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Congratulations, Jill Bakken!

The Red River Valley American Chemical Society (RRV-ACS) honored her on February 2, 2024 at their annual research conference held at Hagg-Sauer Hall on the campus of Bemidji State University.

Nominated by BSU Chemistry professor, Rachel Whittaker, Ms. Bakken received the 2024 Chemistry Teacher of the Year Award. In Ms. Whittaker's nomination, she states "Jill Bakken has taught students about chemical and physical science for the past 23 years, all of which have been somewhere in the Red River Valley. Most of the last decade she has been teaching Chemistry, and over half of those years she has worked for Bagley Public Schools. She will tell you that her greatest career accomplishment is simply being part of students' lives and helping them learn just how relatable and important chemistry is to all of us. She has advised students in several academic endeavors including state, national and international competitions with ISEF and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. Jill has also involved students in the River Watch program since the beginning of her career. Her students have been a part of MPCA data collection and research for watershed districts to make decisions about water quality programming and intervention efforts. Jill received the Voyageur Award from the Interna-



Jill Bakken honored.

tional Water Institute for her involvement in the Red River Valley River Watch program. She has advised Knowledge Bowl teams to multiple regional and state competitions and motivated many students to find their educational strengths and talents. She loves to welcome community experts and university students to her classroom to show students that Chemistry is everywhere! It is very important to Jill that all students, regardless of background or

situation, learn the value of Chemistry and science in their lives and how to make their best choices with that knowledge." Jill is the first recipient of this award.

A mother of two, Jill Bakken calls Bagley her home and teaches Chemistry and Earth & Space Science at Bagley High School. She is active in Tuesday Study Club and the Community Theater, as well as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook. Kudos, Jill!

Essentia Health faces off with City of Fosston over birthing services

About 40 community members gathered at Fosston City Hall Tuesday, January 30th to tune into a virtual public hearing on the matter of Essentia Health's closure of the labor and delivery services at Essentia Health's Fosston location. There were also over 100 others who joined online, along with four of Essentia Health's administrators and the Minnesota Department of Health's Stacy Shogren as the moderator.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) held this for Essentia Health to explain the reasons for ceasing to offer maternity care services at the hospital and to provide an opportunity for public testimony on the discontinuation of maternity care services.

The hearing was an information only venue and an opportunity for public comment, there was no bearing on the decision made by Essentia Health to cease services, nor on the City of Fosston's course of action due to a breach of the 2009 contract between the City of Fosston and Essentia Health. Among other services in this contractual agreement with the city is obstetric care. Essentia put a pause on OB care in June 2022, and since that time, Fosston has worked to meet the requirements from Essentia to return this care, despite some changes along the way.

According to Essentia Health, labor and delivery services have been diverted to St. Mary's Regional Health Center, an Essentia facility in Detroit Lakes, more than 60 miles from Fosston, as the company feels this shared maternity care model provides safer, coordinated care for the residents of Fosston, and the surrounding communities, which also

use the hospital and clinic as their primary health provider. During the meeting, Essentia Health officials stated that low-volume birthing centers have more risks that impact the well-being of moms and babies, as well as complications recruiting physicians and staff to low-volume birthing centers.

The City of Fosston is poised to terminate the agreement and regain operational control of the hospital. On September 19, 2023, The Fosston City Council voted to enter into mediation with Essentia Health during an informal meeting where over 100 community members gathered. Mediation, which took place in October 2023 between the City of Fosston and Essentia Health was unsuccessful.

The next step will be an arbitration panel which will probably take place during late spring or early summer of this year. Should Essentia Health

not bring back birthing services to the Fosston Hospital, the City of Fosston will end the operation contract entirely and put the hospital back under the control of First Care Medical Services.

If the city ends their contract with Essentia Health, the provider will have 12 more months of service before they will no longer operate the hospital and the facility will return again to being an independent hospital.

The closure of labor and delivery services in rural areas is a challenge affecting communities nationwide. This phenomenon is not confined to Essentia Health's Fosston hospital. With the closure of these birthing departments, there are questions about access to crucial healthcare services in rural communities. The repercussions are profound, impacting not only the community's health but also the local economy and population trends.



The City of Fosston is ready to take back the hospital if Essentia refuses to provide labor and delivery services.



Community members gather at the Fosston City Hall for a digital public meeting with the Minnesota Department of Health about Essentia Health ending birthing services in the Fosston Hospital.

Citizens address Commissioners about change in state flag

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

The Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 30, with all commissioners present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the agenda and minutes from the last meeting, the board heard a presentation by the Bagley Elementary PTO.

Bagley PTO representative Paige Jourdain, explained to the commissioners that a playground replacement project is underway. The current playground will not meet state codes going into effect in 2025. A fundraising effort is underway, with the goal of raising \$370,000 so that a new playground can be constructed before school starts in the fall.

The County Auditor-Treasurer was represented by Board Coordinator Amie Jordan, who presented a hiring request and pay increase request to the board. Commissioner John Nelson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mark Larson, to hire Courtney Severson as part time Extension Secretary at Range 10 Step 1 with a starting date of February 5, 2024. Motion carried. Commissioner Dean Newland made a motion to approve the step increase for Lisa Syverson to Range 26, Step 5 effective March 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera and passed.

County Sheriff Darin Halverson presented the annual Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota. Commissioner Stuart Dukek made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Titera. Motion passed. Sheriff Halverson then explained that the electronics board that controls all the doors and intercoms in the jail has been fixed several times recently and is 15 years old. The recommendation of the County IT Director is to replace the board with newer technology. Sheriff Halverson presented a quote from Securitas Technology to replace the

board at a cost of \$8,354.44. Commissioner Larson asked if this was a budgeted expense, with Sheriff Halverson responding that a replacement had not been budgeted for in 2024, but funding could be found from different budgets to cover the expense. If the board is not replaced and it stops working again and can't be quickly fixed, prisoners would need to be transported to other facilities until repairs were made. Commissioner Titera made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried.

Clearwater County Soil and Water District representatives Chester Powell and Brielle Prokaosch were next on the agenda. Prokosch explained that it was time to renew the contract with Always There Staffing for the 2024 boating season. That company handles the staffing of Aquatic Invasive Species inspectors (boat inspectors). Most of the same inspectors are expected to return for this season. Commissioner Newland made the motion to approve the 2024 contract, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion carried. Chester Powell then discussed amendments being proposed for FY 2022 Mississippi Headwaters Watershed Implementation funds work plan and the FY 2024 funds and work plan. Motion was made by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Dukek to approve the amendment to the FY 2022 plan and FY 2024 work plan. Motion carried.

