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It is going, going, going and will soon be gone. Former building being taken down

The former building of the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook is being hauled away by Jeff Jorgenson Company. The Clearbrook City Council approved at their April meeting a Building Permit for Gustafson and Goudge of Clearbrook.

Part of the building was started in the early 1950s when an unfinished structure was left from an attempt to start a Lutheran Hospital. Funds were raised and in May of 1952 Anna Anderson and Christ Berg were the first residents, on May 2, 1952, There was a formal dedication on August 7, 1955. The East Wing addition was started in 1962 to make room for more residents. In 1966 the South Wing, chapel, new kitchen and activities area was added. They



then had a capacity of 93 residents.

The center ran for many years until October of 1917' The Good Samaritan Society of Sioux Falls, SD met with the group to inform them of a 60-day notice of intent to close the building in Clearbrook effective December 8, 2017. Residents were moved to other facilities.

The building sat vacant until The Eagles' Healing Nest had been handed the keys to the building..

Now with Gustafson and Goudge plans are in the making to build on the site.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School board meeting April 15

Clearbrook-Gonvick School board met in regular session on Monday, April 15. Comments from school district bus contractor and drivers was heard. They thought that the board should keep the contract local. They were informed that April 2 was the deadline for the requests for quotations.

On the April 15, 2024 agenda was the proposal to approve the bus contact with Superior Transportation of Clearbrook-Gonvick. The board had at their January meeting, under the recommendations of Superintendent Ryan Grow, to terminate the student transport services agreement with Steins Bus Service LLC. The motion was made and passed by Wittenberg and Nelson, who were on the transportation committee. No explanation given at the board meeting. At that January meeting, the board, on Grow's recommendation to authorize the administration to seek a service provider for student transportation.

After the April meeting, Wendorf with Steins Bus Service was asked why the contract was terminated by the school board in January. It was the action of an unpaid bus route that had been in court for almost a year. Steins gave the board two proposals to take a lesser amount on the bus route or to opt out of the contract. The board took that proposal to opt out. Stein was in the second year of a five year contract with

the district.

Steps were then taken after the January meeting to hire Tom Watson from Watson Consulting out of St. Paul for \$3,052.00 to help them with their search. The district sent out a request for quotations and Superior Transportation was selected. Superior Transportation of Clearbrook-Gonvick, LLC is a Minnesota Limited-Liability Company (Domestic) filed on March 28, 2024. The company's filing status is listed as Active and its File Number is 1466357000027. The Registered Agent on file for this company is located at 21 N Cass Ave, Springfield, MN 56087. They have several bus routes in area schools in that area. Owner Joe Schieffert and Bridget Lentsch were at the meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024.

Terms of the three-year contract was for a total of \$803,127 for the first year. The second year, a 3% increase and the third year another 3% increase. General routes amount to \$445 per day with no extra mileage charge. Extracurricular in the district \$100 for the big bus and out of the district \$100 to \$250 depending on the distance and type of vehicle. The usual wait time for drivers would be the same as they are making at the present time. A short bus would be available for midday route for special education. All fuel up to \$3.00 would be paid by the contractor. Anything over that would be split 50/50 between

the district and the contractor. Scope of the service include billing, fuel, equipment, site manager, annual service and plan performance. The contractor is in the process of looking for storage places for the buses. Cost for next year is \$54,000 lower than what Stein's contract would have been for next year.

April spotlight was given by Mr. Bettin. The second grade is growing seeds in their classroom. Mrs. Faldet's class was making slime, the 5th grade with the 50 pus students finished the Dare program with Anderson. They were given a trip to the Fosston pool for their reward. Mrs. DeVries class made cookies with the food and literature class. Mrs. Goudge finished the cat dissection class. The blood drive had 38 donations for the high school with seven donating for the first time. They had a very good meeting with the schools that came for the Regional Board meeting of the student councils. 188 students from 10 schools. They were impressed with Robin Proffitt and the school lunch program. Five of the seven on the region board were named from Clearbrook-Gonvick students.

Principals report Principal Josh Tharaldson gave his report. They . are entering the 2nd week of MCA testing this week in the elementary and high school starts this week with reading tests. The majority of all testing should be wrapped up before Friday the 26th in the

elementary and May 2nd in the high school. All make-up tests will be done before Thursday May 2nd for absent students or those who did not finish during their regularly scheduled dates.

He gave special thanks to the staff for all the work that they did during I Love to Read Month Activities.

Several of our students qualified for State FFA, which will be held April 22nd -23rd. General Livestock: Ava Larson, Jacob Anderson, Peyton Berg, Brodie Sather, Eric Larson (reserve person) and Natasha Chandler (reserve person). Ag Sales: Isabelle Torgerson, Sarah Imle, Tavia Johnson, and Joely Hinrichs-Olson. Companion Animals Science: Amelia Machlitt. Extemporaneous Speaking: Isabelle Torgerson. He gave congratulations and good luck to these students and advisor Mrs. Johnson at state!

Graduation/Seniors: Last day of school will be on Friday, May 17th if students meet all of the criteria to be done early. Graduation is Saturday May 25th at 2:00 PM in the big gym. Thanks to Mr. Bettin and Mrs. DeVries for helping get all final touches ready for seniors with their upcoming events.

Superintendent report Superintendent Ryan Grow gave his report. They will be needing two full time custodians, a Science teacher, para and para professional for next year. The tech person at the school, Issac Kvassager has

resigned to take another job. That position will be open.

They are assessing Fast Bridge, Reading and Math on April 29-30 and May 1 to 3. The Graduation rate for Clearbrook-Gonvick is 85%.

He and Paula did not get a revised budget available for the board meeting but will be brought up at the May board meeting.

The amount of ESSER fund available was Fund 160 \$359,000 and Fund 161 \$100,000. These funds can be

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Clearwater County Board of Commissioners April 16 Report

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 16th, convening at 10 am. All commissioners were in attendance. The agenda and minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Trisha Hansen, District Supervisor for the MN Department of Corrections addressed the board regarding the comprehensive plan for Clearwater County. Hansen pointed out that a new formula for reimbursement of costs to the county has been implemented. The new formula will increase the reimbursement to the county, however, Hansen stated that the reimbursement program is not fully funded by the state at this time (there is a 13 million shortfall), so work still needs to be done in the legislature. The Department of Corrections leases office space from the county and pays \$33,094.20 per year.

County Attorney Kathryn Lorschbach was next and told the commissioners that the Department of Corrections staff is great to work with and they do a good job. Lorschbach also asked the board for permission to post a job opening for assistant county attorney. One of the current assistants has taken the position of County Attorney in another county. Commissioner Mark Titera made the motion to approve advertising for the position, seconded by Commissioner Dean Newland. Motion carried.

Bruce Cox, Land Commissioner presented a quote from Seal Coat Solutions for seal coating at the Land Department Office. There was some discussion about the bid and the commissioners requested that Cox get another quote for comparison.

Chester Powell from the Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District discussed the Clearwater River Headwaters

Gonvick City Council met

Gonvick City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 11. Minutes from March 14 meeting were approved.

Chief of Police Ryan Solee gave his report. There were 11 total records They included Alarm 2; Disturbance 1; Information Only 1; Motor Vehicle Crash 1; Noise Complaint 1; Suspicious Activity 1 and Theft 2. Animal disturbance has become an issue with the warmer weather. The number to call for 24-hour dispatch is 218-694-6226. Dogs barking at all hours has become an issue. The police will be starting foot patrol instead of driving in the city. There have been blight issues that have been issued for area residents. Traffic speeding has increased on Highway 92 through Gonvick. A speed sign on the west side of town will be put soon.

