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Happy
New Year

From all of us at
the Leader-Record

We will be closed
Monday, January 1st, 2024

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Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial-Pine Lake 200 Snowmobile Race delayed to January 6 and 7

From the race committee
Please share to help spread the word. With this forecast, we are tentatively moving our race date to January 6th and 7th. At this point, we aren't even sure if we will have enough ice by then. We will keep you posted on our upcoming decision, likely have more information on January 1st.

Even though we are moving the race date, we still have to have the raffle drawing next Sunday night. We would appreciate your support and buy the raffle tickets, it is a huge fundraiser for us, and we have some great prizes!

We are aware of the UTV and fish house that fell through today. Reports are that the pressure ridge was 2' high yesterday and it was about 6' high today,

and that is where the incident happened. There is 10" of ice on each side of the pressure ridge.

Happy holidays everyone, let's hope for some cold weather.

Our grand prize is our \$10,000.00 to win 1997 Pro 440 class winning ZR 440 from Arlaud Racing, presented by Kost Materials!

The second prize is a Beretta Tikka TX3 6.5 Creedmoor donated by Bagley Motorsports.

3rd through 5th place prizes are \$500.00 race department gift certificates from Arctic Cat, Ski-Doo and Polaris.

This is a huge part on how we keep this race going, and your ticket purchases sure are appreciated!

You can also message race page to get your name on a ticket. Just message the race

page with info and Venmo Jenna Carda.

@Jenna-Dyrdaahl
Raffle tickets available at the following locations.

- Leonard:**
Side Track Tap
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Clearbrook:
North Country Hardware
Community Oil
Y92
Gonvick:
The Trap
Northern Bait
& Convenience
Sportsman's Lodge
Bemidji:
Roth RV
Bemidji Sports Center

Clearbrook-Gonvick school adopts tax levy for next year

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board met in regular session on Monday, December 18. The Truth in Taxation meeting was held first with Superintendent Grow going over with the board truth-in-taxation information and then they can adopt and certify a proposed and final property tax levy. The board made a motion to adopt the maximum amount of \$1,960,721.27 for the next year. This is a 20% decrease from the levy from last year. This is due to the payments that were made of over \$400,000 for the school addition on the east end of the school with the bulk being paid off.

Mr. Bettin gave the Spotlight on Education for the last month. This was the 75th day of

school. Lots of things have been going on. The kitchen staff had students from K to 6 decorating cookies for the holidays. They used, according to Mrs. Proffit, 122 pounds of frosting. Alex Churness was selected to the All-State Team with his 222.5 career tackles and with 100 tackles in football this year.

Principal report

Principal Tharaldson stated that the music program was a great success with Mrs. Ragan and Mrs. Mickelson and Ms Halvorson the student teacher in charge. They are going to have to use the whole gym next time as there were so many people.

Tharaldson was able to attend The Future of Work: Adapting to a Changing Environment

in Education conference in Waite Park. A lot of information and ideas related to workforce shortages in education with many speakers.

Lexie Lofgren will be in the High School American Indian Education Paraprofessional position. She will be working with families and students to ensure success at the school.

K-6 teachers will be completing the winter Fast/Bridge screening the week of January 8th to 12th in their classrooms. This is screening number 2 of 3 for this year and will include both math and reading. All of this information is useful for teachers when making decisions about how to best meet the needs of their students.

School will be out until January 2 for the Christmas holiday. There will be no school on January 15th as there will be a Teacher In-service.

The end of the semester and quarter is January 19th.

Superintendents report
They have positions open again for custodian and food service. They are also looking at a Career and Technical Education Instructor, CTE, if Ross Faldet chooses not to come back from his leave of absence. Individuals with strength and experience in woodshop, welding, construction, and agriculture are encouraged to apply.

The tentative agreement with the staff did not pass and they will be meeting after the New Year.

Not much is happening in the legislature.

ATSR, the company who did all the information for the school referendum that did not pass on November 7 would like to send out a survey for community comments. They would like to collect tax information for the next election.

The transportation committee meeting has not been scheduled and there would be plans to do that.

Open Enrollment had a difference of one student down from last month to 528. They do not have any policy for this program. There are now 144 open enrolled students in the district. The fifth grade has 53 students which is a very large for the classroom size. Grow will be getting input from staff on the policy.

