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Veterans Day program held in Clearbrook

Sam Smith was the special speaker at the Veterans Day program November 11 at 10:00 am at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

He served in the United States Navy from 1997-2001. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor on the USS Louisville as a submariner. He enlisted shortly after high school graduation from Bagley.

He comes from a long line of Navy veterans. He wanted to travel and see the world. He had watched "Hunt for Red October" and that was why he wanted to go with submarines. Many areas were covered in his training with leadership, discipline and team work.

He was stationed on the USS Louisville, named for the City of Louisville, Kentucky. That ship was decommissioned in March of 2021. 52 US submarines were lost, with a total of 3,506 officers and enlisted men killed during World War II.

He had two sisters when he went into the Navy and he came out of the Navy with 108 brothers.

He and his wife Caren and family, which includes five



Clearbrook Legion Commander Bill Stoller and the Veterans Day speaker Sam Smith.

children, reside in Shelvin. Caren, who is also a Navy veteran, are the owners of Off Grid Armory. The business is located four miles north of Itasca State Park. Off Grid Armory opened in 2015.

Their Philosophy is, "We believe in keeping our communities safe. Teaching others responsible ways of handling

firearms is an important way we contribute to the safety of our community and loved ones."

Four veterans were also honored at the veterans program included Ken Brein, Larry Halverson, Jim Johnson and Russell Rhen. Between the four of them they have 200 years of service to their veterans organization.

Santa Claus activities in Gonvick

Good old fashion family Christmas on Friday, December 6 in Gonvick. It all starts at 6 pm when Santa and Mrs. Claus will come to Gonvick on the horse drawn wagon to start the festivities. The tree will be located downtown on the cement slab at the corner of Main Street and Second Ave.

One child will be drawn to light up the tree. Singing carols and a word from Pastor Will. That will be followed by wagon rides to the Gonvick Legion with Norsk Farm LLC and Mark and Jenell Strandberg.. There you can warm up by a blazing fire and enjoy soup, popcorn, hot cider and coffee. Kids can bring in their Santa letters and have a picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Outside the legion will be a bonfire and S'mores.



Sandy Girtz, Mark Larson and Stephanie Ramsrud accepted the "Friend of 4-H" award on behalf of the Clearwater County Agricultural Society at the 2024 Clearwater County 4-H Awards Banquet.



Veterans and families were in many places for the playing of the National Anthem.



Emily Coombs was recognized at the 2024 Clearwater County 4-H Awards Banquet for her countless hours of Volunteer work and her ability to keep going and going receiving the "Energizer Bunny" award.



Veterans standing for the playing of the National Anthem.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Band, directed by Mrs. Mickelson.



Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Choir directed by Mrs. Ragan.

Clearbrook City Council has monthly meeting

Clearbrook City Council has regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12. Minutes of the previous meeting was approved with correction.

Police Chief Ryan Solee report was submitted. It included 44 records with Animal Related 4; Assault 1; Civil Complaint 1; Civil Process 1; Crimes Against Family 2; Disturbance 1; Domestic 2; Information Only 3; Juvenile Misc. 5; Medical 5; Runaway 1; Suspicious activity 2; Theft 2; Threats 2; Traffic Complaint 1; Traffic Stop 3; Transport 1; Trespass 1; vehicle Lock Out 3; Welfare Check 2; Welfare Check Warrant Arrest 1.

Fire Department
Adam Krog the Clearbrook Fire Chief gave his report. For the month of September they had 15 calls. They were 9 Medical, 1 Meeting, 2 Brush Fire; 1 Vehicle Accident, 1 vehicle accident that was canceled and 1 Work Night.

The department will be having a live house burn training on November 23. CFD will be conducting it with trainers from the Fire Inc. CFD has sent invitations to all area Fire Departments to send members to this training. The house is located on the Leonard Road.

The 2024 Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet was very well attended and a great success. The fire department wants to thank the community and the public for their continued support. This is a great community event and they look forward to hosting it again in 2025.

Municipal Liquor store
The Liquor Store from Manager Karra Weems had a profit for October of \$634.21. There was also \$6,500 paid for a new cooler/freezer and they also had large liquor and beer purchases. Pete Garcia played again at the liquor store.

The Men's bathroom remodel is almost complete. Just a few finishing touches left. The next Karaoke will be on Friday, December 6th at 8 p.m.

Santa Day is December 7th and the liquor store will have wine sales at the craft show.

The Annual Wine Tasting/ Customer Appreciation is being planned with the possible date so December 14 or 21.

Utilities & Maintenance
The lead and copper survey had been sent out. Residents will be notified the results of the survey in the next water bill.

The water tower is working for the year. Insulation has been put in the tower for the winter. The rest of the work on the outside and any other repairs to the inside will be done next spring.

The water treatment plant building is completed on the outside and work will be done to finishing the inside.

Most of the winterizing has been done at Kloster Park.

They had been planning one more fire hydrant flush.

City Clerk
Lucie Thompson presented Pay App#4 for the Water Tower Rehab of \$62,998.72 to Onyx Blasting & Coating LLC. A meeting had been held as to the percentage of work that had been completed. The payment was made for that amount.

The Pay App#6 for the Water Treatment Plant of \$450,978.60 for work that was done to date for Ruben Construction LLC.

