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Ryan Holm at his desk at the newly purchased Community Oil station.



Ryan Holm outside of the Clearbrook Elevator Association complex.

Clearbrook Elevator and Community Oil merge

The Clearbrook Co-op Elevator has purchased the Community Oil Company.

Ryan Holm has been the manager of the elevator since mid February and will now be in charge of the oil company also.

Ryan lives in the Shevlin area and actively farms with his parents DuWayne and Laura Holm. He is married to his wife Carly and they have 2 sons, Graham 3 and Oliver 2.

Ryan graduated from Bagley High School in 2013

and completed a degree in Project Management at Bemidji State University in 2017. He worked as a project manager in the gas and oil (pipeline) business until the present.

County Board of Commissioners report from December 31, 2024

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

The board of commissioners held their final meeting of the year on Tuesday, December 31st.

Dan Sauvé, County Engineer, presented highway department bills to be paid totaling \$21,316.98. A motion was made by Commissioner John Nelson to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Dean Newland. Motion carried.

Sauve then presented a certificate of performance for Knife River Materials related to work completed on CSAH 9 & CSAH 28. The total value of work certified was \$1,029,007.05, which includes a 15% deduction for poor quality of work in painting the yellow lines. Commissioner Stuart Dukek made a motion to approve the certificate of performance, seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera. Motion carried.

Patty Flaa, County Assessor, asked the board to consider approving an abatement for parcel 09.014.0200, owned by Daniel Larson. The parcel had been incorrectly classified and the abatement would correct the classification and adjust the amount of property tax owed. Commissioner Mark Larson (no relation to Daniel Larson) made a motion to approve the abatement, seconded

by Commissioner Nelson. Motion carried.

Dan Hecht, Environmental Services Director, discussed the cost of a feasibility study for a waste transfer station in the county. With the current landfill reaching capacity and the cost to replace it with a new landfill being extremely expensive due to state regulations, Hecht has been researching other alternatives. One of the alternatives is the nine-county proposal to share the cost of building a new landfill. However, that proposal seems to have stalled due to a lack of funding support from the state. No matter what alternatives are found, it is almost a certainty that waste will need to be transported outside of the county and some type of transfer facility would be needed. Hecht has received a proposal from Wids-eth (an architectural and engineering firm) to conduct a feasibility study. The cost of the study would be over \$40,000. The board will review the proposal but was concerned about the cost.

Allen Paulson, Auditor/Treasurer, had several year-end business items to discuss. First, was setting the salary for Commissioners in 2025. It was noted that the last time the commissioners' salary was

increased was in 2010. Commissioner Dukek made a motion to keep the salary for commissioners the same as 2024, which was \$20,742 annually. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Next, Commissioner Titera made a motion to approve the non-union pay scale increase of 10% plus \$1.00 per hour effective January 1, 2025, for non-union employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and the motion carried. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to increase the annual salary of the County Attorney from \$102,980.80 to \$118,427.92 effective January 1, 2025. Commissioner Titera seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Newland made a motion to increase the annual salary of the County Auditor/Treasurer from \$103,616.20 to \$119,158.63 effective January 1, 2025. Commissioner Dukek seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Titera made a motion to increase the salary of the County Recorder from \$72,000.00 to \$82,800.00 effective January 1, 2025. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner

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2024 Year in Review

January 3, 2024 – Northern Dental Access Center opens in Bagley January 9th. Area Writers Group and Soup! Ann Marie Newman led the gathering with a Mysterious Purple Manual Typewriter on January 4th. We Revisited Cuba with Gary Boorman, 1960 graduate of Clearbrook High School. And Bidal Duran announced his run for House District 02A.

We Lost.....William G. Ness.

January 10, 2024 – Roberta Braaten retires after many years at Pats Café and 20 years at the Bagley Courthouse! The first County Board of Commissioners meeting held for 2024 with ALL members present! Ian Willborg and Tim Mullen came to the rescue to Cass County's electric problem in North Dakota, after freezing rain brought down hundreds of power lines and poles. We got an update on the Veterans home in Bemidji, to open early 2024, pending some finishing touches. The Red Lake Rebels hosted the Northern Freeze in Plummer, winning 66-49 Rebels, making them the last undefeated team in Section 8A. Number 44 Chuck Foreman visits the Clearbrook Liquor Store! Walter Eugene "Chuck" Foreman was a professional football player for the Minnesota Vikings and New England Patriots. A New Years Eve Celebration to remember!

We Lost..... Donald Hince, Pearl Trandem, Arline J. Bratvold, Kurt V. Johnson, Steve Morinville, Pamela Byklum, Jim Lien.

January 17, 2024 – The Gerald Dyrda Memorial-Pine Lake 200 Snowmobile was on January 14! The top 3 winners were Dan Revering (3), Gunner Arlaud (2) and Taylor Bunke (1). Local MCCL Chapter 45 sponsored charter bus trip to March for Life at the State Capital January 22.

