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Kaylee Faldet
Valedictorian



Falline Erickson
Salutatorian



Memorial Day
Monday,
May 31



Jennifer Lavin
Highest Honors



Sydney Vakoch
Highest Honors



Chelsey Gilbertson
Highest Honors



Gabriel Lavine
Highest Honors



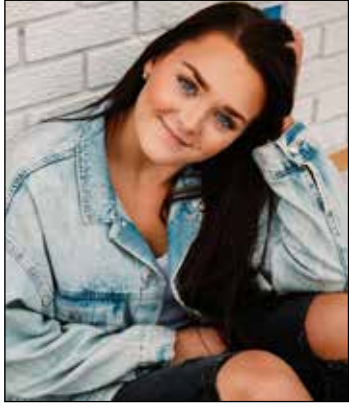
Bailey Klema
Highest Honors



MyKenzie Larson
High Honors



Kayla Ehlers
High Honors



Lauren Melby
High Honors



Danika Harmon
Honors

2021 High school graduation May 29

Graduation plans are under way for the 2021 graduating class from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School. 29 seniors will be honored at the ceremony outdoors or indoors depending on COVID restrictions.

The time has been set for 2:00 p.m. at the school.

Kaylee Faldet was selected as the valedictorian and Falline Erickson the Salutatorian. Highest Honors went to: Jenni Lavin, Kaylee Faldet, Falline Erickson, Sydney Vakoch,

Chelsey Gilbertson, Gabriel LaVine, and Bailey Klema. High Honors went to: Mykenzie Larson, Kayla Ehlers, and Lauren Melby and honors to Danika Harmon.

Their class motto is: It's not about wasting time worrying, it's about spending time living. The class flower selected was a White Rose with the class colors as white and gold.

List of Seniors in Alphabetical Order: Wyatt Anderson, Wyatt Buer, Alex Bruton Dawson,

GiAnne Cadreau, Amara Churness, Kayla Ehlers, Everett Erickson, Falline Erickson, Kaylee Faldet, Chelsey Gilbertson, Alec Halvorson, Obadiah Hammer, Danika Harmon, Bailey Klema, Mykenzie Larson, Jennifer Lavin, Gabriel LaVine, Jacob Londo, Kynsie May, Lauren Melby, Evan Molden, Benjamin Nelson, Gabriel Nunez, Ashley Robertson, Kolten Schultz, Hunter Spears, Sydney Vakoch, Ashlyn Weems, Carl Wolden.

Paulson met many folks, earned honors during his tenure

Over the past 45 years Al Paulson has worked with 25 different county commissioners who annually appropriate money for the fair. He has served with 68 different Fair Board directors. He said, "These great people volunteer for a four-year term, with many serving multiple terms and others shorter terms."

With 25 different departments, Paulson had the opportunity to work with and find many fair superintendents. "These people are the life of the fair," he said, "as they encourage exhibitors, assist people,

make changes and try new ideas and categories." He extends a special thank you to the current and former superintendents for all the work they do for the fair.

Paulson's job as secretary-manager includes keeping the records. A great many of the fair records were lost in the fire that destroyed the grandstand in 1981. The list of the first 96 shareholders was lost in that fire.

Following the grandstand fire, 67 people came forward and bought shares.

In all the years of the fair, a total of 424 shares have been sold. Shares are \$5 and entitle one to vote at the annual meeting and also to be a director if elected.

Paulson named five persons alive today who have held shares for the longest period: Marilyn Melby since 1961; Darol Melby since 1962; Reuben Rydeen since 1972; and Al Paulson and Dee Strandlien since 1976.

Most shareholders reside in the county, Paulson noted.

Honors bestowed

The Clearwater County Fair is a member of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, and with Paulson's involvement with county fairs he was elected to District Nine of the MCFC. He was honored in 2004 with the title of Fair Person of the Year for Minnesota and granted a life membership to the MCFC.

With his experience of work-

ing with county fairs and the MFCF, he was elected to the Minnesota State Fair Board of

Al Paulson...
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Gully American Legion Memorial Day canceled

The Gully American Legion has decided to cancel the Memorial Day program on Monday, May 31 due to COVID restrictions.

Memorial Day Services at the Gonvick Legion

Gonvick American Legion Post #304 will hold Memorial Day services on Monday, May 31 at 10 a.m. Speaker will be Sgt. Logan Leclair, MN Army Guard, Aircraft Mechanic and Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer.

Gonvick Legion Commander

LeRoy Sundquist will give the opening. The advancement of colors by the Gonvick American Legion Post #304. The Pledge of Allegiance and the "Star Spangled Banner" will be sung with accompaniment by Louise Sundquist.

Patricia "Tippy" Berg will give the opening prayer with a tribute to all "Gold Star Families" by Fay Bjerke.

Louise Sundquist will give a reading, "In Flander's Field," followed by readings by Jean Sundquist, "I Believe in America" and Darlene Sawyer "Remembrance."

Special music will be provided by Carole Tharaldson.

Closing prayer by "Tippy" Berg and the retirement of colors. There will be a placement of a poppy for the Unknown

Soldier and the reading of the deceased veterans names by Commander LeRoy Sundquist.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served immediately following the Memorial Service, compliments of the Gonvick American Legion Auxiliary.

Clearbrook American Legion Memorial Day

The Clearbrook American Legion and Auxiliary invite everyone to attend Memorial Day Services, May 31st at the Clearbrook Community Gym. The program will began at 10:00 a.m.

Representative Matt Grossell will be the guest speaker. They also will have several musical selections for you to enjoy.

Nordic Fest held in Thief River Falls

Nordic Fest, usually held in Thief River Falls around May 17 was toned down this year because of COVID 19. There were a few activities including radio shows and a drive thru dinner ending with the celebration on May 16 at Floyd B. Olson Park. It was also declared Leonard Furuseth Day, celebrating Furuseth who served in the 99th Battalion during World War II. For his time in the battalion Leonard was awarded eight Bronze Stars all together. He was also inducted into the Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame by War hero Knut Haukelid from Norway.

Family members of Furuseth were on hand to honor Leonard. They were presented with a replica of the shoulder patch that was worn by members of the 99th Infantry Battalion. Gretchen spoke about the 99th Battalion patch that was issued in May 1945 for them, "The Men with A Ship on their Shoulder." The event was also the launching of the book written by Gretchen Beito with the help of Millie Furuseth, Leonards wife who passed away in 2020.

