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Leroy Mostrom's 95th birthday party was held at the Gonvick Legion on Sunday, November 3. He is wearing his Trail VFW 6426 Post jacket. The quilt of honor that is hanging behind him was made by Karen Oftelie for his service in the Army.

Mostrom celebrates his 95th birthday with a party at the Legion

LeRoy Mostrom was honored on his 95th birthday by family and friends on Sunday, November 3.

He was born November 15, 1929 to Parents William (Willie) and Ella Mostrom as one of seven children. They included: Doris, Shirley, Robert, Lyle, Bernice, Forrest and LeRoy.

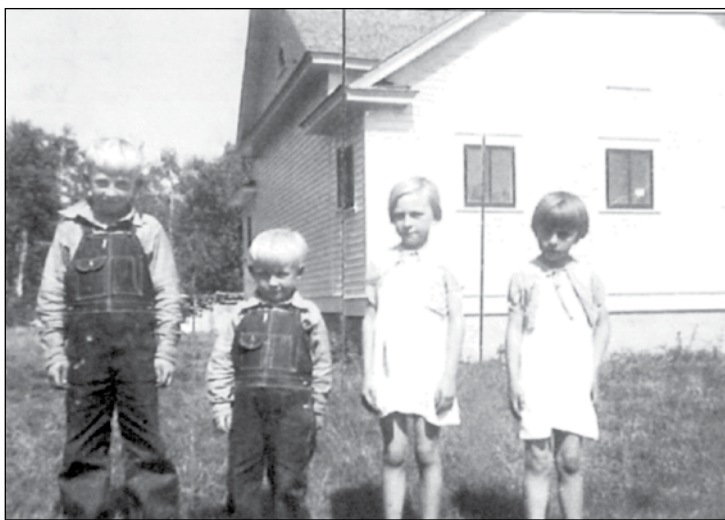
He lived most of his life in Hickory Township and in the City of Gonvick.

In 1951, LeRoy was drafted into the Army at the age of 22. He went into basic training at Fort Sheridan in Illinois. After 16 weeks of Army Infantry training he received his orders.

He was deployed to Germany and Italy. He was a jeep driver delivering messages and orders. He was discharged with the rank of corporal from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. The camp was named for Joyce Kilmer, a poet killed in World War I while serving with the 69th Infantry Regiment.

He has many interesting stories of his time during his military service.

After his time in the Army he



Picture taken in 1940 of four of the Mostrom children. From left to right LeRoy Mostrom, Robert Mostrom, Doris Mostrom Bjerkie Danielson and Bernice Mostrom Oftelie.

spent many years working in road construction in the Minneapolis and St. Paul area.

He returned back to northern Minnesota and he has lived in Gonvick for several years. He spent time working for the Green Thumb program in the city.

His party was hosted by family and friends. Besides all the goodies there were two cakes for him. He received a Quilt of Honor for his time in the military made by Karen Oftelie, his nephew Gary's wife.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Girls Basketball: Front row Seniors: Alison Lavine and Tavia Johnson. Back row: Emma Fawver, Lainey Fawver, Mya Engen, Savannah Kumpula, Millie Shegrud, Ava Larson, Joely Olson and Sarah Imle.



Clearbrook Santa Day activities

The Clearbrook Santa Day will be held on Saturday, December 7th.

The big Arts & Crafts Show will have many set up in the Clearbrook Community Center. That will run from 10:00am to 3:00pm - with over 40 craft vendors. Featuring handmade crafts, woodwork, baked goods, holiday & home décor, decorative signs, canned goods, jewelry & much more!

Fresh Lefse will be made on site to purchase!! *The Youth Connection at Clear Waters Life Center will have a Fundraiser Lunch from 11am to 2pm in the Community Center Banquet Room

There will be Christmas Activities for the Kids starting at 12:00 pm at the Gathering Place (Small Gym).

Santa will arrive at 1:00pm to visit with the Kids and Hand out Treats!

\$1,200 in Trade Bucks will be given away. There will be ONE Registration Box at the Clearbrook Community Center. Register from 10:00 am – 2:00pm -- ONE (1) Entry Per Person.

Drawing will be held in the Banquet Room at 3:00 pm. You must be present to win. You also have to be 18 years or older to win – One Prize per Person. 40 - \$30 Winners

Old Fashioned Christmas in Gonvick

Good old fashioned family Christmas on Friday, December 6 in Gonvick.

There will be a gigantic tree lighting ceremony on the corner of Main and 2nd Ave. the old Vandy's Grocery lot. It all starts at 6 pm when Santa and Mrs. Claus will come to Gonvick on the horse drawn wagon to start the festivities.

Kids are to stop at Northern Bait & Convenience or Northern State Bank to sign up for a drawing to Light the Tree on Main Street. You must be between the ages of 4 to 14. You can also pick up your "Dear Santa" Letter to fill out and bring to the Legion on the 6th.

One child will be drawn to light up the tree. Singing carols and a word from Pastor Will.

Board hears audit report from auditor Eide Bailly

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board at their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 18 had a zoom meeting with Eide Bailly. The auditor for the district gave his report. John Hagen who has been with the Eide Bailly was on a zoom meeting.

The district had 1.2 million expenditures and that required them to have the annual audit.

One of the findings included segregation of duties which comes up every year with small districts. There are not enough people and all the duties are done by a few staff.

Two legal Minnesota compliance issues were expenditure without public purpose and inactive Student Activity Account with remaining cash balance. They need to be closed each year. Some are raising funds which has not been spent.

The district has shown a steady growth in cash and investments. In 2015 the district had \$1,067 and in 2024 \$5,821. Balance is in thousands for the past ten years.

The enrollment numbers show a steady pace. In 2015 it was 418 and in 2024 467 was reported. That number reported at the November 18 board meeting from November 11 was 512.

The total revenues for the year was \$9,223,841 with expenditures of \$8,081,829 with excess of \$1,144,055. Add to that excess the fund balance of \$3,300,048 at the beginning of the year for an end of year total of \$4,414,103.

Hagen showed a steady growth in the General Fund Balance. In 2015 the total was \$111,393 and in 2024 auditor it was \$3,851,004. That figure broken down includes \$3,500 Nonspendable; Restricted for Student Activities \$96,720; Scholarships \$46,675; Literary \$27,164; American Indian Aid \$28,107; Operating Capital \$194,413; Achievement and Integration \$10,144; Safe Schools Levy \$48,111; Long Term Facilities Maintenance \$68,265 and Student Support Personnel \$40,000.

For the last five years the district has maintained an unassigned fund balance of 25% of the expenditures. That offers a cushion for unexpected expenditures or revenue shortfalls. That can also be investment income and contributes to a favorable bond rating.

There is a positive fund balance in the Food Service Fund. The district will have to spend down that fund which can be used for kitchen supplies and other things.

Principals report

Ryan Grow game the report in the absence of Josh Tharaldson. The district will have to look at licensure requirements for staff members.

There will be a creative festival on November 27 for grades 6, 7 and 8.

The Veterans Day Program that the whole school attended was well done.

Basketball season started and Christmas Break is coming up with the dates of December 23 to January 1.

Superintendent report

Ryan Grow stated they are still looking for a 1/2 time cook and a para in the Indian Ed program.

The PCL leadership meeting will be held to discuss the social and emotional needs of the students.

The Joint Powers board has been meeting their goals on achievement and progress and that report is due in the middle of December.

The Star Program with 6, 7 and 8 grade students learning leadership skills.

The MSBA Leadership conference for board members is coming up January 16 and 17 for those who wish to attend.

The Air Quality Bonds have been invested with Ehlers Financial. The proceeds can be used as capital on prior expenses.

The Security camera system is aging. There are concerns that it is not functioning. They met with Garden Valley with a walk through. A new system will be installed during Christmas break at a cost of \$43,000. That will include 10 additional cameras, labor, equipment and training.

There will be replacement of parking lot lights to LED.

Shafer will do an interest survey on Varsity and Junior High baseball.