The council canvased the 2024 election results and passed Resolution No. 2024-13. There were 232 voters with 38 new people that registered that day. Dylan Goudge received 237 votes with 6 write in. Council member Tom Davis had 183 votes, Olaf Engebretson had 204 with 6 write in votes for the two council members that were up for election. A total of 490 people voted at that site for the precincts that were at the gym in Clearbrook.

Building Permit number 2024-08 was approved for Gustafson & Goudge Holdings, LLC for the new 3,370 Sq. Ft duplex at 419 4th Ave SE in Clearbrook.

The council approved Resolution 2024-12 for a donation from a fundraiser by the All School Reunion 2025. The total was \$420.00.

Monthly claims were presented and paid for \$63,487.93 and Additional Claims of \$724,691.63.

Community Calendar

Sportsman's meeting November 23

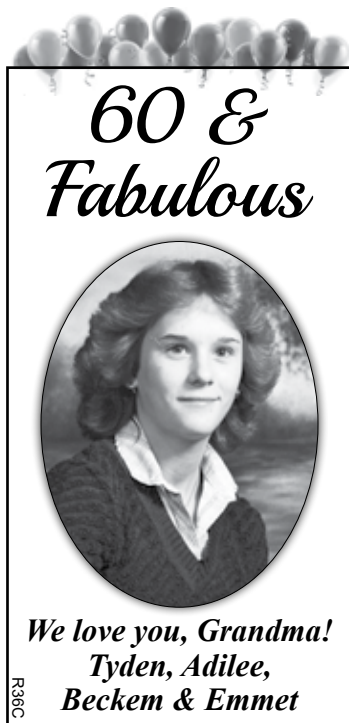
Gully Area Sportsman's Club will meet on Saturday, November 23rd at 10:00 AM at Shorty's Place in Gully!

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, November 26th 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.

Calendar winners

Calendar Winners for the Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle for the Month of November. Each win \$100. 11-11-24 - Hoie Family - Solway



We love you, Grandma!
**Tyden, Adilee,
Beckem & Emmet**

Circle members

This is a reminder to circle members to mark your calendar for December 8. The new date for the Samhold Women's Group Christmas activities. That will include special Christmas music, dessert and coffee and door prizes. It's a great "kick off" to the Christmas season.

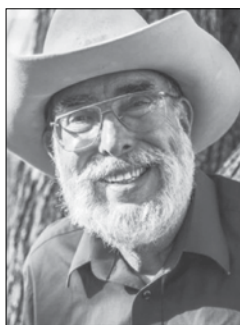
Home Country

By Slim Randles

You think this pandemic thingie we're going through is deadly? At least unpleasant? Hey, you've come here to this tower of truth to learn the little-known stuff that will make you completely shunned at lunch time, and cussed during choir practice. We modestly refer to it as attempting to commit journalism.

When it comes to historical terrors, there are none that reached the pinnacle of pain as quickly and briefly as the dance fever. Yes, friend, the dance fever of 1518 was a month-long plague in Strasbourg, which is today in France. During the dance fever, hundreds of people, for no apparent reason, danced around the clock for a month. A number of them danced themselves to death.

There is no record of which



platter was spinning during this Renaissance sock hop, unfortunately. Looking back at the music of that time, a bunch of it was Gregorian chant.

I like that tune, Dick. It has a good beat, you can dance to it. I'll give it a seven.

Strasbourg is in Alsace-Lorraine, and Alsace-Lorraine is today in France. But every so often Germany decides to take it over, and then we have to help get it back into French hands again.

Now if only Alsace could get along with Lorraine

Brought to you with a smile from Slim's just-out fun novel, Whimsy Castle. At better book stores and on the internet at Amazon, Kindle, Barnes and Noble, Ebay, Thriftbooks and Page Publishing.

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Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Nov. 20 - Country Pork Tips with Gravy, Noodles, Capri Veg. Blend, Caramelized Pears, Roll and Milk.

Thurs. Nov. 21 - Meatloaf, Gravy and Red Potatoes, Corn, Bread and Milk.

Fri. Nov. 22 - Pizza Pasta Casserole, Green Beans, Hot Spiced Apples, Roll and Milk.

Mon. Nov. 25 - Smothered Chopped Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll, Chocolate Chip Cookie and Milk.

Tues. Nov. 26 - Chicken a la King, Steamed Rice, Carrots, Roll and Milk.

Wed. Nov. 27 - Meatballs with Spaghetti Sauce, Noodles, Italian Veg. Blend, Rolland Milk.

Meal subject to change.
Call 218-776-3154

"The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" Drama Students on Stage this Weekend

Who doesn't love a good fairytale? Nineteen youth have been rehearsing for six weeks to prepare their show for the audience and they invite you to join them in the Bagley High School Auditorium this Friday and Saturday evenings, Nov. 22nd and 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. for "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon."

Okay, so most of the fairy tales in this show do not end in happily ever after. Author Don Zolidis does a mash-up of many well-known fairy tales and

exposes the outdated concepts of romance and conquest. Characters resist the roles they have to play and make an outright mockery of the supposed morals in the tales. Gender roles get reversed, Cinderella gets downright angry, and Hansel and Gretel don't live happily ever after.

Join us for an hour of mixed-up, yet purposeful action; tickets are \$7/adults and \$5/student and sold at the door 30 minutes before each evening's performance.



