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B & M Supply and Bakken's Market had a customer Appreciation Day to thank their customers for their continued business and support. It was held outside of Bakken's Market and K&K Restaurant catering the event. At the serving line for the lunch from left to right: Lexie and Brittani Emmel, Elleigh Emmel, Lydia Bakken, Laura Nelson and Bruce Nelson. Shown below Jeremy and Lydia Bakken.



Norsk Farms LLC gave carriage rides during the B&M Supply and Bakken's Market Appreciation Day. The team is owned by Mark and Jenell Strandberg. They provide carriage rides for weddings, proms, funerals and reunions.



The water treatment plant project, shown above, is on schedule which is just east of the playground in Clearbrook. The plant project is being done by Rubin Construction. Mark Snobl and Nick Rankin, Clearbrook City Maintenance men, have been working on building a dike around the lift station. They need more dirt and will be using the extra dirt from the water treatment plant project. If there is extra after the dike is complete that will be put in the low area at the industrial park. -Photos by Liz



Gonvick City Council met September 11

Gonvick City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 11. Minutes from the regular meeting of August 8 were approved.

Open forum for visitors included one person requesting a loan form the city on their revolving Loan. It was not for commercial use so the loan was not processed.

Chief of Police Ryan Solee gave his monthly report. There were 10 records that included: Alarm 1; Animal Related 3; Crimes Against Family 1; Fraud 1; Information Only 1; Medical 1; Traffic Stop 1 and Worthless Check 1.

A citation issue has been sent out on the dog issues where there was constant barking, having no food or water and no ample kennel being available.

He informed the council that he had completed the compliance review and he received a certificate for his good work. He had to go back five years on the department which included all the mandated policies. All licensed peace officers have received the mandatory training as required by Minnesota statutes.

Gonvick Fire & Rescue report included Medical Calls 5; Fire Calls 0; Meetings 1; Mutual aid Given 1 (Oklee Ambulance);

Special Event 1; Training 3; Car Accident 1;

Upcoming events will include an Enbridge table top exercises. They will have a live house burn training with the Clearbrook Fire Department on October 5.

Maintenance issues as there are a couple of flags that need to be replaced. The hole between the bank and the meat market still needs some more help.

City Clerk Stacy Halvorsen presented the 2025 Preliminary budget and the levy. They will be looking at a 3% raise for the next year.

The council approved the raising of the rate for the lots in the City Trailer Park to \$225. The last time it had been raised was in 2008 and that was at \$100.

The council approved Resolution 24-02 adopting the Clearwater County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The City of Gonvick recognizes the threat natural hazards pose to people and property within the city of Gonvick.

Expenditures were approved with Water and Sewer \$10,810.30; General \$23,270.53, Fire \$538.54 for a total of \$34,618.37.



Leif Sather helps with Thor & Odin, horses that belong to the Norsk Farms LLC that were giving rides in Clearbrook .

Clearbrook-Gonvick Board approves General Obligation Bond sale

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board approved the \$2,820,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds at their regular meeting on Monday, September 16.

The purpose is to finance health and safety/indoor air quality projects included in the district's ten-year facilities plan approved by the Commissioner of Education. Five companies bid with the lowest bidder being Baird from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their bid was at 2.7392% with the highest bid at 2.9790%.

The new board approved bond will be added on to 2024 existing debt on the school classroom project on the east end of the school which will be done this year. The next three years will finish the new bond issue.

Principal to be paid.
2/1/2025 - \$505,000
2/1/2026 - \$805,000
2/1/2027 - \$885,000
2/1/2028 - \$625,000
Interest for the four years at \$266,366.67
Total P+I - \$3,086,367

Summary of Sale Results:
Principal amount: \$2,820,000
Underwriter's Discount: \$15,424
Reoffering Premium: \$131,041
True Interest Cost: 2.7437%
Costs of Issuance \$57,200
Yield: 2.44%-2.60%
Total Net P&I: \$3,086,367

Jen Chapman with Ehlers Public Finance Advisors gave options on how to invest from the bond sale that was passed. \$76,000 above the projects cost can be invested. The Global rating based on current debt on proposed profits has gone up to AAA rating.

The board base bids for the Indoor Air Quality Improvements: Gast Construction - Section 6A-Carpentry - \$82,200; Naylor Heating & Refrigeration - Section 22A - Plumbing/HVAC Combination - \$1,999,990; & Bessler Brothers Electric, LLC - Section 26A-Electrical - \$53,350.

The school board meeting

started out with the Spotlight on Education with Mr. Bettin. The school received a donation from Erskine Attachment and school supplies from Border Bank. Mrs. Ragan was pleased with the Orff instruments that arrived. The new wireless microphone with an audio cabinet is getting ready to use.

Principal report
Josh Tharaldson the first week of school and Open House and entrance conferences had positive feedback from families and staff.

Elementary teachers screened their classes to get baseline data on their students in reading and math.

The elementary teachers started the CAREIALL (science of reading) this summer as part of the requirements through the READ act.