No committee reports this month.

Consent Calendar

The consent calendar was approved.

Bills paid for non-payroll included \$473,699.32. Some bills were Superior Transportation \$96,026.48; BRIC \$56,259; Teachers On Call \$15,425.93; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$10,207.46; Eide Bailly \$9,098.39; Listrom Disposal \$3,019.02; Dick's Plumbing & Heating of Bemidji \$2,625.54; Knutson, Flynn & Deans \$2,602.50; Bessler Electric \$1,912.47; Bemidj Bus Line \$1,700.00; Clearbrook-Gonvic Bear Boosters \$1,560.83. North County Hardware \$1,250.32; Carden Valley \$1,190.65; Da-Roo's Pizza \$1,162.00. Payroll of \$268,673.32 for a total of \$742,372.64.

Old Business

The board was given enrollment

2024 schedule

Girls Basketball			
11/26/24	@ Mahn-Wau	4:45/ 5:30 /700	
12/3/24	vs. WHA	4:00/6:00/7:30	
12/6/24	vs. RLCC	4:00/6:00/7:30	
12/12/24	@ Cass Lake-Be.	5:00/6:00/7:30	
12/13/24	@ Fertile-Beltrami	6:00/7:30	
12/17/24	@ Red Lake	6:00/7:30	
12/19/24	vs. Bagley	4:00/6:00/7:30	
1/3/25	@ Blackduck	5:00/6:00/7:30	
1/7/25	vs. Lake of the Wo	5:00/6:30	
1/9/25	@ Kelliher/North	6:00/7:30	
1/16/25	vs. Fosston	6:00/7:30	
1/17/25	@ Red Lake Falls	6:00/7:30	
1/21/25	@ Nevis	5:00/6:00/7:30	
1/24/25	@ RLCC	6:00/7:30	
1/28/25	vs. Warren-Al-Oslo	5:00/6:30	
1/30/25	vs. Red Lake Falls	6:00/7:30	
1/31/25	vs. Red Lake	4:00/6:00/7:30	
2/4/25	@ Roseau	5:00/6:30pm	
2/6/25	vs. Blackduck (Day Game)	1:30	
2/7/25	@ Good Grygla	4:00/5:30	
2/11/25	@ Lake of the Wo	5:00/6:30	
2/13/25	vs. Laporte	4:00/5:45/7:15	
2/14/25	vs. Kelliher/North	4:00/6:00/7:30	
2/18/25	@ Pine River-Backus	5:00/6:30	
2/21/25	@ NCE-Ulen-Hitterdal	5:30/7:00	
Junior High Girls extra			
12/9/24	vs. Fosston	4:30/5:30pm	
1/7/25	@ Fosston	4:30/5:30pm	
1/14/25	@ Bagley	4:30/5:30pm	
1/16/25	vs. Win-E-Mac	4:30/5:30pm	
1/23/25	@ RLCC	4:30/5:30pm	
1/28/25	@ Good-Grygla	4:00/5:00pm	
2/1/25	Tourney @ Cass Lake,	8:30am	

School board...
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Community Calendar

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 of" to the Christmas season.

School board...

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ment caps . 6th grade with 48 students out of a possible 50; 7th grade 39 students out of a possible 44 and 8th grade 47 out of a possible 50.

New business

They accepted the resignation of Casey Kroulik as Head Track and Field Coach after 12 years of service.

They approved a Family Medical Leave for Hannah Mash for 6 weeks starting December 5 to January 17, 2025. She will be using 240 hours of PTO leave.

They hired Sheray Torgerson as Cheerleading Coach for \$1,640. This will be her third year.

They approved the 2023-2024 Financial audit.

There might not be summer

meals as there will be construction going on this summer. They will be looking at other possibilities.

The board will be working on a referendum that may not take place until next summer or fall.

The next board meeting will be December 16 a 7:00 pm with the Truth in Taxation meeting and the regular meeting.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

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

Thurs. Nov. 28 -Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Fri. Nov. 29- Beef Shepherd's Pie, Roasted Squash, Corn Muffin, Sugar Cookie and Milk.

Mon. Dec. 2 - Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti, Green Peas, Country Veg. Blend, Roll and Milk.

Tues. Dec. 3 -Beef Roast with Gravy and New Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Snickerdoodle Cookie and Milk.

Wed. Dec. 4 - Tuna Noodle Casserole, Broccoli Florets, Peach Crisp and Milk.

Meal subject to change.

Call 218-776-3154

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

215 Central St W, Bagley

Invites all

Parishioners and Community to the

December 7, 2024 Brunch

St. Joseph's Fellowship Hall

Brunch served 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Holiday Bake Sale • Crafts • Raffle

Opens at 8:30 a.m.

Event benefits St. Joseph's and St. Ann's Guild

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Gonvick City council

Gonvick City council had their regular meeting on Thursday, November 14.

The minutes were approved from October 10, 2024.

Dan Aakre was at the meeting to discuss the cat and dog issues in the city. He works with animal control for the county as the Pound Master. Barking dogs in the city limits was discussed. It is the dogs barking in the night that has the most complaints. One needs to call the sheriffs department at that time so they will relay the time and date of the call. Calling in the day time about an incident at night does not do any good. They can't follow up on that call.

Ryan Solee Police Department with 10 records that included: Animal Related 2; Assault 1; Assist Other Agency 1; Drug Related 1; Information Only 1; Medical 1; Theft 1.

Gonvick Fire Chief Cody Rude with his report since the last council meeting. They had 5 medical calls, 1 work night 1 car accident and 2 meetings.

They have added one new fireman with Trevor Rogstad on a one year probation period. The last meeting they appointed two committees: One for the roof on the old part of the fire hall and one for looking for options for a new grass rig or a skid unit to utilize the command truck. They are making a three year goal to raise money to purchase a newer engine.

They have fire firemen signed

Tree decorating schedule set for Historical Society's 2024 Festival of Trees

Organizations, Families and Businesses will be decorating trees that will be on display at the History Center in Shevlin during the month of December. Anyone planning to decorate a tree is welcome to come to the center during these times:

Nov. 26 10:00- 6:00

Nov. 27 10:00- 4:00

Nov. 30 10:00- 2:00

December 1st 1:00- 4:00 (if needed, call for appointment for this date)

The trees will be set up and waiting for your creative touches.

Clearwater County Historical Society's 2024 Festival of Trees will open on Tuesday December 3 at 1:00 and run until December 22. Several festive events are planned to occur during the month as well.

For more information call the History Center at 218-785-2000.

Note: the History Center in closed Mondays and will be closed November 28th & 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center will have a Free Will Donation, LIVE MUSIC event on December 17 at noon. Musical guests are Dean & Peggy who'll bring that good, old time music. Also, we'll be having a Secret Santa Gift Exchange



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Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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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.

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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Clearbrook Site: 256 2nd Ave., SW

We are hiring for the Marketing position! If you are interested, call the office at (218) 776-2789 for more information or stop by the office to apply. Pay rate will be based on experience.

Happy Thanksgiving! The Clearbrook site will be closed Thursday – Friday, November 28-29.

Shop at the Top will be open Saturday, November 30th, from 10 am – 12 pm.

Youth Connection will be serving sweet rolls, coffee and lunch during Santa Day on Saturday, December 7th, in the American Legion room from 8:30 am – 2 pm. Come out and support your local youth program and get a delicious meal at the same time!

Shop at the Top: December 2-6, Monday-Friday, 25% off Christmas items!

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.

The Gonvick CWLC Building will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28th. The gym will be open for Pickleball on Friday, November 29th, from 9 am – 3 pm.

For more information on our programs & services, visit our website: www.clearwaterslife.org. Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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concurrently. All wishing to participate need to bring a PRE-WRAPPED, \$5 GIFT to share. We'll have music, presents and fun for all! If you'd like to eat at the center at 11am the day of, RSVP by calling #218-776-3154 by 9am on December 17, or sooner. Meals are \$6 for members and \$9.50 for non-members. Joyce Moen, our cook extraordinaire, will be making baked ham - YUM!

