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Grant Hartmann, intern at Northern State Bank.

Intern at Northern State Bank

The newest face at the Northern State Bank in Gonvick is Grant Hartmann. He is an intern from Bemidji State University. He will be a May graduate in Business Financing and Management.

Grant will get credit for his time at the bank. He wanted to experience a job that he can use for credit. Grant worked in the bank in Thief River Falls

before Christmas before coming to Gonvick where he will be spending three days a week until his time is up April 25. He wanted to work in Gonvick as it was close to his education home in Bemidji.

Duties will include the teller position but his plans are to learn everything he can inside the bank.

Thief River Falls was his

hometown with his parents Fred and Stacy Hartmann. He enjoys working for his father in his spare time so that he is able to enjoy his company. Baseball was his speciality in high school and spending three years as a pitcher. His other hobbies include hunting and fishing.

Stop by and greet the newest person in Gonvick before he goes on to other adventures.

Update from Clearbrook-Gonvick police

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department wrapped up the 2023 year with a total of 437 Calls for Service in the City of Clearbrook and 131 Calls for Service in the City of Gonvick. The majority of the calls in both cities were medical related. Chief of Police Ryan Solee made the request when the police department was contacted about possible grant money available for such projects. The placement is to focus on the crosswalk safety in Clearbrook and to increase awareness of traffic in the area of State Hwy 92 and Co. Rd. 7 in Gonvick.

The police department is in the beginning stages of working on a new vehicle to be the primary patrol vehicle. The current one is getting high miles on

signs at the south entrance of Clearbrook on State Hwy 92 and the west entrance to Gonvick on State Hwy 92. Chief of Police Ryan Solee made the request when the police department was contacted about possible grant money available for such projects. The placement is to focus on the crosswalk safety in Clearbrook and to increase awareness of traffic in the area of State Hwy 92 and Co. Rd. 7 in Gonvick.

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it and will be rotated out and used as a secondary vehicle in 2025.

The police department will be partnering with the Bagley and Fosston Police Department in a request for grant money from the state to increase traffic safety awareness and enforcement.

The police department ended 2023 with all cases wrapped up and criminal charges filed except in one case where they are waiting for DNA evidence to be examined at the state crime lab. Chief of Police Ryan Solee expects the results to be back this spring with charges being filed soon afterwards.

Sue Weems retires from city position



Sue Weems was treated to a special retirement cake.

Sue Weems officially retired from being the billing clerk for the City of Clearbrook. Cake and coffee was served in her honor last week. She has been helping Clerk Lucie Thompson for over eight years. She started with the Senior Program and then went to work for the city on a part time basis.

For several years they lived on a farm and milked 16 cows on a regular basis. They moved into Clearbrook in 1996.

They had to sell the cows and she didn't want to move into town but her husband Charles, who has since passed away, wanted to. They had raised the cows since they were young.

She is now giving her house the TLC inside. They had done the outside and now work was to be done inside. Her new kitchen cabinets and new floor were what she had done in the past. Now it is time for other improvements.

She will now spend time water walking at the pool in the summer which she really enjoys. She wants to do scrapping, and some crocheting. She will be able to take her time doing that and visiting with family members in the area.

Taking her place for the City of Clearbrook is Jessica King.



Your feedback is needed

Dear Families and Community Members: With the recent failure of the bond referendum, the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board wants to hear from the community on why the bond failed and how they can better prepare the school for the future.

A survey was mailed to all registered voters in the school district. Please take time to

respond and send back in the pre-stamped envelop that was provided to the school by February 9. Or you can do the survey on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GB2PMXP>

Before they move any further in their planning process, they need to hear from you, the taxpayers. Your feedback is kept

confidential.

Final survey results will be reported at the Board of Education at a future meeting. They will also be available on the District's website at

<https://www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us/>

All survey data is returned to ATSR.

Board approves contracts for Clearbrook-Gonvick Education and the district

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board met for the first time n 2024 on January 22. Reorganization of the board with Vern Wittenberg elected as the chairman, Jamie Wishard the Clerk and Jill Nelson as the Treasurer.

Addendum to the Agenda

The Master Agreement between ISD #2311 and Education Minnesota, Clearbrook-Gonvick July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 was approved. They have settled on the two year contracts at \$293,988.00 over the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 years. It includes a 5% increase the first contract and 3% on the second. There is also a \$30,000 benefit each year. There are several schools that have not settled their contracts yet. See charts on page 3 for the salary schedules.

The board accepted the resignation of Tammie Ehlers as Head Volleyball Coach after her nine years that she has served

The board made a motion to terminate the student transportation services agreement with Steins Bus Service LLC on May 24, 2024

The board made a motion to authorize the administration to seek a service provider for student transportation services effective June 1, 2024.

The board approved the Indian Education Policies and Procedures for Clearbrook-Gonvick School District.

All committee assignments were named as the same as last year. Board salaries were kept the same at \$80 for officers, \$75 for board members, \$55 for negotiations session and \$50 for other committee meetings that were to be held.

The Northern State Bank in Gonvick and Border Bank in Clearbrook were named the official depositories. The official meeting date will be the third Monday of each month. Official publications were the Leader-Record and The Farmers Independent. The official signatures for the district will be will be Supt. Grow, the HR person and a board member. The official school Attorney is Knutson, Flynn & Deans. Mileage rate was at the current IRS rate of 67 cents per mile. If a person wishes to use their personal car if the school car is available the rate would be half. Supt. Grow was appointed LEA

(Local Education Association) representative. Kayla Walberg is the representative to the MSHSL, high school league.

Under community comments busing for a 7th grade special education student drop off point was questioned. He is a resident of the district and the board will take it under consideration.

Mr. Bettin gave his spotlight on education for the month of January. Mrs. Hegg's first grade class had Christmas Around the World. Little Opera of the North was in the works. 6th grade students met in Bemidji for the STAR program learning leadership from other schools. Twelve students are taking a college English course with Mrs. DeVries. Yearbooks are still on sale. Elementary books are for \$10.00.

Principals report

Josh Tharaldson gave his report. Dan Ninham was at the school with Mr. Sewall's elementary Phy-Ed classes to teach Northern Indigenous games. Heather Brandt started in her role as Indian Education Home School Liaison. Lexie Lofgren started as High School Para. They are continuing to offer after school tutoring to students on as needed basis.

Elementary students completed their winter Fastbridge screenings and teachers and intervention teachers are now using that data to look at adjustments for the second half of the year.

Northwest Service Co-op provided teacher in-service sessions revolving around the topic of mental health.

Spelling bee was held and Abbi Fairbanks was the winner that will compete in Thief River Falls on February 7th.

The 2nd semester started with new electives offered. They include US. History through Film, Sociology, Ag/Applied Economics, Integrated Mathematics, Food & Literature and Anatomy.

Upcoming events include February 5 to 9, Snow Days Week. February 15th, Elementary and High School parents/Teacher Conferences. February 16th No School and Elementary Parents Teacher conferences and No School on February 19th.

Superintendents report

Superintendent Grow informed the board that they are

in need of full time custodian. They have a short term fix with 2 to 3 hours a day and on Saturday.

He is giving questions out to the staff concerning open enrollment.

The legislative session starts on February 12. The MSBA is sending out letters and platforms to board members.

The Bond payment of \$774,875 was made which accounted for a large disbursement from the accounts.

