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Serving the Communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Leonard and Trail



Westrum family in the front row: Kaylee, Bob, Rita and Oliver. In the back row: Kristen, Jeff and Logan.

Westrum steps down from coaching

Coach Bob Westrum pictured with family members. After coaching in our community for over 40 years, including nearly 20 years with the girls basketball team, Coach Bob has decided to step down from his role as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and start enjoying games from further up the bleachers. Although we don't believe he will be a stranger to the gym for years to come, we sure appreciate all the years that he has served our student athletes.

Nerhus carved the wildlife area



Bruce Emmel of Clearbrook was flying recently 12 miles north of Gully on his way from Warroad to Fosston when he spotted these words in the earth below. So he took a picture and later found out on the internet who was responsible for the work. The words spell out Wild-Life Nerhus.

Editor note: An article about the Wild-Life Nerhus was printed in the November-December 1982 issue of the Minnesota Volunteer. Oscar Nerhus story goes back to 1978 when he decided to transform an 80-acre peat bog and burnout into a mecca for wildlife on his 1,100 acre farm 12 miles north of Gully or 25 mile southeast of Thief River Falls. Dragline work was his pas-

sion. He worked on dredging the Lost River, Clearwater River, Red Lake River, and a river in Aitkin. Oscar worked for Ray Skoe for 7 years from 1968 to 1974 in the Tamarak Swamp near Clearbrook. There he ran his dragline and did welding, from a welder he made, which contributed to the wild rice fields. Oscar made the original

Nerhus..
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City blight ordinance will be enforced

In the coming weeks the Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department will be working with residents and landlords to address blight issues in both Clearbrook and Gonvick. Officers will be speaking directly with responsible parties for any area that is in violation of the blight ordinance within both city's limits. Some of the things that are in violation of the blight

ordinance are: Household garbage, unregistered motor vehicles and/or junk cars, appliances, tire piles, large brush piles, piled up debris, etc. Both cities are having a Spring Clean Up week. Clearbrook will be April 19th-26th and Gonvick will be April 25th-May 7th. If the blight issues are not resolved by then the police department will be writing criminal citations to

responsible parties. The next step after citations will be the request for court orders for clean up. The landowner will be held financially responsible for the cost of the clean

up. If anyone has questions they can contact Ryan Solee at the police department. Phone 776-3490. Email: ryan.solee@ci.clearbrook.mn.us.

Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative holds 75th meeting

Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative held their 75th annual meeting on Wednesday, April 6. The meeting and meal was held in the City of Clearbrook community center facilities.

Greg Spauling President of the coop brought the meeting to order after a meal that was served by K&K Cafe in Clearbrook and other activities that were available for patrons at the meeting. There was a bake sale put on by the Clearbrook-Gonvick school kitchen staff. Karla and Cheryl Netland were selling lefse with proceeds going to Bethel Lutheran Church. Dennis Engebretson had an elk display. Two staff members had a safety demonstration. Various pictures from throughout the 75 years of the coop were on display and music from the 60's and bon was provided by Eric Reitan.

The flag presentation was made by the Clearbrook American Legion Post #256.

Invocation was given by Pastor Larry Dorman.

Secretary Kim Solberg read the notice of the annual meeting and proof of mailing.

Two positions for the Cooperative were to be voted on, District 1 Kim Solberg, District 2 and District 3 Greg Spauling. Boty were relected.

Office and Finance Manager Angie Schneider gave the financial report. Clearwater Polk had total assets of \$22,414,595 in 2021 and in 2020 had \$21,716,438 for an increase of \$698,157. The Utility plant had a total operating revenue of \$10,007,415 with an increase of \$306,763 over 2020.

General Manager Deanna Lefebvre, who has held the position for one year after the retirement of Bruce Bjerke, spoke to the group. One of the largest expenses in 2021 was maintaining the right-of-way for the lines. Federated Rural Electric Insurance, gave them a good report on the inspection. There was a total of 62 new services built that included 29 for new homes and 14 for camp sites. The rest of the services consisted of garages, shops, street lighting, cell tower sites, wells, irrigation pumps and bin sites.

