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Introducing a new addition to the Clearbrook-Gonvick special education paraeducator staff. "My name is Amanda Nelson. I live in rural Clearbrook with my husband Brady, and our three children Talia, Harvey, and Eloise. I absolutely love the summer, warm weather, and being outside! As a family we enjoy going for ranger rides, fishing and hunting. I am very excited for this opportunity to work at our school!"
Welcome Amanda to C-G Schools!

Gonvick City Council meeting

The Gonvick City Council at their regular January meeting made the 2024 annual appointments. Each member was selected to Blight & Weed Control; Emergency Management; Economic Development; E Commerce; Finance; Water & Sewer; Streets & Roads; Parks & Recreation; Police Liaison and Community Center. The Leader-Record was named the Official Newspaper. The Northern State Bank was named the Official Depository. Miller McDonald Inc. was named the City Auditor. Reynolds, Harbott, Knutson & Larson (without retainer) as the City Attorney. Wiseth, Smith & Nolting the

City Engineers and Clearwater County Nursing as the Health Officer.

The police report was given by Chief of Police Ryan Solee. There were three records for the month that included Motor vehicle Crash 1; Suspicious Activity 1 and Traffic Stop 1. He is looking at a new patrol car that has four doors and would not be built for speed.

Cody Rude, Gonvick Fire Department Chief gave his report. Since the last city council meeting the department has had 2 Medical Calls, no meetings, 1 Work activity; 1 training night and 1 other incident. They had a Ranger that went

through the ice on Pine Lake. They had one fire alarm that was canceled in route. They also had a Minnesota fire training at the fire hall for education on the risks of the fire industry.

They are planning the township meeting for the last Tuesday in February. They will be serving a meal to the township officials.

The council approved the Commercial Revolving Loan for Devin Aakre for \$25,000 to go for the purchase of N B & C business in Gonvick.

The annual Engineer agree-

Gonvick council...
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Clearbrook-Gonvick district spelling bee held

The Clearbrook-Gonvick district spelling bee was held on Thursday, January 11, in the school gym. Participants were winners of the grades 5-8 classroom spelling bees. Those competing were Destinee Hemingson (5), Kylie Walton (5), Grace Gunning (6), Jammarr Weems (6), Abbi Fairbanks (7), Jayde King (7), Peyton Wittenberg (8), and Raina Jarnot (7). The

competition lasted for 20 rounds, with the winning word of "plaza." The winners were: Peyton Wittenberg, third place - (\$25); Raina Jarnot, second place- (\$50); and Abbi Fairbanks, first place- (\$100).

Abbi Fairbanks will compete in the regional spelling bee held in Thief River Falls on February 7, 2024 at Northland Community and Technical Col-

lege. The top speller from this competition will advance to the final competition in Maryland in May.

The local spelling bee is organized by English teacher Michelle DeVries. Judges were Sharon Johnson and Mary Springer. Special thanks to the Clearbrook Community Club for the donation of the cash prizes



Clearbrook-Gonvick Spelling Bee winners included from left to right: Third Place- Peyton Wittenberg (\$25); Second Place- Raina Jarnot (\$50); First Place-Abbi Fairbanks (\$100).



Clearbrook-Gonvick Spelling Bee Participants: Jammarr Weems, Grace Gunning, Raina Jarnot, Peyton Wittenberg, Kylie Walton, Destinee Hemingson, Jayde King, and Abbi Fairbanks.

County Board of Commissioners held their January 16 meeting

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

On Tuesday, January 16 the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse. All commissioners were in attendance, with Commissioner Stuart Dukek participating by phone.

The agenda for the meeting was approved as well as the minutes from the last meeting.

Allen Paulson, Auditor-Treasurer submitted invoices for review. Commissioner Mark Larson made the motion to authorize the Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$485,649.52 from the County Revenue Fund and \$21,253.90 from the Public Health Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dean Newland and passed unanimously. Paulson then submitted the 2924 Ditch Fund Budget for approval. Total revenue in the budget was \$41,029.00 and expenses were \$41,029.00. A motion was made to approve the budget by Commissioner John Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Motion carried.

Stuart Lien, Director of Information Technology submitted a request to purchase the 2024 General Government computer & software maintenance, upgrades, and support agreements not to exceed \$147,080.00. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Newland and seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried. Lien has a second request – the purchase of 2024 computer replacements and technology upgrades for General Government not to exceed \$153,531.00. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Mark Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion carried.