Six citizens were in attendance to address the board. Dan Johnson was the first to speak. Johnson expressed his opinion that the state was taking steps to erase our history by replacing the state flag and replacing it with a flag that doesn't mean anything or symbolize anything related to our state. He hoped that the board would follow other counties in passing a resolution in opposition to changing the flag and send the resolution to the state capitol. Doug Lind-

gren was next to address the board and stated that history is important and if we don't learn from history, history will repeat itself. There were other comments regarding the cost of new flags and a question asking if the county could ignore the new flag and continue to display the current state flag. In regards to displaying the state flag, the commissioners shared that they had just received an email from the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) pertaining to the display of the state flag. In short, the message stated that the state flag is required to be on display outside of the State Capitol and in courtrooms. Other bodies of government are not required to display the flag or seal and are not required to update flags or seals they voluntarily display. The message also stated that "it's worthwhile for counties to be cautious about flag display decisions. If a county decides to display a flag outside of common practice, it is probable they may be contacted by interested individuals to display flags of support. This has occurred in other local governments with requests to display flags that support specific groups (law enforcement, LGBTQ individuals, firefighters, etc.). The county should consider if they want to have these discussions. The commissioners thanked the citizens for attending and stating their concerns. The commissioners then had a discussion about what the next step would be to address the citizens concerns. Commissioner Newland made a motion to add to the next meeting agenda, resolutions addressing the state flag and also wolf population control. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and the motion carried.

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the board will be 9 am on February 13, 2024 at the courthouse.

Coffee, Cover Crops & Soil Health

Come have a coffee with us and your neighbors to chat about soil health.

Starting February 6th at the Rydeen Farms, 47499 199th Ave, Clearbrook from 10:00 a.m. to noon the Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting a series of meetings. They will be discussing soil

health in the area. Please bring any questions you may have regarding cover crops, no-till, soil health, or SWCD programs that are available. Come join us for a chat! Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Other meetings planned will be Wednesday, February 14 at the D&R Cafe in Bagley from

11 am to 1 pm.

Wednesday, February 21 at Countryside Cafe, Bemidji from 9 am to 11 am.

Wednesday, February 28 at the MJ Cafe in Fosston from 9 am to 11 am.

Tuesday, March 19 at the Morse Town Hall at Deer River from 10 am to noon.

Sustainable Farming Community Meeting

5:30 p.m. February 27, 2024
American Legion
114 Main Ave.
Bagley, MN 56621

Sustainable agriculture is not a new concept to most people but sustainable means more than regenerative practices on a farm, it means being part of a community where farmers can provide quality foods to their neighbors and a community can learn to support one another, helping the food supply continue in a dependable fashion while know-

ing where your food comes from.

If you have an interest in any type of market gardening, farming, livestock or selling locally or if you are interested in buying quality, healthy foods from your neighbors who raise the gardens and livestock, this is for you. You'll meet like-minded people, you'll meet farmers, gardeners and those interested in supporting local agriculture. Come share ideas about educational opportunities in the community to promote healthy foods from the ground

up and to teach people about the importance of supporting local farms to feed families. Bring your ideas about how to market locally, both to consumers and institutions. Most importantly, network and learn with others who are forging a new, local path to healthy foods and healthy farms.

Everyone welcome!
More information: Robin Postman Benson robinspbenson@gmail.com, 218-616-2246 or Alethea Kenney allie@reedbird.com, 218-657-2502.

2023 year in review

June 2023

Commissioners John Nelson and Mark Larson give approval to watercraft cleaning station to be stationed at Clearwater Lake... Chief Deputy Vern Wittenberg submitted a request to the board for a Boat and Water Safety Grant, which Commissioners Nelson and Titera authorized... The board and Sheriff to sign the 2023 Grant in the amount of \$2,056.00... Peter Imle from Gonvick takes the reins as new NPGA Chairman... Library at University of Minnesota at Crookston was dedicated to Roger D Moe... June was Proclaimed as Great Outdoors Month by Gov. Walz in 2023, encouraging all Minnesotans to get outside and enjoy nature and stressed the health and wellness benefits of outdoor activities... June 10th-11th ATV riders with an all-terrain vehicles registration for private or agricultural use were able to ride the states forests and trails for the 10th year... Belgium Buglers invited the United States to help raise awareness for the new National World War I Me-

morial in Washington DC June 7th-9th... Bemidji Speedway had a successful third night of racing... Nathan Weems places 2nd in the 200m dash at the Bears latest track meet, Allison Lavin took 1st place in the long jump, Avery Lavin Placed 2nd in the high jump... Jon Melby Retired from Oklee Lumber after 45 years... Clearbrook High school Class of 1973 successfully celebrated their 50th Class reunion Saturday, June 3rd... June 11th Curtis and Loretta teamed with NELL and BAAC at the American Legion Post in Bagley... CrossFit Bemidji held its 3rd Annual MURPH competition... Erskine Attachments celebrated 75 years of business... Ashley and Jason Paulson take over The Trap bar in Gonvick as new owners... Summerfest was celebrated with basketball tournaments, 5K color run, Grand-Kiddie Parade, a Cornhole Tournament and Karaoke... Veterans Omnibus Bill was signed by Gov. Walz to ensure adequate funding and staff for Veterans Homes... Minnesota DNR Re-

moved Deer feeding Bans in 24 Counties... Lund Lutheran Church Celebrates 125 years...

We Lost.
Sonya Johnson, Wallace Nelson, Gary Hanson, Jon Oien, Johnny Brendalen, Mary Lou Slinger, Stewart Taflin, Duane Nelson, Michael Johnson, Mavis Watnemo, Gloria Osmonson, Lorraine LaCourse, Lorraine Cote, Robert Turner, Daniel Molden, Orlando Hofstad, Artis Kirkpatrick,



Community Calendar

Elim Missions Friend meeting
Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, February 8th at 2:30 PM at the Clearbrook Elim Church Our meeting will follow a devotions/meditation concentrating on Women of the Bible and a missionary update will be given.
The hostess will be Roxanne Engebretson.

NOTICE CLOVER TOWNSHIP
To the residents of Clover Township. The regular meeting will be held on Feb. 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the Josh Reed residence. - Joel Wraa, Clerk

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF CLOVER TOWNSHIP
Notice of Annual meeting and Election of Town Officers of Clover Township, Clearwater Co., State of Minnesota on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed and held March 26, 2024.
The election poll hours will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect:
1 Township Supervisor for a 3 year term
1 Clerk for a 2 year term
The annual meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. Filing for town officers from Jan. 2, 2024 to Jan. 16, 2024.
Affidavits of Candidacy may be filed with the Clerk of Clover Township for a fee of \$2.00.
Joel Wraa, Clerk of Clover Township

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.

