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There were 77 registered kids for the Gully Sportsman Club Fishing Derby last Saturday. Not one could be found outside. They were all comfortable in their fish houses. They were scattered all over Pine Lake and way too many to count. The Gully Sportsmans Club gave each of them either a fishing rod or tacklebox. Below, three that were inside watching their fish hole included Harper and Harlee Lewis and Robert Vettleson.



County Board of Commissioners Report

By Darin Steindl
Farmers Independent
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 11 with Commissioner Stuart Dukek, Commissioner Bryan Ramsrud, Commissioner Bruce Emmel and Commissioner Mark Larson in attendance. Commissioner Mark Titera was out of town but listening by phone.

Following the review and approval of the agenda and minutes from the last meeting, the Land & Forestry Department was next on the agenda.

Bruce Cox, Land Commissioner, discussed the removal of a building structure on tax forfeited property. Commissioner Ramsrud made a motion to authorize the demolition of the tax forfeit house parcel #23.304.0300. Demolition will be by Dyrdaahl Construction for \$1,660.00. Three 50-yard dumpsters will be provided by Lenes Sand and Gravel at \$1,000 per dumpster and debris will be transported to the land fill at Gently. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Emmel, the motion carried.

Brielle Prokosch from Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District discussed the annual hiring of watercraft inspectors. The county contracts with Always There Staffing in Bemidji to interview and hire candidates. Prokosch explained that the cost to the county would remain the same as 2024. First year inspectors are paid \$15 per hour and receive a \$0.25 increase for each consecutive year of service up to \$17 per hour. Commissioner Larson made a motion to approve the contract with Always There Staffing for the 2025 AIS season. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Emmel, the motion carried.

Dan Sauvé, County Engineer, reviewed the financial statement for the Highway Department and submitted bills to be paid. Commissioner Emmel made the motion to approve payment of the highway department bills as presented, Commissioner Ramsrud seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sauvé then explained that the state will be working on Trunk Highway 200 from County State Aid Highway 2 to Trunk Highway 71 beginning in July. During construction, the state would like to use County State Aid Highway 37, County State Aid Highway 2, and County State Aid Highway 40 as a detour route. There was discussion about the effect on area businesses during the construction, with Lobo's Bar & Grill being

impacted the most. Commissioner Ramsrud made a motion to authorize the detour agreement and with the state paying the county \$2,524.94 for use of the county roads. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larson, and the motion carried.

Dan Hecht, Environmental Administrator, discussed a solid waste service fee adjustment for 2025. Commissioner Ramsrud made a motion to adopt the Solid Waste Service Fee schedule with the adjustment to the SW-2 Commercial fee from \$75/ton to \$92/ton dated February 11, 2025, effective for taxes payable beginning 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larson, and the motion carried.

Hecht then discussed creating a full-time position if multiple part-time employees were to retire in the future. Commissioner Larson made a motion to approve creating and proceeding with the classification of a Solid Waste Lead Worker position within Environmental Services. Commissioner Ramsrud seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Next, Hecht asked for permission to sell a roll-off container at the land fill. Commissioner Emmel made a motion to authorize the sale of used equipment as follows: part of and accessory to asset #5661, one 47 cubic yard compactor roll-off container to Beltrami County in the amount of \$14,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramsrud and the motion carried.

Hecht's last item of discussion was amending the service

contract for rural solid waste collection sites. Commissioner Ramsrud made a motion to approve the contract amendment dated February 11, 2025, of the existing rural solid waste collection sites service contract (May 31, 2022), removing the Rice Township site, adding the Long Lost Lake Township site, and adding capacity at the Itasca and Pine Lake Township sites. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larson, and the motion carried.

Allen Paulson, County Auditor/Treasurer, was next on the agenda. The first item was reviewing the bills to be paid. Commissioner Dukek made the motion to authorize the County Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$168,674.40 from the County Revenue Fund and \$27,692.52 from the Public Health Fund. Commissioner Ramsrud seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Several other items were then discussed, with the following motions made and approved:

- Hiring Joely Roberts as Clearwater County Land Department Administrative Assistant/County Park Manager at Grade 13, Step 1 effective February 11, 2025.
- Hiring Liliya Harper as Clearwater County Assistant Attorney at Grade 24, Step 2 effective February 10, 2025.
- Hiring Erin Fox as the Clearwater County Assessors Office Clerk at Grade 10, Step 1 effective January 27, 2025.
- Hiring Taylor Engelstad as Clearwater County Deputy Assessor at Grade 16, Step 1 effective January 28, 2025.

