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Two seniors of the Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team at Parents Night. Above: Aubrey Stoskopf with her parents Stacey Stoskopf and Steve Watne. Below: Allison LaVine with her parents Joe and Karen LaVine. Photos by Jalina Gerlofs



Members of the Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team. Above: Kaili and Jared Fawver with their two daughters, 9th grader Lainey Fawver and Junior Emma Fawver at Parents Night. She was not able to play for parents night. Below: Joely Hinrichs Olson with her parents, Chris and Kaylin Olson and Emily Hinrichs. Photos by Jalina Gerlofs



Four Clearbrook veterans received Quilts of Valor at the benefit held in Bagley last Saturday night. They included: Ken Brein, Bob Granley, Lloyd Engen and Larry Djernes.

Four Clearbrook Veterans Honored at Benefit Concert

By Pamela French
Four veterans and members of the Melvin Johnson American Legion Post 256, Clearbrook, MN were honored during the "Give A Veteran a Lift" Benefit Concert on Saturday February 22.

Each veteran was wrapped in a Quilt of Valor, by members of the Headwaters Quilt Guild; Linda Gulbranson, Bonnie Underdahl, Louise Walker and Linda McPherson. The Headwaters Quilt Guild belongs to the Quilts of Valor Foundation,

as well as the members individually. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.
See back page.

Gonvick City Council meeting

The Gonvick City council met on Thursday, February 13. The minutes of the January 9 meeting were approved.
A resident of the City requested an exception to Ordinance 71 which states "Ordinance Prohibiting the Keeping of Farm Animals. Poultry and Non-Domestic Animals." He wants to have a chicken coop and bee hives on his property that is in the city limits which is restricted by the ordinance. That does include chickens and bees. After discussion the Council decided not to grant the exception.

Police Chief Ryan Solee gave his report which included 18 records. They included: 911 Hang Up 1; Animal Related 2; Assist 1; Civil Process 1; Disturbance, Welfare Check 1; Domestic 1; Extra Patrol 1; Information Only 3; Medical 2; Suspicious Activity 2; Theft 1; Traffic Complaint 1 and Traffic Stop 1.

Fire Chief Cody Rude gave his report on the calls and activity since the last council meeting. They had 3 Medical Calls; 1 Work Night; 1 Meeting; 1 Training Night; they helped Polk County Sheriff Department in locating a missing person; engine one was fixed by Great Plains Fire and now passes the ISO test; the new truck radio is in for Brush one.

At the last regular meeting the fire department held in January there was discussion on updating some of the fire trucks and how they would go about doing that. They received 2016 Chevy Silverado 1500 crew cab as donation from Enbridge and that will replace the 2007 Chevy 2500 that they have. They are going to sell that 2007 on sealed bids with a minimum bid after their meet-

ing on February 24.
The department received three donations this past month. One from the Gully Area Sportsman's Club for \$1000, another from Team Foundation for \$5000 to retrofit the tanker truck with a new water transfer pump and hose and another \$5000 from Enbridge. This all will be put to good use.

The annual meeting with the township officers will be February 25 at the Gonvick Legion with a social hour at 6 and meal at 7.

There were to be seven Fireman that will attend the Detroit Lakes Fire School on February 15. Some will be attending an introduction to fire fighting course and some taking leadership training and advanced search and rescue.

The Gonvick Fire Building Committee is still working on getting bids for the roof project.

The Gonvick Fire Department breakdown of calls and meetings include: Medical Assist 51; Vehicle Accident 1; Structure Fires 3; Grass Fires 3; Fires - Other 0; False Alarms 0; Misc. Other 1; Work Night 16; Training 8; Meetings 13; Events 5 for a total of 108.

Breakdown of Calls by location: Eden 4; Johnson 3; Pine Lake 14; Greenwood 3; Gully 2; Winsor 4; Hangaard 0; City of Trail 2; City of Gully 5; City of Gonvick 23, Clearbrook Mutual Aid 4; Oklee Mutual Aid 1 and Fosston Mutual Aid 1 for a total of 66.

The Fire contracts for this year by townships: Greenwood \$2,508.00 down \$157.00 from last year. Hangaard \$5,415.00 down \$344.00 from last year; Pine Lake \$21,696.00 up \$1,684.00 from last year; Winsor \$12,011.00 down

\$40.00 from last year; City of Gully \$775.00 down \$69.00 from last year; City of Trail \$628.00 down \$2.00 from last year; Johnson \$6,795.00 up \$935.00 from last year; Eden \$11,487.00 up \$95.00 from last year and Gully Township \$12,461.00 up \$1,331.00 from last year.

Maintenance issue included the quote for the sewer cleaning. The five year-contract for 2025-2029 starting at \$3,500 a year. The company Johnson-Jet-Line from Kensington comes up yearly and work is done at the same time that they do the work in Clearbrook.

Miscellaneous issues included to go ahead with the flower baskets for this coming year. The thought was to make them a little bit bigger as the All-School Reunion and Rodeo will be held at the same time, July 11th through July 14th.

A question on the shape of the banners to be put up for the All-School reunion. Dan and Les said there were plenty that they would be able to put up.

Also the connections on the poles that hang the banners was in question as slivers were coming off the connections.

The skating rink has been used and the cold weather has kept it from melting. The hydrant that was used to get the water needs fixing this summer to be able to use for the skating rink next year.

Expenditures were approved with Water and Sewer for \$3,850.09, General \$21,842.88, Fire \$4,159.61 for a total of \$29,843.58.

The monthly meeting for March has been changed to Thursday, March 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Work Session on Bond Referendum

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board held a work session with ATSR representatives Sarah Fox and Blayne Parkos and by zoom with Preston Everly, with RA Norton Construction Managers.

The agenda was a discussion of the review of repairs and betterment, discuss classroom addition and courtyard.

The highest priority from the survey that had been sent out last year had fixing the roof as number one. That was followed by repairs to lavatories, doors, walls and sidewalks and the technology system.

This will cost about 3.7 million in the project.

The district received 249 responses from the survey. From that point the district brought together a community steering committee and other community meetings to come up with the right solutions for the district.

The HVAC system was taken out of their cost as that was being done this summer.

Lighting is an issue as the State of Minnesota has mandated the elimination of fluo-

rescent lights. Minnesota's Clean Lighting bill bans the sale of fluorescent lamps starting in 2025 and 2026. They can be bought in other states but not Minnesota.

Board members wanted to see that jobs went to local people. Preston stated that the mechanical work would be given to the lowest qualified bidder.

Discussion was on the special education expansion and two added toilets on the east end. That was to alleviate the long distance that elementary students had as they were coming inside from the playground. The nearest ones were all the way down the hall.

The four classroom additions on the east end would have to relocate the Early Childhood playground. The consensus was to locate that to the courtyard between the two east wings of the building which is now a grassy area. Security doors would be put at two ends of the courtyard on the east end. Cost to do that would be approximately \$400,000 and as maintenance

free as possible. It could also be used for an outdoor sitting area and a session out side for different classes. A question was asked if the old home ec area could then be used.

Approximate cost of the total project is about 34 million. 72 percent of the project will be Commercial and Industrial.

The rest of the cost to Ag Land and Buildings, State Aid and Residential Homestead Owners and others.

The next Session 2 was set for Wednesday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m. That topic will be to revisit the gym addition.

There would be two more sessions before the fifth one that included a Town Hall Review.

There were questions when the bond referendum could take place. Getting everything together would take awhile since they have sessions left to go through. It would probably be in November.

One board member stated that we are talking about a lot of money and they don't want to rush the project.

Clearwater Lake is Scheduled for a Fish Management Update this Year

About 151 lakes in 40 counties will have their fisheries lake management plans updated in 2025 and Clear-

water Lake is one of them. The DNR is looking for input from lake stakeholders to assist them in planning.

“People interested in the health and quality of Minnesota’s fisheries are a critical part of the DNR’s fisheries lake management planning process,” said Shannon Fisher, DNR fisheries populations and regulations manager. “These plans establish fisheries management goals and objectives for each lake and define the work fisheries biologists do each year. Observations and input from a lake’s stakeholders are essential to the planning effort.”

The DNR is encouraging people with thoughts on the future fish management of Clearwater Lake to call (218-308-2330) or email (bemidji.fisheries@state.mn.us) the area fisheries office before March 31.

