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Open House for Alana Sweno and Melanie Paulson will be Thursday March 31 at Lindfors Insurance Agency in Clearbrook.

Lindfors Open House Thursday

Two ladies will be honored on Thursday, March 31 at Lindfors Insurance Agency in Clearbrook. A happy retirement for Melanie Paulson and a welcome to Alana Sweno. Lindfors Insurance Agency is located in the Border Bank building in Clearbrook at 123 Main Steet South. Goodies will be served from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Melanie Lundmark Paulson has worked for Lindfors for the past 24 years. She worked for First State Financial Services before Lindfors took over in September of 2005.

Melanie is a 1981 graduate of Clearbrook-Leonard High School. She received an accounting degree from Phillips College in Louisiana while her husband Brett worked in the area. They moved back to Clearbrook and had three children, Chris, Nicholas and Olivia. Her husband Brett passed away in 2016.

Melanie is going to enjoy her extra time as she will be able to go on a quilt retreat and take up rosemaking, which she has wanted to do but meetings were held in the daytime. She will also be able to spend time on Blackduck Lake, go 4-wheeling and camping with her fiancé Randy Lene and enjoy her grandchildren, Tripp and Reese Torgerson and Baby Paulson

who is on the way.

Melanie is giving up the reins to Alana Sweno who took over on February 1, 2022. She is also a graduate of Clearbrook-Gonvick High School with the class of 2006. She took a two-year Medical Secretary course at Northwest Technical College at Bemidji. She has been working the past 14 years at Sanford in Bemidji as an Administrative Assistant. Her hobbies include gardening, hunting, being outdoors and spending time with her 3 year old son Max, her family and friends. She is the daughter of Harold and Anna Sweno of Gully.

Besides the Lindfors Insurance agency office in Clearbrook, they have four other locations in Fosston, Ada, Bagley and Mahnomes. They sell home, business, life, health, farm, property and commercial from local and national insurance companies. They have become a 'Trusted Choice Agency'. All offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm each day.

The company goes back to 1937 when Carl Lindfors started selling out of his home in rural Hill River Township, north of Fosston.

Be sure to stop by on Thursday to visits with the two ladies.

Gully Community Theater April 23

Spring of 2022 is the time to be in Gully! Events are planned for three months from April through June.

Gully Community Theater is back on April 23rd. This year's theme is Gully Home Companion Goes to Hollywood.

The Sportsmen's Club has their Smelt Feed in April.

Clearwater-Polk Electric 75th Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 6th, Clearwater-Polk's 75th annual meeting will be held at the Clearbrook Community Center, located at 200 Elm St. SW in Clearbrook. It has been held at the Timber Event Center is Bagley but that facility has been sold.

The last two years the meeting has been a drive-by style because of COVID. Registration will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to convene at 6:00 p.m.

During registration members will be enjoying a meal catered by local café, K & K's, as well as listening to musical entertainment provided by Eric Reitan. He transforms all of the favorite hits from the 60's to present day into a stunning energy packed feel good acoustical performance! Eric is set to begin playing at 4:30 p.m. and will entertain the crowd until the meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. In the gymnasium there will be various booths for members to visit prior to the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

The normal Cooperative annual meeting business will be held. Two incumbents are up for reelection, Kim Solberg in District 1 and Greg Spaulding in District 3.

They will be honoring the history of Clearwater-Polk as the 75th Annual Membership meeting is a milestone for the cooperative.

Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative, Inc. is located at 315 Main Ave N in Bagley.

Office hours: Monday - Friday, 7 am - 4:30 pm
Call (218) 694-6241
Toll Free: (888) 694-3833
Fax: (218) 694-6245
After Hours: (877) 881-7673



Kim Solberg,
Incumbent - District 1



Greg Spaulding,
Incumbent - District 3

Kim Solberg is a RMA/Scheduler at the Enbridge Energy, Clearbrook Terminal. The Clearbrook Terminal serves as a control point and hub facility for crude oil products. Enbridge transports and temporarily stores these products in route to their refining destination. Enbridge plays a critical role in enabling the economic well-being and quality of life of North American society, which depends heavily on the access to energy.

Kim and her husband Jonathan reside east of Gonvick with their two sons, Trever, 16 years old and Gavin, 12 years old. Kim and her family share a love for gardening, growing giant pumpkins, hunting, fishing and spending time with their three Labradors, Jax, Parker & Blanche. In her spare time, Kim is the president of the Gonvick Lions Club. Helping our community thrive is a passion of Kim's and being a part of the Lions Club makes this possible.

Greg Spaulding and wife Mary moved to Nora Township over 30 years ago. The Spaulding's selected this community to raise their two daughters and two sons. Greg was employed by the State of Minnesota for 30 years. Much of that time he was a Conservation Officer. Greg is now retired and enjoys ten grandchildren (and another will arrive in September), fishing, hunting, trapping, cross country skiing, biking (bicycle) and wilderness adventures.

Greg has a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife/Earth Sciences and a Masters Degree in Microbiology and Immunology. Greg is interested in learning more about legislation concerning our rural community's energy needs and its impact on cooperative members.

School board gets in their March meeting

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School board meetings that was schedule for March 21 had to be rescheduled to Tuesday, March 22 as they did not have a quorum. Only two of the four members had been at the first meeting and three of them made the second meeting with Vern Wittenberg, Jamie Wishard and Corey Petterson attending. The meeting in April will have the full board as three replacements have been named to fill the positions of the three who had resigned. They include Jill Nelson, Scott Abel and Randy Bodenstener who are taking over for Jeff Westrum, Tracy Imle and Gus Vettleson. They had 11 candidates apply for the positions.

By board consensus the community comments will be limited to 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting. No general dialog will be given by the board. Kim Anderson stated that with the resignation of EmmaRae Nelson, the Agriculture Teacher at the end of the school year, she would be willing to assist with Ag Education Resource or questions as she had been the staff person at the school in the past.

Mr. Bettin gave the Power Point presentation of activities that had happened since the last board meeting for the Spotlight on Education. It had been a short week. Mrs. Ragan has received a grant from Delta Kappa Gamma for keyboard dry erase boards for her music classes. The book fair was able to buy a book for each student in 4th grade. March 16, 15 students went to Bemidji State University.

Principal report
Josh Tharaldson's report was read by Superintendent Ryan Grow as Tharaldson had a previous commitment that Tuesday night.

There is Backpack Buddies Food Program that has been started through United Way of Bemidji Area to offer weekend food for students in need. They are setting up for 20 students to receive a bag each Friday to take home that includes 2 breakfast items, 2 main dishes, 2 fruits, 1 snack, 1 vegetable, 2 dairy and 1 high protein item. No cost to the district and will remain in place to the end of the school year.

MCA tests starting on April 5th. Grades 3-6, tests in Math and reading. Student in 5 and 8 will take the Science MCA. Students in grades 7,8, and 11

will take the Math and grades 7,8 and 10 will take the reading/English MCA. Grades 10 will take the Biology test.

