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Pictured in the attached photo (L-R): Ashley Shongo and Sara Olson, Bagley PTO; Julie Johnson, Clearbrook-Gonvick Playground Fundraiser; TSC President Kathryn Lorsbach; Lorraine Brustad, Bagley Senior Center; Lloyd Engen, Clearbrook Senior Center; and Jodi Quade, Clearwater County Food Shelf.

Tuesday Study Club presents funds to local groups

The Tuesday Study Club organization is composed of area women who work to give back to their communities. The organization is nearly 100 years old and includes approximately 20 local women. The Tuesday Study Club local work includes an annual luncheon, Tables for Tots, which helps to raise funds to support the Clearwater Christmas project. They also organize the distribution of gifts and food

to local families. In 2023, the Tuesday Study Club held their first annual Driving for Greens golf tournament. The proceeds from this tournament allowed for recent donations to local organizations. Pictured in the photo are representatives from local groups receiving donations. The 2023-2024 Tuesday Study Club President, Kathryn Lorsbach, distributed the following donations on May 7th: \$750 to the Bagley

Parent Teacher Organization, \$750 to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Playground Fundraiser, \$500 to the Clearwater County Food Shelf, \$500 to the Bagley Senior Center, and \$500 to the Clearbrook Senior Center. Tuesday Study Club also gives scholarships to young women in both the Bagley and Clearbrook-Gonvick schools who demonstrate leadership, scholarship, character, and

community service. This year, the Tuesday Study Club will distribute two \$500 scholarships to each school. This year's 2nd Annual Driving for Greens Golf Tournament will be held on August 17th at the Twin Pines Golf Course. The Tuesday Study Club is looking forward to another great event to raise funds for organizations in our communities!



Clearbrook-Gonvick band playing in concert at the school last week.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior High Band: Makenzie Holmstrom, Sarah Imle, Presley Westrum.

Clearbrook-Gonvick music concert held last week at the school. Shown to the right are directors Tammy Reagan and Patty Mickelson,

Shown below is the group members under the direction of Tammy Regan.

Concert photos by Eric Mickelson



Clearwater County First Lady selected

By: Darlene Sawyer
The setting for the Clearwater County First Lady 2024 event was the Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The delicious luncheon was prepared and served by the Faith Lutheran youth assisted by Faith's committee headed by Lyn Schroeder of Bagley. A toast was given by hostess Tamara Edevold of the Clearwater County Historical Society to all women and "First Ladies". (There have been 44 First Ladies chosen so far) since 1977. Although the program was begun in 1977 by Beta Sigma Phi and celebrated by the Tuesday Study Club, the Clearwater County Historical Society took over the event in 2006. According to Tamara, "We decided that it was a good fit for us as we originally celebrated our local women during National Women's History Month in March. The mission of National Women's History Month is to educate people about the important roles women have played in the history of our country. It is empowering to hear women's stories, both personally and in a larger context. Remembering and recounting tales of our ancestor's talents, sacrifices, and commitments inspires today's generations and opens the way to the future." Since the

pandemic, this event has been moved to May of each year. The sponsors and co-hosts of the 2024 First Lady event were Northern State Bank of Gonvick; First National Bank of Bagley; Faith Lutheran Youth, and the Clearwater County Historical Society...a special "Thank you" to each of them. 2015 First Lady Ardis Thompson offered the table prayer and the Faith Youth began the serving of the luncheon. Student Jazmyn Smith gave a brief history of the National Women's History Month began 45 years ago when it was introduced in Congress in 1978. President Carter declared a National Women's History month in 1980, and in 1987, the entire month of March was declared as Women's History month by Congress. Denise Hoganson of Bagley introduced all the former First Ladies of Clearwater County as they were acknowledged. Gladys Luecken of Bagley, our 2023 First Lady, addressed the guests next. She smiled as she recalled her selection last year. "Thanks to all of you who nominated me. It is a great honor. As a child, I loved playing with my siblings. We also prepared for church every Sunday. Today, church is my main dedication. I enjoyed my job at the Clearwater County Memorial