School board....
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The Clearwater County Historical Society hosted its volunteers for a Christmas Lunch on Thursday, December 21. Over half of the 50 volunteers on its roster attended and enjoyed a ham dinner. Included were the weekly volunteers: Sue Anderson, Carol Sundquist (who is also a board member) , Virgil Prestby, Diane Jackson and JoAnn Steindl. Also attending were volunteers with the cemetery walk, the bake sale and with other projects during the year including: Steve & Sherry Wynkoop, Becky Yocum, Lorraine Brustad, Shirley Dukek, Janice Nelson, Jane Gregory, Jerry Gordon, Tim Arneson, Millie Dickinson, Darla Haseltine, Pam French, Ken Brein and Steve Anderson. Board members attending were Ron Halvorson, Laurie Brein and Mary Hood. Staff at the History served: Tamara Edevold, Denise Hogenson, Jim Michel and Jazmyn Smith. Long time volunteer Virgil Prestby was awarded a Lifetime Membership for his many years as a regular Thursday volunteer.



A retirement breakfast and cake was served at Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick last week for Scott Bakke. Before driving a school bus Scott operated Bakke Motors in Gonvick. Scott drove bus for Clearbrook-Gonvick School District for 16 years in which time he only missed two days of driving! He said he will miss the kids but is looking forward to retirement. Scott is married to LeeAnn (Bardwell) Bakke and they have two children and grandchildren. He is the son of Kathy and Wayne Bakke of Gonvick. Scott is shown with the bus drivers and staff. He is second from the left at the table.



A big thank you to G&G Construction, Charps Inc, Bakkens Market, Clearbrook Community Club, & Nei Bottling, for your generous donations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears football program.

BEAR TRACKS

SPORTS SCHEDULES FOR CLEARBROOK-GONVICK

Boys
1/5/24 @ Blackduck
1/12/24 vs. Roseau
1/12/24 vs. Northern Freeze
1/16/24 @ Red Lake County (RLF)
1/19/24 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
1/23/24 vs. BGMR
1/26/24 vs. Mahnomen/Waubun
1/30/24 @ Red Lake
2/1/24 vs. Red Lake County
2/6/24 @ Win-E-Mac
2/8/24 vs. GGG
2/10/24@ KCC (@ Sacred Heart, Super Saturday)TBD
2/13/24 vs. Sacred Heart



The University of Minnesota Crookston trap team placed second in the nation at the 2023 USA College Clay Target League College National Championship. The Golden Eagles had a score of 482, just five points behind Williston State College in first. They defeated Western Michigan University by two points. Congratulations to Clearbrook-Gonvick Alumnus Jayden Bergerson on placing 5th in Varsity Male Shooter in 2023 College National Trap Championships (98/100). Great job Jayden!



Six players in the area have been named to the Minnesota 9-man all-state football team, which was selected by league coaches last week. Included was Alex Churness. Churness is a 5-10, 175-pound senior running back-linebacker for Clearbrook-Gonvick, which finished 7-4 in 2023. Churness ended the year with 145 carries for 1,140 yards and 21 touchdowns. He had 105.5 tackles on defense including 11.0 tackles for loss.



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

2/15/24 vs. Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
2/20/24 vs. Fertile-Beltrami (double header)
2/22/24 vs. Bagley
2/29/24 vs. Kelliher/Northome
3/1/24 @ Fosston

SPORTS SCHEDULES FOR CLEARBROOK-GONVICK

Girls
1/4/24 vs. Red Lake Falls
1/5/24 vs. Kelliher/Northome
1/9/24@ Fosston
1/11/24@ Laporte
1/16/24vs. Nevis
1/19/24@ Walker-H-Akeley
1/22/24vs. Mahnomen-Waubun
1/25/24vs. Red Lake

1/30/24vs. Pine River-Backus
2/2/24@ Blackduck
2/6/24vs. Lake of the Woods
2/8/24@ Red Lake Falls
2/9/24 vs. GGG
2/13/24@ Bagley
2/15/24@ Red Lake Cty Central
2/20/24vs. Fertile-Beltrami (DH)
2/23/24@ Kelliher/Northome

Bears to perform at Target Center

The CG Bears Varsity Cheer team is set to perform and lead select fans in the Cheer tunnel Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at a Minnesota Timberwolves vs. the Denver Nuggets game at the Target Center!