The referendum survey was sent out to registered voters in the district. What would be the right time to go back to the voters with another vote. The indoor air quality project is paid and when would be a good time to do that if a bond issue did pass.

Andy Anderson the School Resource Officer had 37 cases where he was involved with at the school. Some ICR's required investigations. He does a daily patrol at the school. The fifth grade DARE is almost complete. Kids are turning in their essays. He has been going through a new Alice training program.

They will continue discussion at next month meeting on open enrollment.

Two men, Tyler Rogstad and Brandon Olson from Chapp's in Clearbrook have been coming in to the welding program at the school to work with the students. They are very pleased with the results.

New business

Under new business the board hired Amanda Nelson as the Special Education Paraprofessional with three years of experience at \$16.47 per hour. Brianna Cook was hired as a cook for the district. There were 4 applicants. She was hired at Step 1 at \$15.27 per hour.

The board will be changing March 27 to a No Student Day on the School Calendar. The district will be hosting a Regional Event with several school that three of the Clearbrook-Gonvick students are members of the board. More information will be coming.

The board approved the yearly resolution for Administration to make recommendations for reduction of programs and/or staff.

The board approved the revision of the MSBA Model Policies.

2023 year in review

May 3, 2023

Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Chapter attends State Convention. Isabelle Torgerson and Sarah Imle made it through the preliminaries with their talent. The group is led by Monica Johnson... Clearbrook Fire Department had their annual fund raiser... Clearbrook-Gonvick 6th grade Math Masters team participated at the Bemidji competition and Trevor Bjerke placing first in his competition. Advisors are Mrs. Anderson

and Mrs. Holter... The City of Gonvick accepted the Bemidji Bituminous bid for street work for a total of \$9,965.00... Three people retired from Clear Waters Life Center. They include Becky Dorman, Administrative Executive Director; Grenda Rouland Mustard Seed Home Coordinator and Sherry Hjelle MSHABE & Life Skills Instructor... Marianne Van Oort brings sweet treats to workers at the Food Shelf in Bagley... The Clearbrook-Gonvick School

lunch staff served donuts to dads and grandpa and muffin to mom and grandmas...

We lost.

Richard Miller, James Olson, June A. Johnson, Linda Efteland, Gene Oak, Jeffrey Zavoral and Alice Bergeron.

May 10, 2023

The first annual summer activities carnival was a success. Three people Leah Watne, Lucie Thompson and Tiffany Kroulik

Year in Review...

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The 72-Resident skilled veterans nursing facility is being built on a 15-acre site that was donated by Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota. The Home will reflect a Northwoods cabin setting. Numerous windows will bring in daylight and offer a variety of welcoming exterior views, including a well appointed, fenced-in courtyard. See story in the Canary this week.

Community Calendar

Work session
January 31

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School board will be holding a work session on Wednesday, January 31 at 5:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

The meeting will have the call to order and the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the agenda is Hiring, Custodial Department, Transportation, Open Enrollment and Bond Referendum.

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.



The Shevlin Garden Club has begun its 2024 season! The program for Saturday February 17th will be "Growing and Using all Kinds of Beans". Presenters for this program are Jeff and Angie Ness.

The February Shevlin Garden Club meeting be at the Clearbrook Senior Center at 1pm. The club meets once a month and is open to everyone, regardless of your level of gardening experience. Come be our guest and check it out! It's a very fun eclectic group of individuals who share a love and desire to "grow"!

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE
By Susan Anderson

Golly sakes, it's cold, cold, cold! One of the things my husband requests when it gets this cold is soup. His favorite is Chicken Noodle-so what do I do but fix it. Here again, my recipe is quick and easy and warming.

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

- Serves 8
- 2 chicken breasts-roasted and shredded
 - 2 large carrots-diced
 - 1 medium onion-diced
 - 3 stalks of celery-diced
 - 3 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon salt



Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com

- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon chicken bouillon
- 32 oz. chicken stock
- 5 cups water
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 pound noodles of your choice

Sauté veggies in oil along with the salt and pepper for 6-8 minutes. Add chicken and the rest of the ingredients plus 2 cups of water.

Cover and simmer for 45 minutes. Add 3 cups of water and the noodles, cook according to package directions.

This is a hearty soup and makes enough to share with friends!

CLIP AND SAVE

NOTICE

to PINE LAKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

2024 CALENDAR

Pine Lake Township holds regular meetings on the second Monday of each month.

Meetings to be held at the Gonvick American Legion at 7 pm, as follows:

- January 8
- February 12
- March 11
- March 12- Annual Meeting-4 pm**
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10
- July 8
- August 12
- Sept 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

Pam Goebel, clerk

Clearwater
County Sheriff
Darin Halverson

This is a reminder to the public to be aware of people trying to scam you out of money. A recent attempt going around is posing as a law enforcement organization that wants money to lobby the state and federal government on behalf of law enforcement. If you receive a call like this, it is a scam. Do not give out any financial information. If you are curious as to whether it is a legitimate organization, you can call the Sheriff's Office and we will attempt to find the answer for you.

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

Report from
County Nursing Service

Stephanie Anderson
ClearwaterNursing Service
212 Main Avenue N. Bagley, Mn
56621 (218) 694-6581

Sharon Larson RN, North Country Community Health Services (Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods-Local Public Health).

Carbon Monoxide
Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas formed by the incomplete combustion of fuels. When people are exposed to CO gas, the CO molecules will displace the oxygen in their bodies and lead to poisoning.

Since CO has no odor, color or taste, it cannot be detected by our senses. This means that dangerous concentrations of the gas can build up indoors and humans have no way to detect the problem until they become ill. Furthermore, when people become sick the symptoms are similar to the flu, which can cause victims to ignore the early signs of CO poisoning.

The CDC estimates that approximately 400 people die from unintentional CO exposure in the United States every year. Data specific to Minnesota show that an average of 14 people die due to unintentional CO poisoning each year. Approximately 300 people visit emergency department each year for treatment of symptoms linked to unintentional CO exposure. For more information Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning in Your Home - MN Dept. of Health (state.mn.us)

The good news is that carbon monoxide poisoning can be prevented with simple actions such as installing a CO alarm and maintaining fuel burning appliances.

Carbon Monoxide sources in the home

CO is produced whenever a material burns. Homes with fuel-burning appliances or attached garages are more likely to have CO problems Common sources of CO in our homes include fuel-burning appliances and devices such as:

- Clothes dryers
 - Water heaters
 - Furnaces or boilers
 - Fireplaces, both gas and wood burning
 - Gas stoves and ovens
 - Motor vehicles
 - Grills, generators, power tools, lawn equipment
 - Wood stoves
 - Tobacco smoke
- Carbon monoxide leaks from appliances can cause poisoning.

Clearbrook-
Leonard
Senior Meals

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.

Typical indoor CO concentrations

Ideally, the level of CO indoors should be the same as CO concentrations outside. The federal standard is 9 ppm for CO in outdoor air. In general, concentrations are lower in rural areas and higher in urban areas. Finding CO concentrations higher indoors than outdoors indicates a source of CO either inside or very close to your home.

CO and recreation
There are a number of ways people can be exposed to high levels of carbon monoxide while participating in activities such as camping, fishing, hunting and boating.