Hospital. Crystal Schmitz (2003 First Lady) always encouraged me as did Mangeline Kirkeby (1979 First Lady). Marilyn Melby (1995 First Lady) came to check our 4-H projects and paid great attention to detail. Thank you to all these ladies." It is important to note that Gladys has participated in over 30 organizations in her career. These include the Rotary, the Itasca Regional Pioneer Farmers, the Historical Society, Thrivent, Bagley Senior Center, Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning, Bagley All-School reunion, Clearwater Transportation, Title 3 programs, Salvation Army, Farm by the Lake, Food Shelf, Hospice, and many other committees. As a kid, she was very active in 4-H and still uses that training in her daily life." Jandi Theis of Bagley entertained the diners with several piano tunes. Tamara Edevold, Director of the Clearwater County Historical Society, was the featured speaker. The title of her slide presentation and speech was "Women's Clubs and Organizations: A Legacy of Leadership". Combing research from old local newspapers and old slides, she put together a profound program about many of our early settlers who came here to homestead. After establishing a home, the women wanted some

sort of a social life. Tamara explained, "I looked back in our museum collection at a couple of women who wrote about their pioneering days. Ingeborg Austin wrote about landing in what she described as "this forsaken land" in 1904. Although there were neighbors some distance away, it was a lonely life. She had a few friends, but never got used to living here. Annie Severson arrived in 1896. Her account of pioneer life is much more generous." You can read her account of pioneer life in a letter saved at the History Center. Tamara continued, "The first organization I want to tell you about is a group that will celebrate its 100th anniversary in two years. The Bagley Tuesday Study Club held its first meeting on December 2, 1926. The organization was made up of 27 women who were teachers, a county Supt. Of schools, nurses, homemakers and clerks. They were wives of local businessmen, doctors, teachers and railroad employees. The list of their achievements is quite lengthy. And, they aren't afraid to get their hands dirty! (Their full account can be found at the history museum). Another social group was the Red Hat Ladies from the

First Lady...
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Tamara Edevold, Executive Director of the Clearwater County Historical Society, was the main speaker at the event. Photo submitted.

May 19 Open House at History Center in Shevlin

To celebrate International Museum Day, the History Center in Shevlin will be open Sunday May 19 from 1:00- 4:00 Sunday marks the first day the historic buildings are open for the season. There are all new exhibits in the main gallery and new exhibits in most of the historic buildings as well. Exhibits in the main gallery include Women's Clubs and

Organizations, the New Deal in Clearwater County and NW Minnesota, a poster exhibit "Journey stories; local people" and a photo exhibit on Bagley and Shevlin's Quasiquicentennial. Free Admission, donations welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 218-785-2000

Brandts will put on BBQ program as part of NELL series

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) is excited to have back former BBQ Pros, Brian and Cathy Brandt from Marshall, MN, originally from Clearbrook, MN, for Part II: "You TOO Can BBQ like a Pro" on Wednesday, May 22nd. The location is the Bagley American Legion. The program starts at 9:30am. Doors open at 9:00 am. Last year the couple shared about their 17 year journey on

the professional BBQ circuit. For this program the duo will demonstrate how to prepare meat for the smoker, while meats are smoking, followed by a tasting. They will be smoking Beef Brisket, Pork Butt, St. Louis Style Ribs and serve Blooming Bologna. There will also be Cole Slaw and Rolls to go along with the meat tasting. There is no charge to attend the NELL weekly programs.

Clearwater County's 2024 one vegetable, one community

One Vegetable, One Community (OVOC) is an initiative that brings the communities of Clearwater County together to grow, cook and share a vegetable. OVOC is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension, U of MN - Dept of Family, Health & Wellbeing, Clearwater County 4-H, Clearwater County and Ter-Lee Gardens. Together these organizations are partnering to encourage healthy food access and community building through One Vegetable, One Community. The 2024 Vegetable of the year is the "Cucumber"! The seeds provided this year are Straight Eight, Slicing Cucumber seeds that are donated by Ter-Lee Gardens. Information about planting and growing cucumbers can be found at: <https://extension.umn.edu/vegetables/growing-cucumbers>

Recipes and nutrition Information are available at this website: <https://reallifefoodfood.umn.edu/vegetables/cucumbers> One Vegetable, One Community increases access and enthusiasm for local and inexpensive healthy foods. OVOC begins a season-long campaign with "cucumbers" grown around every corner: from community, personal, and school gardens, to gardens at businesses, faith based organizations, and government buildings. Keep a look out for "Cucumber" seed packets, through OVOC located in businesses around Clearwater County! Please feel free to pick up a seed packet and get growing.



Jasmyn Smith, at left, presented a short history of the First Lady events. Her mother is seated with her and she works for the Clearwater County Historical Society. Photo submitted.

Community Calendar

Clean-up Day at Shevlin

May 16 Cleanup day at the History Center in Shevlin. Help us clean up the historic buildings and grounds for the summer season! 10:00- 2:00 or until completed. A light lunch is provided. All cleaning supplies are provided.

Cemetery clean-up at St. Charles

The St. Charles Cemetery Association Of rural Trail will have a spring clean-up of the cemetery on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 10 am. Please bring a rake. Everyone with relatives and friends buried in the cemetery are encouraged to come and help. A meeting will follow.

