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Danielle Faldet, Eileen Miller, Alise Sargent, Callie Sumner, Kayla Ehlers, Chase Voxland, Annabell Phillips, Jennifer Faldet, and Megan Godtland pictured on the island of Santorini in Greece.



Danielle Faldet, Annabell Phillips, Megan Godtland, Kayla Ehlers, Eileen Miller, Jennifer Faldet, Alise Sargent, Callie Sumner, and Chase Voxland at the Temple of Poseidon in Sounion, Greece

Trip to Greece is a Memorable Experience for Young Travelers

By Bonnie Kirchman
Cruising among Greek islands, walking through Athens, and touring ancient temples were part of the travel experiences of a group of Clearbrook-Gonvick students who took advantage of an opportunity to see new places and encounter a different culture. Kayla Ehlers, Danielle Faldet, Chase Voxland, Callie Sumner, Alise Sargent, and Annabell Phillips traveled to Greece in July of 2018 as part of a 10-day educational tour. Donations from the Clearbrook Community Club and Gonvick Lions Club helped make this trip possible.

The trip to Greece was organized by Megan Godtland, the guidance counselor at Clearbrook-Gonvick school. She led the group of six students and two adults, Eileen Miller and Jennifer Faldet, on the trip to Greece that was arranged through the EF Educational Tours organization.

Planning for the trip began back in January 2018, when Megan held an informational meeting for students who might be interested in this travel

experience. Once the students enrolled in the tour program, they met regularly with Megan to talk about the trip and prepare for it.

The students departed from the Minneapolis airport, flying first to Chicago, and then to Frankfurt, Germany. The flight to Frankfurt, lasting about 10 hours, was the longest part of their journey. The group then made the last part of the journey, a one-hour flight from Frankfurt to Athens, Greece. The Clearbrook-Gonvick group traveled with two other groups from New York and Kentucky. Once the group landed in Athens, they met their tour director, John, a native of Greece.

While in Greece, the students stayed in Athens, the capital city of Greece, and also in Glyfada, a suburb of southern Athens. They traveled around the area by bus and they did a lot of walking. They were also able to take a cruise to the islands of Greece, such as Mykonos and Crete. While on the trip they saw archeological sites and toured museums. Highlights of their trip included the Acropolis

and Acropolis Museum, Arachova, Knossos Palace, the Temple of Poseidon, Lavrio, East Attica, Delphi, Phocis and Glyfada.

The students found the scenery very different every place they went. One thing they really noticed was the color. They described the views on the mainland as having lots of pastel pink, white, oranges, and tans. On the islands, such as Mykonos, the buildings were mostly white. But the accents and trims such as windows, doors, and stairs would pop with colors like bright blue, red, orange or even pink. The olive trees that were everywhere were dark green while the grass was lighter and more tan-colored. The sky was clear and blue. The tall buildings also impressed the travelers as well as the many people they saw everywhere.

The students found the weather in Greece much different from what we experience in northern Minnesota. They described the Greek weather as hot, with an average of close to 100 degrees on the cooler days. The nights were warm, and although it was mostly very sunny, even when it was cloudy it was very warm.

While on the trip, the group tried many new foods. Although they had eaten some Greek foods before, these had always come from fairs or food trucks. While they were in Greece, they were able to eat these foods made in the traditional ways. Each of the students found different favorite foods, for example, Kayla especially liked gelato, the Greek version of ice cream. The group ate breakfast together and would sometimes meet together at restaurants for lunch and dinner.

The students found that in most ways, the lives of the people who live in Greece are very similar to their lives here in Clearwater County. While many of the people spoke Greek, a lot of the people they met were also fluent in English. They did find that some things are different in

Clearbrook-Gonvick selected for Life Skills Training Grant

By Bonnie Kirchman
The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019. The agenda included the hiring of several new staff members as well as one staff resignation. Equipment needs, including a new school vehicle and a refurbisher for the gym floors, were also addressed during the meeting.

Business and math teacher James Bettin presented the "Spotlight on Education" highlighting recent academic and extracurricular events. These activities included students' participation in a program honoring area veterans and a special College Knowledge month. A group of art students are creating portraits for young children in Malaysia as part of The Memory Project. Special events for music students included competing at Contest and presenting a Mystery Dinner Theatre. High school students are helping teach a new social-emotional curriculum to K-5 students.

Principal Carl Dugstad reported that parent-teacher

conferences were well attended through all grades at the school. Teachers are incorporating Chromebooks into a variety of classroom activities. The credit recovery program is now running, with five students signed up. The students are able to work on getting necessary credits here, rather than in Bemidji. The credit recovery can run year-around, giving students more flexibility for scheduling.