- Items such as camp stoves, charcoal grills, fuel-burning lanterns and generators should never be used inside a tent, RV or cabin

- Do not place portable generators near open doors and windows

- Ice fishing houses that use heating equipment should have a working CO alarm installed and users should crack a window for additional ventilation

- Heating equipment in cabins and ice houses should be regularly inspected and be in good condition

- Boaters should be aware of the exhaust area at the back of the boat and should tow passengers at least 20 feet from this area

- Be aware of exhaust from neighboring boats when parked near them

- Install a CO alarm in the cabin of boats

Protecting your family from CO poisoning

Properly vent and maintain fuel-burning appliances

It is important to know what appliances in your home are fuel-burning and make sure that they are maintained properly. All of these appliances should be vented to the outside. You should have your fuel-burning appliances (ex. furnace) checked by a qualified heating contractor every year to look for potential problems.

It's a good idea to know the signs of a potential CO problem:

- Streaks of soot around fuel-burning appliances, or fallen soot in a fireplace
- Absence of an upward draft in your chimney
- Excess moisture and condensation on windows, walls and cold surfaces
- Rusting on flue pipes or appliance jacks
- Orange or yellow flame in combustion appliances (the flame should be blue)
- Damaged or discolored bricks at the top of the chimney

Never use appliances intended for outdoor use inside. Examples include barbecue grills, camp stoves, portable generators or gas-powered lawn equipment. Do not use an oven to heat your home. Not only is it a fire risk, it is also a carbon monoxide hazard. Do not run or idle your vehicle in an attached garage. Instead, back your vehicle out right away. Check that your vehicle's exhaust pipe is not blocked, for example, by snow during the winter.

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning

Identifying CO poisoning can be difficult because the symptoms are similar to the flu. CO is often called the "silent killer" because people will ignore early signs and eventually lose consciousness and be unable to escape to safety.

For most people, the first signs of exposure include mild headache and breathlessness with moderate exercise. Continued exposure can lead to more severe headaches, dizziness, fatigue and nausea. Eventually symptoms may progress to confusion, irritability, impaired judgment and coordination, and loss of consciousness.

You can tell the difference between CO poisoning and the flu with these clues:

- You feel better when you are away from home
- Everyone is the home is sick at the same time (the flu virus usually spreads from person to person)
- The family members most affected spend the most time in the house
- Indoor pets appear ill
- You don't have a fever or body aches, and you don't have swollen lymph nodes that are common with the flu and some other infections
- Symptoms appear or seem to get worse when using fuel-burning equipment

Install and maintain CO alarms in your home

Minnesota state law (MN Statute 299F.50) requires that every home have at least one operational CO alarm within 10 feet of every room legally used for sleeping. All CO alarms should conform to the latest Underwriters Laboratory (UL)

Restoration 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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Nursing report..
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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.

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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
Samhold Lutheran Church is having services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Also, Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 am.
Every Tuesday at 8:30 am. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Samhold. Everyone welcome.

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
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Weight Room
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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

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Interim Synod Authorized Minister Marilyn Grandstrand
Good Shepherd
Wed., Jan. 31: 6:30pm Confirmation (7th – 9th Grade) at Good Shepherd; 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells
Sun., Feb. 4: 9:00am Worship with Marilyn Grandstrand; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School

Tues, Feb. 6: 6:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Mark
Wed., Feb. 7: 6:00pm First Wednesday at Cease Funeral Home (7th – 12th Grade) 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:15am-2:15pm

Our Savior's
Wed., Jan. 31: 6:30pm Confirmation (7th – 9th Grade) at Good Shepherd;

Sun., Feb. 4: 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School
11:00am Worship with Marilyn Grandstrand

Wed., Feb. 7: 6:00pm First Wednesday at Cease Funeral Home (7th – 12th Grade)

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

Senior Pastor - Brad Binder
Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Children's Ministry Lead 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
Wed. Jan 31: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

Sat. Feb. 3: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun. Feb. 4: 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. Feb. 7: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.

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. 31: Confirmation: 5 p.m. 7th Grade; 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade.

Sun. Feb. 4: 10:30 a.m. Lund Worship/Annual Meeting.

Wed, Feb. 7: Confirmation: 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade at Lund.

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Yipee.. no school
March 27th that there will be no school for students on Wednesday, March 27th.
Thanks for your help spreading the word to families!

**SPORTS SCHEDULES
FOR CLEARBROOK-GONVICK**

Boys
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

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

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
3/1/24 @ Fosston
JH BOYS BASKETBALL
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
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. 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

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

ers 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

Ella Engen named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica

Ella Engen of Clearbrook was named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN. Dean's List members have achieved a 3.75 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale. The College of St. Scholastica would like to commend Ella for honorable academic achievements. Great job, Ella!
St. Scholastica is a private, independent college established in 1912 and founded in the Catholic Benedictine tradition. It is nationally recognized for educational quality, affordability and student outcomes. The U.S. News & World Report includes it on its Best National Universities and Top Performers on Social Mobility lists.

Kaylee Westrum on University of Minnesota Duluth Dean's List

(January 26, 2024) - The University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2023. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits.
Kaylee Westrum, Junior, Education & Human Service Pro, Exercise Rehab Sci B A Sc from Clearbrook is on the list.
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The LOON is Coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick!

What is the "LOON"? The Little Opera of the North or "LOON" is coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick School for a half day residency on Thursday, February 15. The LOON brings opera to schools in a kid-friendly format by adapting well known operas and including students in the opera chorus.
This year's featured opera is "Hansel and Gretel". We have several activities planned for the music classroom to prepare for the residency. While all students in grades K-5 will be learning about the opera in the music classroom, 16 students will be chosen to be part of the actual opera chorus. On the day of the residency, the LOON singers will rehearse with these 16 students, who will be included in the performance for the rest of the elementary and guests. They will get to wear

costumes and perform alongside the LOON opera singers.
Selected students will be notified and receive a packet of informational materials. If you wish to attend the performance, seating will be from 1:45-1:55. The performance begins at 1:55 and will finish with a "question and answer time" with the cast.
If you have further questions, please contact Mrs. Mickelson or Mrs. Ragan at the school.
Opera for the Young's "Hansel and Gretel"



Emma Nybo looks to pass for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears, against Red Lake.



Tavia Johnson fights for the ball against three other Red Lake players.

Nursing report.. Continued from page 2

Standards. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement of your CO alarm, and take note of the suggested replacement date.
Frequently asked questions
Are some people at greater risk of CO poisoning?
Yes, some people are at a greater risk for CO poisoning. Those individuals include people with:
• Respiratory conditions, such as asthma or emphysema
• Cardiovascular disease
• Anemia or sickle cell anemia
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How long do CO alarms last?
The typical lifespan of a CO alarm is between 5 and 7 years, but it varies by manufacturer. Consult the product packaging or manufacturer for a recommended replacement date.
What do I do when my CO alarm sounds?
Don't ignore a CO alarm if it is sounding. If people in the home are exhibiting symptoms of CO poisoning, immediately leave the building and call your local fire department. In cases where residents are feeling fine, call your local gas utility company or a qualified technician to help identify the cause of the problem.
Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning in Your Home - MN Dept. of Health (state.mn.us)
Sharon Larson RN, North Country Community Health Services (Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods-Local Public Health).

