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Nordlund Stock Farm 28th Production Sale

The operation was originally started by Kelly and Linda Nordlund in the 1970's with Simmental cattle. Black Angus were introduced in the 80's from Hi-View Angus, ND (Linda's parents). In the 90's Red Angus were used to crossbreed with Simmentals and shortly after the first 1A Red Angus females were purchased. The

first production sale was held on the farm in 1997. The Simmental cowherd was dispersed in 2004. In 2008, after Mike and Sam completed college, they purchased the cows from Kelly and Linda. 2020 marked the 45th year of marketing seedstock and was the 23rd production sale.

Nordlund's mission statement states, "our cattle are built on a maternal foundation, blending data and phenotype, to provide you with a more profitable, predictable, and consistent product. We say it every year but I guess that means we're moving in the right direction; we are absolutely thrilled with the quality of this year's offering."

This year's sale has a catalog online where you can check out the 40 page listing for the 28th Annual Production Sale.

Go to www.nordlundstockfarm.com or www.dvauction.com



Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board members seated left to right: Robbie Pond, Ryan Solee, Randy Bodensteiner and Kayla Walberg. Standing: Scott Abel, Superintendent Ryan Grow and Corey Petterson. Absent for picture was Vern Wittenberg.

School board holds organizational meeting

Clearbrook-Gonvick school Board held their re-organization meeting. Supt. Ryan Grow welcomed Robbie Pond as the newly elected board person to his first meeting.

Election of Officers was held. Vern Wittenberg who was not at the meeting was re-elected as Chair. Randy Bodensteiner as Clerk and Corey Petterson as Treasurer.

Assignment of Committees was made: MSBA with Corey and Vern; MSHSL - Kayla; BRIC, Corey; Food Service- Corey; Buildings and Grounds- Kayla and Robbie with Randy as Alternate; Technology- Vern with Kayla as Alt.; Policy - Ryan and Vern; Hiring Committee - Randy, Corey, Robbie with Scott as Alt.; Negotiations of Support Staff - Kayla and Ryan with Vern as Alt.; Meet and Confer Kayla and Vern; Transportation - Scott, Corey, Vern and Robbie as Alt; Superintendent Evaluation - Randy, Ryan and Vern.

Board salaries were set as the same as last year. \$80 for officers, \$75 for Board members per meeting, \$55. for negotiations and \$50 for extra meetings.

The board set the 3rd Monday of the month for their meetings except when there is a federal holiday. Then it would be changed.

Border Bank of Clearbrook and Northern State Bank of Gonvick were determined as the official Depositories.

The Leader-Record and The Farmers Publication were named official publications.

Official Signatures for the district were the Superintendent, Business Manager, HR Director and Board Chair.

Knutson, Flynn and Dean were named the official school attorneys.

Official mileage rate was set at the current 70 cents. If a personal vehicle was used and the school vehicle was available the rate would be 1/2.

Supt. Grow was named as the LEA Representative and Kayla Walberg the representative to the MSHSL.

Tom Jones asked a question on the status of the referendum. Grow informed him that they were looking for a date to meet with ATSR. He has sent out to board members questions to get a meeting date.

Mr. Bettin gave his Spotlight on Education for December. They had a great Christmas get together with the students. Three students were winners in the puzzle put together contest. It took them 26 minutes to put a 300 piece puzzle together. The kitchen staff and the student council had cookies to decorate and games were played.

New t-shirts have been ordered for the band and the school was looking forward to Snow Week activities.

Superintendents Report
Ryan Grow was still in need of a 1/2 time cook and a full time para educator in Indian Services. They are looking for varsity coaches for baseball and softball. Ross Faldet indicated that he was not coming back next year. He has one more year on his leave of absence.

He congratulated Ryan Solee on his completion of all four phases for the Minnesota School Board Certificate.

Grow presented a video that was presented at the school board meeting. "Be That One Voice", no matter where you are in the state.

Legislative sessions have started. He stated that compensatory aid to districts will be cut and our district will be \$156,000 short from the state if changes are made. It has to do with free and reduced benefits.

He was hopeful that unemployment would be addressed by the legislature.

Transportation for non public students to charter and private was also being brought up at the legislature. Q comp has been eliminated. That is where a teacher will receive additional compensation for the attainment of district-wide staff development goals.

There has been a lot of discussion on cyber security after the incident that happened during November at the school. More resources are needed to make the system secure. They are looking at managed IT services.

The lighting is done and complete on the building and grounds.

Kristopher Rue, the Industrial Arts Teacher will have a building and trades class this semester. He has been getting ideas as to what to do. They include fixing the roof on the garage outside, adding on to the

garage for storage, and checking the football tower roof.

The 2008 Chevy Impala needs to be traded or sold. They are looking at a mini van and not a car.

Principal's Report

Josh Tharaldson gave his report. The Fosston and Red Lake Falls Lions Blue were at the school January 8 for a vision screening of students in grades K-6. They have special equipment that does the screening several feet apart. There were 43 students who were flagged for referral and those students's parents received notice that a follow up should be done with their provider.

A Teacher-In-Service was held January 20 as virtual session on the topic or mental health and other licensure renewal requirements. It was provided through the Northwest Service Co-op.

Branden Needham won the 5-8 spelling bee and was to compete in the meet in Thief River Falls. The community Club donated several nice gifts to the contestants.

