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CONTINUING THE GONVICK RECORD AND CLEARBROOK LEADER  
Serving the Communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Leonard and Trail



Anne Bergh was announced as the Gonvick 2024 Rodeo Queen. She is a long time member of the Clearbrook-Gonvick area, a proud American and a member of the Auxiliary. She is the heart of her family and her community. She is the cucumber lady, a gardener, a lawn mower and now is the oldest honorary Lions Club member. She is being driven in the parade by Kim Solberg, Gonvick Lions Club president. Below... she is given the award during the Saturday rodeo by Kim Solberg with assistant by Lori Bahr and Wayne Bergh.



Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick was busy over the Rodeo weekend. Not only was she open during the day. She hosted a midnight breakfast from 11:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. both Friday and Saturday night. She has her family on the parade float with her.

## Two separate swimming incidents

July 15, 2024: On July 13, 2024 at 4:16 PM, the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office received a call stating a person was found unresponsive in the water on Long Lost Lake in southern Clearwater County. The caller stated that CPR was in progress. A Clearwater County deputy responded as well as a Minnesota Conservation Officer. Officers learned that a husband and wife had been on the lake in a pontoon and decided to take a swim. Once in the water, the pontoon began to drift away. Both male and female began to swim for the boat and at some

point, the husband looked back for his wife and she was face-down, floating in the water. He began to yell for help and people at a nearby residence heard the yelling and took their boat out to assist both back to shore. Bagley Sanford Ambulance and Sanford Air Med had also been called to the scene and life saving measures were unsuccessful on the female. The victim was 70-year-old Cheryl Breitbach of Ponsford, MN. Breitbach's body was taken to the University of North Dakota Forensic Pathology Department for an autopsy. In a separate incident, on

July 14, 2024 at 5:09 PM, the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office received a call stating that a young child had been found unresponsive in a swimming pool at a residence in Nora Township. The child was brought in to the Sanford Bagley Medical center by private vehicle and airlifted to Sanford Hospital in Fargo. The condition of the child is unknown at this time. No name will be released due to the victim being a child.

Both cases remain under investigation by the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

## Gonvick City council meeting held July 11

Gonvick City council met in regular session on Thursday, July 11.

Fire department had only two medical calls and work nights for the month of June.

With the weather conditions and if there is a tornado warning city residents are reminded that they can go to the Fire Hall for protection if needed.

Ryan Solee gave his Police report with 17 records. They include 911 Hang up 1; Animal related 1; City Ordinance 6, Information only 2; Medical 1; Missing or Lost person 1; Property Damage 1; traffic Stop 2, Vandalism 1 and Vehicle Lock Out 1. A reminder that if there is a concern about barking dogs that have become a nuisance one should call the county dis-

patch for them to pass it on to be taken care of. Cal 218-556-1943.

Maintenance issues include the curb/gutter repair near the Gonvick Legion. The city passed a motion to hire Pond Construction & Trucking, Robert Pond to fix the 25 feet of curb and gutter for \$1,500 per his estimate.

Work to be done around town includes replace the downspouts at the Community Center. Fill the hole in the alley between the Meat Market and Northern State Bank. Check the play ground equipment. One table needs fixing. One banner on North Street needs to be replaced or fixed. The burn pile will have to be done when the fire department truck will be

available.

Twelve picnic tables have been donated around town by the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee. They are located at business places around Main Street.

The benefit ratio for rural district levy 2025 was set at 70%. People who live on the hill north of Gonvick pay less in City taxes as they do not have city water and sewer where they are located.

The CD Renew for General Cont. #19378 for \$48,345 was renewed for 14 months at 4.5% at the Northern State Bank.

Bills for the month were approved with \$3,683.71 for Water and Sewer, \$20,551.77 for General \$1,166.81 for fire for a total of \$25,402.29.

## Clearbrook Leonard Senior Center Awarded Grant for "Live Music Series"

The Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center (located at 105 Main St in Clearbrook) recently received a Bemidji Area Arts Endowment (BAAE) grant award of \$1,500 for a "Live Music Series" of local and regional artists and performers. Over the past several months, the Senior Center's Board of Directors (President Lloyd Engen, Vice President Russell Lembke,

and Treasurer Sharon Lembke) along with Co- Activity Directors (Ann Marie Newman and Juleigh Prosser) have been hosting community get togethers and events at the Senior Center to brainstorm with the community and chart a course forward for a special place in the heart of the community, for our Seniors. We are working on booking performances and com-

munity connections. If you have an idea or suggestion, please email them to ClearbrookSeniorCenter@gmail.com. Looking forward to providing live music performances at the Clearbrook Leonard Senior Center again, it's music to our ears! We are grateful to the BAAE and NW Minnesota Foundation for this opportunity!



Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center's Board of Directors Russell Lembke, Sharon Lembke Lloyd Engen received the Arts Endowment award.

## Driving for greens golf fundraiser planned for August 17th

Tuesday Study Club's 1st annual Driving for Greens! Golf Tournament last August was a huge success! Proceeds from the tournament benefitted the community in many ways. Two \$500 scholarships were awarded to seniors attending Clearbrook High School and two \$500 scholarships were awarded to seniors at Bagley High School. Both Senior Centers (Clearbrook and Bagley) were each given \$500. \$750 donations were made to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Playground and the Bagley PTO for their playground project. Finally, the Clearwater County Food Shelf was a recipient of \$500.