There are new high school elective offerings this fall. They include: Introduction to Engineering & Design, Engineering Essentials, Modeling our World - Math, Ojibwe Language & Culture, Environmental Science and Physical Science 2.

Picture Day will be September 27. High School Parent/Teacher Conferences will be 3 to 7 on October 9th and October 17 and 18 will be no school with EM break.

Superintendent Report
Superintendent Ryan Grow still had one position open that of a cook in the food services. One para will be increasing to full time.

They are having flexibility on teaching licensure. New standards are being added for Science.

The state is going to take a strong stance on cell phone use in the school. They will need to monitor.

The district received a \$10,000 grant from Team Industries for the Readiness program,

DOT ran through the district owned busses and vehicle and everything passed. The district paid off the \$84,000 for the bus they purchased

The enrollment report was at 497 with people still coming and going. Last year ended at 513. 142 students were open enrolled last year.

The unemployment numbers will increase to 100% on the district for the coming years. Money had been coming in from the state but that will stop.

No Old Business
New Business
Two new hires for the district with Morgan Laferriere as a Paraprofessional with 4 years experience at Step 5 for \$27.86 and Tyler Gunn as Technology Specialist at Step 8 for \$21.81 starting September 30. He had been at the Nevis School.

They accepted the resignation from Sheray Torgerson as Cheer leading Coach.

A lane change for Willow Christen from BA to BA10 was approved with previous requirements met.

A Family Medical Leave was requested for Lauren Lien for 12 weeks starting October 25.

The board certified the Preliminary Levy at the maximum let for 2024 payable 2025.

The Truth in Taxation meeting was set for December 16 before the regular board meeting.

The READ Act MOU between ISD #2311 and ED-MN Clearbrook-Gonvick was approved. That is the goal of state legislation to have every Minnesota child reading at or above grade level every year, beginning in kindergarten.

Bill were paid including \$54,765.69 ATSR the company that is planning the bond referendum; Eide Bailly, certified public accounting \$29,190.00; Marco \$10,214.58; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$8,784.90; FLR Sanders Inc. \$8,079.00; Dick's Plumbing & Heating of Bemidji \$3,993.67; Clearwater County Sheriff's Office \$3,293.97; Rogers Two Way Radio \$2,148.75; Listrom Disposal \$1,755.00; Peterson Sheet Metal \$1,612.77; Garden Valley \$1,139.62.; Community Oil Co., \$1,111.45 and Bessler Electric \$1,011.50.

Car Show and Pumpkin Days in Gonvick September 27 and 28

The annual 19th Car Show and 31st annual Pumpkin Days is this weekend in Gonvick on September 27 and 28.

The events will start out with a Movie Night on Friday and Saturday night. There will be free entry and free popcorn. It will be held on the south side of The Trap by the volleyball court.

Saturday September 28 starts off with a pancake breakfast at the Samhold Lutheran Church from 8 to 10 a.m. Pancakes, sausage and fruit will be served with free will offering.

The Clear Waters Life Center at the Grow It Green House serving sweet rolls and coffee at 10:00 am and at 11:00 am they will serve soup and sandwich. They will have pumpkin painting for the kids, local artist vendors, gift items for purchase along with a small selection of plants. This will be their first off season event.

The 19th annual vintage auto show will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Pre-register with Stacy at the Gonvick City Clerk's Office at 170 Main Street or call 218-487-5243. Registration

can also be done the same day with no entry fee. There will be five top awards based upon popular vote by participants.

They will receive \$100 each at the end of the show. Saturday with "Wild Wes" DJ will be playing music of the 50's and 60's. Last year's winners were Daphne Klema, Leslie Lien, Steve Fjerstad, Ron Grube and sponsored by the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee.

There are many events planned for the annual event.

The Gonvick Pumpkin Days bake off will be held at the Gonvick Community Center from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Enter a baked good with pumpkin in it. There will be prizes for adult 1st, 2nd and 3rd and Kids for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Bring it in early so that it can be judged.

There will be chicken races at 2:00 p.m and games for the kids.

The fire department will have their tug of war at 3:30 at The Trap. Which fire department will bring home the glory and \$500? For more information call 218-684-2792.

The weigh off for the largest

pumpkin will start at 3:00 pm sponsored by the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee.

Last year Wade Klema and JJ Solberg of Gonvick had the largest pumpkin ever entered in Gonvick. It weighed in at 2,242 pounds. They took it to Anoka for the pumpkin weigh off there and it took first prize at 2,237. Lost a couple of pounds on the trip down.

If you want to enter your pumpkin this year with the money prizes be sure to contact a pumpkin grower or information at The Trap in Gonvick.

The bed races will again be held with \$500 going to first place, \$250 to second place and \$100 to third place. That will be held at 5:00 p.m. Contact Devin Aakre to register at 218-684-0792.

To end the Saturday night there will be fireworks at dusk at a live band Quick 56 will be at The Trap beginning in at 8:00 p.m.

Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick will be serving a Midnight Breakfast which is just down the street from The Trap.



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Friday Bear Wear winners! Front: Caiden Lewis, Blaire Ehlers, Tino Reyes and Tyden Larson. Back: Mrs. Beard, Jayde King, Mr. Kroulik, Craig Roy, Danny Walking Eagle and Aubrey Stoskopf.

Community Calendar

Border Bank is having a Grab 'n Go September 25

Border Bank in Clearbrook will be having a Community Appreciation Grab 'n Go on Wednesday, September 25 from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. in the bank lobby. Their staff will be serving a free meal as a thank you to the community,

Military Vehicles will stop in Bagley

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association will be in Bagley, MN at approximately 12 noon on Wednesday October 2, in the parking lot behind the American Legion Post 16 - Bagley. The 65+ volunteer members of the convoy will enjoy a lunch served by the American Legion Family. The vehicles will be on display to the public for approximately 1 - 1 1/2 hrs. This convoy is part of the MVPS-HA Jefferson Highway 2024 Convoy. This trans-continental convoy will take place from October 1 - October 31 and will retrace the historic 1918 Jefferson Highway Route from the Minnesota border to New Orleans, LA in 30 days traveling 2500 miles.

After the stop in Bagley, the

convoy will continue on to The Headwaters of the Mississippi where they will stay overnight before continuing south. There are 35 historic vehicles from various wars and time periods. They will travel approximately 80 miles per day at 30 - 35 miles per hour. For more information on the route and history of the convoy go to www.mvpa.org or hq2mvpa.org.

The MVPA is a registered U.S

non-profit 501(c)3. Donations can be made to: "MVPA Historical Archives, Convoy Donation" MVPA, PO Box 520378, Independence MO 64055. There will be a place to donate at the Bagley stop.

Notice of all school reunion 2025 planning meeting

A meeting of the "All School Reunion 2025" committee is planned for 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 24th at the Clearbrook Community Center Legion meeting room. Your attendance is needed whether you are alumni or an interested community member. The event is planned for June 25-29, 2025. Please plan to attend to learn more about event planning, fundraising and opportunities for involvement.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Sept. 25 - Chicken Salad, Bread, Three Bean Salad, Diced Peaches, Sugar Cookie and Milk.

Thurs. Sept. 26 - Beef Vegetable Stew Green Peas, Biscuit, Cinnamon Baked Apples and Milk.

Fri. Sept. 27 - Chicken & Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Diced Pears, Lemon Bar and Milk.

Mon. Sept. 30 - Beef Pepper Steak or Liver, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie and Milk.

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Sun., Sept. 29 - Services at 9:00 am with Nathan Engebretson. Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Randy Reimer
Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Quilting. 5 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Awana.
Call for information. 218-776-3252.
Every Wednesday - 5 PM Adult Bible Study... 6:30 PM Awana.
Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseith is On Leave
Rev. Carl Busse
Rev. Gene Lilienthal
Sat, Sept. 28: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Sept. 29: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Oak Park: 8:45 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 10:00 a.m. SS, 11 a.m. Worship.
Wed, Oct. 2: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Sept. 29: 9 a.m. Lund 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 1 p.m. Lund - confirmation meeting for students & parents.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor - Brad Binder
Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Children's Ministry Lead Kari Godin
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367
office@countryfaith.org
Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery & Jr. Church during sermon time) 6:00 p.m. Youth Night (Most Sundays)
Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
Check the website or Facebook for up-to-date information.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Gonvick Site: 226 Elm St.

The second Monday of each month we have a free cooking class for seniors. Although you don't have to be a senior to join the class. Each class Angie and Connie will show you how to prep and make a nutritious meal then sample it.

Clearbrook Site: 256 2nd Ave., SW

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

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed. - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Sun. - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick
Pastor Will Anderson
Week of: September 23-29
Tuesday: 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday: 7:00 Church Council meeting
Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Michael Wright
Good Shepherd
Wed., Sept. 25 - 9:30am NELL Program, coffee hour starts at 9am; 6:00pm-7:15pm Confirmation 7th - 9th Grade; 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells
Thurs., Sept. 26 - 6:00pm Headwaters Collab Meeting at Good Shepherd, meal at 5:30pm
Sun., Sept. 29: 9:00am Sunday Worship; 10:00am; Sunday School & Coffee Hour
Wed., Oct. 2 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm First Wednesday at Faith in Bagley (7th - 12th Grade); 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells

Our Savior's
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Wednesday, September 25, 2024

STEVE THORSON FOR CLEARWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4!



My name is Steve Thorson, and I am a lifetime resident of Clearwater County, and I am running for District 4 County Commissioner.

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Send any questions and/or concerns to stevethorson64@gmail.com

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WRITE IN COREY PETTERSON Clearwater County Commissioner District 4

To the citizens of District 4, which includes the cities of Leonard and Clearbrook, and township of Clover, Leon, Dudley and Sinclair. It would be an honor to serve you as your next County Commissioner. I will be a strong voice for our way of life that we enjoy, and I have the leadership experience that would benefit all citizens of Clearwater County.