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Graduation Party for Madeline Larson

Daniel and Rebecca Larson would like to invite all friends and family to join us in celebrating our daughter, Madeline Larson, on her success from graduating from Bemidji High School ~ Class of 2024. Graduation Party is Sunday May 26th 2024, Starting at 11 am to evening and stay for the Bonfire if you like. Located at our Bemidji shop/home at 4156 Swiss Lane NW, Bemidji MN 56601. Come to spend the day or just stop by to say hello. R9-10C



Graduation Open House for Callie Ehresmann

Please join us for Callie's graduation reception at our home on Saturday, May 25th from 5-8pm at 16598 460th St., Clearbrook. R9-10C



Open House for Presley Westrum

Open house for Presley following 2:00 p.m. graduation ceremony at the Legion room in the old school in Clearbrook. Food and drinks will be served. R9-10C

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., May 15 - Pork Loin, Potatoes, Vegetable.
Thurs., May 16 - Beef Cabbage Bake, Vegetable
Fri., May 17 - Lemon Pepper Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetable
Mon., May 20 - Chicken,

Broccoli and Rice Hotdish, Vegetable
Tues., May 21 - Pot Roast, Potatoes, Vegetable.
Wed., May 22 - Meat Loaf Potatoes, Vegetable.
Included with each meal. Vegetable, Bread, Dessert or Fruit and Milk.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

What a beautiful spring! We have been enjoying the birds of northern Minnesota. They are absolutely mesmerizing! Another unexpected blessing here at home.

Since spring is here, that means grill time for us. With the meat on the grill, time for a light salad.

This is one of my favorites-quick and easy.

BROCCOLI SALAD WITH VINAIGRETTE
2 cups broccoli florets in bite size pieces
1/2 cup crumbled bacon
1/4 cup dried cranberries
1/4 cup Feta cheese
1/4 cup diced red onion
3T. chopped pecans



Susan Anderson
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Layer all side by side on a platter. Drizzle with vinaigrette.

V I N A I - G R E T T E
1 T Dijon mustard
1 clove of garlic, minced
3T Red wine vinegar
1/2 cup olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together and pour over salad. Until next time, blessings to you and your family! Check out my youtube videos-FROM PANTRY TO TABLE



Church News

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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Grow It! Opening and hours: Grow It! at our Gonvick site. Monday- Thursday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Fridays, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Shop-At-The-Top SALES: Every Tuesday is Senior Discount day, 25% off store wide for 65 and older.
Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Create It! is 100% volunteer-based at this time!
Create It! Studios May event: **FREE COMMUNITY MURAL PAINTING EVENT!** Saturday, May 11th, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM (Mother's Day Weekend) Help paint our outdoor patio wall mural. Nikki Besser as Lead Artist Design Cookies/bars/donuts/scones provided by Art Team In case of inclement weather, backup date is May 18.
Senior Connection Cooking Class (open to all ages)
Hurts, Recovery, Habits? Celebrate, Recover encourages fellowship, provides hope, and celebrates God's healing power as we work our way along the road to recovery. Every Thursday, 6:30PM at CWLC- Clearbrook.
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Pastor Will Anderson
Week of: May 20-26, 2024
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Wednesday: 9:30 AM Women's Walk Bible Study
Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Ron Pederson
Sat, May 18: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, May 19: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 11 a.m. Worship.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, May 15: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley Ladies Aid. No Confirmation.
Sun, May 19: 9 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.
Mon, May 20: 6:30 p.m. Bethany Cemetery Clean-Up.
Wed, May 22: 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation at Lund.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
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Sun., May 19: 9:00am Senior Sunday Worship & Communion with Pastor Michael Wright; 10:00am Coffee Hour; Service Group 2 meets
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:15am-2:15pm
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Thurs, May 16: 2:00pm WEL-CA 6:00 pm Council Meeting
Sun., May 12: 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School; 11:00am Worship & Communion with Pastor Michael Wright

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Wednesday, May 15, 2024



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Author shares her writing style

Award winning Author Candace Simar, of Pequot Lakes, MN, was the featured speaker at the Author Talk at the Bagley Public Library, on Thursday May 9th. Candace is a life-long Minnesotan and the grandchild of Scandinavian immigrants. She has a passion for Minnesota history and how things might have been. The stories she shared during the talk were captivating and very interesting as much of her stories are true. She writes historical fiction, meaning the names have been changed to protect the innocent!

Candace shared about her writing style and how she came to write her historical novels. She combines her love of history with her Scandinavian heritage in her novels that examine the early days of Minnesota and North Dakota. Sister Lumberjack is her latest book.

