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Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial 200 Pine Lake races are a go

The Pine Lake races for this weekend January 1 and 2 are a go.

The report on the ice conditions not only meet but exceeds the ice requirements.

The Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial Pine Lake 200 on beautiful

Pine Lake. Race Headquarters will be at Sportsman's Lodge on Pine Lake.

Racing starts at 9:00 am, each day. Raffle tickets are available. \$15 admission per day with 12 and under free.

Possible money amounts up

to \$10,000 on Sunday.

Registration closes at 6pm Dec 29, ALL competitors need to have a current 21/22 ISR License and this has to be purchased online prior to the event. Get signed up today at www.corpowersports.com

Grow holds Truth in Taxation meeting at the school

The Clearbrook-Gonvick school district held their Truth in Taxation on Monday, December 20. It was part of their regular monthly meeting as the district is required to hold before adopting a tax levy for the following year. This has to be done in late November or December. Superintendent Ryan Grow went over the current budget and proposed tax levies. The number was set at \$1,725,203.87. There were no community comments.

Mr. Bettin presented Spotlight on Education. He had a presentation of what students have been doing for the past month in both elementary and secondary. He told the board that Aiden Churness was selected to the all-state team. One of only six from the area to land on the Minnesota 9-man team. He is a senior running back-linebacker at 6-1 and 206 pounds.

The board approved the October 18 and November 15 school board meetings.

Principals report

Principal Josh Tharaldson said they have been looking to purchase and replace the elementary math curriculum. But staff has decided it was best to put on hold for this year. They have been reviewing sample math curriculum and need more time dedicated to this.

The music concerts that were given by Mrs. Ragan's and Mrs. Stewart's music students did a great job. Long-term art sub Ms. Wahl had art pieces from her students on display that concert visitors could view. All three of these teachers put in extra time to put the program together.

January 17 will be a teacher in-services day. Teachers will participate in virtual sessions at the school revolving around the topic of mental health. The sessions will be provided through the Northwest Service Co-op. Elementary teachers will be participating in FastBridge professional development in the afternoon to learn more about the screening reports they receive through FastBridge program.

Tharaldson has been exploring the SpeakUp Safety Program to provide mental health and safety resources for schools. The program is new so they will be exploring options on how the school can best utilize this to meet the needs at the school.

Upcoming events include the holiday break through January 2. School will start again on January 3 with the end of Quarter 2, Semester 1, January 21.

Superintendent report

Superintendent Grow also mentioned that the district had two great concerts and artwork on display for patrons to see.

It has been difficult finding subs for the district. They have a couple of new faces with good experience and they hope to keep them coming.

April Baumgartner received her Speech Language Pathology, (SLP) degree and they will be looking forward to having her in the district. SLPs work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in children and adults.

He has submitted the Worlds Best Work Force progress report.

Formal observations on the staff is being done. Grow was impressed by how well the students and teachers interact. He gave hats off to the staff.

A memo from the MSBA that school districts have to look at policy revision on MN OSHA.

The state government has 7.7 billion in surplus. Will wait and see what they will do.

Grow had written a grant to Prairie Fund Care organization and they have received the \$4,000 check. These funds are used to provide youth and staff general mental health education to increase awareness and prevent suicides.

Compensatory Aid is a huge item in the state and money is coming. Last month they were to get a list as to furniture needs in the school. They did not get enough time to get back to the board. Grow will be doing a walk through with Tharaldson and Tronnes to see what is needed.

The COVID numbers in the school are low and there was no changes or recommendations to bring to the board.

Enrollment figures for the school is up from 502 last month to 507. This is also up from last year as well.

Old Business

The board decided to open up the school forest position on the Schedule C and Level 3. They will advertise the position.

New Business

The board tabled the high school teacher medical leave request.

The board approved the bills presented and the treasurer's report. Cash and Investments as of 11/30/21 was \$4,060,061.56.

Bills included; Stein's Bus Service LLC \$79,907.37; Bobcat of Bemidji \$66,078.60; BRIC \$59,847.79; Clearwater-Polk

Electric \$10,886.38; Garden Valley Telephone \$3,958.64; 2 Loons Letters & Threads \$3,157.84; Marco \$2,9009.88; Anderson Disposal \$2,195.86; North Country Overhead Door \$1,589.00 and Bemidji Bus Line \$1,250.00

Polling place has to be set each year. This is only for special school elections and they would have all voting done at the Clearbrook-Gonvick school.