I would appreciate your write-in vote on Nov. 5th.

Prepared and paid for by: Corey Petterson

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Clearwater County Deputy Sheldon was out conducting ATV patrol last week. These patrols are intended to keep the trails and forest roads safe for everyone.



Wagon rides and good food on Saturday, September 21 courtesy of Bakken's Market and B&M Supply.
Beautiful day with great weather.

Faye Dickey program Wednesday

By Pamela French
Northern Exposure to Life-long Learning (NELL) is excited to have Faye Dickey back for part II of her program A Refugee from Czech to the USA, Life In America. Faye will pick up her journey when she and her family arrived in America.

For those who were able to attend Part I of her program know it was riveting and suspenseful. The room was packed. Faye, a retired professional opera singer, mentioned she would sing at part II, an added bonus.

The program is Wednesday September 25th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook, starting at 9:30 am. The program will end at 11:00 am or so with questions.

There is no charge to attend regular season NELL programs. Refreshments served (free will).

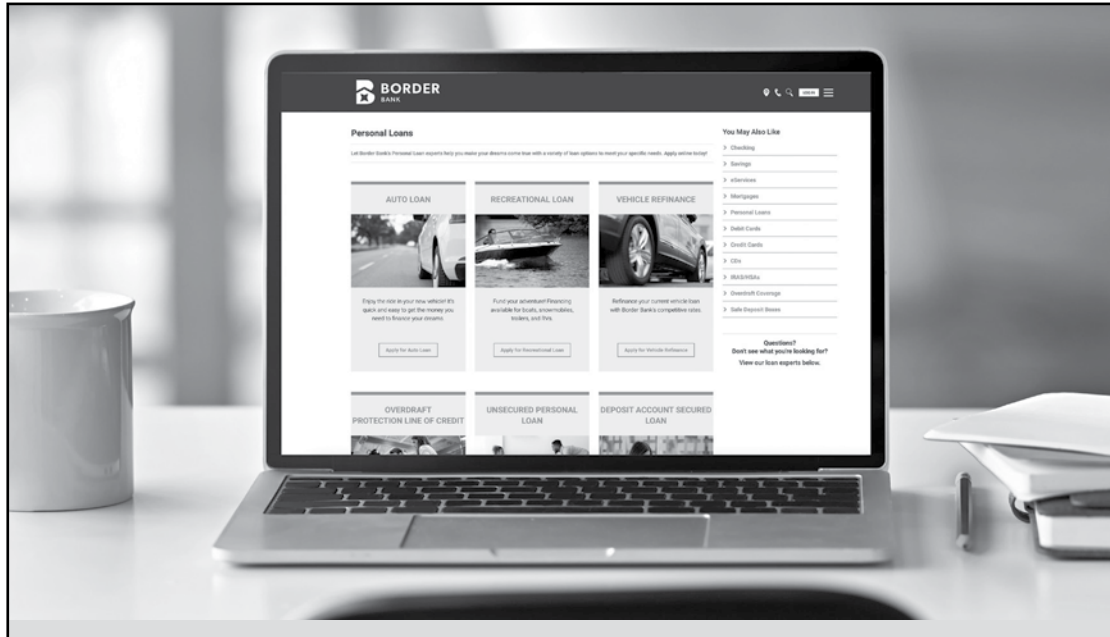
Sunday October 6th is the DATE!!!

The Bagley Senior Center is having a Meatball Dinner Fundraiser with all the trimmings on Saturday, October 12th from 11am-2pm, at the Bagley American Legion.

The "free will" fundraiser is to raise money for the much needed roof repairs before the winter season.

Please join the Senior center for this dinner. If you wish to make a donation ahead of time, make checks out to Bagley Senior Center (Roof Fund) and drop off between 10-1pm or mail to 26 Main Ave N. Bagley, MN 56621.

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BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Sept. 25 - Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Granola Bar

Thurs. Sept. 26 - Pulled Pork on Bun, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Scooby Bites

Fri. Sept. 27- Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Popo Tart

Mon. Sept. 30- Chicken Drumstick, Cheesy Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Cheez It Crackers



Hassani Bruton had five catches for 97 yards for Clearbrook-Gonvick.



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



Above.. Quarterback Carver Kroulik #7 and #14 James Preuss. Below #88 Cooper Wishard had #11 Jacob Rudie of Fosston by the legs for a tackle. - Photos by Jalina Gerlofs



Bear Cross Country team bringing the game ball out on the field for the Homecoming game.



Burning the competitions since 2019 was the senior float.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior Homecoming float.



Homecoming Volleyball photos by Jalina Gerlofs.