The Cheer team has a group sales code for this highly anticipated game. Check the commons area at the school for fliers and information.

Tickets are just \$50.00! Book your tickets now and come and support the Cheer team and the MN Timberwolves!

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch Menu

Dec. 25 to Jan. 2 - No School. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bears over Bears

On Tuesday, December 19th the Clearbrook-Gonvick Lady Bears traveled to Baudette to take on the LOW Bears.

Our girls beat LOW 83-61

We had a phenomenal team effort with a low turnover rate and shot 48% overall.

High Scorers for the game were:

Sophomore Emma Fawver with 28 points

Junior Allison LaVine with 26 points

Rebounds:

Allison LaVine with 16 rebounds, Sophomore Joely Olson with 7, Senior Haley McCoy with 6.

These girls are working hard and overcoming early season shortcomings quickly.

Bears advance to a 3-5 record.

Next game is tonight against the Roseau Rams in Clearbrook.

Thanks,
Coach Samson

GGG Chargers over CG Bears 75 to 62

Clearbrook-Gonvick boys team traveled Goodridge to take on the Grygla-Goodridge-Gatzke team. The first half was a close game with the Chargers getting 38 points to 32 for the Bears. It was a tussle between Hassani Bruton scoring 15 points in the first half to 16 for Blake Rychlock for the Chargers. The two went head to head in the second half as well but Blake out scored Hassani 24 to 17 to give the Chargers the 62-75 victory. Blake also had 3- three point baskets.

Also scoring for the Bears were Braxton Bjerke 16, Ben Goudge 12 and James Preuss 2.

The final score was 75 to 62.

Also scoring for the Chargers were Blake Rychlock 40, Spencer Coan 7, Owen Larson 4, Chase Manderud 3, Carson Rubishko 2, Lewis Jones 16 and Russell Rian 2.

Bears and Red Lake

The Red Lake Warriors hit 17 three pointers in their 112-59 win over Clearbrook-Gonvick. Gerald Kingbird Jr. led the Warriors with 32 points while David Dudley pitched in with 27 points and 13 rebounds. Jack Brown hit 7 three pointers and scored 26 points for the Warriors as they improve to 5-2 overall.

Hassani Bruton led Clearbrook-Gonvick with 24 points as the Bears fall to 1-3 overall. Braxton Bjerke added 10 points for Clearbrook-Gonvick. Clearbrook-Gonvick won the "B" Squad game 60-54.

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. Tourney) 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



Congratulations to Clearbrook-Gonvick elementary student of the month winner for December: Caiden Lewis

Ruby's Pantry... Continued from page 2

of the line, to limit amount of change needed.

- Do NOT bring your own totes or boxes. Everything will be packaged and ready to go for you. Sorry there will be no choices or requests honored.

- BE PREPARED - Be sure your trunk/cargo area is emptied and ready to fill. Make sure your trunk or hatch is open and ready to receive your bundle while you're in line (prior to you getting to the front of the line).

- Please be patient, there may be wait times, we are doing the best we can. If everyone follows the above guidelines, things should flow quickly and smoothly.

- We have the right to refuse anyone who does not follow these instructions.

Thank you so much for your understanding and patience.

Parents of Clearbrook-Gonvick students

Parents and guardians, please write your child's name on the tags in his/her clothing!! The Lost & Found has so many items. Children leave their sweaters, jackets, and sweatshirts on the playground or in the gym, and it's easy to return the items to them if their name is on the item. If there is no name on the item, we don't know to whom it belongs, and it sits in the Lost & Found for weeks!

Please check the lost and found tables this week when you are at the school .

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Leonard: Strands Grocery Store

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Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer

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VA cost of living increase for 2024 / Office Update

With the coming of the new year, many things are set to change. This includes the VA's disability and pension rates paid to Veterans. Usually, every year there is a Cost Of Living Adjustment known as COLA. That COLA for 2024 will be 3.2%. The VA COLA by law follows Social Security's increase and that too is at 3.2%. You can expect these changes made to your disability or pension payments to take affect automatically this month.