The Second Annual Driving for Greens! Golf Tournament is in the works. All proceeds will benefit charities within Clearwater County and be used for scholarships in the Clearbrook and Bagley school districts. Driving for Greens begins with a shot gun start on Saturday, August 17th at 11:00 am at the Twin Pines Golf Course in Bagley. Registration begins at 10:00 am and the dinner and prizes are slated for 5:00 pm. This four-person scramble will cost \$75 per person. Prizes, games and drawings will be

provided during the 18-hole tournament. Snacks and a meal are included. To register, call Tracy @ 218.230.9893 or email her drivingforgreens@gmail.com. There will be a QR code in next week's paper to allow for electronic registration.

There are also sponsorship opportunities for the community! Sponsoring a team (\$300) includes the dinner for four as well as swag bags for each player. Sponsoring the dinner (\$150) nets a business or individual signage on the center pieces at the tournament awards dinner, as well as signage/logo on the sponsorship board. You can also sponsor a hole (\$100) and receive a sign with your company logo displayed at the sponsored hole. Of course, the snack/beverage cart sponsor (\$75) receives their logo sign on the cart. Sponsoring one of the games on the course (\$75) will get your logo on the contest tickets and have your name announced during the reception. TSC will also accept donations to be used for door prizes, gifts, a silent auction and swag bags. There is something for everyone if you want to support this endeavor without being an actual participant.

The TSC is comprised of about twenty women in our communities. Our goal is to enhance and improve our communities, support students through

scholarship, explore and learn about new things, and financially support the non-profits in our midst. Much of the history of the local TSC includes

membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a national organization. Join us in making this golf fundraiser a success!! Become a sponsor or

sign up to participate and have a chance to enjoy our beautiful golf course in Bagley, as well as support a worthy cause.



Tuesday Study Club Driving for Greens! planning meeting: Barb Bohn, Jill Bakken, Sherry Rettmann, Lyn Schroeder, Tracy Imle, Sharon Johnson and Sue Gunvalson.



## Community Calendar

### Gonvick-Trail Class of '74 50th Reunion

July 19th 5 pm, Sportsman's Lodge, Pine Lake. Social hour, program and buffet dinner. Also, an open gathering starting at 5 pm on July 20th at The Trap in Gonvick. Please stop by and reminisce!

### Annual meeting

Clearwater Lake Area Association (CLAA) Annual Meeting Saturday, July 20, 2024

Members and Non-Members Welcome

Location:  
27287 North Shore Drive  
Potluck Meal – 12 Noon  
Bring dish to pass along with plate, utensils and lawn chair.

Coffee and lemonade provided.

Guest Speaker:  
Beltrami SWCD  
Annual Meeting to follow  
REMINDER: Member dues can be paid at this meeting.

### Greenwood Township Notice

The Greenwood Town Board will meet at the town hall on July 17th at 8:00 p.m.  
Sheila Horn, Clerk

### NOTICE CLOVER TOWNSHIP

To the residents of Clover Township. The regular meeting will be held July 19th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Clover Town Hall.  
Joel Wraa, Clover Township



Aaron Pankratz driving the Clearbrook Fire Department entry in the Debs 44th annual parade on July 4th.

## FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

So we are half-way through the summer or grilling season as we call it. Our favorite B-B-Que sauce is on everything we put on the grill. It is sweet, tangy and delicious! This makes about 2 cups  
1 and 1/2 cups brown sugar  
3/4 cup apple cider vinegar  
1/2 cup catsup  
2 T minced onions



Susan Anderson  
More recipes at [www.susanspantry.com](http://www.susanspantry.com)

1 T dry mustard  
1 clove of garlic, minced  
1/3 cup molasses  
1 T plus 1 t corn starch  
Whisk all together. Use the sauce to baste the meat while cooking on the grill.  
Once the meat is finished cooking, dispose of the rest of the sauce you used for basting to avoid cross contamination!

Until next time, blessing to you and your family.

### Fair Shuttle

Clearwater County will have a fair shuttle in August.

Friday, August 2 county wide bus available until 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, August 3rd County wide bus available from 10 am to 4 p.m.

Cost for a ride within Bagley is \$1.00; outside of city limits 0-5 miles \$3.00; 5-10 miles \$4.00; 10-15 miles \$5.00.

### Good Shepherd Vacation Bible School planned

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook will be having Vacation Bible School August 6, 7 and 8 from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Kindergarten through 5th grade may register to attend without a helper. Students older than 6th grade may register to be a helper.

Questions can be directed to [gschildrenofgod@gmail.com](mailto:gschildrenofgod@gmail.com) or contact Jill Bakken at 218-368-5982.

### Clearwater County Township Association Notice

The Clearwater County Township Association meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2024 has been cancelled.  
Stephanie Anderson, Sec/Treasurer  
Clearwater County Township Association



### Self-Storage

#### Unit Sizes

5x10, 10x10, 10x20

#### Call or Text

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(218) 358-1275

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### Area town

#### meetings scheduled

Steve Green, Minnesota Senate, District 2 has scheduled town meetings for the area.