Superintendent Jeff Burgess informed the board that the school has been selected to be in the final group for a Life Skills Training Grant. Schools that are chosen from this group will receive a social-emotional learning curriculum for middle school students. If the district is not chosen to receive the curriculum, it will still participate by completing student surveys. There are no costs to the district for this program. Last year, the district received a \$15,000 grant through the Northwest Minnesota Foundation to bring the Second Step social-emotional learning curriculum into the K-5 classrooms. Guidance counselor Megan Godtland is directing that program, with the as-

sistance of high school students. The Second Step program helps elementary students develop skills for getting along with other students.

Burgess stated that enrollment for the school is at 450 students. This number is up from the beginning of the year, and slightly down from last year. He expects enrollment to increase next year, based on the number of anticipated outgoing and incoming students. Burgess presented a brief overview of the World's Best Workforce Report, which was approved by the board. The district has met some of the goals made under this plan, such as having all children ready for kindergarten. The district also met its goal for 4-year graduation, with 88.9%, a figure well above the state average. Other goals that the district is working toward focus on improving reading scores.

Board members discussed three possible choices of vehicles available for the school's purchase: a car, a 7-passenger van and a 10-passenger van.

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Commissioners approve Forfeited Tax Sale Fund Budget and land sale

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on November 19, 2019 to discuss Land Department budget, property sale, and publication of 2018 Financial Statement.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox was first on the agenda with an explanation of the proposed Forfeited Tax Sale Fund Budget for fiscal year 2020. Total revenues for Forfeited Tax Sales, Timber Development, In Lieu, and County Forest Roads accounts are \$514,170; and total expenditures for the same accounts is \$544,050.

Commissioners wondered about why the budget was not done earlier, as with many other departments.

"By doing it in later November, going forward with this shows where we're going and projections for the next year," stated Commissioner Cox. "If we do it in September it is not as good a projection for next year's budget."

"This is a non-levy item, and is not attached to the Truth in Taxation," he said, which was confirmed by Auditor-Treasurer

Al Paulson.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dean Newland and seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera to approve the proposed budget, which was passed by the Board.

There is an expectation for a good land sale next year, due in part to an upcoming land sale which may occur before the end of the year.

The Land Commissioner was authorized to proceed to sell County Fee Land parcel #16.303.0180 with a minimum bid of \$3,500 after being published in both the Farmers Independent and the Leader Record three times. This sale is allowed under Minnesota Statute. Proceeds will go to the County General Revenue Fund.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson was given approval of the 2018 Financial Statement for publication. The Summary Financial Statement for the year ended Dec. 31, 2018 is as follows:

"The purpose of the Report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Clearwater County for inter-

ested citizens. Questions about the Report should be directed to Allen L. Paulson, County Auditor-Treasurer, at 694-6520.

"A full and complete copy of the County Financial Statement are available on line at www.co.clearwater.us, click on Government, Department info, Auditor, downloads and then 2018 Audit or 2018 Financial Report."

He was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$93,147 for the County Revenue Fund and \$16,790 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Commissioner Mark Larson confirmed that barricades were taken down on the railroad grade regarding a land easement east of Leonard, which was discussed at the Nov. 12 meeting.

AMC Meeting will be held December 8, 9, and 10, which Clearwater County Commissioners will be attending.

Commissioners present at the meeting: Neal Illies, Dean Newland, Mark Titera, and Mark Larson. John Nelson was absent.

Assistant Attorney Nicholas Arneson enjoys sense of community in Clearwater County

By Karen Edelbach
Nicholas "Nic" Arneson says he really appreciates the sense of community he feels working in Clearwater County.

"I like looking over from the courthouse at the kids on the play ground at the school. It reminds me that there are happy kids," says the Assistant County Attorney, Nicholas Arneson. "As a prosecutor, I am often drawn in on child protection and negative issues."

"I represent the people of Clearwater County for the State of Minnesota," he explains.

As a prosecutor, Nic says you have to treat defendants like people, remembering there are reasons for their appearance in court. Nic believes there must be a community focus and presence, and that is the role he sees for the courthouse.

"The public often has the impression that prosecutors are out to put people in jail. I am working to see what is just and fair. I look at the prosecutor's job holistically, as a whole."

Nic's day begins with court appearances for those who are in jail, appearing in front of a judge for their arraignments. A large part of what he does is victim services, learning what they want, whether they have to testify, and preparing them for court. It is letting them know they have someone with them to support them.

"I also spend time talking with probation officers about issues that arise with their clients. The rest of the time I am preparing for trial or court appearances. Also I handle legal issues and questions that arise within the county."