Clearwater County Engineer, Dan Sauvé informed City Clerk Stacy Halvorsen that there will be tarring projects this summer. He will be at the May meeting to discuss what will be done.

The city put up for sale a 2001 Ford F 250 pickup on the "Bid-it-on Auctions" located in Gully with Jeff Wagner. The city has three pick-ups, and one was not needed. The consignment auction was on April 11 with the final bid of \$2,700 for the vehicle.

No fire department report as Fire Chief Cody Rude was not at the meeting.

One bid estimate had been received for the recommended corrective actions from the annual bridge inspection letter that had been sent from the Clearwater County Highway Department. The estimate was for \$602.88 for one stop sign \$90.00, one culvert market \$43.48, one eight foot post \$108.00, one nine foot post \$101.40 and sign truck and one person for two hours at \$260. The council wanted another estimate as they thought it was too much. Work could also be done by city maintenance.

Payment to Motorola was paid this month for \$30,554.80 for the new radios for the Gonvick fire Department.

Expenditures were approved for the month. They included: \$4,967.58 for Water and Sewer, \$17,477.30 for General, \$38,744.93 for Fire with the total of \$47,890.63.



5th Graders Eli Krog, Nevaeh Salzer, Caleb Jones, Wyatt Brandt, Leah Weems and Gus Coulter competed in a rigorous math competition called Math Masters! Eighty-one 5th graders from surrounding schools met up in Bemidji to showcase their mathematical minds! Wyatt Brandt placed 7th out of the 81 students in FACT DRILLS and our Clearbrook-Gonvick TEAM took home 3rd place out of 16 teams in the TEAM division! Way to go Bears! The Math Masters were coached by Laura Dahl, a teacher at Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools with Kathy Anderson.

Community Calendar

National Day of Prayer May 2

The National Day of Prayer will be held at Elim Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

The entire community is welcome to join in prayer for our churches, families, military, government, children, schools etc. Refreshments will be served following the service.

The 2024 First Lady Honoree Has Been Selected!

Finding and recognizing the women of Clearwater County who have, by their service and good work, made Clearwater County a better place to live is the mission of the First Lady Event. The women selected to be honored in 2024 personifies this quest. She, along with everyone in attendance, will be pleasantly surprised and inspired when her name is revealed on May 4 during morning coffee at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley. The 2024 First Lady Program theme is "Women's Clubs and Organizations: A Legacy of Leadership"

Along with the Clearwater County Historical Society, The Faith Lutheran Youth are co-hosting the event. Note this change from previous announcement; the Tuesday Study is not a co-sponsor this year, they graciously offered the opportunity to the Faith Lutheran Youth to raise funds for their National Youth Gathering trip later this year. They promise a lovely morning of fellowship.

Northern State Bank in Gonvick also sponsors this 2024 First Lady event.

The Clearwater County First Lady event tickets are now available at The History Center in Shevlin. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Attendees are encouraged to buy tickets now; ticket sales will end on April 30 and will not be available at the door.

To order by mail- send checks to CCHS First Lady Tickets PO Box 241 Bagley MN 56621. The museum in Shevlin is open Tuesday- Friday 10:00- 4:00.

For more information call the Historical Society at 218-785-2000.

Notice of all school reunion 2025 planning meeting

A meeting of the "All School Reunion 2025" committee is planned for 6:30 PM on April 28th at the Clearbrook Community Center Legion meeting room. Your attendance is needed whether you are alumni or an interested community member. The event is planned for June 25-29, 2025. Please plan to attend to learn more about event planning, fundraising and opportunities for involvement.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

NOTICE Dust Control Sign Up

The Clearwater County Highway Department will again offer the application of calcium chloride to residents living adjacent to gravel county and township roads to help control dust. The landowner will be responsible for the cost of the application. The cost for one application will be \$504.00 for an area 20 feet wide and 350 feet long. Applicants will be required to make full payment in advance.

Anyone interested in having calcium chloride applied to the road adjacent to their home or business should contact the Clearwater County Highway Department in Bagley, MN at (218) 694-6132 or you may send an email to char.syverson@co.clearwater.mn.us no later than Friday, May 24th, 2024.

Mail applications and make checks payable to CCHD at 113 7th St NE, Bagley, MN 56621.

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Professor Zepper

The Wonders of Nature presented

By Pamela French
The Bagley Public Library, Friday April 19th, was the place to be for those who wanted to explore their poetry writing skills using the "natural world" in a beginner writing workshop that was facilitated by Minnesota State University-Moorehead professor Kevin Zepper.

Professor Zepper used "The Wonders of Nature" throughout the workshop as the writing prompt, that started with the basics of poetry writing. Kevin shared an example of a poetry style and participants wrote.

Participants started right off by writing their own pieces us-

ing "nature" as the prompt and received constructive feedback.

The professor received excellent reviews from the participants and was certainly a presenter that would be welcomed back to our area.

The next speaker to present at the Bagley Public Library will be an "Author Visit" featuring Candice Simar on Thursday May 9th at 6:30pm.

Author Simar is a multi-award winning Minnesota author and poet from Pequot Lakes. She will discuss her latest novel, "Sister Lumberjack", which is set in the forests of northern Minnesota.

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson



Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com

The weather is driving me crazy. First it's cold then it's warm-I just want Spring to be here full force. Guess that I can't change anything so I'm just going to fix a nice hot bowl of Tuscan White Bean Soup and wrap in the blanket! This is one of our favorites and I hope you enjoy it too.

Serves 6
1 Pound Navy beans, soaked overnight, drained and rinsed
4-6 ounces diced cooked ham
2 cups diced onion
2 cups diced celery
2 cups diced carrots
2 tablespoons minced garlic
2 teaspoons dried rosemary
32 ounces container of chicken stock
28 ounces whole tomatoes, undrained
1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon pepper
Grated Parmesan cheese
¼ cup olive oil
2 bay leaves
5 ounces of fresh spinach
In a Dutch oven, heat the olive oil. Add the onions, celery, carrots, ham, rosemary and garlic. Saute until the veggies are soft- about 15 minutes. Stir in the beans, tomatoes, chicken stock, salt, pepper, and bay leaves. Simmer until the beans are done, about 2 hours. Add in the spinach and cook for another 15 minutes. Serve in bowls and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese
Until next time, blessings to you and your family.

ATV Safety

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office is hosting an ATV Safety Class for interested operators ages 10 and older who wish to obtain their ATV Safety Certificate.

An ATV Safety Certificate is required in the State of MN for anyone born after July 1, 1987. Students who are 16 or older can take the online course only and do not need to attend a field day. Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us for more information.

There are three steps:

Step 1: Contact Andy Anderson at 218-776-3112 Ext #104 or andyanderson@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us to pre-register.

Step 2: Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us and click on "Education and Safety" > "Recreational Vehicle Safety Classes" and follow the links to take the online ATV

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., April 24- Amanda's Lasagna, Vegetable.

Thurs., April 25 - Pot Roast, Potatoes, Vegetable

Fri., April 26 - Chicken Arroz, Con Pollo, Vegetable.

Mon., April 29 - Honey Glazed Chicken Rice Pilaf, Vegetable.

Tues., April 30 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Vegetable.

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

School board....

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used for learning loss during Covid time, summer learning, after school learning, curriculum, technology needs and mental health support.