The book, "Furuseth in the 99th Infantry Battalion (SEP)" goes into detail about the Leonard was drafted into the US Army in 1942 along with one thousand other men who were fluent in Norwegian and were to be able to ski. The plan was to invade and liberate Nazi-occupied Norway from the north. Men from the area included Helmer Myhrer, Martin Hanson, Walter Hoas, Ed Hestad, Harry Solberg and Clifford Johnson were trained at Fort Snelling and in the Colorado Rockies. By the time they arrived in Europe the original plans were scrapped and the Battalion was moved in

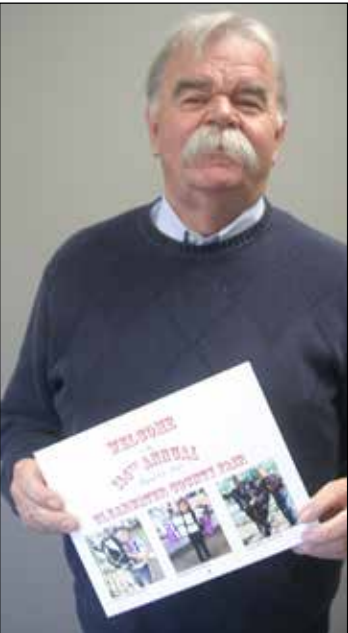
with other units in the Battle of the Bulge where they spent 31 days fighting. The book details their movements during World War II.



Gretchen Urnes Beito signing one of her books "Furuseth in the 99th Infantry Battalion (SEP)". She wrote the book with Millie Furuseth after she and her husband Gene had spent time visiting with Leonard and Millie. She thought it was time to write about the many Minnesotans and 400 Norwegian Merchant Marines as they went through their training and eventually their entry into the war. The books are available at Northern State Bank in Thief River Falls and at Richards Publishing in Gonvick.



The Furuseth Family was honored with Leonard Furuseth Day on May 16 at Floyd B. Olson Park in Thief River Falls. They each received a 99th Infantry Battalion patch. Shown from left to right: Sandy Furuseth Gaffney, daughter of Leonard and Millie Furuseth, her daughters Breanna and Annie Gaffney and other relatives Steve Furuseth, Dave Furuseth, Dale Furuseth and Lee Furuseth.



Al Paulson



**The Newspaper
will be one day
delayed next
week due to
Memorial Day
Thank you!**

Open House for Kolten Schultz



An Open House for Kolten Schultz honoring his graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School. It will be held on Sunday, May 30 from 1 to 4 pm at his home 16000 306th St. Bagley, MN. R10C

Open House for Kaylee Faldet



All friends and family are invited to an Open House in celebration of Kaylee Faldet's graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick School on Saturday, May 29 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Gonvick Community Center. R10P

Open House for Sydney Vakoch



Please join us as we celebrate Sydney's high school graduation, Saturday, May 29, 2021 at her home following graduation ceremony at 29093 410th Ave SE, Gully. R10P

Open House for Bailey Klema



Everyone is invited to help celebrate Bailey's graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High school at her home on Saturday, May 29 following commencement at approximately 4:00 p.m. Her home is at 12966 Pine Vista Drive, Gonvick. R10P

Open House for Jennifer Lavin



A graduation party will be held May 29th to honor Jennifer Lavin at John and Joanne Lavin's home (46172 199th Avenue) following the 2 p.m. Clearbrook-Gonvick ceremony. Everyone is welcome. R10C

Open House for Amara Churness



All invited to Amara Blessing Churness' Graduation Party: 15 Red Lake Ave NW, Bagley, MN 56621. Saturday, May 29th from 4:30 pm- 7:30 pm. R10P



Jaquincy Hammer

Open House for Jaquincy and Obadiah

Congratulations to Obadiah Hammer and Jaquincy Hammer graduating from high school. They will celebrate this milestone on Sunday May 30 at the Gully Hall from 2-5 pm



Obadiah Hammer

hosted by their parents Patrick and Marceen. Obadiah is graduating from Clearbrook-Gonvick and Jaquincy from Fosston. Friends are welcome to join them! R10C

Historical Society to host County First Lady Event

The Clearwater County Historical Society is excited to be hosting the 2021 Clearwater County "First Lady" award. Plans are underway for the event to be held at the Fireside Grill & Patio in Bagley on June 12th at 10:00 am.

Historical Society executive Director Tamara Edevold is currently working out details of the event. According to Edevold, "We wish we could have held it during March, to celebrate what is nationally recognized as Women's History Month, but the pandemic derailed those plans. With the availability of the vaccine and practicing safety protocols, we felt it was safe to plan the 2021 event for June.

The 2020 event was the last public event the society held before the statewide mandatory shut down of all museums and public events. The museum closed just a few days after the First Lady Event last year and only recently reopened. As

Edevold noted "we promised in March of 2020 that we would be back in 'better times' so we've set the date for June 12. Once things return to 'normal' future events will once again be held on the second Saturday in March- observing Women's History month."

The 2021 event is sponsored in part by the First National Bank of Bagley and Northern State Bank of Gonvick, as well as the Clearwater County Historical Society.

Since 1977, Forty- one 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.

The past First Ladies are:
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 Tangierd
1988- Ruth Offerdahl
1989- Karen Gesell
1991- Lucille Kildal
1993 Judy Carver
1994- Ruth Anderson
1995-Marilyn Melby
1996- Alma Burr
1997- Hennie Merseeth
1998- Mildred Mathison
1999- Lila Strandlien
2000-Dee Strandlien
2001- Grace Nelson
2002- Lil 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 Lein
2017- Alice Gunderson
2018- DonnaRae Jacobson
2019- Elaine Johnson
2020 - Marilyn Ames

Tickets (\$15.00 each) will be available beginning May 22 at the History Center in Shevlin or by mailing your check for the number of tickets you desire to First Lady /CCHS PO Box 241 Bagley MN 56621. Tickets will not be available at the door or from local businesses, and must be purchased in advance. Seating will be limited based on current Covid19 requirements that may be in place. For more information call the History Center at 218-785-2000.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE CALL FOR BIDS DAIRY PRODUCTS

The Board of Education of the Clearbrook-Gonvick Independent School District #2311 is accepting bids for the 2021-2022 year for the following dairy products:

½ Pint Skim Milk
½ Pint 1% Milk
½ Pint Chocolate Skim Milk
½ Pint Lactose Free Milk
½ Gallon 1% White Milk
½ Gallon 1% or Skim Chocolate Milk
4 - 1 Gallon 1% Milk
Successful Bidder must deliver to the Clearbrook-Gonvick School location twice per week.
*Bid response should specify whether or not portable cooler units would be supplied at location.

Bids should be sent to:
Clearbrook-Gonvick ISD #2311
Attention: MILK BID
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook MN 56634
Bids will be opened at 2 pm on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

Rochelle Lewis Named to SNHU Dean's List

Rochelle Lewis of Shevlin has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2021 Dean's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6. Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.

Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.



Open House for Wyatt Buer

Please join for an open house honoring Wyatt after graduation on Saturday, May 29 from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m.

15745 500th St Gonvick R10C

Our family invites you to celebrate Loveon Henke with coffee in her honor
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 6th from 1-3pm.
Loveon would love to share stories, wonderful memories and laughs from almost 50 years of living in Clearbrook. Your presence will mean a lot to her. R10-11C

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Church News

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.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center: Memorial Day planters and lots of starter plants in 3-packs and 6-packs, as well as 4-inch pots & gallon patio containers. Hours: Tues.- Wed.- Thurs, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Fri., 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM; and Sat., 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. CWLC-Gonvick, 226 Elm St. Use Oak St. Entrance. Open Memorial Day 9:00 AM -2:00 PM.

All other CWLC businesses, offices, programs, and activities are closed for Memorial Day!

Shop-At-The-Top: 50% off Clothing & Footwear Sale, Wed. thru Sat., May 26-29. Hours: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, weekdays, & 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturday. Lots and lots of summer inventory!

Outdoor Brick Oven Pizza & Music Night: June 11, 5:00-7:00 PM. Variety of brick oven pizzas, beverages, and dessert! No reservations necessary. Free will donation. CWLC-Gonvick.

Welding Sculpture Workshop: June 15 & 16, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM at CWLC-Gonvick. Register at 218-776-2789. \$10.00 for two-day workshop.

Senior Connection Transportation Service: Clearwater County residents, 60 & over. Rides scheduled Monday-Friday. 24 hour notice required!! Call 218-888-2320 to schedule.

Create It! Pottery & Mosaic Studios: Open Mondays, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with mentors. Come for an hour or all day. All supplies provided. \$5.00/day. CWLC-Gonvick, 226 Elm St.

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@nwservice.org.

Office Hours: Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Thursday & Friday 8-12:30.

For more information on programs & services, visit our webpages: www.clearwaterslife.org and www.mustardseedhomes.org, like our Facebook pages, follow us on Instagram.

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Church News

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Sun., May 30 - 9:00am 0 Worship Service; 10:00am Coffee Hour
Wed. June 2 - 6:30 pm Handbell Choir
Our Savior's
Sun. May 30 - 10:00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am 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

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

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sun, May 30: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 11 a.m. Nazareth.

Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 26: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, May 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, June 1: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, June 2: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, May 26: 6:00 p.m. Bethany Cemetery Clean-up
Sun, May 30: No Worship Services.
CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.
Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

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Many items taken up at board meeting May 17

Clearbrook-Gonvick School board met on Monday, May 17 in the library.

Community Comment was presented by John Lavin. He was asking that the school board change their policy in the future concerning students who take college classes in high school and earn a 4.0 GPA and do not qualify to be the valedictorian for the class. 20 students take classes on line that are not taught by district teachers. College credits are free. They can be recognized in sports but not academics. No action or discussion was taken by the board.

Kim Anderson gave the Spotlight on Education. The FFA will have the petting zoo on Wednesday, May 26. The musical "6" Boots in a 9" Puddle" will be on the school web site the end of this week. The 4th grade read the books that they wrote and illustrated to the Pre-School. Classes have hatched chicken, cleaned up the seedlings, trapped gophers and had welding projects completed. Spring concerts will be posted on facebook when they are ready.

Principals Report
Principal Dugstad stated they are finishing the end of the year check list. Track and Field Day is May 25, Petting Zoo May 26 and Graduation is on May 29 at 2:00 p.m.

The MCA Data showed that there is a dip in the test scores for the students. There is no comparison with statewide as there is no data available. COVID did affect our kids. There was an update on the seniors for graduation.

Superintendent Report
Superintendent Burgess stated they will follow the CDC recommendations. Federal CO-

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., May 26 - Cook's Choice and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Mixed Choices.
Thurs., May 27 - **Kindergarten Graduation.** Cook's Choice and Milk. **Elementary Snack** Mixed Choices.
Fri., May 28 - Cook's Choice and Milk. Full Day. **Last Day of School!!! Have a great summer!!!**

Summer Food Program Feeds Kids For Free

CLEARBROOK, MN – With summer right around the corner, it's time to think about keeping children eating healthy while school is out. Clearbrook-Gonvick School provides free meals to children during the summer.

This June, meals will be served at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School, 16770 Clearwater Lake Road, Clearbrook, MN 56634 starting June 1st.

Meals will be served each week (June 1-4, June 7-10, June 14-17 and June 21-24. There are no income requirements or registration. Breakfast will be served from 8am-9am and lunch between 11am-12pm.

Any child 18 years of age and under may come to eat. For more information contact Robin Proffitt at 218-776-3112 ext. 320.

Each year, the United States Department of Agriculture partners with local organizations like Clearbrook-Gonvick School to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer. Any child 18 years of age and under may come and eat.

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

VID -19 funds will be used to support summer programming. Learning plans and guide lines will be set up.

Jeff Burgess has done a survey research with teaching standards and student achievement over a length of time for the dissertation that he used to receive his Doctorate in Education Leadership this last month. He went into detail to the board on his survey results. He had put in his resignation from Clearbrook-Gonvick and has been hired by the Mesabi East School Board for the following school year. He has served the district for the past three years as the superintendent and before that had been the Clearbrook-Gonvick K-12 Principal for four years.

The district is in need of a new lawn mower. The one that custodian Virgil Tronnes recommends is not available until August. The City of Clearbrook has been asked if they would get the grounds in shape for graduation.

New radios are needed for the bus transportation. They are looking at various options as renting tower space, putting a tower on top of the school or space on the tower just to the west of the school. More research will be needed.

The district will need more information on the budget as the legislature finishes with their session.

They district committee has met two times on negotiations and they are still working.

Old Business...
The district is looking for one more quote for the basketball winches. This would raise and lower the hoops in both gyms. They would like to have the same systems.

New Business
The board approved the quote from Thief River Falls Glass to replace 10 windows The windows would have insulated glass and would match the existing windows in the rest of the building. Funding can be applied for the \$5,270 cost.

There is money left in the building fund and that can be used for brick replacement in the elementary addition.

The board opened several positions at their meeting.

1. The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District is seeking applicants for a K-12 Principal. The successful candidate will demonstrate outstanding educational leadership, communication, professionalism, and excellence in the areas of instruction, both with students and staff. This position requires a MN K-12

2. The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has a full-time opening for a School Counselor or High School Dean of Students. A School Counselor License is preferred but not required for the position. Must be able to pass a background check. Applications will be accepted until June 19th, 2021.

