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Two meetings in one night for Clearbrook-Gonvick board

Clearbrook-Gonvick school board met in regular session on Monday, August 19. The board on the recommendation of Ehlers Public Finance Advisors advised the board on the referendum that will expire in 2025. The original referendum was started in 2016. Minnesota Statutes allows school boards to renew an existing operating referendum one-time for the same term and same amount. The authority of \$549.78 per pupil was approved in a December 2014 mail in ballot election for a 10-year term. Due to legislative changes, current authority is \$364.09 per pupil. Funding sources have not kept pace with inflation or costs of providing services. The board passed the resolution authorizing the renewal. This would bring in approximately \$196,000 for the district.

Principals report

Josh Tharaldson submitted his report with an elementary Open House being planned for August 28 starting at 2:00 p.m.

New teachers have been paired up with a staff member for mentoring throughout the school year. Also last year's first year teachers will continue the program as well.

The school leadership team meeting was held August 13 to get our goals before the school year begins.

The Title and American Indian Education Aid Applications was approved for the 24-25 school years. The newly hired American Indian Education

program coordinator, Heather Brandt will be leading the application meeting on August 28.

August 28th is Kindergarten entrance conference and first to 12 grade open house.

September 3 is the first day of School with Homecoming Week already planned for September 16 to 20

Superintendent report

Ryan Grow stated there were four new teachers this year and all first year teachers from last year were back from last year.

They are still in need of a Technology Specialist and a cook.

There were four candidates that filed for the school board. Four for the 4 year term and two for the 2 year term. The four year term has Scott Abel, Robbie Pond, Kayla Walberg and Vern Wittenberg. They are presently held by Scott, Kayla and Vern. Jamie Wishard did not file again. For the two year position that Jill Nelson resigned from and Ryan Solee was appointed. There were two filings and they included Vance Norgaard and Ryan Solee.

The district has switched from McNeil to North West Corp. to provide training for different departments. There will be an option to look at a video.

They will be receiving CPI training through BRIC.

This would be the last time to approve the student handbook.

The legislators have been very quiet.

The audit is done with help from Paula and Melissa. Eide

Bailey will be presenting the audit to the board. The district had to pay \$6,000 in sales tax.

Work on the gym floor is complete and the warranty is still going. Rogers Two Way on the buses and putting fertilizer spray on the grounds to kill the weeds.

Consent Calendar

The consent Calendar was approved. Bills to Ness Sealcoat Service were \$47,964.51; Knutson, Flynn & Deans \$38,678.75; ATSR, Bond referendum consultants \$15,552.00; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$8,369.45; KKCQ-FM \$4,500.00; At Your Service Lawn Care \$3,200.00; Thompson Auto Repair Inc. \$2,261.00; Listrom Disposal \$1,755.00; Farmers Publishing \$1,199.45; Garden Valley \$1,138.54.

Donations received for the school included \$2,500 for athletic and \$1,000 for library.

New business

The board hired Abigail Lauderbaugh as the Junior High Volleyball Coach at Step 1, \$1,800 Tate Maesse as the Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Step 1 \$3,600 and Jon Gerlofs as the Assistant Football Coach at Step 1 \$3,600.

The board approved the job descriptions and duties of the following positions: Career and Technical Education Teacher; Early Childhood Coordinator/Teacher; American Indian Education Coordinator; Administrative Assistant/Testing Co-

School board...
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Capturing 1st place in the Driving for Greens! Golf tournament was the team of Chris Westrum, Rocky Eck, Mark Bagaason and Wayne Pulford. It was sponsored by Tuesday Study Club and was held August 17th at the Twin Pines Golf Course in Bagley.



Donated by Karen and Gary Gesell, Aiden Mikla won one of the Stretch Raffle prizes - four tickets to a Minnesota Vikings Football Game.



Jeff Ostrom won Split the Pot and donated his winnings back to Tuesday Study Club. Thank you for your generosity, Jeff!

Bond referendum meeting



Bond plans for November of 2023 for \$28,370,000.



Shown is the 28.3 million bond plan presented at the meeting. There was also one for 23.6 million. They were basically the same. The 28.3 million had a full agriculture addition to the west of the wood and metal shop and also bigger classrooms added to the east end of the building.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board met for a work session on Monday, August 19 at 5:30 p.m. with ATSR, the firm working with the steering committee that the district hired to work on the school bond referendum. The committee of volunteers has been meeting with ATSR representatives to work on plans to build onto the school.

They presented two plans; one for \$28.3 million and on for \$23.6 million. They were basically the same. The 28.3 million had a full agriculture addition to the west of the wood and metal shop and also bigger classrooms added to the east end of the building.

Both project proposals included a downsized media or library center. That space would become the high school cafe. The present small gym would become the fitness room and a health class and one other small classroom plus storage. They added a full size elementary gym with curtains to divide the gym into two.

The district patrons were asked to pass a bond referendum in November of 2023 for \$28,370,000 for basically the same design with exception of a larger gym added.

The board will be looking at the two designs in future meeting.