President Grey Spaulding had two items in his report that were the biggest decisions was the hiring of the new General Manager for the Cop on March 1, 2021 and the extension of Clearwater-Polk Electric's wholesale power contract with Minnkota Power Cooperative.



Clearwater-Polk General Manager Deanna Lefebvre with directors Robert Johnson, District 2, Bagley and Bill Lanners, District 3, Shevlin at the 75th annual meeting.



Many photo displays were set up at the Clearwater-Polk 75th annual meeting that was held on Wednesday, April 6. At this display was Kim Solberg, Secretary and District 1 representative from Gonvick.



Karla Netland and Cheryl Netland, former employee of Clearwater-Polk Electric now retired, were selling lefse with proceeds going to Bethel Lutheran Church.



Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Northwoods 10 basketball award winners; L to R, Allison LaVine-All-Conference honorable mention, Ella Engen-2nd team All-Conference, Annabell Phillips-1st team All-Conference, Dana Melby- 1st team All-Conference, Kaylee Westrum-2nd team All-Conference, Maci Wagner-1st team All-Conference. The team finished runner-up in the 10 team conference with a record of 6-3. Photos courtesy Mr. Bettin and yearbook staff.



Ron Bjerke, on the right, has retired from Clearbrook-Gonvick School after 7 years of service. Ron is pictured with head custodian Virgil Tronnes to celebrate his last day in the district. On behalf of the entire school district, Congratulations on your retirement and best wishes in the future!

Community Calendar

Gully Home companion

A Gully Home Companion goes to Hollywood will be held on Saturday, April 23. Events start at 7:00 pm at the Gully Hall in Gully. No admission charge but donations are accepted.

Elim Mission Friends meeting

Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, April 14th at 2:30 PM at the Elim Church, Clearbrook.

Amanda Thompson will share the devotions and Ashley Krog will present the meditation.

A missionary update and Mission Friends business meeting will follow. We look forward to you joining us.

Hostesses are Diane Johnson and Lurae Erickson.

Fair Housing Act

Finding affordable housing can be an overwhelming project these days. Imagine finding a home that you like and can afford, and not be allowed to live there. This is a reality for some, and it is caused by discrimination. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wants the public to know that discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, or against individuals seeking a mortgage or housing assistance, is illegal.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits this discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and sexual harassment), familial status, and disability. A variety of other federal civil rights laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, prohibit

discrimination in housing and community development programs and activities, particularly those that are assisted with HUD funding, Fair Housing: Rights and Obligations | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

If you believe you have been discriminated against, in violation of any of these fair housing laws, you can file a complaint with HUD's office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO). You can file a complaint in a variety of ways, including online, by email, phone, or mail. The public is encouraged to visit the website, File a Complaint – Main Page | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for specific information. There are time limits on when a complaint can be filed with HUD after an alleged violation, so you should submit

a complaint as soon as possible.

This public service announcement is presented as part of the requirements of the HUD funding received for the Clearbrook Water and Wastewater project. To speak with an FHEO intake specialist call 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-877-8339.

NELL: Northern Exposure to

Lifelong Learning

Eric Dregni - (Norway)
Eric is the author of over 20 books, including "For the Love of Cod" (A Father & Son's Search for Norwegian Happiness). Is Norway really one of the happiest countries on Earth? Eric and his son went to investigate and he will provide a comic travelogue about their journey.

Good Shepherd Church-Clearbrook Wednesday, April 20th Meetings on Wednesday mornings @ 9:30 AM, coffee @ 9:00

-Free admission to all programs, donations are much appreciated

Meal and Service at Clearwater D.A.C

The 48th annual Clearwater D.A.C. will have a Good Friday Service on Friday, April 15 at Faith Lutheran Church. A meal will be served after the service by the staff and clients of the Clearwater D.A.C. Faith Lutheran is located at 32 Bagley Ave NW in Bagley and will start at noon.

