker County, MN. Valentine Oliver Erion was the son of Oliver F. and Sarah Bertha

(Fairbanks) Erion, and was a resident of the White Earth/Rice Lake, MN area.

WARREN CALVIN FIELD – US Navy Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Warren Calvin Field was the son of Julius and Harriet Field, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

CLARK M. GAINES – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Shevlin City Cemetery, Clearwater County, Shevlin, MN. Clark M. Gaines was the son of William H. and Virginia Catherine (Jones) Gaines, and was a resident of the Shevlin, MN area.

CLARENCE MURL GEORGE – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Norway Lake Cemetery, Dudley Township, Clearwater County, MN. Clarence Murl George was the son of Frank and Helen George, and was a resident of the Leonard, MN area.

EDWARD GEORGE GRAY – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Edward George Gray was the son of Charles and Katherine Gray, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

JEFFREY L. GREENSLATE – US Army Veteran that served during the Desert Storm Era, and his remains were placed in the in the Minerva Township area, Clearwater County, MN. Jeffrey L. Greenslate was the son of Donald and Maxine (Smith) Greenslate and was a resident of the Minerva Lake, Clearwater County, MN area.

JOHN GRUE – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Queen Township, Polk County, MN. John Grue was the son of Claus J. and Oline S. Grue and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

DON ALVIN HAGA – US Army Veteran that served during Korean War Era, and is buried in the Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, Eddy Township, Clearwater County, MN. Don Alvin Haga was a resident of Gonvick, MN area.

CLARENCE M. HANKS – US Army Veteran that served during the World War I, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Clarence M. Hanks was the son of Charles Westley and Myrtle Dulcena (Oxley) Hanks, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

GEORGE OLAF HANSEN – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Seljord Lutheran Cemetery, Sinclair Township, Clearwater County, MN. George Olaf Hansen was the son of Ole Enden and Gunhild Mathia (Sateren) Hansen, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

ALVIN EUGENE HARMON - US Army Veteran that served during the Korean War Era, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Alvin Eugene Harmon was the son of Bert Beniah and Ida A. Harmon, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

ORVILLE FRANCIS HAUGEN – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Queen Township, Polk County, MN. Orville Francis Haugen was the son of Ole Nelson and Florence Cecelia (Johnson) Haugen, and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

MORRIS CARROLL HELGESON – US Army Veteran that served during the Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the Norway Lake Cemetery, Dudley Township, Clearwater County, MN. Morris Carroll Helgeson was the son of Arne and Clara Otille (Mathison) Helgeson, and was a resident of the Leonard, MN area.

ARNE LEROY JOHNSON – US Air Force Veteran that served during the Korean War, and is buried in the Syre Cemetery, Norman County, MN. Arne Leroy Johnson was the son of Albert B. and Emma (Knutson) Johnson.

CHARLES HALDY JOHNSON – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in Fern Hill Cemetery, Aberdeen, WA. Charles Haldy Johnson was the son of Jacob N. and Elsie Johnson, and was a former resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

GERHARD ELLSWORTH JOHNSON - US Army Veteran that served during the Korean War Era, and is buried in the Seljord Lutheran Cemetery, Sinclair Township, Clearwater County, MN. Gerhard Ellsworth Johnson was the son of Fred G. and Elsie (Norby) Johnson, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

JAMES WENDELL JOHNSON – US Army Veteran that served during the Korean War Era, and is buried in the Oak Park Cemetery, Eddy Township, Clearwater County, MN. James Wendell Johnson was the son of James William and Hilda Bea-

trice (Gudvangen) Johnson, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

MAYNARD RICHARD JOHNSON – US Navy Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in Silver Creek Cemetery, Clearbrook, MN. Maynard Richard Johnson was the son of Oscar Martin and Elizabeth (Martine) Johnson, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

JOHN CARL KJENSAMO - US Navy Veteran that served during Cold War Era, and is buried in the Samhold Cemetery, Gonvick, MN. John Carl Kjensmo was the son of Hartvig and Jessie (Kin-dem) Kjensmo and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

MARTIN "KERMIT" KJOLHAUG – US Marine Corps Veteran that served during World War II and the Korean War Era, and is buried in the Oak Park Cemetery, Eddy Township, Clearwater County, MN. Martin "Kermit" Kjolhaug was the son of Martin and Florence Olga (Anderson) Kjolhaug, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

HAROLD KVANDÉ – US Coast Guard Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Harold Kvande was the son of John and Joanna G. Kvande and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

RALPH ERLAND LeHART – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Oak Park Cemetery, Eddy Township, Clearwater County, MN. Ralph Erland LeHart was the son of Nicholas Anderson and Anna Erika (Stromberg) LeHart, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

KENNETH COLEEN LIEN –US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Kenneth Coleen Lien was the son of Troy Knute and Nora Marie (Stenstad) Lien, and was a resident of the Clearbrook/International Falls, MN area.

LEROY BENNET LEINES –US Air Force Veteran that served during Korean War, and is buried in the Faaberg Lutheran Cemetery, Rindal, Polk County, MN. Leroy Bennet Leines was the son of William and Alma Caroline (Ystenes) Leines and grew up in Rindal area and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

EARL R. LEWIS –US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Earl R. Lewis was the son of Edwin and Lena Lewis, and was a resident of the Leonard, MN area.

ELMER FRITJOF LINDMARK –US Army Veteran that served during the World War II, and is buried in the Sinclair Cemetery, Sinclair Township, Clearwater County, MN. Elmer Fritjof Lindmark was the son of Per (Peter) O. and Johana Vilhelmina (Fransdotter) Lindmark, and was a resident of the Leonard, MN area.

