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Seth Bakke owner of Lakewood Detail in Bemidji.



Bakke opens new business in Bemidji

Bemidji Chamber Ambassadors recently congratulated Seth Bakke on his new business, Lakewood Detail, located at 4403 Minnkota Ave. NW in Bemidji.

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Seth is the son of Kurt and Christine Bakke of Bemidji. His grandparents are Wayne and Kathy Bakke of Gonvick.

Tyler Johnson Joins Membership of American Angus Association

Tyler Johnson, Leonard, Minnesota, is a new member of the American Angus Association®, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with more than 21,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 21 million registered Angus.

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ers and others who rely on Angus to produce quality genetics for the beef industry and quality beef for consumers.

For more information about Angus cattle and the American Angus Association, visit www.angus.org.

Historical Society Annual Meeting Sunday February 23

The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold its 2024 Annual Meeting on Sunday February 23 at Gonvick Community Center.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 and will include election of one new board member, election of officers and a short business meeting. After the meeting, a program on the Century Farms in Clearwater County will be offered. Light refreshments will be served.

Everyone is welcome. Not a member? That's okay! You are welcome to come and see what the society is all about.

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

Scholastic Book Fair next week at school

Feb. 18-20 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School will be the Scholastic Book Fair.

Tuesday, Feb. 18: Book Preview Day -Be sure to look through your Book Fair flyer or look online and write down some favorites your child might want to get at the Book Fair! Write these on the attached "Wish List". Send the "Wish List" back to school with your child. Your child will also have time to walk through the Book Fair on this day to add to their "Wish Lists".

Wednesday, Feb. 19: Purchase Day -The Book Fair will be open from 8:30-2:00 pm

-Classes will be taken down to make their purchases at their scheduled class times.

Thursday, Feb. 20: Last Day!! This will be your last day to purchase books!

-Book Fair times for this day: 8:30-3:00 pm – For classrooms

-Students will be given a chance to make final purchases during their scheduled class times.

Open to the public from 3:00-7:30 pm

-Open During Home Varsity/JV Boys Basketball Game vs WAO. Come cheer on the Bears and stop by the Book Fair!

-Also during Parent-Teacher Conferences (Be sure to check it out before or after your conferences!)

Fishing Derby for kids February 15

Save the date Saturday, February 15th. Take a kid to the Fishing Derby on Pine Lake. The event is sponsored by the Gully Sportsman's Club from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be prizes for the first 50 kids with lunch.

Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Interested in running?

There are three positions open for Clearwater-Polk Electric Board. Members can pick up a petition at the office in Bagley or call 218-694-6241. The three districts open are District 1 with Kim Solberg in the position now; District 2 with Cheryl Grover in the position now and District 3 Betty Surdez in the position now.

Deadline to get the petitions in is Friday, February 25, 2025. Clearwater-Polk Electric's 78th Annual Meeting is set for April 23, 2025.



Waiting for "Rusalka: A Mermaid's Tale", to begin at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Living Local Women is excited to have "Lexie Lofgren" as the guest speaker Saturday February 15th. "Planning for the Seasons of your Life"

Lexie will be our guide as we look at the strategies to build the path to the life we want to create. Our past informs our future, it does not have to define it. This will be a fun morning of community as we learn about ourselves in a new and different way. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at LivingLocalWomen@gmail.com.

Class goes from 10-12 pm and meets in the City of Clearbrook Classroom 200 Elm St. SW entrance. All are welcome. No charge to attend this event.



Little Opera of the North at Clearbrook-Gonvick School
Submitted by Mrs. Patty Mickelson

The Little Opera of the North presented, "Rusalka: A Mermaid's Tale", to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary on Wednesday, February 5th. Sixteen second and third graders were selected to perform alongside LOON's professional cast members, while the rest joined in from the audience. In addition to the cast of four vocalists, they had a professional accompanist, set, props and costumes. It was a great way to bring an entertaining opera experience to all students!

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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 6 pm.

Open to the Public to attend.