In conjunction with "I love to read month" activities in May, Robyn Johnson and Theresa Porter have been working to get e-books for students for summer through Lake Agassiz library System.

The district is planning to offer summer school starting June 6 through July 1. K-6 will meet 3 days a week for 3 hours each day. Focus will be on academic enrichment and support with focus on math and reading. Grade 7 to 12 will meet 4 days a week for 3 hours a day with focus on credit recovery utilizing the edgenuity program. An incentive based field trip at the end of 2 and 4 weeks will be held.

Preschool Screening was done with 33 kids registered. Nursing Service and head start staff along with Stacie Petterson, Andrea Millar, Mary Springer and April Baumgartner took part in the two day event.

Mrs. Mendick and Ms Larson have been working on fundraising and preparing for the prom which is April 23. 5:30 to 7:30 PM Starkey's Photography will be taking pictures of the couples. The Grand March is set for 8:00 pm. And the post prom party begins at 12:30.

Upcoming events include: April 6th Large group music contest. Spring break for Easter will be April 15th and 18th.

Superintendents report

Superintendent Ryan Grow stated that they have looked at the FTE numbers for Special Ed in the district and there is an uptick in services that are needed. They will need to hire a special ed person. Two thirds of the funding would be reimbursed and the rest from the district. They are planning on focusing on as Elementary Interventionist position that would fill in what is being done in the district. They wish to have the STAR program continue. Ehlers and Marsh have been doing a lot of work and they are with four other school including Red Lake, Fosston, Bagley and Mahnomes.

Students are looking forward to field trips this spring. There have not had any for a couple of years. Many are in the planning stages.

ESSER funds can be used to upgrade technology in the school. They are looking at projectors that don't work anymore and staff printers and computers. They would not be using General Fund Money.

The next phase of the playground is on the agenda.

Virgil Tronnes, with buildings and grounds, informed the board the zero turn mower is not worth fixing. Replacement would have to be put in the budget. They are also looking at replacing desks and chairs in certain grades/classroom. Venders have been providing samples and working with Virgil.

The transportation bid for the district went out and 4 companies will be sending in their bid that will be opened April 13 at 2:00.

Grow has given out the school calendar for staff to look at and should be read for the April meeting to be approved.

Student enrollment for March was 503 compared to 506 for February.

Consent Calendar

Total cash and investments at the end of February is \$3,044,732.21. For the same period ending February 2021 was \$3,010,823.69.

Bills were paid for Stein's Bus Service \$83,251.53, BRIC \$17,004.00; Community Oil Company \$12,044.83; Clearwater Polk Electric \$9, 880.68; Scholastic Book Fairs \$6,986.28; Peterson Sheet Metal \$7,380.00; Thompson's Sand and Gravel \$5,320.00; City of Clearbrook \$6,496.12; Anderson Disposal \$2,195.86; Garden Valley Telephone Company \$1,932.00; Marco \$1,600.43; DaRoos Pizza \$1,469.00; Farmers Publishing Company \$1,204.00.

New business...

They adopted the final reading of the MSA policy 721.

The board approved the Achievement & Integration Plan for fiscal years 23-25 which include increasing the Gradua-

School board...

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Jake and Luke TeHennepe

Muffins with mom

Robin Proffitt, Food Service Director, planned and served donuts to moms and grandmas and their students on Friday, March 25. Kitchen staff helped to serve the many who attended the morning event at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Colten Hammonds



Kendra Klein



Elle and Auggie Wishard



Lydia and Lucas Bakken

Historical Society to host County First Lady Event on May 7

The Clearwater County Historical Society will be hosting the 2022 Clearwater County "First Lady" award at the St. Josephs Catholic Church in Bagley on May 7th at 10:00 am. The women of St. Josephs are co-hosting the event with the historical society.

Historical Society Executive Director Tamara Edevold and a small committee are currently working out details of the event. According to Edevold, "in past years we've held it during March, to celebrate what is nationally recognized as Women's History Month; in 2021, the pandemic derailed those plans, and we postponed it to June of last year. With the availability of vaccines and what we hope is the pandemic winding down, we felt it was safe to plan the 2022 event for early May."

Tickets (\$15.00 each) will be available beginning April 15 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 and must be purchased in advance. Seating MAY be limited based on any current Covid19 requirements that may be in place. For more information call the History Center at 218-785-2000.

Your help is needed to select the 2022 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter by April 1st, with her name and include your reasons for her nomination; this can include any accomplishments

First Lady...

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Community Calendar

Bake & Book Sale Saturday April 16 Bagley Legion

The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold it's annual Spring Bake & Book Sale on Saturday April 16 beginning at 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Bagley Legion. There will also be Crafts by Roxane and Sue and lots and lots of used books for sale!

A lunch will be served at 11:00- until gone. (Free will offering)

Volunteers are needed to help with the sale as well as to bring goodies! For more information or to volunteer, contact the Clearwater County History Center at 218-785-2000

Tidy Tammy

Called "The House Whisperer" by her clients, Tammy operates with a "less is more" philosophy. She will help you focus on keeping things that you truly love and need; while letting go of those that weigh you down.

Govnick Community Center
Wednesday, April 6th
Meetings on Wednesday mornings @ 9:30 AM, coffee @ 9:00

-Free admission to all programs, donations are much appreciated-

NOTICE SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club has a permit from private landowners to make their property available for snowmobile trail riding during the winter months only. This permit expired April 1st.

During all other months, anyone who wants to go onto these privately owned lands must have permission from the owner. The fact that it is a trail for public use in the winter does not give permission for **anyone** to use it in warm weather. This applies to hikers, ATV's, Horseback riders and 4-wheel drive or off-road vehicles.

Please respect the rights of property owners. Any person or organization who wishes to use any land for any reason must be sure that they have permission for their activity from the owner.

Unless you have permission, you are trespassing!
Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club

We wanted to thank our wonderful community not only for the support and prayers, but also for the donations that have helped our family during this time. Not many people are as blessed as us with such a supportive community, and we appreciate it all during this long road of recovery. Special thanks to everyone at the elevator and all of the first responders that made it so we still have our loving husband and dad with us. Bless you all. Love, Dan, Monica, and Paisley Johnson

First Lady...

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in her life such as her career highlights or volunteer years of service and other character-

istics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number so we can let you know if your nominee is selected.

Letters should be sent to
2022 First Lady - History Center
P.O. Box 241
Bagley MN 56621.

Please do not send emails. Since 1977, Forty-two 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.

Thank you to the Clearbrook Fire Department for responding to my garage fire.
Fred Johnson



Driver Discount program to be held

Saint Cloud State University's Driver Discount Program will be holding a class for drivers over 55 years of age.

It will be held at the Clearbrook Community Center at 200 Elm St. SW in Clearbrook.

April 25 is the date set for the 4 hour refresher course from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. To register for the class call 1-888-234-1294.