"What is unique about Clearwater County is that there is no active lawyer presence here, but we are a resource for where people can find help. We have an open door policy so people can come into our office. Other courthouses often do not have that, and keep the doors locked."

The only interaction that the public may have with the courthouse legal team might be as a victim of a crime, or when on jury duty. While the legal team cannot discuss open cases, they want the community to feel free to drop into the office at the courthouse, express their concerns and discuss issues they see as needing to be addressed. With the open door policy, the public is free to do so.

"Attorney Al Rogalla has been a great resource for me in learning the county and court system," Nic says. "We have a good office here, and the staff is very good to work with. We are



Nicholas "Nic" Arneson

building a team approach, versus 'your case' or 'my case'. The Sheriff's Department is part of the team too."

Nic grew up in Grand Forks, where his parents still live. Both of his parents were social workers, so Nic got acquainted early with the legal system and was drawn to it as a career. After attending Concordia College in Moorhead, he went to law school at Hamline University in the Twin Cities. But the big city is not where he wanted to live his life.

He ran a small law office in Bemidji before coming to Clearwater County, beginning on September 11th of this year, "An easy date to remember," he says.

Nic and his partner, Beth Grundy have a son Cameron who is seven years old. They live outside of Bemidji.

In his spare time, Nic is an avid fisherman, and enjoys backpacking and camping in the summer. In winter, he likes to cross country ski and looks forward to that when there is more snow.

"This is a good, solid community, and people are respectful of the legal process that goes on here at the courthouse," he says. "I have always been people driven, and need inter-action with people. I appreciate the sense of community here, and saying hi to people."



Happy Thanksgiving

FROM THE STAFF at...

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Community Calendar

Samhold Women Christmas event

Samhold Women NALC will hold their Christmas Event on Saturday, December 7-2019 at Samhold Church in Gonvick. Concert by "Caleigh" at 10 AM followed by a brunch at 11 AM by J & N Catering.

\$12 per person and you must pre-register Nov 24th - Dec 2nd with Carole Johnson 218-487-5631 or Evon Quern 218-487-5638. Door prizes This is a Thrivent Action Team Event.

Community Choir Christmas Concert

With the Christmas season nearly upon us, concerts full of good cheer will resound throughout the community in churches and schools. New this year will be a first-ever Christmas concert by the newly established Clearwater County Community Choir. Under the direction of Josh Gunderson, the group of over thirty voices have enjoyed weekly rehearsals since mid-September preparing fourteen songs to ease you into the holiday spirit.

The concert will be held at the Bagley High School Auditorium on Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. There is no admission fee. Choir members encourage friends and family to come and enjoy the sounds of the holiday. You never know, you may even decide to join the community choir!

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Nov. 27 - Meatloaf, Potatoes, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Bread and Milk.

Thurs., Nov. 28 - Closed for Thanksgiving

Fri., Nov. 29 - CLOSED

Mon. Dec. 2 - Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Peas & Carrots, Apricots, Cookie, Bread and Milk.

Tues., Dec. 3 - Liver or Pepper Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Dessert, Bread and Milk.

Wed., Dec. 4 - Lasagna, California Blend Veg., Pears, Fruited Jello, Garlic Bread, and Milk.

Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change.

Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Clear Waters Life Center businesses & programs will be closed Thanksgiving weekend, November 28-30th.

GONVICK SITE: Connection Mondays: Dec. 2 11:00-12:00 - Pickleball (free)12:30-2:30 - Paper Quilling, \$5.00 per session. Call to reserve your place, 218-776-2789.

Holiday Showcase, Sat., Dec. 21, 6:00 - 8:00 PM Tickets are on sale either by mail or stop in at the CWLC office. \$20 includes a sit-down three-course meal, "A Christmas Carol" (4-act condensed narrative) & special music. Enjoy the Christmas season with us!

Senior Connection Adult Day Services: Openings for new clients. Home-like atmosphere. Professional staff. Licensed facility. Transportation available. Open Mon. & Wed., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Questions? Call Marilyn at 218-487-5290, Ext. 1.

Transportation Service: Call Karen 24 hours in advance at 218-776-2223 or 218-637-0509 to schedule your ride.

CLEARBROOK SITE: Shop-at-the-Top: "New" things everyday! Lots of great stocking stuffers & gift ideas, including gift certificates. Restore It! Furniture Shop: Stop in on your way up to Shop-at-the-Top. Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, & Sat., 10-12.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: No meeting Thanksgiving through the month of December. Resumes Jan. 2, 7:00 PM, Thursday, 2nd floor of CWLC-Clearbrook.