First Lady of Clearwater County to be held May 3

Save the Date! The 2025 Clearwater County First Lady will be held on May 3 at Our Saviors Church in Leonard.

Since 1977, Forty-five women in Clearwater County have been recognized as a Clearwater County "First Lady" for their accomplishments either for their service in a variety of community projects and organizations or for success in their careers. Your help is needed to select the 2025 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination- this can include any accomplishments in her life such as her career highlights or volunteer years of service and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all

ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number or email so we can let you know if your nominee is selected. Letters should be sent to 2025 First Lady - History Center P.O. Box 241 Bagley MN 56621 Letters will be delivered unopened to a selection committee. Please do not send emails. Nominations must be received by March 31. Questions? Call Tamara at 218-785-2000 Our Past First Ladies 1977- Laurel Carlson; 1978- Edith Refshaw; 1979- Mangeline Kirkeby; 1980- Arlene Cease; 1981-Dorothy Katzenmeyer; 1982- Adeline Beltz; 1983- Sharon Dukek; 1984- Olga Peterson; 1985- Lois Bromaghin; 1986- Dolores Johnson;

The Clearbrook City council regular meeting on Monday, February 10

Steve Emery with Widseth updated the council on the water treatment plant progress. They are doing the inside work such as electrical work and ceiling insulation. The painter had been there. Things have been measured and the rest is ordered that is needed. They are waiting on the outside for nice weather. They estimated being done on time.

He informed them that a certified letter had been sent out to Onyx, the contractor in charge of the water tower painting on January 22, 2025. They are declaring a default on the contractor with the performance bond and payment bond. The resolutions and letters were drafted by the City Attorney Stephen Larson.

City Maintenance Mark Snobl informed the council on the extra electric power to the Roxy for the All-School Reunion. They needed to get another quote to satisfy power for both the outlets for vendors and the Roxy. He had spoken to Tommy at Clearbrook Electric to get another bid.

The #8 Pay application to Rubin Construction for the Water Treatment Plant of \$259,853.50 was approved. Balance to finish from the original contract price of \$3,490,000.00 including retainage is \$950,492.70.

The police report from Ryan Solee was given. That include 29 records with 911 Hang Up 1; Assist 1; Burglary 1; Disturbance 1; Domestic, Medical 1; Information Only 1; Medical 5; Motorist Assist 1; Motor Vehicle Crash 1; Suspicious Activity 4; Test 4; Theft 3; Traffic Stop 2; vehicle Off Road, Juvenile Misc. 1 and

Welfare Check 2.

Adam Krog, Clearbrook Fire Department chief report included 15 January calls with 8 Medical; 1 Meeting; 1 Chimney Fire; 4 that were canceled in route, Medical 3 and Hazmat 1 and 1 Training/Work Night.

His report also included 155 total calls for 2024. They were: special Events Fish Fry and Fall Fund raiser 2; Rescue 1; Work Night 7; Vehicle Fire 3; Meetings 12; Grass Fire 12; vehicle Accident 9 Training 8; Structure Fire 9; Medical 90 and 2 were canceled in route.

The 2025 annual meeting with the townships was held on February 3, 2025 in the Legion room at the Community Center. CFD members cooked and served a meal of hamburgers (donated by Anderson Farms). Chips, beans and cookies were enjoyed by all in attendance. Representatives from Eddy, Holst, Dudley and Greenwood Townships were in attendance along with City Clerk Lucie Thompson and Mayor Dylan Goudge. The township fire contracts for 2025 will increase by 3%.

The 3% increase for each township: Clover \$2,447.55; Dudley \$6,960.53; Eddy \$6,066.02; Greenwood \$1,777.65; Holst \$12,026.86; Leon \$33,136.47; Pine Lake \$1,469.44; Sinclair \$5,642.30; Leonard \$365.59, Clearbrook \$3,919.86 for a total of \$73,802.28. Some townships have shared districts with

Gonvick Fire Department.