Robin Proffitt, Food Service Director at the school has received quotes for replacements needs at the school. They are having a hard time to get quotes and if they do the equipment is a ways off for delivery. The milk cooler is 17 weeks away from delivery. There is excess funds in the food service balance and she has come up with a list about \$28,228.84 for replacement.

They include a steamer, large kettle, new shelves and a new freezer. She has contacted both Central Restaurant Products and US Foods for quotes.

Superintendent Grow asked if he could go out and get quotes on resurfacing the gym floor. If that works out they would have work done this coming summer. He also mentioned that there are dark areas in the big gym. He will also be getting quotes on retrofitting the lights to LED. Eventually it would be a cost savings for the district.

Some seniors have asked if they could decorate their caps for graduation. Consensus is that they would have to get prior approval before graduation day.

A question was asked as to check cashing of organizations. It seems that some checks have been held by the school groups a little longer and it was recommended that there be weekly deposits from student groups.

The next school board meeting would be held January 24 as January 17 is Martin Luther King Day.

New Clearbrook-Gonvick teacher Valerie Wahl, the long-term sub in Art

New Clearbrook-Gonvick teacher questionnaire for Valerie Wahl, the long-term sub in Art.

Name: Valerie Faith Wahl

Family: My daughter and her husband have three sons. My son and his wife have two sons. I am



Valerie Faith Wahl

so thankful for my children and grandsons.

Education: I graduated from Eau Claire University with a BFA and a Certification in Education, K-12.

Personal Interests: I am interested in the Fine Arts, dance, and theatre. I am also interested in my family's achievements.

Previous Teaching Experience: I have quite a few experiences in education, but I will name a few. What stands out the most is when I taught my own children while they were in high school. That was a big challenge. I taught at Laporte School District for two years and those students are still in contact with me and are very dear. At Red Lake, I worked as a core substitute teacher for eleven years. It is always good when I see the students from there.

Place of Residence: I live in Clearbrook, MN and I love it! I grew up in a village in Wisconsin. So when I moved to Clearbrook, I felt at home immediately.

What made you decide to become a teacher? My grandmother was a teacher and other teachers influenced me, especially my middle school Art teacher.

What are your goals for this school year? My goal is to teach the students the value of art in their lives. Too many students believe that art doesn't have any importance and they don't need it. They think art class is just for their enjoyment and fun. Although that is part of the art experience, art is also an important discipline that effects every area of their lives.

What do you hope to bring to Clearbrook-Gonvick and your students? I hope my students learn to honor their own artwork. Creating is a part of their experience and honoring their creations, brings honor to themselves.

No raise for the commissioners themselves

Clearwater County Board ups pay rates by 6 percent

By Tom Burford

Six percent salary increases were approved for county elected officials and others during the Clearwater County Board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The new salaries for these officials are as follows: Auditor-Treasurer \$97,668; Sheriff \$97,573; Recorder \$77,813.

County Attorney Kathryn Lorschbach's salary was increased in a separate motion. Commissioners noted that, "based upon review and consideration of the duties and responsibilities of the position of Clearwater County Attorney; her experience, qualifications, and performance; the materials gathered and considered by the Board; the ... Board of Commissioners resolves" to increase the County Attorney's salary from \$85,842 to \$94,078 for 2022.

Another official, the unelected position of Veterans Service Officer, now held by Logan LeClair, would have been scheduled for a step increase to 2, but Mr. LeClair had met earlier with Board Chairman Mark Larson to solicit a larger increase in his wage.

During the Board meeting, Chairman Larson said he told LeClair he could go along with a pay grade of range 16, step 4. LeClair was due to get a step increase to level 2.

When he met with Larson, LeClair had asked for a pay grade of range 16, step 5. At step 1 LeClair's wage was \$20.83 per hour; at step 5 it would be \$23.41 per hour.

Larson explained his rationale for the step 4 proposal during the Tuesday board meeting, noting LeClair has brought in a lot of new clients.

Commissioner John Nelson said, "I think it should be step 4," noting LeClair has been on the job one year. "I think it's reasonable."

"I mirror that," said Larson. Commissioner Dean Newland made a motion to increase LeClair's wage to range 16, step 5.

Commissioner Mark Titera said he knows a lot of veterans and has heard nothing but approval of LeClair's job performance. One veteran had told him, "You couldn't ask for a better veteran service officer right now."