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE
By Susan Anderson

Well, another week has passed and I have stuck to my resolution to not buy any meat.
This means digging into the back of the freezer to see what's there. Lo and behold, beef tips! I didn't remember they were there (no judging, please). This recipe I have for Beef Burgundy is just what I need. It's rich and quick. Yes, there's wine involved but the alcohol cooks off leaving the most delicious flavor. If you choose not to use wine, add another cup of beef broth. Enjoy!



Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com

- 1 Cup beef broth
- 1 Cup Burgundy wine
- 8 Ounces sliced mushrooms
- Saute onions in bacon grease until soft, remove to another dish. Add beef to drippings and cook until beef is now longer pink. Add more drippings if necessary. Sprinkle beef with flour, salt, pepper, marjoram and thyme; stirring to coat the beef. Pour in the wine and broth. Cover and simmer about 1 and 1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Return onion to pan and add the sliced mushrooms. Cover and cook for another 45 minutes.
- Serve over noodles or rice.
- If you are looking for a specific recipe, contact me at montanaapples302@gmail.com. I'll try to help.
- Until next time, blessings to you and your family.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Absentee Ballots are available, for those who cannot vote on Election Day, in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office during normal office hours of Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Other hours for absentee voting include Saturday, March 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Monday, March 4th until 5:00 p.m. in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office in the Courthouse. Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 reads: Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union. All election judges in Clearwater County have been trained in the procedures to properly assist all handicapped or disabled voters. All eligible voters are encouraged to vote either absentee or on Election Day and ask assistance of the election judges. Any questions, please call the Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 694-6520.

Book Sale
Two day used book sale at the History Center in Shevlin
Saturday February 17, 9:00-4:00 and Sunday February 18, Noon- 4:00 pm
Browse the many children's books, "how to" and gardening books, mystery and romance. Books are 50¢ each.
Stock up for your late winter and early spring reading!

Thank You!
I have been so very blessed by friends in our wonderful community the past 2 months while I have been dealing with health issues. Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, food, texts and emails and a big thank you to the Country Faith Ladies for the lovely prayer shawl! Your acts of kindness have been so encouraging to me and I am grateful! ~Betty Malm

One Act Play Section 8A Results
Last Saturday, Bagley High School hosted the Section 8A One Act Play Competition in the BHS Auditorium. Eight schools performed their plays and the results are as follows. First place was Bagley with their show, a cutting and adaptation of William Shakespeare's comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" directed by Marilyn Hood. Second place went to Crookston for their production of "The Inexplicable Chaos Factor of Mia Gregory" by Emily Hageman, directed by Beth Carlson. East Grand Forks placed third with their production of "Requiem" by Jerome McDonough, directed by Donovan Hanson, and Win-E-Mac's production of "Bus Stop" placed fourth, directed by Andrew Hanson.
Bagley will now participate in the State One Act Play Festival this Thursday, Feb. 8th, at the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium in St. Paul. They are the first play of the day to perform at 9:15 am. This is the seventh consecutive year that Bagley has advanced to the state festival and the eleventh time overall.

NOTICE
The Greenwood Town Board will meet at the home of the clerk on February 12th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Sheila Horn, Clerk

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.

Bears to perform at Target Center
The CG Bears Varsity Cheer team is set to perform and lead select fans in the Cheer tunnel Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at a Minnesota Timberwolves vs. the Denver Nuggets game at the Target Center!
The Cheer team has a group sales code for this highly anticipated game. Check the commons area at the school for fliers and information.
Tickets are just \$50.00! Book your tickets now and come and support the Cheer team and the MN Timberwolves!

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

February is American Heart Month
For February's important focus on Heart Month, we're joining @TheHeartTruth to spread the word that reducing the risk of heart disease is easier when we put #OurHearts into our self-care.
February 2nd is Wear Red Day. This Wear Red Day, use #OurHearts to share how you're showing your heart more love! www.nhlbi.nih.gov/heartmonth
You can help protect your heart against #HeartDisease with self-care, like moving more, eating healthier, managing stress, not smoking/vaping, and getting enough quality sleep. This #WearRedDay, use #OurHearts to share how you're showing your heart more love! www.nhlbi.nih.gov/heartmonth
When we take action to protect #OurHearts, we can prevent heart disease. Small everyday activities can lead to heart health benefits.
Start today with:
• Drinking more water
• Taking a 10-minute stretch break
• Using herbs and spices instead of salt <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/resources/put-your-heart-getting-active-eating-healthy-tip-sheet>
Sharon Larson RN, North Country CHS (Clearwater, Hubbard and Lake of the Woods counties).

Clearwater County Nursing Report
Stephanie Anderson
ClearwaterNursing Service
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MDH: Minnesota data
Current trends in hospitalized viral respiratory surveillance:
• COVID-19: Hospitalization rates decreased.
• Influenza: Hospitalization rates decreased.
• RSV: Hospitalization rates decreased.
CDC: United State data
The amount of respiratory illness (fever plus cough or sore throat) causing people to seek healthcare is elevated or increasing across most areas of the country. This week, 25 jurisdictions experienced high or very high activity.
Reported on Friday, January 19th, 2024.
In Clearwater County our total numbers are low, as are hospitalizations and positive cases in long term care facilities.

Church News
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Gonvick
Pastor Will Anderson
Feb. 12-Feb. 18, 2024
Tuesday: 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Wed: 9:30 AM Women's Walk Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting; 4 PM 1st Communion Class; 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service with Communion
Thurs.: 3:00 PM Women's Group Meets, with meeting, Program and Light Lunch to follow
Sat: 9:00 AM-12:00 "Women's Game Day"
Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service.
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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...
Events
Friday Night Out March 1st
Hawaiian Inspired
Sesame Cabbage Salad, bacon rolls on fresh pineapple w/Hawaiian Bread, Teriyaki Pork & Vegetable Stir-fry, Rice, Hawaiian Wedding Cake. 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.
Shop At The Top SALES:
Every Tuesday is senior Discount day, 25% off store wide for 65 and older
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
*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 (open to all ages)
Monday, Feb 12th 11am-12:30 p.m. at CWCL in Gonvick
During each class you will prep and make a nutritious meal then sample it! Sponsored by Clear Waters Life Center and PrimeWest Health.
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
Did you know that CWLC has full service weight room and gym? With a friendly atmosphere and best prices in the area. If you are a PrimeWest member your membership is free. Come and sign up today to start your health journey with us.
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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UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Road 7
Sunday Feb. 11 - 9:00 a.m. Transfiguration of Our Lord, Jeanne Rains
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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Interim Synod Authorized Minister Marilyn Grandstrand
Good Shepherd
Wed., Feb. 7: 6:00pm First Wednesday at Cease Funeral Home (7th – 12th Grade)
Sun., Feb. 11: 9:00am Worship & Communion with Pastor Gary Graff; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School
Mon, Feb. 12: 7:00pm Good Shepherd Council Meeting
Tues, Feb. 13: 6:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Mark
Wed., Feb. 14: 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Service with Marilyn Grandstrand
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:15am-2:15pm
Our Savior's
Wed., Feb. 7: 6:00pm First Wednesday at Cease Funeral Home (7th – 12th Grade)
Sun., Feb. 11: 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School 11:00am Worship & Communion with Pastor Gary Graff
Wed., Feb. 14: 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Service (@ Good Shepherd) with Marilyn Grandstrand

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.