Comments about experiences, observations, concerns and wishes for the fishery — rather than suggestions on how the DNR might accomplish a specific goal or objective — are the most helpful kinds of input. People might ask themselves and comment about:

- 1.“What kind of fishing experience am I looking for?”
- 2.“Are there fish habitat concerns I’d like to share?”
- 3.“What kinds of fish do I like to catch?”
- 4.“Do I like catching big fish

or a lot of fish?”

5.“Do I have concerns about the fishery’s draw or popularity among anglers or other social concerns?”

For additional information about why and how the DNR develops and utilizes fisheries management plans for Minnesota’s 4,500 actively managed lakes, visit the DNR’s lake management planning page (mndnr.gov/lakemanagement).

Announcing New Grant for 7th-12th Grade Girls

The City of Clearbrook has been awarded a \$5,000 Northwest Minnesota Foundation Women’s Fund grant. These funds are dedicated to preparing our girls for adulthood, via the opportunity to learn a wide curriculum of Life Skills across the 2025 calendar year.

The City of Clearbrook is collaborating with the Clearbrook- Gonvick School District to create this incredible opportunity for our local girls. Planning and development is already underway.

With the face of education changing across the decades, our young ladies have many new and exciting learning opportunities that haven’t existed before. However, as funding shifts and changes, there are skills sets that have been offered previously within the education system, that now fall to the very busy modern parent. Each parent wants the best for their child, the inten-

tion of this grant is to share the many talents and skillsets in our community to better all the young ladies, who would like the opportunity to learn. Please watch for updates as the planning and proposed curriculum advance.

An All Girls Assembly for 7th- 12th grade girls, is tentatively planned for March 5, 2025 to introduce the girls to the program, how they may choose to participate, and discover what they are most interested in learning. This program is voluntary, and designed as supplemental skills training for our girls.

Leadership for this program will be handled by current school staff , allowing for a cohesive safe environment,

already provided within the school setting.

As the planning advances, community announcements will be made inviting all local girls in the 7th- 12thgrade, whether they are within the public school system, “Homeschooling” or some variation. The goal is to provide these learning opportunities to all young women in our area. Watch for more details in the weeks and months to come.

These learning opportunities are voluntary, and 100% grant supported. We are grateful for these funds, and the opportunity to add to the Life Skills that will help prepare our young ladies for their bright future’s.



Church News

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Michael Wright
Good Shepherd
Wed. Feb. 26 - 6pm Confirmation at Good Shepherd (7th-9th Grade)
Sun., March 2 - 9:00am Worship & Communion; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School
Tues. March 4- 5:30pm Bible Study
Wed. March 5 - 5:45pm Ash Wednesday Service
Our Savior’s
Wed. Feb. 26 - 6pm Confirmation at Good Shepherd (7th-9th Grade)
Thurs. Feb. 27 - 6:00pm ELCA Social Statement Discussion
Sun., March 2 -10:00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship

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Pastor Randy Reimer
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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

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sun., March 2 - 12:00 noon Holy Communion service with Pastor Mark Kindem
Wed. March 5 - 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service,

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

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick
Pastor Will Anderson
Week of: February 23-March 2, 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,
9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseth
Wed, Mar. 26: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 Vespers.
Sun, Mar. 2: Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Livestream. St. Petri: 9:45 a.m. Livestream
Wed, Mar. 5: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with HC-OP.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Feb. 26: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.
Sun, Mar. 2: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund; 10:00 a.m. Lund Fellowship hour.10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany. 2 p.m. Confirmation.
Wed, Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday - 6 p.m. Soup N Sandwich, 7 p.m. Service.

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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

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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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Message to School District
2311 Board Members and
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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.

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.

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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!!!

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

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

Thurs. Feb. 27 - Tater Tot Hotdish, Mixed Vegetables, Diner Roll, Rosy Applesauce.

Fri. Feb. 28 - Cook’s Choice

Mon. March 3 - Swiss Steak, Mashed Potato and Gravy, Cream Corn, Fruit Cup.

Tues. March 4 - Taco Salad, Fruit Salad, Corn Muffin, Pudding and Topping.

Wed. March 5 - Fish or Alternate, Baked Potato,Parsley Carrots, Ice Cream with Topping.

Meal subject to change.
Call 218-776-3154



February Social Events
•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.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Clearbrook Site:
256 2nd Ave., SW
Make a difference in the lives of young people! Volunteer with Youth Connection and help provide enrichment for 3rd-5th or 6th-12th graders. If you or someone you know likes working with youth, contact Charis Nordlund at (218) 776-2789 for more details.
PrimeWest Health members enjoy exclusive benefits, including free access to the Weight Room, three weight training sessions per month, counseling services, and transportation. Plus, stop by our office to receive a \$25 voucher for Shop at the Top. For more information, call us at (218) 776-2789.

Earn money while making a difference. Join our team of Senior Services drivers and get paid to drive seniors to appointments, events, and shopping trips. Call (218) 776-2789 to learn more and get started today.

Feeling stuck or overwhelmed? You’re not alone. Celebrate Recovery offers a safe, confidential, and judgment-free environment where you’ll find support no matter the size of your struggle. Join us every Thursday at 6:30pm in the gym and take the next step toward healing and growth.

We are seeking dedicated men to serve as house parents (supervisors) for Mustard Seed residents one weekend a month. This role requires a responsible, firm, and compassionate mentor to provide structure and stability. If you’re ready to make a meaningful impact, contact Treven Quade at treven@clearwaterslife.org for more information.

Gonvick Site: 226 Elm Street

Join the Create It! Art Studio and unlock a year of creativity. Online registration is now open for yearlong club memberships. Sign up today at clearwaterslife.org/artexperiences and enjoy access to on-site mentors and supplies every Monday from 10:00am to 3:00pm ready to guide your projects or simply cheer on your creativity.

Stay active and have fun with Pickleball at the Gonvick Gym. Join us for open play on Mondays 9:30am - 7:30pm, Wednesdays 9:00am - 3:00pm, Thursdays 9:00am - 6:00pm, and Fridays 9:00am - 3:00pm. Play for just \$5 per day, \$20 per month, or enjoy unlimited access with a year-long membership for \$200.

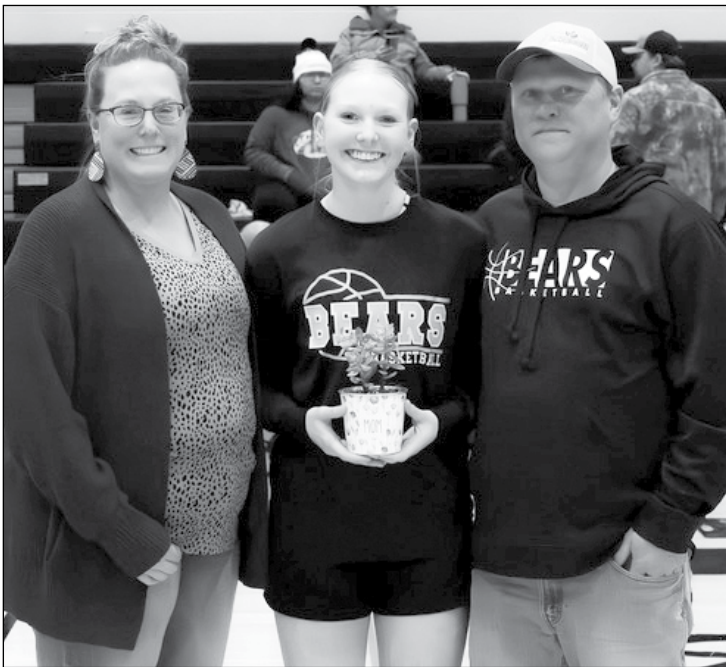
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Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team had Parents Night. Junior Sarah Imle with her parents Peter and Tracy Imle.



Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team had Parents Night. Junior Ava Larson with her parents Melissa and Matt.



