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Kortan-Walker-Marsh Farms joins ranks of Century Farms in Clearwater County Four generations have been on the land. Pictured are (from left, front) Thea Marsh, Alice Kortan, Walker and Chloe Marsh; (back) Adriana Marsh, Larry and Louise Walker, Aricka and Ricky Marsh. See story and pictures on page 7 this week.



New Clearwater County mobile command center

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management put their new mobile command center on display. The 2009 Thomas 84 passenger bus was purchased last year and has been retrofitted into a mobile command post. The first five rows of seats were left intact to allow transport of inmates in the jail in the event that we needed to evacuate the jail due to an emergency. The seating also will allow for transporting first responders if needed for an emergency or for search and rescue.

There is plenty of storage under the bus for equipment and supplies. Inside the bus there are two dispatching stations with large monitors and radios as well as a printer. Our dispatch center could be temporarily moved to the bus in the case that our current site had to be shut down for an emergency or due to the pandemic.

The bus can be powered by a 7000-watt generator or plugged into a power source like an RV. This bus will replace our existing 1996 camper trailer that the county has used for over 20 years. Funding for this mobile command post came from the CARES Act funding from the federal government last year and no local taxpayer



dollars were needed. We are very grateful to the Clearwater County Commissioners who allowed this project to be completed.

It will definitely be a great resource for our office or other agencies within our county. The uses for this vehicle are endless.

Submitted from the Sheriff's Department

'Loggers are important to Clearwater County,' Land Commissioner says - 'We have to work with the loggers'

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on April 20.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox discussed the importance of logging and extensions in the county.

"Having logging extensions is very important," he said. "I think we have to work with the loggers." He stated that the policy is the loggers have 90 days after the wood is cut to get the wood off the property.

"The loggers are very important to our ability to manage the forest for the trust we are responsible for," the Land Commissioner responded to a question asked after the meeting about the importance of logging extensions. It was stated at the meeting that the county made an extension previously for Halberg Logging because of a wet fall. A majority vote from the Board approved a motion that allows Halberg Logging to receive an additional 90 days extension of the April 16, 2021 Letter of Credit payment due to road restrictions for logging. There was one vote against the decision from Commissioner Dean Newland. Interest will be applied in the amount of \$257.

The motivation for the action for extending the stumpage payment 90 days came from

Commissioner Neal Illies, Land Commissioner Cox said.

Commissioner John Nelson said, "The request sounds fair, and I would support it."

"I want to be able to help people," Commissioner Mark Titera stated, "and not be hard and fast to a rule."

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson said that Mr. Hayden Swanson resigned, retracting his verbal agreement to stay. A previous motion to promote him to Engineering Technician II has now been rescinded due to his resignation.

The Auditor was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$126,250 for the County Revenue Fund and \$14,469 for the Nursing Service Fund.

All Commissioners were present at the meeting.

Gully Postpones Summer Festival

The Gully 100! Committee regretfully decided to postpone the summer festival planned for the weekend of July 17th this summer.

With the uncertainty of Covid infections, the committee felt the community may not be ready to wholeheartedly celebrate.

We look forward to a fun-filled celebration the weekend of July 23rd, 2022.

Open House at a gravel pit

Olson Gravel held an open house at their gravel pit operation near Trail recently.

In the last 30 years Olson Gravel has grown the business with customer service and quality products. Not only do they supply gravel for a 100 mile radius which covers areas between Wadena, Bemidji, Grand Forks and Thief River Falls. They have 35 varieties of different types of products that are listed on the sign coming into the Trail business.

Olson Gravel Inc. was established in 1974 by Erling and Marion Olson. As a family owned and operated business, the Olson's dream started with a 1964 GMC truck with a 10-yard gravel box and an Alice Chalmers loader with a 1½ yard bucket. All four kids worked in the business with Lorraine, Steve, Lyle and Curtis. Throughout the years more trucks were added along with larger loaders.

Curtis started the gravel business in the present location near Trail in 1990. Today, Olson Gravel Inc. has six trucks and pup trailer units, along with two 966 Caterpillar loaders and a three-deck screening plant.

They are busy at the plant serving building contractors, landscapers getting them land-



Susan and Curtis Olson at their Trail plant Open House.

scape rock to boulders and everything in between.

They pride themselves in superior customer service, hard work, quality products and workmanship along with great employees. See more Open House pictures on page 4 this week.

Burgess reported on the district's progress in purchasing technology

By Bonnie Kirchman

John Eggers attended the Clearbrook-Gonvick school board's April meeting to provide an update on Project Graduation. This program encourages parents and other community members to instill the need for high school graduation in the mind of every student. Eggers asked supporters to remind all youth to graduate. He is asking school districts to adopt a goal of 100% student graduation to match the community message of Project Graduation.

Kim Anderson presented the April Spotlight on Education slide show at the April 19th meeting. The FFA held an Easter egg hunt for the kindergarten through fourth grade classes. National Honor Society held a Wild Goose Chase event for the fifth and sixth graders. Fourth and fifth grade students created small canoes that will be released in the Clearwater River in May. Each canoe has a personal identification tag to allow for tracking in the water system. Music students are preparing for virtual concerts that will be posted on Facebook and the school's website in May. The trap shooting team expressed their thanks to Greg Erickson for allowing them to shoot at Ruffy Brook. The 2020-2021 yearbooks will be ready for distribution during the last week of May.

In the principal's report, Carl Dugstad told board mem-

bers that COVID has caused a dip in MCA test scores. He expects to have a fuller report next month when all the testing has been completed. Dugstad does anticipate that the district's scores will not show the same decrease as statewide scores, as Clearbrook-Gonvick students have spent more time in school than other schools during the pandemic.

Dugstad shared some ideas for coping with the learning loss caused by the pandemic. The district could possibly use ESSER funds for an additional elementary teacher. He added that an interventionist position could be added at the high school level to help students who demonstrate gaps in learning or who are missing credits.

The staff has prepared an E-Learning model that will be sent to the state for approval. This lays out a plan for teaching students from home if school is closed due to weather or other issues. Dugstad stated that the staff will continue to work on these plans, addressing issues such as time with special education teachers and interventionists when students learn from home.

Superintendent Jeff Burgess reported on the district's progress in purchasing technology. With the new deliveries, the district is now at a 1:1 rate of iPads for the kindergarten through third grade students and Chromebooks for the fourth

through twelfth graders. The Mac computers for teachers have arrived, but the district is waiting for the Windows computers to arrive. The technology team will continue to look at identifying technology needs for the district.

Burgess told the board that financial reports are on track. The general education aid is down, but special education funds are up from last year. The general fund is higher this year, leaving the district in a good financial position. School staff is working on budgeting the new ESSER dollars. ESSER dollars have been used for technology purchases in the district during this school year. Twenty percent of the new ESSER dollars will need to be used to address learning loss issues caused by the pandemic.

According to Burgess, the internal posting for athletic director did not receive any responses. The district will also need a permanent Community Education staff person to replace the current interim position.