Calendar winners

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

2-10-25 - Jacob Anderson - Clearbrook

Valentines dinner

The Bagley Senior Center will be having a Valentines Dinner on Saturday February 22 at 5pm! Dine-in is limited to 50 guests. "Pick up" is available as well. Dinner is ham, baked potato with all the trimmings for a nice Valentine's dinner. Cost of dinner is \$20 per person. Call 218-694-6873 to reserve your dinner.

After dinner make it a complete date night by attending the "Give a Vet A Lift" Benefit concert at the Bagley High School Auditorium. "Give a Vet a Lift" benefit concert raises money for the veterans transportation program. The concert has been an annual event For nearly 20 years.

Mid- Winter USED BOOK SALE !

Mid-Winter used book sale 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!

The Bagley Public Library will have a fun class for kids on Saturday February 15th. Kids will be making "Snowflake Sun catcher".

The class starts at 10 am and goes till 12 noon. Come when you can. All supplies will be provided to the kids! And there is no charge to attend! Come have some fun!

Happy 90th Birthday to Annie Bergh

February 16, 1935

Patty, Connie, Rob (Janet), Wayne, Charles, all the grandchildren and great grandchildren are wishing you a very Happy Birthday.

We know that this past year has been tough and we all want you to know that we love you very much and that Dad is also watching over you and sending his love too.

The Family of Annie Bergh

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Feb. 12 - Pork Roast, Parsley Boiled Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Sherbet.

Thurs. Feb. 13 - Burger on a Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Jell-o with Topping

Fri. Feb. 14 - Cook's Choice

Mon. Feb. 17 - Polish Sausage, Oven Fried Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Pudding with Topping.

Tues. Feb. 18 -Pepper Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Harvard Beets, Fruit Crisp

Wed. Feb. 19 - Corn Chowder, Egg Salad Sandwich, Fruit Cup, Cookie

Meal subject to change.

Call 218-776-3154

Elim Mission Friends meeting

Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, February 13th at 2:30 PM at Clearbrook Elim Church. Devotion\ Meditation will be shared by Kris Dahl, missionary updates told by Roxanne Engebretson, and meeting will follow. Hostess is Roxanne Engebretson.

Notice to Leon Township Residents Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at the Leon Township Hall. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 5:00 pm. to 8:00 pm at which time the voters will elect:

1 Supervisor for a 3 year term

1 Treasurer for a 2 year term

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the close of the polls at 8:00 pm to canvass the results.

The Annual Town Meeting will commence following the Canvass to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

Lori Larson
Leon Township Clerk

Church News

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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. 16 - Noon services with Pastor Mark Kindem

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseeth
Wed, Feb. 12: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.
Sat. Feb. 15: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Feb. 16: Oak Park: 8:45 am. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship. St. Petri: 9:45 a.m. Livestream. Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Livestream
Wed, Feb. 19: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 16: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund; 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany.

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.

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

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick
Pastor Will Anderson
Week of: February 10-16, 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

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.

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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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Michael Wright
Good Shepherd
Wed. Feb. 12 - 6pm Confirmation (7th-9th Grade)
Sun., Feb. 16 - 9:00am Worship & Communion; 10:00am Coffee Hour. No Sunday School, Service Group 1 Meets
Tues. Feb. 18 - 5:30pm Bible Study
Wed. Feb. 19 - 6pm Confirmation at Faith (7th-9th Grade)
Our Savior's
Wed. Feb. 12 - 6pm Confirmation (7th-9th Grade)
Sun., Feb. 16 -10:00am Coffee Hour
11:00am Worship & Communion
Wed. Feb. 19 - 6pm Confirmation at Faith (7th-9th Grade)

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Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Feb. 12 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Pop Tart
Thurs. Feb. 13 - Bosco

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

Stick, Dipping Sauce, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Cheez It Crackers
Fri. Feb. 14- Orange Chicken with Rice, California Blend Vegetables, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Baked Chips
Mon. Feb. 17 - NO SCHOOL

Tues. Feb. 18 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Goldfish
Wed. Feb. 19 - Chicken Noodle Soup, Egg Salad or Tuna Sandwich, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Cereal Bar



The "sea urchins" on their coral reef getting ready for the opera.