Karra Weems Manager at the Municipal Liquor Store had some big bills to pay this month. They paid off the bathroom remodel for \$25,800.00, Liquor Liability Insurance \$4,301.00 and Work Comp Insurance \$3,695.68. They will have the year end dart tournament on Saturday February 22. The all school reunion bingo and meat raffle fund raiser will be Saturday, March 1. January and February have been the busiest with any events.

City Clerk Lucie Thompson told the council that a \$6,000 grant had been received for the summer youth classes and the play that will be put on during the All-School Reunion.

She is still working on an auditor and she has her year end reports and all the W2's done for the year.

Resolution 2025-06 was approved for donations for the month: Purchases by the city of Clearbrook for the Fire Department \$25,963.44; Sales of Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears Tumblers for the Clearbrook Community Pool \$80.00; Bingo and Meal Fundraiser of \$1,374.00 for the Clearbrook-Gonvick All School Reunion 2025 and \$6,050.00 donations and sponsorships for the 2025 Clearbrook-Gonvick All School Reunion.

Monthly claims were approved with \$31,877.10 and Additional Claims of \$330,618.10.



Monica Kahlbaugh, the new Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports provider at the Clearbrook-Gonvick school with her daughter.

New CTSS provider at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School

The staff at Clearbrook-Gonvick School would like to introduce you to a new staff member joining the Bears family. They welcomed Monica Kahlbaugh, the new CTSS (Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports) provider!

She went on to say, "My name is Monica Kahlbaugh and I am excited to start working for Stellher as a new CTSS provider in the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Prior to working for Stellher I worked for two years as a mental health practitioner and prior to that I worked as a special education teacher for 11 years. I have had extensive training in Trauma informed Practices for both children and adults. I have a Master's Degree from Moorhead State University Minnesota and will graduate in May 2025 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of North Dakota. I plan to pursue my Master's Degree in Social Work after graduation. My passion and desire is to help others. A few of my hobbies are hunting, fishing, crafting, being at the lake in the summer, quilting, traveling, and planning my next vacation.

I am a mom to a wonderful 17-year-old daughter who loves to read and hang out with her friends. She works for a newspaper in a neighboring town, the UND hockey games, and volunteers for UND football games. She loves music, writing, singing, her pets, acting, playing bass guitar, and



Milo the registered therapy dog.

summer camps.

I have a registered therapy dog I have trained to work with clients struggling with anxiety, PTSD, and other mental health conditions. Milo is a Double Doodle and is 2 ½ years old. Milo will be working with clients 3 days a week this year to start.

I look forward to collaborating and working with the students, amazing staff and administration at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. I am excited to make an impact in the community with my experience and knowledge."

WHO DAT?



Four ladies enjoying a church luncheon. Answer in Corrine's Corner.

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

R48-49C

Sinclair Township Annual Meeting Notice

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Sinclair Township that the 2025 Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00pm at the **Clearbrook Community Center**. If inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00pm at the **Clearbrook Community Center**.

Brooke Pond, Clerk

R49-51C

Community Calendar

Gonvick Council meeting changed

The regular meeting for the Gonvick City council for March will be changed to Thursday, March 20, at 5:00 p.m.

Shevlin Garden Club meeting

The Shevlin Garden Club is all set for the annual Spring Wake-Up Garden Workshop. The workshop is the March meeting. The workshop will be held on Saturday March 15th from 1pm-4pm at the Bagley American Legion. There is no charge to attend this event.

The workshop will include the following programs.

*Hydrangeas-Joe Bergeson (Bergeson Nursery)

*Zone 3 Gardening-Master Gardeners Dan Sherman and Linda Guldranson

*Q&A Garden Questions There will be a session for kids activities, a seed swap, lots of refreshments, and many door prizes to close the day.

Note: The succulent lady may be there to buy her beautiful plants.

The April meeting of the Shevlin Garden Club will April 12th at Clearwaters Life Center and Greenhouse located in Gonvick at 1 pm. We will hopefully have the opportunity to walk through the greenhouses and purchase plants.

Notice of All School reunion 2025 planning meeting

A meeting of the "All School Reunion 2025" committee is planned for 4-6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 26th at the Clearbrook Community Center Legion meeting room. Your attendance is needed whether you are alumni or an interested community member. The event is planned for June 25-29, 2025. Please plan to attend to learn more about event planning, fundraising and opportunities for involvement.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

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

Thurs. Feb. 20 - Chicken Alfredo, Egg Noodles, carrots, Mandarin Oranges.