Tharaldson has zoom meetings with the MN Association of Secondary School Principals every Wednesday. They also have a monthly meeting in Thief River Falls. He will be attending the Annual Conference in Minneapolis January 29 to 31.

Upcoming events include now Days Weeks through February 7th. The LOON Theater for Elementary students will be on February 5 presentation of the musical "Little Mermaid". Elementary students have been practising the music. There will be no school on February 17. February 20 will be parents an teacher conferences.

Resource Officer

Officer Andy Anderson had a few reports that he had investigated in the school.

He will be starting the DARE program for the 5th grade students. The program will be 1 hour per week for up to 10 weeks.

The security camera upgrade is complete with 51 cameras inside and outside the building.

The vaping is still present in the school but it is considerably down. They have had zero alerts with the dogs that have been in the building.

Mr. Bettin has been helping with getting safety classes for ATV, Snowmobile and fire arms. The plan is to have Bagley and Clearbrook-Gonvick together on the fire arms class.

Enrollment Report

From December 20, 2024 to January 23, 2024 the enrollment went from 509 to 511.

Consent Calendar

Bills were presented an approved. Total Non-Payroll was \$1,422,867.32. Payroll was \$248,907.77 for a total of \$1,671,775.09. \$16,000 was for a new oven in the kitchen. Also the custodial payments were higher as they were full staff

Some bills included: Superior Transportation \$65,636.00; Garden Valley \$43,561.22; Teachers On Call \$26,710.17; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$10,146.59; Corporate Technologies \$6,060.00; Thompson

Sand and Gravel \$5,362.26; Ole & Lena's Pizzeria \$3,255.50; Listrom Disposal \$3,019.02; Prairie Farms - Woodbury \$2,9652.96; Bessler Electric \$2,672.77; North Central Bus Sales \$2,628.00; Community Oil \$2,483.58; Promo Bears \$2,150.00; Marco \$1,942.80; DaRoos Pizza \$1,484.00; 2 Loons Letters & Treads \$1,333.00; and Garden Valley \$1,200.72.

New Business

The board accepted two resignations. One from Robin Proffit as Concession Manager and one for Morgan Laferriere as Paraeducator as of December 22.

The board approved the FMLA leave request for Jared Sewall, Elementary Phy Ed Teacher for a four week leave starting March 2. It will be a paid PTO leave.

The board approved the FMLA leave request for Jamie Hammes, fifth grade teacher, from April 22, to May 23. It will be a paid PTO leave.

The board approved an extended unpaid Childcare Leave request for Lauren Lien from January 26 to August 18, 2025. She is trained on high school work and will do that as it become necessary.

The board hired Melissa Weems as the Concessions Manager.

The board approved the American Indian Policies and Procedures and adopted the recommendation for Reduction of Programs and Staff.

The board rescinded the 2024 MSBA Model Policy 522 and accepted the Original 1995 version with 2022 revisions.

Information from the United States Department of Education

Title IX's Final Rule issued in April 2024 was struck down nationwide.

On January 9, 2025, the Biden administration's Title IX Final Rule was struck down by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, which declared the regulations unconstitutional for all schools nationwide.

The case is State of Tennessee v. Cardona.

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. All public and private elementary and secondary schools, school districts, colleges, and universities receiving federal funds must comply with Title IX. The Final Rule had made significant changes to Title IX regulations affecting educational institutions, including clarification of defined terms, an expanded geographical scope, changes to the investigative process, and the inclusion of sexual orientation, gender identity and pregnancy/lactation protections under Title IX.

Since the Final Rule was released in April 2024, there had already been numerous successful legal challenges to the rule, resulting in the blocking of its application in 26 states and numerous institutions outside of those states. Now, subject to an unlikely appeal, the Final Rule has been blocked nationwide, relieving all educational institutions across the country from its requirements.

2024 Year in Review

July 3, 2024 - Summer Fest was Rockin with rock painting and some rockin bike and scooter give aways. Fun runs and 5k! Bouncy houses were set up indoors, just in case it rained. Delta Kappa Gamma donated to the Clearwater County Food shelf, a check for \$392! Eric Mickelson showed us the many locations of Paul Bunyan, from Brainerd to Maine! Greenbush race park held its opener on June 29, with a dream forecast. Can't forget the smart class of 2036! Meet the Kindergarten!

July 10, 2024 - Breakfast on the Farm was held at the Strandien Farm July 6th. Three generations of the Strandliens were in attendance. The Bemidji Veterans home was officially dedicated. Over 400 people attended. The Debs 44th annual parade was a hit, with Bob and Ruth Trask as the King and Queen. Mason Smith was "Driver Profile of the week" for Bemidji Speedway. And Bemidji Speedway held it's "First Responders/Salute to Service Night" July 7. And I can't leave out the Class of 2036!

We Lost.....Lynde Joe Arnold, Dan Salvus, Keith Barcus, Arnold Lindgren

July 17, 2024 - Gonvick Lions 34th annual Rodeo! Queen Anne Bergh was chosen and crowned by Kim Solberg. Grand Marshalls for the Gonvick Lions Rodeo parade were Jason and Angela Paulson. Gary Halseth and John Gustafson received quilts of valor, thank you for your service! Country Mouse and City Mouse graced the stage at the Gonvick LINK site on July 9th. And another hand full of smart classmen of 2036! Meet the Kindergarten.