HENRY JOHANNES LINDOM – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Seljord Lutheran Cemetery, Sinclair Township, Clearwater County, MN. Henry Johannes Lindom was the son of Erik Ericksen Boe and Thea Amanda (Moen) Lindom, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

ELIAS LOUN – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Maple Hill Cemetery (First Baptist Church Cemetery), Eddy Township, Clearwater County, MN. Elias Loun was the son of Elias and Lovisa (Holmberg) Loun and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

ALBIN BERNARD LUNDIN – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Lundin Cemetery, Moose Creek Township, Clearwater County, MN. Albin Bernard Lundin was the son of Anton Julius and Hannah (Hoie) Lundin, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

GEORGE A. MALMO – US Army Veteran that served during World War I and is buried in Samhold Cemetery, Gonvick, MN. George A. Malmo was the son of Ole A. and Serrianna (Olsen Rostad) Malmo, and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

KEN MARUSKA – US Army Veteran that served during Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Ken Maruska was the son of Ray and Elsie (Viktora) Maruska, and was a resident of the Bagley MN area.

CHRISTIAN "CHRIST" M. NELSON – US Navy Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Faith Lutheran Cemetery, Mentor, MN. Christian "Christ" M. Nelson was the son of Nels W. and Marie Nelson, and was a resident of the North East Polk/Gonvick, MN areas.

Veterans..

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Wednesday, December 20, 2023

SANTA'S HELPERS AT GONVICK



Gonvick City Clerk Stacy Halvorsen with Santa.



Lonny English and Santa



Sharon Dyrdahl and Faye Bjerke



Joan Singer and Santa



Roxy Bakke



Pam Goebel



Gifts for children.

MAKING CRAFTS AT CLEARBROOK SANTA DAY



Brielle Jones and Ruth Rosenbush



Diane Langseth and Robert Granley.

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EDWIN JOHN NELSON – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Seljord Lutheran Cemetery, Sinclair Township, Clearwater County, MN. Edwin John Nelson died from Spanish Influenza at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois on November 13, 1918, and was the son of Nels and Helena (Evens-datter) Nelson, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

RICHARD D. NELSON – US Marine Corps Veteran that served during the Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Richard D. Nelson was the son of Marvin and Ruby Nelson, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

WALLACE LIONELL NELSON – US Army Veteran that served during Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the Seljord Lutheran Cemetery, Sinclair Township, Clearwater County, MN. Wallace Lionell Nelson and was the son of William and Mildred Nelson, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

GILBERT BERMAN OIEN – US Army Veteran that served during the Cold War Era, and is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Eddy Township, Clearwater County, MN. Gilbert Berman Oien was the son of Bennie and Ida Marie (Olson) Oien, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

GORDE "GORDIE" OLNES – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Nora Township Cemetery, Clearwater County, MN. Gorde "Gordie" Olness was the son of Jens and Josephine Olness, and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

DONALD RAY OLSON – US Army Veteran that served during the Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the Rice Free Lutheran Cemetery, Zerkel, MN. Donald Ray Olson was the son of Peter and Charlotte Stella Margaret (Johnson) Olson, and was a resident of the Zerkel, MN area.

ROY LAWRENCE OLSON, JR. – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Clearwater Lutheran Cemetery, Shevlin, MN. Roy Lawrence Olson Jr. was the son of Ludwig and Lillie Olson, and was a resident of the Shevlin, MN area.

ALPHONSEL. PATNEAUDE, SR. – US Air Force Veteran that served during the Korean War Era, and is buried in the St. Philip's Episcopal Cemetery, Rice Lake (White Earth Reservation), MN. Alphonse L. Patneau, Sr. was the son of John and Delia Patneau, and was a resident of the Ebro, MN area.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER PAYNE – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Norway Lake Cemetery, Leonard, MN. William Alexander Payne was the son of David Payne and Lucy Clara Kolden, and was resident of the Leonard, MN area.

EDD DOUGLAS PEDERSON – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN. Edd Douglas Pederson was the son of Adolph and Johana Pederson, and was a resident of the Ebro, MN area.

STANLEY WAYNE PERKINS – US Army Veteran that served during the Korean Era, and is buried in the Minerva Township Cemetery, Clearwater County, MN. Stanley Wayne Perkins was the son of Raymond Philip and Merle Elaine Claudia (Bush) Perkins, and was resident of the Bagley/Zerkel, MN area.

CLARENCE HELMER PETERSON – US Navy Veteran that served during World War II, and was Missing in Action at sea on October 25, 1944. Clarence Helmer Peterson was the son of Carl Petter and Hilda Marie (Magnusson) Peterson, and was a resident of the Alida, MN area.

RICHARD ARNOLD PETERSON – US Navy Veteran that served during the Cold War/Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the East Zion Cemetery, Dudley Township, Clearwater County, MN. Richard Arnold Peterson was the son of Arnold and Evelyn Peterson, and was a resident of the Duluth/Bagley, MN area.

JAMES RAYMOND PULFORD – US Navy Veteran that served during the Korean War Era/Cold War/Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the Maple Hill Cemetery, Eddy Township, Clearwater County, MN. James Raymond Pulford was the son of William V. and Rachel (Pederson) Pulford, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

DONALD E. RANDKLEV – US Army Veteran that served during the Korean War Era, and is buried in the Silver Creek Cemetery, Clearbrook, MN. Donald E. Randklev was the son of Carl D. and Corrine H. (Herzog) Randklev, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

VERNIE HECTOR ROSSELL – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Oak Park Cemetery, Eddy Township, Clearwater County, MN. Vernie Hector Rossell was the son of George and Mary

Sigrid (Lundquist) Rossell, and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

ARTHUR ROULAND – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Samhold Cemetery, Gonvick, MN. Arthur Rouland was the son of Tov and Annie (Brekke) Rouland, and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

ROGER MAURICE SANQUIST – US Army Veteran that served during the Cold War Era, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Roger Maurice Sandquist was the son of Levi and Mayvel Sandquist, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

LEONARD P. SCHMIT – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Cemetery, Gully, MN. Leonard P. Schmit was a resident of the Gully, MN area.