Sheriff Darin Halverson came before the board seeking approval to purchase new mobile and portable radios using funds from the one-time Public Safety appropriation from the State of Minnesota. Commissioner Dukek made the motion to authorize the purchase of fifteen

Motorola APX6500 mobile radios and thirteen Motorola APX 6000 portable radios and accessories from Roger's Two-Way Radio in the amount of \$162,013.32. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and the motion carried.

Derek Loiland was not present, but asked Board Coordinator Amanda Jordan to submit a request on behalf of the maintenance department. Commissioner Titera made a motion to approve the purchase of a computer, keyboard, mouse, APC backup, and Microsoft Professional 2021 licence for a total of \$1,617.85. Commissioner Newland seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Funds for the purchase will come from the Maintenance Budget.

Dan Suavé, County Engineer, was the final department head to address the board and submitted monthly bills for review. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the highway department bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion carried. Next was a request that had been submitted to the highway department from a citizen, Adam Fredenburg, for a second approach to his property. After some discussion, Commissioner Dukek made a motion stating that the board does find that extraordinary hardship or practical difficulty exists for Fredenburg's access plan of CSAH 2 and does authorize a modification of access standards to allow a second approach to parcel number R14.015.0200 in order to facilitate a parcel split. If the parcel split does not occur, this modification approval becomes void. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland and was approved. The next item Suavé presented for discussion was a local bridge replacement program with six different pieces that need approval.

1. Commissioner Newland made a motion to advertise project CP 24-200: regravels South

half of the county and to set date and time of bid letting for 10 am on March 12, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried.

2. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to advertise project CP 24-100: pavement amrrkings county wide and to set date and time of bid letting for 10 am on March 12, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera and was approved.

3. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to authorize an amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with Leon Township to replace Leon Township bridge L-1669 over Ruffy Brook and to set date and time of bid letting for 10 am on March 12, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larson and was approved.

4. Commissioner Newland made a motion to advertise project CP 24-600: base stabilization on CSAH 29 & 33, and to set date and time of bid letting for 10 am on March 12, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion carried.

5. Commissioner Larson made a motion to advertise project SAP 015-609-008, SAP 015-628-010 & SAP 015-628-011: milling and overlay on CSAH 9 & 28, and to set date and time of bid letting with the County Board Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Newland made a motion to advertise project CP 24-400: fuel supply, and to set date and time of bid letting for 10 am on July 9, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion carried.

The final request made by Suavé was for the purchase of 1,690 gallons of BaseOne in the amount of \$37,851.25 from Team Lab of Detroit Lakes. Commissioner Dukek made the motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion carried.

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

2023 year in review

April 5, 2023

Minnesota Farm Bureau and Minnesota State Fair work in conjunction on the Century Farm program to honor Minnesota families that have owned their farms for at least 100 years, are at least 50 acres in size and currently involved in farming...

We lost... June Hoon, Mervin Bakke, Patty Carlson, Wesley Wilmo, Blake Peterson, James Paulson, Howard Hopke, Lyle Watne

April 12, 2023

"How high's the water mama'." It's April 10th and we still must be careful with high drifts. Its not officially but it's the 100th day of January... Bagley High School rehearsal for their musical show, "Schoolhouse Rock Live..." The Photo Club met once a month at the Shevlin Historical Center to have new ideas... Essentia Health-Fosston Club welcomes family medicine specialist Sheila Teiken... Clearwater-Polk Electric 76th annual meeting was to be held April 12. Candidates include Harlan Highberg, Dennis Engbretson, Devin Aakre, Cheryl Grove and Jenell Strandberg... The Clearbrook-Gonvick School lunch program provided Muffins for mom and grandmas....

We lost... Patty Carlson, June A. Johnson, Loretta Hromidko, Lorraine LaCoursiere and Melvin Rennan.

April 18, 2023

The Clearbrook American Legion Auxiliary presented

the 2023 poppy poster winners from the Clearbrook-Gonvick School... Elected to the Clearwater-Polk Electric board at their annual meeting were Harlan Highberg, Dennis Engbretson and Cheryl Grove... Storms canceled several meetings and the school board was able to meet on April 10... David Jones was the NELL Speaker on the Statue of Liberty... Kailey Klema retired as the Region Reporter for FFA. Her parents were able to be with her. The team had a great day at the regions with Isabelle Torgerson and Sarah Imle advancing to state in the talent competition... Lillian Matthew celebrated her 105th birthday She is the oldest member of the Clearwater County Historical Society... Mrs. Hegg's First grade class at Clearbrook-Gonvick performed their Wax Museum of Famous Explorers. Cindy Kolling presented "Memories vs. Memories. Not as Scary as They May Seem at the Gonvick Community Center... Bemidji State University student Marissa Pribhly honored for her research on Red Lake zebra mussels... Pioneer Memorial Care Center in Erskine announced they were closing their facility...