The cost for the health care is pending and will be \$265,000 with the majority of that coming out of the General Fund.

They are looking at having the shop professional cleaned this summer.

They are getting quotes for seal coat of the parking lot.

Virgil Tronnes, custodian, reported that the shingles are in bad shape on the south side. They will be looking in that in the future.

ATSR steering committee will be meeting on May 2. They will make plans for the future of the school facility. Steering Committee members will participate in planning team meetings every two weeks starting May 2nd. If you are interested in serving on the Steering Committee, please contact Mr. Grow at rgrow@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us or call 776-3112 ext. 106.

Enrollment was down six students from last month.

The consent calendar was approved. Total cash and investments at the end of the month was \$4,887,194.64 with the beginning of the month at \$4,372,899.08. Checks written total \$517,908.45 and payroll \$273,019.67 for a total of \$790,928.12. Some checks included; Stein's Bus Service LLC \$108,342.00; BRIC \$30,166.16; Community Oil Co \$11,013.70; Clearwater Polk Electric \$9,618.04; Nerdy Customs Technology Systems \$8,526.34; Teachers on Call \$7,074.00; Johnson Control \$4,399.95; Ole & Lena's Pizzeria \$3,924.50; City of Clearbrook \$3,163.94; Watson Consulting \$3,052.25; Listrom Disposal \$2,902.02; Thompson's Sand and Gravel \$2,852.50; Clearwater County Treasurer \$2,469.00; Farmers Publishing Co. \$2,121.88; Marco \$1,974.04; Garden Valley \$1,186.33; Richards Publishing \$1,099.00.

New business

The board hired Carla Sundquist as Part Time cook from 10 to 2 at Step 4, \$1,656. They hired Joy Walberg as Part-Time Cook at \$1,656 and Lindsey Samson as Head Volleyball Coach for the 2024-25 Season at Step 1 at \$4,320.00.

They accepted the resignation of Lindsey Samson as Head Girls Basketball coach after two years. They hired Joe Heller as Custodian who started on March 18 and accepted his resignation with the last day of April 12. They will now have two vacant positions.

They accepted the resignation of Brittany Lefebvre as Special Education Paraprofessional, Jr. High Volleyball Coach and Jr. High Softball Coach at the end of this year. They accepted the resignation of Andrea Millar Early Childhood Coordinator and teacher as she is leaving the area.

The 2024-2025 school calendar was adopted with 170.5 total student days and 177.0 total teacher days. First day of school will be Tuesday, September 12. There will again be early out on Wednesday at 2:28 p.m. Christmas vacation will be December 23, 2024 to January 2, 2025.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Safety Course. After the online course is complete, print the certificate/voucher and bring it to the Field Day.

Step 3: Attend the Field Day:

When: Saturday, May 18, 2024 Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

Class starts at 9:00 AM

Where: Clearbrook-Gonvick School 16770 Clearwater Lake Road, Clearbrook, MN 56634

Students need to bring their voucher from the online course, a helmet and proper riding attire (long pants, no open toed shoes, gloves, eye protection and clothes appropriate for the weather). A parent or guardian needs to attend the first part of the class for registration.

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

Laurdromat upgrades

The Bagley Laundromat will close at 3:00pm on Monday, April 29th for upgrade and routine maintenance.

The laundromat will return to normal hours on Tuesday, April 30th at 9:00am.

The Bagley Car Wash is open 24 hrs and is not affected by the temporary closure.

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Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Apr. 24: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers
Sat, Apr. 26: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Apr. 28: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 8:45 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11 a.m. Worship.

Wed, May 1: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.

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Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Children's Ministry Lead Kari Godin
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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.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Shop At The Top SALES:

Run all month Every Tuesday is senior Discount day, 25% off store wide for 65 and older

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.

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Pastor Will Anderson
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Wednesday: 9:30 AM Women's Walk Bible Study
Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Apr. 24: 6:30 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation at Lund.
Sun, Apr. 28: 9 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2 p.m. 7th Grade confirmation at Lund.

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

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

Interim Synod Authorized Minister Marilyn Grandstrand

Good Shepherd

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

Sun., April 28: 9:00am Worship with Marilyn Grandstrand; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School

Wed, May 1: 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells; 6:30pm Confirmation (7th-9th Grade) at Good Shepherd

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

Our Savior's

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Sun., April 28: 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:00am Worship with Marilyn Grandstrand

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BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., April 24 -Cheese Quesadilla. Snack: Scooby Snacks

Thurs., April 25 - Turkey Pot Pie with Biscuit, Corn, Dinner Roll. Snack: Baked Cheetos

Friday, April 26 - Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Baked Chips. Snack: Popcorn

Mon., April 29 - Taco in a Bag, Refried Beans. Snack: Cheez It Crackers

Tues., April 30 - Boneless Chicken Wings, Mini Baked Potatoes. Snack: Chocolate Chip Cookies.

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

C-G Track & Field 2024 schedule

4/25/24 @ Bagley (JH) 4 pm
4/26/24 @ Walker (Mayday) 3:30pm
4/29/24 @Walker (JH) 4 pm
4/30/24 @ DGF (Dilworth Invite) 4:00pm
5/2/24 @ Northome 4 pm
5/2/24 @ Ada (JH)4 pm
5/9/24 @ LOW (Conference) 1:00pm
5/16/24 @ Ada (A-B-W Invite)4:00pm
5/16/24 @ Thief River Falls (JH) 4:00pm
5/21/24 @ Thief River Falls (JH) 4:00pm
5/23/24 @ LOW (Sub-Section) 1:00pm
5/30/24 @ DGF (Section) TBD
*JH- Junior High Meet

Junior High Softball Schedule

4/25/24 vs. Cass Lake-Bena 4:30pm
4/26/24 @ Nevis 4:30 pm
4/30/24 @Bagley4:30 pm
4/2/24 vs. Red Lake County Central 4:30pm
5/3/24 @ Thief River Falls (DH) 4:30pm
5/9/24 vs/ Thief River Falls (DH) 4:30pm
5/10/24 @ Red Lake Falls 4:30pm

Junior High Baseball Schedule

4/23/24 @ Park Rapids (DH) 4:00pm
4/26/24 vs. Nevis 4:30 pm
5/10/24 vs. Blackduck 4:30pm

5/21/24 vs. Park Rapids (DH) 4:00pm

Clearbrook-Gonvick Steering Committee

They are looking for community members to serve on our next Facility Steering Committee as we make plans for the future of our school facility. Steering Committee members will participate in planning team meetings every two weeks starting May 2nd.

If you are interested in serving on the Steering Committee, please contact Mr. Grow at rgrow@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us or call 776-3112 ext. 106.

Music Programs

From: Tammy Ragan, Patty Mickelson, Directors

Re: Spring Performances
As we head into 4th Quarter, and all the activities of spring, we are excited to share with you information and dates regarding spring performances by our music students. The students are preparing their concerts for parents and community members. Your support and awareness of these dates is crucial for the success of our spring events. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Our performances are part of the music curriculum and fulfill many of the state standards for music education. Here is our schedule:

May 2, 2 p.m. Mother's Day Program (Grades 1 and 2)

May 7, 6:30 p.m. Junior High/ High School Spring Concert (Grades 6-12 band and choir) (Theme for the concert: Celebrate Music!) Students should report to the music room for warm ups at 6:00 p.m. Students do not have to wear concert black-but please dress up.