Clearbrook-Gonvick school board settles master agreement

The Master Agreement between ISD #2311 and Education Minnesota, Clearbrook-Gonvick July 1, 2023 through June 30,2025 was approved. They have settled on the two year contracts at \$293,988.00 over the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 years. It includes a 5% increase the first contract and 3% on the second. There is also a \$30,000 benefit each year. There are several schools that have not settled their contracts yet.

Salary Schedule 2023-2024								
STEP	BA	BA10	BA20	BA30	BA40/MA	MA10	MA20	MA30
1	44,589	46,124	47,657	49,193	50,727	52,262	53,795	55,330
2	45,541	47,075	48,610	50,143	51,678	53,212	54,747	56,281
3	46,491	48,025	49,560	51,094	52,628	54,162	55,697	57,231
4	47,441	48,976	50,510	52,045	53,579	55,113	56,649	58,183
5	48,393	49,928	51,462	52,997	54,531	56,065	57,599	59,134
6	49,345	50,880	52,413	53,948	55,482	57,017	58,550	60,085
7	50,295	51,829	53,363	54,897	56,432	57,966	59,500	61,035
8	51,246	52,780	54,315	55,848	57,384	58,918	60,453	61,986
9	52,197	53,732	55,266	56,801	58,335	59,869	61,404	62,938
10	56,796	58,361	59,925	61,486	63,054	64,618	66,183	67,747
11	-	-	-	-	64,024	65,588	67,153	68,717
12					-	66,557	68,123	69,686
13						-	69,092	70,657
14							-	71,627
15								72,597
16								

Salary Schedule 2024-2025								
STEP	BA	BA10	BA20	BA30	BA40/MA	MA10	MA20	MA30
1	45,927	47,508	49,087	50,668	52,248	53,829	55,408	56,990
2	46,907	48,487	50,068	51,647	53,228	54,808	56,389	57,969
3	47,886	49,466	51,047	52,627	54,207	55,787	57,368	58,948
4	48,864	50,445	52,026	53,607	55,187	56,767	58,348	59,928
5	49,845	51,425	53,005	54,587	56,167	57,747	59,327	60,908
6	50,825	52,406	53,985	55,566	57,146	58,728	60,307	61,888
7	51,804	53,384	54,964	56,544	58,125	59,705	61,285	62,867
8	52,784	54,364	55,945	57,524	59,105	60,685	62,266	63,845
9	53,762	55,344	56,924	58,505	60,085	61,665	63,246	64,826
10	58,499	60,112	61,722	63,330	64,945	66,557	68,168	69,779
11	-	-	-	-	65,944	67,556	69,167	70,779
12	-	-	-	-	-	68,554	70,167	71,777
13	-	-	-	-	-		71,165	72,776
14	-	-	-	-	-			73,776
15	-	-	-	-	-			74,775
16								-



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Bear Wear winners from January 26th: Front: Maci Syverson, Kye Gustafson, Ada Lundmark, and Talia Nelson. Back: Wyatt Westrum, Virgil Tronnes, Ryder Johnson, Kayden Lois-Hoell, Camille DeSchane, and Mrs. Bergman.

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On Saturday, January 20, Ruth Ann Nordlund was Bagley Area Arts collaborative's (BAAC), Saturday Slice of Art series guest speaker. That's a mouthful! She spoke about Beginning Felting. I enjoy a delightful friendship with Ruth Ann. I find her to be a VERY gifted artist and deeply inspirational – in art and life! While listening to her talk, I wrote a rough draft of the poem below for her. After some tweaking, I share it with you. Ruth Ann gave me the “okay”.

Ruth Ann Nordlund – She's A Painter

She paints.
With oils
most glorious images.
Luxurious in pigment.
Like a



Botticelli painting.
Floral images reminiscent
of Rembrandt.

She set the oils aside.
For now....
for now....
for now.
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She paints.
With wool
warmth
from her grieving heart.
Jaunty, felted hats

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towering, bright, woolen
hats
and flowing white beards.
Mittens from
old woolen sweaters
vibrant in rainbow shades
of fuzzy wool.

Her hands paint.
Still paint.
Heart art.
She can't help it.
She's a painter.

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Ruth Ann Nordlund with some of her art.

Only in Minnesota:

The Kensington Runestone: Minnesota's most brilliant and durable hoax?

The Kensington Runestone has provoked a host of scholarly and popular articles and books. The Minnesota Historical Society library carries more than forty titles on the subject. The following was written by Paul Nelson in May of 2020.

The Kensington Runestone is a gravestone-sized slab of hard, gray sandstone called graywacke into which Scandinavian runes are cut. It stands on display in Alexandria, Minnesota, as either a unique record of Norse exploration of North America or of Minnesota's most brilliant and durable hoax.

Minnesota historian Theodore Blegen wrote in 1968 that “few questions in American history have stirred so much curiosity or provoked such extended discussions” as the Kensington Runestone. There are two uncontested facts. Swedish immigrant Olof Ohman came to Douglas County, Minnesota, in 1879. While clearing land on his farm near Kensington in the fall of 1898, he turned up a slab of rock with symbols carved on the side and underside. These markings were later identified as Scandinavian runic writing.

The generally accepted translation of those runes reads: “We

are 8 Goths [Swedes] and 22 Norwegians on an exploration journey from Vinland through the West. We had camp by a lake with 2 skerries [small rocky islands] one day's journey north from this stone. We were out and fished one day. After we came home we found 10 of our men red with blood and dead. AVM [Ave Virgo Maria, or Hail, Virgin Mary] save us from evil. We have 10 of our party by the sea to look after our ships, 14 days' journey from this island. Year 1362.”

If the inscription is genuine it places Norse seafarers deep in the North American continent 130 years before Columbus reached the West Indies and tells a story otherwise unknown.

The details of the stone's geology, discovery, carving, and weathering, and the personality, education, writings, and possessions of its finder have been dissected, analyzed, and debated for more than a century. There are four main controversies over the stone's authenticity.

The first controversy centers on the plausibility of the story. For the party's ships to lie fourteen days' journey from Alexandria, the only possible route is south from Hudson Bay. That distance is nearly 800 miles by direct line, longer by river and portage—a distance difficult to

manage in fourteen days. The route is “through the west” from a “Vinland” whose location in 1362, if any, is unknown. No other record of this expedition has been found. Why would explorers who had just suffered a massacre stop to carve — in well-crafted, even, and orderly characters — a stone inscription?

The writing and language of the text are questionable. Experts first analyzed the runic writing in 1899. They dismissed it as a fake, citing too many discrepancies in form and vocabulary from the known languages of fourteenth-century Scandinavia. Most experts since then have agreed.

The condition of the rock has also raised doubts. Though graywacke is a hard sandstone, had it been exposed to wind and rain for hundreds of years, as is supposed, the inscribed areas would show telltale weathering whose age could be estimated. A 2003 analysis conducted by Scott F. Wolter concluded that the inscriptions were more than 200 years old. This remains highly contested.

Finally, who was responsible for the alleged hoax? If the inscription is a fake, it must have been done by someone with knowledge of old Scandinavian language and runes, the ability

Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards
Clearwater Polk Electric annual meeting is set for Wednesday, April 10. The last Electric newsletter had the Petition for nominations information. There are three positions up for voting as a director of the cooperative. District 2, Greg Renner for a 3-year term. District 3 has two director positions with Bill Lanners for a 3-year term and Betty Surdez for a 1-year term. There is not anyone up in District 1.