We Lost..... Paul Bly, Duane Bergerson, Alta Mandt.

July 24, 2024 - We enjoyed pictures from the Gonvick Lions Rodeo parade! The Shevlin Garden Club held their meeting on July 16 at the home of Master Gardener Mary Spaulding. Eric and Patty Mickelson are the 2024 Outstanding Farm Leaders for Red Lake County! The 8th annual Freedom Festival took place the weekend of July 26th in Goodridge! Friends, family, community, live music, food, art, and fun! The Clearbrook-Gonvick summer baseball and softball programs shared some great pics! And Bemidji Speedway LVI Women in Motorsports Night kicked off on July 21st. Can't forget to meet the class of 2036 where Max Goodwin answered Mom and Dad question with: My mom is Alana, and I have Matt... Matt is lucky to have you Max.

We Lost..... Hilda Opdahl, Jacquelyn Lonne, John Leavell

July 31, 2024 - We welcomed Auna Brulé at her new salon in Clearbrook, Hair & Beyond. Winger's water tower went down, piece by piece, on July 25th. A new Barber shop started in Red Lake Falls, Craig & Lori Neumiller operate the Neumiller's Barber

Shop, open Tuesday through Friday. Bemidji Speedway profiled "Cameron Labelle". The City of Grygla recorded 7.99" of rain after storm on July 26th. The Mud River spilled over its banks, flooding many basements. The youth and their escorts from the ELCA Youth gathering made it back safely. The trip to New Orleans was made by 58, went over mostly without incident. The trip home was messy. The worldwide computer update outage delayed their Sunday night flights to Tuesday night. Glad they made it back safely.

We Lost.....Eric Reeber, M.D., Donna Schwab, Mercedes Iverson.



Community Calendar

Clearwater County Humane Society

Annual meeting of the Clearwater County Humane Society to be held at the Bagley Legion Hall on February 18th 2025 at 6pm.

Open to the Public to attend.

Calendar winners

Calendar Winners for the Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle for the Month of January. Each win \$100.

2-3-25 - Hoie Family - Solway.

Mid- Winter USED BOOK SALE !

Tuesday February 11 through Wednesday February 19

Tuesday- Friday 10:00-4:00 daily

Saturday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm
Sunday 1:00- 4:00

special hours on Monday
February 17 10:00-4:00 AT THE HISTORY CENTER in Shevlin

Many Children's books, "How To" and Gardening books, Mystery, History and Romance books. 25¢ each. Stock up for your winter reading!

Home Country

"This is 'bout the best time of year," said Steve, "to get out and do something fun, like go to a rodeo."

"Awful cold out there right now, Steve," said Doc, who has more degrees than a thermometer. "I guess it's a good thing they have all those building rodeos these days."

"Well, that would take all the sport out of it, wouldn't it?" Steve said. "Dud, pass the sugar please."

Dud passed the sugar. "Don't know what you mean, Steve. Why would it take all the sport out of rodeo if the folks in the stands were comfortable?"

"Cold factor," he said.

"What?"

Now Steve was our resident cowboy here at the Mule Barn truck stop's philosophy counter. He still worked on ranches and lived in bunkhouses and saddled his horses one at a time, but his rodeo days were far behind him. It's a sport with a very short career ... one

Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club to Meet

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be meeting on Monday, February 10, at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse in Leonard.

Nominations will be taken for officers and voting will take place.

Think snow!

Notice

The American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7:00 pm at the Legion Cabin. Please plan to attend.

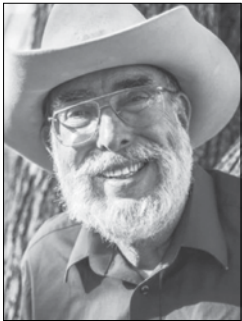
LeRoy Sundquist, Cmdr

Bagley Thrift Shop is overflowing

The Bagley Senior Center Thrift Store is overflowing with inventory. There will be a \$4 Bag Sale the first week of each of the next three months; February, March & April. Hours are 10am - 2pm Monday - Friday. The exact dates are as follows:

First week Feb 3-7
First week March 3-7
First Week April March 31-April 4th
Bags will be provided!!

By Slim Randles



way or another. "You see," Steve said, "when it's cold, the rough stock bucks harder ... 'specially the broncs. Not sure why, but you can see it even with broke horses. On a cold morning, they're liable to hump their backs and hop a few times just for fun, or to shake out the kinks. Same with rodeo broncs. With them, I think it's just more fun, though."

"Well, I can see where watching broncs in cold weather would make it more fun to watch," Doc said.

"That's only half of it," Steve said, grinning. "Those poor cowboys who ride them are cold and stiff, too. Doesn't help much with riding rank stock. And that's the reason it's more fun to watch a rodeo in cold weather. It tends to rain frozen cowboys."

Brought to you by Ol' Jimmy Dollar, Slim's children's book about a happy hounddog man and his "kids." See it at riograndebooks.com.

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson



Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com

My husband calls these "the Breakfast Cookie" because they have bacon and maple syrup in them. They are a Bacon Cornmeal Cookie from the "Ultimate Minnesota Cookie Book" by Lee Svitak and Rick Nelson.