Church News

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
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Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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 November 18-24, 2024
Tuesday: 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday: 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 6:00 Confirmation; 7:00 PM Church Council
Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Nov. 24: No Morning Services. 5pm Parishwide Thanksgiving Service at Sand Valley.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Clearbrook Site: 256 2nd Ave., SW

Both locations of Clear Waters Life Center will be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday – Saturday, November 28-30. We hope you enjoy the holiday with family and friends

Shop-at-the-Top is Clear Waters Life Center's volunteer operated store with over 6,000 sq. feet of retail space in Clearbrook. Donations accepted during business hours. We are looking for volunteers! If you are interested in spending an hour or three with us, please call 218-776-2789. Hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm weekdays & 10:00am – 12:00pm Saturdays.

Chemical Dependency Support Group in the Woods Room on the 2nd floor, facilitated by Lynn Kruse – Every Tuesday at 2 pm

Hurts, Hang-ups, Habits? Celebrate Recovery encourages fellowship, provides hope, and celebrates God's healing power in lives as we work our way along the road to recovery.

Every Thursday at 6:30 PM
Weight Room: Did you know we have gym memberships? Clear Waters Life Center's Weight room has weights, exercise bikes, treadmills and an elliptical. Plus you get access to the gym with Pickleball equipment. Prices can't be beat at \$30.00/ month, \$10.00/week, or \$5.00/day!

Gonvick Site:

226 Elm St

Old Fashioned Christmas with Elvis – Put on by Emory Schmidt as a fundraiser for CWLC! Sunday, December 1st at 6:30 pm at the Gonvick Life Center.

Holiday Showcase – Register now for CWLC's Holiday Showcase, an exciting evening complete with a delicious Scandinavian meal and entertainment by Figuring It Out, the Abello family band! Friday December 13th, starting at 6 pm at the Gonvick Life Center. You can call or go on our website to register for this freewill donation event.

Art Studio: Mondays, December 2, 9, 16 & 23 Tracy Juve will be teaching a Wet Felting Class! The cost is only \$50, which includes all supplies. Class time is from 12:30-3 pm each Monday. Register today online or by calling the office at 218-776-2789.

Pickleball: Come join a fun group of people playing Pickleball! Mondays from 9:30 am – 7:30 pm, Wednesdays 9 am – 3 pm, Thursdays 9 am – 6 pm, Fridays 9 am – 3 pm.

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Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sun., Nov. 24 - 9:00 a.m. Troy Churness

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseeth
Wed. Nov. 20: 5pm Wed. School, 6:30pm Vespers.
Sun. Nov. 24: 9:45am St. Petri (streamed service). 8:45am Oak Park SS. 9:45am Joint Service at Oak Park. 11am Nazareth (streamed service).

Wed. Nov. 27: 7pm Nasareth.
Thu. Nov. 28: 9:45am Oak Park

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Michael Wright
Good Shepherd
Wed., Nov. 20 - 6:00pm-7:15 Confirmation (7th-9th Grade) 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells
Sun., Nov. 24: 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Youth Group Pie Sale; 6:00pm Youth Movie Night, "Star" - 6th grade and up welcome!

Tues., Nov. 26 - 5:30pm-6:30pm Bible Study: Book of Acts
Wed., Nov. 27 - No confirmation
Our Savior's
Wed., Nov. 20 - 6:00pm-7:15pm Confirmation at Good Shepherd (7th-9th Grade)
Thurs., Nov. 21 - 2:00pm WEL-CA: 6:00pm Council Meeting
Sun., Nov. 24: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship; 6:00pm Youth Movie Night at Good Shep, "Star" - 6th grade and up welcome!

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

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To the voters in Clearwater County and MN House Districts 2A, 2B and U.S. House District 8,

A Huge Thank You and Congratulations for doing your part to get Republican Candidates Elected!

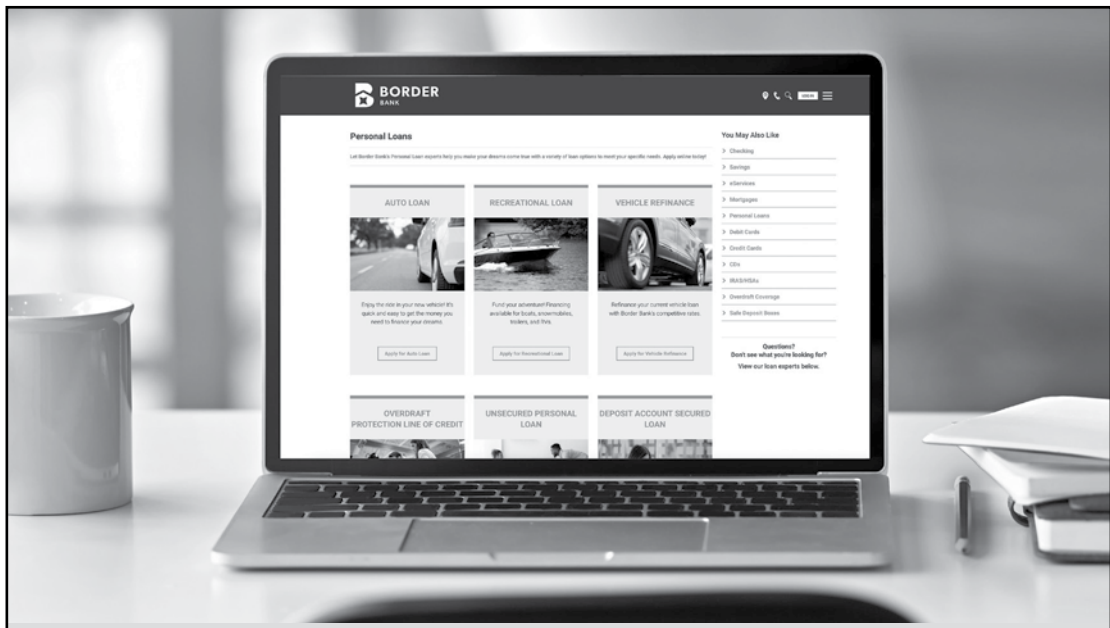
Thanks for lending your support to newly elected President Donald Trump and Vice President J.D. Vance. You also supported candidates Matt Bliss (2A), Bidal Duran Jr. (2B) and Pete Stauber (U.S. House for District 8) in their election victories.