We Lost..... Lylah Hanson, Alice Ramsrud, David Erickson, Arnold Gunderson, Virginia Christen, John Holen.

January 24, 2024 – Clearbrook-Gonvick School welcomes special education para-educator Amanda Nelson. And held the district Spelling Bee for Grades 5-8. A recap from

the Dyrda Races – The Pro Mod Race was sponsored by Kost Materials, the Semi Pro 600 was sponsored by Erico MFG. 185 entries in all to be herded.

We Lost..... Norman Jacobson, Rodney Emerson, Tom Nelson, Morley Peterson.

January 31, 2024 – Sue Weems retires from city position in Clearbrook. She has been helping Lucie Thompson for over 8 years. New intern at Northern State Bank in Gonvick, Grant Hartmann. A group tour was given at the Veterans Home in Bemidji on January 16, 2024. Kevin Gish has been selected as the Administrator, and Danni Churness the Director of Nursing at the home.

We Lost..... Robert Gulbranson, Norris Syverson, Paul Mahlen, LeRoy Johnson, James "Jim" Choc.

February 7, 2024 – Jill Bakken honored by the Red River Valley American Chemical Society for the Chemistry Teacher of the Year February 2. Essentia Health faced off with City of Fosston, the city was poised to terminate its agreement on birthing services. Local MCCL Chapter chapters buses to St. Paul March for Life, the weather was decent, and thousands joined on the walk. Weather cooperated for Fosston's March for Life, as young and old joined starting in Hugo's parking lot down to New Journey Church, where a program rally and lunch were held.

We Lost.....Gordon Hogenon, Dellas Disrud, Wayne Strom, Donna McNally

February 14, 2024 – Clear Waters Life Center served their monthly dining out experience February 2 to over 120 happy people! A French inspired cuisine, with proceeds going to repair the roof and building in Gonvick. Crookston Chapter 14 DAV appoints Dennis Boucher as district Commander. Three bears were flooded out of their culvert den on February 8, just south of Gully. Bagley Public Library hosted local artists' paintings. Pamela Edevold was showcased for her stunning acrylic paintings featuring Anishinaabe dancers.

We Lost..... Harvey Delage



Community Calendar

Legion and Auxiliary meeting

The Gonvick American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their next regular meeting on January 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion cabin.

Leroy Sundquist
Commander

Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club to meet

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club to meet on Monday, January 13th, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse in Leonard.

Trails will be discussed. Nominations for club officers will take place for voting in February, if anyone is interested in keeping this club going you should come and volunteer for an office. Trails are important to us and our economy.

Calendar winners

Calendar Winners for the Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle for the Month of January. Each win \$100. 1-6-25 - Jim Michel - Bagley

Home Country

It might have been the winter doldrums that did it. You can never be sure of these things. It's just that ... well, Doc is one of those guys who can't stand to see anyone bored. He claims it's bad for their inner chemistry, and since he has more initials after his name than anyone else in town, we tend to listen to him.

When it happened, we in the inner circle of the World Dilemma Think Tank down at the Mule Barn truck stop thought back on what Doc had said a year ago when the temperature dropped, along with everyone's spirits.

"In weather like this," Doc pronounced, stirring sugar into his cup, "a real American would come up with a great hoax."

Those of us sitting at the philosophy counter that morning just nodded, even though we didn't have a clue. No one wanted to admit it, you see

When the Valley Weekly Miracle hit the street yesterday, we bought one to see how much the editor dared to print, as always, but there in the classifieds was this:

"LOST – One gray squirrel, fluffy tail, two years old. Answers to "Chipper." \$5.25 reward. Call Doc."

The paper was passed down

Public Notice Pine Lake near Gonvick, MN Notice to Operate Aeration System

An aeration system creating thin ice and open water shall be in operation on the Northeast portion of Pine Lake near the public access. This site is located in the SW¼ Section 22, Pine Lake Township, Clearwater County.

Please use caution as open water and thin ice conditions can fluctuate greatly. Stay clear of marked area!

If you have any questions, please contact Sportsman's Club member Larry Peterson at 218-791-5577 or the Red Lake Watershed District office at 218-681-5800.

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Fiber Gathering Under the Pines Fiber Art Friday Events

Friday January 17, 2025
Clearwaters Life Center, 226 Elm St. Gonvick, MN 56644

Friday February 21, 2025
Clearwaters Life Center, 226 Elm St. Gonvick, MN 56644

Friday March 21, 2025
Clearwaters Life Center, 226 Elm St. Gonvick, MN 56644

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community of Northern Minnesota (SSFC) is sponsoring Fiber Gathering Under the Pines events again this year. These are informal events designed to teach various fiber art techniques, share projects

and enjoy meeting new people. Bring your wheel (in working order), spindle, or other fiber-related tools. Or share your latest projects and come see what all the fun is about. If you have some fiber, yarns or other fiber art related items you'd like to share, sell or donate, bring them along. All sales do require a Minnesota ST-19 form.

