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Bagley Sales Barn hosted the Auctioneers Championships. Named the champion at the event was Wade Leist from Boyne City, MI. He is shown at the microphone. See story in the Canary this week.



Edie Kilen handles sales and Diane Sherer manages the office at the Bagley Livestock Exchange. These women work Monday through Friday, completing the paperwork necessary for sales of thousands of cattle. They were also very busy at the Bagley Livestock Exchange Hosts Auctioneer Championship that was held. See compete story in the Canary this week.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board Votes to Accept Bids for New Addition

By Bonnie Kirchman

At the January 22nd regular meeting of the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board, members voted to accept bids for the construction work on the early-childhood education addition. Luke Selken, Project Engineer for ICS, presented the bid information to the board. Selken reported that there was more interest in bidding for the project than there had been in the summer. ICS recommended that the district enters into contract with Haataja Contracting of Menahga, Minnesota for the general construction work, with a total bid amount of \$969,700. Custom Aire Inc., of Grand Forks, North Dakota was recommended for the mechanical work, with a bid of \$292,890. ICS recommended Hill River Electric Inc. of Gully, Minnesota for the electrical work, based on the bid of \$108,375.42. The bids were accepted in three separate motions, with Richard Hetland abstaining from the vote on the electrical work bid.

Election of officers for the board resulted in Jeff Westrum continuing as president and Tracy Imle continuing as clerk. Corey Petterson was elected as treasurer for the board. Members also voted on committee assignments, opting to keep these the same as last year. Board meeting dates will remain on the 3rd Monday of each month, except for months when the date falls on a holiday. The board voted to keep their salaries the same as last year, with officers receiving \$65 per meeting and members receiving \$60. Negotiation meetings will continue to be paid at a rate of \$45 per meeting and committee members will receive \$40.

Border State Bank and Northern State Bank will remain as the official depositories and the Leader-Record and Farmers Independent will be the official publications for the school. The board also voted to keep Knutson, Flynn, and Deans as the official school attorney.

Board members approved Jeff Burgess as the authorized LEA representative and Tom

Stenzel as the representatives to the Minnesota State High School League. The official signature responsibilities for the school will continue to be held by the superintendent, business manager, human resources director, board chair, and treasurer.

Sarah Goudge, science teacher for the district, presented the Spotlight on Education. Among the many school activities she highlighted was the Second Step program, a social-emotional learning program for the younger students. This program is taught by high school students under the supervision of Megan Godtland, school counselor, and has been funded through a grant received from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. The Bear Pride program continues as a way to recognize students who are working hard, exhibiting a positive attitude, and demonstrating kindness. Elementary students who are nominated by staff members are eligible for drawings for pizza certificates that have been donated by DaRoo's Pizza.

Principal Carl Dugstad reported that NWEA testing is underway and the results will help teachers evaluate students' midyear progress. The teachers are looking at curriculum in their Professional Learning Communities, focusing on what is being taught more than how it is being taught. On Monday, January 20th, the teachers attended workshops in Thief River Falls. School administrators are reaching out to parents of students who may be at risk for retention issues. Mr. Dugstad also informed the board that vape detectors have been installed in the school and are working well. Superintendent Jeff Burgess added that the detectors are beneficial and administrators from other schools are requesting information on how the vapor detectors are working at Clearbrook-Gonvick.

Superintendent Jeff Burgess provided a summary of the financial reports. Revenues are up due to a one-time payment from JLM and \$43,000 in Impact Aid. Increased revenue

for special education has come from increased special education transportation revenue. This change in income is offset by increased special education transportation expenses. Burgess added that student numbers, a major determinant of school revenues, have increased slightly.

Burgess also reported that the district has purchased and received a ten-passenger van. The transportation committee approved the purchase of the one-year-old vehicle with 6,000 miles. The technology committee will meet to view bids received for the technology updates needed and bring their recommendations to the board. Burgess expects the updates to the technology infrastructure including servers and switches will cost in the range of \$150,000-\$200,000. The current technology that will be replaced is outdated and no longer supportable.

The district is waiting for word on the life skills program grant, according to Burgess. He expects to know in February whether the district has been placed in a group that will receive a social-emotional curriculum for the junior high students.

Four individuals expressed interest in filling the vacant seat on the board. Members voted to select Dudley Wishard for the position. He will hold the seat until December, following the November elections. Because there is a 30-day waiting period to be officially seated on the board, Wishard may attend the February meeting but will not be able to vote until the March meeting. The board members expressed great appreciation for the interest shown in the school board position, and encouraged those who are interested to pursue future openings. Filing for election to school board opens in August and Paula Boomgaarden, Business Manager for the school district, should be contacted to start this process.

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Concerns about future of 'One Watershed, One Plan' Improvements coming to the hospital

By Karen Edelbach

Changes in staff positions at the Sheriff's Office, weed control, watershed options, and a hospital grant were matters handled by the Clearwater County Commissioners when they met on Jan. 21. Sheriff Darin Halverson introduced Alexander Yocum, whom the Board approved to be promoted from part-time to full-time deputy, filling a vacancy in the office effective Feb. 1.

Deputy Yocum comes from the LaCrosse, Wis., area. He did an internship here back in 2015. He started working part-time in the jail in September 2019 and then began working as a part-time deputy in December.

Brandon Goodwin is replacing the school resource officer position at the Bagley Schools. He was a patrol deputy and that is the position that Alexander will be replacing.

The Commissioners authorized the Sheriff to assign Larry Olson to the Investigator position and to reassign former Investigator Chris Benson to Patrol Deputy, both effective Jan. 21.