Fri. Feb. 21 - Baked Fish, Au Gratin Potatoes, Baked Squash, Lemon Bar

Mon. Feb. 24 - Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potato and gravy, Peas and Carrots, Ice Cream

Tues. Feb. 25 -Lasagna, Garden salad, with Dressing, Bread Stick, Mandarin Oranges, Rice Krispy Bar.

Wed. Feb. 26 - Baked Chicken, Dressing and Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Fruit Juice, Cookie.

Meal subject to change. Call 218-776-3154

Loiland services

Elaine "Perry" Loiland, 86, of Bagley, Minnesota died on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Cornerstone Nursing and Rehab in Bagley, Minnesota.

Services will be held on what would have been her 87th birthday, February 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, with a visitation one hour prior. A dinner of Perry's favorite foods will be served at the Irvin Blix American Legion Post #16 of Bagley following the Funeral. The family will be heading out to the Valle Cemetery in Trail immediately after the service and will return to join family and guests. A visitation will also be held the evening prior to the funeral on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bagley, Minnesota. The interment will be held at Valle Lutheran Cemetery in Trail.



Historical Society Annual Meeting

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.

Calendar winners

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

2-17-25 - Bonnie Erlandson - Clearbrook



February Social Events

•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.

Letter to the Editor

This is what you should know about the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (usually referred to as the SAVE Act), H.R.22/S.128

This bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives and if passed it will require proof of citizenship to register to vote. This might sound simple or even necessary but it will make it more difficult for many people, including married women who changed their last name when they married.

A regular driver's license isn't enough, you will need a Passport of an Enhanced Driver's License. If you don't have either of these you will need: A Certified copy of your birth certificate. If your current name doesn't match that birth certificate, you'll need to prove why. For a married woman, she'll need to provide a Certified copy of her marriage license. If she married then divorced and remarried, she will also have to provide a Certified copy of the divorce decree.

Now you may be thinking, well that doesn't apply to me as I'm already registered. Names are sometimes removed and this can happen even shortly before an election. I would recommend that you get these copies of your information now just to be ready, as It does take some time to obtain them.

Please remember that they need to be certified...a valid marriage license isn't the vanity copy that you might have been given at the church when you got married. I know this because that is what I first supplied when getting my Enhanced Driver's License.

Sincerely,
Diane Jackson

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voter(s) of Eden Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday on March 18, 2025 and if inclement weather the election and meeting will be held March 25, 2025.

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

- 1 Township Supervisor for a 3 year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00pm to conduct all necessary business provided by law.

The Annual Meeting and election will be held at the Eden Township Hall located at 39017 310th St. SE, Gully, MN.

Dennis Erickson, 39741 320th St. SE, Gully, MN 56646. Phone 218-268-4590. A \$2.00 filing fee is required by law.

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UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

8 miles North of Gonvick on County Road 7
Sun., Feb. 23 - 9:00 a.m. Services with Troy Churness

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseth
Wed, Feb. 19: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.
Sun, Feb. 23: St. Petri: 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Livestream.
Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Livestream
Wed, Feb. 26: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Feb. 23: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund; 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley.
Wed, Feb. 26: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick

Pastor Will Anderson
Week of: February 17-23, 2025
Tuesday: 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday: 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, 10:30 AM Quilting; 6:00 PM Confirmation, 7:00 PM Church Council Meets
Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM; Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Clearbrook Site: 256 2nd Ave., SW

Make money driving seniors to appointments, events, or even shopping trips through our

Senior Services program by calling (218) 776-2789.

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.

We need men 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.

Volunteer with Youth Connection and provide enrichment for our 3rd-5th graders and 6th-12th graders. Encourage anyone you know who does well with youth to contact Charis Nordlund at (218) 776-2789 for more details.

Jay Jones will be in Clearbrook for weight training for PrimeWest health members for free from 6:30am-7:15am on Wednesday, February 19.

Gonvick Site:

226 Elm Street

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!

A Fiber Workshop is being held in the Coffee Coop on Friday, February 21 from 12:00pm-4:00pm.