#### July 16th

-Clearbrook City Hall 4pm, 200 Elm St SW, Clearbrook, MN 56634

-Eagles Club in Bemidji 6:30pm, 1270 Neilson Ave SE, Bemidji, MN 56601

#### July 17

-Baudette Timber Mill Park Pavilion 6:00pm, 1020 Front St NE, Baudette, MN 56623

#### July 23rd

-Walker Area Community Center 6:30pm, 105 Tower Ave, Walker, MN 56484

#### July 24

-Bagley D & R Café 6:30pm, 27 Central St W, Bagley, MN 56621

Capitol Address  
95 University Avenue W.  
Minnesota Senate Bldg.  
Room 2319  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
651-297-8063

### Parking Lot Maintenance

Starting on Sunday, June 30th (weather permitting), the Clearbrook-Gonvick school district parking lots and driveways will be undergoing maintenance. This maintenance includes cleaning, crack sealing, patching, seal coating, and painting. The maintenance will start in the North parking lot and move to the South parking lot, taking most of the week to complete...again weather permitting.

We kindly ask that you not drive around posted cones, or drive on the sidewalks and trail, or through the grass. Once complete and safe to drive on, the school will send communication out. The district is looking forward to the new look of our parking lots and we hope that you do too!

Thanks for your cooperation.

### Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. July 17 - Chicken Salad on Wheat Bread, Three Bean Salad, Diced Peaches, Sugar Cookie.

Thurs. June 18 - Beef Vegetable Stew, Green Peas, Biscuit, Cinnamon Baked Apples.

Fri. June 19- Chicken & Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Diced Peas, Lemon Bar.

Mon. July 22 - Beef Pepper Steak or Liver, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie.

Tues. July 23 - Sloppy Joe on Bun, California Vegetable Blend, Italian Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit

Wed. July 24 - Rosemary Pork Loin, Diced Potatoes, Green Peas, Bread, Chocolate Chip Bar.

Ad deadline:  
Noon Friday



Some past area residents & Eileen Lien's High School friends were up to visit relatives and to see her.

They all played a few games of pickleball and had a blast at the Clearwater Life Center in Gonvick. Joy Eck took this picture as Eileen was chauffeuring them back in her golf cart to their vehicles.

The one in front is Karen (Churness, Melvin and Lila's daughter) Vogh from Osakis. The other is Helen (Anderson) Berglund from Michigan. But do not remember what her maiden name was.

The center is open for pickleball four days a week. Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9 to 6 and Wednesday from 9 to 3. They all have a great time in the gym in Gonvick.

## Church News

**SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick**  
Pastor Will Anderson  
Tuesday: 8:30 AM Men's Prayer  
Breakfast  
Wednesday: 9:30 AM Women's Walk Bible Study  
Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service

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

**BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston**  
Seth Johnson.  
[www.facebook.com/bethelfosston](http://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston)  
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

**UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Road 7  
Sun., July 21 - Services at 9:00 a.m. with Nathan Engebretson. Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Jarred LeBon, Pastor**  
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor  
[www.newjourneyfosston.com](http://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.

**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](http://www.countryfaith.org)  
218-776-3367  
[office@countryfaith.org](mailto: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.

**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. 7:00 p.m.  
Every Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer through August  
Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship  
Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