Five Panasonic laptop computers will be purchased and installed in patrol cars at a cost of \$18,685. The cost for these will come out of the Sheriff's gun permit and seized vehicle accounts.

Hospital grant: Stephanie McKnight, Nursing Manager for Sanford Bagley Hospital, received Board approval to again apply for the Minnesota Department of Health Capital Improvement Grant available to hospitals with fewer than 50 beds. The grant is a total of \$167,000 with a \$42,000 match of funds. This year the focus is for updating bathrooms and a handicapped shower in the patient care area of the hospital.

"Most of our bathrooms are original to the hospital and do not meet current accessibility standards," she stated in a letter.

In the past the funds were used for the ambulance garage, heating and air-conditioning. Currently a remodeling is going on to bring the physical therapy department to the hospital.

Construction is scheduled to be done on Feb. 10, and the first day of physical therapy at the hospital is Feb. 17. "The staff are excited!" she said. She would like to schedule a tour of the finished facility for the commissioners. A community open house is scheduled the first week in March.

Chester Powell, program technician for Soil & Water Conservation District said the water plan that has been used for the past 10 years is expiring on May 26, and won't be renewed.

A resolution to extend the Clearwater County Local Water Management Plan five years with no changes was approved by the Board.

"The new ones will be 'One Watershed, One Plan' for the three major watersheds in Clearwater County and in time will replace the current plan," he stated. The three main watersheds in Clearwater County are the Mississippi, Wild Rice, and Clearwater.

What has to be decided by the county is whether or not to have a joint powers entity or a memorandum of agreement, in order to implement the new plans, Powell noted.

When asked what he thought was best, Powell said, "There is more protection from liability with the joint powers entity over a memorandum of agreement. With that we would have the same staff."

He stated that the county and/or the SWCD would be giving up their vote if the county opts out of the One Watershed One Plan, but it would not restrict funding.

Minnesota United Snowmobile Association's Winter Rendezvous VIP ride is coming to Leonard and Bagley

The Winter Rendezvous is being held on the beautiful shores of the Hampton Inn and Doubletree on February 6-9 for the biggest snowmobile gathering of the season. The five Region 1 directors and some others have been working hard on the Winter Rendezvous for the past year, meeting monthly to pull this off. Region 1 has 30



New Clearwater County Deputy Alexander Yocum

Welcome to new full-time Clearwater County Deputy Alexander "Zander" Yocum. Yocum is originally from La Crosse Wisconsin and moved to Bemidji to attend Bemidji State



University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

He completed an internship with our office in 2015 while he was attending BSU. In September of 2019, Yocum was hired as a part-time Communications/Corrections Officer in the county jail and in December of 2019, he was hired as a part-time Deputy Sheriff.

Beginning February 1, 2020, Yocum will officially be the newest full-time Deputy Sheriff for the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. If you see him around, please welcome him to our county.

Powell explained that if the county does not join the One Watershed One Plan Committee, then projects under consideration by the committee would be voted upon without representation from Clearwater County.

He stressed that the One Watershed One Plan concept does not create an extra layer of government, and the committee will not possess any taxing authority.

The county's decision won't affect funding of local projects or the SWCD, either.

Commissioners Neal Illies and Dean Newland said they are very cautious about the One Watershed One Plan. There is concern the county would lose its control over the watersheds. Also there is a feeling that the concerns in the Wild Rice Watershed area are considered insignificant.

According to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, the One Watershed One Plan aims to bring together "local governments in developing prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans. Key principles are planning at the major watershed scale and aligning local plans with state strategies."

Developing a plan, BWSR notes, "involves an advisory committee, and a policy committee.... A steering team may facilitate the process.... Local governments work together to leverage each other's strengths to develop watershed-based plans."

Environmental Services Director Dan Hecht conducted a discussion regarding the County Noxious Weed List, specifically Orange and Yellow Hawkweed. There has been consideration of adding these to the list for Clearwater County with a process allowing a county board to designate a specific plant to be regulated under the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law within that county, though such weed is not listed on the Minnesota Noxious Weed list.

"I have mixed feelings about taking such action, so I've written some pros and cons for you to think about," Hecht stated in his discussion, and added, "I'm not in favor of having an aggressive weed control program. It takes too much time."

Commissioner Mark Titera said, "I would rather see it taken care of if it is in a smaller area. Some have become a terrible problem."

"If it's a big issue, and we can do something about it, we should

fix it," Commissioner Illies said. "Farmers work together."

"There is a short time frame. Can we subsidize some of the farmers to get rid of what's on their property?" he asked. He wanted to know if absentee landowners could be notified that the county would do it, with possible tax assessment for it.

"Yes, we can do that," Hecht said.

Commissioner Newland said, "You need to have a work session regarding this subject; then a motion in the future." It was decided to proceed in this direction.

He said some want to know what it takes to get something on the noxious weed list.

Some of the pros listed to get a noxious weed added to the list are that it is a simple process, and that Hawkweeds are highly invasive, and can therefore be considered noxious because they are economically injurious to crops.

Historically, there have been very few complaints and Hecht stated that weed complaints generate a lot of work during the peak season for all other activities Environmental Services is involved with. The county would need to commit more staff for effective control.

Library: Commissioner Titera said he recently visited the Library Link in Gonvick.

"It is a very tiny space. Most usage through the Lake Agassiz system is at Bagley and Gonvick," he said. One reason for this is that Gonvick uses lots of e-books.

Highway Department Accountant Lyle Matthison received approval for the payment of Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$12,908.