COOKIES
3/4 cups golden raisins
1 cup cornmeal
1 and 1/2 cups flour
1 and 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
pinch of salt
1 cup room temperature butter

6 tablespoons maple syrup
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 strips extra crispy bacon, chopped

FOR BROWN SUGAR GLAZE
1 cup icing sugar
1/4 teaspoon maple extract
2 tablespoon milk
Preheat oven to 350* Line baking sheet with parchment.. Soak raisins in water for about 15 minutes to soften, Whisk together flour, corn-

meal, baking powder and salt. With an electric mixer, cream butter and maple syrup until fluffy.

add eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Add flour mixture just to combine. Stir in raisins and bacon. Shape dough into 1 inch balls and place on cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes or until edges are

golden brown,
Place 1 tablespoon unsalted butter into saucepan over medium heat. Stir until brown bits form in the bottom.

Remove from heat and add the icing sugar, maple extract and milk to the brown butter. Stir until smooth and drizzle over cookies. Enjoy! Until next time blessings to you and your family.

"Four Winds" Tops the List of Most Checked Out Books

In 2024, Four Winds by Kristin Hanna was the most checked out title at the Bagley Public Library. A historical fiction set during the Great Depression, the book is an epic novel of love, heroism and hope. Other titles that were popular in Bagley include 23rd Midnight by James Patterson, Little Liar by Mitch Albom, Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Power & Light by Minnesota-author Will Weaver.

The Bagley Public Library is a branch of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library, which offers library service to seven counties in northwest Minnesota. Clearwater county residents are eligible for a free library card, which offers access to hundreds of thousands of books, movies and other items available in the library's collection. Those interested can apply online at larl.org/applonline or can stop by the Bagley Public Library at 79 Spencer Ave. SW. The library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-7 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.



February Social Events

•Bingo Day is the 1st Thursday this month. February 6th at NOON.

•Valentine's Day Gathering at Noon (no cost to attend) February 14

We will watch the romantic movie -OUR (Almost Completely True) Love Story.

PG rated. 1 hour, 32 minutes long.

A famous aging movie star meets a man in a bird shop, come find out what happens! We have a NEW, big screen TV, and good company!

Call ahead if you want to eat the regular lunch meal at 11 am before the movie.

Lunch is a NSI sponsored. \$6 for NSI Clients, \$9.50 for non-clients. Must be 60+ to be a NSI client.

•Supper & Live Music Tuesday, February 18 at 4 pm. Reservations Only!!

We eat, we visit, and then at 5 pm we tap our toes to live music by Pete Garcia.

\$6 for Members and \$10 for Non-Members. Seating is limited to 50 places, reserve your seat early and before Feb 14. Email clearbrookseniorcenter@gmail.com or call 218-776-3154.

Other Senior Center Activities

•Feb 05 Vitals Check Up 10am- Noon, Walk-in welcome.

•Feb 06 Nail Service 1-3pm. By Appointment Only!

•Feb 06 Digital Literacy Lab 1:30- 2:30 pm

•Feb 13 Digital Literacy Lab 1:30- 2:30 pm

•Feb 13 Digital Literacy Workshop 01 "Cybersecurity Basics" 2pm at the Bagley Legion

•Feb 18 Workshop :Life After A Stroke" 1pm

•Feb 19 Vitals Check Up 10am- Noon, Walk-in welcome.

•Feb 20 Nail Service 1-3pm. By Appointment Only!

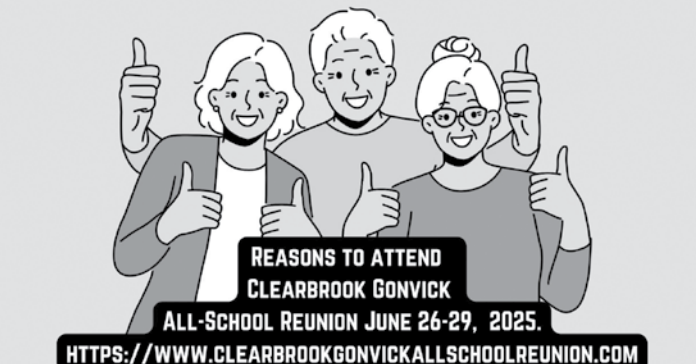
•Feb 20 Digital Literacy Lab 1:00- 2:00 pm

•Feb 26 Digital Literacy Workshop 02 "Internet Basics" 11am at the Bagley Library

•Feb 27 Digital Literacy Workshop 03 "Android Basics" Noon at the Senior Center

*To sign up for Nail Service for our Members, use the sign-up sheet at the center or email clearbrookseniorcenter@gmail.com.

The older you get, the more you need people who knew you when you were young.



Church News

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.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick
Pastor Will Anderson
Week of: February 3-9, 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 Bible Study, 10:30 AM 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

Men, seize the opportunity to be employed as a house parent (supervisor) for the Mustard Seed residents one weekend a month. The residents need a responsible, firm, and kind role model and mentor like you. Contact Treven Quade at treven@clearwaterslife.org for more information.

The more volunteers we have for Youth Connection the more enrichment is possible for our 3rd-5th graders and 6th-12th graders. Encourage anyone you know who would do well with kids to contact Charis Nordlund at (218) 776-2789 for more details.

PrimeWest health members get free access to the Weight Room, including weight training 3 days a month, Counseling services and Transportation. 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.