May 14, 6:30 p.m. Elementary Spring Concert (grades 3-5 band and music classes (Theme for the concert: A Patriotic Celebration-Students can wear red, white, and blue for the concert!)) Band students should report to the music room at 6:00 p.m. All other students should report to their classrooms by 6:15 p.m.

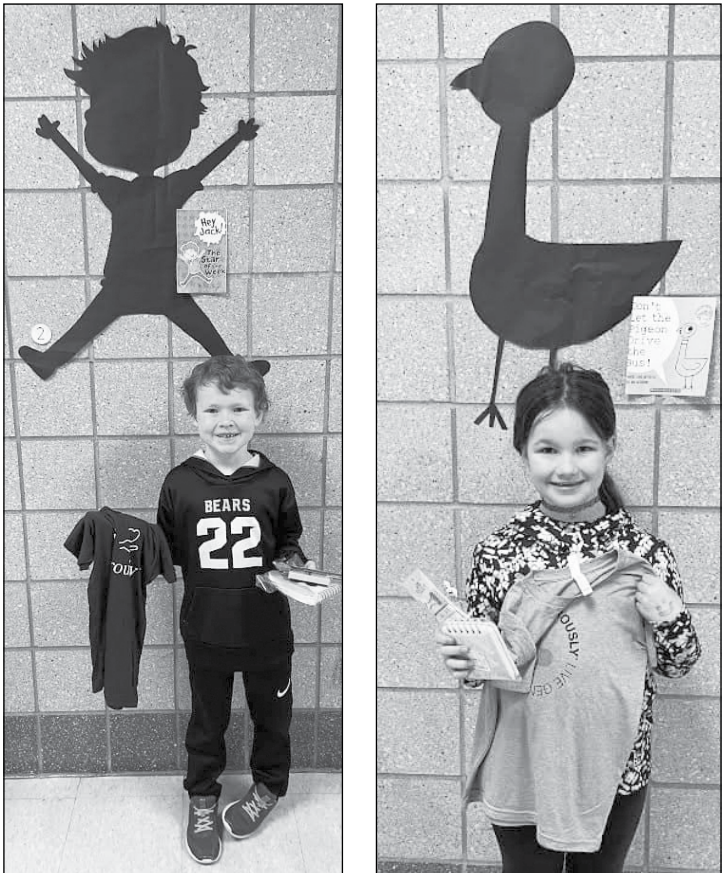
May 22, 1 p.m. Kindergarten Graduation. The kindergarten will sing at their graduation ceremony.

May 25, 2 p.m. High School Graduation (High School Choir and MS Band) will perform
All events will be held in the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School gym.

Thank you for your support and assistance throughout the year. It has been a good year for making great music!!!!



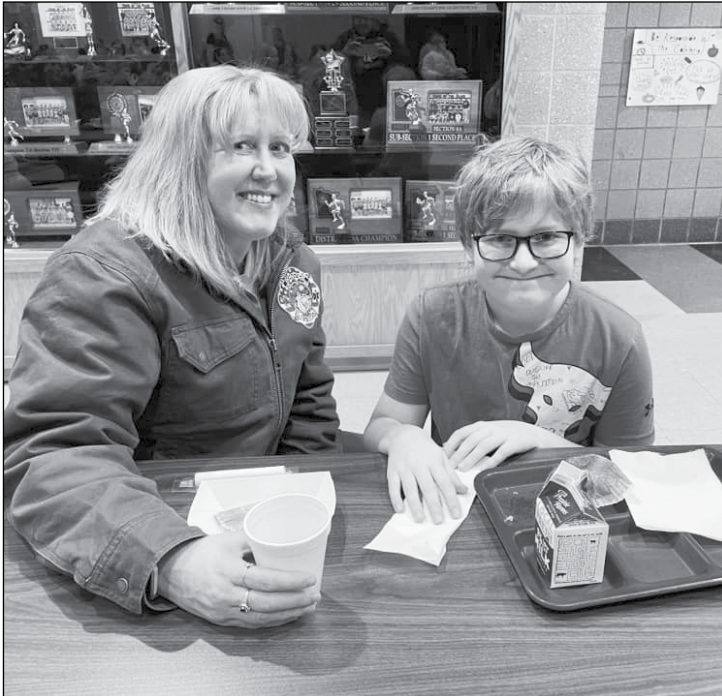
Week 3 winners of the I Love to Read Month Character Silhouette Contest were: Hunter Dahlke for character 1, Mr. Panda of Please, Mr. Panda by Steve Antony and Reata Vettleson for character 2, Dogman of the Dogman Series by Dav Pilkey.



Week 4 winners of the I Love to Read Month Character Silhouette Contest were: Jake TeHennepe for character 2, Jake of the Hey Jake series by Sally Rippin and Addie McKnight for character 1, Pigeon of the Pigeon Series by Mo Willems.

MUFFINS WITH MOM

Robin Proffit with the Clearbrook-Gonvick School lunch program provided muffins with mom, grandparents and aunts on Friday, March 22.



Name: Cherlize Martin
Family Members Grandma - Deanne Lussier, Mom - Reie-Lynn Martin, Aunt- Savannah Martin, Uncle Robin Hardy
Best High School Memory Skipping class sophomore year.
Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. DeVries and Ms. Larson
Most important person in your life. ZayVeon Jace Hardy - Martin
Favorite Class Native American Literature
Favorite Movie Twilight Saga
Favorite song or band A Little Trauma Can Be Illuminating, and I'm Shining Like the Sun" by \$uicide Boy\$
Plans for next year I plan on working to go to school



Name: Kenna Hartwig
Family Members Mother - Jackie Hartwig, Step-dad Noel Erickson, Sister and Brother Malania and Hendrick
Best High School Memory Playing volleyball with Eli Rojas, the foreign exchange student from Columbia
Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. Goudge (teacher and coach)
Most important person in your life. My Mother
Favorite Class Helping out in the preschool with Rachel
Favorite Movie Grown Ups
Favorite song or band Tennessee Whiskey - Chris Stapleton
Plans for next year Attend University of Minnesota - Crookston for Early Childhood Education



Name: Jace Dyrda
Family Members Dad - Trent Dyrda, Mom - Pam Dyrda, Sisters - Ashley Kroening, Brittany Korening, Brothers - Chance and Ty Dyrda and Keaton Glynn
Best High School Memory Silencing Ms Larsons class when I slapped the back of Michael Roys neck
Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. Goudge
Most important person in your life. Parents and Grandparents
Favorite Class Work Study
Favorite Movie Batman: The Dark Knight Rises
Favorite song or band Treaty Oak Revival
Plans for next year Farm



FFA members from around the state will gather this week to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of students who have excelled in leadership, career exploration, science, community involvement and agriculture experiences. Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Johnson and the following students at the State FFA Convention: General Livestock: Ava Larson, Jacob Anderson, Peyton Berg, Brodie Sather, Eric Larson (reserve person) and Natasha Chandler (reserve person). Ag Sales: Isabelle Torgerson, Sarah Imle, Tavia Johnson, and Joely Hinrichs-Olson. Companion Animals Science: Amelia Machlitt. Extemporaneous Speaking: Isabelle Torgerson.