Youth Connection: After-school Tues. for grades 5-7, 3:30-5:00. "YC in Action" for grades, 8-12, Wed., 2:30-5 PM Free of charge. Registration/permission forms are available online at www.clearwaterslife.org, "Programs". Transportation available from C-G school.

Hours: Clearbrook, 2562nd Ave., SW., office hours: 8-4, Tues.-Fri. Gonvick, 226 Elm St., M-W-F, 9-3.

For programs and services, visit: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.adultdaysservicesgonvick.org or www.mustardseedhomes.org and our Facebook pages.

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This picture of Eleanor Hall was taken when she was giving the information to the Veterans and others at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center.



Janice Stormo and Harriet Shellum celebrated their November birthdays at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center.

NOTICE

To the residents of Clover Township. Meeting will be Friday Dec. 6th at the Clover Town Hall Joel Wraa, Clerk

NOTICE OF SALE OF CLEARWATER COUNTY FEE LAND

December 18, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I shall sell to the highest bidder, at a sale to be held in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room in the Court-house in the City of Bagley, in the County of Clearwater, the following parcel of land: Lot Number Forty-one, Johnson's Addition to Spruce Grove Park. This lot cannot be developed. Such sale will be governed as to terms by the resolution of the County Board authorizing the same, and commencing at 10:00 A.M. on the 18th Day of December, 2019. Call the Clearwater County Land Department 218-694-6227 for terms and conditions for this sale. Bruce Cox, Land Commissioner

Bears win first game of the season

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears won their first home game of the season with a 53-44 victory over Goodridge-Grygla.

Eight Bears helped in the victory with Danae Stenzel scoring 15 points followed by JackieLynn Taffin 9, Dana Melby 9, Kaylee Faldet 7, Annabell Phillips 5, Kaylee Westrum 3, Ellan engen 3, MyKenzie Larson 2.

The Bears took a half time lead of 31 to 54.

Scoring for the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers were Dana Waletski 10, Vivian Coan 9, Amy Wishaw 8, Caitlynn Jacobson 6, Malani Hendrickson 4, Madison Cullen 4 and Chloe Kuznia 3.

The Bears committed 14 fouls with 18 for the Chargers.

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Wedding Crashers Wanted Please join Trisha Grover & Collin Strain to celebrate their wedding December 7th 2019 At Timbers Event Center Bagley, MN Social Hour starts at 7pm, followed by music and games at 8pm

THE CLEARBROOK COMMUNITY CLUB IS HOSTING A Christmas LIGHTING Contest Get your houses & yards "Holiday Ready" by Dec. 7th for a chance to win Trade Bucks to local Clearbrook businesses! Judging to take place after Santa Day activities. Let's brighten up our community & share the Christmas Spirit! To make sure we don't miss your house call City Hall and let us know you're full of Christmas Cheer!

School board... Continued from front page

Jeff Burgess explained that the old car may no longer be used to transport students, but can be used for driver's education. The school needs a vehicle that is available for transporting students in case of emergency and also for driving small groups of students for classroom and extracurricular activities. The conversation focused on meeting the needs of students and staff, while addressing costs and future needs, such as a driver's education vehicle. The board chose to table the vehicle purchase decision until the next meeting, giving time to analyze the costs of maintaining two vehicles, extracurricular and classroom needs, and effects on contracted bus services.

The board approved the purchase of a refurbisher for the gym floors. The refurbishing will be done during longer school breaks and will help maintain the highly used gym floors. The school has received several quotes for refurbishers and company representatives will provide demonstrations for custodial staff before a final decision is made.

Several new staff hires were approved during the meeting. Melissa McCoy was hired as the new administrative assistant. Janelle Maxie, who has been substituting in the kitchen, has been hired as cook's assistant. Elizabeth Bodensteiner was approved as the new junior high girls' basketball coach.

The board considered Community Education Director Judy Engebretson's request to reduce her hours slightly from the 28-30 hours she currently works each week. Judy also requested 2-3 hours of assistance per week to maintain the Community Education activities. The board decided to allow administration to make decisions regarding these changes. The hiring committee will determine rate of pay for the additional staff member.

In other staffing issues, the board accepted the resignation of Garret West from his position as technology support staff. Garrett worked full-time in the summer and part-time during the school year. The board also approved the job posting for an assistant junior high basketball coach. There are currently 21 girls in the junior high program. Administration and the board members agreed that a two to ten ratio of coaching staff to students is preferable for this age group.