Free will offering will go towards activities or you can mail donations to the Clearwater D.A. PO Box 28, Bagley, MN 56621.

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

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

Legal Notices

Notice to Eddy Township Residents:

The 2022 monthly meetings will be held at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

(No meeting in January)

February 20, 2023

March 14, 2023 Annual Meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Marilyn Shamp, Eddy Clerk

Legal Notice

State of Minnesota
County: Clearwater
District Court
Judicial District: Ninth
Court File Number: 15-PR-22-140
Case Type: Probate
In Re the Estate of
Duane Harstad
Decedent

Notice and Order for Hearing on Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

It is ordered and notice is given that on May 5th, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. a hearing will be held at Clearwater County Court, via Zoom for the formal adjudication of the Decedent's Last Will and Testament and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of:

Name: Dale Volstad
Address: PO Box 44, Clearbrook, MN 56634

As Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration.

Any Objections to the petition should be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. NOTE: You will need to pay a filing fee when you file the objection. If you cannot afford the fee, you can ask for a fee waiver (see <http://mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=19&p=69>).

If proper and if not objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT:

Date 3/30/22

Carissa Scholz,

Court Administrator

District Court Judge OR Court

Administrator

By: Leah Leavitt, Deputy R3-4C



Church News

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

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 am Worship Service.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Grow It! Greenhouse and Garden Center NOW OPEN. 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

Friday Night Out – Mexican Cuisine Friday, May 6th from 5-7p.m. at CWLC in Gonvick. Perfect meal for the whole family and friends! Tortilla soup, chicken fajitas with rice and refried beans, finished with Mexican fried ice cream. RSVP on our website, www.clearwaterslife.org, or by calling: 218-776-2789. Family Friendly

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.

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. Available with registration at CWLC Clearbrook. Register by calling our office: 218-776-2789.

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. We are looking for volunteers! If you are interested in spending an hour or three with us, please call 218-776-2789. Hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm weekdays & 10:00am – 12:00pm Saturdays. Visit our website <https://www.clearwaterslife.org/shop-at-the-top.html>

Did you know we have gym memberships? Clear Waters Life Center's Weight room has weights, exercise bike, and more. Plus you get access to the gym with Pickleball equipment. Prices can't be beat at \$30.00/ month, \$10.00/week, or \$5.00/ day. www.clearwaterslife.org/fitness1.html

We are looking for individuals who would like to support our mission with their Thrivent Choice Dollars. Please give us a call today if you would like to dedicate your Choice Dollars to CWLC. For more information on our programs & services, visit our website: www.clearwaterslife.org. Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

CWLC Clearbrook: 256 2nd Ave SW
CWLC Gonvick: 226 Elm St.
Phone: 218-776-2789
Email: office@clearwaterslife.org

Did you know? Clear Waters Life Center provides free counseling services. We aren't meant to go through life alone, get on a road to healing and wholeness. Give us a call to setup an appointment: 218-776-2789.

Chemical Dependency Support Group: Meeting every week on Tuesdays 2-3pm.

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

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

Wed., April 13 5:30pm Soup & Sandwich Meal; 5:30pm Vocal Choir; 6:45pm Lenten Service with Lay Minister Cheryl Schupbach; 7:30pm Handbells

Fri., April 15 - 6:45pm Good Friday Service with Lay Minister Cheryl Schupbach

Sun., April 17 - Fri., April 15 - 6:45pm Good Friday Service with Lay Minister Cheryl Schupbach

Wed., April 20 - NELL Presentation at 9:30 am and coffee at 9:00am. Eric Dregni, author 'For the Love of Cod' (A Father & Son's Search for Norwegian Happiness) will provide a comic travelogue about their journey through Norway,

5:30pm Vocal Choir; 6:30pm Handbells

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

Our Savior's
Sun., April 17 - 10:00am Easter Breakfast – No Sunday School; 11:00am Easter Sunday Service & Communion with Seminary Intern Curt Peterson

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth

Thu., Apr. 14: Maundy Thu - Mt. Olive 5:00 p.m. Nazareth 7:00 p.m.