And thanks for voting for our Senate Candidate Royce White -- who did not succeed in his attempt to unseat Senator Amy Klobuchar (this time around).

Our successful campaigns, and even those which did not succeed, sent a clear message that people want America and Minnesota to be Great Again!

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Clearbrook-Gonvick student council members and advisor Mr. Bettin attended the Student Council Fall Summit in East Grand Forks.

BEAR
TRACKS

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



Five of the Clearbrook-Gonvick students serve on the Northwest Division Student Council Board: Molly Phillips, Emma Nybo, Joely Olson-Hinrichs, Ava Larson and Aubrey McCoy.



Just a reminder that the Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary Student Council "Thanksgiving Food Drive" will be going on until next Wednesday, November 20th. Our goal is to fill up our turkey box as many times as we can for a chance to "Pie the Principal"! But mostly, we want to show our kids at the Clearbrook-Gonvick school how much they can make a difference in their community. So I am asking everyone to share this post and to help our school by donating to this great cause for the upcoming holidays!

Thank you for your help! Tiffany Kroulik and the CG Elem. Student Council

Snowmobile Safety
Class December 21

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office is hosting a youth Snowmobile Safety Field Day for interested operators 11 years of age or older. Anyone born after December 31, 1976 must have a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on public lands or waters in Minnesota. *Students age 16 or older may complete an online only course*

Step 1: Pre-Register for the class by calling Andy Anderson at 218-776-3112 Ext #104 or email at andyanderson@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Step 2: Complete the online youth snowmobile safety training by visiting www.dnr.state.mn.us, print the voucher and bring it to the field day.

Step 3: Attend the field day: Location: Clearbrook-Gonvick School, 16770 Clearwater Lake Road, Clearbrook, MN 56634

Date and Time: Saturday, December 21, 2024. Registration starts at 8:30 AM, class starts at 9:00 AM. Students need to bring a helmet and proper riding attire along with the voucher from the on line class. A parent or guardian needs to attend the first part of the class for registration. Snowmobiles are provided. Students and parents should arrive 15 minutes early.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Leader Record for the questions and answers interview. Thank you to all of the citizens that voted. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all those who placed second for competing. If one wants to win something one must be in the game. And a special Thank You to my supporters for all of the 386 votes. I view the votes I received as a win. Why?

As I wrote in the LR interview I support restoring trust in the District 2311, absolute transparency, 5 to 20 year financial projections/proformas, restructuring the building steering committee (remove the conflict of interest), determine what the actual ACADEMIC NEEDS are, full disclosure on the total cost of any referendum put forth to the district voters, full disclosure on who will pay the total cost of any referendum put forth to the district voters, I do not support the 35,000,000 plus carrying costs of approximately 21,000,000 for a true total cost of \$56,000,000 that I believe is currently under consideration for a next referendum. Opposition voices can change that.

I do support a \$9,000,000 (carrying cost of approx. 5.2 million for total cost of \$14,200,000) steel building with 10,000 square feet of classroom space, for sports rent the city gym for \$50,000/year, district pays for driver and bus assigned transportation for that gym, I believe and support that all of the above do put the students first, education first, very little construction disruption, shorter build time, no expensive remodeling to brick and mortar, use local businesses from 7 county area to administer the project-keeps a large amount of money in the area-does not go to the metro. My point is that my voters knew what I supported and by voting for me that is what they support. To me that is a win for the present and the future.

Thank you all again. Best Regards, Vance Norgaard

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Clearwater County Sheriff
Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