One can get 10% off your car insurance for three years.

An 8 hour class for first-time students will also be held. The 4-hour refresher course is for returning students.

One can also visit the web site at www.driverdiscount-program.com

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

It's Grow It! Season!!!!

Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center will be opening Friday, April 1. Hours will be 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturdays. Our entrance is on Oak St. on the east side of Clear Waters Life Center in Govnick. We are so ready for spring! The staff and volunteers have been busy planting since the beginning of March.

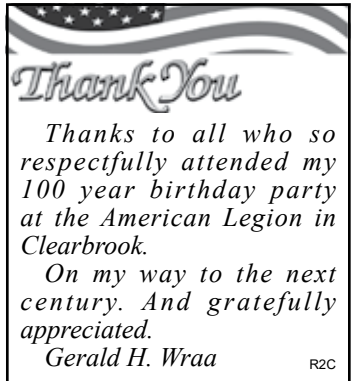
There is much preparation before the greenhouses and plants are ready for you: the greenhouses are cleaned from top to bottom; soil is mixed; starter plants and seeds are planted; signs and posters are created; and workers learn as much about the plants as possible, so they can help you make the right choices. Is your garden in the shade, partial shade, or full sun? Perennials or annuals? Is it a flower garden that you want to bloom all summer and into the fall? Is it your first attempt at a vegetable garden or are you a veteran gardener?

The sheer number of plants is amazing. We will have approximately 1000 perennials and shrubs including: five varieties of hostas, double Holly Hocks; tall and creeping flox; Miss Kim lilacs; amber jubilee and diablo Ninebark; Japanese Spirea, and Snow on the Mountain, and Bridal White Spirea as a shrub. Literally thousands of vegetable, herb, and flowering plants, as well as gardening supplies: tools, gloves, tomato cages, etc. Snow peas, sweet peas, edible pod peas, and cold crops will be the first plants to go in your garden and hopefully temperatures will be suitable by mid-April.

What's new besides perennials and shrubs? There will be 15 brand new combo mixed baskets. We have a bigger Number 1 House and will be adding a Number 4 House just for our herbs.

The bad news is that there will be some cost increases because of the increased cost of petroleum which affects not only transportation but the manufacturing of all our plastic products like hanging baskets and pots. But, as most of our regular customers know, we have the nicest plants for the lowest cost around, plus excellent customer service with knowledgeable, friendly staff.

To keep up with the latest happenings at Grow It!, like us on Facebook and visit our website www.clearwaterslife.org/grow-it. Can't wait to see you!



Report from County Nursing Service

Clearwater County: There are 2148 confirmed cumulative cases. COVID community level is low.

We have 6 active cases from 03/11/2022 to 03/24/2022 giving us a 14 day case rate of: 6.81.

Ages of current cases:
0-19 2
20-39 0
40-59 2
60-79 2
80+ 0

The positivity rate in MN is 2.7%, and daily cases for today are 479.

Statewide COVID hospitalizations on 03/22/2022 were 234 patients.

Vaccine: Get vaccinated! We do not want to lose another person to COVID!

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe. It has gone through all the same safety steps of any other vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine works. The vaccine is very good at protecting people from COVID-19 disease. If you do get sick with COVID-19 after being vaccinated, the vaccine will help protect you from getting very sick or having to go to the hospital. It takes two weeks after your second dose in a two-dose series or first dose in a one-dose series to build up protection against COVID-19. After those two weeks, you are fully vaccinated. The person who gives you the vaccine can tell you how many doses of vaccine you need and when to get them. This could include a third dose or booster dose. It is important to get the doses you need for the best protection (MDH).

We will be giving boosters (or first and second shots) as well as vaccine for children ages 5-18 years old next Thursday-March 31st from 2:00-4pm. If you would like to sign up or have questions please call Clearwater County Nursing Service (CCNS): 218-694-6581.

* If that time does not work call and check as we may have other dates or times available. Lisa Syverson RN/PHN, Director CCNS



Church News

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Kris Snyder
8 miles North of Govnick on County Rd 7
Sunday Church Services 9:00am
7:00pm Lenten Services every Wednesday through April 6 7:00pm

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

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed. - 6:00 p.m. confirmation; 7:30 p.m. Prayer Time.
Sun. - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Friday Night Out - Greek Cuisine
Friday, April 1st from 5-7p.m. at CWLC in Govnick. From what we hear this is the best FNO cuisine that you need to get to! Greek Salad, Gyros (beef and lamb) Dolmades, and Baklava. YUM! RSVP on our website, www.clearwaterslife.org, or by calling: 218-776-2789. Family Friendly

Grow It! Greenhouse and Garden Center Opens Friday, April 1. We have a great selection of vegetable seeds, seed potatoes and onion sets. Bare root strawberries and asparagus available through May. Variety of flowers and supplies. Hours Monday-Friday 9a.m.-4p.m., Saturday 9a.m.-12p.m. www.clearwaterslife.org/grow-it

Create It! Sessions Once a month, learn something new! Beginner, intermediate, and advanced skills of all ages are welcome. Second Monday of the month from 12:30-3:00pm. \$5 per person. April 11th we'll be creating felt trees. Hosted by the Community Art Studios at Clear Waters Life Center. More information at www.clearwaterslife.org/art-experiences

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.

Weekly Exercise for Seniors Join us Monday and Friday and get your body stretched and moving. Held at CWLC in Govnick from 10-11a.m. Some of the activities include chair exercises, creative movement and balance training.

Senior Connection Cooking Classes Held the 2nd Monday of the month from 11am to 12:30pm at Clear Waters Life Center in Govnick. Next class April 11th, 2022. Learn, participate and taste delicious, low-cost foods you can make at home! For more information contact Angie Ness at 503-200-0494. Sponsored by Clear Waters life Center and Prime West Health.

CWLC Clearbrook: 256 2nd Ave SW
CWLC Govnick: 226 Elm St.

Phone: 218-776-2789
Email: office@clearwaterslife.org

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



School board... Continued from front page

They will be putting out ads for a special education position for the elementary school.

They accepted the resignation of EmmaRae Nelson as Agriculture Teacher.

They will revise the posting/hiring process guidelines for the district to 2 weeks minimum. The board has the right to assign positions.

Action items for April
New budget to look at and new board members will be starting.

They closed the meeting for Superintendent Evaluation.

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

Good Shepherd
Wed., March 30 - 5:30pm Soup & Sandwich Meal; 6:45pm Lenten Service with Lay Minister Cheryl Schupbach

Sun., April 3 - 9:00am Worship with Lay Minister Cheryl Schupbach; 10:00am Coffee Hour/ Sunday School

Tues, April 5 - 5:30pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wed., April 6 11am-5:30pm Women of Good Shepherd Annual Blood Drive; 5:30pm Soup & Sandwich Meal; 6:45pm Lenten Service with Lay Minister Cheryl Schupbach

Good Shepherd Office Hours; Tues. to Fri. 8:30 am to 1:30 am.