Everyone welcome! This is a free event. More information: 218-657-2502, sheepcommunity.com or sustainable-sheep@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community of Northern Minnesota (SSFC).

Jigsaw Puzzle contest fundraiser

There will be another Jigsaw Puzzle Contest Fundraiser on Sunday January 19th. It will be held in the Clearbrook Community Center Legion room from 1 to 3 pm or later if needed. The event is to raise funds for the All School reunion coming up this summer in Clearbrook. Limit is 16 teams with a cost of \$40. Teams of 2 to 4 people to compete to finish a 500 piece puzzle in the shortest amount of time. Contact Darci Hagen at 218-280-5866 for more information or to register your team.

Thank
YOU

Thank you Devin, Kim & helpers for the food that was delivered to us.

Happy New Year. James & Sharon Solien

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Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Jan. 8 - Chili, Corn Bread, Fruit Juice, Pudding with Topping.

Thurs. Jan. 9 -Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed potato with Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Blushing Pears.

Fri. Jan. 10 - Tater Tot Hotdish, Peas and Carrots, Dinner Roll. Fruited Jell-O.

Mon. Jan. 13 - Shredded Chicken/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Pudding with Topping.

Tues. Jan. 14 -Meatloaf, Mashed Potato/Gravy, Baked Squash, Whipped Jello-O.

Wed. Jan. 15 - Potato Soup, Egg Salad Sandwich, Fruit Cup, Cookie.

Meal subject to change. Call 218-776-3154

Thank
You

Thank you Gonvick Lions for the Christmas goodie bag you brought to my door. It was all very good. Happy New Year to all of you. ~Tippy Berg

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County board...

Continued from front page

Dukek made a motion to increase the salary of the County Sheriff from \$103,520.77 to \$119,048.89 effective January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newland. Motion carried. The final item was related to a resolution presented during the December 17 Board of Commissioners meeting regarding a piece of forfeited land (13.013.0610 Part of Gov Lot 7 – Section 13, Township 145, Range 37, Minerva Township). Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve the resolution that was presented, seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7 at 9 am.

Thank
You

Devin & Crew, Thank you for the generous bag of groceries you brought to my door. What a nice Christmas gift. It is all very good. Happy New Year to all of you. ~Tippy Berg

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M State announces fall 2024 academic honors

Minnesota State Community and Technical College named 602 students to its Presidents List and 577 students to its Deans List for the fall 2024 semester.

Students on the Presidents List earned a grade point average of 4.0 while completing a minimum of six college-level credits and 75% of the courses in which they enrolled for the semester.

Students on the Deans List earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 while completing a minimum of six college-level credits and 75% of the courses in which they enrolled for the semester.

Local students named to the fall 2024 M State Presidents List and Deans List is: Allison Gustafson, Clearbrook, Dental Hygiene-AAS, Dean's List.

Gonvick Library LINK Site new Hours Change

The Gonvick Library LINK Site is announcing a change to its Thursday hours. On Thursdays the site will be open from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., rather than the previous schedule of 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The LINK Site's hours will be as follows:

Mondays
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Wednesdays
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursdays
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.

The Gonvick LINK Site is a location of Lake Agassiz Regional Library offering a rotating selection of books and other library materials and is located in the Community Center at 170 Main St. Digital eBooks and audiobooks are also available for download at larl.org.

Eye test to be given at Clearbrook-Gonvick School

The Fosston-Lengby Lions Club will be providing a free vision screening for Kindergarten through 6th grade students on January 8th.

Members of the Lions clubs have been certified in the use of a vision screener. The device they use is similar to the ones used in an eye care professionals office. The screening only takes a few seconds and is performed from a distance of about three feet. There is no physical contact with the child and no eye drops are administered.

This service is offered free of charge under the Minnesota District 5M Lions KidSight Foundation's vision screening program.

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March for Life on January 18

The Clearwater County chapter of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will be hosting the annual March for Life on Saturday, January 18 starting at the Clearwater County Courthouse at 9:30-begin the march at 9:45. Positive home



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.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston

Seth Johnson,
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Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 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

Restore It! Furniture Shop always has new pieces – stop in to see what's available today.

Perks for PrimeWest Health members at CWLC! As a PrimeWest health member, you have access to the Weight Room, including weight training 3 days a month, Counseling services and Transportation for FREE! You can also come in to the office for a \$25 voucher to Shop at the Top. Call the office at 218-776-2789 with any questions.

Weight Room: 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!

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.