Create It! Art Studio is now accepting online registrations for their yearlong club memberships. Go to clearwaterslife.org/art-experiences today to get your membership and take advantage of the mentors that are on-site every Monday from 10:00am-3:00pm to give guidance on your project or just to cheer on your creativity.

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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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

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Wed. Feb. 19 - 6pm Confirmation at Faith (7th-9th Grade)

Sun., Feb. 23 - 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School

Tues. Feb. 25 - 5:30pm Bible Study

Wed. Feb. 26 - 6pm Confirmation at Good Shepherd (7th-9th Grade)

Our Savior's Wed. Feb. 19 - 6pm Confirmation at Faith (7th-9th Grade)

Thurs. Feb. 20 - 2:00pm WELCA 6:00pm Council Meeting
Sun., Feb. 23 - 10:00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship

Wed. Feb. 26 - 6pm Confirmation at Good Shepherd (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.

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.

SERVANTS OF YAHUAH

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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- Homeless shelter

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BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Feb. 19 - Chicken Noodle Soup, Egg Salad or Tuna Sandwich, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Cereal Bar

Thurs. Feb. 20 - Mini Corn Dogs, Macaroni and Cheese, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Scooby Snacks

Fri. Feb. 21- Taco in a Bag with Fixings, Black Bean Salsa, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Rick Krispy Bar

Mon. Feb. 24 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Tiger Bites

Tues. Feb. 25 - Dutch Waffles, Fruit Topping, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Cheddar Chex

Congratulations to our January High School student of the month winners!



Carter Peterson and Caleb Engebretson students of the month winners at Clearbrook-Gonvick.



Brynleigh Samson and Gracie Petit students of the month winners at Clearbrook-Gonvick.



Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Wear winners from February 14th! Front: Zoey Ehlers, Jake TeHennepe, Tyson Kroulik, and Cooper Coombs. Back: Wyatt Westrum, Darby Engberg, Becca Dahl, Melissa Defoe, and Mrs. McRunnel

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

Wed. Feb. 26 - Ham Stromboli, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Baked Chips



Jason Defoe student of the month winner at Clearbrook-Gonvick.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Darin Halverson
Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1
02/12/25 11:19:02 Fraud
City of Bagley - Total 14
02/09/25 13:47:42 Medical
02/09/25 22:28:50 Traffic Stop
02/10/25 11:34:43 Medical
02/10/25 13:09:03 Transport
02/11/25 12:02:26 Traffic Stop
02/11/25 15:44:01 Vehicle Lock
Out
02/12/25 12:00:50 CHILD EXPLOITATION
02/12/25 14:14:06 Assist Other
Agency
02/12/25 19:46:10 Traffic Stop
02/13/25 13:56:20 Welfare Check
02/13/25 17:35:50 Transport

02/13/25 18:27:56 Traffic Stop
02/13/25 19:10:30 Traffic Stop
02/15/25 06:35:17 Traffic Stop
City of Clearbrook - Total 5
02/09/25 10:31:13 Welfare Check
02/10/25 14:12:04 Extra Patrol
02/12/25 14:45:45 Welfare Check
02/12/25 15:34:45 Medical
02/12/25 16:53:38 Juvenile Misc
City of Gonvick - Total 2
02/10/25 21:29:01 Information
02/13/25 13:25:00 Sexual Conduct
City of Leonard - Total 1
02/15/25 00:08:27 Medical
Copley - Total 8
02/09/25 10:04:45 Lost/Found
Property
02/10/25 11:15:16 Information
Only
02/11/25 06:06:35 Motorist Assist
02/12/25 03:47:52 Motorist Assist
02/12/25 14:02:59 THEFT
02/12/25 16:09:09 Motorist Assist
02/13/25 11:10:24 Motor Vehicle
Crash
02/15/25 19:18:02 Traffic Stop
Dudley - Total 3
02/10/25 07:23:32 Medical
02/14/25 19:36:23 Information
Only
02/15/25 18:09:53 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 4
02/09/25 08:48:16 911 Hang Up
02/11/25 09:38:00 Medical



Lexi, Ryett and Skyla

Snowflakes Dreamcatchers Activity for Kids

By Pamela French
Kids had a great time on Saturday February 15 at the Bagley Public Library making Snowflake Dreamcatchers. Heidi Moore, Librarian Bagley Public Librarian had all the supplies set up for kids to create their own unique snowflake. Some kids had more fun blowing the small pieces of tissue paper around. After making the snow-

flakes, kids participated in the winter scavenger hunt, searching for 9 small snowflakes placed in various places throughout the library. Each snowflake is like nature, unique. After finding all nine snowflakes, kids were able to pick out a some stickers prizes. The scavenger hunt is available to kids throughout the winter season during the library hours.