Board members approved the purchase of a Bobcat tractor with mower attachments. After discussing the district's needs and the three available quotes for lawn-mowing equipment, the board decided to leave the final purchase decision to the

School board...
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Seniors and Juniors at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School were able to have their prom this year. Seniors without their dates gathered together for this group picture taken by Starkey Photography. Front row: Lauren Melby, Everett Erickson, Falline Erickson, Sydney Vakoch, Obie Hammer, Chelsey Gilbertson, Mykenzie Larson. Row two: Kaylee Faldet, Amara Churness, Kayla Ehlers, GiAnne Cadreanu, Kynsie May and Gabe Lavine. Back row: Wyatt Anderson, Bailey Klema, Kolten Schultz, Wyatt Buer, Alex Dawson, Gabe Lavine, Jacob Londo and Ben Nelson.

Community Calendar

Fire department fund raiser

The Gonvick Fire & Rescue Department will be holding their 2021 Spring Fund raiser on Saturday, May 1. They will be serving their Famous Pulled Pork Supper at the Gonvick Fire Hall, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with takeout available. If you're uncomfortable attending in person call (218) 760-1299 and a meal can be brought out to your car by a masked member of the department. Come meet and talk with your local Firefighters. The department is once again in need of funding to cover Ongoing Medical/Fire Fighting Training and Upgrading of their equipment to better serve their communities. They are continually updating/repairing Firefighting gear, equipment, medical supplies, SCBA's, and maintaining their trucks on a regular basis. Your Donation goes directly towards supporting Gonvick Fire & Rescue operations. Bring the family and leave the cooking to them!

CEMETERY CLEAN UP
Friday April 30th 5:00 PM
at Silver Creek, Greenwood, Seljord, Westby, Augusta & Clearwater Cemeteries
Bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, gloves
We will practice social distancing.
Contact: Brad Borene 776-3344 for details



Equipment has been shut down temporarily for Line 3 for a couple of days due to some road restrictions. They will be starting up again as soon as the spring road is back in shape.

School board... Continued from front page

building committee. Concerns addressed in the discussion included the ability to store the equipment, ease of use, and final costs. Superintendent Burgess presented a quote for a new winch system for the basketball hoops in the gym. The new equipment would be easier and safer to use than the current system. One quote was received for a total of approximately \$28,000 for the system and electrical installation. Burgess will bring other quote information to the May meeting. Burgess explained that the ventilation control system has experienced a variety of glitches. The motherboard needs to be replaced, but the one used at the school is obsolete. ESSER funds could possibly be used to upgrade the ventilation system to a more efficient computerized system. Burgess also brought two options for broadcasting school events to the board. The Huddle system costs \$4,000 per year, allows the school to own the content of taped events, and requires less personnel to run. The system offered by Garden Valley does not require an annual fee, but does require a five-year

agreement. Garden Valley's system would require people to tape programs which could then be watched by Garden Valley subscribers. After discussion of the pros and cons of each, the board chose Garden Valley's broadcasting system. Board members approved a plan for the school's graduation ceremony. The safety committee met to discuss concerns related to social distancing. The plan would include holding the ceremony outdoors on the football field. If bad weather is predicted, the ceremony could be held on the same day in the big gym. Under the current state guidelines, each graduate could bring eight guests to the graduation ceremony. Superintendent Burgess noted that the guest number might need to be changed if the state guidelines change before the ceremony date. The board also approved new insurance rates for the teacher and office staff groups. A family medical leave was also approved for a district staff member. The board approved the consent calendar including the following payments: \$96,878.86 to Stein's Bus Service, LLC, \$17,000 to Clearwater Plumbing and Heating, \$10,132.74 to Community Oil Co., \$5,584.09 to the City of Clearbrook, \$4,684.71 and \$2,446.09 to Marco, \$2,203.22 to Hill River Electric, \$2,195.86 to Anderson Disposal, and \$1,985.44 to Garden Valley.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Main Entrees included with meal are vegetable, bread, milk, dessert and or fruit.
Wed. April 28 - Sloppy Joe, Beans, Broccoli Salad.
Thurs., April 29 - Roast Beef, Potatoes, Gravy and Vegetable.
Fri., April 30- Chicken Alfredo and Veggie.
Mon., May 3 - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert.
Tues. May 4- Chicken, Noodles, Veggies, Dessert
Wed. May 5 - Chef's Choice Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.
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.

Ruby's Pantry event set for Wednesday, May 5

Join us Wednesday, May 5th at Country Faith Church, 46125 149th Ave, Clearbrook for Ruby's Pantry, Clearbrook. Our drive-thru distribution will run from 5-6:30pm or until food items are gone. ***Note start time change*** Bring a \$20 cash donation and receive a "share" which is an abundance of grocery items that are valued over \$100 which varies every month. There is a maximum of 2 shares per vehicle. No registration needed for drive-thru distribution. No boxes needed, everything will be prepackaged for you. Ruby's Pantry is a pop-up non-profit food ministry serving our rural communities across MN & WI on a monthly basis, hosted by non-profits and made possible by volunteers at each site. There is no income or residency requirement. Questions? Contact Country Faith at 218-776-3367. *New this month: Tune your radio to 99.9 when close to our location to listen to music & announcements provided by Ruby's Pantry:Clearbrook.

Report from county nursing service

Clearwater County: 790 cumulative cases. We continue to see case rates increase! The case count for the past 14 days is 42 cases and that makes our 14 day case rate 47.67. Age ranges for COVID cases from April 9, 2021 to April 15, 2021
Age 0-19: 9
Age 20-39: 10
Age 40-59: 9
Age 60-79: 13
Age 80+: 1
Vaccine: We continue to vaccinate a very few first doses along with second doses. Demand for vaccine continues to be low. Presently: 2726 residents of Clearwater County have received at least one vaccination dose-40.4 %. Statewide 53.3% 2220 residents of Clearwater County that have completed the vaccination series 35.5%. Statewide 38% 75 % of Clearwater county residents age 65 and above have been vaccinated with at least one dose!!! Statewide 85% of residents age 65 and above have been vaccinated. CCNS urges those eligible to receive vaccine to take it. It is an important weapon to reduce the spread and end this pandemic!! **If you are over 18 years old and would like to be vaccinated please contact our office at 694-6581 to sign up. You will be added to our list. We will contact you to arrange a time to vaccinate you as we receive vaccine. Questions regarding vaccination?? Give us a call at 694-6581. We are happy to answer questions etc. regarding the vaccine! You may also visit https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine.html Cases are rising and with the variants circulating and the poor uptake of vaccine in Clearwater County it is extremely important to continue to follow public health measures to reduce the spread and protect each other and ourselves! Let's all do our part and follow recommendations to slow the spread of COVID. WEAR A MASK, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE (greater than 6 ft.), WASH YOUR HANDS, stay home if you are sick and get vaccinated! Marissa Hetland RN/BSN/PHN; Director-Clearwater County Nursing Service Public Health/Homecare/Hospice Administrator-North County Community Health Services 212 Main Ave. N. Bagley, Mn 56621 ph-218-694-6581