Nominations from Clearwater Polk members is due by February 5, 2024 to be placed on the ballot. Any 10 or more members who reside in the district, up for election, may nominate an eligible member for a director's position. NO member will be elected to the position unless nominated by the people in their district.

Bingo is back at Shorty's in Gully on Saturday, Feb. 3 with Prime Rib the special for both Friday and Saturday night.

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

Sportsmen's Lodge at Pine Lake is having Valentines specials Feb. 14, 16, 17. That is coming up soon. With walleye or T Bone with Shrimp Scamp with Lobster Alfredo. Even with a dessert of Chocolate Cherry Cheese Cake.

Eric Reinbold is seeking a new murder trial. He was found guilty of the murder of his wife Lisette on July 9, 2012. He is in prison and was arrested without incident on a vacant Oklee farmstead after he had been on the lam for 26 days.

Joke time
After calling the roll for the students and reading the lunch menu to the class the teacher told her class, "Boys and girls? This is Groundhog Day!"

Little Lena said with a loud sign, "I am so glad that I brought my own lunch."

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

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 E-books and Audiobooks for Free. No library card? No problem!

to carve in stone, and the nerve to carry out the prank. The most likely perpetrator was Olof Ohman. Ohman had little education but owned a small library that included information about runes. His friend, former pastor Sven Fogelblad, may have had knowledge of runes and, like Ohman, may have sought to try to fool academics, whom both men reportedly disliked. Ohman never admitted to a hoax.

The Kensington Runestone has provoked a host of scholarly and popular articles and books. The Minnesota Historical Society library carries more than forty titles on the subject. The slab has been examined in Europe and displayed at the Smithsonian Institution and the 1965 New York World's Fair. Expert opinion favors the conclusion that the inscription is not authentic, but the majority view asks the question: if a hoax, then who, how, when, and why? Definitive answers have so far proved beyond reach.

For more information on this topic, check out the original entry on MNopedia at <https://www.mnopedia.org/thing/kensington-runestone>



Seven year old Alanna Wilis doing her Auxiliary Jr. volunteering at the concession stand during bingo at Bagley American Legion Post 16, Friday January 26th. Alanna was with her mom, Amanda (Chairperson Auxiliary Juniors).

Alanna has been an Auxiliary Junior member since she was born. Alanna is eligible for Auxiliary Juniors through her maternal grandfather, Tom Norgaard. Tom served in the Army, and was a Vietnam Veteran. Tom was also Post Commander for The American Legion Post 16, Bagley.

The concession stand is the main fund raiser for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 16. It is open Friday nights during the bingo season. The concession stands starting selling items about 5pm-5:30pm, and goes through the bingo break. Items sold include bingo daubers, glue,

soda, water, chips, and candy bars, along with desserts and sandwiches, which are made by the members of the American Legion Auxiliary, often the ones volunteering.

Serving our veterans and community is truly an honor. Besides giving back to those who served, membership in the American Legion Auxiliary and Auxiliary Juniors has additional benefits, such as the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, retail discounts, and various insurance options such as vision, dental, life to name a few.

To be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and/or Auxiliary Juniors, one must be a spouse, female child, female grandchild or a sibling of a military veteran. Applications can be obtained at your local American Legion. For additional information, questions, feel free to call 218-401-1651.



At a recent meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Mu Chapter, Dr. Miriam White received the 2023 Woman of Achievement Award. Dr. White is a chapter member and an Associate Professor of Special Education at Bemidji State University. She is accompanied by Mu Chapter President, Kate Pearson.

Home Country

Hey, I was there to help, right? Right there in the kitchenette loaned us by the Roosevelt Hotel in Anchorage. My wife, Pam, ran the headquarters for the Iditarod Dogsled Race, and it was the second year of the race, 1974, and there I sat, a genuine Alaskan long-distance dog musher who had participated in the first race the year before.

So when a nicely dressed elderly gentleman with a thick Boston accent stopped by for coffee and questions about the race ... hey, I'm there for you.

He said his name was Norman Vaughan and he had some questions, and we talked for more than an hour. Oh, I explained to this obvious city guy all about how the dogs were hooked up, and how far we could go each day, depending on weather. He was a good student, too. When he rose to go, he said, “Slim, I think we'll be seeing a lot of each other and become good friends.”

There was something about Norman that I genuinely admired, even if I couldn't have said exactly what it was.

For the record, the race begins (for 50 years now) on the first Saturday in March in Anchorage, then crosses 1,100 miles of Alaska to end up on Front Street in Nome. This gives a guy a long, cold camping trip before he gets to Front Street. Many aren't able to complete the race for various reasons, and I was one of those. Four days in, I crushed

an ankle. I crawled in the sled and the team took me 20 miles to the next checkpoint, where I was ignominiously airlifted to a hospital in Anchorage by Army helicopter.

So about a half hour after Norman left, we were discussing him and sipping coffee when the news guy on the radio said, “The special guest at the musher's banquet tonight will be Colonel Norman Vaughan, who drove a dog team to the South Pole in 1928.”

Yes, there was laughter. A lot.

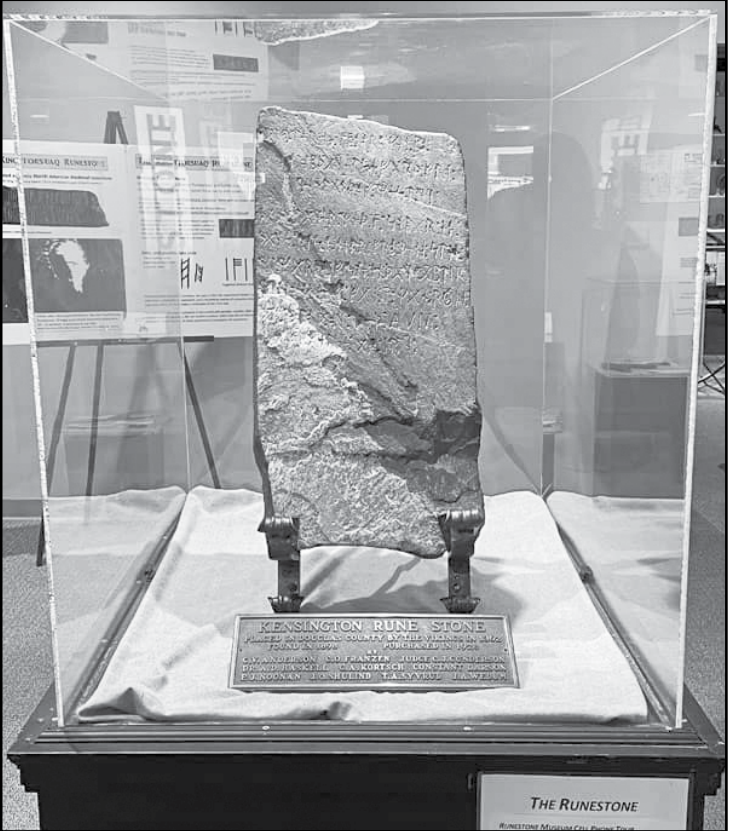
Norman Vaughan drove his dog team to the South Pole as a possible rescuer in case Richard Byrd's plane was forced down. During World War II, Norman was in charge of dog team rescue in Greenland, where they could rescue any air crews forced down on the ice cap. More than 100 fliers were rescued by his dog teams.