Marianna, Jordan, Hunter

02/12/25 02:17:09 Suspicious Activity=
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Falk - Total 7
02/10/25 16:16:34 Harassment
02/11/25 18:33:25 Medical
02/12/25 20:22:21 Runaway
02/13/25 21:25:01 Information
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02/14/25 15:47:54 Medical
02/15/25 03:33:53 Medical
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02/15/25 15:18:59 Medical
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02/14/25 14:49:53 Information
Only
LaPraire - Total 3
02/11/25 14:47:39 Fraud
02/12/25 11:10:29 Traffic Stop
02/14/25 22:45:13 Vehicle Off
Road
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02/11/25 17:56:11 Motor Vehicle
Crash
Leon - Total 4
02/10/25 07:55:00 Weapon Violation

02/11/25 15:30:25 Traffic Stop
02/12/25 11:13:09 Transport
02/14/25 12:10:56 ASSIST
Nora - Total 3
02/11/25 22:03:52 Vehicle Off
Road
02/13/25 21:42:57 Medical
02/14/25 07:23:11 Information
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 1
02/14/25 07:23:11 Information
Only
Pine Lake - Total 4
02/09/25 15:14:39 Information
Only
02/15/25 07:17:01 Medical
02/15/25 15:37:12 Information
Only
02/15/25 16:59:07 Suspicious Activity
Popple - Total 1
02/10/25 06:24:45 Traffic Stop
Rice - Total 2
02/11/25 07:25:56 Animal Related
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02/13/25 14:02:14 Medical
02/14/25 14:42:34 Animal Related
Total Records: 72

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

RASPBERRY MOLTEN CHOCOLATE CAKE

This recipe comes from "SOUTHERN LIVING 2024 ANNUAL RECIPES"

½ cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons Dutch-process cocoa
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon instant espresso granules
1 and ¼ cups bitersweet chocolate
1 cup butter
Chips
4 large eggs, room temperature
¾ cups sugar
1 cup fresh raspberries
Preheat oven to 350*. Grease an 8x8 baking dish.



Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com

Sift together flour, salt, cocoa and espresso into a small bowl. Place the butter and chips into a pan and melt them together.

Beat eggs and sugar in a mixing bowl on medium speed until doubled in volume. Beat in flour mixture and the chocolate mixture. Pour into your prepared pan. Sprinkle the berries on top. Bake 30 to 35 minutes until the edges of the cake start to pull away from the pan and the center still jiggles slightly.

Serve immediately with ice cream or whipped cream. This is one great cake!!!! Until next time, blessings to you and your family.

Home Country

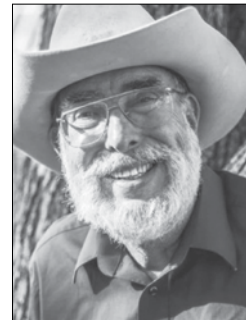
By Slim Randles

We all know that someone will find Jenkins's cabin. Someday. Oh, it's up there in those hills somewhere. We all know that.

It's become a friendly object of conjecture and speculation. No one living has seen it, as far as we know. Jenkins himself died quietly when he was on one of his infrequent trips to town for supplies. Funny guy, that Jenkins.

He worked in the city for years, mostly as a night watchman in a factory that made diapers. Didn't really enjoy people much, and told us many times how nice it was to just be in the huge factory when it was quiet. Then one day he decided to move to the mountains and make pretty things out of leather. Once in a while he'd have his coffee at the counter at the Mule Barn, but often as not, he'd camp out on the edge of town for the two or three days it took him to sell his crafts and buy supplies. He'd smile and wave from his campsite, then he'd be gone one morning. We wouldn't see him again for months.

Now and then someone would ask him where his cabin was, and he'd just point toward the mountains and say, "Up there." How far up there? "A ways." What was his cabin like? "Not too big."