We lost... Gordon Solberg, Deloris Longtin, Kermit Kjolhaug, Adele Stenmoen and Susan Paulson.

April 26, 2023

Chlor Brunsberg, participated in the Minnesota All Star Basketball game in Minneapo-

lis... Cornerstone Veterinary Service in Gonvick held another Drive-Thru vaccine clinic for various pets... Fosston Tri-Coop held its annual meeting at Ventures Bar & Grill in Fosston. They had a profit of \$1,200,444.19... Clear Waters Life Center featured a Scandinavian night with food and music...

We lost
Garrett Qualley, Mehri Munt-er, Jane Olson, James Thompson and Carter Torgerson.

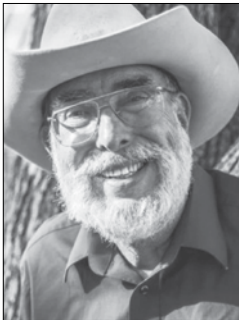


Home Country

Almost all of us know how to pronounce pandemic now, and we have a pretty good idea of what it means since everyone we know spent more than a year under virtual house arrest.

But that didn't help Billy much. Billy's our town dog, of course. He's been our town dog since Sally passed away on Doc's porch, and Billy's owner died two weeks later. Sometimes an honored position doesn't require an election.

Billy took right to it. He made his daily rounds to the back door of the Chinese restaurant and the Mule Barn coffee shop. He



By Slim Randles

drifted over to the Rest of Your Life retirement home often to give the old folks another reason to enjoy life. And there was his job, too. Every weekday morning Billy was on duty at the street crossing where the kids went to school. Martin, the crossing guard, was always there with his vest and his sign, and Billy was the official cross-street escort. But when the pandemic hit, the kids were suddenly home schooled and Martin stayed home as well. This threw a big monkey wrench into Billy's

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

Do you have recipes tucked away somewhere that you're going to try someday? I have them all over the place, in binders, drawers, envelopes and now on my phone. Well, someday is here for me. I am making an effort to cook a new recipe each week. I found this recipe in an envelope, tried it and loved it. As usual, I have no idea where it came from but was so delicious.

HONEY GARLIC CHICKEN
2 chicken breasts cut into cubes.
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup honey.
1/4 cup catsup
1/4 cup Hoisin sauce
1/4 cup chicken stock

6 cloves garlic, minced
2Tbsp rice vinegar
1Tbsp Sriracha sauce
1/2 Tsp black pepper
1Tps sesame oil
1Tsp fresh ginger, minced
Sesame seeds for garnish
In your crock pot, add soy sauce, honey, catsup, Hoisin sauce and chicken stock. Whisk to combine ingredients.

Add garlic, rice vinegar, Sriracha, pepper, sesame oil and ginger. Stir well. Add the chicken cubes to the pot, making sure they are coated with the liquid. Cover the crock pot and turn onto medium for about 4 hours or until chicken is tender. Serve over rice, sprinkle with sesame seeds and enjoy!
Until next time, blessings to you and your family.

Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com



Three generations keeping up the tradition of lefse baking. From left to right Shelby Ginther, Leona Bergerson and Kim Eckman. Leona also works at the Gonvick Winsor Products making lefse.

gear box. So about once a week, a bunch of us masked coffee drinkers would go to the school intersection and stand there until Billy showed up. He'd look both ways and take us across the street, and then continue on his daily rounds. Just because we're in a pandemic doesn't mean we can't do our job.

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Community Calendar

Correction...

Front page picture of grandma Sharon Dyrdaahl-O'Bryan on the front page of the paper last week. The names were not correct. Her daughters name is Jenna Carda and the grandson is McCoy Carda. Sorry about that.

New election equipment

The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer's office is excited to announce new assistive ballot marking equipment, called Express Vote, to be used in the Presidential Nomination Primary Election on March 5, 2024. We invite anyone who would like to see and try out the new equipment prior to the election to stop in the Auditor's Office on the 2nd floor of the courthouse Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