ANTHONY MICHAEL SCHMITZ – US Army Veteran that served during the Cold War Era, and is buried in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Red Lake Falls, MN. Anthony Michael Schmitz was the son of John Edward and Clara Adelia (Erickson) Schmitz, and was a resident of the Red Lake Falls/Bagley, MN area.

DONALD P. SHERIDAN – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN. Donald P. Sheridan was the son of Charles Roy and Clara Adelia (Erickson) Sheridan, and a resident of Minerva Township, Clearwater County, MN area.

BRADLEY DEAN SOLBERG – US Army Veteran that served during the Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the Shevlin/Moose Creek Cemetery, Shevlin, MN. Bradley Dean Solberg was the son of Howard Bradley and Devona Adrienne (Jacobson) Solberg, and was a resident of the Shevlin, MN area.

ORVAL QUENTIN SORENSON – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Minerva Township Cemetery, Clearwater County, MN. Orval Quentin Sorenson was the son of Ted and Mabel D. (Shegrud) Sorenson, and was a resident of the Minerva, MN area.

ROBERT CHARLES STINE – US Navy Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN. Robert Charles Stine was the son of Lester and Bernice (Olson) Stine, and was a resident of the Minneapolis/Bagley, MN area.

STEVEN ORVILLE SUNDBOM – US Navy Veteran that served during the Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the Oak Park Cemetery, Eddy Township, Clearwater County, MN. Steven Orville Sunbom was the son of Orville Maynard and Jean Cordellia (Westre) Sunbom, and was a resident of the Bagley/Weme, MN area.

JOHNATHON NEIL SUNDQUIST – US Army Veteran that served during the Desert Storm Era, and is buried in the United Lutheran Cemetery, Winsor Township, Clearwater County, MN. Johnathon Neil Sundquist was the son of Donald Leroy and Shirley Anne (Nelson) Sundquist, and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

JOHN H. TANGEN – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Samhold Lutheran Cemetery, Gonvick, MN. John H. Tangen was the son of John and Hilma T. (Hall) Tangen, and was a resident of the Gonvick, MN area.

MILLARD O. TEW – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Cemetery, Shevlin, MN. Millard O. Tew was a resident of the Moose Lake/Shevlin, MN area.

LEONARD E. THOMPSON, SR. – US Army Ranger Veteran that served during the World War II, and is buried in the St. Phillip's Episcopal Cemetery, Rice Lake (White Earth Reservation), MN. Leonard E. Thompson, Sr. was the son of John and Caroline (Rogers) Thompson, and was a resident of the Rice Lake (White Earth Reservation) Bagley, MN area.

TRUMAN GORDON THORESON – US Army Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Faaberg Lutheran Cemetery, Rindal, Polk County, MN. Truman Polk Thoreson was the son of Olaf and Anna Eline (Dobak) Thoreson, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

WILLARD SETH UNDERWOOD – US Navy Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Willard Seth Underwood was the son of Charles and Susie (Elm) Underwood, and was a resident of the Bagley, MN area.

JAMES W. VICORY – US Navy Veteran that served during the Cold War/Viet Nam Era, and is buried in the Friendship Cemetery, Leon Township, Clearwater County, MN. James W. Vicory was the son of William and Mary (Sharp) Vicory, and

was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

ARTHUR THEODORE WAGNER – US Army NG Veteran that served during the Cold War Era, and is buried in the United Lutheran Cemetery, Winsor Township, Clearwater County, MN. Arthur Theodore Wagner was the son of Earl Julius William and Beatrice Caroline (Torgerson) Wagner, and was a resident of the Berner/Gonvick, MN area.

DONALD F. WARD – US Marine Corps Veteran that served during World War II, and is buried in the Bagley City Cemetery, Bagley, MN. Donald F. Ward was the son of Lester and Dorothy Ward, and was a resident of the Shevlin/Leonard, MN area.

DUANE RANDALL "BUCK" WATKINS – US Army Veteran that served during the Korean War Era, and is buried in the Becida-Fern Township Cemetery, Beltrami County, MN. Duane Randall "Buck" Watkins was the son of Charles E. and Olga (Lindstrom) Watkins, and was a resident of the Nary, MN area.

HENRY CARL WIDMARK – US Army Veteran that served during World War I, and is buried in the Rice Free Lutheran Cemetery, Zerkel, MN. Henry Carl Widmark was the son of August and Anna Widmark, and was a resident of the Zerkel/Alida, MN area.

DUANE GEORGE WINTER – US Army Veteran that served during the Cold War Era, and was cremated. Duane George Winter was the son of Raymond and Stella Winter, and was a resident of the Clearbrook, MN area.

The Clearwater County Veterans Memorial sincerely thanks Jeff Schermerhorn and Neal Illes for all of their efforts in staging the annual motorcycle ride, "RIDE FOR THE STONES", and for the generous donation for the 83 Veteran's Stones. They would also like to thank all the merchants that supplied raffle prizes for the ride; and a sincere thank you to the Bagley American Legion for their hospitality efforts in this worthy endeavor.

Please visit the Clearwater County Veterans Memorial, in Bagley, MN, on Veterans Day.

Freedom is not free; please remember those that served, and especially those that made the ultimate sacrifice for the people of Clearwater County, the State of Minnesota, and the United States.

Clearwater County Veterans Memorial



Dear Santa, I want a drum for Christmas! And a snowman! Your friend, Paisley

Dear Santa, I want a bulldozer and a dump truck and an excavator, please! Your friend, Kade Beckstrand

Dear Santa, I would like a tractor, bull like (Herald) white face.

From Claudia
Dear Santa, I want some weights, maybe a phone and a bwu mask, and last I want a one up challenge. Your friend William Pierce

Dear Santa. Wish list from Addie Carslay, age 9 I want a stuffed animal cat, please.

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is Vr. From Eli

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll. From Cylvia

Dear Santa, I want a lego train set, From Erwyn



Kelsy and Kasey Wagner

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Home Country

Now before you can sneak away, here comes that pharaoh of the feed-store, that baron of the bunk-house, that titan of the tack room ...Windy Wilson.