Clearbrook-Gonvick students were treated to an opera performance by the Little Opera of the North (LOON) Residency program on February 5. In preparation for the performance, the chorus musical parts were taught to the 2nd and 3rd grade classes. Sixteen students were drawn from these classes at random to appear on stage with the opera cast. This year's performance was "Russalka....a Little Mermaid Tale". Grades K-6 were invited to attend the performance as well as family members. The LOON

program is a traveling residency that travels to many schools across Minnesota to share opera theatre with students and families. Professional musicians share their talents in this one day residency program. Following the performance, a question and answer time allowed students to find out more about opera and how the cast became singers.

By Tammy Ragan, Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary and Choir Teacher.



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Wear winners from Friday, February 7th. Delainey Kingbird, Natasha Chandler, Krya Horn, Chris Skjaret, Trigg Torgerson, Carson Derby, Alex Wilde, Mrs. DeVries, Cheyenne Burman and Sydney Dahl.



Clearbrook-Gonvick School student Brayden Needham competed in the regional spelling bee in TRF on Wednesday.

Friborg named to Dean's List for fall

ALEXANDRIA, Minn. (February 4, 2025) - Sara Fier, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Alexandria Technical & Community College, recognizes individual students for academic excellence. Haidyn Friborg of Clearbrook, MN was named to the Dean's List for achieving a GPA of 3.5 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits Fall Semester 2024.

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson



Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com

How many times have you looked in your refrigerator for something for supper? What did you find --leftovers that you know you shouldn't waste but don't know what to do with them.

Well, I have a quick solution for you.

2 cups of diced meat (chicken, turkey or beef)

6 ounces sliced mushrooms or canned

2 cups of cooked veggies (anything you have)

8 ounces sour cream

1/2 cup diced onion

Hot cooked noodles, rice or even mashed

3 tablespoons flour

potatoes

salt and pepper to taste

1 tablespoon butter

2 cups chicken broth
2 cloves minced garlic

In a large skillet, melt butter. Sauté the onions, mushrooms and garlic until soft

Add the flour, salt and pepper. Stir to combine. Pour in the broth

and stir until thickened.

Stir in your meat and veggies and heat thru.

Stir in the sour cream and serve over noodles, rice or potatoes.

Add any other spices to this that suits your fancy--be creative!

Until next time--blessings to you and your family!

Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer

Logan LeClair at logan.leclair@co.clearwater.mn.us
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Hello Clearwater County!

I would like to take the time and talk about a great service our county provides to its Veterans. I also want to take the time and thank all of our volunteer's past and present who made it happen.

We have a Veterans Transportation Program. Our county provides transportation services to our Veterans. This is meant for taking Veterans to and from their medical appointments. Any Veteran in need of a ride to a medical appointment can give myself a call and we will schedule it for you. Our intent is that you stay healthy and live life to the fullest of your ability.

We are one of the few counties in our area to do something like this. Here's the amazing part of all of this, it's entirely self-funded by donations from our community. Donations from the Bagley American Legion, Shevlin Township, Faith Lutheran Church and the annual Veterans music program



have kept us going. I would like to thank all who have given but if I did, this article would go on and on.

We currently have one volunteer driver who does all of our transportation in the county. His name is

Doug Lindgren, maybe you've heard of him! In the past we have had Les Hinrich, Wayne Cassibo and Neltson McPherson all volunteer their time. If you get a chance thank these great individuals for their time and commitment to Veterans and community.

This Veterans Transportation program is funded by our community and therefore it is only fair that our community benefit from it. We will help any Veteran of Clearwater County get to their appointments. If you should ever need our services, please call 218-694-6618. As always, try and give us ample notice of an appointment so we can get a driver scheduled. Thanks for your time and making this county a great place to work and live.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

They are getting ready now, wondering if the race will bring prize money, glory to their dogs, or just some quiet laughter from the other mushers.