Fri., Apr. 15: Good Friday – St. Petri 5:00 p.m. Oak Park 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 16: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.

Sun., Apr. 17: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Oak Park: 11:00 a.m. Worship.

Wed., Apr. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid.

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

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

www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed., Apr. 13: 6:25 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun., Apr. 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue., Apr. 19: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wed., Apr. 20: 6:25 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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

Wed., Apr. 13: 2:00 p.m. Lund Ladies Aid.

Thu., Apr. 14: Maundy Thu.: 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at Lund. 7:00 p.m. Service.

Sun., Apr. 17: 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Lund. 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship at Lund.

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.

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

**Clearbrook-
Gonvick
School Menu**

Wed. April 13: Ham Stromboli, Broccoli, Cookie, Fresh Fruit, Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Snack: Cheez It Crackers

Thurs. April 14: Turkey Roast, Masked Potatoes & Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Stuffing, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack:** Chex

Fri. April 15: No School. Easter Break.

Mon. April 18: No school. Easter Break

Tue. April 19: Chicken Soft Shell Tacos, Refried Beans,

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, and Milk. **Snack:** Baked Chips

Wed. April 20: Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fresh Fruit, Vegetable Choices, Milk. **Snack:** Cheez It Crackers

Please note- this may change!!

Some food items that we normally purchase are not available!



Clearbrook-Gonvick seniors; L to R, Ella Engen, Maci Wagner, Dana Melby, Annabell Phillips, Kaylee Westrum, Malaina Hartwig (Video) The players are pictured with their senior captain awards. The team won academic all-state honors with an overall GPA of 3.5.



Ella Engen and Kaylee Westrum pictured with their Individual Academic All-State awards.



Annabell Phillips, presenting Coach Bob Westrum with a signed game ball at the sports banquet held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior basketball players honored at the sports banquet were Sam Wishard and Aiden Churness.

Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors

Each week the Leader-Record is featuring the 2022 seniors



Name: Kaylee Westrum
Family members: Dad – Jeff, Mom – Krysten and Brothers: Logan and Ollie.
Best High School Memory: Summer Basketball and Wisconsin Dells
Favorite teacher or coach: Grandpa Bob
Most important person in your life: My parents
Favorite Class: Yearbook
Favorite Movie: Harry Potter
Favorite Song or Band: Taylor Swift
Plans for next year: Attend University of Minnesota in Duluth.



Name: Alissa Thomas
Family members: Dad Mike Thomas, Mom Stefanie Thomas and sister Brittany Thomas
Best High School Memory: Art class in 2019
Favorite teacher or coach: Mrs. DeVries
Most important person in your life: My Mom
Favorite Class: Business Math
Favorite Movie: The longest Ride
Favorite Song or Band: Dandelions by Ruth B
Plans for next year: Get my Nursing Degree



Name: Kyle Gerlofs
Family members: Jon (dad), Jalina (mom), Ryan, Lyla and Mycah
Best High School Memory: The infamous noise.
Favorite teacher or coach: Mr. Kroulik and Wes Rogstad
Most important person in your life: Joe Sheisty
Favorite Class: Yearbook
Favorite Movie: Spider-Man – No Way Home
Favorite Song or Band: Taylor Swift
Plans for next year: Going to work



Name: Emma Rude
Family members: Alisha, Ryan, Erika, Brin, Bristol, Rylee Rude, Kaylee and Lydia Lindenfesler.
Best High School Memory: Playoff game at the Ralph-2020
Favorite teacher or coach: Mr. Lavin
Most important person in your life: My Mom
Favorite Class: Yearbook – Mr. Bettin
Favorite Movie: Legally Blonde
Favorite Song or Band: Morgan Wallen
Plans for next year: Major in Business at NDSU



Name: Aiden Churness
Family members: Travis (Dad), Danielle (Mom) Alex and Ashten
Best High School Memory: Homecoming this year was pretty fun.
Favorite teacher or coach: Mr. Kroulik
Most important person in your life: My Parents
Favorite Class: Senior Skills
Favorite Movie: “The Longest Yard”
Favorite Song or Band: Nickelback
Plans for next year: Attend University of Minnesota Crookston.