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ATV Safety

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office is hosting an ATV Safety Class for interested operators ages 10 and older who wish to obtain their ATV Safety Certificate.
An ATV Safety Certificate is required in the State of MN for anyone born after July 1, 1987. Students who are 16 or older can take the online course only and do not need to attend a field day. Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us for more information.
There are three steps:
Step 1: Contact Andy Anderson at 218-776-3112 Ext #104 or andyanderson@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us to pre-register.
Step 2: Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us and click on "Education and Safety" > "Recreational

Vehicle Safety Classes" and follow the links to take the online ATV Safety Course. After the online course is complete, print the certificate/voucher and bring it to the Field Day.
Step 3: Attend the Field Day: When: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 Registration begins at 5:15 PM.
Class starts at 5:30 PM
Where: Bagley High School, 1130 Main Ave North, Bagley, MN 56621
Students need to bring their voucher from the online course, a helmet and proper riding attire (long pants, no open toed shoes, gloves, eye protection and clothes appropriate for the weather). A parent or guardian needs to attend the first part of the class for registration.

ELECT BRUCE EMMEL

CLEARWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

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Kailey Klema at the Minnesota State Fair as she shared both a Creative Writing piece as well as delivered a Speech, both of which she received a Blue Ribbon on, at the State Level.



Lydia Waldvogel with her needlework that made its way to the MN State Fair, and received a Purple Ribbon.

General Project Results at the MN State Fair

Clearwater County 4-H had a successful bunch that brought their general projects to showcase them at the MN State Fair. In Order for them to be eligible to showcase their projects at the State Fair, they must first earn the Top of their class at the local

County Fair.

Congratulations to all of the local 4-H youth that showcased their general projects at the MN State Fair.

Kailey Klema: Presentation (speech): Blue, Creative Writing: Blue

Becca Dahl: Fine Arts: Blue
Bella Dahl: Fine Arts: Blue
Lydia Waldvogel: Needle Art: Purple

Macie Farr: Home Environment: Red
Chloe Marsh: Forage: Blue
Adriana Marsh: Quilting: Red

Kaylynn Waldvogel: Food Preservation: Red
Landon Waldvogel: Indoor Gardening: Blue

Woodside Workers 4-H Club: Club Banner: Purple
Submitted by Cortney Severson

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What's In Your Fridge by Ann Marie Newman

Other folk's fridges fascinate me. They tell so much about a person, a family. What they like to eat, snack on. The kind of ice cream they like. Do they eat meat? Have diets full of vegetables and fresh fruit? Do they like catsup, mustard, spicy salsa? Do they fancy Ranch or French salad dressing? So very many clues about people hide in their fridge!

I asked two writing friends for a glimpse into their fridge. Via a poem. My own poem tells I don't like being wasteful, especially with expensive food.

What's In Oopsy Annie's Fridge
By Ann Marie Newman, 2024
I've got brown cheese in my fridge.

Supposed to be brown,
In case you were wondering.

It's caramelized goat milk.
I have had a chunk of it for 2 years.

Still looks okay. I guess.
It lasts a long time apparently.

It's not that I dislike this cheese very common in Norway.
I like it. I do.

I simply don't know what to do with it.
It's very expensive in the U.S.

It needs to be dined upon responsibly.

In two years, I've not used half of it.
Cost me \$14.99.

Fourteen dollars and ninety-nine cents!
I can't waste it for Pete's sake.

So, it sits. Waiting. For two years.
In my fridge. Brown cheese.

Not going to waste.

I read this poem to Janet and Cindy WHILE they were eating the cheese – that's when they learned it had been in my fridge for two years. The look on their faces! HAH! Seriously, it IS still good. Now the cheese is only half gone. If you're wondering, we ate it on Norwegian crackers.

What Is in Janet's Fridge by Janet Knutson, 2024

With trepidation, I approach;
I know it is time to clean.
The freezer door no longer closes;

The back wall, no longer seen.
There is mystery behind that door:
maybe I'll start small.

The first thing I'll check out,
I don't think I'll do it all.
The milk – is it sour? Is it sweet?

The cheese is showing mold;
what is this mystery meat?
This juice looks good, and really cold.

The box of eggs-left-only one;
better put that on my grocery list.

Lettuce? Yucky – should have used it.
What is this dish I missed?
The condiments, so many bottles, some with just a smidge.

Better toss it, get some new stuff.
To put in my nice clean fridge.
The chore over, that's a good thing, and I remember when,

I did this many times before;
then packed it in again!
My fridge contents seem pretty normal...

by Cindy Kolling, 2024
...a plastic-wrapped box of silk screen emulsion
...a palette of mixed oil paint from rosealing

...a couple lotion jars of mixed ink
...a package of cheese sticks for my lunch
...the last of my three-day

smoothie mix, a banana, raspberries, yogurt, carrots, milk and applesauce
...lettuce from my flowerpot...
needs washing yet

...2 beets, not yet cooked
...bag of Cabbage slaw
...two-gallon jugs of milk...one nearly gone...