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Church News

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

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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.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick
Pastor Will Anderson
Week of: November 25-December 1, 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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Michael Wright
Good Shepherd

Wed., Nov. 27 -No confirmation
Thurs., Nov. 28 - Happy Thanksgiving – church office is closed!

Sun., Dec. 1: 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Coffee Hour – no Sunday School

Tues., Dec. 3- 5:30pm-6:30pm Bible Study: Book of Acts

Wed., Dec. 4 -6:00pm-7:30 First Wednesday (7th – 12th grade) at Good Shepherd; 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells

Our Savior's

Wed., Nov. 27 -No confirmation

Thurs., Nov. 28 - Happy Thanksgiving – church office is closed!

Sun., Dec. 10: 00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship

Tues., Dec. 3- 5:30pm-6:30pm Bible Study: Book of Acts

Wed., Dec. 4 -6:00pm-7:30 First Wednesday (7th – 12th grade) at Good Shepherd

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseeth

Wed. Nov. 27: 7pm Nazareth.

Thu. Nov. 28: 9:45am Oak Park.

Sun. Dec. 1: 8:45am Oak Park.

SS. 9:45am Nazareth w/Communion.

9:45am St. Petri & Oak Park Livestream.

Wed. Dec. 4: 5pm Wednesday School. 6:30pm Vespers. 7pm LYS.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley

Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Sun. Dec. 1: 9am Worship at Lund. 10:30am Sand Valley.

Wed. Dec. 4: Advent at Lund: 6pm Dinner, 7pm Service.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
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Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Children's Ministry Lead Kari Godin

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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)

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

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Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Good Old-fashioned Christmas in Gonvick!

GIGANTIC TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY Friday, December 6th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Downtown Gonvick, corner of Main & 2nd Ave.

- Enjoy Free Hot Cocoa
- A Word from Pastor Will
- And Christmas Carols!

After the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Head to the American Legion Building in Gonvick for a Cup of Warm Soup, S'mores and a Lefse Bar!

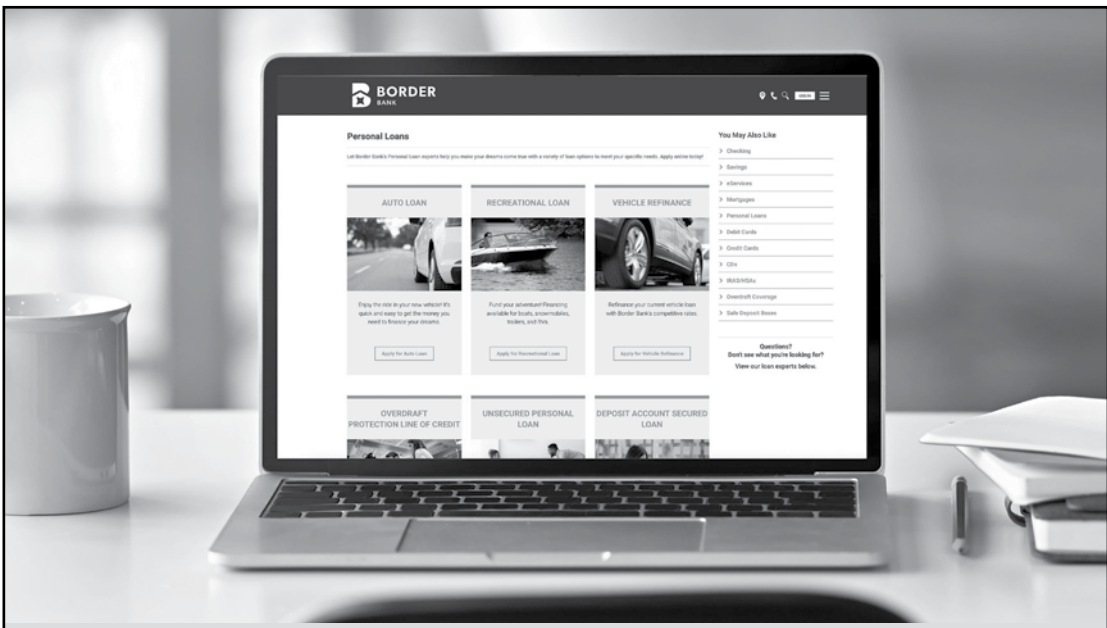
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BEAR TRACKS

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



The Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary Student Council did a "Thanksgiving" themed Food Drive at the school this last week. They brought in 422 lbs worth of donations to the Clearwater County Food Shelf. Thank you to everyone who donated and made this such a successful event!



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Wear winners from November 22nd. Front: Brielle Jones, Melody Colen, Willow Northup, Mick Supan, and Theresa Bolduc. Back: Avery Ostenaar, Broden Benson, Mr. Schafer, Bryar Kroulik, and Claire Bakke.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll 7th Grade

Ava Anderson, Becca Dahl, Faith Gunning, Grace Gunning, Quincy Gustafson, Lillian Hill, Isabelle Krog, Bryar Kroulik, Caroline Machlitt, Jammarr Weems

8th Grade
Wyatt Abel, Trevor Bjerke, Ashten Churness, Karli Dahlke, Carson Derby, Elias Haugan, Kayden-Lois Hoel, Travis Johnson, Eric Larson, Erik Preuss, Alydia Samson, Tessa Vettleson, Victoria Vettleson, Lily Walberg, Harper Watne, Chase Wegscheid

9th Grade
Alexa Anderson, Bella Dahl, Lainey Fawver, Avery Haugan, Kendra Klein, Savannah Kumpula, Gunner Olson, Carter Peterson

10 Grade
Lucas Bakken, Braxton Bjerke, Mysten Dahlke, Hadley DeVries, Grant Engen, Mya Engen, Ryan Gerlofs, Trey Goudge, Anna Harvey, Makenzie Holmstrom, Carver Kroulik, Malea Matheson, Madisen Walser, Kailiem White, Hayden Wilde

11th Grade
Brett Berg, Jacie Bergerson, Joely Hinrichs Olson, Sarah Imle, Ava Larson, Amelia Machlitt, Chasity Matheson, Aubrey McCoy, Hannah Weems, Mikaela Weems, Wyatt Westrum

12th Grade
Gabrielle Anderson, Dylan Dahlke, Kameryn Defoe, Tatum Melby, Emma Nybo, Meika

Schmidtgall, Clayton Smith, Natalie Tollefson

"B" Honor Roll 7th grade

Camden Aakre, Ellyse Berg, Kysen Dombkowski, Shya Engebretson, Miles Goudge, Mason Proffit, Bria Sather, Brittany Thomas

8th grade
Ja'Nya Hardy-Martin, Daisy Java, Cynthia Johnson, Izabella Klusken, Niah Willett-Knutson, Allie Olson, Gracie Petit, Mason Roy, Havin Salzer, Sebastian Thompson, Talan Zabarskie

9th grade
Lily Lussier, Kreed Shegrud, Christopher Skjaret, Tyler Thomas, Meah Walker, Peyton Wittenberg

10th grade
Carter Ballard, Blayten Benson, Jarrott DeMarrias, Trevor Furey, Cheyenne Harr, Seneca Johnson, Jaret Larson, Molly Nelson, Erika Rude

11th grade
Haylie Anderson, Brady Beaulieu, Brandon Branchaud, Natasha Chandler, Aden DeSchane, Layla Engebretson, Dakota Erickson, Emma Fawver, Elijah Hacker, Logan Knutson, Zachary Ysen

12th grade
Jacob Anderson, Broden Benson, Ryan Bodenstainer, Hasani Bruton, Camille DeSchane, Alexander Harvey, Tavia Johnson, Vernelle Kingbird-Spears, Aleeyah Molden, Molly Phillips, Craig Roy 111, Aubrey Stoskopf

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.