City of Bagley - Total 14
01/14/24 06:30:37 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/15/24 22:44:36 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/16/24 18:53:40 Traffic Stop
01/17/24 09:40:57 Juvenile Misc
01/17/24 12:16:44 Information
01/17/24 13:55:32 Juvenile Misc
01/17/24 15:16:50 911 Hang Up
01/18/24 09:02:16 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
01/18/24 18:24:30 TEST
01/19/24 04:27:27 Traffic Stop
01/19/24 08:50:15 Transport
01/19/24 16:00:44 TEST - Report Taken
01/20/24 09:28:32 TEST - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/20/24 17:33:15 Traffic Stop
City of Clearbrook - Total 4
01/16/24 06:37:24 Motorist Assist - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/19/24 17:58:48 Traffic Stop
01/20/24 12:46:47 Noise Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/20/24 23:36:13 - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Gonvick - Total 2
01/16/24 18:14:16 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/19/24 15:51:29 Traffic Stop
Copley - Total 18
01/14/24 22:16:09 Traffic Stop
01/14/24 22:24:35 Traffic Stop
01/16/24 10:56:39 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/17/24 07:08:40 Traffic Stop
01/17/24 13:19:51 Sexual Conduct - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/17/24 13:21:22 Traffic Stop
01/17/24 17:33:59 Civil Complaint
01/18/24 17:22:40 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/18/24 18:15:03 Traffic Stop

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Jan. 24 - Pork Loin, Yams, Vegetable
Thurs. Jan. 25: Chicken and Noodles, Vegetable
Fri. Jan. 26: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Vegetable
Mon. Jan. 29 - Pepper Steak, Potatoes, Vegetable
Tues. Jan. 30: Chicken ala Orange, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable
Wed. Jan. 31 - Pork Loin, Potatoes, Vegetable
Included with each meal. Vegetable, Bread, Dessert or Fruit and Milk.

Gonvick council...

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No maintenance issue yet and no water main breaks so far. Thirty water valves in the street were fixed last summer.

The five years are up for the water tower inspection. KLM will be hired again this summer to do the work.

Resolution 24-01 for appointment of election judges. They included Carol Peterson, Cheryl Mollin, Eileen Lien and Head Judge Stacy Halvorson. March 5 primary is coming up soon.

Expenditures were approved with Water and Sewer at \$5,076.99; General \$50,988.25; Fire \$3,572.61 for a total of 59,637.85.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Public Notice Pine Lake near Gonvick, MN Notice to Operate Aeration System

An aeration system creating thin ice and open water shall be in operation on the Northeast portion of Pine Lake near the public access. This site is located in the SW¼ Section 22, Pine Lake Township, Clearwater County.

Please use caution as open water and thin ice conditions can fluctuate greatly. Stay clear of marked area!

If you have any questions, please contact Sportsman's Club member Larry Peterson at 218-791-5577 or the Red Lake Watershed District office at 218-681-5800.

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Church News

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed. - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Sun. - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Gonvick
Pastor Will Anderson
Wed, Jan. 24: 9:30 AM Women's Walk Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting; 4 PM 1st Communion Class; 5:30 PM Confirmation
Sun. Jan. 28: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service
Tues. Jan. 30: 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
www.facebook.com/bethelfosston
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Events
Friday Night Out is back starting Feb. 2nd French Inspired. First Friday of the month. Serving 5pm-7pm. Ethnic cuisine freshly prepared on site. Free will donation, all proceeds will go to repairing our roof and building in Gonvick.
Call 218-776-2789 to make your reservations.

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

February 12th Jewelry making \$15. These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and Region 2 Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Seniors
Senior Connection Cooking Class. Regular free cooking classes will resume next month February 12th

General
Being a PrimeWest Health Member allows you to receive: Free medical appointment transportation; Free Counseling services; Free weight room membership and training sessions; \$25 Shop at the Top vouchers

Weight Room
Looking to get some exercise for the New Year new you? Our weight room is perfect for you. Best Prices in the area. If you are a prime west member your membership is free.

Weight Room Hours: Monday-Thursday 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM
Friday 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Membership Fees; \$30.00/ month, \$10.00/ week, \$5.00/ day
*Students: \$10/ month

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

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.

For more information on programs & services, visit our webpages: www.clearwaterslife.org and www.mustardseedhomes.org, like our Facebook pages, follow us on Instagram.

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Good Shepherd

Wed., Jan. 24: 6:30pm Confirmation (7th - 9th Grade) at Good Shepherd; 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells

Sun., Jan. 28: 9:00am Worship with Pastor Anne Meredith; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School

Tues., Jan. 30: 6:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Mark

Wed., Jan. 31: 6:30pm Confirmation (7th - 9th Grade) at Good Shepherd; 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells

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

Our Savior's

Wed., Jan. 24: 6:30pm Confirmation (7th - 9th Grade) at Good Shepherd

Sun., Jan. 28: 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School
11:00am Worship with Anne Meredith, Annual Meeting following worship
10:00am Coffee Hour

Wed., Jan. 31: 6:30pm Confirmation (7th - 9th Grade) at Good Shepherd

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH

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Senior Pastor - Brad Binder
Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund

Children's Ministry Lead Kari Godin
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367

office@countryfaith.org
Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Nursery & Jr. Church during sermon time) 6:00 p.m. Youth Night (Most Sundays)

Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m Men's Prayer

Check the website or Facebook for up-to-date information.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth

Facebook: [clearwaterlutheranparish](https://www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish)
Wed. Jan 24: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

Sat, Jan. 27: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Jan. 28: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth: 8:45 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11 a.m. Worship.