3. The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an opening for a high school interventionist teacher. This position would need to be open/flexible to the possibility of being a high school distance learning coordinator as well. A MN 7-12th grade teaching license is required for this position. Must be able to pass a background check. Applications will be accepted until June 19th, 2021.

4. The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an opening for an Activities Director. Requirements: The right candidate will be detail-oriented, organized, with the ability to work well and communicate with a variety of different groups including students, parents,

Principal Jeff Burgess, Superintendent Clearbrook-Gonvick School District
jburgess@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us
218-776-3112

5. The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an opening for a Community Education Coordinator/Assistant Activities Director. Requirements: Must be able to multi-task. Must be able to plan, schedule, and manage events, as well as communicate with students, parents, coaches, and the community. Must be able to pass a background check. Applications will be accepted until June 17th, 2021.

The board also approved the hiring of two positions for Summer School Programming. It would be 88 hours and be held Monday to Thursday from 9 to 3 those days. The board is looking at using SR Funds for a elementary teacher and elementary distance teacher. Have one classroom available.

Emma Rae Nelson was hired by the board to fill the position of Ag Teacher that Kim Anderson had resigned from.

The board accepted the resignation of Glenn Rettmann in the Driver's Education position.

Principal Carl Dugstad turned in his resignation. He has accepted a Northwest Service Co-op to help schools raise achievement.

The last day of school May 28th will be an in-person instruction day. This is a half-day with dismissal at 12:30.

Bills were paid and included: Stein's Bus Service \$88,428.26; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$11,817.29; Community Oil \$9,71.03; Marco \$7,177.42; City of Clearbrook \$2,851.27; Anderson Disposal \$2,195.86; Garden Valley Telephone Co. \$1,938.94.

Notice

To the Community, we at the school just want to make sure that everyone understands that while the mask mandate has largely been removed schools are still mandated to follow the safe schools plan put forth last summer. The plan calls for masking inside of schools through the end of this school year so we will be masking up during school for the remainder of this school year.

Thanks and Go Bears!!!

June 2 Ruby's Pantry event

Join us Wednesday, June 2nd 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.

More details
Ruby's Pantry – Clearbrook location will be held at Country Faith Church, 46125 149th Ave, Clearbrook on Wednesday, June 2nd, from 5-6:30pm.

This distribution will be outside again with the drive thru format. For the safety of our guests and volunteers please read this in its entirety.

- Distribution will start by 5:00pm (could be a tad earlier if ready).

- Tune your radio to 99.9 to listen to music, programming & announcements provided by Ruby's Pantry: Clearbrook

Distribution will be held outside in our parking lot with a drive thru system.

- Limit of 2 bundles per vehicle (not per person) with NO EXCEPTIONS. We are hoping to help as many households as possible.

- **REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLES** - Guests are always to remain in their vehicles except to use the porta potty. If you are ill or have a compromised immune system, we suggest that you do not attend, please send a younger, healthy neighbor, friend or relative in your place. If at all possible, please do not bring children.

- **BATHROOM** – There is a porta potty available to give guests an option to use a restroom while in line.

- There is no registration necessary for this month's distribution.

- To limit our volunteer's exposure to germs, have exact change ready (\$20 cash per bundle) to give at the front of the line. No change will be given.

- Do NOT bring your own totes or boxes. Everything will

be packaged and ready to go for you. Sorry there will be no choices or requests honored.

- **BE PREPARED** - Be sure your trunk/cargo area is emptied and ready to fill. We will NOT put your bundles inside the passenger area of your vehicle. Make sure your trunk or hatch is open and ready to receive your bundle while you're in line (prior to you getting to the front of the line). Trucks are preferred for ease for our volunteers and to limit contact between our volunteers and

Clearwater County Sheriff

Darin Halverson
Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1
05/16/21 13:45 Traffic Stop
City of Bagley - Total 15
05/16/21 07:36 Welfare Check
05/16/21 19:57 Disturbance - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
05/16/21 23:40 Traffic Stop
05/17/21 09:42 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/17/21 12:52 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
05/17/21 12:59 Traffic Stop
05/18/21 14:34 Property Damage - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/19/21 10:04 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
05/19/21 13:06 Transport - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/19/21 20:21 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/20/21 12:42 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
05/21/21 13:59 ATV Complaint
14 - Gone On Arrival (GOA)/Unable to Locate
05/22/21 17:57 Welfare Check
05/22/21 17:59 CIVIL PROCESS
05/22/21 21:22 Traffic Stop
City of Clearbrook - Total 4
05/17/21 15:59 ASSIST - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/17/21 17:15 Parking Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/18/21 01:39 Disturbance - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/21/21 00:01 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Shevlin - Total 9
05/16/21 19:02 Missing/Lost Person - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/17/21 13:50 ATV Complaint
05/17/21 14:36 Information Only
05/19/21 16:41 ATV Complaint
05/20/21 15:44 Traffic Stop
05/20/21 20:14 Disturbance
05/20/21 20:31 Assault - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/21/21 10:26 Information Only
05/21/21 16:25 Trespass - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Clover - Total 4
05/16/21 20:22 Disturbance - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/19/21 14:02 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/19/21 17:28 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/22/21 09:50 Disturbance - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Copley - Total 11
05/16/21 05:32 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/17/21 18:19 01 - Report Taken
05/18/21 11:11 Fraud-Information
05/19/21 13:15 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/19/21 15:37 Burglary - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/19/21 23:08 Missing/Lost Person - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/19/21 23:43 Domestic - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/19/21 23:47 Information Only
05/20/21 02:46 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/20/21 14:33 Disorderly - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/20/21 16:22 Transport (Welfare/Civil) - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Dudley - Total 6
05/18/21 13:08 Traffic Stop
05/18/21 13:39 Traffic Stop
05/19/21 11:22 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/21/21 17:13 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/22/21 18:04 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/22/21 22:05 Traffic Stop
Eddy - Total 3
05/16/21 07:11 911 Hang Up I - Information
05/21/21 22:21 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/22/21 12:07 911 Hang Up I - Information
Falk - Total 3
05/16/21 15:51 911 Hang Up - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/18/21 02:35 Transport - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/20/21 18:23 Property Damage Handled By Officer / Deputy
Greenwood - Total 4
05/17/21 14:47 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
05/18/21 07:29 Animal Related
15 - Referred to Partner Agency
05/18/21 10:22 Welfare Check I - Information

guests.
• Please be patient, there may be wait times, we are doing the best we can. If everyone follows the above guidelines, things should flow quickly and smoothly.
• We have the right to refuse anyone who does not follow these instructions.
Thank you so much for your understanding and patience during this time. We know this is a difficult time for so many and want to be able to bless as many people as possible. God bless you, see you on the 2nd.