**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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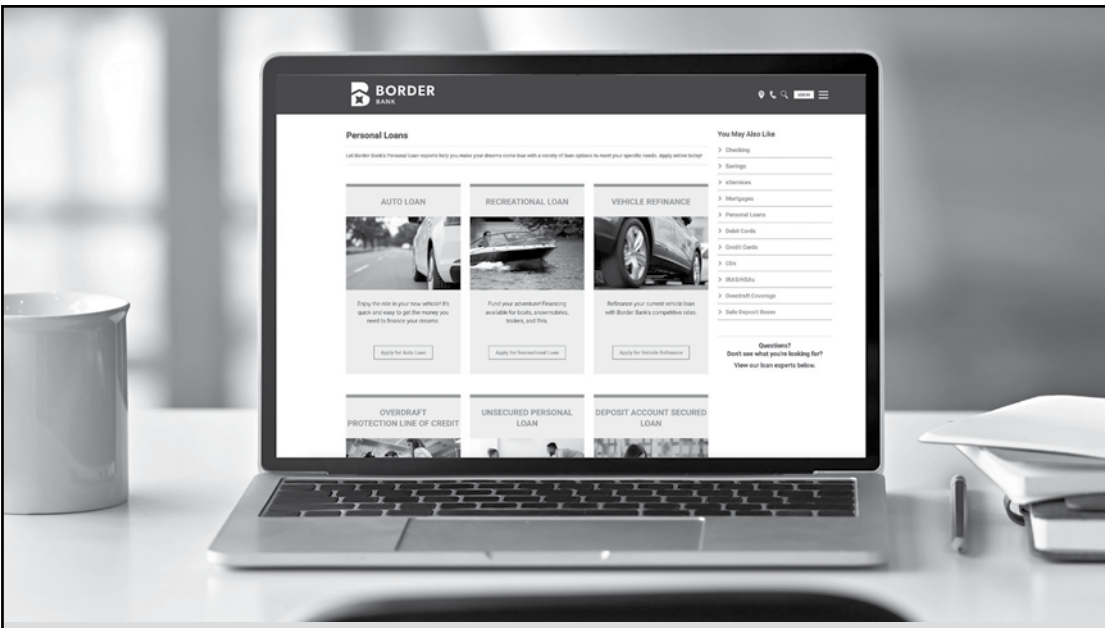
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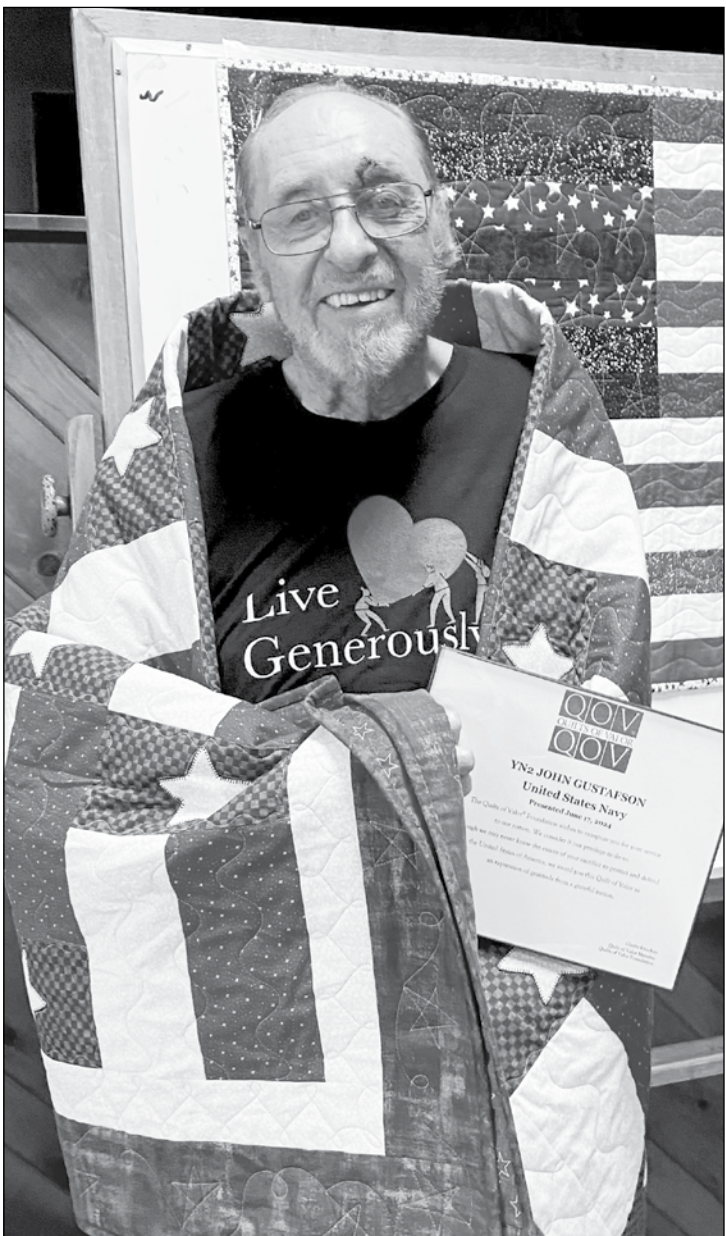
Two Clearwater County Veterans receive Quilts of Valor



Army Veteran Gary Halseth

By Pamela French  
Two Clearwater County veterans were wrapped in a "Quilt of Valor" during a special presentation at Faith Lutheran Church June 2024. Gladys Lueken was the presenter (see Modern Woodmen "Do-Good" grant recipient) for this special occasion, with approximately 35 friends and family in attendance.  
A local Bagley boy, Gary Lawrence Halseth, enlisted in the US Army in 1959 after graduating from Bagley High School. His basic training was at Fort Hood, Texas and continued at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Other duty stations included Fort Benning, Georgia where he tied the firing range record. His commanding officer at the time asked him to be on his personal rifle team. Therefore, he had no other duties.  
Later, when leaving New York on a troop ship headed to the far east, his orders were changed to a duty station in Puerto Rico. His military occupational specialty (MOS) was

that of US Army Signal Corps that supported the Army's communication systems. Good fit for a high schooler who worked repairing radios, tv's and other electronics. While in the service he trained in electronics on a much larger scale. Gary was discharged in 1962.  
After his discharge from service Gary worked for Halvorson Electric (now Mireault's Home Furnishings), repairing TV's and appliances. Gary's career had literally taken him all over the world for Control Data, Network Systems, Dara 100 and Learning Tree International where he was an instructor.  
One of Gary's more memorable career moments was in 1967 when he was working with NASA Mission Control in Houston for the Apollo capsule testing when a flash fire swept through the spacecraft killing the three astronauts. The mission was in preparation for the first flight of Apollo. A memory permanently engrained in his mind forever.  
Since his discharge Gary had belonged to several American