The Author Talk was made possible by the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.



Beth Baker following presentation.

Beth Baker of rural Clearbrook, was the featured speaker at the NELL program.

On Wednesday, May 8, Beth Baker of rural Clearbrook, was

the featured speaker at the NELL program held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook. Beth took nearly 50 guests on a stunning virtual PowerPoint journey of the United Kingdom. Beth and traveling companion Liz spent 30 days seeing many beautiful, grand and historic places, including the Cadbury Chocolate Factory, as they traveled through England, Scotland and Ireland!

Beth also shared important traveling tips when vacationing abroad; The American Disabilities Act doesn't apply outside the United States. Buildings are old, often over 500 years old, and most streets are cobblestone. Most stairs are narrow with no railing. The bathrooms are usually pay only, and may not be up to the standards we are used to here in the US. I traveled to Greece 20 years ago, and the outdoor public restroom was behind a door, but it was a hole in the ground and no bar to hold on to! It was free! Be willing to try local foods etc. Burger King, McDonalds and Subway may prove to be very disappointing. Hotel restaurants vs pubs: Logs go to pubs and tourists eat in hotel restaurants, plus the hotel food more costly. Beth said watch out for tablecloth's, food is sparse and expensive. Check your electrical adapter for each country you plan on traveling to, it's not like here in the US, as each country may have a different adapter. And lastly, and most importantly in my book, check with your cell phone carrier and let them know your itinerary. Recently, a couple got back from vacation and their cell phone bill was over \$150,000.

Guests were treated to English Sticky Toffee Pudding Cupcakes, thanks to Beth. Beth took her recipe to Lisa Rother at Prelude Coffee/Rother's Just Dessert, and had Lisa make 5 dozen. The caramel sauce was served warm on each cupcake with whipped cream, absolutely delicious! Don't let the ingredient of dates throw you off, as the dates are ground up adding an extra vanilla-y flavor to the caramel cake! Lisa of Rother always said, if you can dream it, she will find a way to make it! Thank you Beth Baker for the amazing virtual tour! Maybe New Zealand is next??

The NELL program for Wednesday May 22 will be former Pro BBQ Pit Masters, Brian and Cathy Brandt, from Marshall, MN (originally Clearbrook). The two will make a return appearance to Bagley for a Show/Tell/ Taste of several meats they will be smoking. The program is "You too Can BBQ like a Pro-Part II. Location is the Bagley American Legion starting at 9:30am. Doors open at 9:00am. But the smells will start much earlier!!! Cole-slaw and buns will be served along with the meat tastings. NELL weekly programs are free of charge. Refreshments will be served (freewill).

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BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear, Allison LaVine broke the school discus record. She threw 132'8. The previous record was held by Danae Stenzel at 112'1. The throwing coach is Kyle Christianson.



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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., May 15 -Pepparonie Stromboli, Baked Chips. **Snack:** Goldfish
Thurs., May 16 - Beef and Broccoli or Asian Chicken with Rice. **Snack:** Tiger Bites
Friday, May 17 - Cook's Choice **Snack:** Tiger Bites
Mon., May 20 - Cook's Choice **Snack:** Assorted
Tues., May 21 -Cook's Choice **Snack:** Assorted
Wed., May 22 - Cook's Choice **Snack:** Assorted
Please note- All Meals come with Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Bar and Milk Choice. This may change!!!

Junior High Baseball Schedule
5/21/24 vs. Park Rapids (DH)
4:00pm

C-G Track & Field 2024 schedule
5/16/24 @ Ada (A-B-W Invite)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

Jr. High Baseball/ Softball games

The JH boys had an impressive victory over the Blackduck Drakes 17-7 on Wes Westrum field this evening. Travis Johnson & Ashten Churness pitched a solid game for the Bears, while Kreed Shegrud & Gavin Solberg both had a productive night at the plate. Great job young men!
The Lady Bears took their talents to Red Lake Falls this evening and took down the Eagles 15-7 in game 1 and tied them 17-17 in game 2. Faith Gunning & Savannah Kumpula pitched good games for the Lady Bears while Lainey Fawver, Haven Salzer, & Karli Dahlke played solid in the field. The girls were swinging those bats well tonight!
Great job JH Programs as you continue to impress your community!

Music Programs at the school

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 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!!!!



Isabelle Torgerson and Grant Smith



Reign Wegscheid and Landon Gazelka

"A Night at the Oscars" Clearbrook-Gonvick Prom 2024



Cooper Wishard, Roman Beaulieu and Luke Omang



Isabelle Torgerson solo.