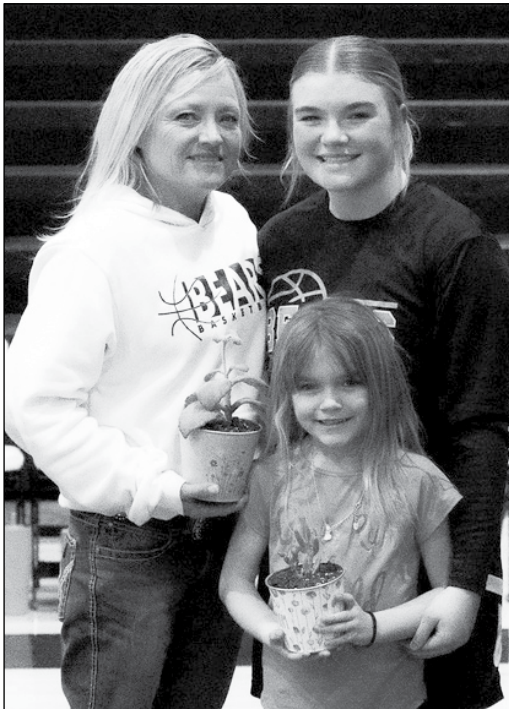
Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team had Parents Night. Junior Charity Mathison with Janetia Laferriere and Shannon Grife. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs

BEAR TRACKS

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



Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team had Parents Night. To the left 10th grader Mysten Dahlke with her mother Roxanne Dahlke. To the right 10th grader Hayden Wilde with her father Eric Wilde. Photos by Jalina Gerlofs



Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team had Parents Night. To the left 9th grader Niah Knutson-Willett with her mother Marni Knutson and sister Sawyer. To the right 9th grader Harper Watne with her parents Leah and Nate Watne. Photos by Jalina Gerlofs



Reduce screen time

How can we help people, particularly young people, reduce their reliance on phones? Linsey Lunny, CEO of Hid-

den Strength, has five tips:

1. Set app limits
"On your phone, you can see which apps you spend the most time on and you can also set limits on certain apps. This can help you manage your screen-time on a daily basis."
2. Find hobbies that don't revolve online
"Find something to do that forces you to not be on your phone. This could be reading, walking, anything!"
3. Schedule screen-free time
"Designate specific hours

each day to be completely offline, whether it's the first hour after waking up or a no-phone rule after eight."

4. Establish a no-phone rule
"Encourage more meaningful conversations by asking everyone to put their phones away during meals or group activities."

5. Go on a "no phone retreat"
"Try committing to a full day or weekend without screens to reset your habits and reconnect with the world around you!"

Congratulations, Clearbrook-Gonvick Student Council!

We are beyond thrilled to announce that their video submission has been selected as a winning entrant in the State Convention Contest! A special shoutout to student council advisor Mr. Bettin and Joely Hinrichs-Olson for leading this fantastic project. Your creativity and passion have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of your hard work! The student council will be attending the 2025 MAHSMASC State Leadership Convention in Hibbing April 4-6, 2025, where the convention will be hosted by Hibbing High School. This year's theme, "Enchanted Engagement: Empowering Our Leaders in a Castle in the Woods," promises to be an inspiring and magical experience! The student council also wins a \$1000 prize for their winning video! We can't wait to see them continue to shine at the convention!

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

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

Thurs. Feb. 27 - Chicken Quesadilla, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Goldfish

Fri. Feb. 28 - Hot Dog on Buns, Tri Taters, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Rick Pop Tart

Mon. March 3 - Green Eggs and Ham with Biscuit, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Strawberry Chex

Tues. March 4 - Hot dog on Bun, Tri Taters, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Goldfish

Wed. March 5 - Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices. **Snack** - Sun Chips



Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team had Parents Night. Sophomore Mya Engen with her parents Linda and B.J. Engen.



Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team had Parents Night. 9th grader Savannah Kumpula with her parents Krystal and James Kumpula. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs



Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team had Parents Night. Sophomore Kaylo Iceman with her parents Jasmine Smith and Stephen Dow. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs



Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team had Parents Night. 9th grader Lily Walberg with her parents Simon and Kayla Walberg. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs



Clearbrook-Gonvick basketball team had Parents Night. 9th grader Gracie Petit with her parents Rose and Chad Petit. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs

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County Board of Commissioners Report

By Darin Steindl | Farmers Independent

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 18 with all commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Stuart Dukek, the board chairman opened the meeting at 10 am. Following the review and approval of the agenda and minutes from the last meeting, department heads were next on the agenda.

Karin Hughes, County Attorney, discussed the need to hire a part-time legal secretary. Since this had not been previously discussed but was an urgent need, the board waived the 3-day notice requirement. Commissioner Mark Titera made a motion to authorize the County Attorney to hire Paul Toriseva as a part-time legal secretary for one

day per week at Grade 11 Step 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Larson. Motion carried.

Darin Halverson, County Sheriff, requested authorization to hire Wyatt Swenson as a full-time deputy sheriff. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Bruce Emmel, motion carried. Sheriff Halverson then discussed the need to purchase a new dishwasher for the jail. With an upcoming inspection, the old and leaking dishwasher needs replacement to pass inspection. Commissioner Larson made a motion to authorize the purchase of a commercial dishwasher for the jail from Culinex for a price of \$4,836.41. Funds for this purchase will come out of the jail canteen fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

Bryan Ramsrud and the motion carried.

Allen Paulson, County Auditor/Treasurer, presented bills that needed to be paid. Commissioner Titera made a motion to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$119,204.79 from the County Revenue Fund and \$8,173.71 from the Public Health Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dukek and the motion carried. Paulson also submitted a request on behalf of the IT Department to authorize the department head to advertise to fill a vacant Information Technology Specialist position. Motion to approve by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Emmel, motion carried.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am. The next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11 at 9 am.

Weekly Inky Wink



with Oopsy Annie!

Where we are from matters by Oopsy Annie

The people, the land, that influences our days of youth matter. I have a guest poet today, Keiran Woodruff. He is all of thirteen years old, and a gifted poet you'll learn. His mother Jill Evje, and grandparents grew up in the Clearbrook area. In August, he lost his dad unexpectedly. Keiran has since learned to play the guitar - his dad was an incredible musician (referenced in his poem "trumpets and guitars"). I have not met Keiran, but we share a special place - Clearwater Lake. I consider it the single, most significant, earthly location of my own fledgling years. His poem references his time there with his grandma. BRAVO Keiran on your moving poem. I'd love to hear you play guitar someday. * His excellent, original poem format could not be shown here for newspaper column purposes. PS for Keiran - A poet who plays guitar may well mean you're a future

songwriter. >wink< Just saying.

Where I'm From by Keiran Woodruff

I am from dazzling 1000-piece puzzles to side-by-side rides and four wheelers

I am from nostalgic ball pits and heroic dives onto crash pads.

I am from beautiful, towering, green, pine trees whose branches softly let through the whispers of the cool breeze.

I am from comforting green juice and bike rides with Woodruff and Evje.

I am from extraverted and strong and from huge, magnificent Thanksgiving dinners and watching football with excitement and from guitars and trumpets.

I am from Grandma Myrtle and my loving Grandma Marilyn held in the spirit of the hummingbird and potato club and the smell of fresh, soft, and gooey chocolate chip cookies fresh out of the oven.