The Youth Connection Program needs Volunteers! Do you have a heart to connect with youth and be part of a team creating a safe and fun place for them to come after school? Contact Charis Nordlund for more details on how you can join this team. Tuesdays and Thursdays are for 6th – 12th grade students, Wednesdays are for 3rd – 5th grade students.

Gonvick Site: 226 Elm St

Senior Cooking Class: Monday January 13th, 11 am – 12:30 pm

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

Create It! Art Studio has new classes coming in 2025! A "Taste of Art" class will be held the 2nd Monday of each month from 12:30-3 pm, giving a sampling of various art mediums and processes. The first class will be Monday, January 13th – Polymer Clay Creations. The cost is \$15, which includes supplies. You can register on our website, www.clearwaterslife.org.

Mentors are also on site every Monday from 10 am – 3 pm, to give guidance on a project or just to cheer on your creativity.

Join a fun group of people playing Pickleball in the Gonvick Gym! They play Mondays 9:30 am - 7:30 pm, Wednesdays 9am-3pm, Thursdays 9am - 6pm and Fridays 9am-3pm. Cost is \$5 per day, \$20 per month or \$200 for a year-long membership!

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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made signs welcome! We will walk to St. Joseph's Catholic Church (or meet us there, 215 Central St., at 10:00). Our speaker this year is Don Paulson, co-executive director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life who will bring us the most up to date pro life news going on in our state.

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.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

8 miles North of Gonvick on County Road 7
Sun., Jan. 12 - 9:00 am with Nathan Engebretson.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseeth
Wed, Jan. 8: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.

Sat, Jan. 11: 9:00 .m. Mt. Olive Sun, Jan. 12: 8:45 a.m. Oak Park SS. 9:45 a.m. St. Petri/Annual Meeting and Meal. Livestream at Nazareth and Oak Park.

Wed, Jan. 15: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick

Pastor Will Anderson
Week of: January 6-12, 2025
Tuesday: 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday: 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting; 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6:00 PM Confirmation

Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM: Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Michael Wright Good Shepherd
Wed. Jan. 8th 6pm-7:30pm First Wednesday at Good Shepherd

Thurs., Jan. 9 -5:30pm Worship Committee Meeting
Sun., Jan. 12 - 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Coffee Hour, Sunday School

Mon, Jan. 13th 7:00pm Council Meeting

Tues. Jan. 14 5:30pm Bible Study

Wed. Jan. 15th 6pm Confirmation at Faith, Bagley (7th – 9th Grade)

Our Savior's

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Sun., Jan. 12 10:00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship

Wed. Jan. 15th 6pm Confirmation at Faith, Bagley (7th – 9th Grade)

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH

1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6

Senior Pastor - Brad Binder
Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund

Children's Ministry Lead Kari Godin

www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367

office@countryfaith.org
Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Nursery & Jr. Church during sermon time) 6:00 p.m. Youth Night (Most Sundays)

Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

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

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BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Jan. 8 Mini corn Dogs, Macaroni and Cheese, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Scooby Snacks

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

Thurs. Jan. 9 - Pepperoni Pizza, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Pop Tart
Fri. Jan. 10- Orange Chicken with Rice, California Blend Vegetables, Egg Roll (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Baked Doritos

Mon. Jan. 13 - Spaghetti with Meat sauce, Garlic Toast, green beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Goldfish
Tues. Jan. 14 - Chicken Patty on Bun, Oven Fries, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Cheddar Chex

STORY TO SHARE!
If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: richards@gvtel.com

Wed. Jan. 15 Pepperoni Stromboli, Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Baked Chips



Icehouses & Ice Fishing: Memories Frozen in Time

Been ice fishing, yet? This past New Year's Day, or since then? Anyone have an icehouse on a lake somewhere? I visited my first and last icehouse in 1976 with my dad, Darryl Peterson. The photo here was taken on that very day. Read the following stories AND be sure read to the end. Janet

Dad didn't do loop de loops on the way back. It would have broken the glowing peace we'd both found inside the icehouse. I've not been inside an icehouse since. Today, there are fancy "ice castles" with the comforts of travel campers. They have bathrooms, kitchens, televisions, and beds. It makes me pause to consider - can a twelve-year-old today still experience the otherworldly pull of moving, living water under ice in one of those? Same as I did in that old, wooden icehouse? Bathe in rolling, luminous light? Take warmth from burning wood scenting the air with its ancient fragrance? In my humble opinion, something sacred is lost when modern, creature comforts overwhelm the space between man and nature. Overwhelm the space between an imaginative child and luminous, living, watery wonder.



Permit for Peace

by Cindy Kolling, 2024

Ice fishing is a permit for peace. Peace in the darkness of early morning. Peace in the presence of an afternoon sun dog. Peace in the unspoken companionship from shack to castle. Same bait. Same goals. Same peace. Peace in the eerie sound of ice cracking. Peace in the catch on the ice. Peace in the sunrise. Peace in the still winter.