A motion authorizing the payment to Rock Creek General Store of Lake Itasca for a fuel bill was also approved.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$187,416 for the County Revenue Fund and \$33,997 for the Nursing Service Fund. A motion was approved for the 2020 Ditch Fund Budget; total for all purposes is \$34,560.

The County Board Chairman was authorized to sign the 2019 Single Audit engagement letter with Hoffman, Phillips and Knutson. It is a three-year contract.

Four commissioners were present at the meeting: Neal Illies, Dean Newland, Mark Titera, and Mark Larson.

snowmobilers. From there they will be lead to "Fireside Grill & Patio" where Mary and her crew will provide a great meal. There may be some speakers there talking about the good of snowmobiling. From there, the leaders will lead them back to the Hampton Inn, whether it be a short or long trail ride.

There is 3 rides going out of the Hampton Inn on Friday, February 7 in different directions and there will be 8 or more rides leaving the Hampton Inn on Saturday around 9, also in different directions. If you are interested in riding you will need to get signed up for a ride of your choice Friday night at the Hampton Inn.



At its annual meeting on January 26, the Clearwater County Historical Society honored its “2019 Friends of the Museum.” 2019 Friends of Museum each received a certificate of appreciation and a gift basket filled with items made in Clearwater County. From left to right: Paul Syverson, Donna Rae Jacobson, Ken Braaten, Tamara Edevold executive Director and Steve Wynkoop.

2019 “Friends of Museum” honored Sunday

At its annual meeting on January 26, the Clearwater County Historical Society honored its “2019 Friends of the Museum.” Each year the board of trustees selects individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to support the programs of the county historical society.

This year the board honored two retiring directors and 2 volunteers.

Volunteer Paul Syverson was recognized for his help with the cabin project at the county fairgrounds. Paul volunteered his time and expertise to put the foundation in at the fairgrounds for the historic log cabin that was moved in last October.

Volunteer Steve Wynkoop

was acknowledged for his work on the gas station project over several construction seasons. Steve helped with the restoration both inside and out, as well as building a handicap ramp so everyone can view the interior of the building.

Donna Rae Jacobson has been a board member for 9 years and has volunteered for many projects. She is the cashier at our bake sales and has served on our personnel committee.

gift shop committee, and volunteered for many other jobs over the years. She is currently serving as the Society’s vice president.

Ken Braaten was also recognized as the retiring president of the Historical Society. Ken has been on the board for 10 years, and served first as vice president for one year, then as president for the remaining years. During his tenure the museum added several buildings- the replica church, the new barn, and moving and restoring the Trail gas station. He also oversaw the renovation of the military exhibit building.

Ken also wrote for the newsletter and did many interviews for stories for the newsletter and exhibits at the museum. Ken was also the chief cook for the annual Sunday dinner fundraiser.

Tamara Edevold remarked that her job as executive director has been made so much easier with the help and support of these people and their involvement has been a key to the success of the museum program. All are encouraged to continue to remain involved and that Ken’s stories and his cooking are always welcome!

NOTICE

The City of Clearbrook has a vacancy on the City Council needing to be filled. The position will serve until the next election in November 2020. If you have questions about the council seat, please call Lucie Thompson at 218-776-3213. If you are interested in serving on the City Council, please submit a letter of interest to Clearbrook City office.

The Clearwater County Humane Society would like to say Thank You to the Bagley American Legion for their donation of \$150!

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Community Calendar

There will be a wedding shower for **Darby Engberg** on **Sat. Feb. 8th** at **11:00** at the **1st Baptist Church** in Clearbrook. All friends and family welcome. Bring a favorite recipe to share.

Tax Preparation
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation to anyone of any age – especially if you are 50 years or older or can’t afford paid tax preparation.
In this area at the Bagley Public Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Days:
February 5, 12, 10, 26
March 5, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15
For an appointment call 218-791-2177. Do not call the Bagley Public Library

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intended for ages 6-12 and a parent. A \$2.00 donation per child to cover materials is suggested.
For more information call the History Center in Shevlin at 218-785-2000

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Citizens

Mark your calendars: A special Valentine’s Day meal and activities will be held on Friday, February 14. Come join us!
The cost of meals has gone up. Our share is now \$5.00 for those 60 and older, while \$8.40 is the new share of anyone under 60. Children 12 and under are served half-portions for a reduced rate of \$4.00.
Our column will be getting a new name. Look for it next week.

Council.
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The board also approved the hiring of Joe Skjaret as the technology support specialist for the district, currently a part-time position. Skjaret has eight years of experience as an Air Force Technology Specialist and he has worked as a substitute in the district prior to being hired.
Board members were reminded that the February meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 19th due to the President’s Day holiday. They were also reminded to turn in superintendent evaluation surveys.
Payments made by the district in the past month include \$72,135.46 to Stein’s Bus Service, \$8,270.29 to Clearwater-Polk Electric, \$8,079.80 to Community Oil Co., \$4,702.50 to Thompson’s Sand and Gravel, \$4,092.75 and \$2,319.05 to Marco, \$2,195.86 to Anderson Disposal, \$1,923.34 to Garden Valley Telephone Company, and \$1,869.06 to City of Clearbrook, and \$1,127.36 to Land O’Lakes.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Jan. 29 - Breaded Fish, Potato, Squash, Pudding, Bread and Milk.
Thurs., Jan. 30 - Beef Stew, Biscuits, Buttered Beets, Cake, Bread and Milk.
Fri., Jan. 31 - Sweet and Sour Chicken, Rice/Chow Mein Noodles, Oriental Veg., Cookie, Bread and Milk.
Mon. Feb 3 - Hamburger Patty, Potatoes, Green Beans, Peach Halves, Bread and Milk.
Tues., Feb. 4 - Chicken/Brown Rice, Mixed Oriental Veg., Pear Slices, Bread and Milk.
Wed., Feb. 5 - Salmon Loaf, Potatoes, Broccoli, Dessert 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.