Winners at Second Annual driving for Greens

Sponsored by Tuesday Study Club, the Second Annual Driving for Greens! Golf Tournament was held August 17th at the Twin Pines Golf Course. Warm August weather was the backdrop for a successful tournament and a great day for golf. The tournament began with a shotgun start at 11:00 am, with fifteen teams contending for first place. Tournament play ended around 4:00 pm. The buffet dinner of meatballs, mashed potatoes, and gravy was served shortly after. During the buffet, all game winners were announced, raffle prizes were awarded, door prizes were drawn, and first, second, and third-place teams earned cash awards.

Thank you to all businesses/individuals who sponsored a team, a hole, the dinner, the beverage cart, one of the on-course games, donated prizes, or supported our effort in any way.

The proceeds will benefit charities within Clearwater County and be used for scholarships in the Clearbrook and Bagley school districts.

The Tuesday Study Club 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. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, contact President Jane Merschman.

Clearwater County Commissioners discuss appeal claim during meeting

By TJ Rhodes, Farmers Independent

The Clearwater County Commissioners met on Tuesday, Aug. 13, for a regular meeting.

Here, the commissioners approved the hiring of Nicole Larson, RN, for the Step 6 Public Health Coordinator position.

"Nicole Larson has 12 years of experience working as a Registered Nurse in a variety of settings. Her varied experience as a case manager, wound nurse, director of nursing, and nursing instructor will be an asset to Clearwater County Public Health," wrote Lisa Syverson, RN/BSN/PHN Director, in a letter of recommendation to the county.

The commissioners also approved two quotes, one from the Westwood Building Center for \$6,862.65 - for the purchase of materials - and another from Cheney Larson for \$5,500 to install a new roof on the Land Department Shop.

After handling these smaller issues, the commissioners met with Daniel Suavé, P.E., to discuss a litany of topics.

Road & Bridge meeting

After an approval of bills, the county met with Clearbrook resident Paul Rydeen to discuss Rydeen's appeal for modification of access standards.

Essentially, Rydeen operates a business in Leon Township. In 2022, Rydeen applied for and was approved to construct a new approach for said business.

After work was completed, Rydeen was faced with an issue.

"Per the permit and the Clearwater County Access management Ordinance you are required to remove the old approach," wrote Suavé in a letter to Rydeen in October of 2023. "Leaving both approaches does not meet the spacing requirements allowed in Section 8 of the Access Management

Ordinance."

Two years after the new approach was constructed, both Rydeen and the county were at odds with what to do with the former approach.

According to Rydeen, if he were to remove the driveway, it would "destabilize" the road it connects to, County Road 4. Additionally, the Rydeen's felt it would create an erosion issue and would open their property up for flooding.

The Rydeen's were not aware of these red flags until the flood of 2022. They claim that the old driveway acted as a dike, protecting the property from flooding.

Thus, in 2024, Suavé recommended the Rydeen's convert the old driveway into a dike via mail while attaching an appeal form so that the Rydeen's could find a seat at the Aug. 13 commissioner meeting.

But in the appeal filing document, Rydeen claimed converting the driveway into a dike would "reduce the value of the property," thus wanting to find an alternate solution or to be granted access to keep the existing driveway as is.

Rydeen was given a chance to plead his case to the commissioners during this meeting. Both he and Suavé explained the situation as they best could to the commissioners.

After discussion, the commissioners decided the Rydeens indeed face "extraordinary" hardship due to flooding and other issues presented by Rydeen, thus authorizing a modification of access standards to allow Rydeen to maintain his old approach as is.

Next commissioner meeting: The Clearwater County Commissioners next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10.



Women with "gumption" can accomplish amazing things. Hard-working pioneer women in Gully organized the Lund Lutheran Ladies Aid in 1900. They labored faithfully through the years to keep their organization alive and purposeful to the church's mission.

This pictured group of strong, hard-working women also has a mission. Their mission is to entertain. Though they may look serious, they are all eager to show you a good time! Join the Gully Community in showcasing "Gully Church Ladies" October 5th at 7:15 pm in the Gully Community Center.



Wedding Announcement

Andrew & Kimberley (Gruhn) Sundquist of Bemidji were united in marriage on Sunday, March 17, 2024. On LaSalle Lake in Hubbard County. A happily ever after party will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at the Bemidji Eagles Club starting at 6:00 P.M. Their honeymoon fund can be viewed on www.honeyfund/ site/gruhn-sundquist-8-31-2024

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I Missed Another Shevlin Gardening Club Gathering Due to Music Coma.

In the past, I've had pretty flowers in our yard. Azalea's, wisteria were my favorites. They required little in the way of upkeep in Florida coastal land where our home sat. In fact, they grew so fast, so vibrantly, all I needed to do was prune and shape them very occasionally. This minimal care suited me and the flowers. Now I'm back in the north-land. I have a lily plant that went wild with blooms, and my one hibiscus quadrupled in size this season. I did nothing to them. Didn't even plant them. We inherited them when we bought our home in Clearbrook. I was encouraged to join the Shevlin Gardening Club.