Vocal duet with Presley Westrum and Reign Wegscheid. Music concert photos by Eric Mickelson



May 7, 6:30 p.m. Junior High/High School Spring Concert with Junior High choir.



May 7, 6:30 p.m. Junior High/High School Spring Concert with Senior High choir.



Congratulations to the newest inductees into the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Minnesota Honor Society! A ceremony was held on Friday May, 10th to recognize and honor current and new members. New Members: Mikaela Weems, Amelia Machlitt, Joely Hinrichs-Olson, Sarah Imle, Chasity Mathson, Ava Larson, and Tatum Melby.

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Weekly Inky Wink

with Oopsy Annie!

Cotton candy in pale blue recently triggered a sweet memory. I recalled my sweet great aunt, Beatrice Wagner of Berner. When I was small, back in the long-ago days when women wore teased and stiffly sprayed bouffant, Beatrice had the most amazing hair. Before getting it styled into an up do hairdo, as was the custom for 60's and 70's women, Beatrice had her white hair rinsed in blue dye. Powder blue. Her hair was so lovely to me, I called her "The Blue-Haired Lady", because I couldn't get past it to learn call her by name. She lived to the grand age of ninety, and yes, I miss her kind presence to this day. I do not have a photo of her blue-haired days, but one from later years will do just fine.

Beatrice – An Homage to My Great-Aunt
Beatrice had hair like blue cotton candy. Teased and sprayed into a voluminous puff all about her head, she looked like a, merry, fairy godmother. Much like the one who appeared in a green flash to help Cinderella find the man of her dreams in one of my childhood books.
To walk through the open door of her small ranch-style home in Berner was to enter a warm hug filled with the aroma of fresh brewed coffee and homemade goodies. I looked forward to our visits with relish, and an eager tummy.
Beatrice was my grandpa,



Orvin's older sister. They shared the same clear, pale, blue eyes. When either one gazed at you, it was like standing in the dazzling focus of a lighthouse beacon.
The beauty of their eyes made me tongue-tied. Truly.
As I sip cooling chamomile tea, I note my coming entrance into the same years of aged existence I recall Beatrice being. Years have flown by since my last memory of sitting on her couch beside mama. The sun streaming through the window glass, highlighting a plate of quickly diminishing cookies.
I feel my heart pine for just one more visit with Beatrice. One more opportunity to stand before the gaze of her beautiful eyes. To marvel at her cloud of pale blue hair, the perfect hair color for a fairy godmother to have.
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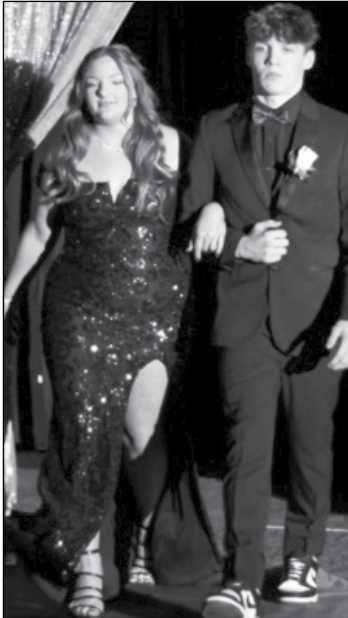
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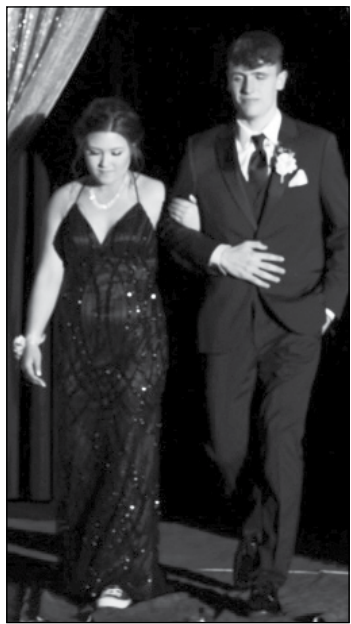
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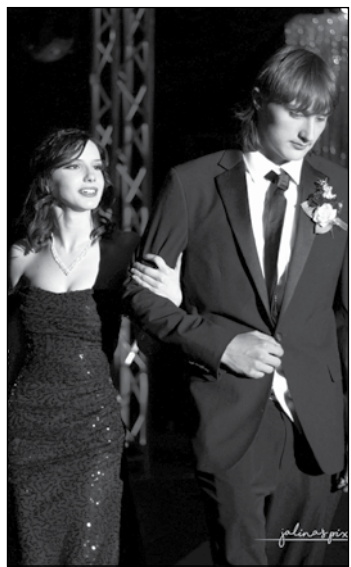
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