And so we came to regard the little cabin as an intriguing mystery, an object of local legend. After he died, several of the fellows tried to backtrack him to find the place, but Jenkins evidently didn't take the same trail each time, as

though he wanted his quiet times protected from even a friendly visit from one of us. During his lifetime, we respected his wishes. In this country, a man has a perfect right to be a little strange. And, truth be known, we hold a certain admiration for those of us who hear different instructions. But there is something in the human spirit, also, that begs to have its mysteries solved. So now, several times each year, one or two of us will use the mystery of the lost cabin as an excuse to poke our noses into the nuances and seclusions of these hills. We play off our curiosity against our wishes to respect a man's privacy, even when he's gone.

We have yet to discover Jenkins's lost cabin. Maybe we never will. Maybe that wouldn't be such a bad thing, either.

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

How was your Valentines Day? I heard of one lady who had hinted for something expensive for the special day. Her husband went out and bought her a dozen eggs.

Coffee with a Cop will be held on Tuesday, February 25 at Kandi's Kitchen at 233 Main Street in Gonvick from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Clearwater County Sheriffs' office. Time to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the deputies.

The Gonvick Fire Department will be holding the annual township meeting on Tuesday, February 25 at the Gonvick Legion. Social hour at 6 followed by a meal with the meeting to follow to go over fire contracts with the townships.

Shorty's in Gully will be having Bingo this Saturday night. The magic number is 55. They will be serving Walleye and Bluegill both nights.

Devin Aakre from Northern Bait and Convenience has received clarification from MN Dept. of Ag for the requirements to sell farm fresh eggs. There are a few requirements that have to be met but nothing over the top. The next step in this process is to find a producer willing to work with him. If you or someone you know is willing to discuss this please call and leave a message at 218-487-6555.

Must be the time for raffle tickets. We have been printing many of them for various organizations. Good luck to the winners.

The UPS guy stops by every day to our shop has been

looking a little chilly lately. His little brown truck heater does not keep up with the doors being open and shut so many times. We need warmer weather.

Can you imagine closing 500 stores. That is what is happening to Joann Fabrics and Craft store in Bemidji's Paul Bunyan Mall. The going-out-of-business sale started last Saturday and could continue for several months. The other stores in Minnesota include: Hibbing, Mankato, Woodbury, Maple Grove, Coon Rapids, Apple Valley, Elk River, Shakopee, Hutchinson, Willmar and Faribault. What will happen to the mall in Bemidji?

Congratulations to Will Christen a Fosston High School football player who has now signed a Letter of Intent to go to Mayville State University. He will now be a Comet under the direction of Coach Rocky Larson. He will continue his academic and athletic career.

Joe time
Ole took Little Ole one day and hemmed and hawed about what he felt was a delicate subject. "Little Ole, I think you are getting to the age when we should have a little take about ...um...er...vell, you know... about ...da birds and the bees." "Oh" Little Ole said, "sure Papa, what do you want to know?"

Uncle Ole is getting to the age where his only reason for wanting to go on a cruise is to play shuffle board.

Ralph Manecke, 56 originally from Fosston was shot after he took out \$800 from an ATM machine in the Philippines last week. A masked man jumped out of a car and took the bag from him and shot him. He did not survive.

Answer to Who Dat
Four ladies enjoying a church luncheon were from left to right: Grace Nyland, Jan Nyland, Mavis Halvorson and Leone Swanson.

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.

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

Meatball dinner
The Bagley Senior Center will hold a "Meatball Dinner Fund Raiser" on Sunday March 23 from 11am to 2pm, as they continue to raise money for the roof. The first dinner was a huge hit! So far the center has raised just over half of the needed funds. More specifics to follow!!!

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2024 Year in Review

August 7, 2024 – Ken and Laurie Brein were selected as Outstanding Senior Citizens at the County Fair. Border Bank celebrated their 89th birthday by launching their Winter Warmth Drive, helping supply those in need of gently used winter gear. The District 4 County Commissioner candidates sent in their questionnaires, Bruce Emmel, Corey Petterson, and Juleigh Prosser shared their ideas and reasons to vote for them. The Bemidji Speedway "First National Bank" "Hall of Fame and Great River Rescue Night" was held Aug 3rd, a highlight of the summer.