Don't forget to come grab your favorite pieces from Restore It! Furniture Shop before someone else gets it! All sales will be conducted at the Clearbrook site. We will no longer be taking commissions nor selling As Is Furniture from the Gonvick site.

Feeling stuck? Struggling alone? Celebrate Recovery is a safe and confidential group of people who support one another without judgment regardless of how big or small your burden feels. Come out to the gym every Thursday at 6:30 pm and be supported in your desire to grow and change.

Gonvick Site: 226 Elm Street

French Friday Night Out is at 5:00pm on Friday, February 7th. Don't forget to go to clearwaterslife.org/dinnerevents and register for a cozy and adventurous evening of beautifully prepared French cuisine.

Create It! Art Studio has mentors on site every Monday from 10:00am-3:00pm to give guidance on your project or just to cheer on your creativity.

Get some fun physical activity in with Pickleball in the Gonvick Gym on Mondays 9:30am-7:30pm, Wednesdays 9:00am-3:00pm, Thursdays 9:00am-6:00pm, and Fridays 9:00am-3:00pm. 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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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.

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

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Road 7
Sun., Feb. 9 - 9:00 a.m. Service followed by Annual meeting.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseth
Wed, Feb. 5: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS Meeting.
Sun, Feb. 9: Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Worship - Annual meeting and dinner to follow. St. Petri 9:45 a.m. Livestream. Oak Park: 8:45 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Livestream
Wed, Feb. 12: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 9: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund; 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Michael Wright
Good Shepherd
Wed. Feb. 5 - 6pm - 7:30pm First Wednesday at Cease in Bagley (7th-12th Grade)
Thurs. Feb. 6 - 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Leonard Café
Sun., Feb. 9 - 9:00am Worship & Communion, 10:00am Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Youth Group Super Bowl Fundraiser
Mon. Feb. 10 - 7:00pm Council Meeting
Tues. Feb. 11 - 5:30pm Bible Study
Wed. Feb. 12 - 6pm Confirmation (7th-9th Grade)
Our Savior's
Wed. Feb. 5 - 6pm - 7:30pm First Wednesday at Cease in Bagley (7th-12th Grade)
Thurs. Feb. 6 - 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Leonard Café; 10am-2pm Quilting Day
Sun., Feb 9 - 10:00am Coffee Hour
11:00am Worship & Communion
Wed. Feb. 12 - 6pm Confirmation (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 Karl 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)
Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m Men's Prayer
Check the website or Facebook for up-to-date information.

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The most High Eloheem and 'only' savior (Isaiah 43:11) are meeting on Yahuah's sacred Sabbaths. Call (218) 766-8176 for information.
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BEAR TRACKS

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

Bears over Patriots 81-69 January 24

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears with their win over the Win-E-Mac Patriots gave them nine wins for the season. They won 81-69 at home as

they hosted the Patriots. The Bears had a slim lead of 38-32 going into half time.

They came out in the second half and out scored the Patriots 17-9 to lead 55-41.

Scoring for the Bears were: Hassani Bruton 20 points 4 rebounds, Grant Engen 17 and 4; Braxton Bjerke 16 and 10; Ryan Bodensteiner 16 and 10; Ryan Gerlofs 5 and 5; Trey Gouge 5 and 4; Cooper Wisard 2 and 6.

Clearbrook-Gonvick is now 9-4 on the season

ty on Bun, Oven Fries, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices.

Snack - Granola Bar

Tues. Feb. 11 - Turkey and Cheese Subs, Baked Chips, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Strawberry Chex

Wed. Feb. 12 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Pop Tart

Mercy College of Ohio Honors List

TOLEDO, Ohio (January 31, 2025) - The following students were awarded honors for the Fall 2024 semester at Mercy College of Ohio. To be named on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours. To be named on the Honor's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 6-11 credit hours. To be named on the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled for 14 or more credit hours.

Named to the list of Bagley, was **Carrie Lundy**, BS in Medical Imaging, Dean's List.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Feb. 5 - Boneless Chicken Wings, Assorted Salads, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Scooby Snacks

Thurs. Feb. 6 - Build a Burger, Oven fries, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Baked Chips

Fri. Feb. 7 - 100th Day of School... Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Granola Bar

Mon. Feb. 10 - Chicken Pat-



Congratulations to our January Elementary Student of the Month winners for 3rd - 6th grade. In the front: Oliver Westrum and Arrow Lindley. Back row: Alexis Smith, Bentley Aakre, Jack McKnight and Gus Coulter. Not pictured: Nadia Oraskovich and Ila Severson.



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick January Elementary Student of the Month winners for grades k-2! From left to right: Weston Lauderbaugh, Ashtyn Narveson, Silas Durkin, Alex Wilde and Landin Aust. Not pictured Maddisyn Horn.



Bear Friday winners at Clearbrook-Gonvick for Friday, January 31.

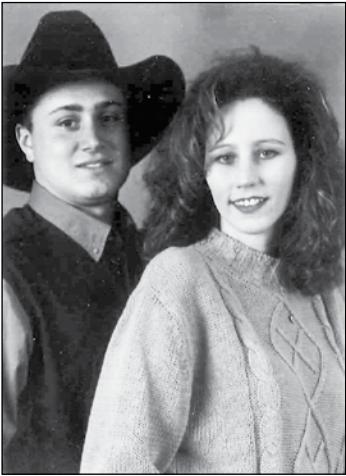


Audrey Stoskopf drives around a defender. The Bears played Red Lake and won 77-36.