Navy Veteran John Gustafson

Legion Posts. He is currently a member of the American Legion Irvin Blix Post 16. He is very active in the Legion, now on his third term on the Executive Board. Additionally, Gary has belonged to a police band, swing band and college band. He continues his love for music playing the trombone in the 9th District Legion Band, where he has gone to district, state and national conventions.  
Gary is one of three generations who have served our country; his father served in the Army during WWII, and his son David served in the Army at the DMZ in Korea.  
Navy Veteran John Gustafson was the second honorary selected to receive a Quilt of Valor. After graduating from high school in Wadena, MN in 1956, John chose to enlist in the US Navy as opposed to be drafted, thus having more control over his destiny.  
John took his basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Sta-

tion near Chicago. Other training and duty stations included Newport Rhode Island, Norman Oklahoma and Jacksonville Florida. He was trained as office personnel. In June of 1959, in Mayport Florida, he boarded the USS Essex Ship, as part of the Sixth Fleet.  
The Essex Odyssey crossed the Atlantic Ocean and sailed the Mediterranean sea coast, making many port stops during the next 6 1/2 months. This was part of President Eisenhower's "People-to-People" program to enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities. The president visited the ship when John was aboard. Yeoman 2nd Class Gustafson served in the gunnery department on board.  
John also became the boss of a band that played 76 performances in many of the port cities entertaining and engaging with locals. These events were very popular drawing in 500 to 500 people eager to learn about

American music and culture. In turn, the band would get to tour the cities, learn their customs and foods, etc. Music was not John's only passion.  
In high school John was an athlete and played basketball. He was chosen to be a part of a basketball team on the ship that played 25 games against local teams in various ports. John proudly says they won them all!  
Due to the friendship between the Captain of the Essex and the US President, John's time on the ship, along with nearly 5000 other men, allowed for experiences unlike anything the average person in the Navy would ever have. They most likely saw more of Europe than even someone stationed in Europe.  
The Essex returned to the United States in 1960. John

was discharged to inactive reserves, then later to active reserves, and receiving his final discharge September 1964.  
John attended Moorehead State College, graduating with a degree in Speech Therapy and Theater, with a concentration in Business. John worked with various companies such as Sears, Our Own Hardware in Minneapolis, Chicago and Denver, along with various other places as a manufacturing representative.  
John moved to Bagley in 2002. He is a member of the American Legion Irvin Blix Post 16. John loves to golf and watch it on TV.  
Congratulations to both Gary and John on receiving their Quilts of Valor. They are well deserved for their service to this great country.



Volunteer Experience that adds up

Back about 20 years ago, I was asked to be our church representative at the Clearwater County Food Shelf. At the time, my life was work and sleep times six, church and repeat. I didn't think I had the time, but I thought it would be an opportunity to serve God and serve people.  
When the Clear Waters Life board took over the old Clearbrook School, like many I was skeptical. Soon the lives I saw changed made me a believer. Today, I'm just 1 of more than 75 volunteers pitching in.  
Years ago I purchased a T hangar in Fosston, and then discovered insurance had been neglected for the T hangar owners. I got group quotes for the owners and became their insurance coordinator. After that I was asked to fill a seat on the Fosston Airport Commission. It's something I enjoy, as I get a say on how the airport is managed as well as getting to have a say in its future as we discuss the Airport Master Plan. This is also reminiscent for me of my airline days when I attended many of the Bemidji Airport Commission meetings as the rep for Mesaba and Northwest Airlines.  
Last week I talked about my Health and Human Service work experience as it relates to more than half of John Nelson's appointments to boards and committees. But John will also be vacating boards related to Personnel, Insurance, Planning, Budget and Finance. Not in my wildest dreams would I have thought to do any of these volunteer activities so I could add them to a political resume. My desire was simply to serve. But coincidentally the things that I've been doing as a volunteer, have added up to the experience one might need to be a County Commissioner, things such as:  
o Former Vice President, Treasurer and Interviewer for the Clearwater County Food Shelf  
o Current Vice President, Treasurer and volunteer at Clear Waters Life Center  
o Current Finance Committee Chairperson at Clear Waters Life Center  
o Current member of the Fosston Airport Commission  
o Served in many church capacities including; Deacon, Elder, Trustee, Vice Chairman, Food Shelf Rep, Sunday School Teacher, Lay Preaching, Jail Ministry and Led 8 mission trips to Ukraine.  
If you agree that my volunteer experience adds up to being beneficial for Clearwater County, I would appreciate your vote at the August 13th primary and the November 5th general election.  
Thank you,  
Bruce Emmel  
27447 Bjerke Circle  
Leonard MN 56652  
This advertisement paid for and produced by Bruce Emmel  
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Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick Kindergarten

Each week the Leader-Record will be featuring the class of 2036

Mrs. Christen and Mrs. Erickson helped to get together the responses from their classes



Name: Lexi Emmel  
Mom and Dad: Brittani and Jacob  
Siblings: Sister Eli  
What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher  
What do you like best about school? Recess  
What is your favorite food? Spaghetti  
Pets: 4 dogs and cows  
Who is your favorite person? My sister because she is nice