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.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseith
Facebook: clearwaterlutheranparish
Wed. Feb. 7: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LVS.
Sat. Feb. 10: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Feb. 11: 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. 14: 5 p.m. Wednesday School. 6 p.m. meal. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at Nazareth.

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, Feb. 7: Confirmation: 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade at Lund.
Sun. Feb. 11: 9:00 a.m. Lund Worship./10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 7th Grade Confirmation at 2 p.m.

SERVANTS OF YAHUAH
The most High Eloheem and 'only' savior (Isaiah 43:11) are meeting on Yahuah's sacred Sabbaths. Call (218) 766-8176 for information.
-Emergency food shelf
-Homeless shelter

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Clearbrook-Gonvick 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

2023-2024 Quarter 2 "B" Honor Roll

12th Grade - Hayden Engen, Benjamin Goudge, Luke Johnson, Cherlize Martin, Jake Stoskopf, Nathan Weems

11th Grade - Gabrielle Anderson, Ryan Bodensteiner, Hassani Bruton, Kameryn Defoe, Camille DeSchane, Vernelle Kingbird-Spears, Tatum Melby, Cecelia Midbo, Craig Roy III, Aubrey Stoskopf, Natalie Tollefson

10th Grade - Brandon Branchaud, Natasha Chandler, Layla Engebretson, Emma Fawver, Logan Knutson, Milenia Shegrud, Zachary Ysen

9th Grade - Carter Ballard, Blayten Benson, Caleb Engebretson, Trevor Furey, Ryan Gerlofs, Seneca Johnson, Jaret Larson, Molly Nelson, Weston Raidon, Madisen Walser, Kailen White

8th Grade - Avery Ostenaa, Kreed Shegrud, Christopher Skjaret, Meah Walker, August Wishard, Peyton Wittenberg

7th Grade - Sydney Dahl, Jayde King, Tahlen Kramer, Alie Olson, Colt Petersen, Havin Salzer, Lily Walberg

SPORTS SCHEDULES FOR CLEARBROOK-GONVICK

Boys
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
3/1/24 @ Fosston

JH BOYS BASKETBALL
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

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!

2023-2024 Quarter 2 "A" Honor Roll

12th Grade - Alex Churness, Abigail Engen, Makenna Hartwig, Haley McCoy, Trevor Solberg, Skye Sunderland

11th Grade - Timothy Chandler, Dylan Dahlke, Alexander Harvey, Aleeyah Molden, Emma Nybo, Meika Schmidt-gall, Clayton Smith, Reign Wegscheid, Cooper Wishard

10th Grade - Jacie Bergerson, Joely Hinrichs-Olson, Sarah Imle, Ava Larson, Amelia Machlitt, Chasity Mathson, Aubrey McCoy, Hannah Weems, Mikaela Weems, Wyatt Westrum

9th Grade - Lucas Bakken, Braxton Bjerke, Mysten Dahlke, Hadley DeVries, Grant Engen, Mya Engen, Trey Goudge, Anna Harvey, Carver Kroulik, Malea Mathson, Erika Rude

8th Grade - Alexa Anderson, Bella Dahl, Lainey Fawver, Aris Halvorson, Avery Haugan, Raina Jarrot, Kendra Klein, Savanah Kumpula, Gunner Olson, Carter Peterson

7th Grade - Wyatt Abel, Trevor Bjerke, Ashten Churness, Karli Dahlke, Carson Derby, Elias Haugan, Kayden-Lois Hoell, Travis Johnson, Izabella Klusken, Niah Knutson, Willet, Eric Larson, Gracie Petit, Erik Preuss, Alydia Samson, Tessa Vettleson, Victoria Vettleson, Harper Watne, Chase Wegscheid

SPORTS SCHEDULES FOR CLEARBROOK-GONVICK

Girls
2/8/24 @ Red Lake Falls
2/9/24 vs. GGG
2/13/24 @ Bagley
2/15/24 @ Red Lake City Central
2/20/24 vs. Fertile-Beltrami (DH)
JH GIRLS BASKETBALL
Feb. 9 vs. GGG 4:00/5:00PM
Feb. 10 ... @ Blackduck (conf. Tourney) 9:00AM

Class cancelled

Snowmobile Safety scheduled for this Saturday, 2/10/2024 has been cancelled. Online class vouchers will be honored next year.

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"



Aiden Churness named to Fall Dean's List at U of M Crookston

The University of Minnesota Crookston announces students who were named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List which was recently released by the Office of the Registrar. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded (A-F) credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Students named to the Dean's List include Aiden Churness of Clearbrook, MN, majoring in Management B. S.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch Menu

Wed., Feb. 7 - Walking Taco, Refried Beans, Cookie (9-12) Breadstick.. **Snack:** Baked Doritos

Thurs., Feb. 8 - 100th Day of School Chicken Wings, Rice, Bread Stick. **Snack:** Rice Krispy Bar

Friday., Feb. 9 -Turkey Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing (9-12), Dinner Roll. **Snack:** Mini Loaf

Mon., Feb. 12 - Chicken Patty on Bun, Tri Tater. **Snack:** Baked Chips

Tues., Feb. 13 - Hot Dog on Bun, Potato Smiles, Baked Beans. **Snack:** Cheeze It Crackers

Wed., Feb. 14 Valentine's Day - Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Stick, Green Beans. **Snack:** Tiger Bites

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



Grant Engen goes up against Red Lake County Central Rebels on Thursday night basketball game. The boys did not get the victory on their home court.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the Red Lake County Rebels on Thursday night. Above, Hassani Brouton goes up for a basket. Below Ben Goudge shoots for two. The final score was Red Lake County 89 and Clearbrook-Gonvick 69. Photos by Jalina Gerlofs.



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.