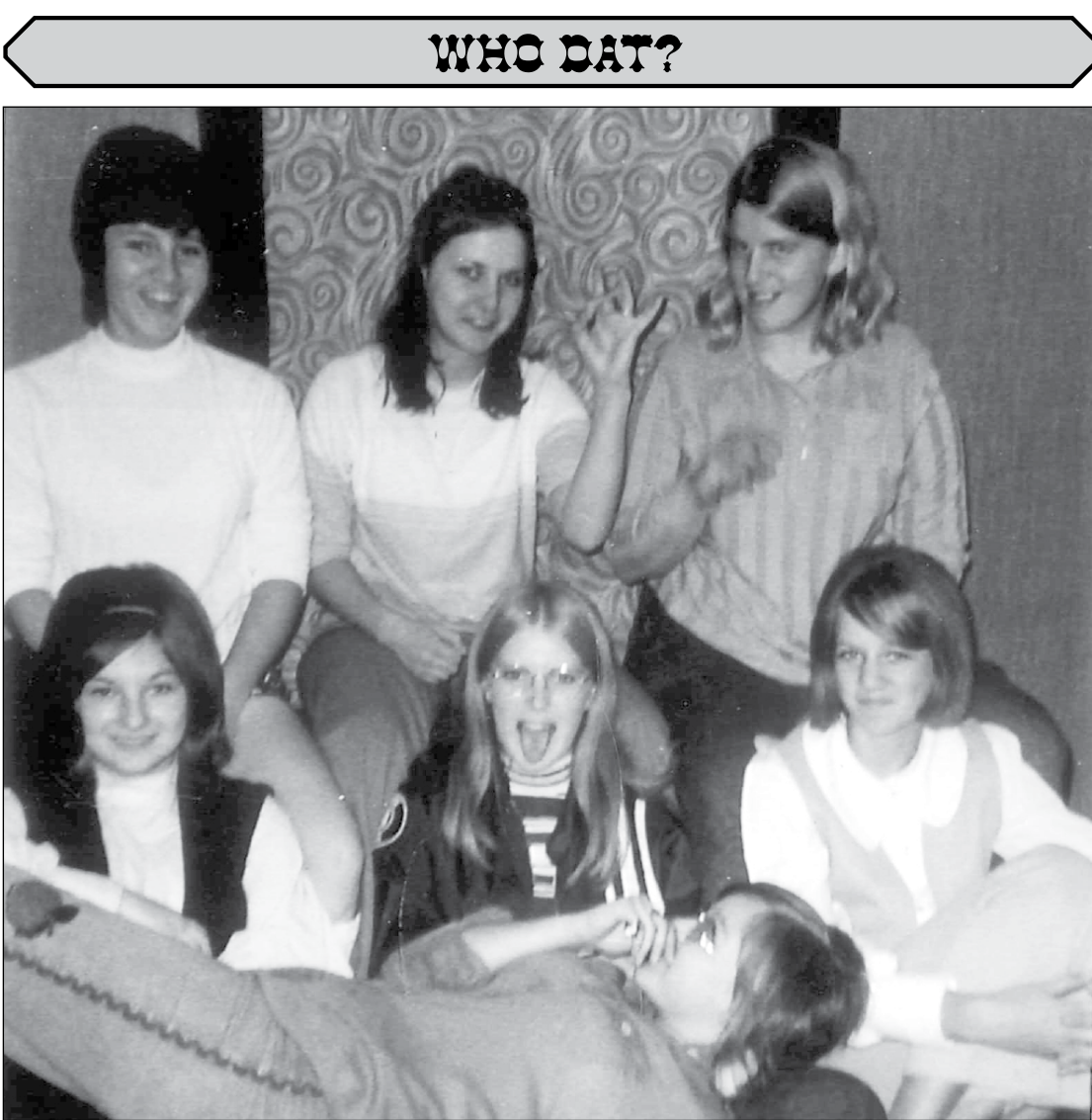
I am from Grievances of the passings of my grandmas who will always be held in a special place in my heart from incredible breakfasts with sweet blueberry muffins that I wish I could taste one last time on a perfect sunny morning in 2019 with chickadees singing on our deck overlooking the forest.

I am from these moments who make me who

I truly am, a teammate, a leader, a friend, a son.

STORY TO SHARE!

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



Gonvick students from 1973. Answer in Corrine's Corner.

United Way grant application for Clearwater County non-profits - open through April 18, 2025

The 2025 United Way of Bemidji Area grant application process is now open for non-profits who serve clients in Clearwater County. Guidelines and the application materials are available online at www.UnitedWayBemidji.org/grant-opportunities. United Way funds non-profits who provide a local community service based on documented need(s) within one of United Way's community impact areas: Youth Opportunity (Education) - Preparing young people to realize their potential from cradle to career; Financial Stability (Basic Needs) - Creat-

ing a stronger financial future for every generation; Healthy Community (Health) - Improving health and wellbeing for all. Applications, including financials, will be reviewed by a local volunteer committee, the Clearwater Advisory Council, to ensure donor dollars are well spent and results are delivered. Final investment decisions will be approved by the United Way of Bemidji Area Board of Directors. Funding for this cycle comes from dollars raised in Clearwater County through the 2024 Campaign for the Community. APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:00 p.m.

on Friday, April 18, 2025. - The completed applications must be emailed to grants@united-waybemidji.org. Applicants will be notified of grant results in summer 2025.

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September 4, 2024 - Dr. Will Anderson published his book "Last Chance Forgiveness", which follow Petty Officer William Cole as he learns through his many trials and tribulations to forgive not only others to receive God's forgiveness, but also forgive himself in order to live God's plans for his life. Work began on the water tower. We welcomed some new staff at Clearbrook-Gonvick school. Juan Palacios, the new Stellher counselor. And Peyton Dingmann the High school science teacher. A big thank you went out to Border Bank for the donations of school supplies to the Clearbrook-Gonvick school.

We Lost..... Pamela Dille

September 11, 2024 - The CWC 4-H had 21 youth attend the 2024 Minnesota State Fair Livestock Encampment. They did a great job and had a greater time. Two more new staff members were welcomed to our Clearbrook-Gonvick school staff. Morgan LaFerriere is our new speech paraprofessional. And Katerina Schafer as our new art teacher! NELLs first fall program started with Trish Strain with "How to protect yourself from fraud and scams"

We Lost..... Bonnie Strand, Teresa Kappedal, Melissa Hagman, Diane J. Harstad, Kathryn Stine, Mary Swinburne

September 18, 2024 - The Annual Vernes Church ride was Sept. 15th. Rupert Syverson started it all back in 2005. Pastor Lee Laaveg offered a welcome prayer before the ride began. Homecoming coronation was September 16 at Clearbrook-Gonvick school. Emma Nybo was crowned Queen and Hasani Bruton King. Five more new staff were introduced to Clearbrook-Gonvick school. Joy Walberg and Carla Sundquist as the new kitchen cooks. Brenda Wilcox

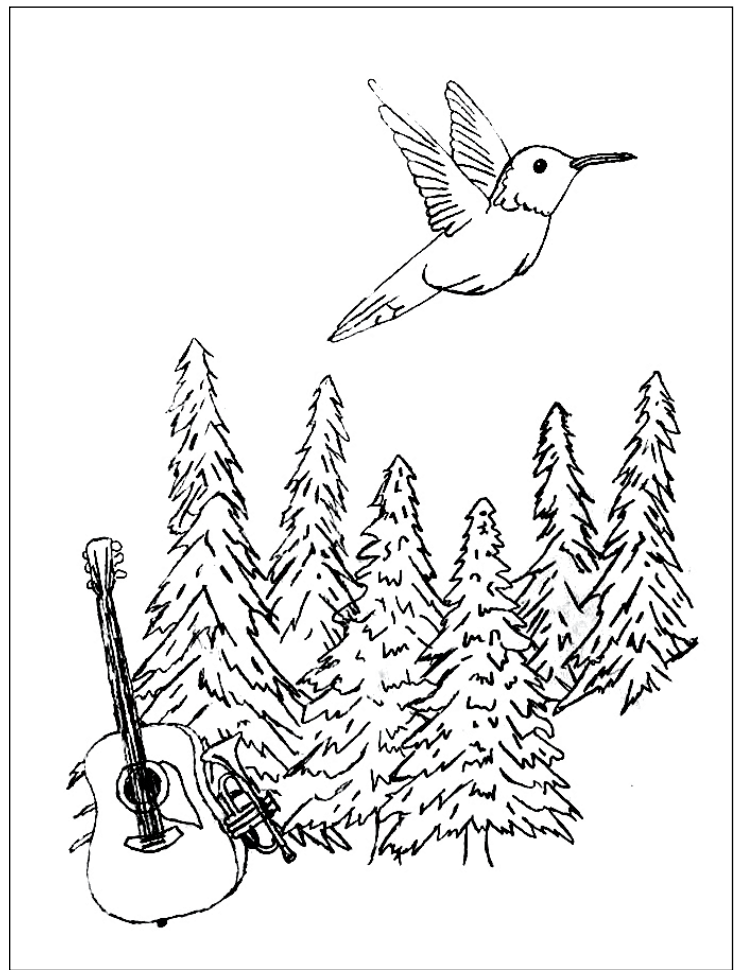
and Jon Heller as the new custodians. And Bailey Watne as our new Early Childhood Special Education teacher.

We Lost..... Gerald Howard, Annette LaCoursiere, Danny Bragg, Perry Grundyson

September 25, 2024 - B&M Supply and Bakkens family market held a customer appreciation day, where a free lunch and wagon rides were provided. K&K's catered the food. The water treatment

plant in Clearbrook was going as scheduled, being worked on by Rubin Construction. The Clearbrook-Gonvick board approved the General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds for \$2,820,000. And a staple of the fall season, Arnold Erickson and his dog May love sitting at their produce stand, West of Shevlin, selling pumpkins and meeting new people.

We Lost..... Mildred Crane, Luverne Nordlund, Dorothy Hartel, Michael Bruggeman





Angie Ness and Connie Nunemaker cooking class.