Peace in the knowledge that it doesn't really matter if you catch a fish. What matters is that you are fishing. Those who ice fish know. Those who don't could.

Knutson shares how much HARD WORK ice fishing could be back in the day.

Ye Olde Icehouse of Wonderment

by Ann Marie Newman, 2024

At the public access Dad suddenly accelerated, increasing the car's speed for dramatic effect. My squealing delight and his laughter filled the air as we shot bullet quick out unto the lake. That the ice might give way this late December day, might plunge us both to frozen deaths as we spun and did loop de loops never crossed my mind. Dad knew what he was doing. My trust was complete, and we in fact, never met a cold death back in 1976. I mean, I wouldn't be sharing this story here today, would I?

Instead, we eventually stopped outside a wooden shack. An icehouse, which had seen better days. Smoke billowed from an old stove pipe on its roof promising warmth inside. The clear blue sky and bright sun were fair weather liars this subzero day as we hurried out of the car and into the icehouse.

The very name "icehouse", to my twelve-year-old mind meant "frozen house", unpleasantly so. On entry through the ramshackle door, I was both surprised and pleasantly relieved to find its dark, windowless interior quite warm. Warm enough to remove my mittens, and heavy winter coat.

First, my eyes needed to adjust. Coming inside after being in the bright sunshine left me briefly blind, much like when I entered darkened movie theaters. My dad led me to a chair between two seated men. I can't recall who they were. Forget them. My attention was glued to the hole in the floor. The FLOOR! It was a revelation covered with a few scattered rugs, yet still quite obviously remained the lake's surface! Turns out we can in fact walk on water, drive on water, have little warm houses on water that don't melt the ice it sits on - even if there's a wood burning stove aflame on it! Hahaha! Oh, the wonder of it all - I was mesmerized.

As my eyes adjusted, the waters glow increased. Bathing the icehouse walls and its occupants in luminescent light. It felt otherworldly to peer down through the hole. The ice was extremely thick, no need to worry about breaking through it. The bright sun outside lit up the watery world below us. I saw deep into the supremely clear, lake water. I could see life moving about. Below me, a watery underworld was making the best of the cold, winter day just as we were above it.

How long were we there with those two, forgotten named men spearfishing? Who knows? The memory retains a dreamy quality these many decades later. Meditative and full of wonder. My eyes lingered awestruck on the glowing water. I recall I wasn't ready to leave when the time came. Yet, I bundled up once again and ventured outside to greet the stinging cold waiting for us.

ICEHOUSE FISHING,

by Janet Knutson

Icehouse fishing isn't what it used to be.

Now days, people have castles on the ice, with all the amenities of a fine hotel, (or most of them anyway). They have gourmet food, wonderful heaters, are hauled out on big lakes by big trucks and snow mobiles. They have sleeping accommodations and house several people. Cell phones keep them in touch with the outside world to warn of approaching storms while they play the latest games, or fantasy football while they wait for the next "big fish" ...a wall hanger for sure.

Contrast that with the way it was in the 60's and 70's. We used to get up in the morning, look out at the weather and decide, "Let's go ice fishing or spearing". Then began the game of seek and find. Where are the decoys? Where are my bunny boots? Is the rope rotted on the spear? Don't forget your license. Will the snow mobile start? Hook on the 4x8 one holer and check the skids. Now, load all that up in the back of the old, beat-up pickup. Haul to the lake, then, unload it all. Drag it out on the lake where the neighbor fished last year. Chop a hole. Chop some more. Skim the ice from the hole. Looks like it should fit. Pull the house over the hole. Throw some snow around it to keep it light. "Yes. We remembered the shovel." Ok, ready to spear. Sit on a bucket. Stick the spear down...how deep is it? Oh my, we are on a rock. Start over. That done. Try again. Start the fire in the little fish house stove. Where is the wood? Close the door. Look in the hole. "Oh my, is that a log?" No, it's moving...it has eyes...grab the spear. Drop it...hold on...it's a whopper...a big Northern. Drag it in. Throw it out on the ice. Smoke pouring out of the fish house. Now it's getting dark...we must go home...it's milking time... BUT, we have a fish!



Congratulations to Clearbrook-Gonvick Friday Bear winners from January 3rd. Front row: Bridger Juberian, Emma Larson, Emma King, Tyler Mathson and Wesley Ubort. Back row: Mrs. Ross, Ryan Gerlofs, Ava Larson and Mrs. Erickson. Go Bears!