Name: Braxton Baird  
Mom and Dad: Jesse and Stacie  
Siblings: Deric, Lidya, Clara and Elum  
What do you want to be when you grow up? A fixer  
What do you like best about school? Playing at recess  
What is your favorite food? Pizza  
Pets: Rabbits, cows, cats and pigs  
Who is your favorite person? My dad



Name: Maverick Erickson  
Mom and Dad: Megan and Nick  
Siblings: Bo  
What do you want to be when you grow up? Football player  
What do you like best about school? Math  
What is your favorite food? Steak  
Pets: Jack and two cats  
Who is your favorite person? Nick (Dad)



Name: Mak Fawver  
Mom and Dad: Kali and Jared  
Siblings: Emma, Hadley and Lainy  
What do you want to be when you grow up? Be a football player.  
What do you like best about school? Recess  
What is your favorite food? Mac and Cheese  
Pets: No pets  
Who is your favorite person? Jackston

Home Country

By Slim Randles

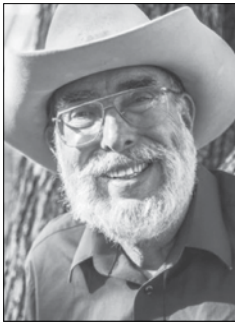
When Windy Wilson joined us for coffee down at the Mule Barn coffee shop, we smiled. Windy doesn't show up for too many of the b.s. coordinations and we think it's because he doesn't like the competition.

"You boys seen that sun this mornin'?"  
"Sure did, Windy," said Doc. "Looked about like the one we had yesterday."

"See, that's just my point. You heard on the radio 'bout that climatic change stuff, right?"  
"Right."

"Well, you remember 'way back to July last year? I shore do. Hotter'n a chile pepper on a campfire, it was. So what we got now? Hey, it's still a-boilin' hot out there. Oughta be somethin' we could do 'bout it."

"Don't get ya, Windy," said



Steve. "Like what would you do?"

"Maybe sue 'em," Windy said.

"Who?"  
"Why, those lyin' snakes that oppor-tuned us to 'spect cooler weather. What's the sense in havin' another hot summer if we are supposed to climato-

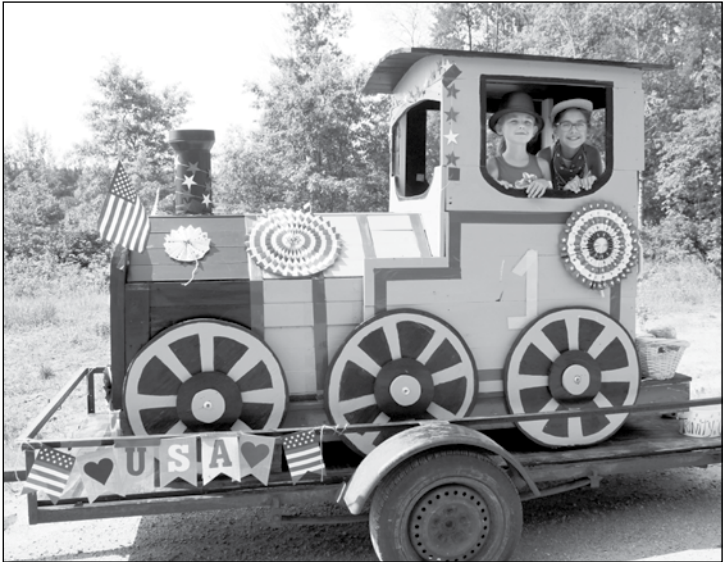
hoosically change? Ain't right."

Loretta refilled the coffees. We all took a grateful sip.

"You might have a hard time finding someone who is responsible for the weather, Windy."

"I know it, Doc. But hey, I'll preposterate to you guys right now, I'm ready for that change to cooler days."

"You just have to wait a little longer, Windy," Steve said. "Til about September, I think."



Riding the Thomas the Train in the Debs 44th annual parade. Andi and Edie Danielson had a good view of the parade viewers.

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Itasca State Park  
Nature Program  
Update

**Outdoor Kids**  
•Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 2-3:30 p.m. — Totally Turtles  
•Wednesday, July 24, 2024, from 2-3:30 p.m. — Flashy Fish Catchers  
•Saturday, July 27, 2024, from 2-3:30 p.m. — Walleys, North-erns, Bass, Oh My!  
•Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from 2-3:30 p.m. — Pop Can Fishing  
Meet by the Swim Beach/ Playground (at the south end of the picnic grounds on Lake Itasca)  
Kids of all ages come out and connect with nature through hands-on activities that focus on life around the lake. Stop by for a few moments and have fun discovering Itasca while hanging out at the swimming beach and playground area. Come-and-go at your leisure.

**Family Fishing Fun**  
•Friday, July 19, 2024, from 10-11:30 a.m.  
•Friday, July 26, 2024, from 10-11:30 a.m.  
Meet at the Lake Itasca Fish-ing Pier, below Douglas Lodge  
Kids and adults, are you a ‘first time’ fisher person wanting to try the new skill of fishing? Learn to identify common fish species in Minnesota, do a craft, and have the chance to catch some fish. Suitable for ages 6-12.  
NOTES: An adult must ac-company children. Bring your own fishing pole or use one pro-vided (limited number). Poles are available on first come first serve basis. Bait provided. Non-Minnesota residents will need a fishing license.