Friends In The Kitchen Wow with 3-Easy Recipes

By Pamela French
Over 15 guests were present for the monthly cooking class “Friends in the Kitchen”, lead by Angie Ness and Connie Nunemaker. The class was held Tuesday February 11 at the Bagley American Legion. Ness and Nunemaker made three recipes. All recipes made in the class are geared to be easy, healthy and delicious. The recipes made this day did

not disappoint, they were delicious.
The pair started by making Savory Cheddar Oatmeal w/ Sausage. I was very skeptical of a savory oatmeal. It was surprisingly very good.
The next recipe was the Tortilla Egg Bake w/Cottage Cheese. The tortilla was the crust of the bake. This was surprisingly very delicious. And lastly Greek Yogurt Bagels.

This recipe was one bowl mix and bake. No boiling required! Shocking good! All these recipes were super simple, and delicious.
Friends in the Kitchen cooking class meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:30, at the Bagley American Legion. Each class features 3 recipes that are demonstrated by Angie and Connie, then guest get to sample each one.
The class is geared to those 55 and over. And anyone may attend. There is no charge to attend this class.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Greenwood Township Annual Meeting will be held at the town hall on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Annual reports will be given, township levies will be set, and all other business as prescribed by law will be conducted.
In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed to Tuesday, March 18th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall.
The regular township meeting will follow the Annual Meeting.
Sheila Horn
Greenwood Township Clerk

R50-51C

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:

June 22, 2022
MORTGAGOR: Erick A. Thoresen, a married man who acquired title as an unmarried man, joined by his spouse, Stacy Thoresen.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation its successors and assigns.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded June 29, 2022 Clearwater County Recorder, Document No. A180898.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation. Dated February 6, 2025 Recorded February 11, 2025, as Document No. A185540.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100277210184888823
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 40264 141st Avenue, Bagley, MN 56621
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 050340810
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The land hereinafter referred to is situated in the City of Bagley, County of Clearwater, State of MN, and is described as follows: The South 330 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 34, Township 148, Range 38.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Clearwater

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$241,750.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$258,295.27

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: April 23, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 213 North Main Avenue, Bagley, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 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 October 23, 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: February 14, 2025
AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
LIEBE, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
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LLW Workshop! Plan for the Seasons of Life Inspiring!

By Pamela French
Lexie Lofgren was the guest speaker at the Living Local Women Workshop on Saturday February 15. The program was How to Plan for the Seasons of Your Life.

The ladies began their workshop answering a series of questions that gave them deeper insight into their personalities and how they uniquely view life. Once they learned more about what they value and how they experience the world, they gain clarity towards where they would like to move forward in their lives.

Each participant reviewed the past year, taking inventory of what was accomplished,

what brought joy, where were the challenges and what was left undone. When we reflect upon where we have been, we gain perspective, which offers choice on what we want to take forward and what we want to let go of. Our past does not define us, it has the power to inform our future.

Once the evaluation of the past was complete, the ladies moved towards setting their intentions and goals for what they want to experience and create in 2025. It was fun to see the creativity and vision that our local women have and what they are choosing to create this year. Watch out, amazing things are coming!

The workshop ended with a question and answer session, where each participant had the opportunity to share what they had learned and their hope for the future they are intentionally creating. Empowering, introspective and a wonderful opportunity to build resiliency into an unknown future.

Living Local Women Workshops are grant supported by Northwest Minnesota Foundation Women's Fund and are free to attend.

The next workshop is March 15, 2025 10 am- noon at Clearbrook City Hall Classroom, 200 Elm Street.



Clearwater County Sheriff Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

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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

NOTICE TO CLOVER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Clover Township that the Annual Election of Town Officers and the Annual Town meeting will be held on Tuesday March 11, 2025 at the Clover Town Hall. In case of inclement weather the meeting and election may be postponed and held March 25, 2025.

The election poll hours will be from 5 PM to 7 PM at which time the voters will elect

- 1 Township Supervisor- 3 year term
- 1 Treasurer – 2 year term

The Annual Meeting will be held at 4 PM. Filing for town officers from Jan 2, 2025 to Jan 16, 2025. Affidavits of Candidacy may be filed with the Clerk of Clover Township for a fee of \$2
Joel Wraa, Clerk of Clover Township

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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.

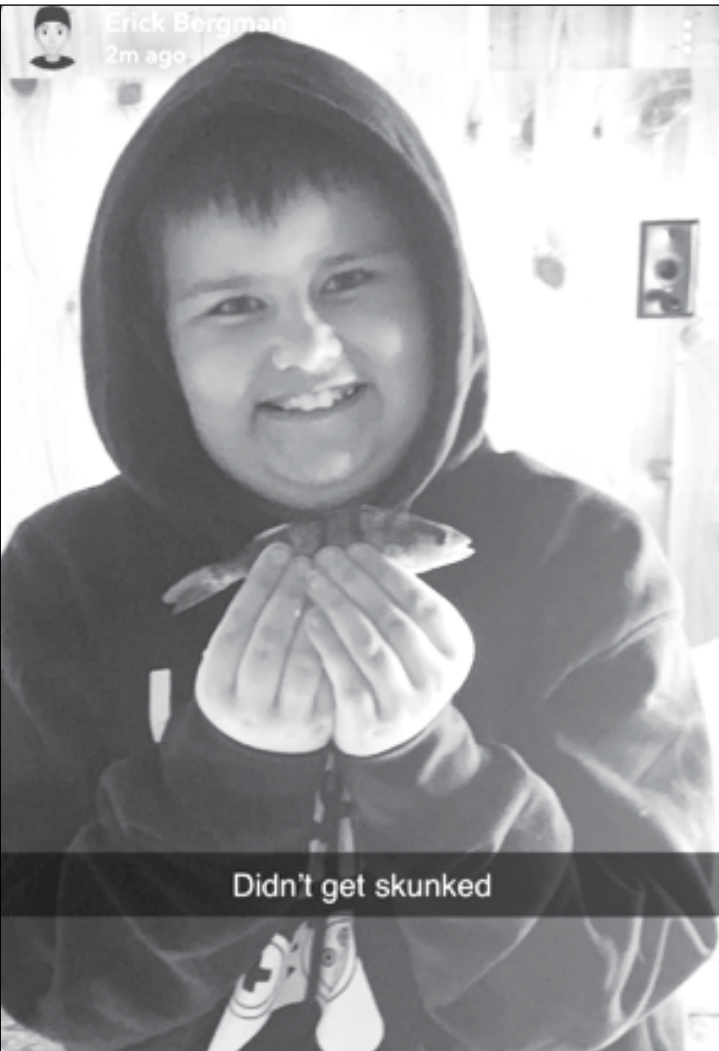
The Election Poll hours will be open from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at which time the voters will elect:

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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He didn't get skunked at the Gully Sportsmans Club Fishing Derby that was held on Pine Lake. Spencer Robertson was with his uncle Erick Bergman who brought him out to the derby.

Bemidji Public Library Presents New Belongings Poetry Reading and Workshop

The Bemidji Public Library is pleased to present New Belongings, a poetry reading that blends writers of Adoption/ Fostered/Kinship care experiences. Writers LM Brimmer, Halee Kirkwood and Sherrie Fernandez-Williams will come together on Saturday March 8, 2025 at 2pm in Bemidji Public Library to share space,

knowledge and stories around the theme of belonging. LM Brimmer is a fiscal year 2024 recipient of a Creative Individuals grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from

the arts and cultural heritage fund. Contact Kate Egelhof at the library with any questions at egelhofk@krls.org or 218-751-3963. The Bemidji Public Library is committed to providing the community with valuable resources and services, including WIFI, fax, printing, copying, and a legal kiosk. The library is open from 9:00 a.m.

to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. All Bemidji Public Library programs and events are free and open to the public.

LM Brimmer is an artist & educator living on Dakota land. Co-editor of the anthology *Queer Voices: Poetry, Prose and Pride* (2019), their essays and poetry have recently appeared in *The Colorado Review*, *Heavy Feather Review*, *Tiny Spoon Lit Mag*, *Quarterly West*, and elsewhere. Their interdisciplinary work has been supported by the Jerome Foundation, The Playwrights' Center, Pillsbury House Theater, The Givens Foundation, Minnesota State Arts Board, Randolph College and the University of St. Thomas. LM's debut collection *Imagined Child* is forthcoming from Kelsey Street Press.

Halee Kirkwood is a genre-fluid writer living in Minneapolis. They were an inaugural and returning Indigenous Nations Poets (IN-NA-PO) fellow, a Tin House Summer Workshop alum, a 2023-2025 Jerome Hill

Artist Fellow, and a 2022 Minnesota State Arts Board grant recipient. Kirkwood is the winner of the 2022 James Welch Poetry Prize, published with Poetry Northwest. Their poetry and prose can be found in *Prairie Schooner*, *Poetry Magazine*, *Poem-A-Day*, *Ecotone*, and others. They are a first generation direct descendant of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe.