Bear Creek - Total 2			11/10/24 15:02:17 Alarm	11/10/24 15:45:04 Traffic Stop
11/13/24 14:28:39 Traffic Stop			11/11/24 19:36:04 Suspicious	11/11/24 14:16:20 Traffic Stop
11/14/24 12:38:13 Property			Activity	11/13/24 02:32:26 Medical
Damage			11/13/24 04:57:30 Death	11/13/24 13:56:00 Traffic Stop
City of Bagley - Total 11			Notification	11/14/24 11:05:15 Suspicious
11/10/24 06:37:32 Suspicious			11/13/24 16:09:49 Vehicle Lock	Activity
Activity			Out	11/14/24 13:05:36 Traffic Stop
11/10/24 16:33:28 911 Hang Up			11/13/24 17:45:04 Traffic Stop	11/14/24 16:18:16 Traffic Stop
11/10/24 17:20:47 Traffic Stop			11/14/24 07:43:58 Traffic Stop	11/16/24 11:24:11 Trespass
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11/13/24 17:49:03 Traffic Stop			11/16/24 12:49:39 911 Hang Up	Jurisdiction
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11/14/24 19:54:49 Vehicle Lock			11/16/24 21:23:19 Traffic Stop	11/15/24 10:23:48 Transport Out
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11/15/24 16:57:34 Harassment			11/16/24 23:15:21 Traffic Stop	
City of Shevlin - Total 1			Holst - Total 5	
11/15/24 11:14:09 Motor Vehicle			11/10/24 10:01:28 Traffic Stop	
Crash			11/11/24 08:35:37 Traffic Stop	
Copley - Total 12			11/13/24 10:58:09 Traffic Stop	
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			11/14/24 14:56:09 Traffic Stop	
			11/14/24 15:09:28 Traffic Stop	
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			Leon - Total 2	
			11/10/24 08:13:30 Traffic Stop	
			Long Lost Lake - Total 2	
			11/10/24 17:16:28 911 Hang Up	
			11/11/24 15:29:34 Traffic Stop	
			Minerva - Total 7	
			11/10/24 09:51:57 Traffic Stop	
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			11/10/24 15:29:52 Traffic Stop	
			11/10/24 16:07:41 Traffic Stop	
			11/11/24 14:36:31 Traffic Stop	
			11/13/24 06:10:30 Alarm	
			11/15/24 19:45:09 Traffic Stop	
			Moose Creek - Total 5	
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Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Nov. 20- Ham Stro-moli, Marinara Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Assorted Choices

Thurs. Nov. 21 - Pulled Pork on Bun, Coleslaw, Beans, Baked Chips, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Cereal Bar

Fri. Nov. 22- Chicken Tacos with Fixings, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Granola Bar

Mon. Nov. 25- Mini corn Dogs, Macaroni and Cheese, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Cereal Bar

Tues. Nov. 26 - Turkey Dinner with Fixings, Dessert Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Assorted

Wed. Nov. 27- Bosco Sticks, Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Cereal Bar

THE LEADER-RECORD 3



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Chargs in Clearbrook will be giving out turkeys to the first come first served on Thursday, November 21, starting at 10:00 am or until they are gone. A reminder to stay in your car and they will bring one out to you.

Go Fund me page for the five Frank brothers, Keegan 6, Kaeto 8, Braedynn 10, Tanner 12 and Zander 14 has grown to over \$104,047 after their injuries in a storage unit explosion in Bagley.

A reminder to lock your doors...Last week Beltrami Sheriff's department were in pursuit of Robert Langford. He was in a car accident and he was fleeing on foot north of Debs. Residences in the immediate area were notified. The suspect was taken into custody the next day on the Nels Olson Lake Road in Clearwater County.

Several folks were understandably still concerned they were happy that he was in custody.

The Santa Claus Day in Gonvick has been set for Friday, December 6 with tree lighting and Santa and Mrs. Claus. Norsk Farms LLC will be in Gonvick for Santa Claus Days on Friday, December 6th. Come, participate in the activities and see Thor & Odin the two horses that will be pulling the wagon to give rides.

Joke time
Ole was telling Lars, "would you believe my neighbor was knocking on my door at 2:30 this morning. It was so lucky that I was still up playing my drums."

Ole: Why do you suppose da dogs run so fast in North Dakota?

Lars: Vell, I reckon it is

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

My apologies for missing last week - sometimes life just gets in the way.

This week I found a recipe for a sheet pan meal. It was easy and delicious. I thought you might need it for a quick supper around the holidays.

R O A S T -
ED WINTER
SQUASH, SAUSAGE AND
BRUSSEL SPROUTS
3 cups cubed butternut squash or other squash
1 pound fresh brussel sprouts, halved



Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com

12 ounces smoked sausage, sliced
1/2 cup fresh or dried cranberries
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
Preheat oven to 425* and line baking sheet with foil.
Combine all ingredient in large bowl and mix together. Spread onto baking sheet. BAke 30 minutes or until veggies are tender. Serve hot.
Until next time, blessings to you and your family.



The Honking of Geese in a Season of Change

There's been a whole lot of honking going on. I'm not talking about the repercussions of the last election. Though, there's been a fair bit of honking over it, admittedly. No, I'm talking about geese. Their honks passing above us stop conversations. Gives pause to whatever we're immersed with. We stop to glance up into the heavens. Watch them work in unison, successfully, as they cross miles and miles of terrain to warmer wintering grounds. We can all learn a thing or two from the geese. How to better get along with one another, take turns in leading the way, communicate effectively - if rather loudly, and get the job at hand done for the betterment of all. I wrote down the prompt, "In the Season of Honking Geese...", and sent it to Cindy Kolling. We both used it as the beginning words of the following poems. Which one resonates most with you? My husband inspired my poem – it truly happened last week. Cindy's too, is reflective of her life experience. Poems are deeply personal, but a successful one captures something universal; a little nugget of truth others can relate to. Enjoy, and send a little love to the geese. They are an inspiration we can all learn from.

By Ann Marie Newman, 2024 -

In the Season of Honking Geese...
He went outside to sit.
Relax.
Distance himself from the world of man.

Cool chill gathered in his bones.
So, he built a fire inhaling with appreciation the smoke of wood and fall leaves.
Then, he lit a cigar whose smoke mingled romantically with the fires creating an aromatic union, both luscious and manly.

Suddenly, overhead a gaggle of geese rang out in a hallelujah psalm!

Honking a deafening tune rich in gratitude for the strength of their wings, their camaraderie of fellowship with one another.