**Fire Tower Hike**  
Friday, July 19, 2024, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Meet outside of Douglas Lodge  
Come along for a nice summer walk to the Aiton Heights Fire Tower. Learn about the history

of fires, fire towers, and enjoy the surrounding forest. Conclude the interpretive walk by climbing the tower at your leisure before returning to Douglas Lodge.  
NOTES: The hike is about 3 miles round trip, with some uneven terrain. Wear appropri-ate clothing/footwear, bring bug spray if needed and pack water for the hike.

**Jr. Naturalist: Mississippi Headwaters River Walk**  
Friday, July 19, 2024, from 2-2:45 p.m.  
Meet at the Mary Gibbs Mis-sissippi Headwaters Center  
Kids and families, come ex-plore the first stretch of the Mis-sissippi River. This walk in the river will investigate and search for the critters and plants that live along this water trail.  
Notes: Wear clothes that can get wet, wear water shoes to pro-tect your feet. Water is quite shal-low but may be deeper in some sections. Small children may need to have life jackets or be carried. Adults must accompany children.

**Pines and Wildflowers, Bike Tour**  
Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 10:30-11:15 a.m.  
Gather at the north/bike park-ing lot at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center, watch for flags  
Itasca is known for its big, towering pines and beautiful wildflowers that help make up old growth forests. Take a short tour along the east arm of Lake Itasca and learn about these special stands of trees as well as what might be blooming along the trail. Stops include pine groves near the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center, Preacher’s Grove, and Peace Pipe Vista.  
Notes: Bring your bicycle to the bike trailhead parking lot (north car parking lot) at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center. Watch for a flag at the parking lot entrance. Bike tour will follow the bike trail (some hills, long grades).

A Bunch About Black

**Bears: Campfire**  
Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 7-7:45 p.m.  
Meet at the council ring out-side the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)  
The black bears in the park are a treat to spot, but there is much more to their story than dumpster diving and robbing leftovers from coolers. Meet us at our campfire as we take you through a year in the life of a black bear. Come ready with your bug spray & sweat-shirts, and ready for an insightful night featuring our black bears in Minnesota.

Old Timer’s Cabin and the Civilian Conservation Corps  
•Sunday, July 21, 2024, from 1:30-3 p.m.  
•Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 1:30-3 p.m.  
•Sunday, July 28, 2024, from 2:15-3 p.m.  
Held at the Old Timer’s Cabin, located along the boardwalk of Dr. Roberts Trail, below Douglas Lodge  
Only 4 (massive) logs tall, learn more about this Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) con-structed building as well as what life was like in the CCC. Feel free to stop by at your leisure. Come-and-go at your leisure.

**Jr. Naturalist: Animal Tracks**  
Sunday, July 21, 2024, from 2:30-3:15 p.m.  
Meet at the council ring out-side the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)  
Kids, join us to learn about the animals in Itasca State Park and how we can identify them and the tracks they leave behind. How many toes does a wolf have? Come to find out!

**Historic Buildings Walk-ing Tour**  
Monday, July 22, 2024, from 10:30-11:15 a.m.  
Meet outside of Forest Inn (across from Douglas Lodge)  
The historic buildings of Itasca tell stories of the people who have enjoyed the park before us and contributed to the way we cur-rently experience it. Come explore the history of Itasca’s oldest build-ings, the people who constructed them, and how the buildings have changed over the years.

**Jr. Naturalists: Nature Journaling**  
Tuesday, July 23, 2024, from 11-11:30 a.m.  
Meet by the council ring out-side the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (In between Lake Itasca and the picnic shelter)  
Trees big and small, animals loud and quiet, and plants color-ful and plain all live around us in nature. Join us for an afternoon of learning and discovery through hands-on crafts and leave ready to explore and document the world around you! Be sure to bring your sunscreen, water bottle, bug spray, and excitement to learn.

**Storytime in Nature**  
Wednesday, July 24, 2024, from 11-11:30 a.m.  
Meet by the council ring out-side the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (In between Lake Itasca and the picnic shelter)  
Kids, do you like to read stories about nature and the outdoors? Join a naturalist volunteer as we enjoy read-ing stories outside. After the story, have fun making a craft together that you get to take home. NOTES: Adults must ac-company children.

**Zebra mussels confirmed in Union Lake in Polk County, First Silver Lake and Heilberger Lake in Otter Tail County**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in **Union Lake, near Erskine in Polk County; First Silver Lake, near the town of Battle Lake in Otter Tail County; and Heilberger Lake, near Erhard in Otter Tail County.**

A lake property owner contacted the DNR after finding a zebra mussel attached to a native mussel in Union Lake. DNR staff found more than 15 zebra mussels near the public water access, which is more than a mile from the location of the initial discovery.

Union Lake has a pump that is used in certain high-water conditions. This pump already has a filter to prevent the dispersal of Eurasian watermilfoil, and it is not currently operating. The DNR will provide direction to the Sand Hill River Watershed District, which operates the pump, to ensure that any future pumping operations are modified to also meet filtra-tion requirements to prevent the spread of zebra mussels downstream.