The board also voted to change the dates of the January and February regular school board meetings. Both meetings fall on holidays. The meeting dates will be Wednesday, January 22, 2020 and Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

Payments made from the district in the past month include the following: Stein's Bus Service, LLC, \$88,282.72; Marco, \$4,464.27 and \$3,481.72; Anderson Disposal, \$2,195.86; 2 Loons Letters & Threads, \$2,044.75; Garden Valley Telephone Company, \$1,883.23; City of Clearbrook, \$1,865.04; Clearbrook Electric, \$1,477.47; and Land O'Lakes, \$1,446.49.

Church News

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER Leonard, MN

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

GRACE FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH BAGLEY

Pastor Todd Klemme 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship September - May

Every Thursday: 10 a.m. Bible Study.

Communion First Sunday of the Month.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD

Pastor Robert Kirchner Good Shepherd Wed., Nov. 20 - 5:30pm Youth Supper, 6:00pm Youth Bible Study & Confirmation; 6:30pm Choir Practice; 7:30pm Handbell Practice

Sun., Nov. 24 - 9:00am Worship/ Communion; 10:00am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School

Tues., Nov. 26 - 7:00 pm Hymn Planning Committee - Sharon Johnson & John Preuss.

Our Savior's Sun., Nov. 24 - 10:00am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship/Communion

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Pastor Kris Snyder

Wed. Nov. 20: 8:00am Men's Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30am Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm Samhold Council Meeting.

Sun. Nov. 24: 9:30am Sunday-School, 10:30am Sunday Worship/ Holy/Fellowship/Baptism. 6:45 pm Hymn Sing. 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Community Service. All are Welcome: Post service fellowship in the church basement.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Pastor Kris Snyder

9:00am Worship/Fellowship United (every Sunday) United Sunday School - 10:00am

Thanksgiving Day Services are canceled at United on November 28th.

Church Council on Sunday December 8th following Church Services.

United Lutheran Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 15th during regular 9:00am church services, short Sunday School program with potluck Christmas goodies following services.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook

Pastor Adam Krog Sat, Nov. 30 - 9 Ladies Breakfast. Please join us at Courtney Dahl's home with her mom. Helen Hovestol sharing about her mission experience in Honduras. The EMW ladies will provide the meal. Come enjoy a great time of fellowship

Sun, Dec. 1 - 9:30am Sunday School, (Christmas program practice), 10:30am Worship Service, communion to follow.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook

Pastor Verlyn Strenge Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway Wed. Nov. 27 - No Awana.

Sat. Nov. 28 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Sun. Dec. 1 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

Greek trip... Continued from front page

The Greek culture. For example, when the Greek people eat, it is more of a social gathering and an opportunity for social interaction where in our culture the focus might be more on just the eating of the food. And with the warmer climate, the people dress differently than we do in Minnesota. The people in Greece wore shorts and t-shirts everywhere. Beautiful scenery, a warm climate, ancient buildings, and new foods made the trip memorable for this group of travelers. Kayla's favorite memories of the trip are the dogs and mountain goats she saw in the area. Alise's favorite part of the trip was the cruise to the islands and Greek night, where the group was able to experience an evening of traditional Greek food, music and dancing.

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Bagley 218-694-6416

Pastor: Fr. John Melkies Svakeen Terri D, Parish sec. Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM Call for weekday Mass times.

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

Church Location: Corner of Hwy. 2 & Red Lake Ave. SW Bagley, MN

Pastor Daniels Domke Sunday Divine Service: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School / Adult Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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

Senior Pastor Larry Dorman Associate Pastor Jim Binder Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund

Youth Pastor Brad Binder Children's Minister Nicky Ubert www.countryfaith.org 218-776-3367

cfechurch@gvtel.com Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept - May); 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Jr Church during Sermon time); 10:00 a.m. Kids Worship (1st-6th Graders) most Sundays (Sept-May); 7:00 p.m. Youth Night (check the church website for dates or the Elevate Youth Facebook Page for up to date information)

Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer * Wednesdays - Care groups in various homes

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES Sand Lake Ave & 5th St. Bagley

Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study; 8:00 p.m. Theocratic School; 8:30 p.m. Service Meeting.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Public Bible Talk; 10:35 a.m. Bible Study.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri

Pastor Jeff Merseith Wed, Nov. 27: Thanksgiving services - 5 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7 p.m. Oak Park.

Thu, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day services - 8 a.m. St. Petri. 9:30 a.m. Nazareth.

Sat, Nov. 30: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Dec. 1: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11 a.m. OP Worship.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Styberg, Youth Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed, Nov. 27: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, Dec. 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Dec. 3: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.