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick December Student of the Month winners for Kindergarten through 2nd grade: Trevyn Narveson, Melody Colen, Lolita Silverio-Roybal, Jordan Fredrickson and Benjamin Edevold. Not pictured: Brooklyn Zyllo



Congratulations to Clearbrook-Gonvick December Student of the Month winners! Chris Skjaret, Alex Harvey, Ellyse Berg, Sebastian Thompson, Kailem White and Brett Berg.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION AND MEETING
OF PINE LAKE TOWNSHIP

The citizens of the Township of Pine Lake, County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota, who are qualified to vote at General Elections, are hereby notified that the Annual Township Election and Meeting will be held at the Gonvick American Legion on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 for the following purposes:

To elect One (1) supervisor for the term of 3 years.

The Annual meeting will convene at 4:00 p.m. Polling will begin at 5:00 p.m and continue to 8:00 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the Annual Election and Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2025 at the same time and location.

Pam Goebel, clerk

R43C

NOTICE TO JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Johnson Township, Polk County, that the annual election of town officers and annual town meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Johnson Township Hall. Filing for township offices opens January 2, 2025 and continues to January 16, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Offices to be elected:

1 Supervisor for 3 year term

1 Treasurer for 2 year term

Affidavits for candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2 filing fee.

Lloyd Sweno, Clerk

R42-43C

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION
OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF
THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN
THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS
NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that
default has occurred in conditions of
the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE:

December 22, 2020

MORTGAGOR: Henry J.
Hongerholt, an unmarried person.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems,
Inc., as nominee for Riverwood Bank
its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF
RECORDING:

Recorded December 28, 2020
Clearwater County Recorder,
Document No. A177474.

ASSIGNMENTS OF
MORTGAGE: Assigned to: PNC
Bank, National Association. Dated
August 22, 2024 Recorded August
23, 2024, as Document No. A184611.

TRANSACTION AGENT:
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S
MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER ON MORTGAGE:
101372100032729182

LENDER OR BROKER AND
MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED
ON MORTGAGE: Riverwood Bank
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE
SERVICER: PNC Bank, National
Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY
ADDRESS: 22601 US 2, Bagley,
MN 56621

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 03.025.0520
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF
PROPERTY:

CLEARWATER COUNTY,
MINNESOTA: THAT PART OF
THE NE1/4 OF NW1/4, SECTION
25, TOWNSHIP 147, RANGE 37,
LYING NORTH OF THE EXISTING
RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY
IS LOCATED: Clearwater

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
OF MORTGAGE: \$101,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED
TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF
NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF
ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE:

\$83,520.87

That prior to the commencement
of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

complied with all notice requirements
as required by statute; That no action
or proceeding has been instituted at
law or otherwise to recover the debt
secured by said mortgage, or any
part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of
sale contained in said mortgage,
the above described property will
be sold by the Sheriff of said county
as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE:
February 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office,
213 North Main Avenue, Bagley,
MN to pay the debt then secured
by said Mortgage, and taxes, if
any, on said premises, and the
costs and disbursements, including
attorneys' fees allowed by law subject
to redemption within twelve (12)
months from the date of said sale
by the mortgagor(s), their personal
representatives or assigns unless
reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN
Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE
PROPERTY: If the real estate is
an owner-occupied, single-family
dwelling, unless otherwise provided
by law, the date on or before which
the mortgagor(s) must vacate the
property if the mortgage is not
reinstated under section 580.30 or
the property is not redeemed under
section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on
February 5, 2026, unless that date
falls on a weekend or legal holiday,
in which case it is the next weekday,
and unless the redemption period is
reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat.
Secs. 580.07.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED
FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON
MORTGAGE: None

Dated: December 5, 2024

PNC Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of
Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE &
BARBEE, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee
of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED
BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A
COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT
COLLECTOR.

R40-45C

Clearwater County Sheriff

Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

Bear Creek - Total 2

01/04/25 15:50:55 Traffic Stop
01/04/25 16:10:28 Traffic Stop

City of Bagley - Total 13

12/29/24 10:22:18 Welfare Check
12/30/24 18:32:12 Traffic Stop

12/30/24 22:54:41 Traffic Stop
12/31/24 16:51:55 Information

Only CW City of Bagley
12/31/24 19:44:45 CW City of

Bagley
01/01/25 12:31:16 Drug Related
01/01/25 12:37:05 Vehicle Lock

Out
01/01/25 17:21:10 TEST
01/03/25 14:19:20 Property

Damage
01/03/25 17:53:07 Court Order

Violation
01/03/25 21:56:23 Information
01/04/25 09:42:06 911 Hang Up

01/04/25 17:03:54 Information
City of Clearbrook - Total 7
12/29/24 10:42:11 Threats