As a reminder to all Veterans and family members of Veterans in Clearwater County, the Veteran Service Office has reduced hours and staffing. The office is only open and staffed Mondays and Tuesdays. This will continue until March of 2024. This



is due to myself being called back to service with the Army. We do have a secretary in the office Mondays and Tuesdays to take care of your needs though. Her name is Michelle Nordlund and you will find that she is friendly to work with. I am still your Veteran Service Officer and can still do some things for you even though I am gone. But please note that our offices response times will be slower due to this. I appreciate your understanding of the manner.

Have a Merry Christmas

Clearwater County!
Michelle Nordlund

Clearwater County Veteran's Service Office

213 Main Avenue North,

Dept.

Bagley, Minnesota 56621

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Carson Erickson, freshman class vice-president and Kensey LaCroix, senior class president, represent the Bagley High School Student Council and their donation to the Clearwater Christmas Project. Co-Chair Destiny Halvorson accepts the donations.

Clearwater Christmas project donation

Co-Chair of the Clearwater Christmas Project, Destiny Halvorson, is pleased to accept the BHS Student Council donation. The Student Council chose the CCP as their service project during the month of December. SC Representatives visited classrooms each day and collected money/toys for CCP. Congratulations to Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Reynolds ~ each of their classes raised over \$10 per student. They will be sharing a pizza celebration. In total, \$777.54 was raised, as well as 20 toys collected! Amaz-

ing and well done students of Bagley High!

The Clearwater Christmas Project distributed over 600 toys to community members the first week of December. 225 grocery vouchers were also distributed. Finally, CCP gave a monetary donation to both the Clearbrook and the Bagley Sr Centers to help with the cost of the holiday meals. Thanks to the generosity of the community and organizations within the community, the CCP was able to assist those among us who are in need.



The youngest person to attend Border Bank Christmas time last week was Millie Sloan with her mother.

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- aluminum cans
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- 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.

Home Country

The morning conference began innocently enough, with Steve and Doc arguing over which of the little packaged jellies went better on sour-dough toast, and no one caring which one was right.

Dud and Bert and I sat silently, sucking down the morning elixir until it spread life to our outermost reaches as the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank crept to life. Bert was unusually quiet this morning and we asked why. He hemmed and hawed a little, then said, "Doc, you know about these things. What exactly is female trouble?"

Oh shoot. Pretty heavy stuff for just two cups of coffee, so the rest of us hurried down a third as Doc puffed up a bit and got ready.

"Sure, Bert," Doc said kindly. Then Doc gave us the best his nine years of college and 50 years of medical practice had blessed him with. He waxed eloquent on hormonal elements, the ebb and flow of female fertility, things that could go wrong with tubular parts, and the effect all of these things could have on the attitudinal proclivities of the dear ladies we all love and admire. He took a break while Mavis returned with more coffee and with strange looks at our faces while we tried not to stare at her. Then she was gone, and Doc began again. Finally, when we had been pretty well checked out on the mysterious workings of the gentle gender, Doc said, "Bert, if your wife is having some problems, have her give me a call."

"Oh, it ain't her, Doc," Bert said. "It's Dud."

We all looked at Dud. He grinned sheepishly. No one wanted to say anything. Finally, Steve said, "I'm not going to be the one to ask."

"That's what you said, Dud, right?" Bert asked. "That's why Saturday's plans are shot."

"Female trouble?" Doc said, looking at his old friend.

Dud nodded. "Anita won't let me go fishing this weekend."

Brought to you by the nice folks at Rust Medical Center in Albuquerque. Thank you.

What follows is the bonus piece.

Santa is a cowboy
By Slim Randles

The subject came up spontaneously at a recent meeting of the New Mexico Cowboy Curmudgeon Coalition, where our motto is: "If we actually existed, would anyone really care?" It came about because of the time of year and the spirit of Christmas, and was encouraged by other spirits, of a more ... well ... bottled variety.

"I think it's time," said one member, "we gave credit where credit is due. Santa Claus ... hear me out now ... is a cowboy."

This met with derisive outbursts in the House of Commons, which is more the Bunkhouse of Commons here. Why? Because being a cowboy is the pinnacle of human achievement, and those who reach these heights tend to jealously guard the gates. It was quickly pointed out that Santa is a bit ... chunky, to make much of a hand. And what did we know of his ranching background?