Plea Rejected for Ex Clearwater Deputy

In what's considered a big twist in the case of a school resource officer accused of sexually assaulting students while in uniform, former Clearwater County Sheriff's Deputy Neil Dolan was going to plead guilty Friday to two more child sex charges, but the judge said no to the plea agreement. The 33-year-old Dolan was the school resource officer at Bagley High School. Investigators say he sexually assaulted two students on several occasions. The assaults took place in his office at the school and Dolan was wearing his uniform. Court papers indicated he groomed one of the students. Dolan was looking at 55 years in prison. The plea deal called for at least 12 years, and it would be served concurrently with the two-year prison sentence he is serving for sexually assaulting a boy at a Boy Scout camp. Despite the agreement – which prosecutors say the victims in Clearwater County were on board with – Judge Eric Schieferdecker rejected it. He said case law prevented him from saying why he objected, but he did say "I just can't be a



Neil Dolan rubber stamp for everything." The case will now go to trial in August – or the judge told both sides they could come back with another plea deal.

Sand Valley Lutheran Church
is having a cemetery cleanup; if you would like to help, please join us on **Sunday, May 2nd at 2pm.** Suggested items to bring include gloves, water bottle, garden tools, wheelbarrow. If you have any questions please call 218-268-4432. In case of inclement weather the alternate date is **Weds, May 5 at 5pm.**

Church News

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Gonvick
Samhold Lutheran Church is having services every Sunday at 10:30am. Also, Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30am.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Kris Snyder
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Rd 7
Sunday Church Services 9:00am Church

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Youth Pastor Brad Binder
Children's Minister Nicky Ubert
www.countryfaith.org 218-776-3367
office@countryfaith.org
Worship Service – 10 am Sunday morning
Elevate Youth – 7 pm Most Sundays
Men's Prayer – 6:30 am Tuesdays
Service Streamed on Facebook & YouTube. Check out our website for the most up to date information.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Sundays - 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 Worship Service

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Interim Brad Spaulding
Wednesdays - 5:45 Youth Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Awana
Thursdays - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Saturdays - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sundays - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., April 28- 5:45pm Confirmation, 6:30May 2 - 9:00 am – 9:00am/Communion; 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School/Youth May Day Basket Sale. 2:00 pm First Communion Class - 4th and 5th grade.
Our Savior's
Sun. April 25 - 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service/Communion

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, April 28: 5 p.m. Wednesday School.
Sat, May 1: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m. Sun, May 2: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. 9:15 a.m. SS; Oak Park: 8:30 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Worship; Nazareth: 10:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Wed, May 5: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Apr. 28: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, May 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, May 4: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, May 5: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Shop-At-The-Top: Our racks our full, and the end of the month is here; it's time for a 50% off sale! 50% off clothing only. Fri. & Sat., April 30 & May 1. Open 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, weekdays, & 10:00-12:00 on Saturday in CWLC-Clearbrook.
Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center: Several varieties of seed potatoes and onions, as well as bulk seed & seedlings are now available. Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday in CWLC-Clearbrook.
Create It! Pottery Studios: Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. All supplies provided. \$5.00/day.
Welding School: 4-week classes, evenings, 6:30-8:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday in CWLC-Clearbrook. Instructor: Jay Johnson.
Celebrate! Support Group: Faithful true freedom from sin & hang-ups. The CWLC-Clearbrook, SW, Second Floor.
Restore It! Free Hours: 0:00 PM, weekdays, & 10:00 AM on Saturday in CWLC-Clearbrook. Donations of clean, good quality items accepted during hours.
Senior Connection: Transportation Service: Clearwater County residents, 60 & over. Rides scheduled Monday-Friday. 24 hour notice required!! Call 218-888-2320 to schedule.
GED Prep: Tues., 6:00-8:00 PM & Wed., 12:30-3:00 PM. Individualized instruction is free, but a one-time \$20.00 fee to help cover the cost of books & supplies is appreciated. Contact Sherry at 218-776-2789 or shjelle@nwserver.org.
Office Hours: Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday.
For more information on programs & services, visit our webpages: www.clearwaterslife.org and www.mustardseedhomes.org, like our Facebook pages, follow us on Instagram.

Home at Heart Care
Personal Care & Homemaking



Savannah Bakke was named to the Itasca Community College Deans List on April 7, 2021. Savannah is the daughter of Kurt and Chris Bakke of Bemidji and formerly of Gonvick. Her grand parents are Wayne and Kathy Bakke of Gonvick.

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Neen’s Future in Space Scholarship seeking applicants

April 22, 2021 (Bemidji, MN) – The Neen’s Future in Space Scholarship, a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF), is seeking qualified applicants to apply for the 2021 scholarship round. The annual scholarship is dedicated to qualified students

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

who have graduated within the 12-county NMF service area, who are pursuing their junior or senior year in post-secondary education or post-graduate study through a college, university, or other accredited non-profit technical or vocational education/training institution or program; majoring in the study of science, math, technology or engineering with the preference for a entering a career in astrophysics, aeronau-

tical engineering, or aerospace. Eligibility Requirements: •The student must have graduated from a school district within the 12-county NMF service area. •The student must intend to enter their junior, senior or post-graduate program, majoring in the study of science, math, technology or engineering with the preference for a entering a career in astrophysics, aeronautical engineering or

aerospace. •Financial need will be considered in awarding the scholarship, but is not an eligibility requirement. •The student will have a minimum “B”, or its equivalent, grade point average, and demonstrate a willingness to earn a minimum of a bachelor’s degree. •Previous recipients may reapply for a second-year scholarship. Scholarship renewals are not guaranteed. Application Process: Applications are completed online through the NMF website www.nwmf.org. Click on “Scholarships” on the home page. A completed application includes providing transcripts and two letters of recommen-

dation as well as a short essay regarding the student’s non-work experience, internships and/or community involvement. Deadline for the scholarship is May 31.

For more information, about the Neen’s Future in Space Scholarship or other scholarship opportunities, contact NMF at 218-759-2057 or email scholarships@nwmf.org.

Gonvick Fire Department

Famous Pulled Pork Supper

May 1, 2021 ••• 5:00-8:00 pm

For take out call (218)760-1299 and a meal will be brought out to your car by a masked member of the department.

Come meet and talk with your local Firefighters. Bring the family and leave the cooking to us!