Wed, Dec. 4: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, Nov. 27: No Confirmation. Sun, Dec. 1: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley & Bethany SS.

Wed, Dec. 4: 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor

Sun, Dec. 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7 p.m. LYS meeting.

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VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh

Jill Torgerson officiating Sunday: Services are at 9:00 AM (fellowship coffee following service)

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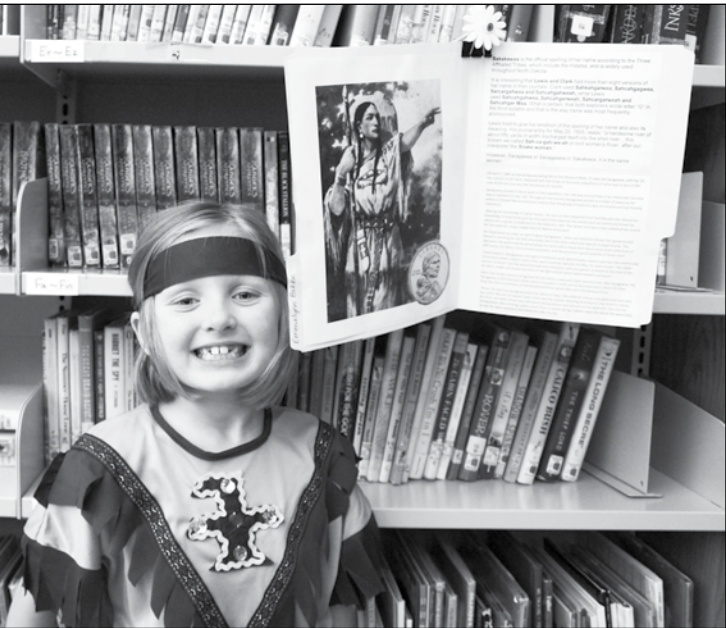
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Samhold Women NALC will hold their Christmas Gathering Saturday, December 7th Samhold Church, Gonvick Caleigh In Concert at 10:00 am followed by brunch at 11:00 am by J & N Catering. Door Prizes! Cost \$12 per person You MUST Pre-Register Nov. 24th - Dec. 2nd to Carole Johnson 218-487-5631 or Evon Quern 218-487-5638

BEAR TRACKS

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

First grade students in Darcy Hegg and Alisha Rude's classes at Clearbrook-Gonvick have a great project that they do. Each student selects an historical figure and learns about them and does a speech on what they have learned to visitors to their classrooms. The Leader-Record will feature these students in the weeks to come.



Emmalynn Bakke as Sacagawea.



Edward Nybo as Charles Lindbergh.



Elleigh Emmel as Sally Ride.



Pictured are Kjersti Snyder, Danika Harmon, Savanna Rankin and Shayla Baker.



Pictured are Chantelle Kusick, Jayna Tronnes, Naomi Shamp and Amara Churness.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Pride students Pictured Left to Right: EastonDerby, Trevor Olson, Trinity Auginash, Kanyon Koster, Erika Rude, Shya Engebretson, Trevor Bjerke, Ashten Churness. Not Pictured: Brekken Juberian and Ricky Greene.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Students Excel

CG music students traveled to Cass Lake-Bena High School for solo contest on November 6, 2019. Students have been working on their solo selections for many weeks, and were rewarded for their hard work and effort as our school earned 6 superior and 2 excellent ratings. Earning excellent ratings were Amara Churness, Soprano Saxophone and Jayna Tronnes, Clarinet. Receiving a superior rating were: Chantelle Kusick, Clarinet; Naomi Shamp, Euphonium; Savanna Rankin, Soprano; Danika Harmon, Mezzo-Soprano; Shayla Baker, Soprano; and Kjersti Snyder, Soprano. Solo students had the opportunity to perform their solos in advance of contest at the Mystery Dinner Theatre on November 2. Students are coached by Katrina Stewart, Band Director, and Tammy Ragan, Choir Director. The next performances for students will the High School Christmas Concert on December 17 at 6:30 p.m. and Ensemble Contest to be held in late February.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Changes to the lunch menu. Each line will be offering different choices each day. This will allow all students/staff in the district to have two options at lunch. They will no longer be offering salads for lunch.

Wed. Nov. 27 - Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Toast (9-12). or Turkey Wraps.

Thurs., Nov. 28 - No school. Happy Thanksgiving.

Fri., Nov. 29 - No School



Zarek Huggins and Juan Garrido.



Trigg Torgerson as Leif Erickson.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary October Bear Pride

Students were nominated by school staff for Bear Pride to recognize their accomplishments,

acts of kindness, etc. both large and small. Ten nominees were randomly drawn during our assembly. Congratulations!