We Lost.....Edwin Yager, LuVerne Mathson. Little Bob-



by Houle, Julie Quinn, Arly Ramond Eck

August 14, 2024 – Thrifty White in Clearbrook official closed their doors Aug 8th. Pastor Michael Wright was installed as the new pastor at Good Shepard Lutheran in Clearbrook, and Our Saviors Lutheran in Leonard on Aug 11. With the help of Juleigh Prosser, the Senior Center Clearbrook-Gonvick was awarded a \$38,000 grant for services and workshops. Polk County Soybean and Corn Growers donated \$1,050 in meat to food shelves in Fosston. Bemidji Speedway held their "Kids Back to School Night" where all kids 12 and under received free admission, and during the intermission approximately 45 kids enjoyed running on the front straight-away in their own homemade box races, which the crowds enjoyed immensely.

We Lost..... Kathleen Larson

August 21, 2024 – Itasca Pioneer Farmers was held on



the 17th, where Jim Carins was crowned King and Sue Skadsen was crowned Queen. Les and Carol Torgerson treated guests for their anniversary to the harmonies of the Wood-Picks of Thief River Falls, to the Big town of Gully. The Overtones from Roseau were casually hanging out in Pine Lake's Sportsman's Lodge. A sweet harmony was coaxed out of them for our own Dick Richards birthday. Bemidji Speedway held their "Fan Appreciation Night". And Kenny Tronnes had his 90th birthday celebration in Bagley at the American Legion on the 16th.

We Lost..... Gerald Englund, MaDonna Paradis, Marilyn Natwick, Marcella Dundrud, Robert Watkins

August 28, 2024 – The Second Annual "Driving for Greens" was held on Aug 17 at the Twin Pines Golf course in Bagley! The proceeds go toward scholarships in the Bagley and Clearbrook school districts. On August 22, the Oklee Post Office was renamed in honor of Coya Knutson. Coya was the first woman to serve in the United States House of Representatives. And "ricing" season opened August 15th, opened until September 30th.

We Lost..... Lillian Payne, Andy Paquin, Kim Charles, Karla King, Colin Ray Wilde, Maurice Cote, Gregory Eck



Ila Severson in 2nd place with her 29.5" Northern and Kennedy Halvorson in 1st place with her Northern that was 29.5" and a tish on Pine Lake last Saturday. Not pictured Jake Knutson who got third place. Photo courtesy of Cortney Severson.



Over 75 children took part in the Gully Sportsman's Club fishing derby on February 15, 2025. They fished from 9 to 2 on Pine Lake. This picture of some of them was taken at the lodge by Kim Solberg.

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APRICITY'S BLESSING
by Oopsy Annie
I discovered a lovely, new word. Apricity (n.): The warmth of the sun in winter. Origin - Latin

These days of winter mid-afternoons, the sun shines warmly unto our living room couch. Nap time! I adore napping blanketed by the rays of the sun, feeling that extra bit of warmth. I'm delighted to learn there is a word for this kind of "sunbathing". Apricity! It certainly helps beat winter blues. May you too, find moments of soothing apricity on cold, winter days. Helpful tip: Place your couch by a window facing SE.

APRICITY ~
Ann Marie Newman, 2025
I love taking a nap on my couch blanketed by mid-winters afternoon sun streaming through my window carrying apricity to nurture my chilled bones.

The golden light soaks deep - bathing body and soul in liquid warmth. My mind wonders, "Is this what Heaven feels like?" I'd like to think so.

Cindy Kolling wrote her poem in an airport. Writing happens wherever we find a moment. Waiting for a plane in a boring airport is actually a pretty good place to write.

Apricity
by Cindy Kolling, 2025
The door creaks inward, scraping across swollen planks of wood floor.

Morning glows. Particles of dust and flecks of firewood claim their spotlight in angular stripes of morning streaking across the worn timbers. The threshold displays an admirably high, smooth wall of sparkling crystals, soon to erupt. Brilliant and pristine, the yonder frigid plane of purity is bathed in the hour's apricity. Silence commands this golden hour...painfully crisp, cold fresh air is cleansed by dancing crystals in sunlight. A rabbit paves the path of this new day... a chickadee stops to pluck at a seed...a squirrel's bushy tail brushes textures on the trail. The sun continues