...tub of expensive Greek yogurt...I'm worth it...almost gone
...half a loaf of Bread...I don't eat it too fast so I refrigerate it in summer

...one medium tomato
...half a jar of delicious homemade wild grape jelly
...half a jar of pretty good homemade cherry syrup

...a piece of cheddar cheese
...a lemon
...a lime

...a bottle of overpriced pop-pysseed dressing
...half an onion
...a tipped over egg carton to remind me to get more when the price is better

...butter
...fresh store mushrooms
...leftover boiled potatoes from last night's supper

...a tray of baking soda.
It's not fancy but its versatile...
I won't starve today.

I've mentioned previously that Cindy is a professional artist, so of course she'd have paints, ink, and emulsion in her fridge. Janet shares what happens to us all. The ol' clean out the fridge chore, only to pack it all in, all over again.

Now readers, tell me, what's in your fridge?

Clearwater County Sheriff Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

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Sheriff report...
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FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

The apples are coming on now. What to do with all of them--one easy way--stewed apples.

3 T unsalted butter
2 pounds tart apples, peeled, corned and thick slice

1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup white wine
zest of one lemon
juice of one lemon

Melt butter in skillet over medium heat. Add apples, turn on high and saute until edges begin to brown.



Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com

Reduce heat to low and add honey, wine, lemon zest, lemon juice and 1/2 cup water. Cover and cook apples are tender but firm. Serve in a bowl with cream or whipping cream.

Until next time and blessings to you and your family.

Note: recipe is from "The Fresh Cookbook" by Laurey Masterton

Honey Cookbook by Laurey Masterton

Home Country

Bert came waltzing in to the Mule Barn truck stop the other day in high spirits. We knew we were in for yet another lecture. Sure enough.

Even as he pulled up a chair at the philosophy counter and world dilemma think tank, he started in.

"The world, gentlemen," he said. "The world is cresting on a multiplicity of inventiveness at the moment and I'm flat in the middle of it!"

He talks like that sometimes.

We all pretended we hadn't heard him and sipped our coffee. We're like that sometimes, too.

"Maizie got it for me for Christmas," he said, looking at us as he flipped his coffee cup to the upright and ready-for-filling position.

Finally, Dud couldn't stand it any more. "What was that, Bert?"

"It's the Rat Zapper!" he said. "The cutting edge in domestic varmint control. The computer age has finally come to the wonderful world of pest whacking, people."

"What do you think?" said Doc. "Think he's going to tell us about it anyway?"

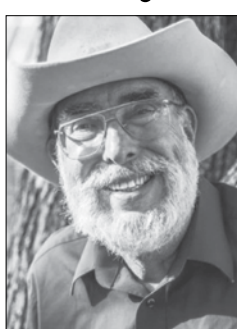
A general nod of agreement. "OK, Bert, what the heck is a rat zapper?"

"That's Rat Zapper, capital letters, Doc, 'cause it's a brand name. You see, you just plug this little box into the wall and put it behind something. When the rat goes in and tries to eat the bait, he steps on this metal plate and is electrocuted. You just take it out and dump it and reset it."

"The first thing you do, though, is put some bait in it and let him go get it without the electricity, then you plug that baby in, and ZAP! Oh man, it's just great!"

"High tech rat killin'?" Doc said.

"Oh, you bet. And not only that, but for a little extra, you can have the trap ring your cell phone to let you know when you've caught one. And you can get a whole network of these thingies and they'll each call



By Slim Randles

you when they have a fried rat for you. Isn't that amazing?"

"Well, Bert," I chimed in, "I didn't realize you had a rat problem over at your place."

"I don't," he said, looking discouraged. "But you know, if I put some

corn out, maybe by spring....?"

The cover of the new family novel, Whimsy Castle, was painted by the author's 15-year-old granddaughter, Baelee Randles. Her first cover.



Thought this picture might be fun. The Clearbrook-Gonvick group that went on the weekend Girltime Getaway in September. Back row: Nicole Larson, Amber Rosinski(Ashley Nordlund's sister), Sandy Hagen, Nancy Statman (Carol Wolkenhauer's sister), Judi Engebretson, Laura Lindgren, Joni Hagen, Donna Rae Jacobson, Shirley Solheim, Margret Larson. Front row: Carol Wolkenhauer,Kendall Nordlund, Ashley Nordlund, Linda Nordlund
Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Bountiful Harvest: Friends In the Kitchen May Come to an End

Friends in the Kitchen-Bagley held their September class on Tuesday September 10th at the Bagley American Legion. Over 15 guests attended the cooking class led by Angie Ness and assisted by Connie Nunemaker. Each month when the class meets, there are three recipes the two prepare, demonstrate, cook, then share with the. Even though the recipes are healthy, you would not know it by the incredible flavors. Recipes for this class were Cheddar Garlic Herb Soda Biscuits, Late Summer Sausage & Vegetable Chowder, and Carrot Cake Oatmeal Cookies, yes all healthy. Ness and Nunemaker, both avid gardeners and cooks, have the knowledge on how to create amazing flavors with the spices and ingredients



Angie Ness and Connie Nunemaker (Pamela Hagen-French)

most people have on hand, or that can be found at the grocery store without spending a great deal of money. Most of the recipes are freezer friendly, allowing people to have healthy food on hand to prepare at a later date. Ness says they make a point to use vegetables that are in season, foods that are on sale and pantry staples, using little or NO processed food products. Along with the healthy and generous food samples, seniors learn simple cooking tips and tricks around the kitchen, share stories and make new friends.