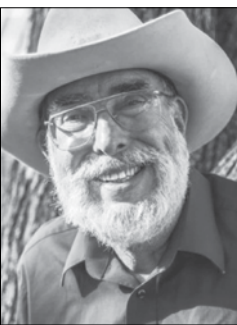
The Iditarod Trail.

It has come to mean "The Trail" to dog mushers and kennel owners all over the state of Alaska and in a lot of other places.

There are other long distance dogsled races now. We know that. But the Iditarod started all that "long, cold camping trip" stuff. And I was lucky to be a part of that very first Iditarod in March of 1973.

Strangely enough, each musher has a list of life-saving equipment and food on that sled. Unfortunately, when they check a musher's lungs and heart, they forget to test the brain. The race would probably be run quicker and more efficiently, but it undoubtedly wouldn't be as much fun.

In my closet, hanging on a hook where it's been for more than half a century, is a hand-



made down parka covered with gold-colored heavy cloth. I wear it every year on the first Saturday in March to remind me of the race and of a woman named Pam who made it for me. We lost Pam this last year, but she was the eyes and ears and ambulance dispatch-

er of the first few races. And she was my wife, then, too.

I was injured about 300 miles into this thousand-mile race and was rescued by military helicopter. I started the race with seven dogs, as that was the minimum and then the minimum was changed to nine dogs.

So if you find yourself somewhere between Anchorage and Nome and you see tired people and cold dogs with icicles hanging on them. Smile and say you send greetings from Seven-Dog Slim. Will you? Thanks.

Brought to you by Slim's book "Dogsled: A True Tale of the North" available on the internet and in bookstores everywhere.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

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Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



This month I want to revisit a topic I have written about previously. With the cold temperatures we have been experiencing lately, I have people asking questions about proper care of animals, both pets and livestock. I hope that the extreme cold weather will soon be behind us and we will transition into warmer weather. Needless to say, in this month's article I want to answer some of the questions that I have been asked and clarify some of the Minnesota laws pertaining to the care of animals.

One of the most common complaints we receive in the winter months are about pet dogs not being provided adequate shelter. Minnesota State Statute 343.40 states that a person in charge of a dog shall provide shelter and bedding if

that dog is kept outdoors or in an unheated enclosure. The shelter must be moisture proof and windproof and of adequate size for the dog. The floor must be constructed out of durable materials and be moisture proof or be raised at least two inches from the ground. Bedding such as straw, wood chips, blankets or the equivalent are also required. Between November 1 and March 31 of each year, the structure must also have a windbreak at the entrance.

There is a subdivision to this statute specific to farm dogs. Dogs that are kept on a farm and have access to a barn with sufficient loose hay or bedding do not have to abide by the rules mentioned above. The bottom line is that you must provide shelter for your dog to protect it from cold temperatures and promote the retention of body heat.

Another question I have received has to deal with cattle and horses. People often ask what are the requirements for feeding and watering of their animals during winter months.

Minnesota State Statute 346.38 states that horses must be provided with sufficient food of quality and quantity to allow for normal growth. Water must be provided in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs or supplied by free choice such as a water trough.

According to Minnesota law, snow and ice are not an adequate water source.

As far as cattle go, Minnesota State Statute 343.21 subdivision 4 states that no person shall feed any cow on food that produces impure or unwholesome milk. Basically, you must feed your cattle food with proper nutrients or provide other forms of nutrients to keep them healthy. Since the sale of cattle is where farmers make their money, this isn't usually a huge issue. Sometimes, however, a person is found not properly taking care of their cattle and these are handled on a case-by-case basis.

If our office receives an animal complaint, we are obligated to investigate. Clearwater County uses the services of an animal control officer employed by the City of Bagley to look into these cases or a deputy is assigned. Occasionally, reports are made directly to the Minne-

sota Federated Humane Society and they come to investigate.