Greenwood Township Board of Appeal and Equalization

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Greenwood Township will meet on May 11, 2021, 6:00 pm, at the Greenwood Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor’s office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

The town board will take care of regular township business following the Equalization meeting.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of April, 2021
Sheila Horn
Clerk of Greenwood Township



Name: MyKenzie Larson
Family Members: Misty, Jordan (Parents), Jaret (brother)
Best High School Memory: My best high school memories were football games, roadtrips to basketball games, and all of the fun get togethers such as dances and home coming events.
Best Part of Being a Senior: The best part about being a senior is that we don’t have to worry about any big testing.
How did COVID impact your senior year? Covid affected many things for my senior year that we should have had been able to do such as: go to any sports games, dances, a normal prom and a normal graduation.
Favorite teacher or coach: My favorite teacher is hard to choose because I like all of my teachers the same. They’ve all helped me so much I couldn’t choose a favorite.
Favorite class: My favorite class is Yearbook
Favorite Movie: My favorite movie is called “After”.
Favorite song or band: Wasted on You by Morgan Wallen
Plans for next year: Going to college to major in Construction Management and minor in Business.



Name: Lauren Melby
Family Members: Jacob & Cindy (parents), Dana & Tatum (sisters)
Best High School Memory: My favorite memory would probably be any of the Fridays during Homecoming week. Having a parade, football games and school dance was always so fun.
Best Part of Being a Senior: The best part about being a senior is almost being done with school and not having to worry about any big tests.
How did COVID impact your senior year? Covid impacted my senior year by starting out most of the beginning in hybrid, shortening volleyball season and not having a homecoming week.
Favorite teacher or coach: That would be to hard to decide, I like all my teachers so much that I can’t pick!
Favorite class: Yearbook
Favorite Movie: “Set it up” or “War Dogs”
Favorite song or band: “Neon Eyes” by Morgan Wallen
Plans for next year: I’m planning on attending NDSU for Business Marketing.



Name: Bailey Klema
Family Members: Billy & Daphne Klema –parents, Kailley Klema- sister
Best High School Memory: Bus rides after basketball games and messing around everyday in Mr. Lavin’s class with Kaylee.
Best Part of Being a Senior: My schedule is more flexible and I have more freedom compared to other years.
How did COVID impact your senior year? Not great, I feel like a lot of things we would normally get to have gotten were taken away from us. However you just have to make the best of what you have.
Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. Anderson and Bob Westrum
Favorite class: Any science class with Mrs. Goudge, especially the dissections and labs.
Favorite Movie: Any comedy movie
Favorite song or band: Barefoot Blue Jean Night – Jake Owen
Plans for next year: I plan on attending MSUM in the fall for nursing. In hopes to become a NICU or pediatrics nurse in the future.



Name: Falline Erickson
Family Members: Parents: Shane, Charity. Brothers: Preston, Everett.
Best High School Memory: All the laughs in 7th hour college class in the library junior year.
Best part of being a Senior: Being a role model and looking forward to starting a new chapter in my life.
How did COVID impact your senior year: Although we didn’t get an ideal senior year with all the games, dances, assemblies, and a normal school experience, I learned to not take anything for granted and am thankful to at least me able to go to school in person.
Favorite teacher or coach: Mr. Kroulik
Favorite class: Small animal/veterinary science
Favorite movie: Maleficent
Favorite song or band: I knew you were trouble, by Taylor Swift.
Plans for next year: I will be joining the pre-vet program at UND.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., April 28 - Ham Patty on Bun, Oven Fries, Oranges, Fresh Veggies and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Pretzels.

Thurs., April 29 - Hot Dog on Bun, Macaroni & Cheese, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Scooby Snacks.

Fri., April 30 - Cook’s

Choice
Mon., May 3 - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Potato Swirls, Baked Beans, Oranges and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Granola Bar
Tues., May 4 - Pepperoni Sromboli, Baked Chips, Carrot Sticks, Apple and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Strawberry Chex.
Wed., May 5 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Applesauce and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Baked Cheetos.

Corrine’s Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Sand Valley Lutheran church will be having their cemetery cleanup on Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m. Those who are willing to come and help would be great.
The Gully 100! Committee regrettfully decided to postpone the summer festival planned for the weekend of July 17th this summer.
The 2020 Clearwater County Fair raffle calendars are now available from any member of the Fair Board.
Donations made via a \$20 purchase of the calendar qualify the buyer for a chance to win cash prizes ranging from the weekly \$100 prize up to the largest prize of \$500.
The calendars feature photos of fair activities and advertisements from local businesses that support the fair. If you can’t reach a Fair Board member, you can find the calendars at the office of County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson.
Thank you to the Clearwater County Sheriff’s Department for sending in the pictures and information on their new mobile command post.
The Alida Farmers Market/ swap has been set for Sat. May 29th.

second weekend in July 8,9,10 and 11. There will be a crowing of the King and Queen of at the reunion with a Bulldog fashion show. There will also be an outdoor movie on Thursday, Friday will be alumni registration at the Clear Water Life Center. A craft Show on Main Street and music by “Elvis” at the Gonvick Legion. The 30th annual rodeo will also be held on Friday.
Saturday will be the parade, smear tournament, fish fry at the Legion and music at the Trap. Sunday will be church and volleyball and bean bag tournaments later in the day.
The City of Clearbrook is looking for a Pool Manager for the outdoor Clearbrook Pool. Seasonal position from the last part of May to the end of August. Please contact the City office at 218-776-3213 for a full job description or for an application.

Joke Time...
Lena had just set down to dinner with her family. She looked out the window and said Oh My, here comes company and I bet dey haven’t eaten yet. Quick everyone get out on the porch with a tooth pick and pretend that we have already eaten our dinner.
Clearwater County Veterans Service Office Logan LeClair is meetings with Veterans one on one at a place closer to home. He has set up The Gonvick Council room for Thursday 1 -3 pm, Tuesdays at the Clearbrook City Hall Legion room from 1-3, Leonard on Thursday from 10-12 at the Clearwater County Trailblazers Club house and Shevlin on Tuesdays from 10 to noon at the City Hall/Fire Hall.

The Clearwater County Fair is set for August 4 to 8. They have been getting input as to events that people would like to have at the grandstand. Suggestion include a tractor pull, lip sync contest, monster truck, gospel night and demo derby. It will be so nice to have the fair again.

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.

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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.

Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick First Grade Class

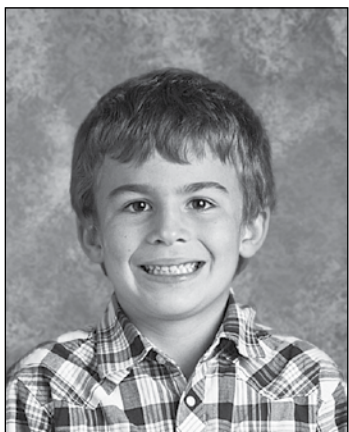
Last year we were not able to put in the Kindergarten students at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School like we have done for many years. With the help of Mrs. Anderson and her students they have been able to get information on those students who are now First Graders. We will be putting in those students each week. Many thanks to Mrs. Anderson and the students.



Name: Luke TeHennepe
Family members: Jake (brother), Mom and dad
Pets: 4 cats and 1 dog
What is your favorite part of your day at school? Gym, because we can play games. My favorite game is red rover.
What do you do for fun when you are not in school? Play outside with my brother.
What do you want to be when you grow up? A ninja because it would be fun to do secret missions.
Would you rather be as small as an ant or as big as a giant? Why? A giant because I can see far away.