Christmas Concerts at Clearbrook-Gonvick School

Ring in the Christmas Spirit with Clearbrook-Gonvick School Holiday Concerts! Elementary grades K-3 will be performing on Thursday, December 5. The theme of the Concert this year is "Ring Out the Bells!"

The High School Band and Choir Concert is Tuesday, December 10. The art classes will be exhibiting their work and there will be some jewelry items for sale. Both concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and take place in the high school gym. We hope to see you there!

Girls win first home game over Win-E-Mac

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the Win-E-Mac Patriots on Friday, November 22. They took the victory 57 to 48 for their first home game of the season.

High scorers for the Bears were Emma Fawver with 17, Aubrey Stoskopf 15, Allison Lavine 12 points and 14 rebounds, Jodley Olson 11 points. They are being coached by Scott Schafer.

Scoring for the Patriots were Lauren Kaupang 13 points and 9 rebounds, Shelby Mandt 10 points and Ensley Haskett 7 points, 7 rebounds. They are coached by Paul Kaster.

Clearbrook Community Club Lighting Contest

City of Clearbrook Residents get your houses & yards "Holiday Ready" by December 13th for a chance to win Trade Bucks to local Clearbrook Businesses. Judging will take place the evening of Friday, December 13th. To make sure we don't miss your house, call City Hall & let us know you're full of Christmas Cheer! We would like to encourage local businesses to spread the holiday cheer by decorating their businesses as well.

The ad can be comparable to last year. Can you run that next week and the following week?

Craft Shop hours

The Bagley Senior Center has extended their hours for the Christmas Holiday season. Starting on Thursday, December 6 and Friday, December 7 the Craft and Thrift stores will be open 10am -6pm, and Saturday 10-2pm. These holiday hours will run through Saturday December 21.

The Craft and Thrift Stores will maintain their regular hours Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The two stores are full of holiday items, from decorations to beautiful gift ideas, many unique one of a kind items made by local crafters and artisans. Remember to check out the Vintage Room for treasures waiting to find a new home.

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The role of small-town newspapers

By Gary A Boorman
I enjoy receiving the Clearbrook Leader-Record as my brother and his wife have provided a gift subscription for many years. Over the years I enjoyed seeing an occasional story of our parents (George and Winnie Boorman), our cousin Harvey, my classmates and the neighbors that I grew up with as a child. As I read about the decline of local newspapers, I worry that this important connection to my community may

be lost. I know that I am not alone as letters of appreciation from others who have moved away from the community appear in the Leader-Record. I think that it is easy to take the paper for granted and not appreciate what it means to the local community.
In the last twenty years about a quarter of the newspapers have closed across the United States. William McKinzie, Senior advisor to the George W Bush Institute (The

Catalyst) noted that local newspapers are critical to strengthening our democracy. National News and the internet do not cover local news and the Local papers provide many important functions besides the local news. When local newspapers close communities pay more money for municipal bonds (Murphy, 2018). It is not surprising that government salaries are higher and bonds receive less scrutiny without local reporting. What may not be appreciated is that local issues have a big impact on our lives. For example, whether a new school gets built. The Leader-Record played an important role for discussion when Clearbrook and Gonvick decided to combine the schools. Also the Leader-Record provided a forum for discussion with expansion of the pipeline.

Local newspapers also provide a chronology and history of the region and also provide a sense of community. I still have clippings from the Leader-Record of my folks 59th anniversary that took place in our barn. There were no animals in the barn at the time and everyone took part in cleaning up, decorating and heating the place. Lots of folks attended which was helped by a large ad we placed in the Leader-Record with a picture of Winnie and George in front of the barn. It was a surprise to them and a great time. Local newspapers encourage more folks to participate in local government and informed citizens can make better choices.

Journalism is the only profession that's protected by the Constitution. Our founders recognized the importance of the free press in providing a check and balance on those in power while also keeping the community informed. It has been difficult for local newspapers when you can read local stories on the internet for free. Both New York State and Illinois state lawmakers are considering bills that would strengthen local media and require technology companies like Google and Facebook to provide compensation to news organizations for their content (Funkhouser, 2024).

An editorial in local newspaper in Kentucky (Mountain Citizen, 2023) noted that local newspapers cover the achievements of local schools, community members and local businesses. Advertising helps local business and folks are informed about events and sales. As noted previously the mountain Citizen editorial noted there is increased transparency which reduces costs and there is an increased shared identity in a local community. In the Leader-Record you have editors who will risk life and limb in a cherry picker to document the annual Car Show and Pumpkin Day in Gonvick (Leader-Record, Wednesday, October 9, 2024).

The next time you pick up a local newspaper remember the importance of local journalism to your community.



Look who was sharing live music at the Senior Center in Clearbrook at noon. Keith Winger! That was a free will offering music event!
Photo by Ann Newman



Love Lights a Tree gives you an opportunity to honor a loved one while raising money to support the American Cancer Society's Sandra J. Schulze Hope Lodge in Rochester Mn. All proceeds are sent directly to Sandra J. Schultz Hope Lodge. Your loved one's name will appear in the Farmer's Independent and the Leader Record during the month of December. Suggested donation is 5\$ per name with checks made out to the American Cancer Society and sent to

Kim LaVine, 18802 Co 39, Bagley MN, 56621.

Look for the Love Lights a Tree sign in the Bagley City Park with the white lit Remembrance Tree. Have a Blessed Christmas!

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE
By Susan Anderson

CORRECTION: BLUEBERRY BUCKLE should include 2 cups of flour in the cake mixture!

Today's recipe is for CRANBERRY PECAN PUMPKIN BREAD

3 cups of flour
1 t salt
1 t baking powder

1 t baking soda
4 t pumpkin pie spice
2 cups pumpkin puree
2/3 cups brown sugar
2/3 cups granulated sugar
1 cup applesauce or oil
3 room temperature eggs
1 T vanilla



Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com

1 cup dried cranberries
1 cup toasted chopped pecans
Preheat oven to 350*. Grease 2 bread pans(8x4) line with parchment for easy removal. Whisk flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda and pie spice in large bowl. In med bowl mix the pumpkin, both sugars, eggs vanilla, applesauce or oil together. Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients. Mix well. Now add the cranberries and nuts.

Pour into pans and bake 50 to 60 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes and remove from pans. Blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving!

Home Country

By Slim Randles

There is a payoff, Doc told us, for getting the aches and pains of old age. Doc should know. We have it on good authority that he is actually older than a flat, brown rock.

"Sure," said Doc, in his usual cheerful way. "You get gray hair, or maybe kinda bald like ol' Steve here, and you develop wisdom, which we all know just means you know not to argue with your wife, right? So then what happens? Your grandchildren think you have all the answers."

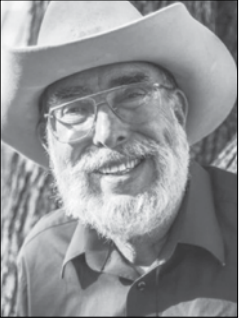
Doc leaned over conspiratorially. "I LIVE to embarrass my grandchildren."

Dud wanted specifics.

"With me," Doc said, "it's dancing. You see, they are all teenagers now, and therefore they are cool and know everything, and the world couldn't turn without them. So when their friends come over and they crank that stereo up to where it's killing the neighbor's geraniums, I ask them just once to turn it down."

"Takes me a lot more than once," Dud said. "I swear those kids are hard of hearing."

"But do you dance for them?" Doc asked. "You see, if they don't turn it down, I kinda totter to my feet and start what the kids call the Grandpa Boogie. I mean I shake it like an Egyptian pharaoh. I wiggle and jiggle and stick out my chin like this ... and sort of thrust myself around the



floor until one of them dashes over and shuts off the music. Then I go sit down and read the paper again. The first couple of times I did that, the kids got me to one side and begged me never to do that again. I guess they were just jealous of my moves. Well, I hated to show them up in front of their friends, seeing as I could dance better than they could, but the music was too loud. I tell them when the music gets more than just kinda regular, I can't help myself and dance fever hits me like a sledgehammer."