Nelson said his thinking has nothing to do with LeClair's performance.

"Step 4 is adequate," added Larson.

Titera then seconded the motion and it passed on a split vote, with Newland, Titera and Neal Illies voting yes, and Larson and Nelson voting no.

Another matter for wages was to increase all non-union pay 6 percent higher in 2022, and that motion by Nelson and Newland passed unanimously. This includes other non-elected department heads and miscellaneous workers.

No raise for commissioners

The commissioners passed a motion to maintain their salary at \$20,742 per year, plus the

same per diem rates. When asked about the last time their salaries were increased, none could remember the year, noting it has been at least 11 years, perhaps longer.

Miscellaneous motions

The commissioners voted to authorize Sheriff Darin Halverson to advertise for a full-time deputy to fill an anticipated opening. Sheriff Halverson said Deputy Joe Weems is resigning so he can begin duties this winter with the State Patrol. Weems has been with the Sheriff's Office at least 10 years.

The board also voted to authorize Communications/Corrections Officer Brent Weems to exceed 1,040 hours per year.

The commissioners voted to approve the hiring of a part-time Extension support person.

One other motion of import was the approve the purchase by the sheriff of a 2022 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Midway Ford of Roseville for the state bid price of \$34,636, plus equipment costs not to exceed a total of \$53,000.

Mark Larson chairmanship ends

Mark Larson's reign as chairman of the board will end at the first meeting of 2022 on Jan. 4.

Asked by other commissioners about his chairmanship, he said, "It's been interesting. It's been a challenging year.

Others in the room commented, "You did a good job, Mark."



December students of the month from Clearbrook-Gonvick: Front row from left to right: Gus Coulter, Tate Nordlund, Lexi Knox, John Schenk, Grayson O'Rourke, Alexis Smith and Adilee Larson. Back row: Sydney Dahl, Lily Walberg, Keira Skadsem, Ashleigh Heydel and Edward Nybo. Not pictured. Drayden Cobenais-Neadeau.

Community Calendar

BABY SHOWER

for
Kristyn (Nelson) Bergh
on
Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022
at 10:00 a.m. at
First Baptist Church in Clearbrook.
Registered at Target

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Gonvick Community Blood Drive

The Gonvick Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 5 from 11 am to 5:30 pm at the Clear Waters Life Center.

To sign up to donate blood, contact Fay at 218-487-6456 or online at donors.vitalant.org.

Face masks are required

Eligibility questions call 1-800-289-4923.

Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Give blood platelets or plasma until January 7 and you will receive a special thank you from Vitalant.

Clearwater County Humane Society Meeting Scheduled

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Clearwater County Humane Society is scheduled for Thursday January 20th at 7pm at the Bagley American Legion. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

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Thank You

Thank you to the Gonvick Lions Club for the Christmas goodies they delivered. I appreciated it so much!
~Joan Higdem

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Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Dec. 29- Lasagna, Veg. Medley, Peaches.
Thurs. Dec. 30- Turkey, Stuffing, Casserole.
Fri. Dec. 31 - Beef Chili, salad, Corn Muffin.
Included with the meal: Vegetable, Bread, Milk, Dessert or Fruit.
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.

Grief Doesn't Take a Holiday

By Janna Benson Kontz, MDiv

Grief never takes a break—no matter the time of year or special occasion. Once grief is a part of your life, it's a constant companion. Grief takes the holidays we've enjoyed for years and shapes a whole new perspective for us—one that can be mixed with both sadness and fond memories. On that note, grief has the capability and capacity to "take" a holiday.

Stories from those who are grieving help us understand the rawness of the holidays when

you've faced a loss. The same stories illustrate the collective resilience of the human spirit during difficult times, like grief:

- Grief "takes" New Year's Eve and makes it into another passage of time instead of a new start. He's no longer here to watch the ball drop, make his famous eggnog or toast to midnight with our friends. I'm reminded of another holiday where he is missing: another season has passed without him. But on the other hand, grief also reminds me of all the new starts we celebrated

together. Together was so good. It reminds me that grief honors the love we shared and the love that still embraces my heart.