Name: Blake Bjerke
Family Members: Christine, Kyle, Peyton, Taylor
Pets: Ronnie and Stella
What is your favorite part of the school day? Gym
What do you do for fun when you are not in school? Draw, I like drawing animals.
What do you want to be when you grow up? A vet because it’s fun to work with animals
Would you rather be as small as an ant or as big as a giant? Why? Giant so I can see over tall buildings
If you could be any animal in the world what would you be? Why? Wolf because they’re fast



Name: Jack McKnight
Family members: Addie, Stephani, John
Pets: 2 cats, 2 dogs
What is your favorite part of your day at school? I like gym because we get to play games.
What do you do for fun when you’re not in school? I like to play with my toy tractors.
What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a farmer.
Would you rather be as small as an ant or as large as a giant? I would rather be as small as an ant because they are tiny enough to fit in small spaces.



Name: Alexis Smith
Family Members: Mom, Dad, and 2 brothers
Pets: 2 dogs, Bella and Max
What is your favorite part of the school day? Math
What do you do for fun when you are not in school? Play with my dogs outside
What do you want to be when you grow up? A vet
Would you rather be as small as an ant or as big as a giant? Why? Big as a giant because I’d like to be a giant
If you could be any animal in the world what would you be? Why? A dolphin, because I like dolphins.

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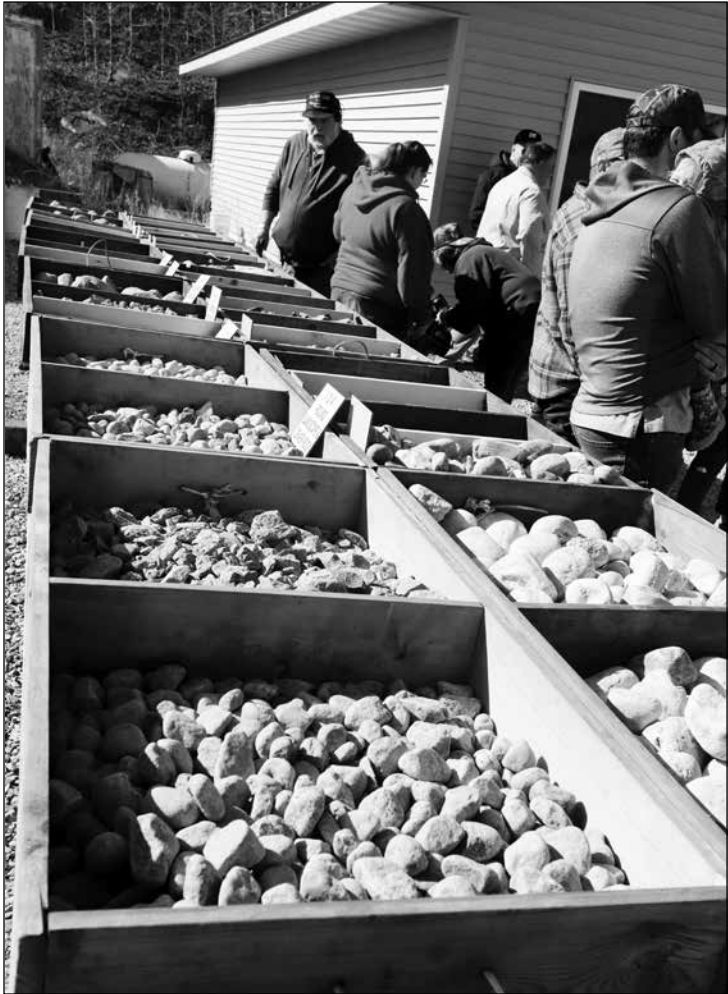
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You can reduce the volume of rubbish by recycling your paper, cardboard, plastic food and beverage containers, steel cans and, of course, aluminum and glass containers! Take them to the recycling bins located by the County Highway Department in Bagley. Thank you! Need pointers? Call us at 218-694-6183.

Clearwater County Environmental Services



Showing the variety of rocks that are available at the Olson Gravel Open House.



Curtis and Susan Olson granddaughter Veda Anderson enjoyed a ride in the bucket loader at the open house that was held at Trail.



A view to the west of some of the equipment that is located at the Olson Gravel Pit near Trail. Several were able to see close up at the open house that was held recently. They served rolls, coffee, juice and they also had candy and coloring books.



Reese Compton with her mother Sydney at the Olson Gravel Open House.



Troy Horn, one of the employees at Olson Gravel near Trail.



Wow... what a sand pile the children had a chance to play on at Olson Gravel Open House.

Home Country

By Slim Randles
"Fling into Spring!" said our high school art teacher, Janice Thomas to herself as she headed out to pick up some groceries. "That's what I'll call it. Fling into Spring!"
She ear rumpled Woof, her deer pointer (he being half pointer and half corgi and the herd instinct didn't work well on deer, so he points them now. His tail didn't work for a week.)
She took off down to the Soup 'R' Market and waved to Annette, who masked up and brought her groceries out to Janice's car. Yes, even here.
"What do you think of Fling into Spring, Annette?"
"Love it, Janice," she said. "That's why I picked it."
Janice tried to look puzzled through her mask. "You picked it?"
"You know ... for the high school picnic theme this year. I'm helping with the planning. But you must've heard about it."
"No ... I thought it would be a good name for my spring art show ..."
Both women stared at each other's masks, six feet away.
"In that case," Janice said, "I could change it, I guess. If the locals made jewelry we could call it Spring Bling, but that just doesn't work too well for paintings, does it?"
Annette nodded. "I know. How about 'A Sprint to Tint.'?"
Janice started the car. "I guess it deserves a bit more thought."
"I know!" said Annette. "Brush Strokes for Folks!"
Janice nodded, sadly. Sure will be glad when they get a handle on this pandemic.
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Letters To the Editor

To the Editor

It has been just four short months since construction began on the Line 3 pipeline replacement project, and they are already nearly 60 percent complete! This shows what can be done after fulfilling six years of environmental studies, public meetings, and other hurdles.

We have been excited to see the progress on the Line 3 pipeline and the benefits that are coming to communities like Bagley. Not only has this project already put over 5,000 workers back to work, but the investment in Minnesota has already surpassed more than \$2 billion. And, to top things off, the property tax that our state will receive from Line 3 once this project is complete will more than double.

Additionally, the ripple effect of this project is being felt in our small businesses. I have heard, time and time again, stories about how grateful business owners are to have their businesses ramp up thanks to pipeline workers.

While there is a lot of important work yet to be done, communities like Bagley, and our state as a whole, will continue to reap the benefits of the Line 3 pipeline project for months to come.