"So," Steve said, "how did you do it? I mean, show us, OK?"

So Doc stood up and went into spasms, twitches and slides that had the whole coffee shop cracking up, and people didn't know whether to applaud or call the paramedics.

"The really great thing," said Doc, sitting back down, out of breath, with his coffee, "is that these kids think they invented being cool. And I blind-sided them with great mo-o-o-o-yes! I showed them a slink or two. "And you'd be surprised how much quieter it is when they come over these days."

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.



KEEP KIDS BUSY PLAYING "HIDE THE THIMBLE"

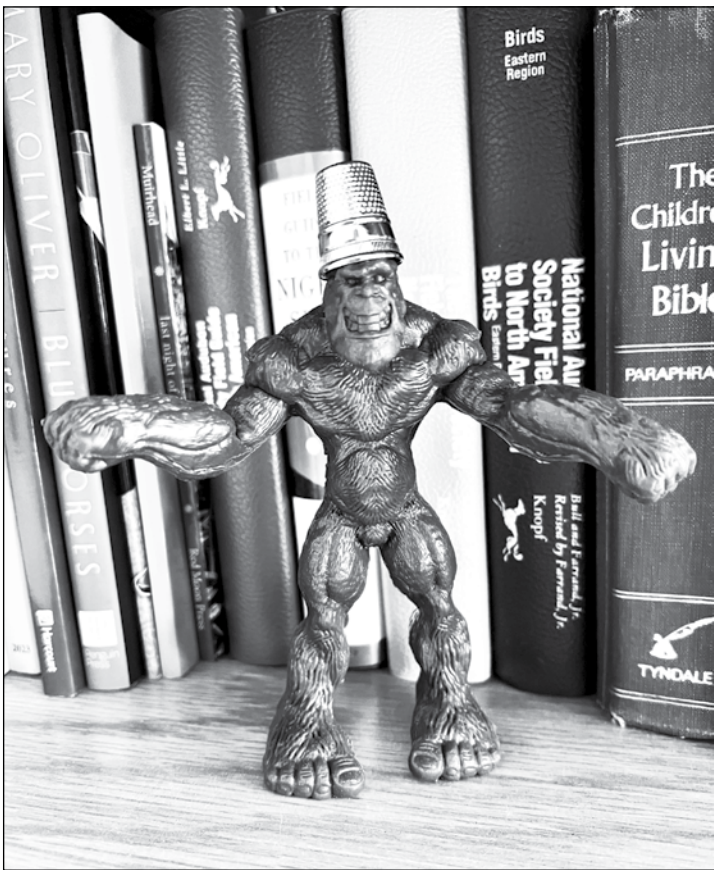
by Ann Marie Newman

"Did I mention, I'm 60?" So how did I grow up not knowing the "Hide the Thimble" game? I may have played a version of it, but we hid something different. I don't recall. "Did I mention, I'm 60?" When Janet Knutson wrote the humorous essay below, I thought this would be good to have in the paper right before Thanksgiving. That memorable time when families gather for a large meal, often with kids running wild throughout the house. "Why not bring back the game and keep kids busy, happy, and out of the way?" Says I. Here are some rules to follow, pay close attention. *The thimble, or other small object, must not be put in drawers, or under things. *It must be readily seen, but small like a thimble. *You DO NOT want kids rummaging in your closets, drawers, or dismantling the electronics – catch my drift? *The rascallions must do no harm to the room or it's items.

There you have it. You can thank Janet and I later when you're enjoying some adult conversations without the kids underfoot or sitting zombie-eyed in front of the TV, or an iPad.

HIDE THE THIMBLE
By Janet Knutson,
Oct. 9, 2024

I was helping a relative with some chores. He kept trying to



direct me to where things were, becoming more agitated when I didn't understand his directions. I finally told him, "I was real good at 'Hide the Thimble' when I was a child. Did I mention, I am 84?" He laughed, but then I realized he did not understand my joke. He had never played the game, and probably did not know what a thimble is.

For you younger people, and "only" children, it was a game where the person who was "It" would hide the thimble. (A device to put on your finger when sewing by hand, to push the needle through fabric, while darning socks, or embroidering.) These are all things that have gone by the wayside in our modern society. Again: "It" would hide the thimble. The

other children would come into the chosen room to search for the it; with "It" shouting, "You are "warm", "hot", or "cold". The first one to find the thimble was the new "It".

The game was a good tool to help develop the powers of observation. Similar to the more modern "Where's Waldo" exercise or, "Find a Word". I am not good at them either.

When you have to explain a joke; it probably is no longer funny. It takes special people to understand me. "Did I mention, I am 84?"

I love my husband; he understands my jokes. We laugh – a lot. I hide lots of thimbles these days. "Did I mention, I am 84?"

Oh yes – I repeat myself, too.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The City of Gonvick is having a holiday lighting contest sponsored by Ottertail Power Company and the Gonvick Community Club. To enter you may contact the Gonvick City Clerk's office, 487-5243. Judging will take place through the month of December. Thanks.

Go Fund me page for the five Frank brothers, Keegan 6, Kaeto 8, Braedynn 10, Tanner 12 and Zander 14 has grown to over \$113,395 after their injuries in a storage unit explosion in Bagley.

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.

The Clearbrook Santa Day will be held on Saturday, December 7th. The big Arts & Craft Show will have many set up in the Clearbrook Community Center. That will run from 10:00am to 3:00pm - with over 40 Craft Vendors. Featuring handmade crafts, woodwork, baked goods, holiday & home décor, decorative signs, canned goods, jewelry & much more!

Joke time
Lars said to Ole, could I use your lawn mower dis afternoon?

Ole replied NO.. I will need it to mow da yard dis afternoon.

Then Lars asked Ole, "Vell, in dat case, maybe I can borrow your golf clubs." ***

The Clearwater County Community Choir and Bagley High School Music Department will present "Season of Joy" a holiday concert on December 14 at 4:00 p.m. It will be held in the Bagley High school auditorium with a free will offering at the door.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bagley invites the community to a December 7 brunch. It will be served from 8:30 to 11:30 with Holiday bake sale, crafts, raffle. It will be in St. Joseph's Fellowship Hall.

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

WOMEN OF CLEARWATER COUNTY
Clearwater County Historical Society



Laura Ness Edevold Herberg

Laura Ness was born in September 24, 1904 and grew up just south of Clearbrook. Her parents were Charles and Margit Ness. Laura was one of 14 children in the family.

She married Oscar Edevold in 1924 and they had 3 children together. Donald who died when he was 3, and Arnelda and Ronald. They lived in Detroit Michigan for 25 years and when Oscar died in March 1950, Laura moved back to Clearbrook with her 10 year old son Ronald.

Laura married George Herberg in October 1950 and made their home in Gonvick at the Herberg homestead and began farming. Laura was active in the Samhold church and Ladies Aid.

it inspires us during the academic year by celebrating the achievements of public schools and honoring those who have contributed to improving education in the U.S. The week long festivities honor and celebrate the team of people who work in our nation's schools, from the bus driver and classroom teacher to the cafeteria workers and administrative staff, and many others who play an important role in the education of America's children.

Submitted by Pamela French



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.

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)

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LEGAL NOTICES

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Dudley Wishard, Ryan Solee, Vern Wittenberg, Randy Bodensteiner, Kayla Walberg. Absent: Corey Petterson. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, Jen Chapman of Ehlers, staff, and community members.

3 Community Comments – None

4 Spotlight on Education – Mr. Bettin gave a PowerPoint presentation of events that have happened since the beginning of the school year.