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VA Health
Care

The VA has health care that is available to most Veterans. The VA healthcare system has 1,321 health care facilities across the country. They serve over 9 million Veterans a year. In 2022 the VA spent, in Clearwater County, \$5,370,000 on medical care for Veterans. This money came directly from the federal VA. The closest VA facility to Clearwater County is the Bemidji Community Based Outreach Clinic (CBOC). Most Veterans are eligible for VA health care. If you want specifics on the eligibility you can go to www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/ online, or you can talk to me. However, in my opinion, VA health care can be dumbed down to 3 basic eligibility requirements. They are as follows: Vietnam, Iraq/ Afghanistan Veterans (toxic exposure Veterans) , Service Connected Veterans and low income Veterans. Again, others may apply too, but this article would be pages long if I listed every specific eligibility requirement. You may be wondering what is considered low income for Veterans. For VA health care purposes, the income limit is actually quite high. A single Veteran must be below ~\$40,000 and a married Veteran must be below ~\$45,000. Veterans who are over this limit may deduct their reoccurring medical expenses

to get under that monetary value. They may also deduct college tuition and burial expenses from the past year. For example if a married Veteran makes \$50,000 a year but has \$6000 in reoccurring medical expenses that would put him under that limit.

To apply for VA health care give me a call and set up an appointment. The form is quite easy to fill out. However, I will need you to bring some accompanying information so the application can be completed efficiently and in one session. I will need your current medical insurance, accurate income levels of the Veteran and the spouse (if married), DD214 or discharge and spouses social security (if married). If you cannot find your discharge or have lost it, I may be able to find it for you. Please note that if you get into the VA health care system ,you will need to at least use it biannually or you will not have a primary care provider. You would still be in the system at this point though, it would just be one more hoop for you to jump through. It should also be noted that the VA health care system is not insurance. As long as you don't think of them as an insurance company it makes it easier to comprehend. The VA will pay for treatment outside of the VA. but this requires a talking to with your doctor and prior authorization. Please give me a call if interested in VA Healthcare 218-694-6618.

Home Country

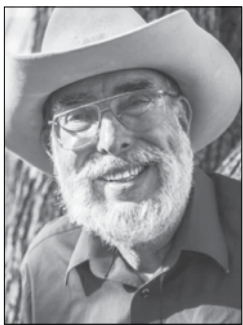
By Slim Randles

Spring mornings are a lot like Christmas. Each day we get up and go out into the yard, or walk along the creek or visit the horses in the pasture. And each day, each morning, we find something new the sun has brought us.

Pinfeather leaves of an unbelievable green now start showing on cottonwoods that have stood like stark ghostly frames all through the cold winter. Hopeful blades of grass peek through clumps of brown left over from last summer's verdant pasture. Everywhere we look there is something new and different.

A lot of this Christmas-in-spring is kept just among us, because we might be accused of being ... well ... poetic if we told people why we were really carrying that coffee cup out into the yard. So we say lame things like "I think I'll get some of that fresh air this morning." What we really mean, of course, is "I want to see if Richardson's bay mare has had that foal yet."

Some of us have worked very hard last fall and winter to prepare for this spring. By grafting. OK, we have a Granny Smith apple tree. Let's see if we can't get a branch of Rome Beauties or Jonagolds to grow on it, too. And we understand completely



that where we live no olive tree can survive the winter. That isn't supposed to stop us from trying, is it?

Nature pitches us a boatload of challenges each day that we're alive. This plant needs more water than falls naturally here. That tree can't take the

temperatures we get. This little tree needs soil with more organic matter in it.

And those challenges are the stuff winter dreams are made of. We do the best we can to cure the lack, the freeze, the drought, and then we wait for April. We wait impatiently until we can come out of the house some morning and check the grafts on the apple tree and see tiny green leaves coming on the grafted branch. We search the bare ground where we planted that new kind of seed that won't grow here - to see if it'll grow here.

It is a continuing feast of green, a triumph of anticipation. An April morning can make us want to sing.

Your cat won't eat anything? Maybe you could use free singing lessons. <https://www.youtube.com/@30DaySinger>.

Representative Matt Grossell

Legislative Update District 2A

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It's that time of year again in the House—the omnibus bill season. Translation? The majority is bundling its little, bad bills into big, bad ones. First up is the Labor and Industry Omnibus that punishes honest mistakes with excessive penalties. Plus, it hands Governor Walz's Commissioner of Labor & Industry unchecked power to shut down entire construction sites over minor infractions. And don't get me started on the mandates that'll send construction costs soaring, making affordable housing even more out of reach. This is just the tip of the iceberg. I'll have plenty more to say when this bill hits the House floor for a vote. But for now, here's what else is on the agenda:

EMS Funding Shortfall
We're facing a crisis in emergency medical services, with a shortfall of over \$120 million. House Republicans are demanding full funding to keep Minnesotans safe. Democrats' plan? They're shoving half a billion dollars around, but only \$16 million is earmarked for EMS. That's a drop in the bucket compared to what they spent renovating their own office building. Talk about misplaced priorities.

Tax Day Troubles
Tax Day came and went, but the pain of Democrat-driven tax hikes lingers. Last year alone, they jacked up taxes by \$10 billion.

lion, despite swimming in a surplus. And it's not stopping there—get ready for a delivery tax that'll hit you where it hurts, in just 11 weeks. Gas, groceries, mortgage rates—all going up, thanks to reckless spending. Republicans are fighting to slash wasteful spending and give Minnesota families a break. That means permanent tax relief, including axing the state tax on Social Security.

Your Tax Dollars to Illegal Aliens?

Democrats want to turn Minnesota into a sanctuary state, welcoming illegal aliens with open arms. They're bending over backward to cater to them, while everyday Minnesotans foot the bill. We offered a common-sense amendment to exclude illegal aliens from a new grant program. Democrats shot it down. And when asked how much of our state budget should be spent on illegal aliens, they clammed up.

The majority's silence speaks volumes. They're too busy pandering to extremists to care about hardworking Minnesotans like you and me.

Join me in praying for our state that we can correct our course.

God Bless,
Please Stay in Touch
Please continue to stay in touch to share your thoughts or concerns. My phone number is 651-296-4265 or you can email me at rep.matt.grossell@house.mn.gov.

Have a great week and God Bless! Matt



It's that time of year when I grow restless for summer days spent at the lake. Specifically, Clearwater Lake. It is there on the north shore, my grandparents, Clarence and Lillie Peterson of Clearbrook, first put up a tent, high on a hill. Later, they built a two-room cabin with an outhouse on the same spot. In the cabin, my grandmother made meals cooked in the fireplace like Cinderella. She also made the best tasting, homemade root beer. When I was seven years old, they built their retirement home on that hill. In the same spot. Through a wall of windows our family could now watch the seasons of the year. During the building their lake home, my junior. She was a delight! Her name was Ann Livingston Bardwell Ross, daughter of Don and Arvilla Livingston. We became fast friends despite the age difference. To this day, we remain close even though our friendship has endured many long years of separation.

Ann's Dad, Don, was a wonder. In his later years, he strongly resembled Henry Ford's famous film character from On Golden Pond. Always steadily busy at something, he took over mowing my grandmother's steep lawn after the passing of my grandfather. An arduous task! Too, he was a watchful parent, helping our days be safely fun filled. I commemorate this humble and giving man with the following poem, written for my dear friend Ann, his beloved daughter.

EMBRACED IN LEGACY

He always wore an old poop hat, suspenders, and the countenance of focused wisdom... as he moved about in the steady gait of first gear.

He got things done. He surely did.

The maintenance of the lake cabin.

The mowing of its expansive, steeply hilled front lawn flattening dramatically down to a roll plane to meet the lapping water of the old lake, the remains of an ancient glacier.

Too, he was steady at the helm of the boat that towed his golden-locked daughter, toned

and bronze limbed from hours spent beneath the long, summer sun in this northern land.