Our Savior's
Sun., April 3 - 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School; 11:00am Worship with Lay Minister Cheryl Schupbach

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Mar. 30: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School, Nazareth - Lenten: Meal 6:00 p.m. Service 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Mar. 31: Mt. Olive - Lenten: Service 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Apr. 2: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m. Sun, Apr. 3: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. SS, Nazareth: 8:30 a.m. SS, 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. SS, 11:00 a.m. Worship.

Tue, Apr. 5: St. Petri - Lenten: Service 6:30 p.m.

Wed, Apr. 6: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School, Oak Park - Lenten: Meal 6:00 p.m. Service 7:00 p.m.

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

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Jarred LeBon, Pastor Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Mar. 30: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, Apr. 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Apr. 5: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wed, Apr. 6: 6:25 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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

Wed, Mar. 30: 6:00 p.m. Parish Board meeting at Bethany. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Bethany.

Sun, Apr. 3: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 9:00 a.m. Sand Valley Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation at Lund. 3:00 p.m. 5th Grade First Communion at Lund.

Wed, Apr. 6: 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at Sand Valley. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Sand Valley.

CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Head Pastor

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.

Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston>) as an alternative to attending in person.

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
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367

office@countryfaith.org

Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept - May) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Jr Church during Sermon time) 7:00 p.m. Elevate Youth for all 7th-12th Graders (Most Sundays)

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.

SERVANTS OF YAHUAH The most High Eloheem and 'only' savior (Isaiah 43:11) are meeting on Yahuah's sacred Sabbaths. Call (218) 766-8176 for information.

-Emergency food shelf
-Homeless shelter

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BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. March 30: Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Fruit, Vegetable Choices, Milk. **Snack:** Cheez It Crackers.

Thurs. March 31: Build A Burger, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack:** Fri. April 1: Chicken Nug-

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

gets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Pease & Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack:** Strawberry Chex.

Mon. April 4: Loaded Nachos with Fixings, Black Bean Salsa, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack:** Sun Chips

Tue. April 5: Pulled Pork with Bun, Cream of Wild Rice Soup, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, and Milk. **Snack:** Trail Mix.

Wed. April 6: Chicken Patty on Bun, Tri Taters, Fresh Fruit, Vegetable Choices, Milk. **Snack:** Graham Crackers.

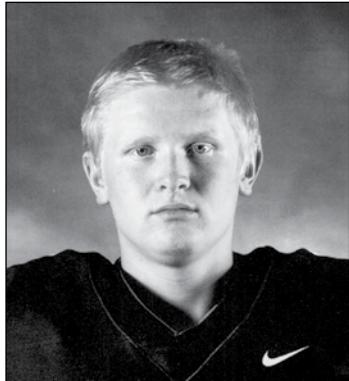
Please note- this may change!!!

Basketball banquet

This year's Basketball Banquet (grades 9-12) will be held on Thursday, April 7th @ 6:30 pm. High School commons will be the site. Student Athletes will be asked to notify Mr. Schaffer how many in their family plan to attend.

Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors

Each week the Leader-Record is featuring the 2022 seniors



Name: Jesse Bjerke
Family members: Mother – Jodi, Father – Craig and sister
Most important person in your life: Grandpa Ernie and Grandma Mavis
Favorite Class: Welding
Favorite Movie: Octopussy
Favorite Song or Band: Big Balls by AC/DC
Plans for next year: Go to work, make some money, move to Florida and start my fishing business.



Name: Maci Wagner
Family members: Tristan, Shelby, Holly and Jeff
Best High School Memory: Summer Basketball
Favorite teacher or coach: Bettin
Most important person in your life: My Grandma
Favorite Class: Shop
Favorite Movie: Magic Mike
Favorite Song or Band: Morgan Wallen
Plans for next year: College



Name: Brian Walser Jr
Family members: Brian, Kim, Madisen, Charlie and Jasime
Best High School Memory: Recess
Favorite teacher or coach: Kroulik
Most important person in your life: Dad
Favorite Class: 8th Grade Math
Favorite Movie: Ratatouille
Plans for next year: Work



Name: Carlie Coulter
Family members: Candace Coulter
Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. Goudge
Most important person in your life: Me
Favorite Class: Algebra
Favorite Song or Band: Cage the Elephant – How are you True



Name: Gryphon Riley
Family members: Chery Riley (Mom), Jeremy Riley (Dad), Jonny Priebe (Oldest sister), Darby Engberg (Middle sister)
Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. Goudge
Favorite Class: Chemistry
Favorite Movie: Fast and Furious 3 by Tokyo Drift
Favorite Song or Band: Forever and Always
Plans for next year: Going to NTC for Healthcare Administrative Support



Name: Callie Sumner
Family members: Grandma Gwen Johns, Aunt Michele Sumner, Dad Michael Sumner and Grandpa Dave Conner
Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. DeVries
Favorite Class: 9th grade Art Class
Favorite Movie: Avatar
Favorite Song or Band: Vienna- Billy Joel
Plans for next year: My plan for next year is to get to BSU to study dentistry.



Name: Jordan Colsen
Family members: Brooke Pond, Larry Pond and brother Wyatt
Best High School Memory: Parks Lake
Favorite teacher or coach: Ross Faldet
Most important person in your life: Grandpa Jerry
Favorite Class: Welding and Senior Skills with Ross
Favorite Movie: Don't really have one
Favorite Song or Band: Don't really have one
Plans for next year: Work this summer and go to Wyoming for welding school in the fall.



Name: Shayla Baker
Family members: Mod, Dad, Micheala, Kyla, Chantal and Callie.
Best High School Memory: Playing games with Mr. Burgess.
Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. Goudge
Most important person in your life: My Mom
Favorite Class: Art
Favorite Movie: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"
Favorite Song or Band: ET by Katy Perry
Plans for next year: College but work part time.



Name: Brett Vetteson
Family members: Dad – Travis, Mom LeeAnn and Brother Cody
Best High School Memory: Not being there
Favorite teacher or coach: Ross Faldet
Most important person in your life: My grandpa
Favorite Class: Shop
Favorite Movie: Hack Saw Ridge
Favorite Song or Band: This damn song by Pecos and the Rooftops
Plans for next year: Work then to welding school

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLEARWATER COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of James Lowell Bagne, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the personal representative of the estate or filed with the Clerk of Court, Clearwater County.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2022

Clerk of Court, Clearwater County
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Brenda Ann Hill
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First publication on
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Notice

To the residents of Clover Township. The regular meeting will be held April 8th, Friday, at 6:00 p.m. at the Clover Town Hall. Joel Wraa, Clerk

R2C

Legal Notice

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING February 28, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Vern Wittenberg, Dudley Wishard, Vanessa Gustafson, and Corey Petterson. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow; Principal Josh Tharaldson; Jesse Smith and Amber Defoe, representing AIPAC; staff members; and community members

3 Community Comments – A community member thanked the board for their service. A question was asked about community comments at special meetings, and the length of time allowed for comments. A comment was made regarding a question asked at a special meeting on the constitution. A question was asked regarding if recorded minutes are available. A suggestion was made regarding community comments being approved to be on the agenda. A question was asked about finding previous board minutes. A comment was made regarding community comments not being pre-approved, due to lack of give and take.