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Wear winners from February 2nd! Front Row: Vaida Pletschett, Ava Baanrud, Mason Proffitt, Elijah Heley. Back Row: Ms. Wahl, Mr. Kroulik, Erick Preuss, Emma Fawver, Haley McCoy and Daisy Java

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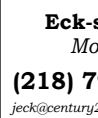
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- aluminum cans
- steel food cans
- glass bottles and jars with lids removed
- plastic containers #s 1, 2 and 5
- newspaper and office paper
- clean cardboard



Two drop-off locations, one in Bagley and one in Clearbrook, both at County Highway Department shops.

Mixed recyclables from these locations are sorted at the Materials Recovery Facility in Fosston. Revenue from recyclables sales helps offset tipping fees paid by the County for garbage disposal at the Fosston Incinerator. Please contact Clearwater County Environmental Services at 694-6183 for further information.

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

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



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Thursday 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us



A rare glimpse into the early days of Hangaard Township

My mother Ellen loved her grandfather, Theodore Torgerson very much. He lived on the Berner farm with Mom's family in his later years. He often looked after Mom, the youngest child of Orvin and Lillian Torgerson. In 1955, when Mom was around 9 years old, Theodore died at eighty-four years of age.

Let's skip ahead to April 5, 1963. Mom, now a junior in Gonvick's high school, has an English class assignment due this day. Side note: In exactly ONE YEAR TO THE VERY DAY, I would enter this world. A weird coincidence. Back to the assignment. It was written long hand in Mom's beautiful script with an ink pen. Today, it resides in my appreciative care. Which is why I can now share this true story with you. (Plus, mom says it's okay to do so.) It offers a rare glimpse into

PrimeWest Member Perks

Are you or someone you know a PrimeWest Health member? Clear Waters Life Center (CWLC) in Clearbrook was awarded a grant from PrimeWest to offer some helpful perks for you. All you have to do is stop in the CWLC-Clearbrook office on the second floor and bring proof of PrimeWest membership to gain access to all these money-saving benefits including \$25.00 voucher to Shop-At-The-Top, CWLC's nonprofit clothing and housewares outlet. Where you can find clothing, shoes, and boots for all ages; housewares, linens; craft and holiday items; jewelry; toys, puzzles and games. At amazingly low prices.

Along with your voucher, you will be eligible for free transportation to medical appointments. If your car is not reliable, or you just need a ride to an upcoming appointment. Call our office 218-776-2789 to schedule a free trip to and from your appointment at least 24 hours in advance.

Did you know that CWLC also offers mental health and addiction counseling services? Being a PrimeWest member makes you eligible for these services free of charge. CWLC has additional support groups that are open to anyone.

Last, but not least, PrimeWest members can sign up for a free Weight Room/Gym membership and training sessions with a personal trainer. CWLC-Clearbrook has a full weight room with all you need to get in shape. Mon.-Thurs., 6:30am-9pm; Friday, 6:30am-5:30pm; Saturday, 8am-12 noon.

Don't wait to take advantage of these helpful perks. It's almost unbelievable how great they are, but it's true. CWLC office hours are Monday through Friday 9-4. 256 2nd Ave., SW. in Clearbrook MN. Call the office with any questions 218-776-2789.

a farmer's life during the earliest days of Hangaard Township. Allow me to boast that my mom received an "A" grade, and very positive feedback from Mrs. Hadely.

A Reverie
Written by Ellen Torgerson,
April 5, 1963

Class English, 11 Teacher:
Mrs.Hadely

The rain fell in torrents around the small shanty. Theodore Ole Torgerson sat dejectedly beside the small window. His hair was prematurely gray, and there were deep lines of worry on his kindly face. The flax that he had depended on was gone. The Clearwater River had again flooded its banks and the low land, like quicksand, was sucking in all that he had. His home, too, was gone having been destroyed by fire that summer. Theodore had aged a great deal these last years.

Life had made many demands on Theodore. His parents were poor Norwegian immigrants who had settled in the southern part of Minnesota. School had interested him, but harsh necessity had made it secondary. The heavy responsibility of supporting his parents, six brothers and sisters was laid on him at the age of thirteen because their father was completely disabled by a stroke.

To fulfill his obligations, he had traveled by railroad and on foot to the harvest fields of North Dakota and Canada. In the winter, he had sought employment in the lumber camps of Northern Minnesota. Theodore was only Five-foot eight, and weighed one hundred sixty pounds, but could keep up with the best of the lumberjacks. However, he had preferred to cook. The memory of the tall stories the lumberjacks had told still seemed funny even though he had heard them long ago.

He had felt welcome wherever he went. Though he had been popular, he sometimes thought that what the people liked was the music he could play on his violin. Surely Ida had been attracted by it. What a lovely bride she had been, full of laughter and life, and she had had talent as well.

Homesteading in Hangaard Township hadn't been what they had expected. There had been many floods. In winter it wasn't unusual to be snow-bound. How lonely they had been! This was especially true as long as they had only oxen. Ida had wilted in these surroundings.

After the birth of their first child, Beatrice, they had decided to visit her parents at Penn, North Dakota. The trip had been spoiled, for Theodore had contacted typhoid fever. He could still recall the aroma of good food he had been forbidden to eat.

Two years later their second child Orvin had been born. There was great joy in the household over the birth of a son. Many were the plans made for the infant's future.

The following winter was severe, and the young couple felt fenced in. There were no telephones, radios, or television in those days. Not even the mailman could come through all that snow. Ida and Theodore had skied to a house party carrying their babies and the violin. One of the guests was a small pox carrier, and the dreaded epidemic soon overtook the community. Both children had had mild cases. Ida was in

delirium for days due to a high fever. It had been a heavy price to pay for one night's fun.

On March 29, 1912, Ida ill is double pneumonia, had given birth to a premature baby and died. Gone was his life's companion. He had been forced to give the new born infant away. She was so tiny she fit in a shoe-box, and she had no toenails or fingernails. She was named, Mabel, and had lived thanks to the careful nursing of Mrs. Andrew Johnson. Heavy-heartedly Theodore turned to the task of being father and mother to Beatrice and Orvin.

That had been six months ago. Now, with a new determination, he lifted himself from his seat by the window and began the preparation of the evening meal. Theodore thought that even though his flax crop was ruined, he would stay here.

The railroad had come to Gonvick in 1910, and already there were some people who owned automobiles. Yes, this country had potential and Theodore would stay to help put that potential to work.

Clearwater-Polk Annual meeting April 10

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.

Home Country

Bob and Carol Burchell pulled into their driveway during the snowstorm, and were surprised to see their daughter, Katie, along with her boyfriend, Randy Jones, sitting on the porch swing, wrapped in a blanket. Both were shivering and smiling.