Church News

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER
Leonard, MN
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
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.

ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Bagley 218-694-6416
Pastor:
Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen
Terri D, Parish sec.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Call for weekday Mass times.
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Wed. Jan. 29 - 8:00 am- Men’s Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 am- Women’s Bible Study.
Sun. Feb. 2 - 9:30 am- Sunday School, 10:30 am- Worship/ Holy Communion.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Kris Snyder
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Rd 7
Sunday - 9am Church Services, 10am Sunday School
Sun. Feb. 16 - Annual Meeting following 9:00am Church services and Potluck breakfast brunch
ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed. Jan. 29 - 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer.
Thurs. Jan. 30 - 9:30am Bible Study & Prayer
Sun. Feb. 2 - 9:30 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship Service.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Wed. Jan. 29 - 6:30 p.m. Awana
Thurs. Jan. 30 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
Sat. Feb. 1 - 7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Sun. Feb. 2 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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
cfchurch@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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseht
Wed, Jan. 29: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, Feb. 1: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Feb. 2: 8:00 a.m. Worship at St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School; 8:00 a.m. Nazareth Sunday School, Brunch 9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Worship at Nazareth; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Wed, Feb. 5: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Styngberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Jan. 29: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.
Fri, Jan. 31: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Feb. 4: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Feb. 5: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. AWANA.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Wed, Jan. 29: 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th gr. Confirmation.
Sun, Feb. 2: 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley worship, annual meeting & potluck.
Wed, Feb. 5: 6:15 p.m. 7th & 8th gr. Confirmation.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship

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

Angel Care Fundraiser to be held at school

The annual Angel Care Fundraiser is coming up in January and February.

The Lunch Ladies of Clearbrook-Gonvick present the 3rd annual Angel Care Fundraiser. It assists with weekend backpack program, meal payment assistance programs, personal

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., Jan. 29 - Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli Garlic Toast (90-12) or Loaded Taco Bowl, Tater Tots with Fixings.

Thurs., Jan. 30 - Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Potato Smiles or Turkey Sub..

Fri., Feb. 31 - Italian Dunkers, Dipping Sauce Side Salad, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Mon., Feb. 3 - Snow Week- Shrimp Popper, Macaroni and Cheese Coleslaw OR Chicken Noodle Soup and PB and J or Egg Salad Sandwich

Tues., Feb. 3 - Snow Week - Chicken Patty on Bun, Tri Tater or Soft Shell Tacos.

Salad Bar available to all during lunch each day.

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

hygiene items and warm winter gear for students at Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

The first will be held on Tuesday, February 11 with a Potato Klub Supper and bake sale from 5 to 7 pm. Free will donation for supper. It will be held in the commons area of the Clearbrook-Gonvick school.

There will be raffle drawings during basketball games on Friday, January 17, Tuesday, January 28, Thursday, January 30 and Tuesday, February

Bears come home with victory

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears traveled to Blackduck and headed home with a victory 65 to 58.

They out scored the Drakes 34 to 29 and 31 to 29 in each of the halves.

The Bears were terrible at the free throw line that night making only 10 of 26 for a percentage of 38.5% and the Drakes had 10 of 17 for a percentage of 58.8% but the Bears had a better percentage for field goals hitting 51.0% to 30.3% for the Drakes.

The Bears had 26 turnovers to 12 for the Drakes but they

11. Drawings to be held at half time the last game. Need not be present to win.

This is a Thrivent Action Team Event.

If any groups, businesses or individuals would like to make a donation for the raffle please contact Robin Proffitt at 218-776-3112 Ext 320 or by email: robinp@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us or just drop off at the school office marked "Angel Care Fundraiser". Thanks for your support!!

Bears come home with victory

made up for that with defensive rebounds with 40 to 24 for the Drakes.

Scoring for the Bears were: Alex Dawson 24, Ben Engbretson 18, Lei Nelson 8, Jonny Hamnes 5, Kolten Schultz 3 and Michael Roy 3.

Scoring for the Drakes were: Dylan Moen 18, Ethan Merrill 14, Sawyer Nendick 10, Quinn McKeeman 9 and Shawn Obrien 7.

LEGAL NOTICES

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Member Petterson at 7:01 p.m. Chair Westrum took over he arrived. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Corey Petterson, Richard Hetland, Tracy Imle, Tom Stenzel (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), and Jeff Westrum (arrived at 7:11 p.m.) Absent: James Galloway (deceased, November 2019), and Kris Snyder. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess, Principal Dugstad, Glenn Chido & Luke Selken, representing ICS, 4 staff members, and 1 community members

1. Town Hall Meeting (Odd Number Months)

4 Community Comments -

5 Spotlight on Education – Ms. Goudge presented events that have taken place since the last board meeting.

6 Approval of Agenda – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve agenda as amended, Item 11.9; hire JH BB coach. MCU

7 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve minutes as presented. MCU

7.1 11/18/2019 - Regular Meeting

8 Informational Items

8.1 Principal Report –Principal Dugstad discussed the following items: 1) Music Program – The Elementary Concert (K-3) was held on Tuesday, December 10th and went very well. The Junior High and Senior High concert will be held Tuesday, December 17th, and all are welcome. 2) Athletic Update – Principal

with me

Gage Julin
Nominated by: Mrs. Tak-kunen
For: Helping another student with an assignment

GiAnne Cadreau
Nominated by: Mrs. Mendick
For: She's always smiling and always offers to help if you need errands run.