Who Dat????



We have not had a Who Dat for a while. These are two couples who announced their engagements. If you have a picture to put in the paper send or email to richards@gv-tel.com or bring it in to the Leader-Record office. Answer in Corrine's Corner.



What's Soap, Folks?

By Oopsy Annie
It's so strong in powder form, it makes your skin tingle - NOT in a good way. When mixed with water, it brings on the heat. It's toxic! So, why not mix it with a bunch of FAT and turn it into soap? SOAP we put on our delicate skin! This is no lie, but it is LYE I'm speaking of. What genius back in ye olde days of forgotten lore thought this was a good idea? It doesn't make sense. Or good scents. So, you must add it in. Make it have scents. I'm having pun, er fun. Hee-Hee!

On the morning of Saturday, January 25, local women gathered at Clearbrook's City Hall to learn soap making. Our fearless leader and experienced guide was Denise Nelson. This was a FREE Living Local Women workshop funded by a grant from Northwest Minnesota Foundation Women's Fund. These monthly women mentoring women workshops over the last year have been SO AWE-SOME! I've thoroughly enjoyed the ones I've attended. On this day, I watched lye mix with water, goat milk, blue berries, coconut fat, essential oils...and more! Three different kinds of bar soap were made. Guess what? Those of us there got to go home with three whole bars of soap - one of each kind. Bonanza! These workshops have enhanced my life. Made it cleaner too after Saturday and the teaching of Denise Nelson. By the way, her favorite scent is Purely Herbal. It IS wonder-



ful. And now folks a song from Oopsy Annie. Sing it out loud for best effect. >wink<

Clean Living (Tune: Green Acres Theme Song)

~ Oopsy Annie, 2025
Clearbrook is the place to be.

Clean livin' is the life for me.

Soap spreadin' out so far and wide

Keep mud-muck-dirt, just give me that clean skin hide.

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Bid-It-On Auctions is having another on line auction. They are located on Main Street in Gully. Bidding will be on February 12 from 6 to close. Questions call Holly at 218-766-3180.

The Gully Sportsman's Club will be having a kids fishing derby on February 15th from 9-2 on Pine Lake. Parents need to accompany their kids, we will have prizes for the first 50 kids, lunch and prizes.

The big Soo1500 race was held at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan last Saturday. Gunner Arlaud of Gonvick was on the Cadarette Collision Racing team that took second place. The other team members that took turns riding the 500 mile one day race were Ryan Spencer and Troy DeWalt. 36 teams started the race on a one mile oval track. They started at 10 in the morning and ended late in the afternoon.

February 2, a crowd gathers at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to see a groundhog named Phil. He saw his shadow, the United States can expect six more weeks of winter weather according to legend. Staten Island Chuck, a groundhog at the Staten Island Zoo, did not see his shadow Sunday and predicted an early spring for 2025. Who knows???

Shorty's in Gully will be having shrimp for their Friday and Saturday night. Bingo will

be played with the number at 57 on Feb. 8.

A reminder that the Gonvick American Legion will be having their monthly fish fry on Saturday night.

Nordlund Stock Farm of Clearbrook is planning its 28th Annual Production Sale on February 28, 2025. Kelly, Mike and Sam Nordlund and the rest of the family will be busy getting ready for the event.

Joke time
Insurance salesman asked Ole: "Now before we complete this policy, do you want an Ordinary Life?"

Ole replied "Well, I would like to fool around a little on Saturday night."

Lars got a job in the fertilizer factory. The boss tried to determine the extent of Lars' abilities. "Tell me, do you know anything about Nitrates?"

Lars replied, "All I know is they are cheaper than day rates."

Answer to Who Dat". They are Scott and Kim Anderson and Travis and LeAnn Vettleson.

Coming events
There will be an All-School reunion in Clearbrook June 26-29, 2025. The committee is getting going and having several meetings. There will be a mailing going out from classmates in that year.

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Gonvick-Trail All

School Reunion and Gonvick Rodeo July 11th through July 14.

They are planning a Casino Night to raise funds of March 22. Will have to get more details.

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

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

Sportsman's Club meeting February 8

Gully Area Sportsman's Club will be having a meeting at

Shorty's Place on Saturday February 8th at 10:00 am

Library's Book Club to Discuss "Anxious People" February 7

Join the Bagley Public Library's Book Club for a discussion of Anxious People by Fredrik Backmann. The book tells a story about a crime that never took place, a bank robber who never robs a bank and mysteriously disappears, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find out they have more in common than they could ever have imagined.

The group will meet on Friday, February 7 at 1 p.m. at the Bagley Public Library. The Bagley Public Library is located at 79 Spencer Ave., and is open from 1-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursday, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays.