They followed her parents inside, and in minutes had some hot soup inside them. Randy and Katie watched a couple of television programs together, and then Randy said goodnight and walked home.

"Randy seems to be a really nice boy, Honey," Carol said.

"Thanks, Mom. I like him a lot."

Bob sat quietly, sucking on a cup of evening coffee as though it were dessert. He had a puzzled look on his face.

"Everything OK, Dad?" Katie said.

"Oh ... sure." He took another sip. "It's just ... well, I think maybe one of you doesn't show a lot of good sense."

Katie looked surprised.

Bob explained. "You see, it's one of those what's-wrong-with-



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

It is that time again. The Gonvick American Legion will be having their monthly walleye fish fry on Saturday, February 10. Serving starts at 5:00 p.m.

K&K's in Clearbrook is having a Valentines' Day Supper starting at 4:00 p.m. They are featuring a Seafood Tri Platter, Prime Rib in three sizes with Au Jus or BBQ ribs. They have drink specials as well.

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 Scampi with Lobster Alfredo. Even with a dessert of Chocolate Cherry Cheese Cake.

Bagley Volunteer Fire Department went out to a fire.

The fire was located near 161 Ave and 310 St in Falk township, south of Bagley. The fire was stopped just a few feet from the home.

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

Ice conditions across the state have changed markedly in recent days.

In some places where there had been ice, there's now open water. In other areas - particularly to the north - conditions are extremely uneven and changing frequently.

While the forecast looks good for making ice, ice conditions will remain poor until there's a string of cold days to form new, clear ice.

Please stay on shore until there's at least 4 inches of new, clear ice. If you do head out, make sure to have all the property safety equipment and check the ice thickness frequently.

What next???

The The Star Tribune from Minneapolis had an article on a new bill to be introduced on February called teh North

this-picture things. Here you have a perfectly warm house, you have a key to the house, and here are two seemingly intelligent young people wrapped in a blanket to keep from freezing to death, sitting out on a frozen steel porch swing. Is that a smart thing to do?"

"No it isn't," Katie said. "That's what I told him. I said we could go in and get something to eat where we'd be comfortable. All he'd let me do is get that blanket."

"That was his idea, freezing on the porch?"

"Yes," Katie said, smiling. "Randy said if we went in the house before you two got home, it might hurt my reputation, and he wasn't willing to risk that."

Katie went into the other room. Bob looked at Carol and smiled.

"You know," he said. "I think I kinda like that boy."

Brought to you by the old timers who hang out at the Fairview Inn in Talkeetna, Alaska. Dance and romance center of the North.

Star Act, which would make Minnesota a sanctuary state. They want to approve it when they have complete control of the state government. Would we be the same boat as other sanctuary states?

Joke time
Ole answers the phone at 3 a.m. Wrong number, so the caller apologizes. That is OK said Ole. I had to get up and answer the telephone anyway.

Then there was the Norwegian who went ice fishing. He brought back 50 pounds of ice, then he drowned trying to fry it.

From my email
I am a Seenager (Senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50-60 years later.

Don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own ipad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have an ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

So please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.

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! Residents can instantly sign up for a digital library card through any smartphone or computer

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

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

Does anyone need old newspapers for their bird cages, their new puppies or for the garden center? We are getting ready to put some in the garbage bins for pick up. It would make the load less for the garbage collector.



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"!



Rev. Arnold Lindgren and his son Kirby Lindgren fooling around at the center where he lives. Arnold is a faithful reader of the Leader-Record.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick 5th graders picked a beautiful day to hit the slopes at Buena Vista near Bemidji!

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Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

Bear Creek - Total 1
02/02/24 12:25:34 Traffic Stop
City of Bagley - Total 24
01/28/24 10:41:13 Traffic Stop
01/28/24 13:54:18 Traffic Stop
01/29/24 15:26:09 Traffic Stop
- Arrest
01/29/24 16:42:18 Traffic Stop
01/30/24 08:49:54 Drug Related
- Report Taken
01/30/24 09:05:00 Assault -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/30/24 11:04:59 Transport -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/30/24 14:06:42 Assault -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/30/24 18:30:14 Traffic Stop
01/31/24 12:03:05 Weapon
Violation - Handled By Officer
01/31/24 12:58:49 Information
01/31/24 23:02:22 Traffic Stop
02/01/24 11:38:57 Vehicle Lock
Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/01/24 22:30:41 Traffic Stop O
02/02/24 12:29:50 Information
Only - Information
02/02/24 19:50:02 Traffic Stop
02/02/24 20:58:36 Traffic Stop
02/02/24 21:05:26 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 01:17:37 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 08:10:30 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 11:06:41 TEST -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/03/24 12:23:32 Information
Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/03/24 20:20:26 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 23:30:06 Traffic Stop
City of Clearbrook - Total 5
01/28/24 17:59:14 Medical -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/30/24 04:07:58 911 Hang Up
01/31/24 23:48:25 Traffic Stop
02/01/24 16:41:59 Traffic Stop
W - Warning

02/02/24 22:45:11 Information
Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Gonvick - Total 1
01/30/24 21:03:58 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Shevlin - Total 5
01/28/24 10:21:25 Traffic Stop -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/28/24 15:17:14 Traffic Stop -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/31/24 21:15:27 Traffic Stop -
Warning
02/02/24 23:54:47 Traffic Stop -
Warning
02/03/24 02:57:46 Traffic Stop -
Warning
Clover - Total 1
01/29/24 14:06:49 Harassment -
Report Taken
Copley - Total 7
01/28/24 22:05:03 Animal Related
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/30/24 11:09:40 Medical -
Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
01/30/24 19:24:08 Traffic Stop
01/31/24 21:55:36 Traffic Stop
02/01/24 00:21:32 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 00:28:46 Traffic Stop -
Warning
02/03/24 20:06:03 Traffic Stop -
Warning
Dudley - Total 6
01/30/24 19:44:46 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/31/24 20:12:10 Juvenile Misc -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/31/24 20:55:56 Traffic Stop
01/31/24 22:17:25 Traffic Stop -
Warning
02/01/24 11:23:46 Animal Related
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/02/24 18:49:26 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 1
02/01/24 06:36:02 Traffic Stop -