Wed. Jan 31: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH

Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg,

Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

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

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

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

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

Wed, Jan. 24: Confirmation: 5 p.m. 7th Grade; 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade.

Sun. Jan. 28: 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley Worship/Annual Meeting.
Wed, Jan. 31: Confirmation: 5 p.m. 7th Grade; 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade.

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The most High Eloheem and 'only' savior (Isaiah 43:11) are meeting on Yahuah's sacred Sabbaths. Call (218) 766-8176 for information.

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Need ticket takers
The Clearbrook-Gonvick Activities Office is looking for ticket takers for all JV/Varsity athletic events. Ticket Takers

SPORTS SCHEDULES FOR CLEARBROOK-GONVICK

Boys
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
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
@ Fosston
JH BOYS BASKETBALL
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

SPORTS SCHEDULES FOR CLEARBROOK-GONVICK

Girls
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
JH GIRLS BASKETBALL
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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch Menu

Wed., Jan. 24 - Tomato Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich. Snack: Gold Fish
Thurs., Jan. 25 -Chicken Alfredo with Breadstick, Broccoli. Snack: Rice Krispy Bar
Friday., Jan. 26 -Hog Dog on Bun, Potato Smiles. Snack: Granola Bar
Mon., Jan. 29 - Loaded Nachos, Breadstick. Snack: Baked Chips
Tues., Jan. 30 - Turkey Sub, Baked Chips. Snack: Cheeze It Crackers
Wed., Jan. 31 - Meatball Mashed Potatoes Bowl, Dinner Roll. Snack: Granola Bar
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

Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer Logan LeClair

Letter to the Editor
Rights of Active Service Members and Responsibilities of Business Owners



The Veteran Service Office in any county is the local advocate for Veteran benefits and rights. Our office has been notified within the past couple months of two separate instances where business's have not been aware of the rights of current service members as it pertains to employment. Let me explain, the federal government protects service members as it pertains to their employment. This includes those service members applying for jobs and retaining their jobs. In essence, you can't discriminate against someone because they are in the military, former military or joining the military.

As we all know the military now days is called to duty all around the world for various issues. Nearly half of all the United States Military is made up of reservists. That means that nearly half of all military service members have a career outside of the military. In the past, when these service members were called up, they may have returned to an unfriendly welcome. This might have included losing their jobs or their life as they knew it before being called to service. Even in today's world, this happens!

Because of this, the government has put in place measures to protect them from employers. These laws have existed in various forms since the civil war. However, the current and most up to date law was passed in 1994 under President Bill Clinton. This law is called the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, USERRA for short.

USERRA establishes the cumulative length of time that an individual may be absent from work for military duty and retain reemployment rights to five years. The exceptions to the five-year limit include initial enlistments lasting more than five years, periodic US National Guard and reserve training duty, and involuntary active-duty extensions and recalls, especially during a time of national emergency. USERRA clearly establishes that reemployment protection does not depend on the timing, frequency, duration, or nature of an individual's service as

long as the basic eligibility criteria are met. USERRA also provides protection for disabled veterans by requiring employers to make reasonable efforts to accommodate the disability. Service members convalescing from injuries received during service or training may have up to two years from the date of completion of service to return to their jobs or apply for reemployment.

The USERRA also protects a member of the armed services from employment discrimination relating to one's military service. Under USERRA an employee must show that their military service was a "substantial" or "motivating factor" in the employer's adverse employment action, like firing or demotion. Since employers rarely tell reservist/employees that they are being fired because of their military service, the USERRA allows a party to establish discrimination by, among other things, examining the proximity in time between the adverse act (like firing) and the military service event (like an employee informing an employer of the employee's military obligation), whether the employer followed its internal policies, and whether the military employee was treated differently than other non-military employees

This law applies to all federal, state, local, private and even foreign companies operating within the US. It would be wise of all employers who currently staff Veterans or service members to be aware of this law. To learn more about this law as it pertains to business's please go to this link USERRA | U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov).