The same day as the Garden Club gathering that meets in the evening, the Leonard-Clearbrook Senior Center hosted their FIRST live music event, since before covid. I was there helping and having way too much fun. The musicians were Butch Bow of Bagley, and David Rongstad of Leonard. WE SURE HAVE TALENTED musical folks here in the north-land. More music is coming to the Senior Center on Tuesday, September 24 starting with a dinner at 5PM. This event for

Hhhmmm...should I venture into a realm of green thumb enthusiasts? Me? Planter of plants and forgetter of their life sustaining need for water, fertilizer, weeding? My friend, Juleigh Prosser was so good though at describing the club, the people, the amazing activities enjoyed when they got together. I do like meeting new folks. Making new friends. I do appreciate a glorious flower garden. Productive vegetable gardens. Berry bushes and apple trees.

Golly, look at me! I joined the group, even got my husband to join. We've made it to two events!!! Not good. We should do better. The gatherings we've been to are incredibly enjoyable. We do in fact, learn about gardening here in the northland. Perhaps someday, we'll have a pretty flower garden ourselves. It can happen, we can dream. First, we just need to attend the meetings – and, well...I turn into an old lady the evenings after I've had a long day. There's been some long days. Of course, the last meeting on Tuesday, August 20th was super special. Of course, I'd turn into a potato and fall asleep on the couch. Waaaahhhhhhh!! The next day, I wrote of my remorse.

Flower Garden Remorse

By Ann Marie Newman©2024

Oh Vexation!
The flame of disappointment riddles me.
I missed the gardening club meeting.

There was a tour of a glorious flower garden
I am told.
Much laughter with the sharing
of precious friendship and food
I am told.

I could weep tears of regret
as I hear what I've missed.

I yearn to learn how to garden.
My searching turned up a good folks to be my teachers, my mentors.

But, the day grew long
and I felt old at the end.
The couch was there and, well...
I lay upon it snoring instead
of walking in the beauty of flowers.
MY EXCUSE NOTE: WHY
I WAS ASLEEP ON THE COUCH.



Butch Boe and David Rongstad

folks 55+ will enjoy the musical talent of Jerry Brademan. Jerry was recently inducted into the Marilyn Shutter Country Stage Hall of Fame! Contact the Senior Center at www.clearbrooksenior-center@gmail.com, or follow it's updates right here in the Leader Record newspaper. It pays to have a subscription these days to keep up with our busy little spot of earth here in the northlands of Minnesota.

Community Calendar

Last Saturday at the History Center!

Saturday August 31 will be the last Saturday the History Center in Shevlin will be open for the season. Saturday hours are 10:00- 2:00.

Fall hours will begin September 2, the museum will be open Tuesday- Friday 10:00- 4:00 and by appointment.

The History Center is open occasional weekends during the fall and winter for special events and during the Festival of Trees in December. These dates and times are posted in the newsletter and on the History Center's Facebook page.

For more information, to make an appointment for a tour or to do research, call the history center at 218-785-2000. Admission to the museum is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Labor day Fire Works

There is going to be fireworks in Trail on Labor Day, Saturday, August 31 at dusk. Come and enjoy the beautiful fireworks.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Aug. 28 - Rosemary Pork Loin, Diced Potatoes, Green Peas, Bread, Chocolate Chip Bar, Milk.

Thurs. Aug. 29 - Taco Salad with Salsa, Spanish Rice, Sliced Peaches, Snickerdoodle Cookie, Milk.

Fri. Aug. 30- Lemon Pepper Chicken Brown Rice, Country Vegetable Blend, Dinner Roll, Strawberry Fluff, Milk.

Mon. Sept. 2- Closed for the Holiday

Tues. Sept. 3 - Chef Salad with Turkey and Ham, Diet French Dressing, Mandarin Oranges, Dinner Roll, Cherry Cobbler, Milk.

Wed. Sept. 4 - Meatloaf with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Bread, Fresh Fruit, Milk.
Meal subject to change.
Call 218-776-3154

School board...

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ordinator and Pre-K-12 Floating Substitute Teacher.
The handbook included more on harassment, class trip and cell phone use and safety. Cell phone can be used if it relates to curriculum and passing between classes.

They approved the event worker pay schedule as they are finding a hard time getting people to help with school events. Ticket sellers will get \$50 per event for volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and softball. Junior high officials for volleyball, football and basketball is \$40 per game. Crowd control for volleyball and basketball is \$75.00 per game. They are looking for people to work the clock, do chains, be a PA announcer watch the shot clock and various positions with payments from \$30, \$40 or \$50. School needs help.

The council approved the Mental Health Therapy Services agreement with Steller Human Services for the school year. The amount was \$11,000 compared to \$10,500 last year. There will be a new local person in charge.

Clearwater County Museum Open On National Grandparents Day September 8

The History Center in Shevlin will observe National Grandparents Day, Sunday September 8 with an open house from 1:00 -4:00 pm. An informal classic car show, kids games, Root beer floats and other refreshments are planned for the Sunday afternoon event.

National Grandparents Day started in 1978 when President Jimmy Carter signed a proclamation making the Sunday after Labor Day "National Grandparents Day." September was chosen for the holiday to signify the "autumn years." Its purpose is to honor grandparents, give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children and to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

The Clearwater County Historical Society encourages Grandparents to bring their grandchildren to the museum on Sunday and share their memories with them. Not a grandparent yet? Bring your grandparent or an older person to enjoy the museum. Admission is free.