Tavia Johnson
Nominated by: Mrs. Stewart
For: Tavia helped me set up for December's concert—a job that would have taken me 2-3 times longer to do without her help!

Sam Johnson
Nominated by: Mr. Bettin
For: Works hard on any random task I give him

Cameron Bergman
Nominated by: Mrs. Stewart
For: Helping another student get started on trumpet and for leading by example

Dayron Phillips
Nominated by: Mrs. Mendick
For: He stacks chairs (sometimes by himself!) and picks up calculators and pencils to straighten the class-room up before we leave.

Clearbrook-Gonvick High School January Bear Pride

High School January 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!

Tatum Melby
Nominated by: Mr. Bettin
For: Making class enjoyable and giving 100% effort each day

Gryphon Riley
Nominated by: Mrs. Tak-kunen
For: Staying back and tidying desks

Malaina Hartwig
Nominated by: Mrs. Anderson
For: Malaina is one of the hardest working students I have in class. She uses every moment she has to get work done, study...LEARN! Malaina knows what work she has to put in to achieve her goals and stays focused on that! A great role model to other students! Keep it up, Malaina!

Bobbi Jo Head
Nominated by: Mrs. Goudge
For: Always being HONEST



Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools January's Bear Pride pictured Left to Right: Gryphon Riley, Tavia Johnson, Malaina Hartwig, GiAnne Cadreau, Tatum Melby, Bobby Jo Head, Cameron Bergman, Gage Julin, Dayron Phillips and Sam Johnson.

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Dugstad asked that everyone take the opportunity to support our basketball teams. 3) FFA Update –Competitions are in January. Member numbers are up. 4) Science Standards – Science standards are changing. Also, thank you to the Clearbrook Community Club for donating the cost of the taxidermy for the Trumpeter Swan. 5) Success for the Future Money – We received approximately \$41,000 for this program for 19-20. 6) Impact Aid – The District has completed the IPP, and should receive approximately \$41,000. It has been approximately 3-4 years since we received this money. Principal Dugstad thanked Jenetta for her hard work on this project.

8.2 Superintendent Report – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: 1) Educational – A) Welder – We have received fund for a TIG welder through Pine to Prairie Consortium. We have also been included in a regional grant for a CNC machine for soft metals, woods, and plastics. Both machines will be completely paid for through the consortium. 2) Building –A) Floors – We are investigating how floors can be maintained through the end of the season. The Refurbisher will not work with the type of coating we have on our floor. We are looking into possibly having a company come in to do the floor. It can't be done over Christmas break, but we are hoping to find a weekend that would be possible. The cost for an outside company to do the work is similar to our cost to do the work using our custodial staff. B) We have sent out a Request for

Proposal for updating our technology components. We will have the bids back by January 15th. This will give us time to review them before our board meeting on the 22nd. C) The Geothermal system has leveled out. It was tested and everything appears to be normal at this time, with no need for repair. D) The volleyball nets and standards are in need of repair. We are getting quotes for these items, and the Athletic Director is looking at additional options. We will need to look at this item as we move into budgeting this spring. 3) Personnel – A) We have had a couple applications for the technology support position. December 25, 2019 will be posted for one month. We will start interviews after that time. B) We are currently advertising for a Community Education Assistant for 2-3 hours per week. 4) Financial –A) Comparison Reports – They are on track, with no unexpected expenses at this time. Supt Burgess discussed the expenditures in more depth. B) A list of Donations received is in your packet. 8.3 Committee Report – NA 9 Consent Calendar – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU 9.1 Approval of Bills Presented Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 67813-67868/Wires Payroll Checks 0030432 – 0030441 December Bills Voucher Numbers: 56636 – 56717 Check Numbers: 67869 – 67906 Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$625,455.79

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

10 Old Business –

10.1 School Car Discussion – Discussion was held regarding adding a vehicle to the school fleet. MMS Stenzel/Imle to approve the purchase of a 10 passenger purchase. MCU

11 New Business

11.1 Prom Presentation – Junior Class advisor Stacy Mendick provided information on the venues the juniors are interested in. Site 1 – the Fireside in Bagley; Site 2 – The School, Option 1 – Grand March would be held at the same time, and a meal would be provided by our Food Service or Option 2 – The Grand March would be held, going straight to the dance and the meal would be on their own. The board had no issues with any option. They will be kept apprised.

11.2 Truth In Taxation – Supt Burgess gave a presentation regarding the levy. Questions were asked and answered.

11.3 Approve Final Levy & Certification – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve the levy as presented, removing Q-Comp, totaling \$1,772,686.26. MCU.

11.4 Resolution to Set Polling Place – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve resolution setting Clearbrook-Gonvick School as a combined polling place for special elections. MCU

11.5 Approve Building Plans – ICS representative, Luke Selken, discussed the changes made to the original plans in an effort to lower costs. MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve plans as presented. MCU.

11.6 FMLA Leave Darby Riley – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve leave. MCU.

11.7 Approval of Indian Policy and Procedures – Supt Burgess presented the IPP. MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve IPP as presented, with the addition of Jenetta Weems as an authorized signer. MCU

11.8 Board Vacancy – Discussion was held. MMS Imle/Stenzel to find an appointee to fill the vacant board position until November 2020. MCU.