Effectively defeating the quiet he'd sought.

Still, he smiled as he watched the gaggle pass overhead on a journey to southern lands.

because it is so doggone far between trees.

Coming events
The O'Neils will celebrate Christmas and Mid-Winter with a concert of carols at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick on Sunday, December 8 for the Samhold Ladies Christmas Party at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Gonvick-Trail All School Reunion and Gonvick Rodeo July 11th through July 14.

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 Gonvick is open three days a week. Check out various items or order what they don't have in stock for you. Or call 218-487-6220 to request something to be ordered for you. Hours are Monday 9 to 11 am, Wednesday 3 to 5 pm and Thursday 3 to 6 pm.

Clearwater County Service on T.H.E. Bus. Rider alert; County wide; 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Bagley: 10 am - 4:30 pm 1st, 3rd Saturday. Bemidji: 2nd, 4th Friday. Ride reservations to Bemidji must be scheduled by 3 pm the day prior to the trip. Call 800-201-3432.

Bemidji events

- Night We Light Parade (Nov. 29)
- Night We Light Ceremony (Nov. 29)
- Night We Light Fireworks (Nov. 29)
- Santa's Workshop (Nov 29, 2024 - Nov. 30)

to decrease
Recipes reviewed, extra calories needed now, no worries about getting obese
Eating patterns include more butter, salt and rich sweets
Next spring will soon enough for fat again to decrease
The partly made quilt from last season is still missing at least one piece
But when it's finally done, it will be a true masterpiece.
All this happens during the season of honking geese
Good thing for that...we all need a time for rest and peace.



Mrs. Hegg's First Grade Class at Clearbrook Gonvick School gave an outstanding performance at their Wax Museum of Famous Explorers on both Thursday and Friday, November 14th and 15th. Each student researched a Famous Explorer with their families; creating their costume and designing a poster to present information on their Famous Explorer. The students memorized 4 sentences to present as the wax character of their Famous Explorer. These students did an outstanding job! These students, along with their teacher, want to thank their families for supporting this learning experience!



My former neighbors the Midthuns. They have all grown up now. From left to right Peter, Julia Gerlofs, Joe and Laurel Meester. Both Joe and Laurel have followed in their fathers footsteps to become ministers. Eric spent several years at Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick.

Sheriff Report.. Continued from last page

11/14/24 02:54:45 Traffic Stop	11/16/24 14:41:56 911 Hang Up	11/11/24 10:14:14 Trespass
11/14/24 10:13:30 Traffic Stop	Rice - Total 5	11/13/24 19:40:47 Vehicle Off Road
11/16/24 05:20:34 Traffic Stop	11/10/24 10:22:26 Traffic Stop	11/15/24 23:52:33 Traffic Stop
Popple - Total 4	11/11/24 15:09:04 Traffic Stop	Sinclair - Total 1
11/10/24 19:27:55 Traffic Stop	11/14/24 21:06:14 Death	11/12/24 13:44:50 Traffic Stop
11/12/24 14:00:14 Trespass	11/15/24 19:04:36 Traffic Stop	Total Records: 91
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5th Annual Spears, Beers and Decoy's show this weekend in Bejou

Have you ever heard of dark-house spearing? It is a fun winter activity that can be enjoyed by anyone looking to combat winters cabin fever. Are you looking for a new and fun winter hobby?

Do you appreciate the art and creativity of classic, made by hand sporting goods that stand the test of time and become family heirlooms?

Then you need to make plans to attend the 5th Annual Spears, Beers and Decoy show held this Saturday, November 23rd at the Lean To Tavern and Peachy's Pub on Main Street in Bejou, Minnesota, with over 30 vendors spread between the two venues.

The vendor show will start at 9:00 am and continue until 3:00 pm. There will be a live auction starting at 3:30 pm.

New vendors this year will be The Shak fish houses, Drive Trailers and new carver Paul Sparks.

Other vendors at this year's show will include: Icesaw, LLC, Northern Spiked, Jordee BBQ Supply, Nephew Teasers, Tradewell Decoys, Tempt-Lure, Rick Wirth, Belle Rlver Spear Co., Hjelle Arc Custom Spears, Whittier Decoy's, PTP Chapter, Wes Lofstrom, Smart Teaser, Minnesota Darkhouse and Angling Association, Bemidji Sports Center, Grumpy's Balls, John Peeters, Dennis Bertram, Finn's Spins, JW Allrich Custom Designs, Virgil Presthy, Panfish Pirate, Brad Lange, Randy Lofstrom, Karen Thomas, Stoney's Custom Designs, John Baar, Allen Erickson, Wabana Creek Decoy's, Uffda Carving, Gus Nelson, Hitch Harness, and Bruce Blades.

There will also be a concession stand at the Lean To Tavern, along with regular menu items at Peachy's Pub.

Minnesota Darkhouse & Angling Association will also be at the show selling apparel.



Jordan and Kelsi Gunufson, owners of IceSaw.com will be your hosts for the 5th Annual Spears, Beers, and Decoys Show this weekend in Bejou, Minnesota. There will be raffles, door prizes, and a lot of fun activities taking place throughout the show.

Holiday Giveaway

Charps, LLC will be giving away turkeys at our office in Clearbrook

on Thursday, Nov. 21st, 2024 from 10:00 until noon (or until gone.)