Often, when someone decides to call our office regarding the treatment of animals, it is because they have a difference of opinion with someone else about the care being given. Law enforcement must decide, after the case has been investigated, as to what adequate care is and what isn't. Minnesota law, along with the Clearwater County Animal Ordinance, are reviewed and taken into account. The way many of the laws are written are open for interpretation. Officers must consider them and use their own common sense to resolve these situations.

Many times, it is difficult to satisfy both sides. Most of these issues are resolved by simply talking to the party not caring for their animal(s) and educating them on what they need

to do and the problem is fixed. Very seldom does the situation come down to a criminal complaint being filed and the person having to come to court and possibly paying a fine.

I hope this article will help people understand animal laws in Minnesota and what our office does in these cases. I would encourage anyone interested in animal laws to do their own research for additional information. The bottom line is, if you want to own an animal, then it is your responsibility to provide adequate care for them.

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

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This has been a historic week for House Republicans and the State of Minnesota.

Late Wednesday night, leadership from both parties reached an organizing agreement, enabling official House business to resume. The following day, on the House Floor, we successfully voted to appoint Lisa Demuth as Speaker of the House.

A Tremendous Victory for Republicans

Thursday afternoon's floor session marks the first time in six years that Minnesota's House of Representatives will be led by a Republican Speaker. Through the last four weeks of hard-fought negotiations, Speaker Demuth and Majority Leader Niska secured a deal that will alter the face of Minnesota's political landscape.

This could not have been accomplished without all the public support, so I really want to give a special thank you to all of you who made your voices heard and demanded a government that is accountable and works for you!

A Breakdown:

•Republican Control of Committees: Republicans will chair and have majorities in ALL committees through the five-week period leading up to the March 11th special election in Roseville.

•Special Election Impact: If the Roseville seat returns to Democratic control after the special

election, the committee structure will shift to a split roster with co-chairs.

•Stability for Republicans: Regardless of the special election's outcome, Speaker Demuth will stay on as House Speaker, even if the House returns to a 67-67 tie – ensuring that Republicans will have a say in Minnesota's political future.

•Ending Fraud, Waste, and Abuse: House Republicans will lead the Fraud and Agency Oversight Committee in investigating state government programs. Republicans will chair this committee for the next two years AND have a 5-3 voting majority over Democrats.

Moving Forward

Minnesotans can look forward to House leadership that's ready to hit the ground running. For the past four weeks, we have been crafting legislation aimed at tackling Minnesota's afford ability crisis, improving the safety of our communities, lowering our energy costs, and ensuring our schools can provide quality education for the leaders of tomorrow.

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 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. Together, we can make a difference and build a brighter future for Minnesota.

FROM THE PAST - 2010



Jake and Clarice Boomgaarden chosen as 2010 Clearbrook Centennial Parade Grand Marshals.



These two retired from Clearbrook-Gonvick School Shirley Anderson with 15 years as a Title 9 and Para and Karen Nielsen with 33 years as a third grade teacher.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

It is Valentine's Day this Friday. Don't forget to tell your other half to have a special Day. Also beware of Valentine scams. Last year a lady said that her husband had ordered her some jewelry but when the box arrived it was full of fishing gear.

Annie Bergh is 90 years old this Sunday, February 16. I wish her a wonderful day. She was born in 1935.

Nordlund Stock Farm of Clearbrook is planning its 28th Annual Production Sale on February 15, 2025. Kelly, Mike and Sam Nordlund and the rest of the family will be busy getting ready for the event.

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.

Shorty's in Gully will be having Valentine special and prime rib on Saturday night this weekend. There will be Bingo with 57 numbers on Saturday night.

Joke time

Ole was musing on the park bench. "Once I had everything... a nice apartment... the love of a tender young women. And then my wife had to walk in and spoil it."

News announcers blooper... The victim of a dog attack, a fourteen year old girl, was rushed to the hospital where doctors began the series of shots that will protect her from rabbis... no, I mean that is rabies.

Answer to Who Dat".