Sherrie Fernandez-Williams is a Black, Queer writer who earned her MFA in Writing from Hamline University. She was a Jerome Hill Artist Fellow and received a Black Voices in Children's Literature award. She received additional grants and awards from the Minnesota State Arts Board, The Loft Literary Center, The Givens Foundation for African American Literature, Intermedia Arts, SASE: The Write Place, and The Playwrights' Center. The author of the book of poems, *Goddess of the Wholself*, and the memoir *Soft*, Fernandez-Williams, has published poems in journals including *New Limestone Review*, *Aquifer: The Florida Review*, and *Duke University Press*, among others. Her essays can be found in antholo-

gies including *We are Meant to Rise: Voices for Justice* from Minneapolis to the World, *How Dare We Write: A Multicultural Creative Writing Discourse*, and *The Poverty and Education Reader*. Sherrie co-directs *Queer Voices Minnesota* with LM Brimmer.

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Valentines Dinner at the Bagley Senior Center



By Pamela French

The Bagley Senior Center pulled out all the stops to make the Valentines Dinner on Saturday February 22 something very special.

Plans for this special afternoon started a few months ago. Planning a meal, when the number of guest are unknown until a few days prior to the event can be very challenging. Dinner included: Sweethearts Strawberry Spring Mix Salad, Ham Steak, Baked Potato w/ sour cream and butter, Vegeta-

ble Medley, Homemade Dinner Roll, and Raspberry Supreme for Dessert. It was a full house, plus several dinners for take out!

The Sweetheart Strawberry Spring Mix salad was a huge hit. My 14 year old house guest said that after the Raspberry Supreme Dessert, the salad was her favorite. She ate every ingredient on it, from the feta cheese, mixed greens, to the purple onion, which she ate by itself!

The whole dinner, from decorations to the food, was very good.

Each year a band of volunteers from the Bagley Senior Center step up to make this dinner special. If I miss anyone, my sincere apologies; Janice, Jo, Jeanette, Jane - well that gets the J's out of the way! Lorraine, Les, Sue, Mitch, and many more!

The Senior Centers Valentines Dinner is annual event. Nearly 40 guests enjoyed the sit down dinner and 12 take outs.



Mrs. Luggar's 5th grade class at Bagley Elementary made tie blankets for the Clearwater County Sheriff's Department to give out when needed in emergency situations to our community!

Improving Digital Literacy for Older Adults Workshop

By Pamela French

At the Bagley Legion last week, a group of older adults in the area had an opportunity to improve their digital literacy. A workshop on Cybersecurity focused on how to identify secure websites, how to create and store strong passwords, how to recognize online frauds, scams and how not become a victim. Keeping personal data secure is important for all of us, these skills are even more important for our older adults.

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson joined us for the workshop and gave a very in depth look at the types of fraud that affects us right here at home in Clearwater County.

As we spend more time in the digital realms, cyber-crimes are becoming more sophisticated and it is important that we learn to recognize them and protect our data and ourselves according to Sheriff Halverson.

This workshop is one of a series of workshops being presented on "Improving Digital Literacy in Older Adults" in the area.

The Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center is the recipient of a national grant that makes these workshops possible.



Kevin Prosser with County Sheriff Darin Halverson.

They are collaborating with the National Council on Aging and AT&T on this project.

The next upcoming workshops in February will be: 1) "Internet Basics at the Bagley Library on February 26, 2025

at 11:00 am- 12:30 pm and 2) "iPhone/iPad Basics" at the Clearbrook Leonard Senior Center on February 27, 2025 at Noon- 1:30 pm. These workshops are free to attend, see you there!

Love & Leukemia: The inspiring true story of Lars Sundberg

Article courtesy of the Grygla Eagle. A sister newspaper of the Leader-Record. Lars spent time in Gonvick as a student intern from Bemidji State University.



Amanda Sundberg Halverson, recently published her first book, which is available for purchase.

"I'm sending my prayers up to Lars, hoping he can see this and be proud. Bucket list complete," said Amanda Sundberg Halverson.

For those in the Grygla community especially, and for SO MANY MORE even great distances away, Lars Sundberg is more than just a memory.

He was a beloved son, brother, grandson, cousin, friend, classmate, neighbor - you name it, and he lives on in the hearts of Love & Leukemia: The inspiring true story of Lars Sundberg.

Lars Sundberg passed away in July 2013 from Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. He was married to Amanda (Jesme) on April 28th, 2012. Lars and Amanda had a beautiful love story that continues to live on in so many ways. And now it's documented in a new memoir that Amanda wrote, titled *Love & Leukemia: The inspiring true story of Lars Sundberg*. Amanda had a big dream of writing a book through her point of view that shares the story of her and Lars, and all of the events that took place throughout his cancer diagnosis.

She began writing the book back in 2011 when she and Lars were staying at the Hope Lodge in Rochester. She scrapped and re-started the project several times over the years, but it was only this year that she finally felt comfortable

and strong enough to delve back into the intense memories and face everything head-on.

Amanda said, "Lars and I both wanted to bring awareness to what cancer patients endure, in the hopes that people will appreciate their blessings, and also that the medical community can begin to listen to young people when they say something is wrong."

Throughout the book, readers can expect a deep love story and a rollercoaster ride with Lars' cancer battle. "There is humor, there is mourning, there is anger, and there is suspense; really, a little bit of everything," Amanda added.

As mentioned, Amanda and Lars were married in April of 2012 and had purchased a home in Mavie, MN, which is where they were living. While Lars was still alive, the couple tried to have children multiple times through IUI, but the method had failed. They then had to postpone IVF appointments three times due to Lars' medical situations. Near the end of his life, Lars requested Amanda to still go forward with the IVF consultation they had scheduled; it was his final wish. "I had two perfect embryos, so I asked them to transfer both, which implanted and survived successfully," Amanda explained. She later gave birth to their twin children, Blaise and Sophie, who are now 10.5 years old.

Amanda is now married to Justin Halverson; they mar-



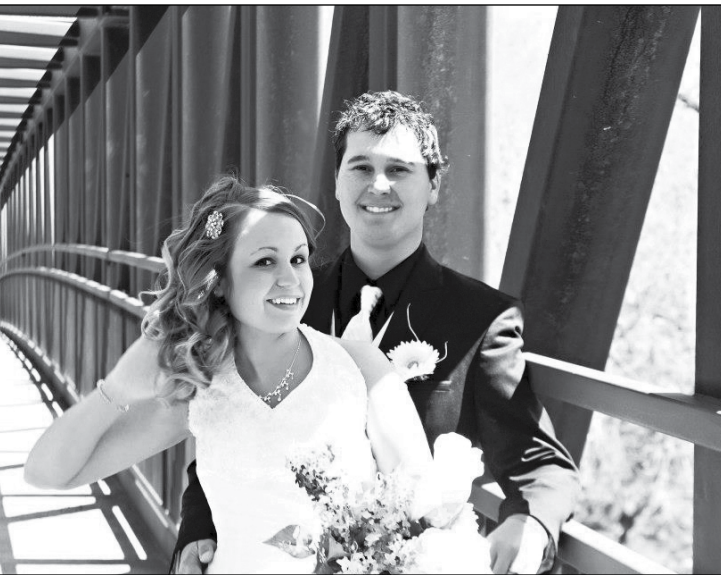
Love & Leukemia: The inspiring true story of Lars Sundberg was officially released on December 28th.

ried in 2022 and also have two children together, Indigo (age 7) and Kellen (age 4.) The family all resides in Hawley, MN.

As for her book getting published, Amanda shared a disclaimer that it's all written from her point of view at the time the events were taking place. "Tons of things have changed since then, including my perspective," she said. "But I wanted to keep the book authentic. So, with that said, thank you most of all to my husband Justin, who has been incredibly understanding and supportive in a very, very unique and difficult situation (including through my grumpy days, when I was trudging through long chapters). I'm very blessed to have him," she acknowledged.

Love & Leukemia is available on Amazon in all forms: e-book, paperback and hardcover.

It also available through Barnes and Noble in the same form.



Lars and Amanda were married in April of 2012; Lars passed away in July of 2013.

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Turkey hunting licenses are on sale March 1

Turkey hunters can purchase their licenses for the spring 2025 season starting Saturday, March 1. Licenses may be purchased online (mndnr.gov/buyalicense), by telephone at 888-665-4236 or in person wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold. Hunters can hunt statewide and buy licenses for any time period (A-F) over the counter.