11.9 Approve Hire of Alison Johnson, JH GBB – MMS Stenzel/Petterson to approve hire. MCU.

12. Action Items for December Meeting –

12.1

12.2

12.3

13. Adjournment – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. MCU

Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. R45C

Snowmobile Safety Training class

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office will be hosting Snowmobile Safety Training on February 9th, 2020 from 11am to 3pm at the Bagley High School parking lot. The Class will be taught by Hannah from the Minnesota DNR.

PRIOR to the class, students must go to snowmobilecourse.com and do the online training and bring proof of completion to the event.

Students have to be 11 years old to attend, but the certificate will not be valid until 12 years old. Please sign up for the class by email to hannah.mishler@state.mn.us or by calling 218-308-0970.

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53rd annual Moonlighters Sno Safari was held on January 25th

With perfect weather the 53rd Annual Oklee Moonlighters Snowmobile Safari was held on January 25th. Due to two storms that came through the area leaving more than sufficient snow and the mild 20 degree temperatures, the riders couldn't have asked for better conditions for a Safari.

A perfect day for a Safari ride around the area for everyone in the family.

It was hard to get an accurate count of sleds but the closest estimate was around 50 sleds were lined up outside TJ's Tavern.

The riders gathered at TJ's Tavern in Oklee before heading out for the trail ride. They left at 1 p.m. and were back before 6 p.m.

Following the ride, there were drawings for door prizes and at 8 p.m. the band "Odd Man In" played at TJ's for a night of

music and fun.

Rider's Prizes Safari 2020
Sled count of 47. Winners tied: Joel Kvasager & Logan Ness

\$100 Bass Pro gift card from CHS Ag Service-Oklee: Ole Bruggeman, Carson Reese, Caleb Novak

\$50 RV Sports Gift Card From Oklee Moonlighters: Jennifer Kvasager

\$50 Hubert's Gift Card from Oklee Moonlighters: Matt Kolstoe

\$50 L & M Gift Card From Oklee Moonlighters: Mike Cormican

Polaris Jacket From Titan In Crookston: Grayson Rystad

\$50 Gift Certificate From Knott Gravel: Brady Spence

\$25 Cenex Gift Card From Northland Grain-Oklee: Tom Morinville

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Oklee Business From Security State Bank: Knute Knutson, Duwayne Parsley

\$25 Gift Card To D & R Grocery From D & R Grocery: Dustin Peterson

\$25 Gift Card To Goodridge Liquor Store From Goodridge Liquor Store: Dan Peterson

\$20 Gift Card To Shorty's From Lundeen Harvesting: Stacy Tadych & Chad Parsley

\$25 Gift Card To Cenex From Brooks Cenex: Rosie Skallet

Sweatshirt From Shorty's In Gully: Steve Seeger

Torch Kit From Red Lake County Insurance In Red Lake Falls: Ben Linder

All Prizes Safari 2020

Long Sleeve Shirts From Oklee Moonlighters: Katie Pendleton, Rosie Bruggeman

\$25 Gift Card To Salon 209 From Salon 209: Taylor Klasen, Caleb Novak

T-Shirts From Oklee Moonlighters: Tracy Lee, Alexis Berberich

Hats From Oklee Moonlighters: Stacy Tadych, Mike Wagner

Stocking Hats From Oklee Moonlighters: Chaslin Magner, Dylan Lundeen, Shelly Flatgard

Hats From Carol's Cozy: Roger Asselin, Easton Kuz, Brady Spence, Nathan Knott

Baseball Hats From Oklee Lumber: Hattie Lee, Tyler Nelson, Matt Kolstoe

Stocking Hats From Oklee Lumber: Jamie Flatgard, Peyton Kuz, Dan Sebenaler

Pairs Of Gloves From Oklee Lumber: Rylan Lundeen, Duwayne Parsley, Chad Lundeen

Framed World Map From

Oklee Quilting: Logan Ness

Vase From Oklee Quilting: Carson Reese

Ratchet Strap Set From Titan Machinery In Winger: Dustin Neuschwander

Flashlight From Titan Ma-

chinery In Winger: Dan Peterson

Screwdriver Set From Titan Machinery In Winger: Alex Peterson

Cup And Bag From Red Lake County Insurance: Carter Reese



Pictured are (l-r): Cynthia Olson, Sanford Health Foundation Director; Calli Ferdig, Shari Hahn, Cancer Services Director; Cindy Holter; Kenadi Winter; and Stephanie Winter.

Little Black Dress Gala supports Sanford Health Foundation

BEMIDJI, Minn. – The Little Black Dress Gala committee recently made a donation to the Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota in support of the Joe Lueken Cancer Center. This kind of support

will help benefit patients of the cancer center in the northern Minnesota region.

The Sanford Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the enhancement and expansion of health care services, state-of-the-art technology and facilities to provide health

and healing for our region.

Anyone interested in supporting the Foundation may do so by contacting the Sanford Health Foundation at (218) 333-5515. Partnering with the Foundation not only supports new services and technology, but also helps care for individuals within the community.

FROM DAYS GONE BY

These pictures were from the Gully celebration 10 years ago. They will be celebrating their roots! July 17, 18, 19, and 20 of 2020 Gully is planning a 110th birthday celebration with a Scandinavian theme.