A First Silver Lake user brought two zebra mussels to a DNR office and provided details on the location where they were found. A DNR invasive species specialist found two zebra mussels on the public water access boat ramp, about three-quarters of a mile from the location of the initial report.

A lake property owner contacted the DNR after finding three zebra mussels attached to a native mussel in Heilberger Lake. A DNR invasive species specialist found five zebra mus-sels on the public water access boat ramp, about a quarter-mile from the location of the initial report.

While zebra mussels and other invasive species can be introduced to a lake via private docks and accesses, public ac-cesses are typically the first to be surveyed for invasive species.

Whether or not a lake has any invasive species, Minne-sota law requires people to:

- Clean watercraft, trailers and equipment to remove aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.
- Drain all water and leave drain plugs out during trans-port.

- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.
- Never release bait, plants or aquarium pets into Minne-sota waters.
- Dry docks, lifts and rafts for 21 days before moving them from one water body to another.

These additional steps re-duce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species:

- Decontaminate watercraft and equipment – find free sta-tions on the courtesy decon-tamination page of the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/decon](https://mndnr.gov/decon)).
- Spray watercraft and equipment with high-pressure water or rinse with very hot water (120 degrees for at least two minutes or 140 degrees for at least 10 seconds).
- Dry watercraft and equip-ment for at least five days before using in another water body.

People should contact a Min-nesota DNR aquatic invasive species specialist ([mndnr.gov/invasives/ais/contacts.html](https://mndnr.gov/invasives/ais/contacts.html)) if they think they have found zebra mussels or any other invasive species that was not already known to be in the water body.



Jean Sundquist, Karen Oftelie and Evon Quern carried the Gonvick American Legion Auxiliary banner in the Gonvick Lions Rodeo parade last Saturday, July 13.

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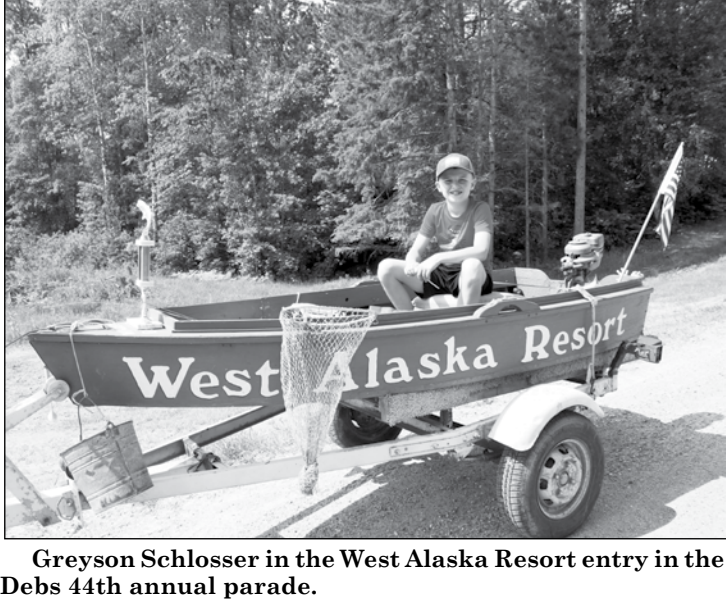
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Greyson Schlosser in the West Alaska Resort entry in the Debs 44th annual parade.



Kaylee and Kiley Loose on the Loose Land Work float in the Debs parade.



Keith Winger with his Allis Chalmers at the Debs 44th annual parade.



Emory and Paul Hokuf farm entry in the Debs July 4th parade. They were riding in a 1940 Chevy.



Amanda Willis (ALA), Lj Phillips (SAL), Haidyn Friberg (ALAJr) Linda Kaul (ALA) and Barrett McBride (SAL) and Alana Willis (ALAJr) all worked at the breakfast.

American Legion Auxiliary serves breakfast in Bagley

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary Juniors, I send out a heart felt thank you to all who enjoyed the breakfast at the “Faire Arts Festival” in Bagley on Saturday July 13th. 100% of funds raised goes to the “Bagley American Legion Auxiliary Juniors” for the projects they do in our area. The juniors are all about community and veter-ans! Lj and Barrett manned

the grill, Amanda and Haidyn filled orders, Linda helped with preparation and Alana took orders and money!  
A very special thank you to Army Vet. Kelly Patch and his wife Anita Erickson who donated the sausage(from their farm) that was fresh ground earlier in the week! They also donated other items that helped keep costs low.

If you are a veteran and have a granddaughter or daughter under 18 and are interested in getting her involved with this amazing program feel free to re-ply, DM or call me. Feel free to drop in to any American Legion in your area and ask for the application. Membership for Juniors is \$10 per year. Online applications are also available at <https://www.legion-aux.org/>



Ridley, Palmer and Nate Prosser in the Debs parade



Kari Howe is running for District 3 in Beltrami. She is with her family members at the Debs 44th annual parade. From left to right: Mitch, Ken, Kari and Trey Howe.

Wednesday, July 17, 2024