About Lake Agassiz Regional Library

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. For more information on this and other LARL events and services, contact the Lake Agassiz Regional Library office at 218-233-3757 or online at www.larl.org.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

City of Bagley - Total 22
01/27/25 08:40:03 Information Only
01/27/25 10:45:44 Crimes Against Family
01/27/25 12:21:22 Vehicle Off Road
01/27/25 13:41:03 911 Hang Up
01/27/25 23:40:00 Traffic Stop
01/28/25 00:00:49 Traffic Stop
01/28/25 20:36:41 Traffic Stop
01/29/25 00:30:16 Sexual Conduct
01/29/25 22:31:58 Traffic Stop
01/29/25 22:38:50 Traffic Stop
01/30/25 10:56:13 WORTHLESS CHECK
01/30/25 16:15:22 Fraud
01/30/25 19:20:51 Traffic Stop
01/31/25 06:53:50 Information Only
01/31/25 09:49:56 Juvenile Misc
01/31/25 21:38:46 Traffic Stop
02/01/25 04:42:57 Motorist Assist
02/01/25 05:50:37 Information Only
02/01/25 10:10:40 Vehicle Lock Out
02/01/25 13:35:22 Motor Vehicle Crash
02/01/25 18:03:43 Traffic Stop
02/01/25 18:21:01 CW City of Bagley

City of Clearbrook - Total 6
01/26/25 11:20:49 Motor Vehicle Crash=
01/26/25 17:45:15 TEST CW City of Clearbrook
01/28/25 22:27:31 Domestic
01/29/25 16:07:06 Welfare Check
01/29/25 17:53:59 Medical
02/01/25 13:24:44 TEST CW City of Clearbrook

City of Gonvick - Total 2
01/29/25 14:48:53 Disturbance
01/30/25 13:00:37 Animal Related

City of Leonard - Total 1
01/29/25 17:10:08 Animal Related

City of Shevlin - Total 3
01/26/25 12:57:51 Information Only
01/28/25 01:38:14 Information Only
01/28/25 16:39:48 Welfare Check

Copley - Total 5
01/26/25 18:42:26 Traffic Stop
01/28/25 12:34:14 Traffic Complaint
01/31/25 08:02:45 Medical
01/31/25 21:10:54 Traffic Stop
01/31/25 23:29:09 Traffic Stop

Dudley - Total 1
01/31/25 11:43:03 Traffic Stop

Eddy - Total 2
01/28/25 04:50:22 Traffic Stop
01/31/25 11:22:13 Traffic Stop

Falk - Total 2
01/26/25 10:59:10 Traffic Complaint
02/01/25 09:19:40 Assist Other

Greenwood - Total 1
01/30/25 17:54:38 Medical CW
Itasca - Total 1
01/31/25 13:23:05 Traffic Stop
LaPrairie N - Total 3
01/26/25 19:22:04 Assault
01/28/25 10:07:02 Domestic
02/01/25 10:55:42 Information Only
Leon - Total 3
01/27/25 08:00:21 Motor Vehicle
01/28/25 18:16:04 Information Only
01/30/25 18:49:04 Traffic Stop
Long Lost Lake - Total 1
02/01/25 18:45:15 Motorist Assist
Minerva - Total 2
01/29/25 19:15:30 Traffic Stop
02/01/25 11:01:29 Information Only
Moose Creek - Total 1
01/28/25 14:44:43 Animal Related
Nora - Total 5
01/29/25 08:01:43 Suspicious Activity

01/29/25 08:53:33 Traffic Complaint
01/31/25 10:38:35 Traffic Stop
02/01/25 18:20:45 Traffic Stop
02/01/25 18:25:58 Information Only
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 4
01/27/25 21:31:36 CIVIL PROCESS
01/28/25 08:33:14 Transport
01/29/25 11:44:58 Transport
01/30/25 12:34:21 Transport
Pine Lake - Total 3
01/27/25 07:13:01 Medical
01/27/25 07:41:08 Fraud
01/29/25 20:32:48 Traffic Stop
Popple - Total 1
02/01/25 23:05:17 Traffic Stop
Rice - Total 3
01/28/25 16:44:15 Welfare Check
01/29/25 18:21:18 Animal Related
01/31/25 14:48:37 Traffic Stop
Shevlin - Total 5
01/26/25 12:39:14 Assault
01/30/25 21:37:37 911 Hang Up
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01/31/25 15:48:38 Fire
Total Records: 77

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tee on Public Safety, held a press conference where we outlined our proposal to help make Minnesota a safer place to live, work, and raise a family. Key provisions in the proposal include:

Late last Friday afternoon, it was announced that the Minnesota Supreme Court

ruled a quorum in the House requires 68 members. There are only 67 Republican members at the Capitol, which means we're now blocked from carrying out the important work we've been doing for the past two weeks, including floor sessions, committee meetings, and other essential business.

We've spent a great deal of time and effort working to make Minnesota safe, affordable, and prosperous, and this is the third week I've come to the Capitol ready to work, only to find that the people we need to get these things done are once again absent.

There is an expectation that elected officials will show up, represent their constituents, and work to find reasonable and effective solutions for our communities. The situation we find ourselves in is unacceptable.

Ultimately, there will come a time when the members of the Minnesota House will have to meet and pass legislation, and I certainly hope that happens as soon as possible because we have important problems to solve, and the more time goes by, the less time we have to solve them. Moreover, the less time we will have to find solutions that work for everyone.

Making Minnesota Safe
On Wednesday, myself and members of the House Commit-

mum 10-year sentences for predators engaged in first-degree sex trafficking.

•Predatory offender registration required for offenders engaged in criminal sexual conduct who receive a stayed sentence from the courts.