Handled By Officer / Deputy
Falk - Total 2
01/30/24 15:51:59 Court Order
Violation - Handled By Officer /
Deputy
02/02/24 01:25:45 Traffic Stop
Greenwood - Total 1
02/01/24 16:56:02 Traffic Stop -
Warning
Holst - Total 6
01/28/24 12:49:01 TEST -Handled
By Officer / Deputy
01/30/24 08:09:25 Juvenile Misc -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/31/24 16:01:19 Traffic Stop -
Warning
02/01/24 06:27:53 Traffic Stop
02/02/24 07:59:39 Welfare Check
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/02/24 17:30:36 Traffic Stop
Itasca - Total 3
02/02/24 11:57:54 Traffic Stop
02/02/24 12:10:10 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 19:00:05 Traffic Stop
Warning
LaPraire - Total 1
01/31/24 08:11:53 Traffic Stop
LaPraire N - Total 3
01/28/24 13:56:25 TEST -Handled
By Officer / Deputy
02/02/24 13:04:28 911 Hang Up -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/03/24 00:14:35 911 Hang Up -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
Leon - Total 5
01/28/24 08:52:23 Traffic Stop
01/28/24 18:29:58 Traffic Stop
01/31/24 19:55:09 Traffic Stop -
Warning
02/02/24 07:46:57 Traffic Stop
02/02/24 22:02:30 Traffic Stop -
Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
Minerva - Total 6
02/03/24 07:52:01 Traffic Stop
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02/03/24 15:35:35 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 16:09:10 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 16:43:59 Traffic Stop

02/03/24 16:50:32 Traffic Stop
Moose Creek - Total 2
01/28/24 15:55:45 Traffic Stop
01/31/24 12:23:09 Traffic Stop
Nora - Total 9
01/30/24 21:48:23 Vehicle Lock
Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
01/31/24 16:57:23 Traffic Stop
- Warning
02/01/24 21:15:13 Traffic Stop
02/02/24 20:04:42 Traffic Stop
- Warning
02/03/24 15:07:58 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 15:17:58 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 15:49:26 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 17:09:19 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 17:14:46 Traffic Stop
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 3
01/30/24 14:39:20 Search
Warrant - Gone On Arrival (GOA)/
Unable to Locate
01/31/24 10:04:05 Search
Warrant - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/01/24 15:53:56 Assist Other
Agency - Patient Treated, Transferred
Care to
Pine Lake - Total 6
01/28/24 13:20:00 TEST
02/01/24 02:06:26 Traffic Stop
02/02/24 17:47:20 Information
Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/03/24 12:18:45 TEST
02/03/24 13:00:46 TEST
02/03/24 22:34:10 Traffic Stop
- Warning
Popple - Total 3
01/30/24 10:26:48 Civil Complaint
- Report Taken
02/01/24 17:47:27 Traffic Stop
- Warning
02/03/24 01:37:07 Motorist Assist
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
Rice - Total 4
01/29/24 05:04:12 Traffic Stop
02/01/24 17:03:32 Traffic
Complaint - Handled By Officer
02/03/24 07:39:00 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 16:28:09 Traffic Stop

- **Shevlin - Total 12**
01/28/24 12:27:38 TEST
01/31/24 20:48:55 Traffic Stop
Warning
02/01/24 09:20:40 Traffic Stop
02/01/24 16:16:10 Traffic Stop
- Warning
02/02/24 00:42:02 Traffic Stop
- Warning
02/02/24 01:10:48 Traffic Stop
- Warning

02/02/24 15:51:55 Traffic Stop
02/03/24 02:48:58 Traffic Stop
Warning
02/03/24 11:54:43 TEST
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02/03/24 18:18:00 Traffic Stop
- Warning
02/03/24 18:23:27 Traffic Stop
- Warning
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Candlelight Ski & Owl Prowl at Rydell

On Saturday, February 17th, the Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association will be hosting a Candlelight Ski and Owl Prowl at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge near Erskine, MN from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The timing of this event will coincide with the breeding season of several local owl species, and hopefully clear skies and moderate temperatures!

The Refuge's Golden Pond and Church Lake trails will be groomed and lighted for this event. Visitors will be able to ski, snowshoe, or walk the trails during this event. There will be several pairs of adult and child size skis as well as snowshoes available for visitors to use free of charge on a first come, first served basis. Even though luminaries will be lit along the trails, we recommend that visitors bring a headlamp if they have one.

Along one of the groomed and lighted trails, an owl calling station will be set up where

the calls of several owl species (e.g., saw whet, barred, great horned) will be projected into the woods to try and generate a response from a resident owl or two. There will also be an owl education station and a black bear education table set up in different gazebos along the trails.

The Visitor Center will be open throughout the event for warming up and refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association.

If on February 17th trail conditions lack snow for skiing or snowshoeing and the trails are not too icy, the event will be changed to a hike. If forecasted temperatures are below zero or wind chills in the double-digits below zero or the trails are too icy, the event will be canceled and potentially rescheduled for a later date.

If you have questions or want more information, contact Larissa Fitzgerald at (571) 499-3880

Polk County Sheriff's K9 Jax receives donation of body armor

Polk County Sheriff's Office member, K9 Jax has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Jax's vest was sponsored by Joan and Mark Lee of McIntosh, Minnesota and embroidered with the sentiment "Born to Love - Trained to Serve - Loyal Always".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c) (3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 5,435 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-

deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$985 will sponsor one vest.

Each vest has a value of \$1800.00, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

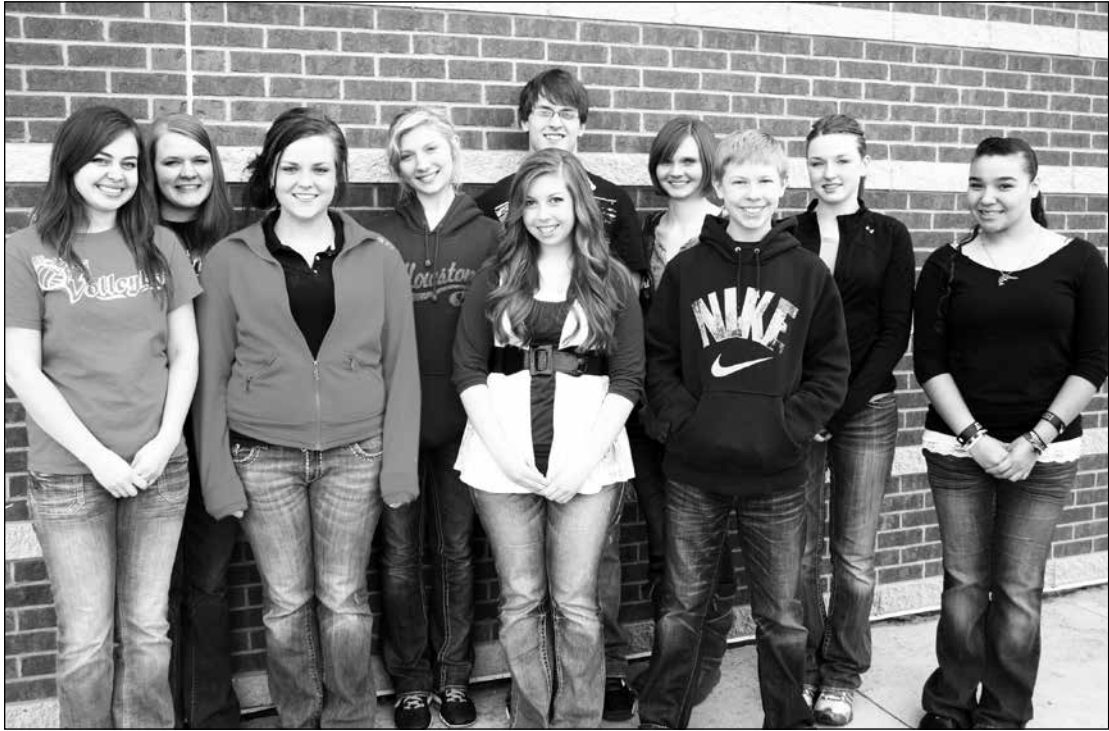
K9 Jax's partner Deputy Gunderson would like to add a special thank you to both Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. and Joan and Mark Lee for their generous donation. K9 Jax is a dog of few