Around and around the lake the two circled.

Her ski's gliding the surface, leaving long wakes.

Dizzy loons rode the undulating waves while tending to their young. Long ago, they'd grown accustomed to this intrusion in this shared space.

Both the man and the loons had their young to raise.

Nurturing them best they knew how in this wild place where sun met water. Delivering brief warmth between the chill of the north wind, and the fierce, stony ice of winter.

The man in the old poop hat, the suspenders, the countenance of focused wisdom, left his mark on this place in the presence of his daughter.

Now a woman, she walks the shore to greet the water, the loons.

In reply, the loons embrace their 'spirit sister of the waves' long, wavering, enchanting calls of familial recognition.

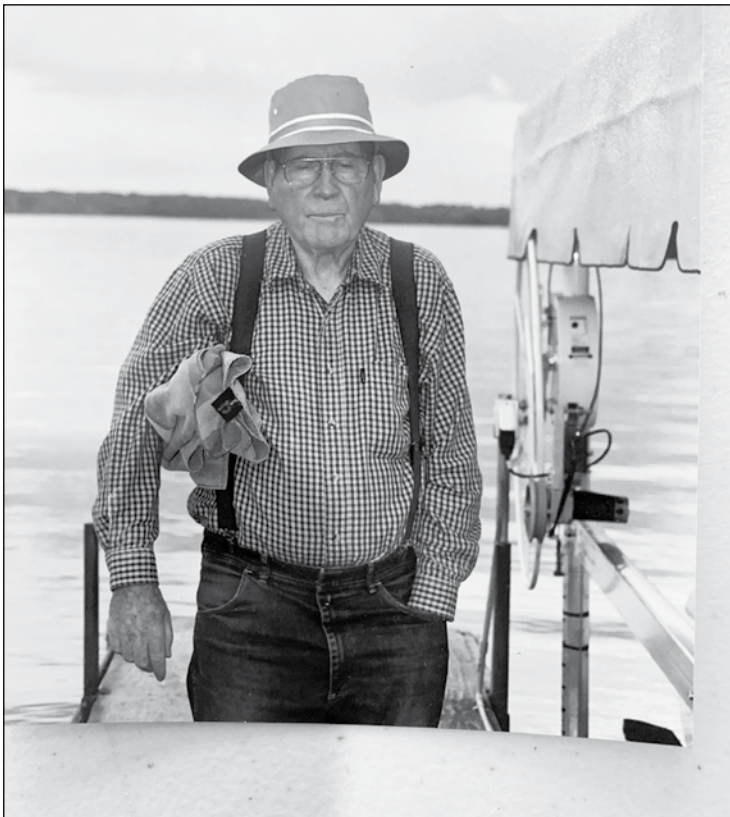
Both have been raised with tender love for this sacred place.

In buoyant gratitude, both share a deep love for Clearwater Lake.

They are its legacy holders.

The daughter now wears the countenance of her father's focused wisdom.

All she's missing is an old



Don Livingston on his dock at Clearwater Lake.



Taking their first communion at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook last Sunday with Interim Synod Authorized Minister Marilyn Grandstrand were back row left to right: Brekken Juberian, Trigg Torgerson, Aiden Ehlers, Lydia Bakken and Kylee Sander. Front row: Zarek Huggins, Brody Gustafson, Emmalynn Bakke and Liv Marsh.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

Bear Creek - Total 1
04/16/24 03:41:43 Traffic Stop - Warning
City of Bagley - Total 15
04/16/24 08:53:13 Transport
04/16/24 14:28:11 Fraud - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/16/24 15:00:00 Juvenile Misc
04/16/24 18:33:20 Harassment
04/16/24 20:54:45 Traffic Stop - Warning
04/17/24 10:43:37 Juvenile Misc
04/18/24 10:01:57 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
04/18/24 10:55:27 Juvenile Misc
04/18/24 10:55:54 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/18/24 11:05:27 Juvenile Misc
04/19/24 08:14:31 Transport
04/19/24 11:27:23 Traffic Stop
04/19/24 19:40:22 Traffic Stop
04/19/24 19:55:00 Traffic Stop
City of Clearbrook - Total 8
04/16/24 05:11:15 Disturbance
04/17/24 21:50:15 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/17/24 22:31:50 Traffic Stop - Warning
04/19/24 18:14:53 Medical
04/20/24 19:10:37 Traffic Stop - Warning
04/20/24 23:10:33 Extra Patrol
City of Shevlin - Total 2

04/19/24 23:09:52 Traffic Stop
04/20/24 23:58:59 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Copley - Total 8
04/14/24 14:29:39 Fire
04/14/24 16:59:00 Fire
04/14/24 20:09:28 Disturbance
04/17/24 06:18:04 Traffic Stop
04/18/24 14:59:25 Warrant - Attempt - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/18/24 16:00:37 Motorist Assist
04/19/24 22:29:50 Vandalism
04/20/24 16:54:40 Traffic Stop - Warning
Dudley - Total 3
04/14/24 22:47:28 Traffic Stop - Warning
04/15/24 20:38:59 Traffic Stop - Arrest
04/18/24 18:32:45 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 1
04/19/24 09:52:54 Alarm
Falk - Total 4
04/15/24 09:15:54 Civil Complaint
04/19/24 13:33:27 Traffic Stop - Warning
04/20/24 16:08:45 Traffic Stop
04/20/24 16:29:49 Traffic Stop
Holst - Total 1
04/20/24 18:42:00 Traffic Stop - Warning
Itasca - Total 6
04/14/24 13:03:03 Traffic Stop
04/14/24 13:09:48 Traffic Stop

04/14/24 13:16:25 Traffic Stop
04/14/24 21:30:51 Welfare Check
04/14/24 22:07:04 Traffic Stop - Warning
04/17/24 13:47:14 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
LaPraire - Total 1
04/19/24 12:52:35 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
LaPraire N - Total 4
04/14/24 18:26:53 Overdose - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/15/24 04:40:09 Transport - Arrest
04/16/24 11:58:15 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/20/24 00:37:01 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Leon - Total 7
04/14/24 10:25:00 911 Hang Up
04/15/24 09:10:00 Weapon Violation - Handled By Officer
04/15/24 10:43:48 Crimes Against Family - Referred to Partner Agency
04/17/24 07:57:12 Traffic Stop
04/18/24 10:37:52 Drug Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/19/24 13:57:57 Assault
04/19/24 21:20:50 Traffic Stop
Minerva - Total 1
04/18/24 13:32:29 911 Hang Up
Moose Creek - Total 1
04/15/24 09:33:11 Drug Related
Nora - Total 3
04/14/24 19:58:02 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
04/16/24 17:48:21 Welfare Check

poop hat...and a pair of suspenders.

Ann Marie Newman (Peterson) ©2023

- Assignment Completed
04/17/24 16:01:54 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 4
04/15/24 16:06:38 Medical - Assistance
04/18/24 09:51:43 Information
04/18/24 14:37:40 MENTAL HEALTH - Handled By Officer
04/20/24 17:51:16 Recovered Vehicle - Information
Pine Lake - Total 2
04/18/24 03:54:24 Traffic Complaint - Information
04/20/24 19:49:10 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Popple - Total 2
04/14/24 11:04:05 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/16/24 12:22:53 Court Order Violation - Handled By Officer
Rice - Total 3
04/14/24 00:20:48 Warrant Arrest - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/14/24 00:46:05 Traffic Stop - Warning
04/14/24 13:49:05 Traffic Stop
Shevlin - Total 4
04/14/24 18:10:04 Traffic Stop - Warning
04/18/24 18:54:04 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
04/20/24 17:09:52 TEST
04/20/24 17:47:10 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Total Records: 79



Sharon Braaten party held.