Well, t'other day I meandered around town until I crept in to Sarah's bookstore. You know the one. Has that sign on them bookshelves says "Love and other Fiction." Been meanin' to ask her 'bout that one a these days. Oh, Alphonse Wilson here 'course.

Well, Miz Sarah shore is a sweetie and I like droppin' on in there ever now and then. Wellsir, this day, I was huntin' a Farmer's Almanac for the new year. You know how it is ... hate to do somethin' stoo-pid like plant cabbages in the wrong bowels of somethin' like that.

Wellsir, Sarah kinda looks me up and down, and I got glad as could be about bein' a upright fine-lookin' beast, and then she rears back and asks me to put on this yere Santa suit and talk to the kiddies later that day. She said she'd even give me that almanac for doin' it.

Well, hot dingles, campers! I got the suit and them fakeroo whiskers slapped 'em on and took up my perch right there next to them history shelves.

I didn't notice anything strange 'til I was 'bout three kids in, you know. Then I noticed of Sarah had got the Santa elf fever her ownself!

Yep, she come over and stationed herself right next to good ol' Santa. That's me, you know. Wellsir, the very next tike that come up was this cute little girl and she hopped up in ol' Santa's lap. So I nacherly sent seasonings greetings across to 'er.

I said, "Hello there, young lady. Do you wish to convey an appur-

tenance of Christmas time wishes to all of us at this conflagration?" And she says "Huh?" kinda like she didn't understand. Then Sarah whispers to her "Say Merry Christmas." And she says Merry Christmas, Santa. "Tell Santa what you want for Christmas," said Sarah. And she says, "Oh ... I want a doggie!"

"I see! Says I. You desire to bask in the unabashed afflictions of our four-legged companeros."

"No" she says, "... I want a doggie."

"Well a-course you do., says I. I looked at her mama and she gives me the nod.

You know how it's a adult duty to appertain responsibility, so's I look down and says, "Now you realize, a-course, that havin' a dog means providin' it with ampulatory nourishment and care. And there may be some ... excretatory surprises to be remediated."

The girl looked up at her mother. And her mama says she'll hafta feed it and clean up after it.

And that little angel says, "I will, Santa!"

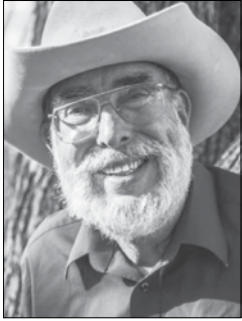
So as to put the Santa visit into terminatin' remembrances, I said and a delicious cerebellum of the sanctified parturitionatin' occurrence to you, my dear."

And she looked up at me and says "Merry Christmas!"

I musta done a good job of it, too, 'cuz when the guys come in from the Mule Barn, I heard Sarah tell 'em next year she was a-goin' to charge admission.

And you can tell 'em I said so!

Brought to you by your local classic country radio station which carries Home Country Radio with Slim Randles. Windy's always hanging around there somewhere.



I've always admired poet, Shel Silverstein. He is best known for his children's books. A few famous titles are - Where the Sidewalk Ends, Falling Up, The Runny Babbit, and most notably, The Giving Tree. Did you know he wrote the Grammy winning song, A Boy Named Sue, sung by Johnny Cash? He illustrated his own books, too. His illustrations were simple, rather childish line drawings – and I LOVE them! Inspired by the poem that became the title of the book, Where the Sidewalk Ends, I wrote Where the Snowflake Falls. It is an homage to Shel Silverstein and to this place we call "Home". My poem has little resemblance to his, other than a briefness, a certain musicality in rhythm to certain word sounds. Enjoy. Oh, and I also made my own illustration with my right hand – I'm a lefty.



Where The Snowflake Falls

We live where the snowflake falls.

Where ice covers lakes.
Where snow falls soft and white.

Where Moon glows chilly bright, and Crow rests from his cold plight to quietly stare from the birch wood tree.

We left where cars drove too fast on paved roads slicing criss-cross wounds through glorious lands once known as prairie, woods, and meadow.

We went to where north winds blow.

Where the snowplows go.
Where the snowflake falls.
Yes.

We went to where north winds blow.

Where the snowplows go.
Where still there is prairie, woods, and meadow.

Where the snowflake falls.
Ann Marie Newman ©2023



Isaiah Dobos



Barrett and Tate Liebersbach



Hayes Hetland



Jacen Schummer



Brielle Jones and Ruth Rosenbush



Cheyenne and Lexie Knox



Skylar and Ryett Moen



By Corrine Richards

Merry Christmas to one and all from our family to yours. I hope you have a safe and relaxing time full of peace and joy.

A reminder that the ice is still not very thick on area lakes. This week there has been problems on upper Red Lake with people being stranded on ice chunks.

Sunday morning program had Martha Stewart riding on

a Polaris to her trees that she planted over 20 years ago. Go Martha.

CG Girls played Blackduck on 12/14/2023.. The girls fought hard and came back from a 0 to 15 deficit in the first half to be down by 2 points at the half. Although they didn't come out with a win they had multiple periods of time where they were within a couple of baskets against the

Drakes. Junior Aubrey Stoskopf was again the top scorer with 19 points followed closely by Sophomore Emma Fawver with 15 points. Allison LaVine was our top rebounder with 13 rebounds and another 7 points. These lady Bears are working hard and although young, they are proving themselves to be tough opponents.

The Vault and Galli will be having their second Sip N Shop Event on Wednesday, December 20 from 4 to 8 7 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church of Bagley is offering a free Community Christmas dinner on Monday, December 25. Serving

will be from 11:30 to 1:30.

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

A reminder that if you plan to have a Holiday party at Sportsman's Lodge on beautiful Pine Lake you should book your party now. Call 487-5295.