- Grief "takes" Easter and shows me all the photos of my mom and all the frilly Easter dresses and bonnets she would sew for all the little girls. I look at my grown-up daughters and see them once again as six- and four-year-olds hunting eggs in mom and dad's yard dressed in those frills and lace. My arms ache to feel my mom's hug as we came through the door on Easter morning to the smells of baking ham and scalloped potatoes. Then, my 30-something daughter is throwing her arms around me as they enter my lasagna-scented kitchen, and I am reminded that my mom's legacy is alive and well in my daughters and me.
- Grief "takes" Thanksgiving and tells me I'm alone now. I sit in a house filled with family—all people I love dearly—and grief reminds me that you, my life partner, are missing. I feel alone even though I'm physically not. There's love all around me, a hug, a smile, a story shared about you with smiles and tears. I'm grateful for another Thanksgiving.
- Grief "takes" Christmas — oh, how it takes Christmas! Finding the perfect gift was your gift. Your gift-finding was thought-filled and legendary. Your gifts weren't the most expensive or wrapped in the prettiest paper, but they were the most anticipated and treasured. I miss your many gifts, dear sister. But then, here in the glow of the tree is your grandson who is so much like you. He hands me a handmade gift he chose just for me, and you are looking at me through his eyes. Once again, you've given me the perfect gift!

These stories tell the tales of grief "taking" a holiday. At the same time, they tell the tales of hearts retrieving and shaping, and making the holidays something new within the old, something whole among the broken pieces, something beautiful right beside what might be seen as ugly.

Grief doesn't take a break, a sabbatical or a vacation from broken hearts. Its intensity lessens over time as the memories quietly change from hurtful to healing. Grief becomes part of who we are, even during holidays. Our loved one's memory and spirit lives on through every family member and friend. Each one holds a part of our loved ones inside of themselves. We get to choose how we honor that memory—with sadness or with celebration for a life well-lived. We get to choose how we claim the life that was and the memories we still hold.

It's true that holidays and traditions can be difficult amid grief. Sometimes, we need to find new traditions, not to replace the old, but to make the old traditions even richer. New traditions can honor our special person, not by forgetting who they were, but by remembering their impact on our lives.

So, allow grief to "take" a holiday and make it something even better, more tender, special and full of renewed celebration. Old traditions and new memories intermingled can be refreshing and wonderful.

If you or someone you know is grieving, Hospice of the Red River Valley offers free community grief support resources and grief support groups. Please contact us, or call 800-237-4629 and ask for the grief department.

Janna Kontz, MDiv, is a grief specialist with Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Clearwater County Sheriff
Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

City of Bagley - Total 18
12/19/21 09:46:56 911 Hang Up
O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/20/21 09:10:42 Juvenile Misc
12/20/21 10:13:28 THEFT
12/20/21 12:06:31 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/20/21 18:25:45 Disturbance
12/21/21 13:00:58 Transport
12/21/21 13:30:21 Juvenile Misc
12/21/21 15:29:53 Assault - Gone On Arrival (GOA) Unable to Locate
12/22/21 09:59:28 Officer Detail
12/23/21 09:47:34 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/23/21 10:45:28 THEFT
12/23/21 13:00:07 Death - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/23/21 16:42:00 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/24/21 09:22:21 Alarm - Patient Evaluated, No
12/24/21 10:12:15 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/24/21 11:29:56 THEFT
12/24/21 12:25:03 Transport
12/25/21 14:44:06 Transport - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
City of Clearbrook - Total 2
12/22/21 09:01:40 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/23/21 14:47:21 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Gonvick - Total 2
12/20/21 08:50:17 Transport - Transport/Escort Given
12/24/21 08:46:27 Civil Complaint
City of Shevlin - Total 1
12/25/21 17:22:12 Fire - Fire Control or Extinguishment
Clover - Total 1
12/23/21 00:16:26 Disturbance
Copley - Total 3
12/20/21 20:51:29 Medical
12/21/21 01:53:27 Disturbance
12/24/21 08:00:46 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Dudley - Total 2
12/19/21 09:35:39 Harassment
12/25/21 13:57:46 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Eddy - Total 3
12/19/21 16:26:53 911 Hang Up
12/20/21 09:08:17 Traffic Stop
12/22/21 05:31:59 911 Hang Up
Falk - Total 1
12/24/21 22:27:46 Disturbance
Holst - Total 1
12/24/21 16:26:39 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
LaPraire - Total 4
12/21/21 23:10:15 Motor Vehicle Theft - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/21/21 23:13:27 Motor Vehicle Theft - Opened in Error
12/24/21 15:33:34 Assault
12/24/21 17:28:21 Assault
LaPraire N - Total 3
12/21/21 12:51:17 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/21/21 16:44:04 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
12/25/21 10:44:52 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Leon - Total 5
12/19/21 21:33:29 Missing/Lost Person - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/20/21 07:25:18 Traffic Stop
12/20/21 14:49:31 Suspicious Activity - Gone On Arrival (GOA)