Please remain in your vehicle, we will bring a turkey to you!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Turkeys will be given away on a first come, first served basis - 1 per household

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Cynthia Johnson, Angel Feather and Brynleigh Sampson read about the Veteran by Lynn Carrey at the Veterans Day program in Clearbrook.



Peter Mack, a member of the Duluth Army National Guard was in attendance at the Veterans Day program at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Peyton Wittenberg and Tasha Chandler with "Thank A Vet" by William A. Predeau at the Veterans Day program held in Clearbrook.



Clearbrook American Legion Auxiliary. a treat after the Veterans Day program last Monday, November 11. From left to right: Joni Hagen, Sharon Lembke, Laura Lindgren and Laurie Brein.



Clearbrook Legion members Ken Brein, Larry Djernes, Tom Anderson, Jerry Wraa, Bruce Brunsberg and Russell Lembke presented the colors at the Veterans Day Program in Clearbrook.



Larry Djernes and Tom Anderson presented the proper folding of the flag at the Veterans Day program that was held in Clearbrook. Sherry Rettmann read what each fold meant.

A properly proportioned flag will fold 13 times on the triangles, representing the 13 original colonies. The folded flag is emblematic of the tri-cornered hat worn by the Patriots of the American Revolution.

What do the Folds Represent?

The first fold stands for liberty. In America, we are free to own property, to elect our government representatives, to attend the church of our choice, to openly disagree, to travel freely without restriction, to pursue an education and the "American Dream." The white stripes of the Flag symbolize our liberty.

The second fold represents unity. Abraham Lincoln stated that a house divided against itself cannot stand. National unity in the face of natural disasters and external threats, such as those posed on September 11, 2001, has preserved our constitutional republic.

The third fold stands for justice. In America we believe that every person stands equal before the law and is deserving of just and fair treatment. The laborer and the lawyer are both entitled to justice in America. The blue of the Flag embodies justice.

The fourth fold symbolizes perseverance. To persevere means to endure, to remain steadfast despite severe hardship and obstacles. The Continental Army suffered repeated setbacks before claiming any significant victory. Yet throughout the brutal winter of 1777 at Valley Forge, they persevered.

The fifth fold represents hardiness. Hardiness is the ability to withstand difficulty while remaining resolute despite adversity. The aggressors in World War II underestimated American hardiness. They thought that Americans were soft, incapable and unwilling to endure hardship. Our soldiers and sailors such as those who fought at Normandy and Korea proved them wrong.

The sixth fold stands for valor. Valor means courage, the act of defending what is right even in the face of opposition. Nathan Hale, the

Revolutionary War patriot, was convicted of spying by the British in 1776. Before he was hanged, Hale displayed great valor with his words, "I only regret that I have but one life to live for my country." The red color in the flag represents valor, symbolic of the blood shed by all the American heroes who sacrificed for our freedom.

The seventh fold symbolizes purity. A pure nation is free from taint, from what weakens, pollutes or renders it ineffective. Our Founding Fathers illuminated freedom's path for us when they created the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The pure intent of these documents enabled the United States of America to become the greatest of all nations, a land of liberty which beckons to all who are seeking asylum from persecution and oppression.

The eighth fold represents innocence. Innocence implies that one is unacquainted with evil and thus free from sin. George Washington once stated, "The love of my country will be the ruling influence of my conduct." Americans pay tribute to him and to all those who give devoted service to uphold freedom's ideals without selfish or evil motivations.

The ninth fold signifies sacrifice. To sacrifice is to give up something valued for an ideal, belief or goal. America exists today because of the sacrifices of countless Americans. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in battles waged during the Revolution, the World Wars, in Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Afghanistan and other locations around the world. We pay tribute to them and to the firefighters, policemen, soup kitchen volunteers, members of our armed forces and numerous others who continue to sacrifice for freedom.

The tenth fold stands for

honor. One who possesses honor possesses a keen sense of ethical conduct. To honor a person or ideal is to display respect for them. We give thanks for all who have acted with honor in the founding and growth of America. We pray that each citizen and all those who represent us in government will conduct themselves in a manner that will continue to bring honor to our nation and to our Flag.

The eleventh fold symbolizes independence. Independence is the state of being free, of being able to make unrestricted choices within the law as free individuals and as a free nation. Ever since our nation's birth, Americans have fiercely defended their independence against all oppressors. Patrick Henry articulated the sentiments of his fellow Americans past, present and future when he uttered those famous words, "Give me liberty, or give me death." America stands as an icon of freedom and independence for the oppressed of the world. May it always remain so.

The twelfth fold represents truth. Truth is the body of real events and facts. It is preserved through adherence to reality and the avoidance of falsehoods. America was built upon God-given truths articulated in the Declaration of Independence "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Adherence to these truths has made America a great nation. We pledge to continue this noble legacy of truth so that in America, every man, woman and child may forever be free.

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Clearwater County Environmental Services

Clearwater County Recycling Drop-Off Locations Accepting:

- aluminum cans
- steel food cans
- glass bottles and jars with lids removed
- plastic containers #s 1, 2 and 5
- newspaper and office paper
- clean cardboard

Two drop-off locations, one in Bagley and one in Clearbrook, both at County Highway Department shops.

Mixed recyclables from these locations are sorted at the Materials Recovery Facility in Fosston. Revenue from recyclables sales helps offset tipping fees paid by the County for garbage disposal at the Fosston Incinerator. Please contact Clearwater County Environmental Services at 694-6183 for further information.