Kory & Jennifer Anderson
Anderson Truck & Diesel
Bagley, MN

Letter to the Editor

4/14/2021

VA Burial Benefits

The passing of a loved one can be upsetting and expensive! You and your family can take comfort in the fact that the VA has many benefits to Veterans family's that can lessen the burden or remove them entirely. The VA can and will provide headstones/footstones, gravestone medallions, resting place in state of federal cemeteries, burial and plot allowance, Presidential certificates, burial flags, counseling and military honors. The Navy will even bury you at sea if that is what you would like. The VA headstones/footstones come in multiple shapes and sizes that your family will get to choose from. You also have the option if you don't want a VA headstone to order a medallion. These can be placed onto a privately marked grave stone. Be aware

that you cannot get both. Ordering either of these does not have a time limit. If your family member passed away years ago and you decide to order one now that is just fine! They can be ordered by me your Veteran Service Officer or the funeral home at the time of death.

The state or federal Veterans cemeteries are open to Veterans and certain family. If this is something that interests you may visit online at List of Minnesota Veterans Cemeteries (Addresses and Phone Numbers) (va.gov) or contact myself and I can point you in the right direction. These cemeteries have their own personal to help with admission.

Burial and plot allowances are available to help lessen the burden of funeral costs. These can be filled out with me your Veterans Service Officer. Please note these benefits are a reimbursement of funds already paid. Therefore, to receive these benefits you must have the plot or funeral already paid. The monetary amount for these benefits depends on the matter of how the Veteran dies. If you have any questions regarding any of these benefits, please feel free to call.

From: Logan LeClair
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 6:32:52 PM

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Letter to the Editor:

When you hear the phrase 100% renewable, it has a feel good sound. No one would dispute the fact that the wind and sun's energy is renewable and is there for the taking. What we don't hear is what it takes to capture this energy. To capture the wind, it takes a generator on top of a huge tower that includes three blades that are 100 ft. and longer to power the generator. The generator itself has many of the earth's elements in it including thousands of pounds of copper. All of this material comes from mining. The Ashtabula I Wind Energy Center near Valley City, North Dakota has been re-powered with new gear boxes and longer blades to increase its capacity. If you have witnessed the transportation of these long blades when they go down the highway, you will see a pilot car in front, a highway patrol car in

front, the big truck hauling the blade and a highway patrol car in the back followed by a pilot car. All of these units burn fossil fuels and that includes the ship that hauled the blades into the Duluth harbor. It's like a two blocks long parade with all the lights flashing when they go through town. Three of these parades and we now have re-powered "one" wind turbine. The huge equipment used to put the blades in place also burn fossil fuels.

Solar panels are much easier to transport and set up but they also contain elements that come out of the ground and are not renewable. In order to have power when the wind doesn't blow or the sun doesn't shine, the plan is storage batteries. Batteries are considered hazardous waste. There is an article in Popular Mechanics January/February 2021 issue on Small Nuclear Reactors and how they can revolutionize American Energy. It seems like a better way of spending taxpayer money would be to find a way to use

nuclear power to supply our electrical needs when the wind and sun's energy isn't available.

Wind, solar and storage batteries seem like a way to solve the use of fossil fuels for generating electricity, but it solves one problem and creates a bigger one. Landfills will be full of worn out wind and solar equipment plus a lot of storage batteries that are hazardous waste. We will have plenty of batteries to deal with if our ground transportation goes electric.

It would seem that generating base load electricity with coal and nuclear plants that have a stock pile of fuel that can be used regardless of the weather conditions would be the best option.

A combination of coal, nuclear, wind and the sun's energy would be the most cost effective way of keeping the lights on without the use of costly storage batteries.

Leroy Riewer
Bagley



70th Anniversary Card Shower

John and June Brendalen received over 100 cards for the card shower that was put in the paper for them recently. They were married 70 years ago on March 31. They want to thank you

everyone who sent a card for their anniversary. They said, "It was very special for us to receive such kind wishes. We are very grateful to be in such a fine community." John & June Brendalen

Representative Matt Grossell Legislative Update District 2A

Raising Taxes; Anti Police Public Safety Bill among the worst

This week, the House passed SF 970, the Public Safety and Judiciary Omnibus bill. This bill includes provisions to divert violent criminals from prison time, hides some offenders' sentences even from their victims, and would allow governing bodies to put activists in charge of law enforcement agencies in the form of citizen oversight councils, which could have very broad powers over law enforcement agencies and their officers. One good thing about the bill is it does include incredibly important changes to the criminal sexual conduct statute which were brought into sharp focus by a recent Minnesota Supreme Court decision about mental incapacitation.

I spoke against the House Democrat Public Safety bill that not only is anti-law enforcement but also doesn't do nearly enough to protect young victims from sexual predators. Minnesota's laws are some of the weakest in the country and must be reformed. I could not even get a hearing on my bills to do that this year. It was truly disappointing.

I am glad the Republican Senate will make sure these extreme proposals designed by the radical left to hurt our law enforcement community will not become law.

Raising Taxes with a \$4 Billion Surplus

Also this week, House Democrats passed their Taxes Omnibus bill that raises taxes by more than \$1 billion and faced bipartisan opposition with every single Republican voting no.



With a \$4 billion surplus money flowing in from the federal government, we are in a position to help all Minnesotans who have struggled during this pandemic. Instead, House Democrats are needlessly raising taxes and refusing to eliminate state taxation on forgiven Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, moves that will continue to hurt our state's job creators.

It also creates a new income tax rate and would give Minnesota the 2nd highest income tax rate in the country. This will simply cause people, job creators, and small businesses to leave our state. We are not on an island, people and businesses can and are leaving Minnesota to more friendly climates.

These ideas will hurt our recovery out of the painful last year caused by the shutdowns of Governor Walz.

Once again, thanks to the Republican Senate, this bill has no chance of becoming law but just goes to show the misplaced priorities of the Democrat House Majority.

Please Stay in Touch

Please continue to stay in touch to share your thoughts or concerns. My phone number is 651-296-4265 or you can email me at rep.matt.grossell@house.mn.

Have a great weekend and God Bless!

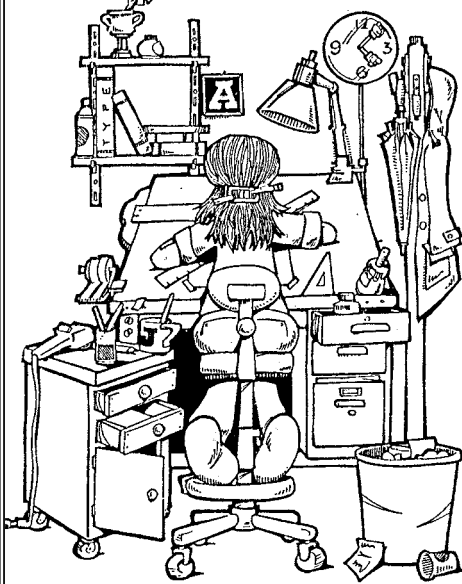
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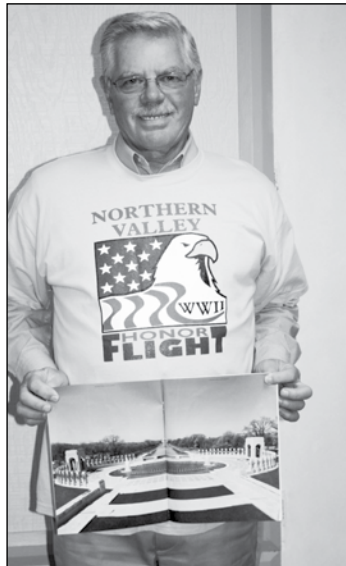
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FROM THE PAST - 2008



Four generations of Gonvick-Trail Bulldogs Great Grandma Laverne Fore, Grandmother and mother Lauren Hughes, daughter Shannon Alto and Katie Alto.