05/18/21 21:20 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Holst - Total 8
05/16/21 21:09 Disturbance - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/17/21 05:32 Traffic Stop - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/17/21 12:14 Traffic Stop - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/18/21 23:20 Suspicious Activity I - Information
05/21/21 19:15 Traffic Stop - Warning
05/22/21 01:30 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/22/21 17:25 Information Only - Information/Administrative
05/22/21 20:35 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Itasca - Total 3
05/16/21 13:50 Boat and Water - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/16/21 13:55 Traffic Stop - Warning
05/22/21 20:12 911 Hang Up - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Itasca State Park - Total 5
05/16/21 12:56 Medical - Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene)
05/18/21 21:18 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
05/20/21 09:04 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/22/21 12:40 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/22/21 13:59 Medical - Patient Treated, Transferred Care to
LaPrairie N - Total 9
05/16/21 03:37 Fire - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/16/21 05:49 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
05/16/21 11:06 Fire - Fire Control or Extinguishment
05/17/21 00:32 Medical - Patient Treated, Released
05/17/21 11:11 Civil Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/17/21 12:12 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
05/19/21 02:25 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
05/20/21 10:27 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
05/21/21 15:09 Warrant Arrest - Handled By Officer / Deputy
LaPrairie S - Total 1
05/22/21 10:58 Information Only I - Information
Leon - Total 6
05/16/21 11:28 Boat and Water - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/16/21 20:49 Warrant - Attempt - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/17/21 05:51 Vandalism - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/20/21 17:22 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/21/21 04:11 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/21/21 07:42 Trespass - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Minerva - Total 4
05/16/21 00:06 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/16/21 16:40 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/21/21 15:12 911 Hang Up - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/21/21 20:40 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
Moose Creek - Total 1
05/18/21 20:55 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Nora - Total 1
05/17/21 06:06 911 Hang Up - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
05/19/21 11:59 Transport (Welfare/Civil) - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/20/21 09:38 Fire - Fire Control or Extinguishment
Pine Lake - Total 4
05/16/21 10:51 Boat and Water - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/17/21 15:22 Traffic Stop - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/18/21 09:09 Trespass - Report Taken
05/21/21 11:12 Juvenile Misc O- Handled By Officer / Deputy
Poppie - Total 6
05/17/21 15:14 Civil Complaint - Civil
05/17/21 17:23 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/19/21 22:19 Traffic Stop - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/20/21 07:23 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/20/21 18:33 Information Only I - Information
05/22/21 07:39 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Rice - Total 5
05/16/21 13:08 Boat and Water - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/16/21 14:35 - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/19/21 12:17 Disturbance I - Information
05/19/21 13:10 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
05/19/21 13:44 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
Shevlin - Total 6
05/17/21 12:20 Parking Complaint I - Information
05/20/21 08:45 Fire - Fire Control or Extinguishment
05/20/21 09:32 Lost/Found Property I - Information
05/20/21 20:24 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/20/21 22:03 Disorderly - Handled By Officer / Deputy
05/21/21 18:54 Traffic Stop W - Warning
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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



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Memorial Day programs will be held in Clearbrook and Gonvick, both of them starting at 10:00 a.m.

The paper will be one day

late next week as we will be closed on Memorial Day in observance of our deceased veterans.

The Henke family invites



Darwin Ohman, a former Clearbrook High School graduate, has a shy bear that comes to visit him many times. He might be interested in what is on the grill. He tries to hide behind the tree.

you to celebrate Loveon Henke with a coffee in her honor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 6th, from 1-3pm.

Loveon would love to share stories, wonderful memories and laughs from almost 50 years of living in Clearbrook. Your presence will mean a lot to her.

Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick is hosting National Hamburger Day on Friday, May 28 from 5 to 7 pm. She is also using a curbside carhop.

Shorty's in Gully will be having chicken, ribs or salmon for their special this coming weekend.

Joke Time...

Did you hear?

About the Swedish Doctor who told his patient: "It's very important that you take this medicine exactly 30 minutes before you feel the pain."

About the Swede who was reading the phonebook, "Svenson... Svenson... Svenson.. It's incredible how many phones that guy has."

Did you ever hear about the Swede who brought his binoculars to a funeral where they were going to bury a distant relative of his...

Did you ever hear about the Swede who was asked if he had lived in Stockholm all his life.

..."Not yet," he answered.

From my mail...

I received a subscription renewal from Ralph and Susan Anderson in Pickens, South Carolina. They said in their letter... "my wife and I have thoroughly enjoyed our visit this past year to northern Minnesota, via our subscription to your marvelous newspaper!"

Thanks for keeping us informed with all the latest news, gossip and of course your Scandinavian jokes!

We include our renewal subscription. "Tusen Tack", a thousand thanks!. Sincerely

Thank you Ralph and Susan
The Clearwater County Breakfast on the Farm will be held on Saturday July 10, 2021 at the John Jr. and Barb Brooks Farm at 51577 149th Avenue rural Gonvick.

Serving will be 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. We will be featuring our award winning menu of Pancakes, Sausage, Ice Cream and Strawberries, Milk and Coffee.

Planning for the 2021 Clearwater County Fair is still underway. Grandstand events are as follows: Thursday - Rhythm & Ride and Bagley Classic Barrel & Poles

Friday - Demo Derby

Saturday - Baha races

Sunday - local Tractor/Semi & Pickup pulls

There is going to be a July 4th celebration in Trail this summer. An Old Fashioned one. Three will be kids' parade, street games, jam session, free ice cream, a ping-pong drop and an evening dance with music by Julie Lee and White Rose Band. Then the fireworks display which is always

Letters To the Editor

Dear Editor of Clearbrook Record

Heard there wasn't an all school Clearbrook-Gonvick reunion this year 2021.

Really sad for those to make it mean for the classmates to attend.

Excuse – Oh – Covid 19

Which is been control of the Government and power over the people.

This is my opinion.

I won't be a sheep to no one.
Rosemary Erickson – Clearbrook, MN

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Main Entrees included with meal are vegetable, bread, milk, dessert and or fruit.

Wed. May 26 - Chef Salad.

Thurs., May 27 - Swedish Meatballs, Potatoes.

Fri., May 28 - Fish Square on a Bun with Potato Salad.

Mon., May 31 - Sub Sandwich.

Tues. May 31- Memorial Day. No meal.

Wed. June 1- Kielbasa/ Sauerkraut, Potatoes, Dessert.

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.

beautiful. They are also looking for people to help donate for the event. You can mail your donation to Trail Community Club 37121 270th St. SE. Trail, MN 56684.

Plans being started on a class reunion this summer for Gonvick-Trail. The reunion will be set the same time as the Gonvick Lions Rodeo which is the 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.