12/23/21 22:03:51 911 Hang Up
12/25/21 01:35:44 911 Hang Up
Long Lost Lake - Total 1
12/19/21 19:30:12 911 Hang Up
Minerva - Total 1
12/19/21 16:48:02 911 Hang Up
Moose Creek - Total 1
12/19/21 20:51:05 Court Order Violation - Handled By Officer
Nora - Total 1
12/22/21 17:02:28 Animal Related
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
12/19/21 12:39:22 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
12/23/21 07:16:47 Assist Other Agency - Fire Control or Extinguishment
Rice - Total 2
12/20/21 16:29:48 Motor Vehicle Crash - Patient Evaluated, No
12/21/21 14:59:27 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Shevlin - Total 2
12/21/21 21:36:31 Disturbance
12/23/21 21:31:14 Transport
Sinclair - Total 1
12/23/21 22:43:25 Alarm
Winsor - Total 1
12/22/21 19:04:57 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Total Records: 58

Thank You

On Friday morning a young lady came to my door with a bag of goodies. I wish I could thank each one of you who helped send this. We are so lucky to have people like you in our community.
Thank you, Betty Langseth

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Ruby's pantry

Join us Wednesday, January 5th at Country Faith Church, 46125 149th Ave, Clearbrook for Ruby's Pantry, Clearbrook. Our drive-thru distribution will run from 5-6:00pm or until food items are gone. Bring a \$22 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. Find us on Facebook: Ruby's Pantry-Clearbrook, MN

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**Church News**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Randy Reimer
Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Quilting. AWANA meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm weekly. Call for information. 218-776-3252
Every Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer
Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sunday Worship, 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.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Shop-at-the-Top is Clear Waters Life Center's volunteer operated store with over 6,000 sq. feet of retail space in Clearbrook. Donations accepted during business hours. SALE Dec 27-31 Christmas clearance. Visit our website for more information <https://www.clearwaterslife.org/shop-at-the-top.html> , Hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm weekdays & 10:00am – 12:00pm Saturdays, Closed New Year's Day
Weekly Exercise for Seniors Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday and get your body stretched and moving. Held at CWLC in Gonvick from 10-11a.m. Some of the activities include chair exercises, creative movement and balance training. If you need transportation and you are a Clearwater County resident that is 60+ years old, give us a call to set up transportation! 218-776-2789.
Senior Connection Cooking Classes Held the 2nd Monday of the month from 11am to 12:30pm at Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. Learn how to make healthy and delicious food that does not have to be expensive. Each class you'll make a nutritious meal and sample it! For more information contact Angie Ness at 503-200-0494.
Sponsored by Clear Waters life Center and Prime West Health.
Senior Connection Transportation Service: Clearwater County residents who are 60 & over. Rides scheduled Monday-Friday. 24 hour notice required. Call 218-888-2320 to schedule.
Chemical Dependency Support Group: Meeting every week on Tuesdays 2-3pm. Located on the second floor at CWLC in Clearbrook. This group will provide encouragement and accountability as you work through change. You will have continued social support from peers who are also in recovery which has proven to be a powerful tool in promoting long-term sobriety. A licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor facilitates this group.
Grief Share Support Group This group is for those going through the grieving process due to the death of a loved one. Join us for one week or ongoing as we travel this journey together. Starts January 11th, 2022 every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night from 6:30-8:30pm at CWLC Clearbrook (second floor, first room on left). To register go to our website: www.clearwaterslife.org or call 218-776-2789.
Community Art Studios Being creative is our specialty. Pottery, mosaics, jewelry making, beading, scrapbook, paint (acrylic, watercolor), and more. All ages welcome. Cost \$5.00/day – supplies are provided. Located at CWLC in Gonvick.
Pickleball is a great way to burn some Holiday calories! Join us Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 3 - 6 p.m. in Gonvick. What is Pickleball? A great mix of tennis, ping-pong and badminton. Don't know how to play? We will teach you.
Youth Connection After-school youth program for kids in 3rd grade up to 12th grade. No cost to participate. Held at CWLC in Clearbrook. Wednesdays from 2:30-5p.m. for 3rd-5th grade; Tuesdays from 3:30-5p.m. for 6th-9th grade. Visit our website for more info and to register. No YC Dec 28-29.
CWLC Clearbrook: 256 2nd Ave SW
CWLC Gonvick: 226 Elm St. Phone: 218-776-2789
Email: office@clearwaterslife.org