Name: Lane Cadreau
Family members: Ai-mee Gerlofs, Don Gerlofs and Dan Cadreau
Best High School Memory: Playing football and hearing other teams say “watch #7” since they were rightfully scared.
Favorite teacher or coach: Mr. Kroulik
Most important person in your life: My mom
Favorite Class: Math
Favorite Movie: “Without A Paddle”
Favorite Song or Band: Survive! By Toni Sancho
Plans for next year: Go to college for Computer Science.

**New Art Studio
Mentor Hours**

Create It! Community Art Studios in Clear Waters Life Center-Gonvick has new hours for Mentor Mondays. Karen and LeAnne will be available to help you with your projects from 1:00 to 6:00 PM each Monday. Whether you want to do pottery, mosaics, jewelry, beading, scrapbooking, painting or something else, they will do their best to answer your questions, encourage, and/or jump in and help you, if an extra pair of hands are needed. Our extended hours will allow you to drop in after work or bring your kids after school. Trust your creative side, even if you don't think that you have one.

The new mentor hours will not affect the studio hours. If you are a member and/or are working on a project and confident in what you are doing, you are welcome in the studios anytime that the Gonvick building is open: Monday, 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

In addition to regular Mentor Mondays, the second Monday of each month Create It! will be hosting a guest artist for a unique hands-on learning experience. May 9 will be mosaic, copper foil, and solder, and June 13 will be garden art. You can find the full schedule (thru December 12) on our website: www.clearwaterslife.org or follow us on Facebook. If you prefer e-mail reminders, just call or e-mail our Clearbrook Office, 218-776-2789 or office@clearwaterslife.org, and ask to be added to our Create It! e-mail list.

Remember, too, the second Monday of each month has Senior Connection cooking classes! If cooking is your creative outlet or not, you will want to join us, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM for these free classes. Each class feature nutritious, affordable, and easy to make dishes, PLUS you get to sample them!

So, make a day of it! Invite a friend. Come for the cooking class and stay for an afternoon of art fun. All of our Create It! art activities meet you where you are as a beginner or someone with intermediate or advanced skills. There is a nominal charge for our busy art Mondays; \$5.00 covers instruction and all supplies.

These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and Region 2 Arts Council.