He and I were friends for the rest of his life, and when Norman Vaughan finally was able to finish the Iditarod Race in Nome, one of my dogs was his leader.

But after giving this polar explorer the benefit of my “vast” experience, about all I could do is grin and shrug and say, “Well, at least now he knows how to do it the right way.”

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Clearbrook-Gonvick photos by Jalina Gerlofs



Hassani Bruton around #32 Ryan Bodensteiner.



Mahnomen #4 James Thompson looking for an opening between #3 Trey Goudge and #4 Ryan Gerlofs.



Alex Churness for two points for the Bears.



Bears on defense.

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.
The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at 7:10 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Able, Randy Bodensteiner, Jill Nelson, Corey Petterson, Kayla Walberg, Dudley Wishard, and Vern Wittenberg. Absent: None Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff and community members

3 Truth In Taxation – Superintendent Grow presented the annual Truth in Taxation report.

4 Community Comments – Community members were given the opportunity to make comments to the board.

5 Spotlight on Education – Mr. Bettin showed a power point presentation of activities that have taken place since the last board meeting

6 Approval of Agenda – MMS Nelson/Petterson to approve agenda as amended, removing item #11.9. MCU.

7 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings – MMS Walberg/Wittenberg to approve minutes as presented. MCU.

7.1 11/20/23 – Regular Meeting

8 Informational Items

8.1 Principals Report –Principal Tharaldson presented the report, and discussed the following items: A) **High School & Elementary Music Concerts** – Shout out to Mrs. Ragan & Mrs. Mickelson for putting together two fabulous concerts. The gym was packed full & many positive comments were heard. B) **The Future of Work: Adapting to a Changing Environment in Education**–Mr. Tharaldson attended this symposium in early December. It was very informative, and gave many ideas related to workforce shortages in education. C) **American Indian Education Positions** – Lexi Lofgren has accepted & will start as a HS American Indian Ed para on 1/3/24. Heather Brandt has accepted the American Indian Home/School Liaison/Early Intervention position & plans to start on 1/16/24. This is a new position for the district. D) **Winter Fast Bridge Screening** – K-6 teachers will be completing the winter screening the week of 1/8/24 – 1/12/24. This is screening number 2 of 3 for this year, and will include both math & reading.

8.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) **Personnel – A) Open Positions** – FT Custodial, FT Food Service, Paraprofessional, and Softball & Baseball Coaches. B) **CTE Instructor** – We recently put out an ad for a CTE Instructor to build a pool of qualified candidates in the event Mr. Faldet does not come back to the position. Since Mr. Johnson's license is Tier 1, we must post this position every year. C) **Custodial** – To help address the shortage of custodial staff, we are offering additional hours to current MSEA members. 2) **Educational**–A) **Teacher Contract** – EdMN has not received approval from their members for the next contract, therefore, no contract will be approved at this meeting. B) **Open Enrollment** – Additional information regarding open enrollment was sent to board members last week. 3) **Legislative** - A) **Current** – There is nothing new to report at this time. 4) **Financial** – A) **Truth in Taxation** – The Truth in Taxation presentation, and Levy Limit Certifications were sent in board

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packets. 5) **Building/Grounds –** A) **ATSR & RA Morton** – We need to continue the discussion about when to do the Indoor Air Quality project. B) **Survey** – The Community survey is being finalized. Thanks to those who provided feedback. C) **Referendum** – When is the right time to go back to the voters?

8.3 Committee Report – None
8.4 Enrollment Report – As of 12/13/23, our enrollment Pre-K through 12th grade was 527. This was a decrease of 1 student from 11/13/23.

9 Consent Calendar – MMS Wittenberg/Able to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:

72153-72173/Wires
 Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit
 No Checks – All Payroll was Direct Deposit

December Bills
 Voucher Numbers:
 69362-69453
 Check Numbers:
 72174-72224

Total Payroll/Expense Checks
 Approved: \$651,801.31

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

9.4 Accept/Approve Donations
9.5 Student Activity Report

10 Old Business

10.1 Open Enrollment – An update was given. Discussion was held. It was determined that a work session on the subject was needed.

10.2 Welding - An update was given. Discussion was held.

11 New Business

11.1 Consider Hiring Jon Gerlofs as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 Season at \$3,600 – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to approve. MCU.

11.2 Consider Transferring Lexi Lofgren to Indian Education Paraprofessional – MMS Petterson/Able to approve. MCU

11.3 Consider Hiring Heather Brandt as an Early Education Paraprofessional/Home School Liaison, Step 8, \$17.36/Hr. – MMS Nelson/Walberg to approve. MCU

11.4 Consider Hiring Mandy Knable as a Special Education Paraprofessional, Step 1, \$15.27/Hr. – MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to approve. MCU

11.5 Consider Accepting the Resignation of Deagan Griffin, Custodian – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to accept. MCU

Mr. Grow & the board thanked Deagan for his service.

11.6 Consider Approving a Letter of Agreement between MSEA & ISD 2311 – The letter was presented. MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve. MCU.

11.7 Consider Approving the Final Levy & Certification –MMS Wishard/Walberg to approve. MCU.

11.8 Consider Adopting a Resolution to Set Polling Place - The combined polling place for the school will be the City of Clearbrook, City Hall; Clearbrook, MN. MMS Wittenberg/Nelson to adopt resolution. MCU.

11.9 Consider a Potential Settlement for Pending Litigation; Case # 1284989-CP-27897 - Item Removed.

12 Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items – Questions were asked and answered.

13 Future Meetings

13.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

13.2 Transportation Committee Meeting – TBD

14 Adjournment–MMS Walberg/Able to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. MCU R46C

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.
The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Vern Wittenberg, Scott Abel, Corey Petterson, Jill Nelson, Kayla Walberg, Dudley Wishard, and Randy Bodensteiner. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff and community members

3 Community Comments – Community Members were given the opportunity to make comments to the board.

4 Spotlight on Education – Mr. Bettin showed a power point presentation of activities that have taken place since the last board meeting

5 Approval of Agenda – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

6 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings – MMS Wishard/Petterson to approve minutes as presented. MCU.

6.1 10/16/23 – Regular Meeting
6.2 11/13/23 – Special Meeting

7 Informational Items

7.1 Principals Report –Principal Tharaldson presented the report, and discussed the following items:

A) **PLCs** – The meeting times and process of PLCs was explained. B)

Science Conference – We sent Mrs. Ehlers to the conference in Rochester that took place 11/9-11/11/23. Mrs. Ehlers was able to participate in numerous breakout sessions specific to the new science standards. C)

Creativity Festival – 30 5th grade students will participate at the festival on 11/22/23. D) – **Veteran's Day Program** – Special thanks to the Gonvick American Legion & the Gonvick Legion Auxiliary for their work on the program, which was held on 11/10/23. Thank you to Robin & the Food Service staff for serving a delicious lunch to the Veterans after the program. Also, thanks to the Music Department for their involvement and producing a great program again this year!

7.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) **Personnel – A) Open Positions** – FT Custodial, Indian Education Paraprofessional, and Softball & Baseball Coaches. B)

Negotiations – They have gone well. There is a tentative agreement with Ed MN and the School District. Some language around PTO is being finalized. The plan is to have the final contract brought to the December board meeting for board approval.