I know that it is catchy to say you support the troops, but in reality this law exists because people and business's don't always. Lets stay educated and support our troops as they support us!

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Area news...
A 90th birthday celebration for Norris Syverson will be held on Saturday, January 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Vernes Church, rural Trail. Come and wish him a happy birthday

Shorty's in Gully will have no Bingo on Saturday night and the kitchen will be closed.

Gully Sportsmen's Club is sponsoring a Coyote Hunt ending March 30. Register and more information at Shorty's Place in Gully.

Thanks to Cody Rouland and Taylor Pletschett for flooding the ice skating rink that is being made in Gonvick. They are members of the Gonvick Fire Department.

Former Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Adam Thielen and his wife Caitlin provided \$75,000 grant from the Thielen Foundation to the Red Lake High School for a state-of-the-art weight room. The foundation director Amy Sinclair was in Red Lake for the dedication.

From my email...

A teacher with her young class told them not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be auto correct and for that they can be eternally grapefruit.

That is the way when I try to send email messages my phone substitutes words for me as well.

When you hear on the telephone "customer service" the first thing that they say is "Can you hear me?" Don't answer by saying "Yes". That is a way to sign you up for all kinds of things. You should reply "I hear you." The caller asked again "So you hear me?" If he asked you for a yes or no and you reply "I hear you." You will get a hang up.

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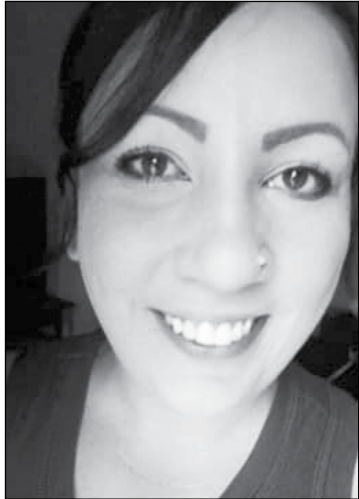
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make \$40/night and must be at least 18 years old (not currently in high school). All interested candidates must be willing to commit to a number of events to work. If interested please contact Scott Schafer via email. Sschafer@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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 .



Please help welcome Heather Brandt to the Clearbrook-Gonvick team in a new role as the Indian Education Home-School Liaison.

"My name is Heather Brandt. I've lived in Clearbrook since 2022 with my husband Nate and our 2 children, Wyatt and Sienna. As a family, we enjoy playing board games, fishing, hunting, traveling, and being outdoors. I have experience working in Preschool classrooms, supervising classroom staff, and doing educational home visits. I have a passion for working with children and their families and I'm very excited for this opportunity to work in the community!"

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



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Wear winners from January 19th. Back row: Auggie Wishard, Autumn Smith, Anika Abel, Harper Watne, Mrs. Hamnes, and Reign Wegscheid. Front: Kyson Dombkowski, Dawson Marsh, and Valentino Ordenez-Baumgartner.

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News From the Bird Feeder

By Ann Marie Newman
Since early January, I've enjoyed my morning coffee parked snugly on the corner of the couch by the window. It is here, I get the best view of my new bird feeder. Six feet away on the other side of the window it holds seed, and two cakes of suet still warm from coming into

the house for the night. I learned very early on that the deer who roam our town at night love bird seed. They devoured it three nights in a row before I thought to take the feeder in at dusk.
I keep my Birds of Minnesota Field Guide near me on a table. It has pink, plastic stickers marking twelve species of birds I've identified thus far, partaking in the free chow offered on my menu. The suet has been the main draw these last several, frigid days. Just now as I write, I look up to spy Mrs. Red-bellied Woodpecker swaying on it, pecking away. Oh look! She powered-drilled a good chunk off. Gripping it firmly in her piercing beak, she flies off in satisfied success. Might she share such a fine, large, suet meal with her spouse adorned in his flashy red cap?



Mr. & Mrs. Pileated Woodpecker

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 331A.12, the Clearwater County Highway Department will publish transportation project advertisements for bid on the official Clearwater County web site at www.co.clearwater.mn.us, then go to Government, Bids and RFPs and then Current Advertised Projects.
Expected projects to be advertised in 2024 include:
• Aggregate Crushing and Surfacing.
• Pavement Markings.
• Base Stabilization on CSAH 29 & CSAH 33
• Bridge Replacement on Leon Township 490th Street over Ruffy Brook.
• Mill and Overlay on CSAH 9 & CSAH 28.