It takes a village to raise a child. How many Scandinavians does it take to make a Lutefisk dinner? The Clearbrook Legion and Auxiliary served many at their dinner last Thursday, November 14. From left to right: Russell Lembke, Sharon Lembke, Matt Anderson, Laurie Brein, Ken Brein, Corrinne Anderson, Tom Anderson, Elwood Nordlund, Lloyd Engen, Sandy Granley, Cindy Stoller, Bill Stoller, Margaret Larson, Donna Rae Jacobson, Laura Lindgren and Darci Hagen.

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

November 18-22 2024 is Winter Hazard Awareness Week and I would like to take this time to remind everyone about



winter weather safety. It won't be long before we are faced with snow and slippery roads. Each year when winter weather

begins and the road conditions worsen, many motorists struggle with relearning how to drive on slippery or snow-covered roads. It doesn't matter if you are a seasoned driver or new to the road, winter road conditions will cause accidents. I want to remind everyone of some safety tips when driving this winter and also what to expect with winter weather watches and warnings.

If you are going to be trav-

eling this winter, pay attention to any weather-related announcements. If you hear that a winter storm warning has been issued in the area you will be driving, reconsider your reason for going out. If it is not an emergency, stay home. A winter storm warning means that a winter storm is occurring or is going to occur usually within 36 hours. The criteria for a winter storm are snow fall between 4-7 inches or at least 3 inches of snow with a large accumulation of ice and winds less than 35 miles an hour. If the same inches of snow occur with winds in excess of 35 miles an hour, a blizzard warning will be issued. If your travel plans can be delayed during one of these events, delay them. It is not worth getting stranded and having to spend countless hours in a cold car waiting for help to arrive.

If you become stranded, stay with your car. Help will come. Plan ahead and have a winter weather survival kit in each vehicle you own. The kit could include a flashlight with extra batteries, high energy foods such as dried fruit or candy, a first aid kit, blanket or sleeping bag, disposable hands warmers, a tow rope, booster cables and a small shovel or something similar to keep snow cleared from your exhaust pipe.

If you have a cell phone, be sure it is charged before leaving, or have charging cables with you, and inform your family or friends of your destination and approximate time of arrival. That way, hopefully you can reach someone if you go into the ditch and in turn, someone will know where to start looking if you don't show up at your destination. Don't assume your cell phone will work at all times, as cell service can be intermittent in rural areas and storms can make signal strength worse.

If you decide to keep your travel plans despite the winter weather conditions, always

buckle up. The law states that you must be buckled up at all times while traveling in a motor vehicle and driving on slippery roads makes it that much more important that you are. Drive with reduced speed if the roads are covered in snow or ice. Just because the speed limit may say 55 miles per hour, doesn't mean you should drive at that speed. You must always drive with due care and caution.

Greater speeds on icy roads are a recipe for disaster. Your chance of going into a skid is much higher. If your vehicle does go into a skid, remain calm, ease your foot off the accelerator and steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go. Never use cruise control on slippery roads as you are more likely to lose control if your car begins to skid.

Another concern when driving in winter is stopping. You must allow a greater distance between vehicles if you are on icy roads. If your vehicle has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), use that feature as it was intended. Apply a steady and firm pressure to the brake pedal. Do not pump the brakes. The system is designed to do all the work and you will feel a vibration in the brake pedal and

hear what sounds like a grinding noise. This is all normal. You may think that you are not stopping when the ABS system is activated, but you are. Don't panic. Let the computer in your car do its job.

As a last precaution, be alert to snowplows. Leave at least five car lengths between yourself and the snowplow. They are trying to clear the roads and make them safer for us and they cannot always see you. Be sure to keep your windows clear of snow and ice and also make sure your taillights and headlights are clear of snow. If others cannot see you, you are much more likely to be involved in an accident.

I hope this is a safe winter season for everyone. Be alert to the weather and use common sense. We all need to do our part to keep the roads safe.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you and as always, I am honored to serve as your Clearwater County Sheriff.



1st place in Puzzle building contest for the All-School Reunion who finished in 45 minutes were Jessica Rogstad, Cassie Spray, Stacy Spray and Rachel Spray



2nd Place - Finished in 55 minutes, Darci Hagen, Ashley Kelzer and Amanda Hoffman.



3rd Place - Finished in 57 minutes, Heidi Marsh, Renae Marsh and Ivan Marsh.



All School Reunion 2025 committee held a fund raising activity for the event that is being planned in Clearbrook for next year. Many tables were given a bag with the same puzzle and the first ones done received the awards. It was held in the Legion club rooms at the community center. -Photos courtesy of the Reunion committee.

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

Accepting:

- ✗ Demolition Debris
- ✗ Waste Tires
- ✗ Major Appliances
- ✗ Scrap Metal
- ✗ Yard Waste
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items

NO regular household trash

Hours:	Tuesday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	Thursday	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATED 1.5 miles NE of Bagley on County Road 24

For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us

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Local 4-H Ambassadors were recognized for their outstanding leadership in 4-H at the 2024 Clearwater County 4-H Awards Banquet. Pictured in Back are: Kailey Klema, Aaliyah Anderson, Kaylynn Waldvogel, Kayla Johnshoy Pictured in front are: Izack Girtz & Macie Farr

To the right. Sandy Girtz was recognized at the 2024 Clearwater County 4-H Awards Banquet for her countless hours of Volunteer work. She received the "Volunteer of the Year" award.