Friends in the Kitchen was created by Stefanie Haliperin of St. Peter, MN in 2016, a program that was a service of LLS (Lutheran Social Services-

Greater Plains Collaborative) for older adults. Greater Plains Collaborative, a research-based non-profit organization, focused on improving health outcomes for older adults. Haliperin's vision was to share healthy cooking that could be done on a budget. In addition to learning how to cook healthy meals on a budget, she wanted to have a fun place where seniors in the community could come together to learn, eat and socialize. In 2017 the program found its way to Bemidji due to its large senior population living in rural isolated towns. Ness was contacted by LSS, while teaching classes at Harmony Natural Food Co-op in Bemidji, to teach Friends in the Kitchen in Bemidji, and soon thereafter in Bagley. In 2021, Ness collaborated with Clearwater Life Center and started teaching the Senior Connection Cooking Classes, a similar service like Friends in the Kitchen for older adults in Gonvick.

Friends in the Kitchen is a class designed around those age 55 and over who are looking for ways to cook and eat healthy without spending a lot of money, those with mobility limitations or dietary needs that challenge one's abilities in the kitchen. No registration is required, walk-ins are more than welcome, as well as anyone of any age.

In 2023, funds from the Greater Plains Collaborative ended, thus the possible end of the class. After an article was placed in local papers regarding the funding issue and cancellation of the class without new funding, the community responded. Grants came from Sanford Health, The American Legion-Bagley, Galen's

Fresh Foods, and an anonymous generous donor. Friends in the Kitchen was able to attain enough funding to continue classes through the end of 2024.

The cooking class has become more than a place to learn how to cook healthy affordable meals. Seniors are actually trying many foods, especially vegetables, for the first time, cooking the meals for friends and family due to the ease of the recipes, and many have become more adventurous incorporating more vegetables, herbs and spices to their meals than ever before. Ness said "they (seniors) may be there for learning and sharing, whether through food or stories, most importantly these classes help seniors continue to socialize and enrich their lives one month at a time". Social isolation among seniors is a detriment to their health and is at an all time high. Those that attend Friends in the Kitchen look forward each month to being able to get out and be with others.

Gonvick's Senior Cooking Connections meets once a month on the second Monday in the Clearwater Life Center. Friends in the Kitchen - Bagley meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Bagley American Legion at 12:30pm Without further funding, Friends in the Kitchen-Bagley will end December 2024. The next Friends in the Kitchen will be October 8th at the Bagley American Legion at 12:30pm - 2:00pm.

If you or someone you know is interested in more information about Friends in the Kitchen, making a donation, becoming a corporate sponsor, etc, to assist in keeping this program for seniors to going, please contact Angie Ness(Educator & Outreach-Friends in the Kitchen) at 503-200-0494, or email friendsinthekitchenbemidji@gmail.com,

Clearwater County Commissioners

The Clearwater County Commissioners set their 2025 levy for truth-in-taxation to 5% at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The 5% tax levy is an increase of 5% from a year ago when it was set at 0% and is an even larger increase when compared to a couple of years ago when the levy was a negative percentage.

The commissioners acknowledged the levy would need to be raised from zero at some point.

They also acknowledged that a 5% increase may seem intimidating to the public but that it can only be lowered from here and the commissioners have every intention to lower the rate as they work to set a final percentage in December. They cannot guarantee the rate will fall back to zero but hope it is finalized at around 3%.

A levy is set to generate revenue from property taxes to fund various county jobs. This year, the county set the levy to 5% to help fund \$117,750 for the Reg. Lib.; \$1,119,544 for DHS SS; \$629,742 for DHS IM; \$1,163,000 for road and bridge; \$450,000 for SWM and \$3,812,709 for revenue. The CPA lowers these totals by \$1,079,519 when combined, meaning the county is looking for a net levy base of \$6,213,227 when all six purposes are combined.

Council action
The commissioners authorized the county auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$135,526.09 for the county revenue fund and \$12,065.99 for the public health fund.

The commissioners approved the purchase of culverts from Metal Culvert's Inc. in the amount of \$20,017.90.

The commissioners authorized the highway department to purchase 100 mailbox supports in the amount of \$6,365.42 from JMD Manufacturing of Willmar, MN.

The commissioners acknowledged a memorandum of understanding between Clearwater and Beltrami counties. The counties will split the cost 50/50 for a mill and overlay project at the county line road.

The commissioners authorized the purchase of scanners and labelers in the amount of \$2,900.

The commissioners authorized the hiring of Lindsay Beckman as a full-time communications correction officer, pending successful completion of a background investigation.