Hunters will be asked which permit area they plan to hunt, so hunters are advised to know that information when they buy their license. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will use this information for research purposes to

help inform management of the state's turkey population. Importantly, hunters who identify their permit area when purchasing their license will not be restricted to hunting in only that area.

Season dates and hunt rules can be found on the Minnesota DNR's turkey hunting webpage (mndnr.gov/hunting/turkey). Permits for firearms hunters 18 and older to hunt the popular Carlos Avery or Whitewater WMAs during the B, C, D, E or F seasons. In addition, this year a permit will no longer be required for firearms hunters during any season to hunt Mille Lacs WMA, but a license is still required.

They are sending out the event flyer the week of March 3, 2025 and we have not had any address updates for the classes: 1986, 1988, 1992, 1993, 2008, 2009, 2016 and 2023. If you are in these classes, please select a class contact and have them send a list of updated mailing address.

(mndnr.gov/hunting/turkey) of the DNR website. While a license is required for all seasons, hunters do not need a permit to hunt Carlos Avery or Whitewater WMAs during the B, C, D, E or F seasons. In addition, this year a permit will no longer be required for firearms hunters during any season to hunt Mille Lacs WMA, but a license is still required.

Clearbrook Gonvick All School Reunion

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Itasca State Park Nature Program Update

Snowshoe Hike
Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 1-2:30 p.m.
Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center
Grab some snowshoes and head down the trail with a park naturalist and explore winter. Route will be selected depending on snow conditions and will be between 1-2 miles in length. All experience levels are welcome! This snowshoe hike is dependent on snow depth. If not enough snow, it will become a snow boot walk.

Notes: A limited number of snowshoes are available to use during this program. Contact naturalist Sandra if you need to reserve a pair at Sandra.d.lichter@state.mn.us or 218-699-7252. Dress in layers and wear snow boots.

Kid's Science Discovery: Campfire Fun
Wednesday, March 12, 2025, from 1:30-2:15 p.m.
Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center
Kids, explore the science and skills of building a campfire as well as fun things to do around it. Science Discovery programs are geared for students looking to take the classroom outside. Itasca is a wonderful outdoor learning space to explore the natural world.

What to Bring: This program will include going outdoors if weather allows, so plan for the weather. Dress in layers and wear snow boots.

company children. Consider bringing a picnic lunch and enjoying your noon meal around the fireplace in the visitor center lobby after the program.

It's Spring at the Headwaters, Walk
Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Meet at the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center
Spring is here! Let's get outside for a walk exploring the Mississippi Headwaters, spring birds, plants, sounds, and more. Spring conditions can be snowy, slushy, or muddy. Dress in layers. Trail length will be between 1-1 1/2 miles in length.

Kid's Science Discovery: Spring Trees
Friday, April 25, 2025, from 1:30-2:15 p.m.
Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center
Kids, it's Arbor Day! Come explore trees in the spring from buds to bark and flowers. Science Discovery programs are geared for students looking to take the classroom outside. Itasca is a wonderful outdoor learning space to explore the natural world.

What to Bring: This program will include going outdoors if weather allows, so plan for the weather. Dress in layers. Adults must accompany children.

2024 Year in Review



October 2, 2024 – Gonvick Pumpkin Day held a 1,941 pound pumpkin! Lots of other events were held including a Tug of War between the volunteer fire departments, a birds eye view from the Clearwater-Polk Electric bucket, pumpkin painting and much more. Mark your calendars for the last weekend in September 2025. The Legion riders from Middle River visited the Clearbrook Veteran's Memorial on September 21 as a part of a fund raising ride. The Honor Flight Network program took Alton Frethem of Fosston to Washington, DC to see the Memorials at no cost to him or the other 215 Minnesota North Dakota based veterans. While there he met Senator Amy Klobuchar, who was honored to meet the many service members in attendance.



We Lost..... Anna Tofstad, Geneva Sturman, Muriel Rice
October 9, 2024 – Opening night for The Gully Lund Lutheran Church Ladies was October 5! The Ladies took on names of the Lund Lutheran church from days past. Written, directed and produced by Doug Robbins. The show was for anyone who has volunteered to support a community event. The "Pine to Palm" trek made their way down the "Old Jefferson Highway" through Gully on October 2nd. Bret Byfield was a guest speaker for a NELL presentation. He spoke about being in, leaving, and life after being in a cult. Brett is from Bagley, MN.

We Lost..... William Stoller, Sr.
October 16, 2024 – 2 Loons moved to their new location. Jay Jones provides screen printing, embroidery, heat transfer, vinyl sign work and design services. You can find him on Main Street in Gonvick. The Torsk and Meatball dinner didn't disappoint. At the Granlund Lodge, on October 10th,



the Sons of Norway served a meal while Jake Bastyer played accordion with Lonnie Watne on drums. October 9 NELL hosted guest speaker Tim Eggebraaten where he spoke on personal, enlightening, emotional and entertaining program on how to "Find your Beat" – Walking in the Rhythm of Life.

We Lost..... Marjorie Simonson, Edgar Miller, Barbara Bourque, Mary Ann Juve, Patricia Johnson
October 23, 2024 – Positions across the County filled the pages of the Leader Record, from District 4 County Commissioner to Clearbrook-Gonvick school board members. Justin Netland, Bagley volunteer fire Chief, was the presenter for NELLs Oct. 16 program featuring fire safety. Quilts of Valor were presented to two recipients on Oct. 16

at the monthly American Legion Irvin Blix Post 16. Dennis Huwe and Virgil Prestby were the heroes. The Shevlin Garden Club had a go at making apple cider vinegar, with Mary Spaulding leading the class.

We lost..... Joan Norquist, Dean G. Godtland, Korydon Chervestad, Shirley Graftaas, Janice Johnson, Jean Carpenter, Myrtle Lee, Larry Fossum
October 30, 2024 – A huge community benefit was held for Janice Ulrich on Oct. 26 at the Gonvick American Legion. She was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. The new roof at the CWLC was finished over the "78 addition. The United Lutheran Church at Berner held their men's annual pancake dinner Oct. 27.

We Lost..... Sharon Ramberg, Phyllis Engen, Ralph Reeder,

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FROM THE PAST - 2010



Gonvick Legion members in 2010. Back row: Ordean Erickson, Kermit Kjolhaug, Dean Godtland, Richard Maple, Lauris Krogstad, Richard Vinje, Dennis Johnson, Larry Solien, Ron Monson, Philip Peterson, Jeff Dyrdaahl. Front row: Harlow Berg, Norman Rude, Arlen Birkeland, Leroy Sundquist, Richard Aas, ????? and Glenn Wagner.



Quilt makers and organizers of the Veterans Concert event were from left to right: Bonnie Underdahl, Linda Gulbranson, Gladys Lucken, Linda McPherson and Louise Walker.

Clearbrook Veterans Honored at Concert

By Pamela French
Four veterans and members of the Melvin Johnson American Legion Post 256, Clearbrook, MN were honored during the “Give A Veteran a Lift” Benefit Concert on Saturday February 22. Each veteran was wrapped in a Quilt of Valor, by members of the Headwaters Quilt Guild; Linda Gulbranson, Bonnie Underdahl, Louise Walker and Linda McPherson. The Headwaters Quilt Guild belongs to the Quilts of Valor Foundation, as well as the members individually. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.



The first recipient to be wrapped in a Quilt of Valor was Ken Brein, a lifelong resident of Clearwater County and graduate of Clearbrook High School Class of 1968.
Brein was drafted in 1970 under the reinstated lottery system December 1, 1969 that determined the order of call for 1970. First time this system had been used since 1942. Fort Lewis, Washington was where he completed basic training. His military occupation was light wheel mechanic, with his training completed at Fort Ord, California with Company 63B.
From there Ken was deployed to Vietnam for 15 months. He served at various sites, one being at the 27th Evacuation Hospital. Here he was helping unload wounded military personnel. Though he would have preferred to have been working on equipment, he was called to duty and proud to have serve his country where needed.
Ken was discharged in 1971 with the rank of Specialist E-4. He earned a Vietnam Service Medal, two overseas bars and marksman medal.
After returning from the military, he married Laurie, his high school sweetheart. The two have been married 53 years, have three children and two grandsons. The pair are involved volunteering in the community. Recently, they were recognized as Outstanding Clearwater County Senior Citizens.
Ken has been an active member of the Melvin Johnson American Legion Post 256 for 50 years.