Check out the Gonvick Library Link Site in the Gonvick Community building on

Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. Lake Agassiz Regional Library's Instant Digital Card Enables Northwest Minnesota Residents to Read Popular Ebooks and Audiobooks for Free. No library card? No problem! Residents can instantly sign up for a digital library card through any smartphone or computer

The Drive In in Clearbrook is on their winter hours. Monday to Saturday 11 to 7 and Sunday noon to 7. Matt will be

making his homemade soups and chili.

Jokey time

Ole got a tatoo on his stomach reading "Mom." When his friends asked why it was done on his stomach rather than on his chest, Ole explained. "Vell, dere is more room on my stomach; and besides. I got da "O" free."

Lena says that Ole's favorite sandwich is a BLT. Baloney, lutefish and torsk.

Commissioners Minutes

Board of Commissioners' November 21st, 2023

The November 21, 2023 meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 10:00 a.m. with Chairman Newland presiding and Commissioners Larson, Dukek, Titera and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes- Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to approve the November 14th Board Minutes with corrections.

Auditor – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$182,212.57 from the County Revenue Fund and \$37,262.92 from the Public Health Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to approve application of Marni Knutson for the 2024 On Sale Liquor and

Sunday Sale Liquor Licenses for Sportsman's Lodge with Continuation of Insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, Seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to approve application of Linda Knutson for the 2024 Off Sale Beer License for Knutson's Store.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to approve application of Stuart Dukek for the 2024 Off Sale Liquor License for Rock Creek General Store with continuance of insurance. Commissioner Dukek abstained on this motion.

By general consent the board waived the 3-day notice for the following motion:

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to approve the repurchase of parcel 09.005.0710 by Donald Jongquist for the price of \$876.52 plus recording fees, deed fee, and deed tax for a total of \$1,009.17.

Engineer – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and car-

ried to authorize the purchase of 23,400 lbs. of Crack Sealer Material from Brock white of St. Cloud, Mn off the state contract for \$14,010.00 plus freight of \$1,372.50 for a grand total amount of \$15,412.50.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to authorize the rental of a Crack Sealer Melter from Brock White of St. Cloud, Mn off the state contract for \$6,275.00 per month for 1 month.

By general consent the board waived the 3day notice for the following motion:

Land Department – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to accept to 2025 Campground rates. (On file)

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Dated: December 12th, 2023
Amanda Jordan,
Board Coordinator
Dean Newland,
Chairman R40C

NOVEMBER 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2000		
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc	8,168.58	County Revenue
Auto Value Bagley	2,434.63	Tax Forfeited, Road & Bridge
Cease Family Funeral Home Inc	2,800.00	Human Services
City of Bagley	2,773.99	County Revenue, Road & Bridge, HHW
Clearwater County Nursing Service	26,909.16	NCCHA
Clearwater County Ag Society	35,000.00	County Revenue
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	2,973.37	Co. Rev., Solid Waste, Tax Forf., R & B, NCCHA
Clearwater County Highway Dept	11,161.06	Human Services, Co. Rev., Solid Waste
Clearwater Day Activity Ctr	3,828.20	Human Services
Clearwater SWCD	5,000.00	County Revenue
Community Oil Company Inc	7,741.73	County Revenue, Road & Bridge
Compass Minerals America	9,496.44	Road & Bridge
Dell Marketing LP	2,630.33	County Revenue
DeMarco/Jenny	3,218.50	Human Services
Department of Human Services SWIFT	20,355.87	County Revenue, Human Services
Enbridge Energy Limited Prtshp	1,167,086.00	State
Equipment Blades Inc	4,284.54	Road & Bridge
First National Bank	3,137.84	Taxes & Penalty
Garden Valley Technologies	7,189.47	Co. Rev., Human Services, Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, Nursing Service, HHW
Gladen Construction Inc	32,590.30	Road & Bridge
Glenn's Carpet Service	3,255.00	County Revenue, Human Services
Hetland/Marissa	8,392.19	NCCHA
Hoffman, Phillip & Martell, PLLC	9,175.00	Co. Rev., Tax Forf., Road & Bridge, Human Services
I.U.O.E. Local 49 Fringe Benefit Fund	18,460.00	County Revenue
Ironhide Equipment Inc	5,045.41	Solid Waste, Road & Bridge
Johnson/Terrie	11,534.71	County Revenue
Karpel Solutions	2,306.76	County Revenue
Kris Engineering Inc	4,359.82	Road & Bridge
Lakewood Public Health	13,131.13	NCCHA
Larson/Sharon	3,838.25	NCCHA
Listrom's Disposal Inc	36,169.09	Road & Bridge, Human Services, Co. Rev., Solid Waste
Marco Technologies LLC	3,858.18	Co. Rev., Human Services, Nursing Service
MCIT	3,238.50	County Revenue, Road & Bridge
McKesson Medical Surgical	2,774.07	County Revenue, Nursing Service
MN Department of Corrections	8,060.00	Human Services
Morris Electronics Inc	12,537.92	County Revenue
Motorola Solutions Inc	156,988.00	County Revenue
MSOP - MN Sex Offender Program 462	8,165.95	Human Services
Murray Surveying Inc	2,240.00	County Revenue
North Homes Inc	19,160.98	Human Services
Northern Aggregate Inc	9,501.26	Road & Bridge, Solid Waste
Northwest MN Juvenile Ctr	7,362.00	Human Services
Northwest MN Juvenile Trng Ctr	7,690.00	County Revenue
Olson/Larry	12,765.00	Road & Bridge
Polk County Highway Department	4,125.60	Road & Bridge
Polk County Solid Waste	35,560.80	Solid Waste
Pomp's Tire	3,070.51	Road & Bridge
Power Plan OIB	2,195.49	Road & Bridge
Prime Health	76,034.62	County Revenue
Public Utilities Commission	6,512.14	Co. Rev., R & B, Human Services, Nursing Service Tax Forfeited
Roth RV	3,513.98	County Revenue
Rural Minnesota Cep Inc	17,673.70	Human Services
Sanford Health	5,930.94	County Revenue, Human Services
Sanford Health System	4,745.84	Human Services
St. Joseph's Community Health	45,250.22	NCCHA
Thomson Reuters - West Publishing Corp	3,559.10	County Revenue
Vantage Psychological Consultants PLLC	7,775.00	County Revenue
Verizon Wireless	2,105.34	Co. Rev., Human Services, Tax Forf., Nursing Service
Visa	3,184.38	County Revenue
There were 240 Vendors paid under 2000 totaling	101,776.40	R40C