4 Spotlight on Education – Mr. Bettin gave a power point presentation of activities that happened since the last board meeting.

5 Approval of Agenda – MMS Gustafson/Petterson to approve agenda, as presented. MCU.

6 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – MMS Wishard/Petterson to approve minutes as presented. MCU.

6.1 1/24/22 – Regular Meeting

7 Informational Items

7.1 Principals Report – Principal Tharaldson discussed the following items: A) Indian Education Updates – Dan Ninham will be coming to work with Mr. Eck's Phy Ed Class on March 3rd. The North Twin Drum Group will work with Music students on March 4th. The Indian Ed Advisory Committee vote will be presented later in this meeting. B) Parent-Teacher Conferences – Conferences were held on 2/17. Friday conferences were postponed until Wednesday, 2/23/22, due to weather. C) 2022-2023 Class Schedule – We have been working on getting student numbers and class offerings for next year's schedule. D) – Book Fair – The Book Fair was not held this fall, but is now being held. Students, classes & community will have an opportunity to shop on Tuesday & Wednesday of this week. E) Field Trips/Events – Students and staff are excited to be taking part in field trips and events again. Many field trips, and co-curricular activities have taken place so far this year.

7.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) Personnel - A) Special Education – BRIC has done an analysis of our students receiving

special education services in relationship to the number of licensed teachers. There is a good possibility that we may need to hire an elementary special ed teacher starting next year. 2) Educational – A) 22-23 Class Schedule – We are currently looking at student numbers, class offerings and licensure of current staff. B) – MN State Delta Kappa Gamma Grant – Mrs. Ragan was awarded a Special Projects Funds Grant. The funds will be used to purchase keyboard dry erase boards. C) Math Masters – Mrs. Bagaason & Mrs. Anderson have been leading Math Masters for 5th grade. All student involved, including high school mentor students, are really enjoying the challenge this activity brings them. 3) Legislative – A) Parents Bill of Rights/Mental Health Services – There is currently a lot of action taking place in the legislature. The Senate has been focusing on SF2909 and SF2729, which is the Parents Bill of Rights. The House has focused more attention to fully funding special education & increasing ELL revenue. 4) Financial – A) Food Service Equipment – MDE has approved our net cash expenditures in Fund 02, which is just over \$28,000. The board approved an amount not to exceed \$30,000 at the December board meeting. B) ESSER - Work continues on the ESSER budgets. It appears the guidelines are changing for certain funds, as we either had to make corrections, or received new information from MDE. 5) Building/Grounds – A) Gym Floors – The floors are scheduled for refinishing the first week of August. B) LED Lighting in Gym – Virgil is gathering quotes for LED lighting C) Desks/Chairs – We are looking at replacing desks and chairs in certain grades/classrooms. Vendors have been providing samples & working with Virgil and myself regarding what the District is looking for. D) Parking Lot – Supt Grow thanked the Bagley School District for sanding our parking lots a couple of weeks ago. Virgil & I have had discussions about the cost effectiveness of the district purchasing a spreader for the truck or bobcat.

7.3 Committee Report – None
7.4 Enrollment Report – Supt Grow presented the updated enrollment report, which is based on current information available. In February 2022 we have 509 students, versus 514 in January 2022
8 Consent Calendar – MMS Petterson/Gustafson to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.
8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds
Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 70073-70173/Wires
Payroll Checks None – All Payroll was Direct Deposit
February Bills Voucher Numbers: 62839-62912/62943-62979
Check Numbers 70125-70163/70174-70203
Note: Two vendor check runs were done during February, in order to satisfy payments that were due prior to the board meeting.
Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$750,737.79
8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions
8.3 Approval of Treasurer's Re-

port
8.4 Accept/Approve Donations
8.5 Student Activity Report
9 Old Business – None
10 New Business
10.1 Consider Appointing Three Candidates to the Board of Education – Supt Grow thanked all who applied for the vacant board positions. We had 11 candidates apply. MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to appoint Jill Nelson, Scott Abel & Randy Bodensteiner. MCU
Board member Petterson also thanked the individuals who submitted an application.

10.2 Consider Approving a Long-Term Substitute Contract – MMS Petterson/Gustafson to approve contract for Valerie Whal for the remainder of 21-22 school year. MCU

10.3 Consider Adopting the Second Reading of MSBA Policy 721 – Supt Grow explained the policy. MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to consider this second reading. MCU.

10.4 Consider Approving the Model Policy Technical Revisions for MSBA series 100-600 – Supt Grow presented the policies requiring technical revisions. Supt Grow explained that these are required legal/reference changes & may be approved in a single meeting vs requiring 3 readings. MMS Petterson/Wittenberg to approve policies as presented. MCU. (Member Gustafson was out of the room during this vote).

10.5 Consider Approving the Third-Party Agreement for Drivers Education Services – Supt Grow discussed the difficulty of finding a licensed driving instructor. This service would be slightly higher than our previous driver's education instructor. MMS Wittenberg/Wishard to approve contract. MCU Supt Grow & Chair Wittenberg thanked Mr. Rettmann for his many years of dedicated service to our district.

10.6 Consider Increasing our School Building Insurance Premium for the 2022-2023 School Year – Supt Grow advised that our current replacement cost per square footage is insured at \$260/sq. foot. It has been recommended that we increase that amount to \$275/sq. foot. MMS Petterson/Wishard to approve increasing insured amount to \$275/sq. foot. MCU.

10.7 Consider Ratifying the Notice of Desire to Negotiate with MSEA – MMS Petterson/Wishard to ratify notice. MCU.

10.8 Consider Approving the American Indian Parent Advisory Annual Compliance/Vote of Concurrence or Non-concurrence – Supt Grow explained the meeting times and procedures for this committee. Jesse Smith spoke on this item. MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to accept the Vote of Concurrence from our local AIPAC. MCU.

11 Action Items for March
11.1 Review Community comments made tonight

11.2
11.3
12 Future Meetings
12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
13. Adjournment – MMS Petterson/Gustafson to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. MCU R2C

2022 CLEARBROOK-GONVICK AFTER PROM PARTY PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!

The Prom is Saturday, April 23, 2022 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School with the parent-planned After Prom Party to follow later that evening.

The After Prom Party has been supported by the local businesses and families with generous monetary donations, donated prizes, gift cards, and volunteering time at the event.

100% of the donations go to the After Prom attendees. If you would like to donate you can send donations to: Clearbrook-Gonvick After Prom Party 12557 500 St., Gonvick, MN 56644.