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.

Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our website for you to see. Go online at trico-canary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our office.

We take passport pictures. Call 218-487-5225 to set up an appointment. They can be made while you wait

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.

Opportunities available to hunt elk in Minnesota

Opportunities available to hunt elk in Minnesota

License applications available now

Interested hunters have through Friday, June 11, to apply for one of 30 elk licenses offered this year by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Seasons will run from late August to mid-October.

This year's seasons are similar to last year's, which provided hunters with more opportunities to harvest antlerless elk. Hunters can choose from three license options: a license for a bull elk; a license for an antlerless elk, which can be a female or a young male; or a license for either a bull or antlerless elk.

The dates for the 2021 Minnesota elk season are:

• Saturday, Aug. 28, to Sunday, Sept. 5: Five antlerless tags and two either-sex tags will be available in the Kittson central (zone 20) zone.

• Saturday, Sept. 11, to Sunday, Sept. 19: Five antlerless tags and two either-sex tags will be available in the Kittson central (zone 20) zone and two bull-only tags will be available in the Kittson northeast (zone 30) zone.

• Saturday, Sept. 25, to Sunday, Oct. 3: Five antlerless tags and two either-sex tags will be available in the Kittson central (zone 20) zone.

• Saturday, Oct. 9, to Sunday, Oct. 17: Five antlerless tags and two either-sex tags will be available in the Kittson central (zone 20) zone.

The DNR uses hunting as the main tool to manage elk populations, with focused harvest of female elk aimed at keeping populations within goal range.

Minnesota's elk herds

There are currently three recognized herds in northwestern Minnesota: Grygla, Kittson Central, and Kittson Northeast, which is also referred to as

Caribou-Vita. As a result of COVID-19 precautions and social distancing requirements, the DNR did not conduct its annual aerial elk surveys this year.

Instead, population estimates developed from field and modeling data were used to identify a level of harvest for this year's season that is consistent with our elk management goals. The licenses available for 2021 support continued population reduction. The available licenses were decreased relative to 2020.

During February 2020, the DNR counted 126 elk in most of the state's elk range in Kittson, Marshall and Beltrami counties. The Grygla and Kittson Central herd counts were 24 and 102 elk, respectively. The Caribou-Vita herd was last surveyed in 2018.

The Grygla and the Caribou-Vita herds remain below goal, which is why the Grygla area elk zone remains closed to hunting and minimal permits (two bull-only licenses) are available for the Caribou-Vita zone. The limited bulls-only season is held to keep the Caribou-Vita herd wary of human presence and development.

The Kittson Central herd is predicted to be above goal, providing the majority of this year's hunting opportunities. Minnesota's elk management plan sets a population goal range for each of the three herds.

Applying for a license

It is important that hunters review the elk season structure on the DNR website prior to entering the lottery to ensure they apply for the license they want. Five licenses are reserved for applicants who have unsuccessfully applied for at least 10 years and five licenses are reserved for individuals who meet landowner requirements.

Hunters must select the type of elk license they are applying for: bull-only (two licenses available), either-sex (eight licenses available) or antlerless-only (20 licenses available), in addition to the zone and season. Hunters may apply individually or in parties of two online or by telephone 888-665-4236. There is a nonrefundable application fee of \$5 per hunter.

Successful hunters will need to present their animal within 24 hours of harvest for registration and collection of biological samples to screen for diseases or other health-related issues.



The picture above and below show the progress of the water and sewer project that is going on in Clearbrook. These two are by the Riviana plant in Clearbrook.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department spent some time with the preschool class enjoying the nice spring weather we have been having. Police Officers Zach Karayel and Ryan Solee brought their squad cars up to let the kids look around them and inside. The kids got to ask questions about the radar, in-car computer, and why they have the pictures of bear paws on the car? "Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears Pride! The Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department would like to thank Ms. Andrea Miller of Clearbrook-Gonvick school for organizing the event.

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Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Mask restrictions lifted at the Courthouse and appointments no longer needed in Recorder's Office

By Karen Edelbach
When the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on May 18, they decided their first item of business was to pass a motion to allow them to

remove the masks which have been used in the Court House the past year. This is per the announcement ending the Minnesota statewide mask requirement for staff and visitors in

all county buildings. Included in the motion, as of June 1, all staff working from home are to return to their office work location.

"Let's get rid of these things (masks)," stated Chairman Mark Larson, and all of the Commissioners voted in favor of a motion to do just that.

Recorder, Brenda Knable, in other business related to previous restrictions, came to the meeting to discuss a previous requirement for the need of an appointment for anyone wishing to renew their Drivers License, or for other business in the Recorder's Office.

"I prefer to have appointments, but we also have opened the door at times," she said, so people could come in without one more recently. "I will do whatever you want."

Both Chairman Larson and Commissioner Mark Titera said they didn't have a problem with appointments. Commissioner Neal Illies gave an example of how restaurants are open but still honor those who have made reservations.

"Why not do both," came the wisdom-seasoned reply from Commissioner John Nelson. "You can have an appointment, and if their is another person who can do it, take care of the walk-ins."

"The walk-ins need to get service," said Commissioner Dean Newland. The main thing concluded was that the doors need to be open.

After the discussion, the Board determined that the best path forward was to do away with the necessity to have an appointment in the Recorder's Office, but that those who wish to do so can still schedule an appointment. Appointments, however, would still take precedence over walk-ins. Ms. Knable said there were some at times who were coming from out of the County who would need to wait for those with appointments.

With that, the Recorder proceeded to take down all of the signage requiring an appointment, and the door would be left open.

Eric Nerness came to the meeting to present Clearwater County the MCIT Award. This award represents "Outstanding Performance in the Workers

Compensation Division" by Clearwater County" during 2020.

"There were only three loss of time claims, and only one workers compensation claim," Mr. Nerness stated, and gave high praise to the County's performance.

He announced that Robin Sykes has announced her retirement, effective June 30.

Dan Hecht, Environmental Services Director and Mike Torgerson, Leon Township Supervisor, came to discuss some changes they would like to see at the Leon dumpster site. A great deal of trash is accumulating in the woods nearby, and along the ditch by Roughy Brook, a stream that leads to the Red River and runs beside the dumpster site.

"Minnesota is supposed to be an environmentally clean state," Mike stated. "But drive out there (to the Leon dumpster area), and it is certainly not clean!"

"It is ridiculous how much garbage is in that ditch."

"Whatever could be done to stop it should be done," was the consensus among the Commissioners. They questioned whether there weren't some who would help to clean it up.

There are some, including Mike's family members, who have spent time cleaning it up, picking up trash steady. At one time they reported that bag after bag after bag of trash was piled into a 100 gallon barrel, making it three-quarters full.