The commissioners approved the hiring of Megan Kortan as the deputy county recorder.

Next meeting: The Clearwater County Commissioners will next meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the county courthouse in Bagley starting at 10 a.m.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Sand Valley Lutheran Church at Trail will be having their annual fall bazaar and bake sale on Sunday September 29 starting at 3:00 p.m.

The Annual United Lutheran church dinner September 29 serving of roast beef dinner with all the goodies starting at noon.

We are trying something different with 567 zip code subscribers to see if they get the papers any sooner.

Joke time
This is TV blooper from a few years ago. Senator Austin Warren from Vermont, in mediating the difference between the Arabs and Israelis at the United Nations came out with this classic, "Now, let's all try to settle this problem in true Christian spirit."

Ole had a wise saying. "You can get yust as drunk on water... as you can on dry land."

From my email
What I find on my email... I can buy heated scarf. For one thing I don't wear scarfs.

I have also noticed that any new medicine that comes along has a huge number of vowels and then x, y and z's in it.

Coming events
The pumpkin patch in Gonvick is growing for Pumpkin Days, September 28. There will also be the 19th annual vintage collectors Auto show on Main Street. Five top winners selected by participants will receive \$100 each. Save the day.

Main Street Gully will be hopping on October 5th! This is the date chosen for the Gully Community fall play, "Gully Church Ladies". Plan to attend to be part of the celebrating and reminiscing: Gully Community Center, 7:15 p.m., October 5, 2024.

October 18. Mustard Seed Homes 7th Annual Banquet at the center in Gonvick.

The 7th Annual Fall Banquet for the Clearbrook Fire Department will be Saturday, October 19 with the doors open at 5:00 and the meal at 6:00. Tickets are available.

There will be an All-School reunion in Clearbrook June 26-

29, 2025. The committee is getting going and having several meetings. There will be a mailing going out from classmates in that year.

Calendar winners
Calendar Winners for the new 2024-2025 Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle for the Month of September. Each win \$100.
9-23-24 - Josh Gerbracht - Bagley
9-30-24 - Jay & Joyce Fawver - Austin, MN

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Long Lost Lake - Total 1
09/19/24 09:30:32 ATV Patrol
Minerva - Total 1
09/15/24 06:38:31 Warrant - Attempt
Moose Creek - Total 1
09/20/24 13:50:00 Medical
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
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09/19/24 06:03:32 Animal Related
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Clearwater County 4-H had 7 youth at the State Fair



This year, Clearwater County 4-H had 7 of our local 4-H youth who participate in the horse project earn a trip to the Minnesota State 4-H Horse show to compete! These girls did a fantastic job representing Clearwater County: Brooke Haman, Lydia Martin, Hailey Kortan, Gracie Halberg, Bella Halberg, Evelyn Warmbold, and Charlie Phillips.

The final results for the Minnesota State 4-H Horse Show are as follows :

Gracie Halberg: 2nd place Poles, 9th place Key Race, participant in barrels and jumping figure 8

Lydia Martin: 7th place Poles, 5th place Barrels, 9th Place Jumping Figure 8, participant in key race

Brooke Haman: 9th place Barrels, 4th place Western Showmanship, 7th place in Trail, participant in western horsemanship and key race.

Bella Halberg: Participant in Poles, barrels, jumping figure 8 and key race

Charlie Philips: Participant in poles, jumping figure 8 and key race

Evelyn Warmbold: Participant in Western Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Trail and Barrels

Hailey Kortan- Clearwater County Grand Entry Rider, participant in western showmanship, western pleasure, and jumping figure 8.

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To the left: Brooke Haman along with her horse are prepared to compete at the Minnesota State Horse Show.



Hailey Kortan and Brooke Haman arrive at the Minnesota State Horse show with their Horses.



Local 4-H Horse girls, Hillary, Oilvia, Brooke, Hailey, Kylie and Lydia in the arena at the Minnesota State Horse Show as they all prepare for the State Competition.



Clearwater County Horse Girls: Bella Halberg, Evelyn Warmbold, Charlie Phillips, Gracie Halberg, Hailey Kortan, Lydia Martin, and Brooke Haman. Wednesday, September 25, 2024



Robin Postman Benson 9/19/2024

A Moment in Time - Beauty on the Farm

Sometimes you just have to stop; appreciate and soak in the beauty around you. Share some extra gratitude for your life and the blessings you have.

After recovering this past year from a serious horse accident, Robin Postman Benson of rural Bagley, is even more grateful each day for the little things. She believes firmly to never take your health for granted, as life can change in an instant. The healthy you are at the foundation, the better your healing will be.

Divine intervention, the strength of her core being, the health of her organs, and the courage to keep going helped save her life.

Healing, living and loving each day more than ever, mind, body and spirit. Once you see life flash before your eyes, you realize and recalibrate what's important. And realize that every day and every opportunity is a gift.

Pamela Hagen-French and Robin Benson

Clearbrook-Gonvick Homecoming Parade 2024