For further questions please contact Jalina Gerlofs at 218-556-9392 or Cindy Melby 218-230-9692.



R2-3C

Home Country

By Slim Randles



"Wait a minute ... wait a minute ... I got it!" said Steve, our tall cowboy with the shaving brush moustache. "Here's what we can do ... just listen a minute."

The faithful no-card-carrying members of the Mule Barn truck stop's morningly congregation of the valley's supreme court of dang near everything hushed and sipped and listened.

Out on the road beyond the last of the parked pickups, they could hear it "... so's I was sayin' jest set yerself down and scribble off a note to Cane Bridge University ..." and then it faded away as Windy drove the Gates of Heaven restaurant's loudspeaker car further down the main drag of town.

"See what I mean?" grinned Steve. "Hey, it's a natural. Best April Fool's joke we ever gonna have."

"You mean pull a joke on Windy?" said Dud.

"Sure. If ever a natural April Fool's joke fell into our laps, this here has to be the best. Sure beats the volcano we faked last year by burning those tires."

Doc shook his head and looked up from stirring his coffee.

"Guys," he said, "we can't do it. Well, shouldn't do it, anyway. You know how obsessed ol' Windy is at getting that honorary college degree. If we fooled him into thinking he was actually getting one ... it might just cause massive organ seizure or

something."

"Is that a medical term, Doc?" asked Bert.

"Nope. Just a natural fact."

Several bottles were taken from the sweet rides and washed down with coffee. Mavis brought more coffee.

"Doc's right," said Steve. "Can't mess with a guy's dream." Nods all around. Back to the drawing board.

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City of Bagley - Total 15
03/20/22 00:19:49 Traffic Stop
03/21/22 12:48:29 Juvenile Misc
- Arrest
03/22/22 10:17:46 Welfare
Check - Patient Treated,
03/22/22 11:47:12 Medical -

Bagley High School Play is a Fifties Era Whodunit Comedy

A quintessential 1950's group of teenagers have formed a committee to get their town of Sunnydale named as "Small Town USA" to earn award money (four thousand dollars!) for new band uniforms, instruments, and a town gazebo. All the preparations are set for the judges to visit their crime-free

Student Council donates to March campaign

As the largest grassroots fundraiser in the state, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together individuals, community organizations, businesses and faith communities to help nearly 300 food shelves statewide. Each Food Shelf is proportionally compensated by Hunger Solutions for the dollars and pounds collected during the March Campaign. For Minnesota, 2021 marked the 11th consecutive year with over three million food shelf

03/22/22 16:04:37 Traffic Stop
03/23/22 10:30:54 Traffic Stop
03/24/22 09:05:32 Traffic Stop
03/24/22 10:31:08 Traffic Stop
03/24/22 10:58:42 Traffic Stop
03/25/22 17:42:05 Motorist Assist
03/26/22 12:19:44 Traffic Stop
03/26/22 12:59:39 Burglary
Itasca - Total 1
03/22/22 13:06:54 Juvenile Misc
LaPraire - Total 1
03/25/22 21:04:37 Warrant Arrest
LaPraire N - Total 5
03/21/22 12:36:12 Traffic Stop
03/23/22 15:18:58 Welfare Check
03/25/22 14:11:15 Welfare Check
03/25/22 14:34:59 Assault
03/26/22 00:09:06 Alarm - Fire
Control or Extinguishment
Leon - Total 7
03/21/22 16:29:53 Disturbance
03/21/22 16:52:44 Traffic Stop
03/22/22 10:24:21 Suspicious
Activity - Report Taken
03/22/22 15:41:56 Traffic Stop
03/24/22 14:00:42 ASSIST
03/24/22 19:55:02 Traffic Stop
03/25/22 18:35:19 Civil Complaint
Minerva - Total 2
03/23/22 15:22:57 Welfare Check
03/25/22 13:52:05 ASSIST
Nora - Total 1
03/25/22 00:35:52 Domestic
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 2
03/21/22 15:00:57 Fire
03/23/22 14:01:44 Juvenile Misc
Pine Lake - Total 2
03/21/22 03:32:52 Medical
03/24/22 17:38:08 Animal Related
Popple
03/21/22 11:30:42 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/23/22 17:30:43 Disturbance
03/24/22 12:54:58 Traffic Stop
Rice - Total 6
03/20/22 17:22:41 911 Hang Up
03/24/22 18:19:27 Traffic Stop
03/24/22 18:30:57 Traffic Stop
03/24/22 19:53:31 Medical -
Patient Treated, Released
03/26/22 16:46:46 Traffic Stop
03/26/22 16:56:17 Traffic Stop
Shevlin - Total 1
03/23/22 16:40:07 Motor Vehicle
Crash - Patient Evaluated,
Sinclair - Total 1
03/26/22 10:29:39 Traffic Stop
Winsor - Total 1
03/24/22 11:52:05 Traffic Stop
Total Records: 83

investigative teens and senior Jonna Seifert plays malt-shop owner, Marie. Also part of the cast are Jacob Anderson, Laci Martin, Kensey LaCroix, Abigail Hagen, Bryant Schwegel, Colin Agnes, Logan Masurka, Beau Woods, Adriana Marshall, Ava Rolfson, Haidyn Friberg, Emma Crist, and William Gunderson. Mateo Reynolds will run the sound and light boards for the show.