5 Approval of Agenda – MMS Abel/Solee to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

6 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings – MMS Bodensteiner/Solee to approve minutes as presented. MCU

6.1 8/19/24 – Regular Meeting

7 Informational Items

7.1 Principals Report –Principal Tharaldson presented the report and discussed the following items: A) Back to School Events & First Week of School – Elementary & HS Open House/Conferences went well & received positive feedback from families & staff. B) FastBridge Screening – Elementary students have been screened to get baseline data. C) CAREIALL Training – Elementary teachers started this training over the summer. This is part of the requirement through the READ Act. They will have 5 additional training sessions this fall. D) New High School Electives – Our high school students have been enjoying some new elective offerings this fall. Some new electives include Intro to Engineering & Design, Engineering Essentials, Modeling our World-Math, Ojibwe Language & Culture, Environmental Science & Physical Science 2.

7.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) Personnel – A) Open Position – Cook. B) Early Childhood Paras – To better meet the needs of students in School Readiness & ECFE, we are looking at increasing the amount of time of a para who currently works in the program. This will be determined by the seniority of paras currently working in the department. 2) Educational – A) Enrollment – The numbers are slightly down from last spring. Please note that the ECFE & 3-year-old program enrollments numbers are not included in the current numbers. B) READ Act MOU – This is negotiated & both parties have agreed on the terms. C) Elementary Staff – Are currently in the process of completing Module 4 of CAREIALL training. Ther are 8 modules, which will finish by December. 3) Legislative – A) Platforms - Education organizations are currently working on their legislative platforms. One priority in this session will be to advocate to legislators that districts should be allowed to levy LTFM dollars for roof projects over \$100,000. B) PELSB – Discussion is being held to allow flexibility on science licensure. C) Cell Phone Use – This is getting a lot of attention in Minnesota & across the country. The expectation is the state will become more involved with this. We are monitoring the situation. 4) Financial – A) Ehlers Financial Investment Team – Discussion was held with this team last week regarding options for investment of the Bond proceeds. B) TEAM Grant – The District received a \$10,000 grant from the TEAM foundation. This grant will be used to support the School Readiness Program. Thanks to TEAM for their support of our Early Education Program. C) S&P Rating – Our "A" rating for our existing bond has been affirmed & a credit enhanced rating of "AAA"

has been given for our upcoming Facilities Maintenance Bond Issue 5) Building/Grounds – A) Pull Behind Mower – Virgil advised that many of the bogey wheels on the pull-behind mower are breaking off. He suggested we might consider trading it in for a heavier duty pull behind mower B) DOT Inspection – All buses & Type III vehicles were inspected & passed inspection.

7.3 Enrollment Report – Our current enrollment number is 497, vs 513 last spring. The early childhood numbers have not been entered for the fall yet, as the programs are just starting this week.

7.4 Committee Reports – None
8 Consent Calendar – MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:
72964-72988/Wires

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit
All Payroll was Direct Deposit
September Bills
Voucher Numbers: 71986-72096
Check Numbers: 72989-73056
Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$581,979.60

8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

8.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

8.4 Accept/Approve Donations

8.5 Student Activity Report

9 Old Business - None

10 New Business

10.1 Consider Hiring Morgan Laferrier as a Paraprofessional – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to hire. MCU

10.2 Consider Accepting the Resignation of Sheray Torgerson as Cheerleading Coach – MMS Solee/Wittenberg to accept. MCU

Superintendent Grow & the Board thanked Sheray for her time with the program.

10.3 Consider Hiring Tyler Gunn as Technology Specialist – MMS Wishard/Abel to hire. MCU

10.4 Consider Approving a Lane Change for Willow Christen – MMS Walberg/Wishard to approve. MCU

10.5 Consider Approving an FMLA request for Lauren Lien – MMS Bodensteiner/Wittenberg to approve. MCU

Roll Call Vote: Abel-Yes, Bodensteiner-Yes, Solee-Yes, Walberg-Yes, Wishard-Yes, Wittenberg-Yes. MCU.

10.6 Consider the Resolution Awarding the Sale of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2024A – Jen Chapman of Ehlers presented the Sale Day report & resolution. MMS Abel/Wishard to approve. Roll Call Vote: Abel-Yes, Bodensteiner-Yes, Solee-Yes, Walberg-Yes, Wishard-Yes, Wittenberg-Yes. MCU.

10.7 Consider Certifying the Preliminary Levy 2024 Payable 2025 – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to approve the levy at the maximum limitation. MCU.

10.8 Consider Setting the Truth in Taxation Meeting for the December Regular School Board Meeting Date – MMS Solee/Bodensteiner to approve. MCU.

10.9 Consider Approving the READ Act MOU between ISD #2311 & Ed-MN Clearbrook-Gonvick – MMS Walberg/Wishard to approve. MCU.

11 Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items – Questions were asked and answered.

12 Future Meetings

12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday October 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

12 Adjournment – MMS Walberg/ Solee to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. MCU

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
EMERGENCY MEETING
October 20, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at 9:00 a.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Randy Bodensteiner, Corey Petterson, Ryan Solee, Kayla Walberg, Dudley Wishard, and

Vern Wittenberg Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, and staff.

3 Emergency Meeting – MMS Petterson/Solee to hold an Emergency Meeting on this date, and at this time. MCU.

4 Cyber Incident/School Cancellation – Supt. Grow advised the board that our Managed IT provider, Corporate Technologies, received an alert through our internet security program, Trend Micro, of a cyber security issue. Our systems were immediately shut down & the District was notified. Corporate Technologies dispatched a team to the District that specializes in this area. This team is currently working with CFC Response to bring our District back online safely & securely. Supt Grow noted that our District IT Specialist, Tyler Gunn, has been working with this team & has been doing an amazing job. We are fortunate to have him to help guide us through this process. Discussion was held. MMS Solee/Wittenberg to cancel school for students only on Monday 10/21/24. In addition, an Emergency Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow, 10/21/24, prior to the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. MCU.

5 Adjournment – MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to adjourn at 9:58 a.m. MCU

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
EMERGENCY MEETING
October 21, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Wishard at 6:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Randy Bodensteiner, Corey Petterson, Ryan Solee, Kayla Walberg, and Dudley Wishard. Absent: Vern Wittenberg. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff, and community members.

3 Update on Cyber Incident – Supt. Grow gave an update on the Cyber Incident. Good progress has been made. Supt Grow thanked staff for their cooperation, help & remaining calm. This was extremely helpful to the process of bringing the District back online safely & securely. Two Factor authorization has been set up. Supt. Grow advised that based on today's progress he believes that students should be able to be in the building tomorrow. Discussion was held. The board agreed that students should be able to be back in school tomorrow.
4 Adjournment – MMS Solee/ Bodensteiner to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. MCU

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Wishard at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Dudley Wishard, Ryan Solee, Corey Petterson, Randy Bodensteiner, Kayla Walberg. Absent: Vern Wittenberg. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff, and community members.

3 Community Comments – Comments were made.

4 Spotlight on Education – None

5 Approval of Agenda – MMS Solee/Petterson to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

6 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings – MMS Walberg/ Solee to approve minutes as presented. MCU

6.1 9/16/24 – Regular Meeting

7 Informational Items

7.1 Principals Report –Principal Tharaldson presented the report and discussed the following items: A) October is College Knowledge Month – Seniors were introduced to the Direct Admissions program. This is our 4th year of participation. B) Adventures at the School Forest

– Thanks to the nice weather both elementary & high school students have been able to use the school forest for their lessons. C) Project 11/ SEL – An explanation of the program & how we implement it was given. D) Teachers on Call Update – We now use TOC for all positions that require subs. The fill rate has been good, and teachers, administrators and department heads are able to provide feedback regarding the sub. This is useful to both the District and Teachers on Call. E) Veterans Day Program – The program will be held in the gym on Monday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m.