Richard Sather escorted the Northern Valley Honor Flight members to Washington D.C.



Troy Torgerson getting ready to take shots of the area from above for the Clearbrook Centennial book.



Kitchen workers at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Leonard are from left to right: Charlotte TeHennepe, Donna Solberg and Donna Stenseng.



Lauren Hughes, Evon Quern and her granddaughter Kasandra Solien serving goodies at the Gonvick Community Center.

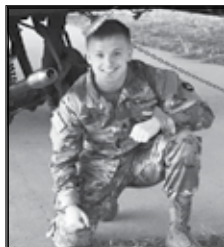


All Conference Clearbrook-Gonvick bears are from left to right: Breaune Wagner, Brittani Kroening and Kristi Elston.



Charlotte Stoker was the Senior Volunteer of the Year at the Clearwater County Fair. Her family came to give her good wishes. From left to right: Ernie Stoker, Charlotte, daughter Karen Stoker, Tom Stoker, Karen Stoker, daughter-in-law and daughter Jeanette Larson.

A MESSAGE TO ALL VETERANS IN CLEARWATER COUNTY!



Logan LeClair, Veteran Service Officer for Clearwater County

You will find my office on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse.

"I've been to Iraq and Kuwait, which helps me relate with the experiences of our veterans in the community."

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OUTREACH SCHEDULE

Shevlin on Tuesdays
10 - noon at the City Hall/Fire Hall
Clearbrook on Tuesdays,
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Gonvick on Thursdays
1-3 p.m. at City Hall
Leonard on Thursdays
10 - noon at CC Trailblazers Clubhouse



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A black and white photograph of a smiling man and woman holding a newborn baby. The man is wearing a baseball cap and a hoodie, and the woman is wearing a dark jacket. They are standing under a tent structure.

A black and white photograph of three men in a backyard. The man on the left is kneeling, wearing a dark hoodie with 'MICHIGAN' and a logo. The man in the center is sitting on a stool, wearing a light-colored jumpsuit and a cap. The man on the right is sitting on a stool, wearing overalls and a cap. They are surrounded by outdoor equipment, including a large barrel, a grill, and various tools. The background is a wooden fence.

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

04/20/21 07:42 Motorist Assist
04/21/21 09:58 CIVIL PROCESS
04/21/21 10:00 CIVIL PROCESS
04/21/21 20:05 Information Only
04/22/21 10:44 CIVIL PROCESS
04/22/21 10:47 CIVIL PROCESS
04/22/21 13:52 CIVIL PROCESS
04/22/21 13:54 CIVIL PROCESS
04/22/21 14:56 Civil Complaint
04/22/21 20:27 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/23/21 09:36 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/23/21 20:31 Traffic Stop
04/24/21 03:38 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
04/24/21 17:36 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/24/21 19:28 Suspicious Activity I - Information
Dudley - Total 2
04/21/21 12:45 Alarm 43 - Patient Treated, Released
04/24/21 11:56 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 2
04/19/21 12:25 THEFT
04/22/21 17:42 Animal Related
Falk - Total 7
04/21/21 09:14 CIVIL PROCESS
04/21/21 09:33 CIVIL PROCESS
04/21/21 09:36 CIVIL PROCESS
04/22/21 10:21 CIVIL PROCESS

Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy

Popple - Total 6

04/20/21 17:55 Domestic
04/21/21 07:00 Traffic Stop
04/22/21 13:57 911 Hang Up
04/22/21 16:43 Transport
04/23/21 07:32 Traffic Stop
04/24/21 01:45 Traffic Stop

Rice - Total 5

04/19/21 00:08 911 Hang Up
04/19/21 17:09 911 Hang Up
04/20/21 05:22 911 Hang Up
04/24/21 06:37 Traffic Stop
04/24/21 15:33 Traffic Stop

Shevlin - Total 8

04/19/21 14:22 Traffic Complaint
04/19/21 17:01 CIVIL PROCESS
04/20/21 15:43 Fraud - Handled

By Officer / Deputy

04/21/21 11:09 Fraud - Handled
04/21/21 13:59 ASSIST
04/21/21 18:21 CIVIL PROCESS
04/22/21 11:23 CIVIL PROCESS
04/22/21 11:29 CIVIL PROCESS

Sinclair - Total 1

04/20/21 19:21 Burglary

Winsor - Total 1

04/23/21 09:46 THEFT

Total Records: 120



A black and white photograph of six people, three men and three women, posing outdoors in front of a brick wall. Two people are seated in the front row, while four people stand behind them. The group appears to be a family or a close-knit group of friends. The people are dressed in casual to semi-formal attire typical of the mid-20th century. The background shows a brick wall and some foliage.

Edna Pearson was born in Gonvick on October 1, 1919 to John and Laura Pearson. Her future father-in-law Dr. John Stevens delivered her; who later told his son 'I saw her first!' She graduated from Gonvick High in 1939 and attended college at Bemidji, where she was the first female student council president. She married John Stevens in 1942. They raised 5 children. During WWII they lived in Nebraska and South Carolina, while John served in the armed forces. After the war they moved back to Gonvick where John owned a bus service and Edna drove school bus. Later Edna was a teacher at several schools in central Minnesota. She died in Starbuck MN on November 11, 2009.

Kortan-Walker-Marsh Farms joins ranks of Century Farms in Clearwater County

By Andrea Niswender
Farmers Independent
Kortan-Walker-Marsh Farms of rural Bagley was recently recognized as a 2021 Century Farm by the Minnesota Farm Bureau and the Minnesota State Fair. To be recognized, a farm must have continuous family ownership for at least 100 years, and be 50 acres or more. The farms will receive a commemorative sign and certificate of recognition at the 2021 Minnesota State Fair. I had the pleasure of meeting with three generations of farmers from Kortan-Walker-Marsh Farms: Alice Kortan, Louise Walker and Aricka Marsh who told of the farm's history and current day activities.

Joseph Kortan bought the land and made it a farm in 1920. He later married Bernette, and a house was built on the land in 1933. Joseph and Bernette had three children: Vernon, Harry and Walter. They all raised dairy cattle together. This continued when Joseph sold the farm to his son Vernon Kortan in 1955.