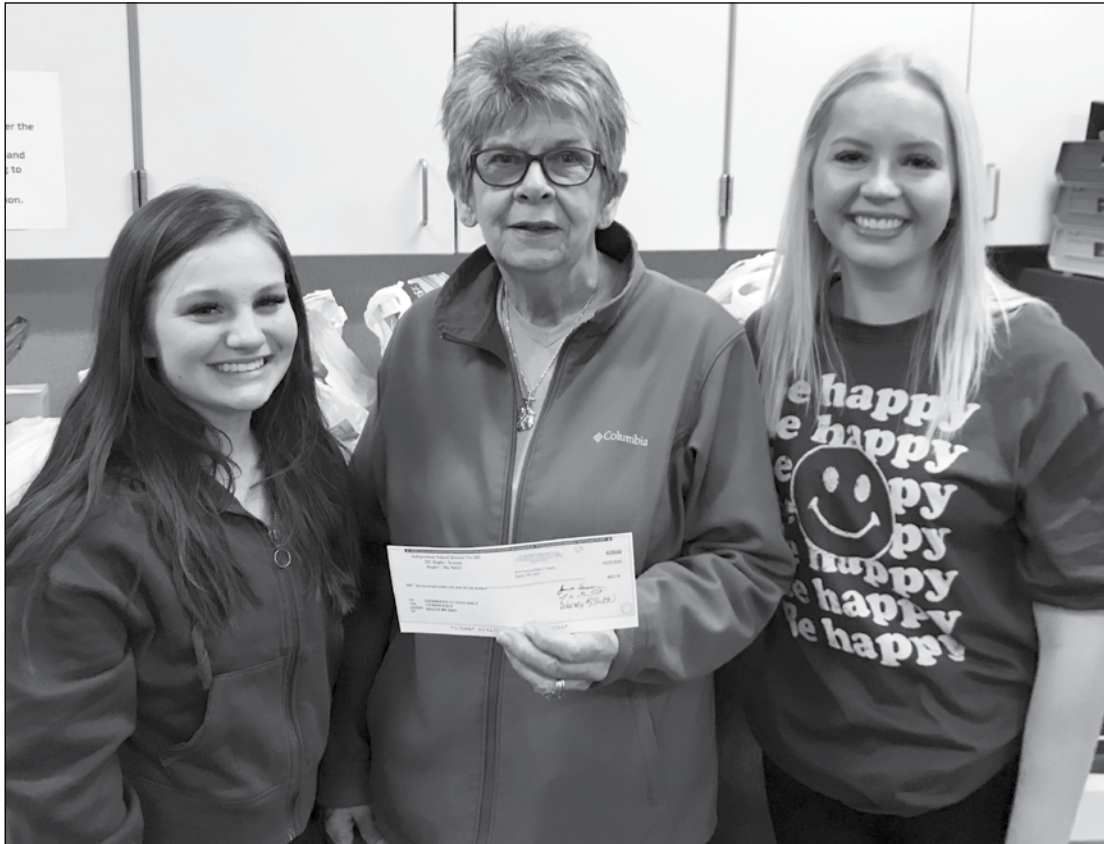
If you are looking for a light-hearted evening of 50's fun, plan to attend the show next weekend. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and will be sold each evening beginning 30 minutes before curtain time. Plan to join us and support the BHS students practicing performing arts.

visits. Visits to food shelves by senior citizens has increased 31% since pre-pandemic 2019. This trend is also evident in Clearwater County where our elderly population feels the food insecurity as rising inflation takes a bigger bite out of their income. CCFs depends heavily on donations made during the March Campaign for annual expenses.

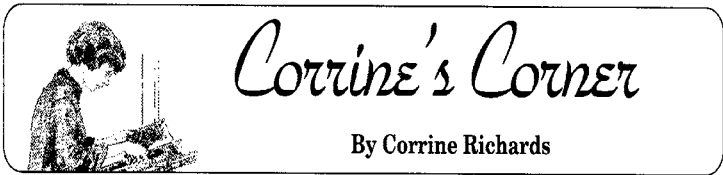
The Clearwater County Food Shelf is housed in the basement of the American Legion. Open from 10 am – 2 pm each Wednesday, our Site Manager Sharon Braaten and her assistant JoAnn Paulson guarantee clients a clean and safe experience. Using a covid-hybrid model, one client is in the building at a time. Volunteers from our eighteen corporate member

churches pack the groceries and carry them to the vehicle. Through the generous donations from the community, the Food Shelf provides ample protein, dairy, grains, fruit, vegetables and shelf-stable food to each client. Donations can be dropped off during food shelf hours. Monetary donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to PO BX 578, Bagley MN 56621. The March Campaign ends April 10th.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." ~Matthew 25:40 As the Clearwater County Food Shelf strives to serve our community and surrounding areas, we are ever grateful for the generosity of those around us.



Ellie Bonik, BHS Student Council President and Tiffany Gerbracht, BHS Senior Class President, present the \$691.50 check and donations of food to the Clearwater County Food Shelf Site Manager Sharon Braaten.



A benefit for Dorothy Walton will be held on Saturday, April 30 at the Gonvick American Legion. On December 10, 2021, Dorothy Walton was admitted to the hospital due to complications from COVID she able to come home March 1, 2022. For more information contact Jane Jorgenson 218-368-3992, Julie Erickson

Youth Group at Clearbrook Good Shepherd Lutheran church is having a fundraiser on April 17. They will be serving cinnamon rolls, fruit salad and sausage on Sunday from 7:45 to 8:45.

Office hours:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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 Thursdays 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.



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Darin Halverson is running again for Clearwater County Sheriff

My time as your Sheriff for Clearwater County over the past 7 ½ years has been an honor and a blessing. During that span, we have been faced with many challenges and we have met them head on. Therefore,



Darin Halverson

I announce with conviction, my intention to seek re-election for a third term as your Clearwater County Sheriff this fall. I have dedicated the past 30 years of my life to the service of Clearwater County. I was born and raised in this amazing county and was fortunate enough to attend the Shevlin Elementary School and graduated from Bagley High School. I have been married to my wife, Becca, for 25 years and we have two children, McKinzie and Gavin, who are both attending college. While studying for my degree in Criminal Justice from Bemidji State University, I began working as a part-time officer for the Clearbrook Police Department in 1992. In 1993, I was hired as a part-time

Deputy Sheriff for the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office and shortly after was hired as a part-time officer for the Bagley Police Department. I was hired as a full-time officer for the Bagley Police Department in 1995 where I worked until 2013. I held every position in the Bagley Police Department from patrol officer, K9 handler (eight years), DARE Officer (twenty-one years), Assistant Police Chief (nine years) and the final six years as the Police Chief. In March of 2013, I was appointed as the Chief Deputy for the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office under former Sheriff Mike Erickson. Sadly, in September of 2014, Sheriff Erickson passed away and I was appointed Sheriff on September 30, 2014. I was elected Sheriff on a write-in campaign on November 4, 2014 and have served as your Sheriff since,

winning re-election to a second term in 2018. I continue working to make improvements to the Sheriff's Office and to the county as a whole. Some of those include:

- Fully migrated to the state-wide ARMER Radio Communication System
- Upgraded our records management system to combine the Sheriff's Office and Jail records
- Supported and was part of a committee that worked to pass a resolution declaring Clearwater County a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County
- Implemented the use of body worn cameras
- Updated in-squad camera system
- Purchased an enclosed rescue trailer that can be pulled behind snowmobile or ATV
- Upgraded our Mobile Command Post
- Created 24-hour deputy coverage for the county
- Active on the MN Sheriff's Association serving as First Vice President for 2022
- Continue to write a monthly article that is published in our local newspapers and our Facebook page
- Appear once a month on the Fosston Radio Station "Food for Thought" segment

These are a few of the accomplishments and improvements made to the Sheriff's Office. These changes have been beneficial for overall efficiency, transparency, officer safety, communication, prosecution in criminal cases and for the safety and security of our citizens. I am proud that we have been able to make these changes without drastically increasing the overall budget. I have worked hard to be fiscally

responsible and have secured donations and grants to help offset costs. During my tenure as your Sheriff, law enforcement has been faced with many challenges. Officer involved shootings and the aftermath of negativity toward law enforcement have been something I have not seen during my three decades of service. It has been a time that many in law enforcement have begun to rethink their career path. I am no different. I have relied heavily on my faith to direct me and I feel that I am where God wants me to be. This is why I am committed to serving as your Sheriff. There are tough times ahead and strong, proven leadership is paramount. Not everything has gone as planned and there have been setbacks and disappointments. Even during difficult times, I have maintained my focus. Treating people with compassion and understanding and having empathy toward our fellow citizens is something that I have strived to do my entire career. I have committed myself to serving this county for three decades and I hope to end my career, here, where I have lived my entire life. I want to thank the citizens of Clearwater County for having the confidence in me to serve as your Sheriff over the past two terms. There is still work to be done. I have the dedication, experience and integrity for the job to continue serving as your Sheriff. I humbly ask for your support this fall in the upcoming election and thank those that have supported me throughout my time as your Clearwater County Sheriff.