Robert (Bob) Granley was the next veteran to be wrapped in a Quilt of Valor. Bob is a lifelong resident of Clearbrook and a graduate from Clearbrook High School, Class of 1957.
Knowing the draft was coming, Bob and quilt recipient Lloyd Engen joined the Army under the buddy system. It meant another year of service, but support from home being with his friend would be worth it.
After the two completed basic training at Fort Ord, California in 1959 they never saw each other until after they were discharged and back home in Clearwater County. The two soon picked up where they left off and are buddies to this day.
Bob was trained as Military Police at Fort Gordon, Georgia and spent 6 months at Fort Bragg North Carolina. He was then sent to Germany with the 4th Armored Division. He was the first in his family to serve in the military. It was a very special experience to him and he is proud to have served his country. In 1962 he was honorably discharged with a rank of Spec E-4.
After returning from his service duty, he married his wife, Sandra. They had two children.
Bob joined the Melvin Johnson American Legion Post 256 in 1965, and is an active member. If you have eaten any of the many meals of lutefisk, meatballs, torsk and other items served by the American Legion, you have had a taste of his cooking, as he was the lead man in the kitchen. In addition to being a member of the Legion, he served for 40 years on the Clearbrook Fire Department and the Clearbrook City Council until they moved out of the city limits.



Next to be wrapped in a Quilt of Valor was Lloyd Engen, a lifelong resident of Clearwater County. Lloyd enlisted in the United States Army under the buddy system with Robert Granley. Strangely they were never stationed together after basic training.
Lloyd did his basic training in Fort Ord California starting in 1959, and completed his further training at the US Army base in Aberdeen Maryland, the Aberdeen Proving Ground. He was trained as a Supply Inventory Specialist. Fourteen men were being sent to their next duty station. Lloyd was the only high school graduate, and the only one that knew how to type. Lloyd received an office job while the others were out in the elements.
Fort Richardson, Alaska was this duty station. In 1962 Lloyd was discharged from this base as a Spec 4.
Lloyd returned to Clearbrook and worked for Lake Head Pipeline, now known as Enbridge, for 30 years before retiring.
He was married to Phyllis Beckstrand in 1973 and became an instant father to seven wonderful children. He is proud to be called dad and grandpa.
Lloyd has been an active member of the Melvin Johnson American Legion post 256 for 62 years. Lloyd has also been very involved with the Clearbrook Senior Center. Lloyd was a member of the volunteer fire department and a census taker for the US census bureau.



Lastly, Larry Djernes, Clearbrook resident and a 1968 graduate of Clearbrook High School was wrapped in a Quilt of Valor. Larry was drafted into the United States Army in March 1970.
Larry completed his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. He remained there for his infantry training. After completing his training, he was deployed with the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division to the Central Highlands of Vietnam, in the later part of his time in country he was reassigned to a Security Force under the USARV Command.
Larry was discharged with the rank of SPEC 4 with award medals; the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. Larry served 14 months with the Army in Vietnam.
His family was very patriotic. He had an uncle (Wallace Leroy Johnson) who lost his life in Italy during WWII and is buried at Fort Snelling. One of his two sons had a Navy Nuclear career and now retired from the Navy he works in Bremerton, WA for the defense department.
Larry was married to Karen while in the military and after he was discharged, he and his wife bought land in northern Clearwater County. Later he used the GI bill to attend Ag School while farming and working at the Clearbrook School. He later attended Technical College and graduated with an Electronics Degree.
Larry moved to Montana and worked 30 years in the communications field, retiring in 2011. He and his wife returned back to the area.
Larry has been a member of the Melvin Johnson American Legion Post 256 for 14 years. He currently is a Sargent at Arms and proudly serves on the color and honor guard.

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Bingo at the Clearbrook
Liquor Store on Saturday, March 1. Starting at 5:30 p.m. Fundraiser for the 2025 Clearbrook-Gonvick All School Reunion.
Shorty's in Gully will be having Bingo this Saturday night. The magic number is 59. They will serve Chicken and Ribs.

The Gonvick Lions Club met for the regular meeting on Wednesday February 19. The All-School committee is looking for donations for the Casino Night that will be held March 22. Two baskets with various items will be put together. They donated \$1500 to the walleye fingerling project for Pine Lake. Donations also of \$1000 to the Clearbrook-Gonvick after prom party; \$250 to two families for Medical travel expenses and \$500 to the Drug Prevention program through the Clearwater County Sheriffs Department. The contract has been signed to have Wojo's back for the rodeo this summer July 11 and 12 during the All-School reunion.

The ninth annual School Bus Driver Appreciation Day was held on Wednesday, Feb. 19. They have some feisty roads to drive on in northern Minnesota. Good job everyone.

The cold temperatures have caused a lot of problems. Fires have been more common with the demand on heating systems. Residents were displaced by an apartment fire in Wadena. One person was found deceased and nine residents have been displaced.

Joke time
Ole and Lena were on a crowded elevator and Ole was next to beautiful blonde. Lena saw that Ole was enjoying it and she became very upset. As the elevator door opened the blonde turned around and gave Ole a hard slap on the face. She yelled at him that will teach you not to pinch me. Ole was surprised and as he and Lena got off the elevator she told her that he didn't pinch her. Lena replied that she knew that as she was the one who had pinched her.

Answer to Who Dat
The 1973 girls from Gonvick were back row: Belinda Flateland, Debbie Weberg, Nancy Fischer. Middle Row: Debbie Hannes, Rebecca Myers, Norma Klema and bottom Amy Davids.

My son is off on another trip that I am worried about. He is in Tunisia. Why? He wants to ride a camel in the desert. He thought it was strange that he could reserve the ride on Expedia.com. Waiting for his return.

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.

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

Calendar winners
Calendar Winners for the Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle for the Month of February Each win \$100. 2-24-25 - Isabella Sorge - Peculiar, MO.

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

This soup recipe came from my father. It is delicious and very hearty. As usual, it's easy too.

CHEESY VEG-ETABLE SOUP

- 2 carrots, finely diced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 cup cauliflower, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup chopped broccoli
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire
- 2 and 1/2 cups milk



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1/2 teaspoon pepper

8 ounces shredded Cheddar

In a Dutch oven, melt butter. Saute until tender; carrots, celery, onions, cauliflower, broccoli and garlic. Add flour and stir until smooth. Gradually add the chicken broth and cook over medium heat until thickened. Add the Worcestershire, pepper, milk and cheese. Cover and cook on low heat about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Makes about 4 servings.

Until next time, blessings to you and your family.

Home Country

By Slim Randles

“Shore is cold ‘round here,” said Windy, stirring in more sugar. “Went out this morning to the pick ‘em-up truck and half my farkels were dang near froze off ‘fore I got that heater a-goin.”

“I hear ya,” said Dud.

“Lose more farkels that way,” added Doc.

“Is farkels a medicine word, Dod?”

“Not really, but it says what you want to say when it’s this cold.”

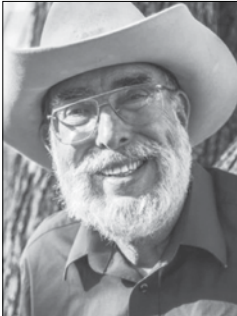
The talk went along through two refills, a side of bacon and a short stack.

“Bet it don’t get no colder’n this in Alaska,” said Dud.

“You’d be wrong,” said Emma, she of the kind smile carrying the ready coffee pot. “Spent five years up there. Down here in winter, you get cold. Up there in winter, you get dead.”

She had our rapt attention. “You mean chill factors and stuff like that?” asked Doc.

“Nope,” Emma said. “Want me to warm that cup for you, Steve?”



Steve nodded. Cup appropriately topped off.

She set the coffee pot down on the next table, which was empty. “They invented ways to kill people up there. In winter, it’s the williwaw.”

“Willy-what?”

“Williwaw. It’s a wind, sorta,” she said. “And if it hits you, you probably are going to die. It starts up at the top of a mountain and blows straight down a slope into whatever’s at the bottom. Blew one guy clear across Cook Inlet to the other side. The police said if the inlet hadn’t been frozen over, he’d have drowned.”

“Well, that was a lucky thing, wasn’t it?”

“It woulda been if he hadn’t froze to death on the way down.”

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Brought to you by Slim’s book “Strange Tales of Alaska,” which may be found on Amazon.com.

When it warms up a little, I’ll be fishing, but until then I’ll be frozen to the phone. So call me up and we’ll visit awhile.

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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