2) **Educational – A) Parent-Teacher Conferences** – Our second conferences were held on 11/16 & 11/17. B) **Winter Activities** – They are in full swing as of today. We are happy to have Knowledge Bowl back. C) **Open Enrollment** – Reviewed & discussed. 3) **Legislative** - A)

Current – There is nothing new to report at this time. 4) **Financial – A) Investment**– Current rates from local Banks & MSDLAF were included with packet for board's information. 5)

Building/Grounds – A) Spreader – Three quotes were received. Bobcat, Quick Attachments & Ironhide sent quotes. The Bobcat quote included delivery time of approximately 2 weeks, while the other companies would be approximately 6 weeks

until delivery.

7.3 Committee Report – None
 Negotiations – Chair Wittenberg noted that the board should have a contract to review at the December board meeting.

7.4 Enrollment Report – As of 11/15/23, our enrollment Pre-K through 12th grade was 529. This was an increase of 5 students from 10/15/23.

8 Consent Calendar – MMS Walberg/Bodensteiner to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 72037-72076/Wires

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit
 No Checks – All Payroll was Direct Deposit

November Bills
 Voucher Numbers:
 69016-69151
 Check Numbers:
 72077-72152

Total Payroll/Expense Checks
 Approved: \$819,360.66

8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

8.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

8.4 Accept/Approve Donations

8.5 Student Activity Report

9 Old Business

9.1 GVT Capital Credits – The application was turned in on Monday, 10/9/23. We are currently waiting to see if we will receive them.

9.2 Transportation – An update was given.

10 New Business

10.1 Consider Hiring the Following Coaches/Advisors for the 2023-2024 School Year – Supt Grow presented the following individuals for the listed positions & salaries. He noted that once the new contract is approved at the December board meeting, these salaries will change. MMS Wittenberg/Nelson to approve. All voting in favor, with Kayla Walberg abstaining. Motion Carries.
 Leah Watne – JH Girls Basketball Coach - \$1,800
 Kayla Walberg - JH Girls Basketball Coach - \$1,800
 Scott Schafer – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach - \$3,600
 Morgan Gebhardt – Varsity Knowledge Bowl - \$1,440

10.2 Consider Hiring Jennifer Zurhorst as Paraprofessional Educator at Step 7, \$17.06/Hr. – MMS Nelson/Walberg to approve. MCU

10.3 Consider Approving the Certified Staff Seniority List for 2023-2024 – MMS Wittenberg/Abel to approve. MCU.

10.4 Consider Approving the Support Staff Seniority List for 2023-2024 – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to approve. MCU

10.5 Consider the Purchase of a Sand/Salt Spreader – MMS Walberg/Petterson approve. MCU

10.6 Consider Approving the MSBA Model Policy Revisions – MMS Wishard/Petterson to approve. MCU.

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12 Future Meetings

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

12.2 Truth in Taxation Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

12.3 Set Future Work Session Date – Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

13 Adjournment– MMS Wishard/Petterson to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. MCU R46C



Hannah Weems 24 and Ava Larson with the ball for the Bears as they hosted Red Lake.



Presley Westrum #55 and Hannah Weems #34 shoots for a three point basket.



Sarah Imle #11 and Emma Fawver #3 guarding against the Red Lake Warrior #30.



Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick has Pickleball! Check out their website for all the details and membership form. Rick Mollin, Jeanie Sorenson, Jackie Amstad, Cheryl Mollin, Elizabeth Thompson, Nancy Ames, Gwen Eck and Eileen Lien.

Clearwater County Sheriff
Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

City of Bagley - Total 26
01/21/24 19:04:15 Fire - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/22/24 05:38:49 Traffic Stop
01/22/24 12:40:44 Traffic Stop
01/23/24 06:17:36 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/23/24 08:04:05 Traffic Stop
01/23/24 20:06:33 TEST
01/24/24 05:04:55 Traffic Stop
01/24/24 07:51:12 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/24/24 15:14:55 TEST
01/24/24 16:32:17 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
01/24/24 22:31:13 Traffic Stop
01/25/24 09:10:33 Traffic Stop
01/25/24 15:25:45 Traffic Stop
01/25/24 15:36:41 Traffic Stop
01/25/24 16:16:07 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 08:54:17 Warrant (New)
- Report Taken
01/26/24 13:19:01 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 14:27:59 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/26/24 14:36:00 Sexual Conduct - Handled By Officer
01/26/24 15:32:28 ASSIST
01/26/24 17:26:07 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 18:23:45 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 18:34:14 Traffic Stop
01/27/24 02:35:55 Disturbance - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/27/24 04:38:50 Traffic Stop
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/27/24 06:33:44 TEST
City of Clearbrook - Total 18
01/21/24 03:40:12 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/21/24 15:42:26 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/21/24 16:04:10 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
01/21/24 16:13:30 Traffic Stop
01/21/24 16:22:36 Traffic Stop
01/22/24 14:09:51 Traffic Stop
01/22/24 16:17:24 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/23/24 10:13:19 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/23/24 14:28:43 Traffic Stop
01/23/24 14:50:13 Traffic Stop
01/23/24 14:58:23 Traffic Stop
01/23/24 15:12:44 Traffic Stop
01/23/24 18:18:16 Vehicle Off

Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/24/24 12:56:47 911 Hang Up
01/24/24 14:15:15 Welfare Check
01/24/24 17:22:36 Traffic Stop
01/25/24 17:25:20 Traffic Stop
01/27/24 01:38:05 Traffic Stop
City of Gonvick - Total 4
01/23/24 16:27:55 Juvenile Misc - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/24/24 13:57:52 Traffic Stop
01/25/24 11:37:29 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 10:03:05 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Leonard - Total 1
01/23/24 22:34:46 Disturbance - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Shevlin - Total 3
01/22/24 06:24:15 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
01/26/24 07:36:13 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 20:40:41 Traffic Stop
Copley - Total 9
01/21/24 12:13:11 Traffic Stop
01/21/24 14:05:56 Traffic Stop
01/21/24 21:19:01 ASSIST
01/23/24 08:23:02 Vehicle Off Road - Information
01/23/24 15:39:00 ASSIST
01/24/24 15:19:09 Traffic Stop
01/25/24 07:48:39 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
01/25/24 16:20:41 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/26/24 08:44:53 Traffic Stop
Dudley - Total 3
01/21/24 14:35:06 Traffic Stop
01/21/24 16:47:09 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
01/22/24 14:33:58 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 2
01/25/24 06:01:58 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/25/24 18:57:17 Property Damage - Handled By Officer
Falk - Total 3
01/22/24 17:18:16 Motor Vehicle Crash - Information
01/26/24 19:31:09 Traffic Stop
01/27/24 21:05:22 Traffic Stop
Holst - Total 3
01/22/24 16:56:30 Traffic Stop
01/25/24 11:39:06 Welfare Check
01/27/24 19:13:27 Traffic Stop
Itasca State Park - Total 1
01/26/24 14:10:21 Traffic Stop