But then a miracle happened. The clouds of doubt pulled away from the argument and the light of sense and reason shone round and about like dawn on a thistle. The coalition member who had suggested membership for Santa spent the next half hour laying out why Santa is really a cowboy.

Let us examine his points with care, in hopes that enlightenment soon will be there.

Cowboys selflessly dedicate their lives to helping others and protecting women and children from evil, naturally, and no one could argue that if anyone were to threaten a kid, he'd get a Santa whuppin' in no time flat. This was as clear as the moon on the crest of newfallen snow, so, from a valorous point of view, S. Claus was well on his way to cowboydom.

A true cowboy loves animals, too. In fact, a true cowboy will feed completely useless stock long after they have outlived their usefulness, just so he can go out and feed something. Naturally, if a guy were to feed ... oh, say eight reindeer all year long just so he'd have some transportation for a single night? Oh yes, the luster of midday to objects below was beginning in force.

Then, too, Santa spends all year long discovering new ways of having fun, without once giving heed to the family exchequer. It's as though money were no object in a year-long pursuit of happiness for others.

And then, when a year's

By Slim Randles

hard work is completed, what does Santa do? He gives it all away in a single night! Yea, verily, it makes a guy lay a finger aside his nose with glee.

But is all this truly the essence of being a cowboy? Well then, consider this:

Santa has the ability and desire to get into literally millions of tight places in a single night on the town! And somehow he manages to get himself out of these tight places, as well, as he makes his way back to the stock.

Add it all up, Santa's life is impressive, but simply blowing the fruits of a year's work on a single night of selflessness doesn't carry with it the élan, the Santa savoir faire that fans have credited to genuine New Mexico cowboys all these years. Surely

there must be more.

Well, there is. And this is what put the cherry on the whole Cowboy Santa brouhaha.

Santa has, for eons now, spent all night out, gallivanting around here and there on a marvelous and miraculous worldwide toot, and is still able to convince Mrs. Claus he is just going out for milk and cookies.

Now there, we said in a spontaneous toast to the jolly old elf, is a real cowboy..

BY THE COURT
Eric P. Schieferdecker
Judge of District Court

(COURT SEAL)

Dated: 12-15-23
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"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."

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"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

LEGAL NOTICE

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.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on January 18th, 2024, 9:00 AM. by this Court at 213 Main Avenue, Bagley, MN 56621.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: ☒ Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: 12-15-23

LEGAL NOTICE

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.

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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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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 (NW¼/NE¼), 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

requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Clearwater County Courthouse, First Floor, Dept. 102, Bagley, Minnesota, to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the Mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

Slim Randles has driven Alaska's Iditarod Race with seven dogs, and has done enough other idiotic things to qualify for membership in the New Mexico Cowboy Curmudgeon Coalition. Slim and his wife, Catherine, live in Albuquerque.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF HANGAARD
PRECINCT NUMBER 0055
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

March 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election
The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the March 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election for the Township of Hangaard, precinct number 0055 by mail ballot.

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will mail ballots to all registered voters in this Township between 14 and 46 days before the Election. Each voter registered by the 21st day before the Election will be mailed a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, either by mail, in person or by designated agent, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Each eligible voter who is NOT registered may apply for a ballot from the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office. Any voter who will be absent from the precinct may apply to receive the Absentee Ballot at a temporary address. Applications are available in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

Ballots will be counted at the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Inquiries about Mail Elections should be directed to the office of the Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer. Regular office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, phone 694-6520 or write:

Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer
213 Main Ave N Dept 202
Bagley, MN 56621-8304

Allen L. Paulson
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer R41-42C

NOTICE
RED LAKE RESERVATION
PRECINCT NUMBER 0056
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

March 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election
The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the March 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election for the Red Lake Reservation, precinct number 0056 by mail ballot.

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will mail ballots to all registered voters in this Township between 14 and 46 days before the Election. Each voter registered by the 21st day before the Election will be mailed a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, either by mail, in person or by designated agent, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF DUDLEY
PRECINCT NUMBER 0030
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

March 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election
The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the March 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election for the Township of Dudley, precinct number 0030 by mail ballot.