•New and enhanced criminal offenses including blocking a freeway, highway, transit, or the road to and from the airport.

•Increased penalty for fleeing a police officer in a reckless manner.

•Increased penalties for individuals who conspire to trespass on or damage critical infrastructure such as pipelines, utility lines, and water lines.

•Increased penalties for assaulting a peace officer from a gross misdemeanor to a felony.

•Providing better access to the public on prosecutors' charging and dismissal decisions, and court sentencing departure

Let's Stay Connected
Your input will be very important to me as I work on your behalf. I encourage you to reach out. You can contact me by email rep.bidal.duran@house.mn.gov and by phone at 651-296-4265. I look forward to hearing from you and I thank you for trusting me to represent you at the Capitol.

Clearwater County Environmental Services

Clearwater County Recycling Drop-Off Locations Accepting:

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

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

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



LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

3. 2024-2025 Truth in Taxation Presentation – This was presented by Superintendent Ryan Grow.

4. Community Comments – None

5. Spotlight on Education – Mr. Bettin gave a PowerPoint presentation of events that have happened since the last board meeting.

6. Approval of Agenda – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve agenda as amended, postponing item 8.3. MCU.

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

7.1 11/18/24 – Regular Meeting

8 Informational Items

8.1 Principals Report – Principal Tharaldson presented the report and discussed the following items: **A) HS & Elem Music Concerts** – Thank you to Mrs. Ragan & Mrs. Mickelson for another set of fabulous Christmas concerts. The gym was packed full, and many positive comments were heard. **B) Winter FastBridge Screening** – K-6 teachers will be completing screenings the week of January 6th-10th in their classrooms. **C) CAREIALL Training** – Our Phase I educators (Primarily Elementary Teachers) will complete their final live session with their online training through CAREIALL on Wednesday. Phase II Educators can begin registering for their training starting in February (This will include our HS English Teachers). **D) Open Enrollment Data** – This was presented to the board. All capped grades are currently below their cap numbers (5th – 26, 6th – 50, 7th – 44, 8th – 50) & there are no students on the waiting list.

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8.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: **1) Personnel** – **A) Thank You** - Thank you, Dudley, for your years of service as a school board member. Your service & leadership to the district is appreciated. **B) Open Positions** – ½ Time Cook, Paraeducator (Indian Ed Program), Varsity Softball & Baseball Coaches & Assistant Track & Field Coach. **2) Educational** – **A) MSBA Conference** – Vern & I will be attending on 1/16-1/17/25. **B) Teacher In-Service** – A virtual in-service through NWSC will be held for all teachers on 1/20/25. **C) Shout Out to Winter Sports Teams** – A shout out to our winter sports teams, both players & coaches. I have driven the bus a few times, and the teams have been well behaved, respectful & clean up after themselves. Thank you! **D) Staff Appreciation Event** – Invitations have gone out for a 1/25/24 event. Staff, Board members & guests are all included. **3) Legislative** – **A) No Updates currently.** **4) Financial** – **A) 24-25 Budget** – With the school year being virtually half over, we will begin looking at our original budget & revise it as needed to reflect current revenues & expenses more accurately. Working with a revised budget helps the district have a clearer forecast for the next fiscal year. **5) Building/Grounds** – **A) Security Cameras** – Our new security camera system is installed and complete. Crews from Garden Valley worked after hours & during the Thanksgiving break. Thanks to them for their dedication & hard work. Four people have camera access & have been trained. The quality of footage & features of the software is a big upgrade. **B) Parking Lot/Sidewalk Lights Replacement** – This project got a little delayed as some parts were back ordered. Currently, work is planned to start the week of December 16th.

8.3 School Resource Office Report – Postponed to next month.

8.4 Enrollment Report – Our current enrollment number is 513 vs 515 in November.

9 Consent Calendar – MMS Abel/Walberg to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board

Meetings: 73281-73311/Wires Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit - All Payroll was Direct Deposit December Bills Voucher Numbers: 72710-72804 Check Numbers: 73312-73363 Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$760,533.83

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

9.4 Accept/Approve Donations 9.5 Student Activity Report 10 Old Business – None 11 New Business

11.1 Consider Accepting the Letter of Retirement for Robyn Johnson – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to accept. MCU

Superintendent Grow & the Board thanked Robyn for her many years in the district.

11.2 Consider Hiring Darby Engberg as ECSE Paraeducator – MMS Petterson/Walberg to hire. MCU

11.3 Consider Accepting the Resignation of Kyle Christianson as Assistant Track & Field Coach – MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to accept. MCU

11.4 Consider Hiring Kyle Christianson as Head Track & Field Coach for the 2024-2025 School Year – MMS Wittenberg/Abel to hire. MCU

11.5 Consider Approving the Final Levy & Certification – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve levy at \$2,268,24.09. MCU

11.6 Consider Approving the Revision to MSBA Policy 522 – MMS Petterson/Wittenberg to approve. MCU.

11.7 Consider Approving the Vehicle Lease Agreement with Superior Transportation – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. MCU.

11.8 Consider Setting the Regular School Board Dates for January & February 2025 to the Fourth Monday – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to approve moving the meetings to 1/27/25 & 2/24/25. MCU.

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

13 Future Meetings

13.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday January 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

13.2 Work Session - TBD

14 Adjournment – MMS Wishard/Wittenberg to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. MCU R47C

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