Legal Notice
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CLEARWATER
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of
Helen Kalenak,
Decedent
Court File No. 15-PR-23-579

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Legal Notice
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CLEARWATER
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of
Gary A. Sorensen,
Decedent
Court File No. 15-PR-23-590

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID REHABILITATION OF ELEVATED TOWER CLEARBROOK, MN

Sealed bids for the City of Clearbrook, Minnesota, will be received by Lucie Thompson, City Clerk at City Hall in the City of Clearbrook, Minnesota until 1:00 P.M. January 24, 2024 at which time and place they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and considered at the next regular City Council meeting on February 13, 2024

The Information for Bids, Form of Contract, Form of Bid, Plans, Specifications, and Form of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

City Hall
200 Elm Street SW
Clearbrook, Minnesota 56634

Widseth Office
1600 Central Ave. N.E.
East Grand Forks,
Minnesota 56721

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.widseth.com by clicking on Bidding Documents in the upper right hand corner or at www.questcdn.com by inputting Quest project # **8859159** on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading and working with this digital project information. You may download the digital plan documents electronically for \$30.

An optional paper set of project documents is also available from Cadd/Engineering Supply (CES). Please contact CES's Repro Dept at (763) 560-9098 or (800) 831-8587 for

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage.

DATE OF MORTGAGE: **May 9, 2022**

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: **\$40,000.00**

MORTGAGOR(S): **Andrea E. Crandall and Andrew S. Crandall, wife and husband**

MORTGAGEE: **White Earth Investment Initiative**

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: **August 22, 2022, in Clearwater County, Minnesota**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: **The East 444 feet of the West 726 feet of the North 366 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW¼NE¼), Section Thirteen (13), Township One Hundred Forty-six (146) North, Range Thirty-seven (37) West.**

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: **Clearwater**

Property Address: **22721 320th Street, Bagley, MN 56621**

Tax Parcel ID No.: **15.013.0100**

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: **\$37,304.61**

That all pre-foreclosure

pricing, payment, and any questions. If you choose a paper copy you will get addenda as paper copies and will be charged for the printing costs

A mandatory Prebid Meeting will be held via a phone conference call at 10:00 A.M. on January 10, 2024. Call in number: 612-351-3093, Access Code: 434056

The plan holder's list and bid results will be posted on the Widseth website, www.widseth.com

The work to be done on this project shall consist of the following: Structural modifications, surface repairs, interior and exterior sandblasting and installation of new coating system.

The work on this project is required to be started within 10 days after the Notice to Proceed is given to the Contractor and such work is required to be completed by **September 15, 2024**. The bids will be awarded based upon the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder.

The project is to be paid for in cash. No bid will be considered unless sealed, filed with the Administrator and accompanied by a cash deposit, certified check, bid bond or cashier's check, payable to the City Clerk in the sum of at least **five (5) percent** of the amount of the bid, such deposit or check or amount of Bidder's Bond to be forfeited to the municipality in the event that the successful bidder shall fail to enter into a contract awarded to him in accordance with the terms of his bid. Bids shall be marked as to indicate: Name of Bidder: "Bid on Rehabilitation of Elevated Tower to be opened 1:00 P.M. January 24, 2024

“A contractor responding to this solicitation document shall submit to the city a signed statement under oath by an owner or

officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.” (Form C-452)

“The term ‘responsible contractor’ as used in this solicitation document means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.”

“Any prime contractor or subcontractor that does not meet criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3 or fails to verify that it meets those criteria is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded the construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project.”

“A false statement under oath verifying compliance with any of the minimum criteria shall render the prime contractor or subcontractor that makes the false statement ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project and may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor or subcontractor that submits a false statement.”

“A prime contractor shall submit to the city copies of the signed verifications of compliance from all subcontractors of any tier pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3, clause 7.”

The City of Clearbrook reserves the right to hold all bids for a period of 60 days after the date fixed for the opening thereof and to reject any bid, or bids, or all bids and to waive any irregularities. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

By Order of the City Council
Lucie Thompson, City Clerk
City of Clearbrook, Minnesota
R40-41C

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: November 28, 2023
White Earth Investment Initiative
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

PEMBERTON LAW, P.L.L.P.
By: Chad R. Felstul
Attorneys for Mortgagee
110 North Mill Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Telephone: 218-736-5493
Loan No. 3050002888

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale Foreclosure Data

Transaction Agent; residential mortgage servicer; and lender or broker: N/A

Transaction Agent's mortgage ID number (MERS number): N/A

Name of mortgage originator: N/A
R38-43C

County Commissioners... Continued from page 2

a motion to authorize the purchase of a FZ-55 Panasonic Toughbook computer from Baycom for the price of \$3,132.00. Funds for this purchase will come out of the gun permit account. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Larson made a motion to authorize the Sheriff to apply for a DWI/Traffic Safety Officer grant through the MN office of Traffic Safety, seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried.

Truth in Taxation meeting

At this point Commissioner Newland recessed the regular meeting and opened the Truth in Taxation meeting. There were approximately 9-10 citizens in attendance as well as all the staff from the County Assessor's Office. Al Paulson, County Auditor noted that the county tax levy was a 0% increase for 2024 and then shared what other counties in the surrounding area had levied. Those counties ranged from a 3% increase up to a 9% increase. Commissioner Newland asked for citizen comments.