**Clearwater
County Sheriff**

Darin Halverson
Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 2 04/04/22 08:28:39 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS 04/07/22 09:17:53 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy City of Bagley - Total 20 04/03/22 06:41:04 Motor Vehicle Crash - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS 04/03/22 22:36:43 Medical - Patient Evaluated, No 04/04/22 00:20:08 Noise Complaint - Arrest 04/04/22 12:59:00 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/04/22 13:07:24 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/05/22 04:34:14 Traffic Stop 04/05/22 05:43:44 Transport 04/05/22 11:21:01 Property Damage - Handled By Officer 04/05/22 14:23:49 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/05/22 14:43:42 911 Hang Up 04/06/22 10:39:08 ASSIST 04/06/22 14:59:12 Disturbance 04/07/22 08:33:25 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/07/22 12:23:44 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/07/22 22:31:27 Traffic Stop 04/09/22 10:16:30 Medical - Patient Treated, Released 04/09/22 11:15:12 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/09/22 13:57:49 911 Hang Up 04/09/22 16:26:28 Traffic Stop W - Warning 04/09/22 17:38:34 Traffic Stop City of Clearbrook - Total 9 04/03/22 04:21:14 Domestic - Arrest 04/03/22 17:53:00 Medical - Cancelled (Prior to Arrival at Scene) 04/03/22 19:59:39 THEFT 04/04/22 05:30:28 Information Only - Report Taken 04/05/22 09:53:00 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/05/22 09:58:51 Duplicate Cal 04/08/22 20:06:58 Disturbance 04/09/22 08:06:41 Welfare Check 04/09/22 10:54:02 Disturbance City of Gonvick - Total 4	04/03/22 04:45:01 Medica- Patient Treated, Transported by EMS 04/07/22 23:20:01 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/08/22 19:41:25 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS 04/09/22 17:57:10 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written) City of Shevlin - Total 4 04/03/22 21:10:34 Traffic Stop 04/06/22 06:59:30 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/06/22 14:22:22 Welfare Check 04/07/22 17:50:38 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy Copley - Total 7 04/03/22 21:10:34 Animal Related 04/05/22 11:40:09 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/05/22 17:01:18 Medical 04/06/22 17:33:42 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/07/22 20:54:33 Traffic Stop 04/07/22 20:56:08 Traffic Stop - Opened in Error 04/08/22 12:34:27 WORTHLESS CHECK - Handled By Officer / Deputy Falk - Total 6 04/04/22 13:25:03 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/04/22 19:36:28 Animal Related 04/05/22 08:11:28 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/06/22 20:05:33 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy 04/09/22 21:35:10 ASSIST 04/09/22 21:49:07 Motorist Assist Greenwood - Total 1 04/03/22 18:32:59 Welfare Check Hangard - Total 1 04/05/22 10:14:52 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS Holst - Total 4 04/04/22 09:04:02 Medical 04/07/22 20:35:41 Traffic Stop 04/09/22 02:02:58 Pursuit - Arrest 04/09/22 16:13:48 Traffic Stop Itasca - Total 3 04/04/22 15:45:45 ASSIST 04/05/22 14:33:27 Fire
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Friends,
I wanted to let you know about a few town halls I will be hosting very soon. Please join me in Bemidji at the Northern Township Town Hall (445 Town Hall Road, NW,

Bemidji) on April 12 at 6 p.m. I will also be at D & R Café (27 Center St. West in Bagley) on April 14 at 6 p.m. I would love to see you there.
This week, I submitted HF 4742. This bill modifies the existing law so that a forgivable loan program can be established for recreational businesses in Lake of the Woods County. This loan program

Home Country

By Slim Randles

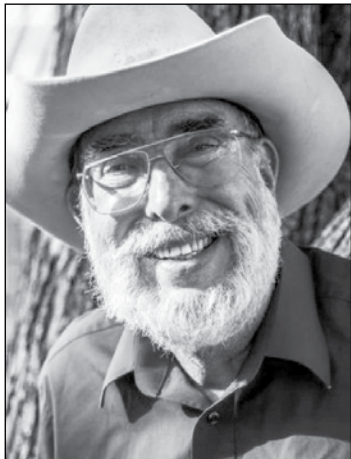
The funny little car with the speakers on the roof drove slowly down Main Street once again.

“Hi folks,” came the voice of Windy Wilson. “Can you hear me okay this morning?”

Doc was in front of the drug-store and shook his head. “They can hear him okay in Temecula.”
“Our newest sponsor is good ol’ Fran down at the Curl Up ‘N Dye Beauty Salon right here in town. You know where it is. It’s where all you beautiful ladies go to get even more beautifuler. Before you know it, your hair will be any color you want it to be, and it’ll stand straight up or hang down straight or maybe jest curls up around your head and makes you look like a movie star.

“And speaking of stars, how’d you like to help a grungy ol’ cowboy camp cook be a star? Thass right, and you can do that by writing to the head dude at Clean Bridge University over in England, and tell him ol’ Windy ought to have him a honorary college degree. Why, if enough a-you do that, I’ll betcha I get a call to whup on over there and have a crumpet with the Queen. Doncha think?