Kanyon Koster

Nominated by: Mrs. Johnson
For: Putting up chairs without being asked

Trevor Olson

Nominated by: Mrs. Bakke
For: Listening respectfully in "Go Wild" nutrition class

Easton Derby

Nominated by: Mrs. Rude
For: When a child dropped all of his Pokemon cards on the way out to the bus, Easton and another child stopped to help him pick them all up.

Brekken Juberian

Nominated by: Mrs. Hegg
For: Brekken is a great role model for our class. He is kind, responsible, and trustworthy. Whenever I forget the snack tickets, I know I can trust Brekken to find them and bring them to us. He's been so kind to anyone that is in need! That's awesome character!

Ashten Churness

Nominated by: Mrs. Bakke
For: Helping 1st grade set up and get started in the computer lab

Ricky Greene

Nominated by: Mrs. Johnson
For: Helping a classmate pack his backpack

Shya Engebretson

Nominated by: Mrs. Faldet
For: Using her time wisely during Daily 5

Erika Rude

Nominated by: Ms. Balcer
For: Erika's classmate was having a hard time at the book fair. She gave her classmate a dollar so she could buy something.

Trinity Auginash

Nominated by: Ms. Balcer
For: Trinity is always ready to give you a smile. She's friendly and kind to staff and students. She's helpful and always ready to work.

Trevor Bjerke

Nominated by: Megan
For: When I subbed for his class, he was very helpful with letting me know the routine of the class during transition times. He was an excellent listener and a leader to his classmates.

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Darin Halverson

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City of Bagley - Total 26
11/17/19 07:26 Medical, 09:07 THEFT, 09:07 Medical, 12:27 Traffic Stop, 17:45 Traffic Stop
11/18/19 10:32 Information Only, 22:23 Medical
11/20/19 10:00 Medical, 17:17 Traffic Stop
11/21/19 07:13 Medical, 08:14 Vehicle Lock Out, 12:36 Motor Vehicle Crash, 6:13 Assault, 18:37 Court Order Violation, 21:19 Traffic Stop
11/22/19 07:30 Medical, 12:37 Officer Detail, 13:20 Medical, 15:21 Transport, 16:52 Medical, 21:03 Traffic Stop, 22:29 Traffic Stop
11/23/19 13:11 ASSIST, 15:27 Disturbance, 17:59 Transport, 21:31 Medical
City of Clearbrook - Total 6
11/17/19 18:04 Medical, 23:10 ASSIST
11/18/19 22:04 Medical
11/20/19 13:38 TEST, 23:31 Suspicious Activity
11/23/19 04:18 911 Hang Up
City of Gonvick - Total 3
11/18/19 19:37 Harassment
11/22/19 11:02 Medical, 18:23 Traffic Stop
City of Shevlin - Total 4
11/17/19 19:36 Suspicious Activity
11/23/19 11:46 Animal Related, 15:20 Traffic Stop, 15:44 Juvenile Misc
Clover - Total 1
11/17/19 13:24 Harassment
Copley - Total 4
11/21/19 12:17 Suspicious Activity, 15:19 Death, 18:32 Juvenile Misc
11/23/19 13:44 Juvenile Misc
Dudley - Total 1
11/21/19 15:25 Harassment
Eddy - Total 1
11/23/19 18:49 Animal Related
Falk - Total 3
11/17/19 17:07 Medical
11/18/19 21:41 Burglary
11/21/19 13:54 Crimes Against Family
Holst - Total 3
11/17/19 01:55 Assist Other Agency
11/18/19 05:08 911 Hang Up
11/20/19 12:09 Burglary
Itasca - Total 1
11/17/19 12:28 THEFT
LaPraire - Total 1
11/20/19 10:57 Medical
LaPraire N - Total 9
11/18/19 00:54 Death, 13:16 Fraud
11/20/19 18:57 Alarm
11/21/19 14:31 Crimes Against Family, 14:36 Crimes Against Family, 14:46 Crimes Against Family
11/21/19 16:03 Welfare Check
11/22/19 10:23 Disturbance
11/23/19 07:40 Suspicious Activity
Leon - Total 5
11/18/19 13:33 911 Hang Up
11/20/19 07:50 Motorist Assist, 10:14 Juvenile Misc, 10:24 Juvenile Misc, 0:32 Threats
Minerva - Total 3
11/17/19 08:30 Animal Related
11/18/19 12:02 Information Only
11/23/19 06:48 Traffic Stop
Moose Creek - Total 2
11/21/19 14:42 Crimes Against Family, 11/23/19 09:12 911 Hang Up
Nora - Total 2
11/20/19 11:47 Animal Related
11/23/19 11:40 Traffic Complaint
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
11/17/19 19:42 ATV Complaint
11/18/19 01:45 Welfare Check
Pine Lake - Total 4
11/18/19 10:28 Information Only
11/18/19 11:25 Medical
11/20/19 12:27 Medical
11/21/19 10:01 Juvenile Misc
Popple - Total 1
11/19/19 17:18 Animal Related
Rice - Total 3
11/17/19 11:23 Information Only
11/23/19 09:50 Suspicious Activity
11/23/19 19:29 Animal Related
Shevlin - Total 5
11/18/19 13:49 Officer Detail
11/19/19 13:48 Search Warrant
11/21/19 14:05 Crimes Against Family
11/23/19 11:19 Civil Complaint
11/23/19 17:59 Traffic Stop
Winsor - Total 1
11/23/19 16:17 Vehicle Lock Out
Total Records: 91