Mr. Hecht reported on a similar difficulty in St Clair Township where lots of garbage would accumulate until the site was rebuilt, at a really high cost. Once they got the Girls Basketball Team to pick up the trash.

"Everybody is more than willing to let somebody else do it," Chairman Larson stated.

The Townships didn't have the ability or personnel to do the work of clean up. It has also been brought up to the City of Clearbrook to possibly help with the problem. They do not have funds for this either. This is how it has become a County problem.

The Director said they chose what he thinks is a good choice for the expense of remodeling the Leon Dumpster Site, at a 75-25% cost split between the County and Township. Commissioner Nelson said he liked the idea, but felt they need more room at the site. Mike will come back to the Board with more information and firmer numbers. County Engineer, Dan

Sauve` received approval to purchase a new Konica copier from Marco in Bemidji in the amount of \$7,732, with a four year service contract for both their old and new copier at \$46.50 a month. This turned out to be the most cost-effective way to handle the need, versus purchase of a used copier.

County Auditor Allen Paulson received approval to rescind the motion allowing Clearwater

County employees to have a negative balance in their sick leave due to the covid pandemic.

He is authorized to pay submitted invoices of \$54,506 from the County Revenue Fund and \$6,552 from the Nursing Service Fund.

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

Representative Matt Grossell Legislative Update District 2A

GROSSELL ON THE SHAMEFUL END OF SESSION & BUDGET DEAL ST. PAUL, MN — Rep. Matt Grossell, R-Clearbrook, issued the following statement regarding the end of 2021 regular session without passing a budget, without any reforms to emergency powers but with a budget agreement announced Gov. Tim Walz, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, and House Speaker Melissa Hortman.

"This was the least productive legislative session in memory and did nothing to rein in the tyrannical powers of our governor, in fact, the agreed upon deal seems to have ceded more, which is completely unacceptable," said Rep. Grossell. "This is not the way our constitutional government is supposed to work. House Democrats held important issues like PPP and Unemployment Insurance tax conformity hostage all session long for tax increases while our state has the largest budget surplus in memory. Tax increases were never going to happen and it's



shameful for Democrats to hold up help for struggling businesses and workers for their insatiable desire to raise taxes."

Rep. Grossell continued, "The announced "deal" be-

tween the Governor, House Speaker, and Senate Majority Leader is a bad one. It doesn't address the Governor's emergency powers, it gives him a \$500 million slush fund, and an essential line-item veto over policy-making. If the Governor doesn't like policy, he can veto the whole bill and we can start over. That's how our system works, not like this. The deal is not good for Minnesotans and I pray to God my fellow legislators agree. We can do better."

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Enbridge Terminal manager Vince Peterson presents a \$3,000 check to Police Chief Dylan Goudge for the purchase of a police car for the City of Clearbrook.



Open House at Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. From left to right: Shirley Shaw, Stacy Nordlund, Becky Dorman and Jay Jones.



Legion members marching at the Veterans Day program. From left to right: Frank Bergh, Duane Johnson, Larry Shelquist and Russ Lembke.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears seniors from left to right: Patrick Lewis, Brennan Bakke and Danny Jackson.



Carole Tharaldson and Robin Kelleher performing at the Gully Variety Show.



Sisters Dana and Lauren Melby tell their wishes to Santa Claus.

Alison Johnson is the helper at the Gonvick Lions Halloween party at the Gonvick Legion.



Luncheon at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Leonard.



Serving line for the Clearbrook Fire Department.



The Clearbrook Fire Department held their annual fund raiser with a fish fry that was held at the old school. The men fried the fish outside in a tent and brought them into the gym. Fire men from left to right are pastor Adam Krog, Ethan Dunbar, Josh Gerlofs, BJ Engen and Jake Boomgaarden. Priorities for the coming year is to upgrade their truck fleet. The department had received a donation of a 2008 GMC 3500 pickup from Enbridge. They are working to outfit it for wildland fire fighting.

Shown below are some of the many who attended the event without having to eat outdoors as the weather was beautiful for the Saturday, May 22 event.



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Logan LeClair, Veteran Service Officer
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Breanna Gaffney, granddaughter of Leonard and Millie Furuseth sang one of the three National Anthems that were sung at the Leonard Furuseth Day at Floyd B. Olson Park in Thief River Falls. Also shown is Jim Strandlie, the Emcee for the day.



Maddie Waterworth sang "Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Lander" anthem from Norway at the Leonard Furuseth Day in Thief River Falls. She had a little help from Alex Conwell to keep the papers from flying away.



Gretchen Beito presented information from the Leonard Furuseth book that she has published.



It was beautiful at the Leonard Furuseth Day that was held at Floyd B. Olson Park in Thief River Falls. It was a little windy but sunny. Faye Auchenpaugh presented the 25-year Golden Membership Awards to various individuals.



Kim Beito, granddaughter of Gretchen Beito, sang the National Anthem of Canada at the Leonard Furuseth Day at Floyd B. Olson Park in Thief River Falls.



Alex Conwell, from Red Lake Falls performed violin selections including, "Nickolina" at the Nordic Fest that was held in Thief River Falls on Sunday, May 16.

From expanding fairground exhibits to kissing pigs, Al Paulson has ‘done it all’ as County Fair Secretary-Manager Paulson retiring from post he held 30 years

By Tom Burford
The weeks between now and the Clearwater County Fair will go fast, and people involved with the fair are accustomed to calling Al Paulson for answers to their questions.

That has changed. After 30 years as secretary-manager of the Clearwater County Fair, Paulson has retired from his position. The new man with the answers is Curt Nyegaard. How Paulson came to his position and held it for three decades is the subject of this article.

Al Paulson first wet his feet at the Clearwater County Fair by entering 4-H projects. He ultimately dove right in as a Fair Board member 45 years ago.

In 1976, when Paulson was 22 years old, he was hired as Clearwater County Deputy Assessor. That's when former County Auditor George Allen, who was treasurer of the Fair Board, asked if he would assist Gene Petersen as the maintenance crew at the fairgrounds. Having been in 4-H for 10 years, Paulson had a good idea of what Petersen was looking for, so he agreed. Forty-five years later he still volunteers at the fair.

At the Clearwater County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) annual meeting in November 1976, Paulson was elected as a director for a four-year term, along with a board of 15 other directors. For the next two years Petersen and Paulson served on the maintenance crew. "Not only did we do the job, but we had fun and developed a great friendship," Paulson recalled.

At the annual meeting in 1978 Paulson was elected treasurer of the Ag Society and served in that post for several years. When John Arneson Sr. retired from the Fair Board, Paulson was elected as secretary-manager, Petersen was elected president, Cheryl Grover treasurer, and Alton Walker vice chairman. Over the years several people have served as officers of the Ag Society, but Paulson remained as secretary-manager for the past 30 years.