Summary Budget Data 2020: Gonvick			
Primary Financial Officer: Name: Stacy Halvorson		Title: Clerk-Treasurer	
Phone #: 218-487-5243		Email: gonvick@gvtel.com	
Budgets have been adopted for the following fund:			
☒ General Fund			
	Prior Year Original Budget	Current Year Budget	
Revenues			
1. Property Taxes (Do not include Market Value Credits)	112,642	118,274	
2. Tax Increments	0	0	
3. All Other Taxes (franchise, hotel/motel taxes, etc.).....	0	0	
4. Special Assessments.....	0	0	
5. Licenses and Permits	1,825	1,825	
6. Federal Grants.....	0	0	
7. State General Purpose Aid (Market Value Credits, etc.).....	73,955	78,244	
8. State Categorical Aid (state aid for streets, etc.)	12,000	12,000	
9. Grants from County & Other Local Governments	0	0	
10. Charges for Services.....	55,704	59,690	
11. Fines and Forfeits.....	0	500	
12. Interest on Investments.....	5,354	5,325	
13. Miscellaneous Revenues	44,150	53,142	
14. Total Revenues.....	305,630	329,000	
15. Proceeds from Bond Sales.....	0	0	
16. Other Financing Sources	0	0	
17. Transfers from Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	0	0	
18. Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources.....	305,630	329,000	
Expenditures			
Current Expenditures (Exclude Capital Outlay)			
19. General Government (board, administration, etc.).....	89,825	94,020	
20. Public Safety.....	107,874	104,080	
21. Streets & Highways (excluding construction).....	70,025	78,400	
22. Sanitation.....	0	0	
23. Human Services	0	0	
24. Health.....	0	0	
25. Culture & Recreation.....	15,906	22,500	
26. Conservation of Natural Resources.....	0	0	
27. Economic Development.....	22,000	30,000	
28. Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	0	0	
29. Total Current Expenditures	305,630	329,000	
30. Debt Service - Principal	0	0	
31. Interest & Fiscal Charges	0	0	
32. Streets & Highways Construction	0	0	
33. Capital Outlay.....	0	0	
34. Other Financing Uses	0	0	
35. Transfers to Other Funds (include Enterprise Funds)	0	0	
36. Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	305,630	329,000	
Fund Balance			
37. General Fund - Beginning Balance (January 1).....	551,459	569,451	
38. General Fund - Ending Balance (December 31).....	569,451	622,854	
39. Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance - Budgeted Governmental Funds	0	0	
Other Items			
40. Total Property Tax Levy - All Funds	112,642	118,274	
41. Net Unrealized Gain or (Loss) from Investments for 2019		0	

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March 1975 Blizzards
Minnesotans are no strangers to late winter blizzards, but these two from late March of 1975 were especially painful. The two blizzards happened days apart - the first on March 23-24 and the second on March 26-29 - and dumped two feet of snow over Duluth. But that's not all that happened. Winds whipped at 100 miles per hour, and 20-foot waves were spotted on Lake Superior.



November 1981 Blizzard
Most of us remember when the Metronome deflated most recently, back in 2010. But the first time this ever occurred was after the November 19, 1981 snowstorm over the Twin Cities. It left about a foot of snow on the roof of the Dome, causing it to rip. This wouldn't be the last time it happened, with several more collapses occurring throughout the '80s. They may not have been the heaviest snowstorms, but they are among the most memorable



February 28-March 2, 2007 Blizzard
Just under 11 years ago, one of the most memorable snowstorms in recent memory caused some major problems throughout northern Minnesota. The sky dumped over 20 inches of snow in Duluth and many other areas along the North Shore. And the winds, which reached more than 50 miles per hour, pushed the snow into towering drifts. The three-day storm was part of a huge winter storm that rocked the Upper Midwest, leaving many digging out for several days after the snow stopped falling.



January 1888 Storm
No one living today will remember this doozy of a blizzard, but it was one of the worst in Minnesota history. January 12 started as a mild day but quickly turned into anything but. The temperature dipped to nearly -40 degrees F, and thick snow quickly began to swirl. Many children died on their way home from school due to cold and lack of visibility. The death toll for this deadly storm was 200 people.



Armistice Day Blizzard of 1940
On Armistice Day back on November 11, 1940, a slow-moving storm caused more than a few hiccups throughout the Twin Cities. The day started off relatively warm, but the weather caught many hunters unprepared during the start of hunting season. The storm caused almost 50 deaths in the Twin Cities, and 59 sailors were lost in the storm on the Great Lakes.



Halloween Blizzard of 1991
We couldn't make this list without including what might be Minnesota's most famous blizzard. Those who were young enough to go out trick-or-treating - or who took their kids - will always remember this wild Halloween for its incredible drifts of snow. The Twin Cities got 28 inches of snow, and totals in Duluth topped 35 inches. The conditions closed roads and schools for days, making it one of the most unforgettable snowstorms ever.

Nominations sought for 2020 Clearwater County "First Lady"

In just a few weeks The Clearwater County Historical Society will host the Clearwater County "First Lady" award. Since 1977, Forty women in Clearwater County have been recognized for their accomplishments either for their service in a variety of community projects and organizations or for success in their careers. On Saturday March 14th at an event at the Bagley American Legion, a new name will be added to the honor roll.

Your help is needed to select the 2020 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination; this can include any accomplishments in her life such as her career highlights or volunteer years of service, and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number so we can let you know if your nominee is selected.