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September Ruby's Pantry event

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

Calendar winners

2024-2025 Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle winners for August.
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August 26- September 1, 2024
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 with Pastor Anderson.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseth is On Leave
Rev. Carl Busse
Rev. Gene Lilienthal
Sat, Aug. 31: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Sept. 1: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 11 a.m. Worship.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Both sites will be closed September 2nd for Labor day!

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



There were a decent number of folks at the Meet the Bears night. Split the pot was \$180 total (\$90 to the winner.) Alissa Preuss, Amy Rankin and Candace Coulter won a date with Mike (Mikey) Lindgren.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Sports Schedules

Varsity Football
8/29/24 @ Underwood
.....7:00pm
Jr High Football
9/5/24 vs. Roseau.....4:00pm
Cross Country
8/29/24 @ Thief River Falls
.10:00am
Varsity Volleyball
8/27/24 vs. Win-E-Mac.....
.....5/6/7:30pm
9/3/24 @ Bagley..5/6/7:30pm
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4:00/5:00pm
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.....10:00am
9/5/24@ Roseau.....4:00pm

Jalina Weems took some fun shots at the Meet the Bears night for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears



Friday, August 23rd, the Clearbrook/Gonvick volleyball team held scrimmages in Clearbrook vs RLCC, Blackduck, and LaPorte. Photos by Eric Mickelson



The girls begin their season at home on Tuesday, August 27th, vs Win-E-Mac followed by an away game at Bagley against the Flyers on Sept. 3rd.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears running offensive plays. The Bears preparing for next week's season opener, Thursday. August 29, at 7:00 pm in Underwood.

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

I bought 2 cases of peaches the other day. They were juicy and delicious and reminded me of my dad. He loved peach season. He left me several recipes for peaches and one of my favorites is Peach Dessert

4 1/2 cups sliced fresh peaches
1/2 cup sugar
1 / 2 b u t - t e r , s o f t e n e d
another 1/2 cup of sugar
1 cup self-rising flour
1 egg



Susan Anderson
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1 teaspoon vanilla
Place peaches in a lightly greased 8 inch square pan. Sprinkle with 1/2 sugar. Cream butter and 1/2 cup sugar, mixing well. Add flour and egg, mix well. Stir in vanilla. Spoon mixture over the peaches. Bake at 350* for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown. Again, this is a quick and easy way to enjoy peaches. Until next time, blessing to you and your family.



Bears head coach Casey Kroulik demonstrates a block during football practice. Photos by Mickelson

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Home Country

By Slim Randles

Four years ago now. Yep, four years ago we lost Max Evans. I sure did, anyway. That old cowboy, artist, writer, bar brawler and two-fisted philosopher meant a lot to a lot of people and not just his wife, Pat, and their twin daughters.

I met Max one day about 40 years ago. I was working for the Albuquerque Journal as a columnist at the time, and another columnist there, Jim Belshaw, came up to me in the newsroom one morning and said, "We're having lunch with Max Evans today at noon. Don't plan anything else for the rest of the day."

I thought he was kidding. Lunch lasted through closing time in several establishments, and by closing time, I mean well, you know.

On my way home that night, I sat remembering some of those stories of his and one thing occurred to me: the hardest thing to do in the world would be to write a boring biography of Max Evans.

So many years later, after countless lunch interviews and little expeditions here and there with Max, I finished his biography, "Ol' Max Evans, the First Thousand Years." It isn't boring.

Max had grown up in a small town in Texas called Ropes. I visited the town once and saw where his grandfather's store had been and saw the house he grew up in and was told his little brother is still buried in the backyard in an unmarked grave.

Nothing evil, just another issue people in those days of covered wagons, cattle drives and wind had to face. They were tough people and it was a tough life.

Max fit right in.



He went from cowboyboing to painting pictures to writing some of the best literature about life in the West that's ever been seen. He was tough. Hitler tried to kill him on D Day plus one when Max was "blown up" by one of Adolf's railroad guns. Max survived. It killed everyone else in the outfit.

But survive? Oh yes. He had an inner-ear balance problem because of it for the rest of his life. Right up until two days before his 96th birthday. That was right in the middle of the pandemic, so we couldn't even gather for a farewell lunch or sacred words, or to have one of us bring a bottle of something.

To sum up what this old cowboy curmudgeon with an honorary doctorate in literature meant to me ... he was another member of my family. After three years working on his bio, I was wrapping it up and finally about to write the darn thing.. "So Max," said I, "do you have any advice for beginning writers?"

He looked across the table at me without any sign of a smile. "Slim," he said, "never hit a critic."

"Ol' Max Evans: The First Thousand Years" is available from the University of New Mexico Press. UNMpress.com.