CW Itasca State Park Total: 1
CW LaPraire
01/27/24 03:06:37 Traffic Complaint O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
CW LaPraire Total: 1
CW LaPraire N
01/22/24 07:10:27 Disturbance
03 - Arrest
01/22/24 10:53:29 Traffic Stop
04 - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
Leon - Total 17
01/21/24 11:27:10 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
01/21/24 14:53:13 Traffic Stop
01/21/24 15:31:05 Traffic Stop
01/21/24 16:28:52 Traffic Stop
01/21/24 21:31:53 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/22/24 08:13:05 Parking Complaint - Handled By Officer
01/22/24 14:01:56 Traffic Stop
01/21/24 17:09:53 Traffic Stop
01/23/24 14:44:18 Traffic Stop
01/24/24 05:42:34 Traffic Stop
01/24/24 09:18:24 Lost/Found Property - Handled By Officer
01/25/24 02:49:10 Suicide Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/25/24 06:30:57 Animal Related
01/25/24 08:56:31 911 Hang Up
01/25/24 10:58:05 Information Only - Report Taken
01/25/24 17:29:26 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 17:03:37 Welfare Check
Long Lost Lake - Total 2
01/22/24 04:38:06 Alarm
01/24/24 15:11:51 911 Hang Up
Minerva - Total 3
01/22/24 16:03:04 THEFT - Report Taken
01/23/24 09:55:33 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 16:00:19 Traffic Stop
Nora - Total 3
01/22/24 15:38:53 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 08:29:29 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 14:31:33 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 5
01/21/24 14:32:21 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/24/24 11:08:32 Transport
01/24/24 14:58:22 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/25/24 13:56:41 Transport
01/26/24 07:06:36 Transport
Pine Lake - Total 3
01/21/24 09:58:48 TEST

01/23/24 15:28:45 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/25/24 12:05:39 Traffic Stop
Popple - Total 4
01/24/24 15:25:41 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/26/24 19:58:00 Traffic Stop
01/27/24 13:30:39 Property Damage - Handled By Officer
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Rice - Total 1
01/22/24 15:13:02 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
Shevlin - Total 3
01/23/24 16:33:55 Traffic Stop - Arrest
01/24/24 14:48:18 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
01/25/24 00:29:39 Medical - Patient Evaluated, No
Sinclair - Total 1
01/21/24 11:48:51 Traffic Stop
Winsor - Total 3
01/21/24 09:20:12 Fraud - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/25/24 06:40:53 Traffic Stop
01/26/24 01:26:12 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Total Records: 121

**February Ruby's
Pantry event.**

Thanks!
Here are the abbreviated details:
Join us Wednesday, February 7th at Country Faith Church, 46125 149th Ave, Clearbrook for Ruby's Pantry, Clearbrook. Our drive-thru distribution will run from 5-6:00pm or until food items are gone. Bring a \$25 cash donation and receive a "share" which is an abundance of grocery items that are valued over \$100 which varies every month. **Please bring exact change. There is a maximum of 2 shares per vehicle.
No registration needed for drive-thru distribution. No boxes needed, everything will be prepackaged for you. Ruby's Pantry is a pop-up non-profit food ministry serving our rural communities across MN & WI on a monthly basis, hosted by non-profits and made possible by volunteers at each site.
There is no income or residency requirement. Questions? Contact Country Faith at 218-776-3367. Find us on Facebook: Ruby's Pantry-Clearbrook, MN

Year in Review...
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were the organizers. Summer Rec will now be run through the City of Clearbrook... The Gonvick Fire Department held their annual puller pork fundraiser... The Clearbrook-Gonvick School was awarded \$5,560.35 from the Office of Traffic Safety to purchase 2023 School Bus Stop Arm Camera Grant... The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council awarded Bonnie Stewart of Fosston the Arts Advocate of the Year award... Mrs. Heggs first grade class at Clearbrook-Gonvick presented their famous Wax Museum of Famous Explorers to parents and friends...

We lost
Daryl Hinrichs, Victor Rude, Janice Sheridan, Diane Kappedal and Chris Engebretson.

May 17, 2023
Gladys Lueken was named The First Lady of Clearwater County. Special music was provided by Callie Ehresmann on the violin accompanied by her mother Tiffany Ehresman... Two new appointments were made to the Gonvick City Council. Ashley Reichert was appointed to fill the position that Cory Solberg vacated to become Mayor of Gonvick... Progressive Ag Farm Safety Day was held at the Bagley Hockey Arena. Several schools took part in the ten different stations that the students attended... Moorhead man Mike Green credits Essentialia Health for saving his life. His advice to others was to know the signs of a stroke and to never give up...

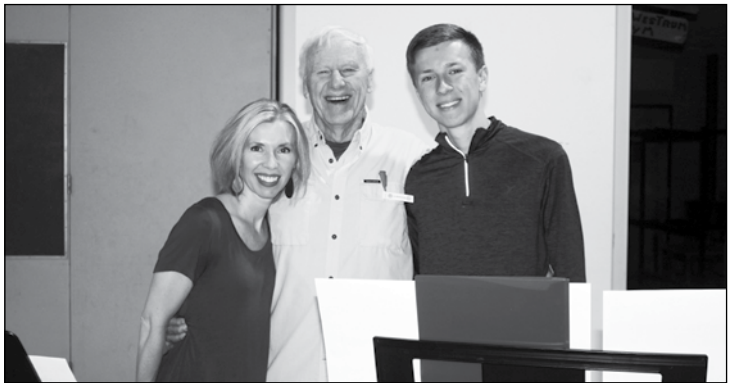
We lost
Ronald Linder, Sharon Kozojed and Robert Bergland.
May 24, 2023

Two Clearbrook-Gonvick teachers retired with a total of over 50 years of service. They were Mrs. Theresa Porter and Mrs. Mary Springer... Twenty-eight students graduate from Clearbrook-Gonvick... Memorial Day services held in the area... Dennis Clemenson, Dave Sjostrom and Mike Liapis on the honor flight of veterans to go to Washington, D.C... Clearwater County Deputy Brent Weems stopped two young lads wearing their helmets while riding their bikes. They received coupons to the Dairy Queen... Clearbrook-Gonvick teacher Mrs. Ragan received "Women of Achievement" award from the MN Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma...

We lost
LaVerne Sunderland, Beverly Fallon and Vic Thompson.

May 31, 2023
Kindergarten graduate held at Clearbrook-Gonvick. Mrs. Julie Johnson is moving up to a new position. She will be reading interventionist for the elementary. She has been teaching for 27 years. Erica Erickson will be taking her place... First Baptist Church in Clearbrook sends supplies to their sister church in central Ukraine... Over \$70,000 given to Clearbrook-Gonvick graduating seniors...

We lost
Ralph Vigoren, Steven Opdahl and M. Virgian Larson



Phillip Engebretson and his children, Aliyah and Baruch, along with grandpa Dennis were at the Bagley Public Library on Saturday January 27 to see the working interactive vintage toy train set and other vintage toys. Bruce Jackson brought in his full electric train set with tracks, and some accessories. Aliyah and Baruch were mesmerized watching the train go round and round!
Also on display were wooden trucks, tractors, and tops. Kids had a fun time trying to pull the rope hard enough to made the top spin(on carpet)! Some made it work.
The interactive presentation was part of a new initiative to bring family friendly programs to the Bagley Public Library.
The next event will be Saturday February 10th, from 10:30 to 11:30: Valentines Story-time & Craft! This event is geared towards kids ages 4-12.
By Pamela French

**Sharon Johnson's
70th Birthday!**

Happy 70th to the best sister a guy can have!

Happy Birthday Sharon! Love, Neal

Rdgp