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Clearwater County Environmental Services



Kynsie May, Ashlyn Weems, and Falline Erickson are working in Linda Brown's Small Metals and Jewelry Class at Clearbrook-Gonvick School. The students are learning how to use tools and techniques for sawing, sanding, and even for making their own rivets as they create artwork from metal.



Savanna Rankin and Jayna Tronnes are creating jewelry pieces using the metal-working skills they are learning in their art class at Clearbrook-Gonvick schools. This class has been open to high school students for several years, and gives students new opportunities to express their creative ideas as they expand their knowledge of various art forms.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards



I hope you find time to be with your friends and family for Thanksgiving Day. Have a great time and relax.

Do you know someone who would appreciate a little something extra this holiday season? If so, please let them know about the Clearwater Christmas Project. Families can receive toys for their children and help with Christmas dinner. Wednesday, December 4th 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. At the Bagley Legion Auditorium on Main Street Please bring proof of Clearwater County Residency Must be present to pick up toys and grocery vouchers. They can't send them with a friend or family member.

I have seen the movie The Wedding Crashers but now Trisha Grover and Colin Strain are asking for wedding crashers to help them celebrate their wedding on December 7 at Timbers event Center in Bagley starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Women of Samhold Lutheran Church will be holding their Christmas Event on Saturday, December 7. "Caleigh" will be giving a concert at 10:00 am with the brunch at 11:00 . You must pre-register by December 2 with Carole Johnson 487-5631 or Evon Quern 487-5638.

Clearbrook Community Club will be holding a Christmas lighting contest for Clear-

brook Residents. Judging will be held on Saturday, December 7th following our Santa Day activities. Winners will receive Trade Bucks to be used at the local Clearbrook businesses. Let's brighten up our Community and share your Christmas spirit!

Was hunting a success for you? Send in your picture to richards@gvtel.com and we will be happy to put them into the next issue.

There is going to be a Holiday Showcase on Saturday, December 21 at 6 p.m. at the Clear



Isaac Spears is shown sanding his small metal project in Linda Brown's art classroom at Clearbrook-Gonvick. Many of the pieces from this class, as well as the other art classes Ms. Brown teaches, will be displayed at an art show at the school later in the school year.

Clearwater Community Variety Show

Dust off your tap shoes, exercise those vocal chords, break out the poetry, juggle some oranges, tickle the ivories and restring your guitar --- The Bagley Community Theater is hosting the second annual Clearwater Community Event which will showcase our community talent! Last year the Bagley Community Theater hosted a Christmas event benefitting the Clearwater Christmas Project and raised over one thousand dollars.

This year, the Clearwater Community Variety Show will be Sunday, January 12th at 4 pm in the Bagley High School auditorium. Notice the word VARIETY. We hope to have great variety from the community participants. This event will benefit the Arts in the Clearbrook-Gonvick and Bagley school districts with a free will donation as the admission price. Coordinators Josh and Cindy Gunderson, Joel and Marilyn Hood, Jim and Jane Merschman and Britta Kilber encourage people of all ages in the community to take part in this event. To sign up or have questions answered, contact Josh Gunderson (701.230.1571 - jgunderson@bagley.k12.mn.us) by January1, 2021. This year we are limiting the event to twenty selections, so the earlier you sign up, the better. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Let's make this second annual event as entertaining as last year!

Waters Life Center in Gonvick. They will be having a German Cuisine that night.

Joke Time -

Ole: I tink da boss wants to make me part owner of da business.

Lena: What makes you tink dat?

Ole: Vell, today at work, he said, "I better take an interest in da business or I'd have to look for anodder job."

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