If you don't find me on a fly fishing creek, try here:

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Since Covid, much has been learned about how important social interaction is to the health

The Bagley Senior Center has been a "constant" in our community for decades. Volunteers are the back bone of the center. The MOW (Meals on Wheels) program, gift shop and thrift store are run by volunteers. The volunteers hold various fund raisers throughout the year. The center is well known for the warm caramel rolls on certain Fridays (also a fund

For the month of September there will be a "Volunteer Appreciation Brunch" on Friday September 27th starting at 8:00am until 10:00am; serving caramel rolls, fruit, juice and coffee. The center would not be possible if not for its volunteers!

**Clearwater
County Sheriff**
Darin Halverson
Clearwater County Sheriff's
Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1
08/19/24 20:31:33 Traffic Stop
City of Bagley - Total 14
08/18/24 08:08:12 911 Hang Up
08/18/24 09:52:14 Motor Vehicle
Crash
08/19/24 13:36:04 Transport
08/20/24 22:31:26 Traffic Stop
08/21/24 12:00:22 Information
08/22/24 00:55:12 Alarm
08/22/24 02:45:43 Transport
08/22/24 16:05:48 Duplicate Call
08/22/24 17:18:38 TEST
08/22/24 23:36:16 Crimes Against
Family
08/23/24 00:00:52 Crimes Against
Family
08/23/24 04:28:23 Medical
08/23/24 10:58:44 Information
08/24/24 02:38:59 Disturbance
City of Clearbrook - Total 5
08/18/24 09:16:52 Fire
08/18/24 18:21:30 Suspicious
Activity
08/20/24 10:53:06 Welfare Check
08/22/24 23:46:15 Crimes Against
Family
08/24/24 17:11:25 Harassment
City of Gonvick - Total 2
08/22/24 16:22:02 Medical
08/22/24 23:50:12 Crimes Against
Family
City of Shevlin - Total 4
08/20/24 12:00:04 Traffic
Complaint
08/21/24 17:15:01 Court Order
Violation
08/22/24 16:48:28 Traffic
Complaint
08/24/24 06:55:10 Harassment
Copley - Total 6
08/19/24 23:40:15 Traffic
Complaint
08/22/24 23:07:12 Crimes Against
08/22/24 23:32:11 Crimes Against
Family
08/23/24 09:10:12 Animal Related
08/24/24 23:19:25 Traffic Stop
08/24/24 23:28:59 Assist Other
Agency
Dudley - Total 5
08/18/24 21:15:48 Property
Damage
08/22/24 15:53:41 Traffic Stop
08/23/24 00:03:54 Crimes Against
08/24/24 12:37:49 Suspicious
Activity
08/24/24 23:00:49 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 3
08/20/24 13:45:11 Traffic

Complaint
08/21/24 20:25:19 Traffic Stop
Complaint
08/23/24 23:15:28 Traffic Stop
Holst - Total 2
08/18/24 00:42:55 Suspicious Activity
Activity
08/24/24 23:29:21 Traffic Stop
Complaint
Itasca State Park - Total 1
08/18/24 12:36:18 Medical
LaPraire - Total 3
08/19/24 07:26:05 Information
08/19/24 08:56:49 Transport
08/19/24 18:34:38 911 Hang Up
LaPraire N - Total 4
08/18/24 16:51:27 911 Hang Up
08/23/24 14:39:21 Motor Vehicle Crash
Crash
08/24/24 00:23:18 Disturbance
08/24/24 23:54:14 Information
Leon - Total 4
08/20/24 23:00:13 Information
08/21/24 05:40:58 Traffic Stop
08/23/24 22:38:29 Traffic Stop
Complaint
08/23/24 23:36:10 Traffic Stop
Minerva - Total 2
08/24/24 18:41:22 Traffic Stop
08/24/24 22:12:27 Information
Moose Creek - Total 2
08/19/24 21:05:06 Traffic Stop
08/23/24 21:32:48 911 Hang Up
Nora - Total 6
08/19/24 15:39:02 Extra Patrol
08/21/24 21:13:47 Traffic Stop
08/21/24 21:51:05 Traffic Stop
08/23/24 15:26:54 DUMPING / LITTERING
LITTERING
08/23/24 17:11:57 Disturbance
08/24/24 21:12:40 Suspicious Activity
Activity
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 6
08/20/24 20:37:36 Assist Other
Agency
08/21/24 09:24:11 Transport
08/22/24 13:04:15 Assist Other
Agency
08/22/24 15:54:09 Traffic Stop
08/22/24 23:20:28 Crimes Against Family
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08/23/24 00:07:30 Crimes Against Family
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Pine Lake - Total 6
08/18/24 12:05:20 TEST
08/20/24 17:26:24 Information
08/21/24 19:42:35 Traffic Stop
08/23/24 11:59:41 Medical
08/23/24 19:57:38 Medical
08/24/24 14:35:18 TEST
Popple - Total 3
08/22/24 23:54:01 Crimes Against Family
Family
08/23/24 00:13:26 Crimes Against Family
Family
08/23/24 02:33:53 Motorist Assist
Rice - Total 4
08/18/24 08:17:12 Lost/Found
Property
08/19/24 10:26:19 Welfare Check
08/23/24 20:49:18 Traffic Stop
08/24/24 18:16:28 911 Hang Up
Shevlin - Total 4
08/21/24 22:06:49 Traffic Stop
Complaint
08/22/24 19:24:30 Traffic Stop
08/23/24 11:37:59 Fraud
08/24/24 20:50:12 Traffic Stop
Sinclair - Total 3
08/19/24 16:23:00 Assault
08/22/24 23:02:12 Crimes Against Family
Family
08/22/24 23:41:03 Crimes Against Family
Family
Total Records: 90