7.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) Personnel – A) Open Position – ½ Time Cook, Paraeducator (Indian Ed Program) & Cheer Advisor. B) DAPE – Services for students will be provided by a consultant from Bagley Public Schools. 2) Educational – A) Enrollment – We are down roughly 11 students from our May enrollment. B) Phase I CAREIALL Training – This will be completed in approximately 2 ½ months. We are waiting for details from MDE as to what additional staff will be required to take the training in Phase II. C-G) Upcoming Dates – C - 11/1 – End of 1st Quarter. D – 11/6 – Music Solo Contest @ Bagley. E – 11/7 – Elem P/T Conferences from 4-7:30 p.m. & 11/13 – HS & Elem 3 – 7:30 p.m. F – 11/11 – Veterans Day Program @ 10:00 a.m. G – 11/11 – GBB starts & 11/18 BBB starts. 3) Legislative – A) Platforms - Education organizations continue to work on their legislative platforms. 4) Financial – A) Audit – Eide Bailly will present the District's audit at the 11/18 board meeting. B) Budget – One budget area that expenditures exceed revenue is School Readiness. Salaries/benefits and costs to run the program continue to rise & exceed what we receive in state aid & tuition fees. We will continue to monitor this area & look at ways to address it. 5) Building/ Grounds – A) School Forest – School Forest Coordinator, Kyle Christianson installed a gate & chain last year to deter ATVs and other vehicles from riding through the school forest. The chains have been cut & the gate torn down. We are currently working on a remedy for this. B) Chevy Impala – This vehicle is starting to undergo more repairs and, at times, creates some safety concerns for staff and students who must drive it. With the board's consent, I would like to pursue state quotes on a different Type III vehicle. The board gave consent. C) Outside Lighting – Many of our sidewalk & parking lot lights are at the end of life with the halogen bulb. As part of our LTFM plan, and to provide better lighting and safety for all, we are replacing the lights with LED. The scope of this project is scheduled to take place in November.

7.3 Enrollment Report – Our current enrollment number is 505, vs 516 last spring.

7.4 Committee Reports –

7.4.1 Safety Committee – Board Member Walberg read a report regarding the last committee meeting.

8 Consent Calendar – MMS Wishard/Abel to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:
73057-73108/Wires

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit
All Payroll was Direct Deposit
October Bills
Voucher Numbers: 72229-72376
Check Numbers: 73109-73195
Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$950,738.64

8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

8.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

8.4 Accept/Approve Donations

8.5 Student Activity Report

9 Old Business - None

10 New Business

10.1 Consider Accepting the Resignation of Lexie Lofgren – MMS Solee/Abel to accept. MCU

Superintendent Grow & the Board thanked Lexie for her time with the District.

10.2 Consider Accepting the Resignation of Lynn Omang, Effective 1/3/2025 – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to accept.

MCU

Superintendent Grow & the Board thanked Lynn for her time with the District.

10.3 Consider Approving the Support Staff Seniority List for 2024-2025 – MMS Solee/Petterson to approve. MCU

10.4 Consider Approving the Certified Staff Seniority List for 2024-2025 – MMS Abel/Solee to approve. MCU

10.5 Consider Approving the 2024-2025 MSHSL Forms A & B – MMS Petterson/Solee to approve. MCU

10.6 Consider Approving a Purchase of Services Agreement Between Bagley Public Schools & Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools – MMS Abel/Walberg to approve. MCU

10.7 Consider Approving the District's Assurance of Compliance for 2024-2025 – MMS Solee/Petterson to approve. MCU.

11 Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items – Questions were asked and answered.

12 Future Meetings

12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday November 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

12 Adjournment – MMS Solee/ Walberg to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. MCU

CLEARWATER COUNTY
LAND COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE OF
INTERMEDIATE ORAL BID

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of Chapter 355, Laws of 1941, as amended, tracts of timber will be offered for sale without the sale of land at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 12, 2024 in the second floor meeting room of the Courthouse, 213 Main Avenue North, Bagley, Minnesota. All bidders must have completed a Contractor Application prior to 4:30 P.M. on Friday, December 6, 2024. Information regarding the sale is available at the Land Commissioner's office, Clearwater County Courthouse, 213 Main Ave N, Bagley, MN or on the County website, www.co.clearwater.mn.us

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LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CLEARWATER
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Estate of
James D. Merschman,
Decedent
Court File No. 15-PR-24-492
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
DESCENT OF PROPERTY

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on December 27th, 2024 at 1:15 p.m., by this Court at 213 Main Ave. N, Bagley, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING

November 14, 2024- 7:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wittenberg at 7:00 a.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Randy Bodensteiner, Corey Petterson, Ryan Solee, Kayla Walberg, Vern Wittenberg & Dudley Wishard. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow

3 Approval of Agenda – MMS Petterson/Walberg to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

4 Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Election/Special Election - MMS to approve Resolution Canvassing Votes of School District Election/ Special Election. Roll Call Vote: Abel - Yes, Bodensteiner - Yes, Petterson - Yes, Solee - Yes, Walberg- Yes, Wishard - Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU.

5 Adjournment – MMS Solee/ Petterson to adjourn at 7:06 a.m. MCU

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. R37C

interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204?

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: 10/16/2024

BY THE COURT
Eric P. Schieferdecker,
Judge of District Court

(COURT SEAL)

Dated: 10/16/2024
Carissa Scholz,,
Court Administrator
By Kaitlyn Engelmeier, Deputy

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		Division of School Finance 400 NE Stinson Blvd. Minneapolis, MN 55413				District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025		ED-00110-47	
General Information: Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 1238.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.									
District Name:		Clearbrook-Gonvick ISD					District Number:		2311
Fund	FY 2024 Beginning Fund Balances	FY 2024 Actual Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2024 Actual Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2024 Actual Fund Balances	FY 2025 Budget Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2025 Budget Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2025 Projected Fund Balances		
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 433,755	\$ 583,040	\$ 427,342	\$ 589,453	\$ 625,909	\$ 556,423	\$ 658,939		
General Fund/Other	\$ 2,866,294	\$ 8,640,799	\$ 7,682,443	\$ 3,824,650	\$ 8,338,989	\$ 7,393,109	\$ 4,770,530		
Food Service Fund	\$ 223,854	\$ 520,655	\$ 491,910	\$ 252,599	\$ 520,020	\$ 458,329	\$ 314,290		
Community Service Fund	\$ 1,414	\$ 194,769	\$ 197,890	\$ (1,707)	\$ 179,171	\$ 247,286	\$ (69,822)		
Building Construction Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,460	\$ (53,460)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (53,460)		
Debt Service Fund	\$ 251,881	\$ 1,250,240	\$ 800,225	\$ 701,896	\$ 975,244	\$ 975,244	\$ 701,896		
Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Internal Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total - All Funds	\$ 3,777,198	\$ 11,189,503	\$ 9,653,269	\$ 5,313,431	\$ 10,639,333	\$ 9,630,391	\$ 6,322,373		
Long-Term Debt			Current Statutory Operating Debt per Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.81						
Outstanding July 1, 2023	\$ 995,000		Amount of General Fund Deficit, if any, in excess of 2.5% of expenditures 06/30/2024				\$0		
Plus: New Issues	\$ -								
Less: Redeemed Issues	\$ 750,000		Cost per student - Average Daily Membership (ADM) 06/30/2024						
Outstanding June 30, 2024	\$ 245,000								
Short-Term Debt			Total Operating Expenditures				\$ 8,606,467.70		
Certificates of Indebtedness	None		FY 2024 Total ADM Served + Tuitioned Out ADM + Adjusted ADM				507.72		
Other Short-Term Indebtdness	None	FY 2024 Operating Cost per ADM				\$ 16,951.21			
The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.									
Comments:									

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Wax Museum of Famous Explorers at Clearbrook-Gonvick



Ashtyn Narveson as Sacagawea

- I am Sacagawea.
- I am the daughter of a Shoshone Chief.
- I was kidnapped when I was only 12 years old.
- I was a guide and interpreter for the Lewis and Clark Expedition.



Benjamin Edevold as David Thompson

- I am David Thompson.
- I sailed from England to America on May 28, 1784.
- I used the sun, moon and tide to map a lot of North America.
- I mapped 1.9 million square miles.



Oswald Long as Charles Lindbergh

- I am Charles Lindbergh
- I am famous for flying the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927.
- I have served as an aviator and a military officer.
- I once was a US Air Mail Pilot.