12/29/24 16:40:25 Court Order

Violation
12/29/24 18:11:44 TEST CW City
of Clearbrook

12/31/24 16:17:12 Warrant -
Attempt

01/02/25 12:10:56 Medical
01/02/25 22:35:30 Medical

01/04/25 16:50:03 Medical
City of Gonvick - Total 2
01/02/25 12:25:41 Suspicious

Activity
01/03/25 11:11:46 Medical

City of Shevlin - Total 3
12/29/24 10:02:13 Crimes Against

Family

12/31/24 13:06:28 Medical

Copley - Total 2

12/31/24 18:22:42 Traffic Stop

01/02/25 16:23:38 Information

Only

Dudley - Total 2

01/01/25 20:30:03 Suicide

Related

01/03/25 22:55:32 Traffic Stop

Eddy - Total 2

12/31/24 00:51:52 911 Hang Up

12/31/24 11:12:25 Medical

Falk - Total 4

12/30/24 13:53:07 Information

Only

12/30/24 18:57:05 Traffic Stop

Clearwater County
Historical Society



Dr. Forrest.

125 years ago

On January 2, 1900, Dr. Forrest became the county's first doctor.

Dr. Charles George Forrest was born in Lake City MN. His father died when he was very young, so Charles entered into the tin shop trade when he was just out of grade school, this work helped support his mother and family of 8. He desired to be a medical missionary so as soon as he could be spared, he entered the Pillsbury Military Academy.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School after nine years of study and working odd jobs to pay his way. When he failed the physical examination for foreign mission work, he decided to serve a pioneer community.

He arrived in Bagley and set up a practice around 1900. There he met a Bagley school-teacher, Lucetta Nichols, and they were married in 1901. In 1910 he and Lucetta moved to the new town of Clearbrook to set up a practice. He practiced medicine in Clearbrook for over 50 years.

In June, 1949 Dr. and Mrs. Forrest were named "Minnesota's Happiest Married Couple" which included riding in the Aquatennial Parade, a trip to Hollywood to appear on the "Bride and Groom" program and a weekend at the Catalina Islands.

Dr. Forrest was also active in his church, being a founding member of the Congregational church in Bagley. He served on the Clearbrook school board for more than 40 years. He died on June 17, 1954.

Plus Federal Credit Union.

That prior to commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE:
January 30, 2025, at 10:00 am.

PLACE OF SALE: Clearwater County Sheriff's Office, 213 Main Avenue North, Dept. 102, Bagley, Minnesota 56621, to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE AND TIME MORTGAGOR
MUST VACATE THE PREMISES:
July 30, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

THE TIME ALLOWED
BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE
MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS,
MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE (5)
WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS
ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA
STATUTES, SECTION 582.032,
DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER
THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED
PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH
A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING
OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS,
ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION,
AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: November 27, 2024
AVISEN LEGAL P.A.

By: /s/ Creig Andreasen

Creig Andreasen (#334832)
901 Marquette Avenue South,
Suite 1675

Minneapolis, MN 55402
612-416-2199
Attorney in Fact for

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union
R38-43C

01/01/25 19:16:20 Motor Vehicle

Crash

01/04/25 18:54:40 Traffic Stop

Itasca - Total 2

01/01/25 07:00:11 Vehicle Off

Road

01/01/25 17:51:49 THEFT

LaPraire N - Total 4

12/31/24 23:08:00 Information

Only

01/01/25 15:05:40 Information

Only

01/03/25 15:30:18 Welfare Check
01/04/25 20:34:42 Extra Patrol

Leon - Total 2

01/03/25 20:25:49 Traffic Stop

01/04/25 12:55:07 TEST

Minerva - Total 3

12/30/24 11:03:32 Officer Detail
01/03/25 22:54:43 Suicide

Related

01/04/25 00:36:15 Information
Moose Creek - Total 1
01/03/25 08:25:14 Traffic Stop

Nora - Total 4

12/30/24 10:49:04 Traffic Stop

01/03/25 06:27:43 Traffic Stop

01/03/25 06:38:34 Traffic Stop

01/03/25 07:38:15 Traffic Stop

Out of Jurisdiction - Total 5

12/29/24 10:08:37 Crimes Against

Family

12/29/24 10:15:48 Crimes Against

Family

01/02/25 02:26:12 Assist Other

Agency

01/02/25 11:45:41 Transport CW

Out of Jurisdiction

01/03/25 11:58:36 Transport CW

Out of Jurisdiction

Pine Lake - Total 2

01/02/25 21:51:28 Information

Only

01/03/25 10:03:00 THEFT

Popple - Total 2

12/30/24 19:17:56 Traffic Stop

01/02/25 11:31:02 Information

Only

Rice - Total 2

01/04/25 10:46:58 Traffic Stop
01/04/25 15:26:27 Traffic Stop

Shevlin - Total 3

12/29/24 11:13:30 THEFT

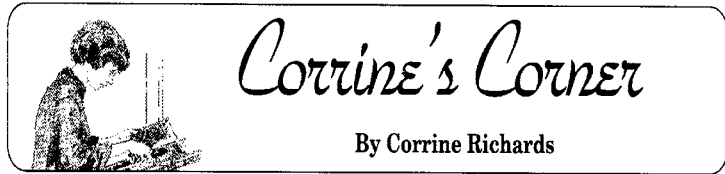
12/30/24 11:00:24 Vandalism

12/30/24 15:58:05 THEFT

Sinclair - Total 1

12/29/24 23:57:07 Fire CW

Total Records: 68



By Corrine Richards

The History Center
will open

January 7-10: open Tues-
day- Friday 10:00- 4:00

Please stop by and take
your tree down before January
11. Thank you.