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Barb Knutson, Coya Knutson's daughter-in-law with Coya's nephews, Ron and Tim Rietz. Photos by Eric Mickelson



By Corrine Richards

Joke time
 Poor newscaster said, " A man and a woman were killed today when a drunk drier smashed into the side of their car The dead man has decided not to press charges.:

Ole says, "It's a shame dat da people who REALLY know how to run dis country... are too busy driving taxis or ubers for a living."

Coming events
The pumpkin patch in Gonvick is growing. Hope they will be ready for Pumpkin Day, September 28.
October 18. Mustard Seed Homes 7th Annual Banquet at the center in Gonvick.
Blood Drive in the area... Looks like we are usually in Gonvick in January and June and Clearbrook in April and September.
 9/9 Clearbrook 11:30am-6:00pm sponsor code: clearbrookmn
There will be an All-School reunion in Clearbrook June 26-29, 2025. The committee is getting going and having several

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



Coya's daughter-in-law,
Barb Knutson



The Invocation and Benediction were given by Eric Mickelson.



Gretchen Beito was available to talk about her book on Coia Knutson and had books for sale.



Tyler Sorenson was the winner of a Stretch Raffle Prize ~ two tickets to the Minnesota Wild Hockey Team (donated by Mary Ann Gesell).



**JoAnn Steindl, Marilyn Ames, Lorraine Brustad- Bagley
Senior Center Volunteers (Pamela Hagen-French)**

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I'm writing to express my concern and disappointment regarding a recent encounter with local authorities. As an animal lover and compassionate member of the community. For many years I have picked one dumpsite a week to rake and pick up. About 6-7 weeks ago I was raking Shevlin dumpsite when I found a blind almost deaf kitty. I couldn't ignore this starving kitty. From then on for 5 weeks, I fed and cared for the blind kitty until I was visited by our local Sheriff and was told I am banned from Shevlin dump and Pine Lake dump for feeding the cat. I did not plan on coming to Shevlin twice a day for 5 weeks but because the cat was blind it was taking longer to earn its trust. I'm trying to take the cat home with me, now I'm banned from the site. Unfortunately instead of receiving support, I was informed by the police that I am banned from Shevlin and Pine Lake Dumpsites. This response is unwarranted but also raises questions about our communities priorities and treatment of animals in need. I was told that

because I am leaving a bowl of food, that it's drawing in the bears. It just couldn't be the 5 dumpsters of smelly garbage and the bundles of dirty diapers laying on the ground. That just doesn't make sense and because of this, Shevlin dumpsite may be closed. I believe caring for vulnerable creatures is a fundamental aspect of our humanity. I hope by sharing my experience, we can spark a conversation about compassion, kindness, and the importance of treating all living beings with dignity and respect. Why don't we work together. Since I was told not to go, No one has seen the blind cat and black cat. Why hasn't neither one cat been seen? That's screwed up! What about the people that are throwing these animals away in the dumps if they have me on camera, why can the ones throwing animals away identified and why aren't people being more responsible and have their cats and dogs spayed and neutered? There's something not right and this time a little blind cat was discarded.

Kathy Richardson

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Pre-tournament music was provided by Callie Ehresmann at the tournament sponsored by Tuesday Study Club, the Second Annual Driving for Greens! Golf Tournament was held August 17th at the Twin Pines Golf Course.



Liv Marsh and McKinley Watne managed an on-course game (corn hole) sponsored by Gunvalson Farms. They also gave away sweet treats from Clearbrook Honey Farms.

Shevlin Garden Club held their August meeting

The Shevlin Garden Club held their August meeting in the expansive gardens at the home of Sue Lundmark. The meeting was a tour of her extensive gardens, with many blooms from day lilies, dahlias, sunflowers and so many more. There were mini hostas, fairy gardens, chicks & hens, all with so much color. Hummingbirds and swallows were flying through the gardens gathering insects and nectar. The plantings had

numerous bees, several frogs and toads. The menu for the meeting included Tabouli salad, tuna filled cucumber "boats", mini croissants & chicken salad, apple crisp, ice cream and Elder Blossom sweet tea. There were 17 members who made the meeting in spite of the heavy construction on the road. The gardens, friends and food made the trek worth it. Sue received a floral ar-

rangement for being such a gracious host and Angie Ness won a potted Mum. Several garden club member have been weeding and watering the pollinator gardens that were planned and planted at the Clearwater County History Center by the Shevlin Garden Club. Bees are vital to the food supply all over the world. They pollinate 70 of the top 100 crops that feed humans. A single hon-

eybee pollinates approximately 5000 flowers per day, and if the whole colony is out there pollinating, 250 to 300 million flowers a day could be pollinated. It's important we do our part to plant, and promote plants that encourage pollination. Imagine one of every third bite of food we eat, a bee had a part in that bite. The next garden club meeting is on September 17th at 6:30pm. We will be touring the private gardens of a garden club member. Come be our guest and enjoy some refreshments. All are welcome. Like us on fb at The Shevlin Garden Club to get more information. Email cnnature@hotmail.com. Also may also call 218-401-1651.