Claire LaJeunesse as Jigonhsasee

- I am Jigonhsasee
- I formed the Great League of Peace amongst the Iroquoian Tribes.
- I urged my people to live in peace and unity, to honor their ancestors, and to care for the earth.
- I became known as the "Mother of Nations".



Coy Foldoe as Neil Armstrong

- I am Neil Armstrong.
- I am famous for being the first person to walk on the moon.
- I have spent 8 days and 14 hours in space.
- I am well known for my statement "That is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind".



Kyrie Robinson as Marco Polo

- I am Marco Polo.
- I am famous for being the first European to reach China.
- It took me four years to get to China.
- I wrote a book about my travels called "The Travels of Marco Polo".

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! The explorers and their information will be in future Leader-Record courtesy of Mrs Hegg.



Mrs. Hegg's First Grade Class at Clearbrook Gonvick School performing for parents and friends.

Chervestad selected for the All-Star Game



Senior QB, Owen Chervestad, of the Red Lake County Rebels has been selected to the Minnesota All-Star football game. This game, sponsored by the Minnesota Vikings, will feature 88 of the best senior football players from across the entire state. There are 32 players from all 7 classes of Minnesota football on the All State team. Team members will be announced at halftime of the Vikings game on December 8th.

The North-South set up will result in both teams having 44 players. The players will report to the Twin Cities on Wednesday, December 11th for three days of practice, speakers and team bonding. On Saturday, December 14th the North will take on the South at U.S. Bank Stadium in a 1:00 PM kick-off.

Chervestad has been a 4 year starter for the Rebels of Red Lake County. He has been a 2 time captain and a 3 time all-district selection. As a senior, Owen completed 81 of 138 passes for over 1,100 yards and 17 touchdowns. On defense, Owen has been a key component for the Rebels enroute to him being the 3-time District Defensive Back of the year.

Owen will suit up for the North team and wear #19. He will be part of the defensive back group. Mason Larson of Ada-Borup West and Isiah Wright of Fertile-Beltrami are some local talents joining Owen on the North team. Owen is the 1st Red Lake County Rebel football player selected to this game.

"We are very proud of Owen in this selection. This is a great honor and a huge opportunity for him. The work he has done over the years has really paid off," said Head Coach Brian Remick.

Clearwater County Sheriff	
Weekly activity by Darin Halverson	
City of Bagley - Total 15	Offender
11/18/24 17:19:12 911 Hang Up	11/20/24 15:47:22 Predatory
11/19/24 14:53:25 Information	Offender
11/19/24 15:21:48 Traffic	11/23/24 05:32:31 911 Hang Up
11/19/24 18:35:58 Traffic Stop	City of Shevlin - Total 2
11/19/24 22:37:12 Warrant - Attempt	11/20/24 17:47:17 Missing/Lost Person
11/20/24 14:44:02 Suspicious Activity	11/23/24 18:35:53 Traffic Stop
11/20/24 15:27:34 Warrant (New)	Clover - Total 1
11/21/24 10:50:06 Traffic	11/21/24 04:14:43 Alarm
11/21/24 11:34:24 Information	Copley - Total 10
11/22/24 05:06:01 Threats	11/17/24 14:44:12 Animal Related
11/22/24 12:41:00 Court Order Violation	11/17/24 18:22:57 Traffic Stop
11/22/24 22:19:36 TEST	11/17/24 20:46:30 Traffic Stop
11/23/24 09:21:27 THEFT	11/18/24 12:25:57 Vehicle Lock Out
11/23/24 13:03:27 Court Order Violation	11/20/24 07:28:58 Vehicle Off Road
11/23/24 18:15:15 Traffic Stop	11/20/24 07:31:13 CW
City of Clearbrook - Total 5	11/21/24 14:14:08 Welfare Check
11/17/24 14:06:27 TEST C	11/22/24 21:25:28 Information
11/19/24 15:31:32 Predatory Offender	11/23/24 19:47:09 Animal Related
11/19/24 20:52:20 Information	11/23/24 23:34:32 Animal Related
11/20/24 09:25:32 Predatory Offender	Dudley - Total 2
11/23/24 12:19:39 TEST	11/21/24 21:23:48 Traffic Stop
City of Gonvick - Total 3	11/23/24 17:23:46 Traffic Stop
11/19/24 15:38:59 Predatory	Eddy - Total 4
	11/18/24 00:42:50 Traffic Stop
	11/18/24 13:17:19 Fire

11/20/24 04:21:50 911 Hang Up	11/22/24 20:59:10 Runaway
11/22/24 05:52:07 Traffic Stop	Nora - Total 3
Falk - Total 7	11/19/24 09:47:13 Traffic Complaint
11/17/24 15:42:28 Traffic Complaint	11/19/24 11:08:17 Civil Complaint
11/17/24 18:36:29 Information	11/23/24 15:11:13 Welfare Check
11/18/24 10:00:10 Trespass	Out of Jurisdiction - Total 1
11/22/24 18:23:35 Fire	11/20/24 07:12:43 Traffic Complaint
11/22/24 19:27:10 Disturbance	Pine Lake - Total 2
11/23/24 07:03:55 Vehicle Off Road	11/20/24 22:20:54 CIVIL PROCESS
11/23/24 23:03:21 Disorderly	11/23/24 12:12:36 Traffic Stop
Holst - Total 2	Popple - Total 5
11/17/24 23:04:05 Traffic Stop	11/17/24 12:19:06 Domestic
11/23/24 07:26:04 Fire	11/17/24 21:02:23 Traffic Stop
Itasca - Total 3	11/18/24 16:14:06 Vehicle Lock Out
11/21/24 08:15:50 Animal Related	11/19/24 01:13:07 Medical
11/22/24 15:11:21 Traffic Stop	11/22/24 22:02:25 Alarm
11/23/24 09:09:17 Vehicle Lock Out	Shevlin - Total 12
LaPraire - Total 2	11/17/24 00:10:43 Traffic Stop
11/18/24 23:59:18 Traffic Complaint	11/18/24 02:06:24 Traffic Stop
11/22/24 03:19:48 Transport	11/18/24 16:46:29 Motor Vehicle Crash
LaPraire N - Total 3	11/20/24 14:49:02 Domestic
11/18/24 04:24:35 Medical	11/20/24 18:22:10 Traffic Complaint
11/20/24 14:56:00 Predatory Offender	11/21/24 20:08:01 Traffic Stop
11/21/24 13:04:49 Predatory Offender	11/22/24 00:45:06 Traffic Stop
Leon - Total 4	11/22/24 07:39:21 Traffic Stop
11/18/24 11:07:44 Traffic Complaint	11/23/24 01:41:40 Welfare Check
11/18/24 17:47:51 Animal Related	11/23/24 02:30:46 Vehicle Off Road
11/21/24 16:15:10 Motorist Assist	11/23/24 05:17:20 Traffic Stop
	11/23/24 08:54:53 Suspicious Activity
	Total Records: 86



If you were walking through Galen's Fresh Foods on Friday November 22 around noon, you may have witnessed an interesting competition on isle 6, Turkey Bowling! KB 101 Radio partnered with Galen's to offer this festive experience to shoppers. Teams were made up of two people, and they each had two shots at knocking down the Mt. Dew Bottles. The scores were combined and high score won. Coming in 1st place and winner of \$100 gift card was Terri. Bruce Eckmann and Kevin Sellin each got the turkeys.

Everyone seemed to have a great time and this may become an annual event at Thanksgiving.

-Submitted by Pamela French



Denise Milton, Bagley American Legion Post 16, visited Scouting America Troop 4053 at their monthly meeting held at the Bagley American Legion. The purpose of her visit was to renew the American Legion Irvin Blix post 16 continued support and sponsorship of the troop. During her visit she presented a check to the troop for an upcoming rocket project. Troop 4053 meets weekly on Tuesday at 5:30pm at the Bagley American Legion.