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
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Associate Pastor Nathan Nordlund
Youth Pastor Brad Binder
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office@countryfaith.org
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Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
Check the website for up to date information. Sermons are streamed via Facebook & Youtube weekly.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Good Shepherd
Wed., Jan. 5 - 5:45 pm Confirmation/Meal 7-9th Grade. 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7:30pm Handbell Practice
Sun., Jan. 2 - 9:00am Worship Service with Cheryl Schupbach; 10:00am Coffee Hour – No Sunday School
Good Shepherd Office Hours; Tues. to Fri. 8:30 am to 1:30 am.
Our Savior's
Sun., Jan. 2 - 9:00am Coffee Hour; 10:00am Worship Service/ with Cheryl Schupbach

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Jan 1: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, Jan. 2: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45 Worship. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship.
Jan. 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
Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 29: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, Jan. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Jan. 4: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, Jan. 5: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
No Sunday services January 2. 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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BEAR TRACKS

Bears over Bagley

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears went to town over the Bagley Flyers on Tuesday, December 21. They kept the Flyers to only 2 points in the first half. While they scored 31 points. Maci Wagner scored 17 of those to lead the Bears. The second half with several players getting a chance to play the Bears out scored Bagley 21 to 7 for the victory at 52 to 9.

It was the fifth win of the season for the Bears who used a full court press to force 29 total turnovers to hold the Flyers to only 2 points in the first half.

The Bears are now 5-2 on the season and will play their first game after the Christmas



Kaylee Westrum on defense against the Bagley Flyers, Kira Thompson.



Maci Wagner drives down the floor against Bagley.



Skylar Ballard, shooting a free throw during the Bagley Flyers Bears game on Tuesday, December 21.

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

break at the Lake of the Woods Bears. For the Flyers, they fall to 2-8 and will be on the road on January 4th at the Fertile-Beltrami Falcons.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears Stats
 Maci Wagner 23 pts 2 rebs
 Dana Melby 13 pts 8 rebs
 Allison LaVine 6 pts 6 rebs
 Ella Engen 4 pts 4 rebs
 Kaylee Westrum 3 pts 4 rebs
 Kenna Hartwig 2 pts
 Skylar Ballard 1 pt.

Bagley Flyers Stats
 Kathryn Agnew 2 pts 5 rebs
 Isabella Warmbold 2 pts 5 rebs
 Breeze Neeland 2 pts
 Nora Stout 2 pts
 Shelby Nepean 1 point



Haley McCoy passed off to her teammate in the game against the Bagley Flyers.

Bears win over WHA

Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Freshman Parker Brock nailed a three pointer to send the game into overtime but it was all Clearbrook-Gonvick in the extra session as the Bears picked up the their first win of the season. Logan Westrum led the Bears with 29 points and was a perfect 12 for 12 at the free throw line as the Bears improve to 1-4 overall. Michael Roy added 13 points and seven boards for Clearbrook-Gonvick.

Carson Strosahl led the Wolves with 21 points as Walker-Hackensack-Akeley falls to 2-3 overall. Kenny Taylor pitched in with 17 points for W-H-A. The Wolves led 29-25 at halftime and the game was tied at 51-51 at the end of regulation. The Bears did have a chance to win the game in regulation but missed two free throws with two seconds left in regulation.

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Owen Chervestad ties record

Congratulations goes out to Red Lake County Boys' Basketball player, Freshman Owen Chervestad for tying a state record.

Owen had a quadruple double in the game against Climax-Fisher on December 9th. He had 16 points, 12 assists, 10 rebounds, and 10 steals in the game which has only been accomplished 10 other times in Minnesota basketball history.

Owen's name is now in the Minnesota State Boys' Basketball record book.

Thanks to Owen's teammates for making the shots when he assisted them, and for pressure defense which allowed Owen to get the 10 steals. Great job Rebels!



Owen Chervestad



Waiting for the game to start.