HAPPY

LABOR DAY

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Gardens of Sue Lundmark (Bernis Ingvaldson)

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING July 15, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Corey Petterson, Ryan Solee, Scott Abel, Dudley Wishard, Vern Wittenberg, Randy Bodensteiner, & Kayla Walberg. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff, and community members.

3 Community Comments – Comments were made. 4 Approval of Agenda – MMS Abel/Solee to approve agenda as presented. MCU. 5 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings – MMS Petterson/Bodensteiner to approve minutes as presented. MCU 5.1 6/17/24 – Regular Meeting 6 Informational Items 6.1 Principals Report –Principal Tharaldson presented the report and discussed the following items: A) 24-25 Student Handbook – Changes based on law & policy changes from the state were highlighted. B)

New Science Curriculum – The new Science Curriculum should be here by the start of the new school year. Teachers will be given time to work with the new curriculum before the school year starts. C) Direct Admissions Minnesota – The program was explained. This is the 4th year we have participated in the program. D) New Teacher In-Service – Will take place on 8/22/24. The new teachers for 24-25 are Kristopher Rue (HS Ind Arts), Bailey Watne (ECSE), Katerina Schafer (HS Art), Peyton Dingmann (HS Science). E) Fall Sports Info – The Fall Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6th at 6:00 p.m. Practice begins on Monday, August 12th. F) Class Registration – New student class registration will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20th.

6.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) Personnel – A) Open Positions –Technology Specialist, JH Volleyball Coach, and Assistant GBB Coach. B) Potential Openings - We foresee some anticipated opening – a paraprofessional and a cook. 2) Educational – A) Careiall Training – Most of the elementary staff registered to take this training and are in full swing, and able to work in the same cohort. This is the training the district selected as part of the READ Act standards. B) Referendum Steering Committee – Continues to meet once or twice a month. The group is discussing the needs, in conjunction with community feedback. 3) Legislative – A) Nothing New to Report – 4) Financial – A) Treasurer's Report – You will begin to see expenditures listed in the Construction Fund (06), which pertain to the IAQ bond projects. The district is allowed to carry a negative balance until the bonds for this project are sold, and proceeds are placed in the Construction Fund. The district has incurred some costs with the IAQ project. B) Bus Purchase – The bus was picked up on July 9th & the remaining balance was paid. Title has been signed over & the bus is covered under our insurance. C) Operating Referendum – Information regarding renewal of our current operating referendum was distributed and explained. 5) Building/Grounds – A) LTFM Plan – The plan was discussed and will come up for approval later in the meeting. B) Other Areas – Other areas that need attention were discussed.

6.3 Committee Report – 6.3.1 MSEA –An agreement has been reached 6.3.2 Office Staff/ Department Head Negotiations – Agreements have been reached 7 Consent Calendar – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

7.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 72801-72814/ Wires Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit All Payroll was Direct Deposit June Bills (Year End Clean Up) Voucher Numbers: 71580-71647 Check Numbers:

72815-72840 July Bills Voucher Numbers: 71648-71707 Check Numbers: 72841-72878 Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$937,678.13 7.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions 7.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report 7.4 Accept/Approve Donations 7.5 Student Activity Report

8 Old Business - None 9 New Business 9.1 Consider Hiring Adam Smith as a FT Custodian – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to hire. MCU 9.2 Consider Accepting Wesley Rogstad's Resignation as Assistant Football Coach – MMS Solee/Petterson to accept resignation. MCU Mr. Grow & the Board thanked Wes for his many years of service as a coach, as well as for his work with the Elementary Football program.

9.3 Consider Approving the 2024-2026 Agreement between MSEA & ISD # 2311 – Supt Grow highlighted some of the changes in the contract. MMS Wishard/ Bodensteiner to approve. MCU 9.4 Consider Approving the Employee Agreements for the Following Positions: Food Service Director, Behavior Interventionist, Business Manager, Human Resources/Payroll Manager, Confidential Secretary & Building & Grounds Supervisor – Supt Grow presented a summary of the contracts and discussed the negotiation process. MMS Wittenberg/Solee to approve. MCU

9.5 Consider Approving the Extra-Curricular Coaches & Advisors for the 2024-2025 School Year – Supt Grow presented the list and discussed the practice of annual approval. MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. MCU 9.6 Consider Approving the 2024-2025 Cafeteria Prices – MMS Bodensteiner/Abel to approve. MCU. 9.7 Consider Accepting the 2024-2025 Milk Bid – MMS Petterson/Walberg to accept the 2024-2025 Prairie Farms Milk Bid. MCU.

9.8 Consider Revisions to the 2024-2025 Student Handbook – Supt Grow noted the changes as Mr. Tharaldson discussed in his Principal's Report. MMS Petterson/Solee to approve. MCU.