2024 Minnesota Summary Budget Form - Gonvick

	2023 Original	2023 Final	2024 Proposed
Revenues			
Property Taxes (Do not include Market Value Credits).....	\$136,920.....	\$136,920.....	\$141,027
Tax Increments.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
All other Taxes (franchise hotel/ motel taxes, etc.).....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Special Assessments.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Licenses and Permits.....	\$1,825.....	\$1,825.....	\$1,825
Federal Grants.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
State General Purpose Aid (Market Value Credits, etc.).....	\$96,930.....	\$96,930.....	\$105,370
State Categorical Aid (state aid for streets,etc.)	\$12,288.....	\$12,288.....	\$12,500
Grants from County and Other			
Local Governments.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Charges for Services.....	\$68,043.....	\$68,043.....	\$73,045
Fines and Forfeits.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Interest on Investments.....	\$3,844.....	\$3,844.....	\$8,100
Miscellaneous Revenues.....	\$60,150.....	\$60,150.....	\$52,133
Total Revenues.....	\$380,000.....	\$380,000.....	\$394,000
Proceeds from Bond Sales.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Other Financing Sources.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Transfers from Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds).....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Total Revenues and Other Sources.....	\$380,000.....	\$380,000.....	\$394,000
General Government (board, administration, etc.).....	\$103,200.....	\$103,200.....	\$108,200
Public Safety.....	\$113,995.....	\$113,995.....	\$124,500
Streets and Highways (excluding construction).....	\$114,224.....	\$114,224.....	\$108,725
Sanitation.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Human Services.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Health.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Culture and Recreation.....	\$37,581.....	\$37,581.....	\$37,300
Conservation of Natural Resources.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Economic Development.....	\$11,000.....	\$11,000.....	\$15,275
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Total Expenditures.....	\$380,000.....	\$380,000.....	\$394,000
Debt Service-Principal.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Interest and Fiscal Charges.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Streets and Highways Construction.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Capital Outlay.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Other Financing Users.....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Transfers to Other Funds (include Enterprise Funds).....	\$0.....	\$0.....	\$0
Total Expenditures.....	\$380,000.....	\$380,000.....	\$394,000
Total Property Tax Levy - All Funds.....	\$136,920.....	\$136,920.....	\$141,027

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Results from the page 3 Sudoku puzzle.

My favorite diners are Mr. & Mrs. Pileated Woodpecker. Such a handsome couple they are! So large in size, they each display great agility while dangling on the end of the feeder dining on suet. The way they hold their heads to glance about is quite regal. They are the royalty in the woodpecker realm. The first time I spotted one after moving back to Minnesota I was instantly delighted. So much so, that upon returning from my walk, I wrote a poem about the experience.

HOLY WORK

A pileated woodpecker did swoop into my path today.
It's wings a-spread in dashing flight towards the tree behind my back.
I turned and saw him alight upon its trunk.
His head was resplendent red with feathers in exclamation as he

A-rat-a-tat-tatted!!! A-rat-a-tat-tatted!!! An unsolicited tattoo unto the tree's body who graciously forgave his a-rat-a-tat-tat attack.
It is holy work he does.
He wears the holy man's robe of gleaming black with highlights of white to feathered perfection.
A divinely inspired disciple, the pileated woodpecker honors the Lord's call to strike forth, and do the work he was born to do.
Yes of course, they literally do "holey" work. However, striking (another pun!) birds truly do HOLY work as well. Don't you agree?

MnDOT reminds public not to push or pile snow onto roads

—The Minnesota Department of Transportation would like to remind the public it is illegal to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street and asks for help keeping roads clear for everyone's safety. Snow on or near public roads can create hazards such as drainage, drifting and sight obstruction.
Minnesota law and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow onto public roads or sidewalks. This includes the ditch and right of way area along the roads. Violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard, such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump, that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.
District 2 MnDOT maintenance crews plow and maintain more than 3,900 miles of state highways in northwest Minnesota. Crews are out around the clock during snow events to keep roads safe, so please give them plenty of space to work. Also remember, it takes time to clean up the roadways during and after a snowstorm.