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick January 2024 Student of the Month winners for the high school: Front Row: Aris Halvorson, and Meika Schmidt. Back Row: Dion Spears, Carver Kroulik, and Talan Zabriskie. Not pictured: Nathan Weems



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick January 2024 Elementary Student of the Month winners! Front row: Kamila Rodriguez, Paislee Hemingsen, Braxton Baird, Collin Fairbanks and Emma Larson. Middle row: William Weems, Jah'Quez Jones, Zysean Jones, Abby King, and Aryelle Auginash. Back row: Brittany Thomas, Jammarr Weems, and Destinee Hemingsen.



Clearbrook-Gonvick High school students competed in the small ensemble contest at Park Rapids. From left to right: Kristyn Nelson, Abbey Shamp, Abby Johnson, Kelsey Gunvalson, Dillan Straabe in the back, Cheryl Hutchens, Anne Ternes, Mike Hutchens, Lauren McIntosh and Taylor Donnell.



Girls State - Casey Hjort and Brittany Reed were named to attend Girls State from the Clearbrook Legion Auxiliary.



Sarah Imle and Quincey Gustafson 2nd annual Bears Boosters Club run during Summer Fest.



Brandon and Heidi Earl were the new owners of the The Trap in Gonvick.



We at the Bagley Fire Department are *bursting* with pride and excitement to share some incredible news! Last weekend was a spectacle of talent and dedication, and the Bagley dance team and the Bagley One Act Play troupe have given us two big reasons to celebrate.

With sirens wailing and lights flashing in support, we had the honor of escorting these superstars south of town, all the way to the high school, where their journey to the state competition began.

The Bagley dance team twirled, leaped, and danced their hearts out with impeccable routines that left everyone breathless. Your synchronization and moves were nothing short of mesmerizing!

The Bagley One Act Play delivered a performance that captured the audience and judges alike, showcasing their hard work, talent, and powerful storytelling. The standing ovation was well-deserved!

As they both advance to state, the Bagley Fire Department is not just proud but in awe of the dedication, spirit, and excellence these young individuals have demonstrated. We believe in you and we know that you will represent our community with poise and passion.

To our shining stars, the Bagley dance team and One Act Play crew, congratulations on your outstanding achievements! We see the hours of practice, the teamwork, and the commitment you've all put in, and we admire your relentless drive.

Congratulations are in order! Let the Bagley community come together and cheer on these exceptional talents as they march forward to the state competition. Show them some love, support, and let's flood this post with our best wishes!

As always, we are Bagley Proud.

Stay safe, and let's make some noise for our amazing teams!

Will this winter warmup cause sap to flow?

Extension offices from across the region have been receiving calls and emails about this warmer weather, wondering how it might affect everything from the soil to drought to syrup tapping. There are reports from people who have tapped trees that the sap is flowing.

Stuart Peterson is a large maple producer and mentioned the following in an email to Extension last week: "It seems a lot of (newer) producers are concerned about the predicted warmup next week. I run my season (Otter Tail County) based on the calendar...i.e., we tap in February to be ready by

March 1st. Folks in the cities or farther south can be 10 days to maybe two weeks ahead of us. It is possible that the trees will drip with the coming warmup, but the first thaw is almost always a teaser. History says our sap runs happen between March 15 and April 15. Most likely, we're still going to get some real snow and cold. Don't panic!"

Like Peterson, folks shouldn't worry. The large commercial maple syrup operations will likely wait to tap the majority of their trees. The hobbyist with less than 10 trees to tap may consider tapping for these two

weeks, but I'll caution that it may be a short sap run.

Sap begins running when the temperature is mild or above freezing during the day and freezing at night, but it's a small window. If temperatures drop below freezing during the day, the sap will stop running. If it's too warm during the day - usually above 55 degrees - and temperatures remain above freezing at night, the sap dries up.

New recommendations advise making only one tap per tree. If you decide to tap now during this likely short sap run, it is recommended that you try tapping a different tree later in the season.



Clearbrook-Gonvick girls in action against Red Lake. Photos by Jalina Gerlofs.



February Ruby's Pantry event.

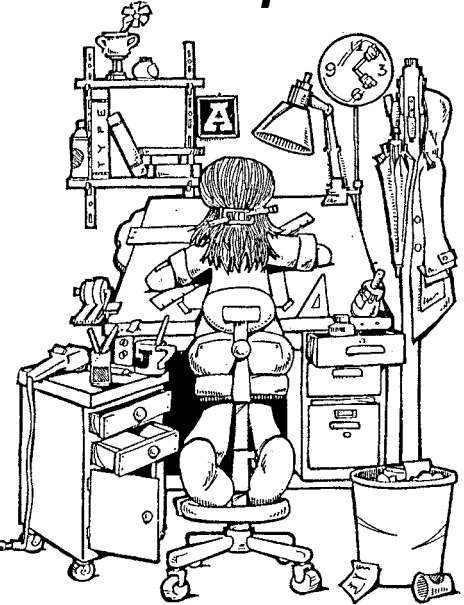
Join us Wednesday, February 7th at Country Faith Church, 46125 149th Ave, Clearbrook for Ruby's Pantry, Clearbrook. Our drive-thru distribution will run from 5-6:00pm or until food items are gone. Bring a \$25 cash donation and receive a "share" which is an abundance of grocery items that are valued 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.

There is no income or residency requirement. Questions? Contact Country Faith at 218-776-3367. Find us on Facebook: Ruby's Pantry-Clearbrook, MN

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