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Cylla and Coralynn Rouland visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Sheriff Bernstein awarding Alex Peterson.

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Alex Peterson receives scholarship from MN Sheriff's Association

On December 23, 2021, Sheriff Bernstein presented Alex Peterson with a \$2,000 scholarship from the Minnesota Sheriff's Association. This award was one of only a handful presented to 2nd year law enforcement students throughout the state.

Alex is a 2019 graduate of Red Lake County Central High School and his parents are Brian and Alette Peterson of Oklee. Alex attends Northland College in Thief River Falls and he will graduate with a law enforcement degree this coming spring. He also works full-time as a correctional officer for the Pennington County Sheriff's Office in Thief River Falls. Congratulations Alex!

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ery Facility (MRF) recovers recyclables from trash, but the MRF operates more efficiently if it's separating mixed recyclables only, rather than recyclables from trash. Some of the recyclables aren't pulled out and end up in the landfill. Not only that, but the tipping fee for mixed recyclables is ZERO, which saves the county money!

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.

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Home Country

By Slim Randles

There is a nighttime sweetness and hope that hovers over us this time of year here at home. This is a time for summing up and looking ahead ... and a time for dreams.

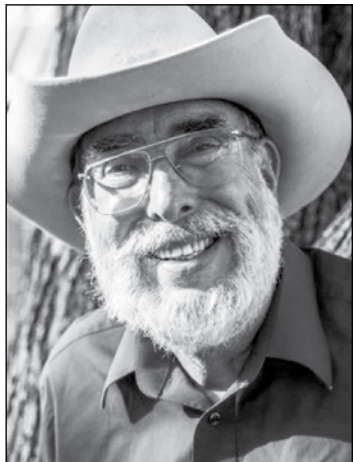
And at night... ah, that's the time, isn't it? Outside it's dark, December dark, and we're inside and warm and cocooned up. The cold makes our world shrink, especially at night.

But we have our dreams.

For Janice Thomas, our art teacher at the high school, it's that painting she's planning. She makes starts at it, from time to time, but she's wise enough to know she isn't good enough to paint it yet. She paints other things well, but that one ... it has to be perfect. It will be the painting of a lifetime, she knows.

Doc will drift off to sleep tonight thinking about that new fly rod. He has half a dozen, of course, that will take about any weight line, and let him catch anything from mouse to moose. But even the most expensive rod isn't what he dreams of. This year, for Christmas, he's giving himself a rod-builder's jig, and he will make his own rod from a Sage blank. That will be the one. It will have his own wrappings and he'll put the ferrules on it himself. He'll be able to feel the fish breathe with this one. It will be true and wonderful and last forever.

For cowboy Steve, the De-



cember dream is always the same: staying in that little cabin. The one with a turret and a corral. And hearing ol' Snort happily eating out there in the corral. And exploring. Time enough to explore those mountains with Snort.

There is a nighttime sweetness and hope that hovers over us this time of year. Here's to dreams.

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Happy New Year... we hope this 2022 will be better than last year.

First Day Hikes will take place at Minnesota state parks on Saturday, Jan. 1, as part of a nationwide effort to connect people with the outdoors. Individuals, families and groups in all 50 states will have an opportunity to enjoy guided hikes that vary in distance and difficulty. The event offers visitors an opportunity to celebrate the New Year amidst local nature and history.

The Minnesota hikes will take place at:

- Itasca State Park (Park Rapids), 1-3 p.m.
- Lake Bemidji State Park (Bemidji), 1-3 p.m.

Shorty's in Gully will not have bingo this week. Their specials will be prime rib both nights.

Kubiak's Family Foods in Bagley is changing ownership. Mason Brothers Wholesale Grocery based in Wadena has purchased the business from Keith Kubiak. The same company that brought food to the Grocery store in Gonvick before it burned down. It is also the same one that is bringing

new items to the grocery store in Oklee that recently changed ownership. Keith Kubiak, open the present located on the west side of Bagley on Highway 2 in 2007.

Snowmobile races on Pine Lake will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 1 and 2. The Gerald Dyrdahl Memorial races have enough ice to be able to proceed this time. Enjoy the day.

Joke Time...

Ole said that he is getting a littler older and he was very fortunate to have someone call him everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about his car warranty.

Ole walked into a lumberyard and asked for two-by-fours. The clerk asked him "How long do you need them?" Ole replied, "A long time, I'm gonna build a house."