Answer to the girls from 1955 From left to right: Sandra Bergh, Cheryle Brekke, Collette Ramberg, Donna Sorby, Lauren Fore (Hughes), Evon Pletschett (Quern) and Shirley Paulson (Graftaas).

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.



SNOW ON STAGE

by Oopsy Annie

Snow has been a dominant subject in our household. It has commanded our attention. Blown artfully into sublime, sculptured snowbanks - the envy of many a sculptor - throughout our yard, around the shed. Fine like dust, it has billowed across roads like a fine sugar river. Its beauty is balanced by its labor-intensive removal from our sidewalks and driveways. Go ahead, eat that extra piece of cake, you'll work off the calories shoveling the driveway AGAIN soon enough.

I've enjoyed eyeing the tracks in our yard, about town, been moved to dance with it as its swirled is gusts of wind outside my window. I do love this time of year. Let spring take her time. Snow has the stage and I'm enjoying the show. Here's a few poems from myself and Janet Knutson.

Passersby

~Ann Marie Newman, 2025
...and then,
the wind comes rushing by
to slap it all away...

The little paw tracks in the snow showing where the neighbor's cat did go.

The twiggly birdie tracks under seed feeders...say, do I spy cat's tracks there?

The graceful strides of deer indent my snow-filled yard show me where they paused to listen.

The UPS man with mighty feet, or just galumphy boots his deep tracks tell he's weighted.



...and then the wind comes rushing by to slap it all away... Now to wait anew for snow tracks baring news of who's been passing by.

Pixie Dust Snow Dancing

~ Ann Marie Newman, 2025
Dancing in the wind, pixie dust snow swirls and twirls, whirls and curls.

Face to window pinned, I watch the chilly show indoors much chagrined that I don't dance wildly, while whirls and curls, swirls and twirls enchant me blow by blow.

Then, my confidence unfurls.

Suddenly, I dance with bold twirls.

Great fun, even for old girls.

Questions in the Show

~Janet Knutson, 2025
The tales of travelers who have passed are written in the snow that fell last night on withered grass.

Leaving tracks that we might know.

A mouse perhaps, whose tiny feet have gone this way, then that.

Another print, it's evident, is where a bunny rabbit sat.

This track is here, then not.

We can only wonder what?

A bird that for a moment touched?

A seed in beak tightly clutched?

Or a squirrel jumping to a tree?

I can't see him, but he sees me.

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:

September 11, 2008

MORTGAGOR: Monica Rose Lokken n/k/a Monica Rose OBrien and Stanley OBrien, wife and husband as joint tenants.

MORTGAGEE: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded September 17, 2008 Clearwater County Recorder, Document No. A153319.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated October 16, 2015 Recorded October 26, 2015, as Document No. A166966. And thereafter assigned to: Bayview Dispositions IVA, LLC. Dated December 12, 2018 Recorded March 14, 2019, as Document No. A173695. And thereafter assigned to: Chimera Funding TRS LLC. Dated December 12, 2018 Recorded March 14, 2019, as Document No. A173696. And thereafter assigned to: CIM Trust 2017-2. Dated February 12, 2019 Recorded March 14, 2019, as Document No. A173694. And thereafter assigned to: U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2021-NR4. Dated May 1, 2024 Recorded May 6, 2024, as Document No. A184067.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 215 Pine Avenue Northwest, Bagley, MN 56621

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 233060270 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

THE REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN CLEARWATER COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT TEN (10), BLOCK SIX (6) PLEASANT ADDITION TO BAGLEY.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE:

\$31,923.60

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$23,279.05

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: July 31, 2024 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 six (6) 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 January 31, 2025, 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 or 582.032.

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

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE 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: May 29, 2024

U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, as Trustee

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. R12-17C

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until September 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Sheriff's Office, 213 North Main Avenue, Bagley, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: July 31, 2024

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until October 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the Sheriff's Office, 213 North Main Avenue, Bagley, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: October 3, 2024.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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