April Ruby's Pantry
Join us Wednesday, April 6th 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 \$25 cash donation and receive a "share" which is an abundance of grocery items that are valued over \$100 which varies every month. **Please note the increase in cost per share and bring exact change. 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



Eric Reitan to entertain during registration at Clearwater-Polk Electric's 75th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 6. They will be at the Clearbrook Community Center.

FROM THE PAST - 2010



On the left: staff at Gonvick Oil Company. Standing from left to right: David Quern, Ron Rude and Jason Winfrey. Seated in front: Debbie Edevold, Cheryl Berg and Kevin Berg. On the right: New owners of Landon's in Leonard are Tracy Rossell and Mark Anderson. They bought the gas station from John Lundmark.



On the left: Barb Torgerson getting the lefse balls ready for Donna Stenseng to roll out at Our Saviors Lutheran church in Leonard. On the right: LeRoy Larson with his Scandinavian Trio played at the Roxy Theatre in Clearbrook.



Members of the North Twin Singers/Drum group were guests at Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

North Twin Singers/Drum group performs

Members of the North Twin Singers/Drum group were guests at Clearbrook-Gonvick School on Friday, March 25th. Members Terry, Jeff, and Greg told students about their drum and how it was gifted to them by an elder in the New Mexico/Arizona area as part of the White Bison project. This group

works to promote drug and alcohol sobriety among the Native peoples. The drum was made from a wood cylinder and steer hide drum head with leather straps to keep the head in place. Each of the singers have been singing since they were 12-16 years of age. All of the songs and traditions are handed down orally from one generation to the next. Students asked many questions about the drum, the sticks used to play the drums, and pow wows. The singers answered all their questions and played several songs that would be heard at a pow wow. The Grand Entry song and the Flag song are two of the opening songs of a pow wow. These are called "straight" songs as they are made up of a melody without words. The veteran's

song, during which the veterans and their families dance, is a song with Ojibway words. The gentlemen encouraged the students to attend a pow wow. They described it as a time of celebration and dancing. Some pow wows are more traditional and some feature a lot of competitions. Some are one day in length, and some last an entire weekend. The singers encouraged students to listen to the Emcee of the pow wow to know what was going on or simply ask those around them as people are welcoming and willing to answer questions. Each elementary class had the opportunity to hear the drum group during their music/pe time. The junior high band, high school band, and the choir also had the opportunity to listen during their class time.

Choir Members attend BSU Sings!

On March 16th, members of the Clearbrook-Gonvick Concert Choir attended BSU Sings! This was a festival created by the vocal faculty at Bemidji State University for high school students and members of the Bemidji Choir. Students attended four different sessions during the day. These included

a master class in singing, a rhythm and drumming session, and two sessions rehearsing the music that students had received in advance in their schools. At the end of the day, the Bemidji choir performed for the students and then the students were invited to join the

choir on the stage, at which time the ensemble performed the three pieces they had rehearsed during the day. One of the pieces was a world premiere of the piece, "Daybreak", written by Dr. James Bowyer. Dr Bowyer is a new addition to the music department at Bemidji State

University as music education professor and director of the Bel Canto Choir. Also presenting at the festival were Dr. Dwight Jilek, Dr. Jennifer Olson, and Dr. Eric Sundeen. Students were enthusiastic upon their return and felt they had learned a lot about their singing and BSU



Clearbrook-Gonvick Concert Choir includes: Back Row: Mrs. Ragan, Jason Sharp, Tim Chandler, Vincent Harmon, Roman Beaulieu. Second Row: Isabelle Coxsey, Kjersti Snyder, CeCe Midbo, Presley Westrum, and Millie Shegrud. Front Row: Camille DeShane, Serenity Daken, Meika Schmidtgall, Elizabeth Eckman, and Jayna Tronnes.



North Twin Singers/Drum group.



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Donuts with Dad and Grandpa

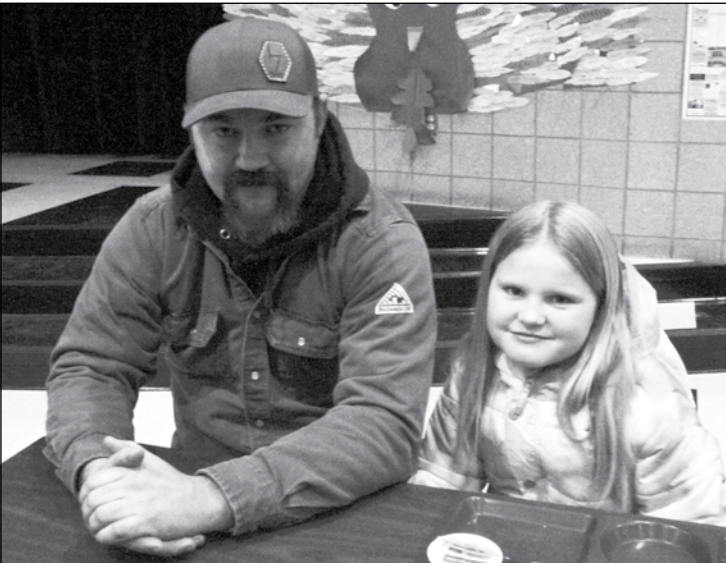
Robin Proffit, Food Service Director, planned and served donuts to dads and grandpas and their students on Friday, March 11. Kitchen staff helped to serve the many who attended the morning event at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Harley Bladow



Elleigh Emmel



Kylie Walton



Peyton Wittenberg



Valentina Ordonez



Tyden and Adilee Larson



Neveah and Havin Salzer



Odin Olson



Raina Jarnot and Colin Crotteau



Stella and Quincey Gustafson.



Jaxton Bjerke



Ambjør Snyder



Brin and Bristol Rude



The Benson boys with dad.



Jayla Cardinal, Maverick Cardinal and Jase Iverson.



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Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Clearbrook Community Center

200 Elm St SW, Clearbrook, MN

4:30 p.m

• Registration

• Meal

• Musical Entertainment

• Bake Sale

• Lefse Stand

• Electric Safety Demo

• Co-op History Booth

• Co-op Info. Booth

• Scavenger Hunt

Something for Everyone

6:00 p.m. – Meeting Convenes

Chance at draw prizes for attending members!

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