AgCountry Announces Special \$125 Million Patronage Dividend

FARGO, ND, January 15, 2024 – For the fifth consecutive year, AgCountry's Board of Directors has declared 100 basis points (1%) patronage dividends on business conducted with the cooperative in 2023. AgCountry's patronage program grants the Board of Directors the ability to distribute a portion of the association's net income to its member-owners on eligible business when financial conditions allow.
To share in AgCountry's unique success in 2023, the Board has declared a special secondary 50 basis points (.5%) patronage dividend. The total combined patronage dividends paid on business conducted in 2023 is a record \$125 million!
“Our farmer-led Board understands the unique challenges of today's world,” said Lynn Pietig, board chair of AgCountry. “We are proud of the work we accomplished in 2023 by navigating a changing marketplace. This announcement demonstrates our commitment to the long-term vitality of farmers and ranchers.”
The patronage program is part of the cooperative's mission to serve agriculture and rural America, helping to manage overall interest expenses and significantly reduce total borrowing costs. Member-owners of AgCountry benefit by sharing in the financial success of the cooperative.
“As a farmer-owned cooperative, we are focused on serving agriculture and rural America with specialized financial products, services, and risk management tools that support member success,” shared Marc Knisely, AgCountry president and CEO. “Patronage dividends are a part of our cooperative's value proposition to our membership and reflect strong fiscal stewardship.”

Winter load increases began Jan. 11 in North seasonal load limit zone

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation began winter load increases on unrestricted highways in the North seasonal load limit zone at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11.
Seasonal load limit zones and restricted routes can be found on the MnDOT load limits map.
Start and end dates and other load limit information are shown at mndot.gov/loadlimits.
Vehicles will be allowed to operate up to 10 percent over the standard legal maximum loads on unrestricted highways during the winter load increase period. However, trucks must comply with current registration weight laws and not exceed

registered gross weight tolerances. Please check with local agencies (cities, counties and townships) prior to increasing any weights on their routes. The sign erected on the roadway governs the load limit in effect. A winter weight increase permit is required to take advantage of the 10 percent weight increase on interstate highways only; a permit is not required for state trunk highways.
MnDOT will report start and end dates on its 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

For questions about legal axle weight during SLR; Gross Vehicle Weight Schedule, call: Minnesota Department of Public Safety
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Strategic Farming: Let’s talk crops! focused on grain markets

St. Paul, Minn. (01/16/2024)—With recent softening in the grain markets, what is the outlook for 2024? Dr. Frayne Olson, Crop economist and marketing specialist from North Dakota State University, expects the January 12 USDA reports to set a reference point for the markets going forward. Crop inventories, consumption and South American crops will all play roles in 2024..

Increased acreage led to a record corn crop in 2023. Although demand has been relatively strong, ending stocks and the stocks-to-use ratio are relatively high. Average prices tend to be lower and more stable when the ratio is high because the inventory acts as a buffer.
Corn consumption is key. The livestock sector consumes the most corn and demand is relatively stable. Ethanol production is second in corn use and these numbers don't vary much, according to the Department of Energy's weekly tracking.
“If there's a shock to the system,” Dr. Olson explains, “it will likely come from the export market.” While the U.S. has many regular grain customers, China has been very volatile. After being one of the top importers of US corn, Chinese demand dropped significantly when they purchased from Brazil instead.

Despite this volatility, Japan is increasing its import volume. While export volume is trending higher, the U.S. does have competition. After leading corn exports for decades, Brazil has taken that number one spot.
The South American crop is also key. After drought in Argentina, weather and yield outlooks are more favorable. Brazil is the larger exporter, producing two crops of corn and one of soybeans.
In the south, first crop corn and soybeans are grown simultaneously. After early drought, weather conditions are more normal conditions and exportable stocks are expected. With corn harvest in March and April, southern Brazil generally competes with us during our summer months. The larger, second corn crop –called sefrinha – is grown further north and is planted after the soybean crop, typically dur-

ing January and February.

Yields of Brazil's current soybean crop are starting to stabilize after early drought damage. The exception may be part of the northern region where yields have been reduced. If problems continue, soybean buyers may shift to the U.S. to cover their positions.

Compared to corn, ending stocks for soybeans have been relatively tight. Lower than expected soybean acreage and production offset a decrease in exports to keep stocks low. “Even though prices have softened over the past weeks,” says Dr. Olson, “we're still at the higher level of the price spectrum long term.”

The crushing industry is the top consumer of soybeans as capacity has increased steadily over ten years. Plant expansions, particularly in the northern plains, have been driven by demand for renewable biodiesel. As a result, soybean demand is stable over time.

Export markets for soybeans are also volatile, with exports and export volumes on a steady downward trend. While China is, by far, our number one customer, export volume is well behind last year's numbers. Brazil captured the export market into China



Bruce Jackson will be at the Bagley Public Library on Saturday January 27th from 10:30 - 11:30 to demonstrate his vintage toy train collection. Kids of all ages welcome, parents too! Mr. Jackson has quite the fascinating collection of toy trains.

FROM THE PAST - 2012



Duane and Betty Johnson and their grandsons enjoying coffee at the Clearbrook-Leonard senior center.



JJ Solberg and his two sons on a fishing day. One is a senior this year.