The City of Gonvick has
been trying to get a skating
rink in Gonvick but the weath-
er has not been cooperating.
They have the skates, lights
and warming house but the
ice has been missing as fast as
it gets going. It is January so
maybe there is some hope yet.

Dr. Will Anderson will
be having his book signing on
Tuesday, January 14. It will be
held at Four Pines bookstore
at 102 3rd St NW in Bemidji
from 4 to 6 pm. His book "Last
Chance Forgiveness" with les-
sons on forgiveness will be fea-
tured.

Congratulations to Tom
Gravalin, Fosston wrestling
coach and Athletic Director for
many years. He will be induct-
ed into the National Wrestling
Hall of Fame on April 26, 2025.
It will be held at the Double
Tree Inn in Austin.

The Gonvick Legion will
be having their regular month-

ly fish fry on Saturday, Janu-
ary 11.

Shorty's in Gully will
be having Prime Rib special
both on Friday and Saturday
night his weekend. No bingo is
planned.

Joke time

Ole sometimes has a ghum
philosophy. He says, "If my
ship ever does come in... chanc-
es are I'll be at the airport."

Lars grew misty-eyed when
he read his name in the bowl-
ing scores news in the paper. It
was so wonderful he said, and
just think, you usually have to
die in order to read your name
in the paper."

Holiday lighting

winners announced

The winners of the holiday
lighting contest in Gonvick-
were:

1st – Dan & Tina Novy -
\$100.00

2nd- Ken Thomas & Lila
Coulter - \$75.00

3rd – Randy & Sue Sims -
\$25.00

They are courtesy of Otter
Tail Power Company.

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THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION
OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF
THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN
THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS
NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that
default has occurred in conditions of
the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE:

June 28, 2021

MORTGAGOR: Matthew James
Olson, a single man.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
as nominee for Fairway Independent
Mortgage Corporation its successors
and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF
RECORDING:

Recorded June 30, 2021 Clearwater
County Recorder, Document No.
A178697.

ASSIGNMENTS OF
MORTGAGE: Assigned to: U.S.
Bank National Association. Dated
July 22, 2022 Recorded July 22,
2022, as Document No. A181016.

TRANSACTION AGENT:
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S
MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER ON MORTGAGE:
100392411208365968

LENDER OR BROKER AND
MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR
STATED ON MORTGAGE: Fairway
Independent Mortgage Corporation

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE
SERVICER: U.S. Bank National
Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY
ADDRESS: 124 McDougall Avenue
Northwest, Bagley, MN 56621

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 23.030.1300
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF
PROPERTY:

That part of the East Half of the
West Half of the Northeast Quarter
(E½ of W½ of NE¼), Section Thirty
(30), Township One Hundred Forty-
seven (147), Range Thirty-seven
(37), described as follows: Beginning
at a point on the West line of the East
Half of the West Half of the Northeast
Quarter of Section 30, Township
147, Range 37, hereinafter referred
to as "said tract", thence North 500
feet North of the Southwest corner
of "said tract", thence East 70 feet
parallel with the South line of "said
tract" to the point of beginning;
thence continue East and parallel
with the South line of "said tract"
100 feet; thence North and parallel
with the West line of "said tract"
150 feet; thence West and parallel
with the South line of "said tract",
100 feet; thence South and parallel
with the West line of "said tract",
150 feet, more or less, to the point
of beginning.

Clearwater County, Minnesota
Subject to and together with
easements of record.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY
IS LOCATED:

Clearwater

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
OF MORTGAGE:

\$37,535.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED
TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF

NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF
ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE:

\$39,918.97

That prior to the commencement
of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
complied with all notice requirements
as required by statute; That no action
or proceeding has been instituted at
law or otherwise to recover the debt
secured by said mortgage, or any
part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of
sale contained in said mortgage,
the above described property will
be sold by the Sheriff of said county
as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE:
January 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's
Office, 213 North Main Avenue,
Bagley, MN to pay the debt then
secured by said Mortgage, and
taxes, if any, on said premises,
and the costs and disbursements,
including attorneys' fees allowed by
law subject to