Vernon married Alice in 1956 and they were married 46 years until he passed away in 2001. Vernon and Alice farmed full time, though Alice also worked in food service at the school for a few years, prior to Vernon's illness, and again after he passed away. Alice and Vernon's children -- Carolyn, David, Louise, and Joel -- helped with the farming. They picked rocks from the fields, rode horses to round up the cattle, put up a lot of square bales of hay, and helped with other chores. After those children graduated from high school and were no longer available to help on the farm as much, Vernon and Alice transitioned from dairy cattle to beef cattle and some grain

and hay crops.
After Vernon passed away, Alice put the farm up for sale and sold in 2004 to Louise (Alice and Vernon's daughter) and her husband Larry Walker. They continued farming the beef cattle, and grain and hay crops. In 2020 Aricka (Louise's and Larry's daughter) and Ricky Marsh bought the farm and are the current owners.
Today, Aricka and Ricky Marsh own and manage approximately 90 beef cattle in cow/calf pairs. They have some cattle bred by artificial insemination, but mainly use bulls to breed the cows. About 10 heifers a year are kept as replacements for older cows, and to add to their herd, with all the remaining yearlings being sold at auction. Hay, corn, and soybeans are grown on the farm to feed the cattle, as well as make some extra to sell. The farm is now 240 acres. Aricka says they plan to continue farming at about the same manageable number of cattle into the future. They have plans for fencing improvements and are doing ground work to prepare their fields for planting.
All the work on the Kortan-Walker-Marsh Farm is done within the family. They have no hired help. Aricka's dad (Larry Walker) helps with some of the farming duties, including hay cutting and bailing and mechanic work, repairing and maintaining farm equipment. Louise works full time as the payroll manager/accountant at TEAM Industries in Bagley. Aricka and Ricky work off the farm as well. Ricky works at Gunvalson Farms in Gully, and Aricka teaches special education at Bagley schools. They have four children: Adriana, 14, Chloe, 13, Walker, 7, and Thea turns 5 in April. The kids help on the farm with the daily chores including

feeding livestock and every kid's favorite chore -- rock picking!
When asked what they love about farming, Louise said she is glad she grew up on a farm. It is good for kids, she says, that they learn good life skills growing up on a farm. She remembers picking rocks and bottle feeding calves as a kid. She still loves being outdoors, being around the cattle, and owning her own land. Alice agreed, and added, "You are doing what you want, when you want."
Aricka shared a special thought, "I hope we can honor my grandparents' and parents' legacy on the farm. I'm proud to keep it in the family."
Congratulations to Kortan-Walker-Marsh Farms on their achievements, and wishing them all the best of luck in continuing the family farming business for many generations to come.



Founders of the farm in front at left: Joseph and Bernette, with son Walter at far right. In back are Vernon (left) and Harry.



A barn building crew at work in 1949.



Vernon with a feed bucket and a cow in 2001, not long before selling the herd.



The Kortan kids in 1967: (from left, front) Louise and Joel; (back) Carolyn and David.



Carolyn and Vernon on horseback in the early 1970s. Riding horses was part of the job when rounding up the cows for milking, and horses also provided family entertainment on Sunday rides together, sometimes with neighbors included.



Young farm hands: David (driving the combine) with brother Joel in the truck box.



An aerial view of the farm. Such photos were frequently published in the Farmers Independent asking readers to guess which farm it was.



Adriana and Thea feeding calves.



Everybody's dream job: Vernon fixing a car in front of their home on Jan. 6, 1953.



Chloe, Ricky and Adriana Marsh on a hay wagon with Larry Walker driving the baler.



David Kortan with his son Perry in 1986.



Thea petting Ruby the horse.



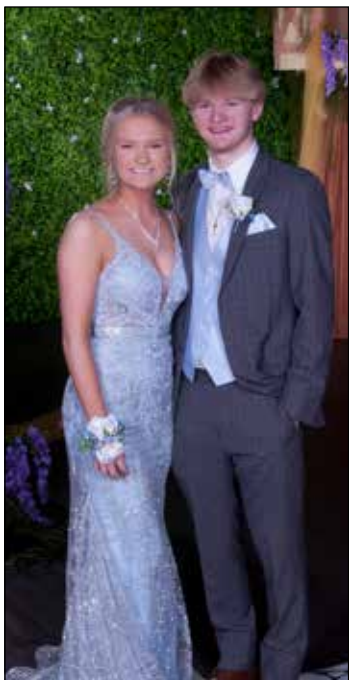
Ricky Marsh with a new calf.



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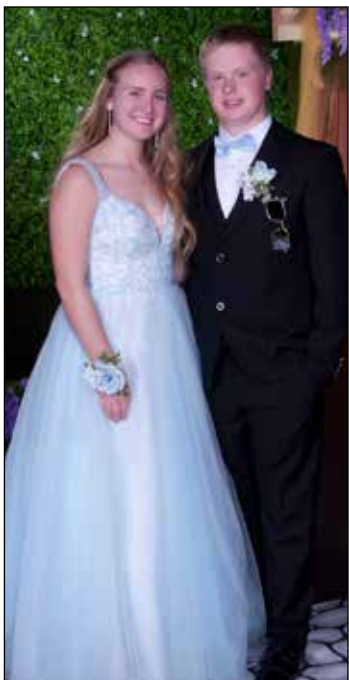
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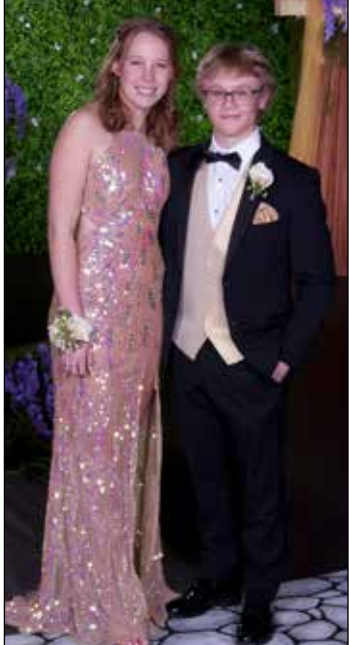
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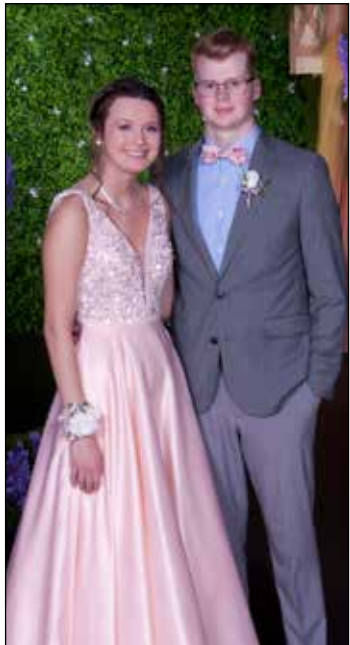
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