Doctor: "Relax, David. It's just a small surgery. Don't panic."

Patient: "But my name isn't David."

Doctor: "I know. I'm David."

From the past in the Oklee paper...

**Twenty Years Ago
December 13, 2001**

The crisp morning rang softly with the merry chime of bells as the twin horse drawn sleigh slipped along the streets of Oklee. The team of horses and sleigh belonged to Tilford Crane of Gonvick and he had brought them over to kick off the annual Santa Day Festivities.

**Sixty Years Ago
December 21, 1961**

The Oklee Bobcats ran into trouble in trying to stop 6 foot 5 inch. Dave Odegaard of Gonvick. The Bulldog's center scored 22 points to keep Gonvick alive in a game played in Oklee. The score was 56-44, Bobcats lost.

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 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

Individual Artist Grant Information Session is January 6, 2022

Region 2 Arts Council staff is hosting an online Information Session for the Individual Artist Grant program via Zoom on January 6, 2022 starting at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in this opportunity needs to register at r2arts.org.

The application deadline is January 15, 2022. Applicant can apply for up to \$2,000, and must be a resident of Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, or Mahanomen Counties. For details visit r2arts.org.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: The Individual Artist Grant program, made available with funding from the McKnight Foundation, provides financial assistance to artists in any arts discipline or in any stage of their career as an artist. This grant offers funding for costs associated with the exhibition, performance, or production of a creative work; purchase of materials or equipment necessary for a creative work; educational opportunities; mentorships; and proposals for career-enhancing projects or opportunities.

Questions? Need more information or support?

CALL: 218-751-5447 / 800-275-5447 TEXT: 218-407-2507 EMAIL: staff@r2arts.org

Please note that the office is currently closed for the holidays and staff will be available beginning January 3, 2022.

Region 2 Arts Council Individual Artist Grants are made possible with funding from the McKnight Foundation.



Kinsley Rogstad



Ember Hasbhargen



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Gus Nelson



Emmett Heley

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Date: November 30, 2021

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage dated August 6, 2018, executed by David E. Anderson, a single person, as Mortgagor, to TruStar Federal Credit Union, as Mortgagee, and filed for record on August 7, 2018, as Document No. A172587 in the office of the County Recorder of Clearwater County, Minnesota, as extended and modified of record. The land described in the Mortgage is not registered land.

2. The Mortgage has been assigned as follows: N/A

3. The original or maximum principal amount secured by the Mortgage was: \$15,920.00.

4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof.

5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of debt secured by the Mortgage, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes, including Minnesota Statutes, §580.02, have been satisfied.

6. At the date of this notice, the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is \$11,239.41.

7. The tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises is 06.033.0520.

8. The physical street address of the mortgaged premises is as follows: 28040 131st Ave Bagley, MN 56621

9. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the land, located in Clearwater County, Minnesota, and legally described as follows:

The South 372 feet of the West 352 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 of SW1/4), Section Thirty-three (33), Township One Hundred Forty-six (146) North, Range Thirty-eight (38) West.

Clearwater County, MN
Will be sold by the Clearwater County Sheriff of Clearwater County, Minnesota at public auction on January 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the main office of the Clearwater County Sheriff, 213 Main Ave N #102, Bagley, MN 56621 to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees, allowed by law.

10. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagors or Mortgagors' personal representatives or

assigns is six months after the date of sale.

11. If Minnesota Statutes, §580.04(b) applies, the date on which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the Mortgage is not reinstated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, §580.30 or the property redeemed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, §580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on July 25, 2022, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under Minnesota Statutes, §580.07 or 582.032.

12. THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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NOTICE TO LEON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the Leon Township Hall.

Filing for township offices opens on December 28, 2021, and continues to January 11, 2022, 5:00 p.m. Offices to be elected are:

- 1 Supervisor for a 3 year term
- 1 Clerk for a 2 year term

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2 filing fee.

Lori Larson, Clerk

R40-41C

Notice to the Residents of Dudley Township

Notice is hereby given to qualified candidates to file affidavits of candidacy for:

- 1-Supervisor, 3 year term
- 2-Clerk, 2 year term

Filing opens December 28, 2021 and closes January 11th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Filing can be done at Strand's Store in Leonard. A \$2.00 fee is required at time of filing.

Niki Walters, Clerk

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