The first resident to speak was William Johnson. He stated that the valuation of his property went up by 52% which he feels was disproportionate. His taxes will be increasing 17% due to the increase in valuation. Terrie Johnson, County Assessor noted that most lakeshore properties had gone up in value since COVID, due to people wanting to work from home and driving up prices. Johnson explained that there are three main factors in property valuation – 1. Data that the Assessor has on file, 2. The current market (what properties are selling for in this

area, and 3. Costs (what current construction costs are). Of those three, it is in the best interest of property owners to check with the Assessors office to make sure the data they have on the property is accurate. Editor's note - during the annual Valuation meeting in mid-2023, there were several residents that attended and had their valuations decreased due to inaccuracies in their property data.

Greg Shurzer was next to explain that his taxes were going up by 30% due to the valuation of his property going up by 50% and his Homestead credit going down. Terrie Johnson explained that there has been a change to Homestead Exclusions (they are no longer called "credits") and that the higher the property value, the less the exclusion will be. At a certain value, the Homestead Exclusion goes away.

The next resident to speak explained that their valuation had gone up, Homestead Exclusion had dropped and as a result, the taxes would be increasing - like what the other residents had stated.

The last residents to speak were a couple that had some land that the valuation had increased on. After a few questions about the property, Terry Johnson explained that the increase was due to a change in classification of the property. Johnson encouraged all of those in attendance to visit with the staff in attendance at the meeting to review the data on their property.

At 6:45 pm, Commissioner Newland closed the Truth in Taxation meeting and reconvened the regular commissioner's meeting.

Dan Hecht, Environmental Services Director addressed the commissioners with three requests. Commissioner Nelson

made a motion to authorize the purchase of one 80" x 14' galvanized steel utility trailer from Remackel Trailers, Inc of Forest Lake, MN in the amount of \$5,375.00, to be paid from the Solid Waste Collection Account. The trailer will be used for solid waste collection site maintenance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried. The next motion was made by Commissioner Larson to approve the agreement for roadside spraying for 2024-2025 between the county and Roy Abraham for noxious weed control at the hourly rate of \$147.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion carried. Commissioner Dukek then made a motion to approve the agreement for roadside right of way spraying for 2024-2025 between the county and Roy Abraham for noxious weed control at the hourly rate of \$135.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried.

Dan Sauv , County Engineer submitted monthly bills to be paid. After review, Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve payment of the highway department bills as presented, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Motion carried. Commissioner Dukek made a motion to accept the Engineer's certificate of performance for CP 23-200 (regravel) and authorize final payment to Vogt's Dirt Service, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion carried. Commissioner Larson made a motion to accept the Engineer's certificate of performance for SAP 015-599-022 (Pine Lake Township bridge replacement) and authorize final payment to Triple D Construction and Leasing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion carried. Sauv 

distributed the final draft of the highway department budget for 2024. After reviewing the budget, Commissioner Dukek made the motion to approve the budget, seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion carried. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Better Built 98 Gallon Tank and Pump Kit from Carlson Parts Store of Bagley in the amount of \$1,325.99. Motion was seconded Commissioner Titera. Motion carried. Commissioner Larson made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Boss VXT Snowplow from Willberg's Auto Center of Bagley in the amount of \$9,726.00. Seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion carried.

Al Paulson, Auditor-Treasurer returned to present the remaining year-end and personnel related items that they didn't get to in the earlier part of the meeting.

Dukek/Larson to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from General Revenue to the Landfill Development Account. Motion carried.

Nelson/Newland to approve the transfer of \$75,000 from General Revenue to the Rural Signing Account. Motion carried.

Nelson/Titera to approve the salary increase for the County Attorney from \$99,923.20 to \$102,980.80 for 2024. Motion carried.

Larson/Nelson to approve the salary increase for the Auditor-Treasurer from \$100,598.25 to \$103,616.20 for 2024. Motion carried.

Dukek/Titera to approve the salary for Commissioners for 2024 of \$20,742 (same as 2023). Motion carried.

Titera/Nelson to approve the per diem for Commissioners to be increased from \$60 to \$75 per meeting for 2024. Motion carried.

Nelson/Larson to approve the non-union pay scale increase of 3% for non-union employees. Motion carried.

Titera/Nelson to approve the salary increase for the Recorder from \$80,142.40 to \$82,546.67 for 2024. Motion carried.

Dukek/Larson to approve the salary increase for the Sheriff from \$100,505.60 to \$103,520.77 for 2024. Motion carried.

Nelson/Titera to approve the Sheriff, Jail Administrator and the Chief Deputy to get the same contribution toward the Teamsters Health Fund Insurance as the Teamsters Local 346 Union, effective 1/1/24. Motion carried.

Newland/Larson to designate the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office as the polling place for South Clearwater 143-36 and Red Lake Reservation precincts for the 2024 election cycle. Motion carried.

Larson/Nelson to designate the Auditor-Treasurer to establish an Absentee, Mail and UOCAVA Ballot Board consisting of Auditor-Treasurer office staff and election judges effective for the 2024 Presidential Primary, Primary and General Elections. Motion carried.

Dukek/Titera to approve the 2024 Solid Waste Management Fund budget. Motion carried.

Nelson/Larson to approve the 2024 levy with totals of \$7,042,552 (Gross Levy), \$1,125,190 (CPA), and \$5,917,362 (Net Levy Base). Motion carried.

Newland/Nelson to approve the 2024 County Revenue Fund budget. Revenues of \$14,667,254 and Expenditures of \$14,667,254. Motion carried.

Larson/Nelson to approve the cancellation of warrants. Motion carried.

Dukek/Newland to approve the hiring of Shay Engelstad as Building Maintenance Custodian II at Grade 11, Step 6 with an employment date of 12/26/23. Motion carried.

Larson/Titera to approve the appointment of Jake Nelson to the position of Information Technology Specialist, effective January 2, 2024, with starting salary at Range 16, Step 2. The meeting was then adjourned.



Sharon and JoAnn are truly a blessing to the food shelf and to the community. Congratulate them on the exceptional work that they do!!