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will mail ballots to all registered voters in this Township between 14 and 46 days before the Election. Each voter registered by the 21st day before the Election will be mailed a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, either by mail, in person or by designated agent, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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NOTICE
CITY OF LEONARD
PRECINCT NUMBER 0080
MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

March 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election
The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the March 5, 2024 Presidential Nomination Primary Election for the City of Leonard, precinct number 0080 by mail ballot.

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will mail ballots to all registered voters in this City between 14 and 46 days before the Election. Each voter registered by the 21st day before the Election will be mailed a ballot. All ballots must be returned to the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, either by mail, in person or by designated agent, no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick December student of the month winners! Front: Porter Long, Satine Lewis, Corrine Abel, Stella Gustafson, Sawyer Knutson Willett, Luna Erickson, and Blaire Ehlers, Middle: Ellyse Berg, Isabelle Krog, Brekken Juberian, Dylan Larson, Indi Juberian, Emma Chandler, and CeeAnn Defoe, Back: High School Student of the Month Winners: Niah Knutson Willett, Grant Engen, Alex Churness, Tatum Melby, and Sarah Imle. Not pictured: Lily Lussier



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Weekly Inky Wink



with Oopsy Annie!

In 1973, at the age of 9, I left the black loamy earth of my large, extended family's farmlands in Clearwater County for the too bright, reddish-orange clay of Charleston, SC. Clay that bubbled up into humongous ant hills filled with man-eating red ants. In a place where the air stayed warm and balmy even at Christmas time, and beyond. Where not one snowflake could be seen or felt on my hot cheek. I wasn't impressed and wanted

to go back home. My longing for home felt especially acute as Christmas drew near. I realized there would be no large family holiday gatherings for me. Christmas would be celebrated with just my mom, and my new, annoying stepdad in this bewildering, foreign land of sunshine, pine trees, and man-eating ants. Homesickness enveloped me. I missed the lovely snow-covered winter woods glowing at night, reflecting the moon and stars. I missed the sound of wind blowing easy through the woods, making them quietly creak and groan. Catching downy, delectably cold snowflakes on my tongue. Seeing snowflakes fall from a black sky into the headlights of our car like mini meteors sent from Jack Frost. To make matters worse, my 4th grade teacher gave us

homework over Christmas vacation. The nerve! We were all instructed to memorize a poem. Mine was written by some long dead guy, Robert Frost. Good grief. Boring..., or so I thought. I believe truly, good poetry is the kind that holds the mystical, magical ability to transport us somewhere else. For a minute, or two. Perhaps, if we're real lucky, for long lingering minutes of sensory-rich enchantment. My homework poem was titled, Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening. It couldn't have been more perfect, more transformative, for my nine-year-old self. Memorizing it, reflecting on each word, each image, brought me "home". I knew the woods Robert Frost spoke of. My annoying stepdad loved Robert Frost's poem. He helped me learn it, understand it further. Maybe he wasn't so terribly annoying after all.



Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
by Robert Frost
Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and fro-

zen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

I've traveled miles and miles across our country's lands over the last 50 years. Finally, once again, I live in Clearwater County. Our home rests on berry bushes and many rhubarb plants gone still for winter. There are NO man-eating ants to be seen!
I could write further on this subject, however it's the holiday season, and I have promises to keep. Tonight, I will sleep content. May I wish the same for you. Soon we'll say "Goodbye" to 2023, and "Hello" to 2024. May it be a blessed year for us all.



Tessa Mahoney from Appleton and Betty Malm from Clearbrook at the Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook. They had wool hats and mittens for sale at their booth.

A mysterious Santa dropped by.
He didn't say much, just a "Hi".
He left in a hurry, with no other worry, than to deliver his food on the fly.
Thank you Gonvick community so much for the awesome Christmas dinner! Such a surprise!
Ray & Carol Sundquist

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

Accepting:

- ✗ Demolition Debris
- ✗ Waste Tires
- ✗ Major Appliances
- ✗ Scrap Metal
- ✗ Yard Waste
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items

NO regular household trash

Hours:	Tuesday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	Thursday	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATED 1.5 miles NE of Bagley on County Road 24
For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us



United Lutheran Church had their annual Sunday School Christmas program on December 17th. The youth told the story of Jesus birth, and sang songs of praise. Students included Kyra Horn, Maddisyn Horn, Addie McKnight, Jack McKnight, Theodore Horn, Sverin Boe, Joseph Horn, and Aris Halvorson.