LEGAL NOTICES

Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property This may affect your 2025 property tax payments

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for township of Gully will meet on Monday, April 29th, 1:00 p.m., at the Gully Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value of classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 27th of February, 2024.

Carole J. Tharaldson

Carole J. Tharaldson
Clerk of the Township of Gully

R5-6C

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Court File No. 15-PR-24-168
Estate of Alice M. Kortan,
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on May 14th, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 213 Main Avenue, Bagley, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated February 1, 1989, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Carolyn Hultman, whose address is 35505 County 7, Bagley, MN, 56621, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 4/15/24

By The Court
Robert D. Tiffany
Judge of District Court

(COURT SEAL)

Dated: 4-15/24
Carissa Scholz
Court Administrator
By Leah Leavitt, Deputy

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R6-7C

LEGAL NOTICE

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING March 18, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Absent: Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff and community members

3 Community Comments –

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 to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

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

6.1 2/26/24 – Regular Meeting
6.2 3/6/24 – Special Meeting

7 Informational Items

7.1 Principals Report – Principal Tharaldson presented Wednesday, April 24, 2024

the report and discussed the following items: **A) March 27th No School Day/Staff In-Service** – Principal Tharaldson reviewed the plans for the training. **B) MSA Tests** – Principal Tharaldson reviewed the testing schedule, which begins in April. **C) Summer Enrichment** – Currently planning to offer summer enrichment opportunities to students in grades K-6 during the month of June. **D) – Preschool Screening** – Was held March 12th & 13th. Thank you to Stacie Peterson, Andrea Millar, Chelsey Juberian, April Baumgartner, & staff from Nursing Services & Headstart for doing this very important task for our district! **E) Prom** – Mrs. Mendick & Ms. Larson & the Junior Class have been working hard all year fundraising and preparing for Prom, which is April 20, 2024. Pictures will be from 5:00-7:00, and the Grand March will be held at 8:00 p.m.

7.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: **1) Personnel – A) Open Positions** – FT Custodian, FT Cook, Summer School Teachers & Paraprofessionals. **B) Custodian/Cook** – We recently received applications for these positions, and plan to set up interviews this week. **2) Educational – A) JH Baseball/Softball** – Practice started today, and we have 2 coaches for each sport. **B) 3rd Quarter** – Ends on Friday. **C) No School** – There will be no school on 3/29 & 4/1 due to Spring Break. **D) READ Act** – MDE has come out with some templates & information for districts to submit the newly created/revised literacy plan. This is due 7/15/24. **E) FAFSA** – Supt Grow discussed the new application & gave numbers of completed applications. **3) Legislative – A) Day at the Capitol** – the NW MN Supt group has their scheduled Day at the Capitol on 4/3/24. **B) HF3558 & SF 4305** – These are LTFM bills that would authorize roof repair & replacement projects greater than \$100,000 as part of the LTFM maintenance program. The bills also include sidewalks & parking lots. **4) Financial – A) GEER/ESSER** – A federal government data collection of this funding is due 4/3/24. **B) Revised Budget** – Should have a revised 23-24 budget for next month. **5) Building/Grounds – A) Front Lawn** – We are getting quotes for the cost to repair the damage that was done to the front lawn in front of the school. **B) Bathroom Vanities** – Virgil has reached out to contractors to get quotes/estimates on the project. Once we receive the numbers, we can decide what the scope of work will be.

7.3 Committee Report -

7.3.1 Transportation – An update was given by board member Wishard.

7.4 Enrollment Report – As of 3/14/24, our enrollment Pre-K through 12th grade was 525. This was an increase of 2 students from 2/14/24.

8 Consent Calendar – MMS to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board

Meetings:

72470-72506/Wires
Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit
No Check #s-All Payroll was Done Via Direct Deposit

March Bills
Voucher Numbers:70373-70450
Check Numbers: 72507-72545

Total Payroll/Expense Checks
Approved: \$651,682.95

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

None

10 New Business

10.1 Consider Hiring Calli Larson as Assistant Track Coach for the 2023-24 Season – MMS to approve. MCU.

10.2 Consider Hiring Jason Dixon as JH Baseball Coach for the 2023-24 Season – MMS to approve. MCU

10.3 Consider Approving Tenure for Heidi Marsh – MMS to approve. MCU

10.4 Consider Approving Tenure for Amanda Bodensteiner – MMS to approve. Voting Yes: Abstaining – Bodensteiner. MC

10.5 Consider Approving Tenure for Stacie Peterson – MMS to approve. Voting Yes: Abstaining – Peterson. MC

10.6 Consider Approving Tenure for Andrea Millar – MMS to approve. MCU.

10.7 Consider Accepting Resignation of Timothy Swanson, Custodian – MMS to accept. MCU. Supt Grow & the board thanked Timothy for his years of service.

10.8 Consider Accepting Resignation of Jill Nelson, Board Member – MMS to accept. MCU. Supt Grow & the board thanked Jill for her service.

10.9 Consider Accepting Resignation of Gerald Merck, Bus Driver – MMS to accept. MCU. Supt Grow & the board thanked Gerald for his service.

10.10 Consider Setting an Enrollment Cap on Specific Grades for the 2024-2025 School Year – MMS to approve cap on the following grades 4th -, 5th -, 6th -, 7th -, 8th -. MCU.

10.11 Consider Accepting an MOU from EdMN Clearbrook-Gonvick – Supt Grow presented the MOU. MMS to approve. MCU.

10.12 Consider Advertising a Legal Notice for Written Quotations for Transportation Services Commencing with School Year 2024-2025 – MMS to approve. MCU.

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

12 Closed Meeting for Superintendent Evaluation pursuant to MN Statute 13E.05, Subd. 3(a) – MMS to close meeting at p.m. MCU.
MMS to reopen meeting at p.m.

13 Future Meetings

12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

14 Adjournment – MMS to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. MCU R6C



Sharon Braaten with son Christopher, daughter-in-law Jessica, and granddaughter Mary (L).

Sharon Braaten party held

By Pamela French

Clearwater County showed out its love and support for Sharon Braaten as she closes out this chapter of her life in Bagley. From 2pm to 6 pm Saturday April 20th, the Bagley Senior Center was the place to find who's who and those who you didn't know "who" of Bagley and the surrounding communities. Often times standing room only, for guest to share their support and love for Sharon, everyone was treated to a wide array of appetizers and 2 beautiful cakes (thank you Jessica-Farmer Independent and Aaron and Greg from Galen's).

Sharon's soon departure (May 1st) is not being taken lightly. She is the type of person who just steps in quietly (most of the time) and gets it done. She loves to give to her community, be it the Bagley Senior Center, Clearwater Co. Food Shelf, American Legion Auxiliary, Clearwater Co. History Center, Clearwater Co. Fair, Zion Lutheran Church or various other activities, Sharon always goes above and beyond. Her shoes are big and we will fill them together!

Sharon has been apart of our community a half a century give or take. Thief River Falls isn't that far away so I'm sure we will be seeing her, just not so often. Bagley and Clearwater County is and has been a huge part of Sharon's life. It's not about what Bagley is losing, it's about celebrating all she is, what she did and knowing she is following her heart.