Letters should be sent to
2020 First Lady - History Center
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Bagley MN 56621.
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Nominations must be received by FEBRUARY 29.
Questions? Call Tamara at 785-2000 (History Center)
Previous First Ladies: 1977- Laurel Carlson, 1978- Edith Refshaw, 1979- Mangeline Kirkeby, 1980- Arlene Cease, 1981-Dorothy Katzenmeyer,

1982- Adeline Beltz, 1983- Sharon Dukek, 1984- Olga Peterson, 1985- Lois Bromaghin, 1986- Dolores Johnson, 1987- Zella Tangjerd, 1988- Ruth Offerdahl, 1989- Karen Gesell, 1991- Lucille Kildal, 1993- Judy Carver, 1994- Ruth Anderson, 1995- Marilyn Melby, 1996- Alma Burr, 1997- Hennie Merseth, 1998- Mildred Mathison, 1999- Lila Strandlien, 2000- Dee Strandlien, 2001- Grace Nelson, 2002- Lillian Sauer, 2003- Crystal Schmitz, 2005- Charlotte Stoker, 2006- Vivian Torkildson, 2007- Betty Johnson, 2008- Ardella Lindberg, 2009- Darlene Sawyer, 2010 - Linda Kaul, 2011- Opal Friborg, 2012- Shirley Gunderson, 2013- Lois Hoie, 2014- Marilyn Stinar, 2015- Ardis Thompson, 2016- Eileen Lien, 2017- Alice Gunderson, 2018 - DonnaRae Jacobson, 2019 - Elaine Johnson



Bakke named to Dean's List

Savannah Bakke was named to the Itasca Community College Deans List. Congratulations from the staff: Ann Vidovic, director Amie Furlong, Counselor, Elizabeth Gillman, Advisor and Jackie Gallop, advisor for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Fall semester 2019.

Savannah is the daughter of Kurt and Chris Bakke of Bemidji and formally of Gonvick, her grandparents re Wayne and Kathy Bakke of Gonvick.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Gully Area Sportsman' Club is have a Coyote Hunt from February 1 to March 28. Sign up and register at Shorts Place in Gully.

Clearbrook Liquor Store will be having a Valentine Day Fundraiser on Friday, February 14. See ad in this week's Canary section. Must pre-register by February 10.

More plans being made for the 2020 Summer Celebration in Clearbrook, June 26,27 and 28. There will be a 30th anniversary of the swimming pool. A tent will be set up on the north side of the Municipal Liquor store and on Friday "Acoust Hicks" will be playing and on Saturday "Steele River Band" will play.

National Spouses Day was Sunday, January 26. The holiday experts at National Today conducted a survey of 1,035 Americans to reveal the truth about what spouses think of one another. Consider this:

Top 10 reasons Americans appreciate their spouses

- 1.My spouse is a hard worker (60%)
- 2.I can be myself around my spouse (56%)
- 3.My spouse makes me laugh (56%)
- 4.My spouse is smart (52%)
- 5.My spouse is supportive of my goals and desires (48%)
- 6.My spouse is a great parent (45%)
- 7.My spouse is sexy (44%)
- 8.My spouse is good with money (31%)
- 9.My spouse does the dishes (29%)
- 10.My spouse buys me things (28%)

Top 10 things that annoy us about our spouses

- 1.My spouse has selective listening (40%)
- 2.My spouse snores (39%)
- 3.My spouse can be a control freak sometimes (26%)
- 4.My spouse is not as financially responsible as I am (20%)
- 5.My spouse has bodily quirks (e.g. nose picking, farting, burping, etc.) (19%)
- 6.My spouse doesn't contribute enough to household chores (18%)
- 7.My spouse is a slob (e.g. doesn't wash dishes, leaves dirty clothes on floor, etc.) (17%)
- 8.My spouse works too much (16%)
- 9.My spouse doesn't get along with his/her in-laws (8%)
- 10.My spouse always forgets our anniversary (5%)

For more fun facts, background information about the holiday and ideas to celebrate, visit the page for National Spouses Day and be sure to check out National Today for more holidays.

Make your plans now to attend the 2020 Gonvick Trail All School Reunion July 9-12. The Gonvick Lions Rodeo will also be held that same weekend.

The Clearbrook and Clearbrook/Gonvick Bears All-School Reunion this summer. Plans are for June 26, 27 and 28. The big entertainment will be Friday night, June 26, Bil Lepp from West Virginia will be perform-

ing.

From my mail...

Well, sadly, it's time for Rodger and me to return to Neenah for the rest of the winter. I'm so happy that we were able to be here for Christmas and am hoping we'll be able to repeat the experience next Christmas. (Besides, there's been snow here — and hardly any in Neenah, although I guess they now have 2 or 3 inches. At least it should be white.....

So, starting now, please change my mailing address back to: Merry Whipple. We will see you in the spring.

Joke Time -

There was this Norwegian who was on vacation 'over-there' in Florida. All his life he'd wanted to have a pair of alligator-shoes, and now he thought he would finally be able to get around to buying a pair. Gator shoes are of course expensive, and haggling down the price didn't help. Finally the Norwegian yelled out in anger, In "Just keep your lousy shoes. If that's how it's going to be then I'll just get myself a boat, go out into the swamp, catch a gator and make my own shoes!" The owner of the store just looked stupidly at him, "Yeah, sure, and give my best regards to the Swedes who're already up there trying to do what you just told me." The Norwegian runs to a boat-rental and gets a boat, then he heads out into the swamp.

After a while he finds two Swedes standing up to their knees in the water. Both of them are holding a spear pointed at the water. That must be the Swedes the Norwegian thinks. Suddenly there's a movement in the water and an alligator swims towards one of the Swedes. The Swede is standing there like a statue, just waiting for the big gator to get closer. When the gator is close by the Swede sticks his spear into the gator, and with a bit of fighting he get's the beast onto the land, where there is a big pile of gators. The Swede turns the gator on his back and examines it's feet, and then finally utters, "Damn! No shoes on this one either!"

Quick tickets... Does your organization need raffle tickets? Call 218-487-5225 or email richards@gvtel.com your information and we will be glad to help you.

If you have a story or photo to share you can send to richards@gvtel.com. Your new family member, the big buck or fish that you got, wedding or engagement picture.

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.

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