He informed the Fair Board several years ago that they needed to look for a new secretary-manager. Last October he informed the Fair Board's nominating committee that he was retiring from the secretary-manager position but would continue his term as director.

Because of Covid-19 concerns, the November 2020 annual meeting was postponed until March, and at that meeting Curt Nyegaard was elected as the new secretary-manager, with Alroy Lewis as president, Alton Walker as vice president, and Amy Kent as treasurer. These people will serve as the Ag Society's Executive Board.

The Clearwater County Fair is widely known as one of the best fairs in the region, if not the state. This reputation did not come around by accident. It takes a lot of volunteer effort. The secretary-manager and Executive Board play a role in recruiting these volunteers. Paulson's duties included finding superintendents for the exhibit divisions, filing state forms, paying taxes, handling some payroll, and selling shares in the Ag Society. He spends some of his free time thinking about new ideas for the fair and

handling concerns.

Asked if it was difficult to get the jobs of the fair done, he said he hasn't had to "crack the whip."

"We get a lot of good volunteers," he said. "A lot of people like the fair."

The fair is popular and, even with a free gate, revenues can be as high as, for example, \$245,000. That seems like a big number, but when the expenses of \$240,000 are deducted, there is not a lot of leeway. "It's usually a fine line between revenue and expenses," Paulson said. Sometimes the fair loses money. For example, in 2019 revenues were \$228,000 and expenses of \$243,000. Among the expenses are premiums paid. In 2017, Paulson noted, the fair paid out \$25,000 in premiums to exhibitors.

Progress in new structures comes slowly and steadily. He said the Ag Society will borrow for projects and then pay off the loans. The annual raffle calendar is one way they raise funds. Entries into the fair exhibits are free, but the fair pays out generous premiums. In addition, the Ag Society has been granted \$35,000 annually from the county coffers.

Paulson has seen innumerable changes at the fair in the last 45 years. Once the fair had wildlife exhibits that included bears, deer and such. That has been replaced with the Stage in the Pines and the Kiddie Barn.

Clearwater County was the first to have cow/calf entries in its fair. Now that category is seen statewide.

He told how, at first, the horticulture and creative activities were in the same building. Today they are in separate buildings, and there is more. "We are the only fair in the state to have buildings for rosemalers and quilters," he said. When there is a big interest in an area, Paulson said the Ag Society encourages it. Another example of this encouragement is the new exhibit division of taxidermy.

And the fair offers fun contests, with imagination being the only limit. Recently there were the wheelbarrow teams with the rider instructing a blindfolded "driver" where to go. This brought lots of laughs. One contest where Paulson went the extra mile was the "kiss the pig contest." There was little interest in actually entering the contest, so it came down to Al Paulson and Al Rasmussen. Each grabbed the pig and gave it a smack! The pig didn't get to vote, but it let out a loud squeal when Paulson kissed it!

Another area where Clearwater County's fair leads the way is with the free gate, free parking and a guarantee of one ticket means one ride at the midway. Even getting carnivals to agree to show is a challenge for some fairs. Paulson has seen four different carnivals contract with Clearwater County. He was happy to report that the Family of Fun Shows has just signed a five-year contract with the fair.

When asked what he finds most rewarding about the fair, Paulson said, "It's how well received our fair is. People come from all over Northwestern Minnesota."

CLEARWATER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Women of Clearwater County

Hester Distad
1908-2002

Hester was born May 12, 1908 in Hazelton ND. She married Henry Distad in 1930 and for many years they were the owners and operators of the Clearbrook Variety Store.

At a memorial service for Hester, Pastor Merle Metcalf shared his memories of Hester and her husband and their store. This is just very small part of a longer eulogy.

"The variety store, a tall two story building with large windows on both sides... Bridge-man Ice cream sign on one side. In the middle is the entry with a storm door in the winter and a screen door in the summer. Inside were Hester and Henry. Just inside was a rack of magazines, mostly comic books. Hester would remind you "if you want to read them, buy them" The variety store was the first stop in town on a Saturday night, for an ice cream cone after a hard days work.

Merle described Hester as a woman with infinite patience, waiting quietly while you decided how to spend your dime. She was always smiling, a gracious lady, never one to complain and always had concern for everyone; "is your scarf on and button up your jacket"

Hester and Henry did not have children, yet all of the children of Clearbrook belonged to them."

Hester died on February 10, 2002 and is buried at Vernes Cemetery near McIntosh.

The photo and excerpts of Merle's eulogy are from "Main Street Now and Then" A Clearbrook history book published in 2010 for Clearbrook's Centennial.

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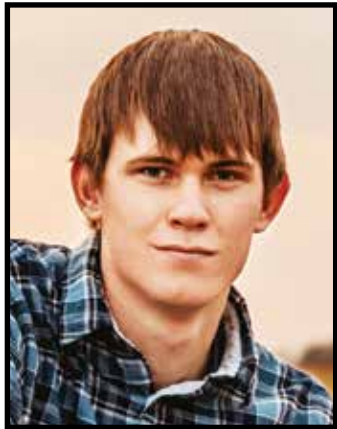
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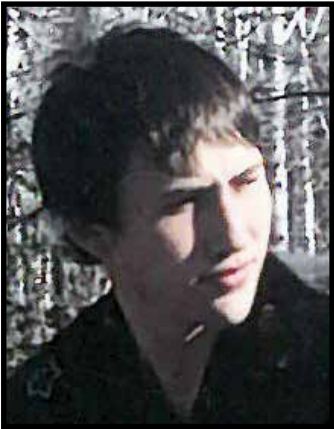
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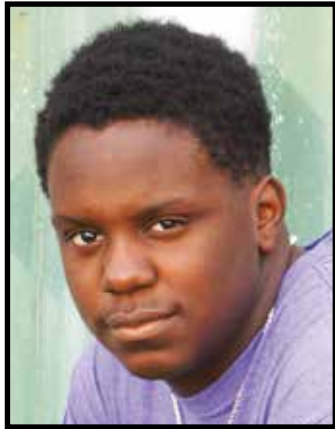
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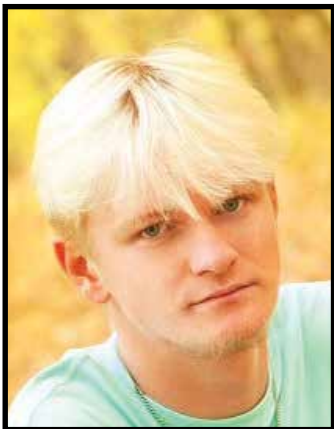
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