9.9 Consider Adopting a Resolution Approving the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) Plan – MMS Petterson/Abel to adopt Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Abel – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Solee – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU. 10 Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items – Questions were asked and answered. 11 Future Meetings 11.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday August 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. 11.2 Finance Committee Meeting - TBD

12 Adjournment – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. MCU R24C

Lake Itasca Pioneer Farmers Show held



Ashley Reichert and Dirk Fultz on a 1930 60 caterpillar in the Lake Itasca Pioneer parade.



Bryant Bolduc of Bagley in the Lake Itasca Pioneer parade.



Broom making at the Lake Itasca Pioneer show.



Train ride at the Lake Itasca Pioneer show. Photos by Nancy Sundquist

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

Estate of Terri Churness, Decedent Court File No. 15-PR-24-350 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 September 18th, 2024, at 1:00 p.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 April 14, 2023, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Kory Erickson, whose address is 25606 370th St., Shevlin, MN, 56676, 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: 18/19/24 BY THE COURT (COURT SEAL)

Eric P. Schieferdecker Judge of District Court

Dated: 8/19/2024 Carissa Scholz Court Administrator

Attorney for Personal Representative Ashley M. Boomgaarden D.A. Buehler Law, P.C. 120 1/2 2nd St. NW PO Box 85 Fosston, MN, 56542 Attorney License No: 0403504 Telephone: (218) 435-1900 FAX: (218) 435-1905 Email: ashley@fosstonlaw.com R23-24C



Lexi Cloose with her Blue Ribbon Heavy Weight Barrow that was purchased by Paul Elher's Construction/Clearbrook Collision Center at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Colin Haugen with his Blue Ribbon Market Beef that was purchased by First National Bank of Bagley/Fosston at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Nora Stout with her Blue Ribbon Market Beef that was purchased by Wayne Wilde at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Aiden Ehlers with his Blue Ribbon Market Beef that was purchased by Clearbrook Elevator/Community Oil at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Gracie Riewer with her Blue Ribbon Market Sheep that was purchased by Cornerstone Veterinary Service of Gonvick at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Zoey Elhers with her Blue Ribbon Heavy Mid Weight Barrow that was purchased by B&M Supply at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Mazie Hoie with her Grand Champion single Fryer Rabbit that was purchased by Lakes Community Co-op of Perham at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Kaylynn Waldvogel with her Reserve Champion Market Guinea that was purchased by Rohde's Feed & Garden at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Kaden Bowman with his Grand Champion Market Wether that was purchased by Wild Angus Ranch at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Marshall Farr with his Reserve Champion Market Dairy Goat that was purchased by Rhode's Feed & Garden at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Macie Farr with her Reserve Champion Market Meat Chickens that were purchased by Circle B Farms at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



4-H Premier Livestock held at the Clearwater County Fair



Grace Gunning with her Blue Ribbon Market Sheep that was purchased by Home at Heart Healthcare at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Zach Marsh with his Grand Champion Market Guinea that was purchased by Invest Forward of Bagley at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Kaylynn Waldvogel with her Reserve Champion Market Turkey that was purchased by Invest Forward of Bagley at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



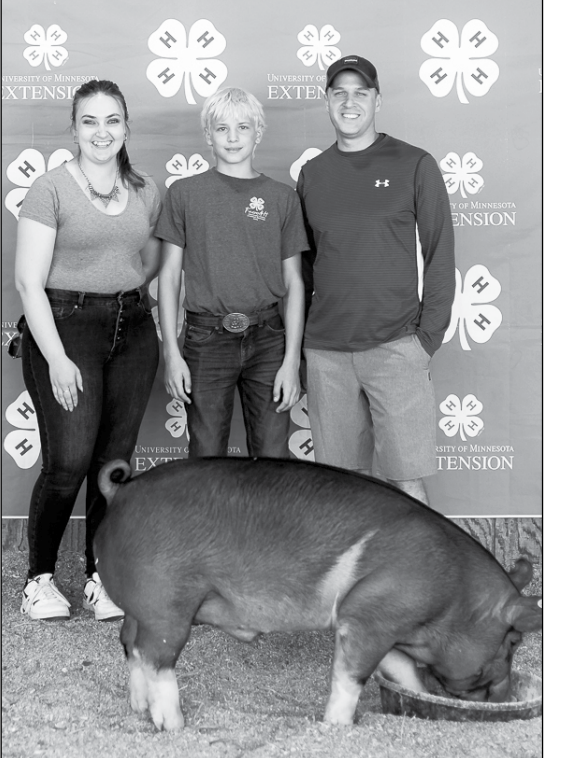
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Lydia Waldvogel with her Reserve Champion single Fryer Rabbit that was purchased by Invest Forward of Bagley at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the Clearwater County Fair.



Bryce Haugen with his Reserve Champion Market Barrow that was purchased by Cornerstone Veterinary Service of Gonvick at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction .



Blane Dillich with his Blue Ribbon Market Guilt-Heavy that was purchased by Invest Forward at the 2024 4-H Premier Livestock Auction at the County Fair.