Friends of the Food Shelf for November and December

Last but not least, we honor our DYNAMIC DUO as Friends of the Food Shelf during the holiday season in November and December. Site Manager Sharon Braaten and Assistant Manager JoAnn Paulson are essential to the operation of the Food Shelf.

This duo does it all. They determine the menu for the monthly distribution, order the food, build the boxes, oversee the volunteers, manage the donations, track the clientele, and calculate the poundage. They are always smiling and gracious. They create a cheerful, positive, attractive and clean venue for the community.

The Food Shelf has seen record numbers of clientele this year ~ surpassing all other

years. In fact, December 6th set a record with the largest number of families visiting the food shelf in a single day ~ 88 families!! We are thankful to be able to provide food to all of the clients in our community who are in need. However, inflation has hit us as hard as everyone else. If you are fortunate enough to be able to give to others this holiday season, please consider a monetary donation to the Clearwater County Food Shelf, PO BX 578, Bagley, Mn 56621. Or drop off any food donations during our regular hours on Wednesdays (10 am - 2 pm). Remember, the food shelf will be closed during the holidays on December 27th. We reopen for 2024 on January 3rd.



Love Lights a Tree



Laura Lindgren and Sara Everson with hand embroidered towels at the Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook.



Rilla Nelson enjoying the wild rice soup that was served at the Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook.



The Blue Ribbon Rangers 4-H Club from Shevlin had ornaments and other items. From left to right Hanna Johnshoy, Tucker Coombs and Kayla Johnshoy at the Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook.

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1
12/14/23 08:41:59 Traffic Stop
City of Bagley Total 16
12/10/23 01:03:02 Traffic Stop
12/10/23 12:09:15 Court Order
Violation - Handled By Officer
12/10/23 13:03:02 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/10/23 19:03:18 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/11/23 05:57:51 Traffic Stop
12/11/23 08:52:16 Minor Consume - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/12/23 11:17:45 Civil Complain
12/12/23 18:10:29 THEFT
12/13/23 11:20:54 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/13/23 22:14:43 Traffic Stop
12/13/23 22:47:26 - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/14/23 10:18:06 Fire
12/15/23 00:17:33 Traffic Stop
12/15/23 12:10:48 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/15/23 15:26:07 Medical
12/15/23 19:16:42 Traffic Stop
City of Clearbrook - Total 2
12/10/23 13:43:07 911 Hang Up
12/10/23 19:22:03 THEFT
City of Gonvick - Total 1
12/11/23 10:03:52 Motor Vehicle Crash - - Handled By Officer / Deputy
- City of Shevlin - Total 3
12/11/23 05:27:21 Traffic Stop
12/14/23 05:16:50 Traffic Stop
12/14/23 23:14:06 Traffic Stop
Copley - Total 11
12/10/23 14:42:40 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/11/23 22:37:37 Traffic Stop
12/12/23 16:56:24 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/13/23 15:49:05 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy

12/13/23 18:06:58 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/14/23 16:21:35 Traffic Stop
12/15/23 14:57:15 - Report Taken
12/16/23 02:35:01 Traffic Stop
12/16/23 07:32:21 Medical 45 - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/16/23 09:01:39 Transport (Welfare/Civil) Handled By Officer
12/16/23 09:36:35 Information Only - Information
Dudley - Total 2
12/14/23 19:23:15 Fire - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/14/23 20:28:41 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 4
12/10/23 00:14:53 Traffic Stop - Arrest
12/10/23 11:31:08 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/15/23 23:06:53 Traffic Stop
12/16/23 00:01:32 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Falk - Total 1
12/14/23 23:24:27 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
LaPraire - Total 3
12/12/23 23:33:17 Traffic Stop
12/13/23 08:57:07 Disturbance
12/16/23 08:34:27 Information Only - Information
LaPraire N - Total 7
12/11/23 15:01:53 Warrant - Attempt to - Arrest
12/13/23 14:48:41 Warrant - Attempt - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/13/23 20:54:49 Traffic Stop
12/13/23 21:36:50 Traffic Stop
12/14/23 07:35:57 Vandalism
12/14/23 14:12:42 Vandalism
12/15/23 23:22:34 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Leon - Total 2
12/15/23 20:22:31 Traffic Complaint - - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/16/23 10:02:49 Juvenile Misc/Page 3 of 4
Minerva - Total 1
12/12/23 00:39:25 - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Moose Creek - Total 2

12/14/23 09:49:52 Warrant Arrest
12/15/23 06:32:59 Motorist Assist
Nora - Total 3
12/12/23 06:14:19 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/14/23 21:53:22 Traffic Stop
12/15/23 08:19:20 Traffic Stop
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 1
12/12/23 12:14:37 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Pine Lake - Total 2
12/11/23 18:35:42 Traffic Stop
12/15/23 22:38:41 Welfare Check
Popple - Total 5
12/10/23 23:39:01 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/12/23 08:11:01 Lost/Found Property - Information
12/13/23 03:25:17 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/13/23 18:36:49 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
12/15/23 20:44:24 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Rice - Total 3
12/11/23 08:44:24 Information
12/15/23 19:48:05 Civil Complaint O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/16/23 17:30:27 Traffic Stop
Shevlin - Total 13
12/10/23 05:24:47 Traffic Stop
12/11/23 03:26:43 Traffic Stop
12/11/23 04:44:22 Traffic Stop
12/11/23 05:11:59 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/11/23 05:47:00 Traffic Stop
12/12/23 05:48:16 Traffic Stop
12/13/23 04:57:57 Traffic Stop
12/13/23 05:09:09 Traffic Stop
12/13/23 05:22:06 Traffic Stop
12/14/23 05:29:32 Traffic Stop
12/14/23 05:52:04 Traffic Stop
12/14/23 17:59:37 Traffic Stop
12/14/23 22:52:50 Traffic Stop
Sinclair - Total 2
12/13/23 23:52:39 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/14/23 13:35:14 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Total Records: 85



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