This isn't a goodbye or farewell! It's a be well and continue to enjoy a good life! With so much love from everyone in Bagley and Clearwater County. See you soon!



MnDOT asks motorists, farm equipment operators to safely share the road during planting season

BEMIDJI, Minn. — Motorists traveling on Minnesota roads this spring should watch for large farm equipment moving from farm to farm for planting season, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Since 2021, there have been 446 crashes involving farm equipment in Minnesota, resulting in eight deaths and 171 injuries.

"Farmers need our highways to prepare and plant fields at this time of year. Sunrise and sunset can also reduce visibility of farm equipment while driving. Drivers should slow down and prepare to encounter slow-moving farm vehicles, especially on rural, two-lane roads," said Brian Sorenson, state traffic engineer.

Farm equipment is large and heavy, making it hard for

operators to accelerate, slow down and stop. The equipment also makes wide turns and sometimes crosses over the center line. In addition, farm vehicles can create large blind spots, making it difficult for operators to see approaching vehicles.

Motorists should:

- Slow down and watch for farm equipment, particularly at dusk and dawn on two-lane rural roads
- Use caution when approaching farm equipment
- Watch for debris dropped by farm equipment
- Drive with headlights on at all times
- Wait for a safe place to pass

Farm equipment operators should:

- Use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible
- Use slow-moving vehicle

emblems on equipment traveling less than 30 mph

• Consider using a follow vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night

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Servers at Ode to Spring at Faith Lutheran were from left to right: John Gustafson, Steve Skansberg, Pastor Mark Olson, Albert Luecken, Doug Sloan, Jim Cairns, Greg Leintz, Mitchell Willard, Tom Beltz, Jim Kvam, Jim Michel, Gary Halseth and Gary Bonik

Faith Lutheran hosts Ode to Spring

Faith Lutheran Church Bagley was certainly the place to be on Saturday April 20th as the 7th annual Ode to Spring. There were 120 women in attendance, coming from Bemidji on the east, Detroit Lakes on the west, Clearbrook on the north, to Itasca on the South. It was certainly a community event! The weather was certainly not conducive to camping or a picnic, yet tables were decorated with the traditional red and white checkered tablecloths, plastic dishes and tableware, and of course a paper flame centerpiece, making it feel like the first picnic of the season.

The guests were greeted at the registration table by Jen Skansberg and Linda Kaul. There were several repeat guests, and many new faces, already looking forward to next year.

Guests entered the fellowship hall where a table was set up with an igloo cooler filled with cans of an array of juices.

When that perfect place to sit was found, guests found a mixture of Chex mix and M&M's. It didn't take long for the servers, dressed white shirts, black bow ties and black pants, to cater to the needs of the guests as the day progressed. The remaining menu was assorted fruit, sausage egg bake, cinnamon swirl bread and for dessert - s'more pizza! Oh, and of course all the coffee you could drink. The menu was planned by Ellen Sovick and her faithful crew Sue Davidson, Jill Torgerson, Karen Kappedahl, Marilyn Ames, Lorraine Brustad, Linda Kaul and served by "Men of Faith".

Becky Agnew, Jeanine Brand, Kathy Feeney, and Chris Ross, all decked in camping shirts and bucket hats, led the group in a sing along of campfire songs. Songs included, You Are my Sunshine, Waltzing with Bears, and All God's Creatures have a place in the Choir. A fun addition to the program.

Bonnie Underdahl welcomed guests and she did a short devotion. Gladys Luecken, as Mission Coordinator, shared some of the many projects the WELCA group participates in. Various projects were on display and the items needed for each kit.

A colorful array of quilts draped the pews in the sanctuary. The quilts would be blessed during service on Sunday. Most of the quilts are shipped to Lutheran World Relief, then find their way to foreign countries. The altar rail was adorned with beautiful prayer shawls that are distributed locally to those that may need a little TLC, letting them know they are not alone. "It is very rewarding to see God's work done with our hands."

The featured speaker for the day was Darrell Pedersen, retired ELCA Pastor turned author. His first book, Campfire in the Basement, was the impetus for the camping theme. Laughter filled the room as he shared about growing up being known as "little dickens", the shenanigans he participated in, and lessons learned. The day ended with the usual many door prizes, and an invite to return next year! Wonder what the theme will be next year??



Speaker/Author Darrell Pedersen



Jan Skansberg and Linda Kaul greeted guests.



MaryAnn Erickson and Karen Kappedahl serve up a variety of juices.



First time attendees Donna Beck and Gail Garland.



Becky Agnew, Kathy Feeney, Chris Ross and Jeanine Brand.



Special moment Mitch Willard shared with Greg Leintz.



Clearbrook ladies attended the Ode to Spring.





Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Wendy from the Clearbrook Post Office called to tell us that the Leader-Records that we mailed out March 27 arrived at the post office in Clearbrook on April 19. They must have gone a fine trip around the United States. Things appear to be getting better.

Shorty's in Gully is going to be busy this weekend. He has the smelt fry on Saturday afternoon, the specials and bingo on Saturday night. There will be an 80's party on Friday night and a dance by DMS.

Get ready for clean up week in Gonvick and Clearbrook. Gonvick has set May 5 to May 10 and Clearbrook May 6 to May 13. Anything left out after that will not be picked up.

The Clearbrook Fire Department will be having their annual fish dinner on Saturday, April 27.

Congratulations to Mr. Bettin as he was recently named Northwest Division Student Council Advisor of the Year! Thank you for all that you do for our students, our school and our community!

Next Auction coming up in June, 2024, Gully Center Mall, Main Street in Gully. The first one was held last week. Call Jeff 218-766-3180 for questions.

Joke time
Young Lena was so excited! "I just know dat Ole is da one for me," she told her mother. "Why", Her mother asked, "every time he takes me in his arms, I can hear his heart pounding said her daughter." "Vell, yew better be careful," Mama said. "Your dad fooled

me with a pocket watch in his pocket."

2024 Clearwater County Breakfast on the farm will be on Saturday, July 6 at the Craig Strandlien Farm, 24020 370th St. Shevlin. Serving will be from

8 am to 11 am.
There will be an All-School reunion in Clearbrook June 26-29, 2025. The committee is getting going and having several meetings. There will be a mailing going out from classmates in that year.

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



Addison McKnight gets to hold and feed baby Gunvalson.

Clearwater County 4-H celebrates volunteers during National Volunteer Week

By Kara Waldvogel, Extension Educator, Clearwater County, 218-694-6151

Bagley, MN (4/22/2024)— Each year, thousands of volunteers in Minnesota donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, 2024.

One group that relies heavily on volunteers is the University of Minnesota Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program.

During National Volunteer Week and every week throughout 2024, Minnesota 4-H celebrates and appreciates its more than 7500 volunteers - each one critical to the success of 4-H programs and making a difference in the lives of youth. In Clearwater County, approximately 45 volunteers serve as club leaders, project leaders, committee members and in advisory capacities for the 4-H Youth Development Program. Research shows that Minnesota 4-H volunteers help youth gain leadership skills, serve their

communities, improve their decision-making skills and develop career readiness.

The work of 4-H volunteers is continuous. Every day volunteers lend a helping hand to make 4-H programs more beneficial to the residents of Clearwater County. Those interested in joining the team of 4-H volunteers are invited to contact the University of Minnesota Extension - Clearwater County at 218-694-6151, visit our website at <https://extension.umn.edu/local/clearwater>, or email waldv039@umn.edu