“And that there crumpet might not taste a whole lot like them rolled-up crab thingies that Del Chin has down at the Gates a-Heaven Chinese Joint here in town, but it’s prolly the



best them English guys can do. They oughta come over and spend some time learnin’ that good Chinese cookin’ stuff from Del Chin. And clean? Hey, you can eat off the plates in that place!”

A few hours later, Windy dropped the car off at the restaurant and Del Chin called him to one side and handed him an envelope with cash in it. “Windy, your commercials certainly please our advertisers, and they want to pay us. So here’s your half.”
God bless America.

Brought to you by the genuine cowboy music and musings of Steve Cormier up in New Mexico’s Sandia Mountains. Check him out at stevecormier.net.

Financial Literacy Month

Protect your money and information from scammers.

The Border Bank Fraud Department continues to see increased efforts from scammers to defraud our customers. We would like to share a few of the scams and encourage you to be cautious in these situations.

Wire Fraud – Here, a scammer will call to get you to send money for a family member, to invest in a business deal, or to purchase something. The scammers are very convincing and will often use emotional context to appeal to you. In some cases, even pretending to be a family member. They often have personal information secured from social media websites to convince you. Once the money

is wired, it is gone forever.

Social Engineering – In these cases, scammers will call on the phone and convince you that you won a cash prize. However, before you can receive the money, you need to pay the taxes up front and/or pay for the shipping..

In either of these situations, when you visit the bank to the withdraw the cash, staff has been instructed to inquire into the reason for cash withdrawal. Many of the scammers understand this practice and will even encourage you to lie to the bank as to why you need the funds.

POP UP message on your computer - This is a well known

Nerhus..Continued from front page

roads, ditches, and dikes that are still there today. Oscar has moved many yards of dirt in his lifetime. In 1975 Oscar started to work for Pennington County cleaning ditches, he worked there for over 20 years. Oscar still ran a dragline at home after his work for Pennington County.

Nerhus worked on the pools that were less than five feet deep with side slopes of five to one with Al Gustafson, SCS District Conservational in Pennington County. Gustafson also advised Nerhus on which grasses to plant along the sidebanks. Then Nerhus had the idea

to design an alphabet wildlife pool. He got the help of Gordon Jelle, SCS Soil Conservation Technician and John Drury SCS Civil Engineer Technician. They met the challenge to stake and dig each letter with a dragline. They went through shoulder-high grass, willows and brush to get each letter of the Wild-Life Nerhus ready for the digging. It took three years and 1,000 dragline hours to get the letters dug out by Nerhus.

Nerhus passed away at his home in rural Goodridge in 2009 but his work is still carved into the fields.



Oscar Nerhus' Remarkable Wildlife Pools

This "marksman with a dragline" has created the most unusual wildlife refuge in Minnesota

Kate J. Brady

Please turn page

would be for those businesses that experienced a loss in revenue that is more than 30% from March 15, 2021, through March 15, 2022, compared to the same period between 2019 and 2020.

In what could be another win for Lake of the Woods County, my legislation, HF 3764 was heard in the Capital Investment Committee this week. This informational hearing gets us one step closer to building a new law enforcement and government facility building in Lake of the Woods County.

Next week is Easter and I look forward to celebrating with my family—I hope you have the chance to do the same. God Bless.

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

Have a great week and God Bless!

Matt
RepMattGrossell

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04/09/22 13:27:13 Traffic Stop
Leon - Total 8
04/04/22 02:55:36 Information
04/05/22 16:35:36 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/05/22 17:45:07 Trespass
04/06/22 15:39:17 Information
04/08/22 15:00:31 Assault - Arrest
04/08/22 16:54:42 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
04/09/22 09:28:12 ASSIST
Minerva - Total 1
04/07/22 11:26:55 Animal Related - Report Taken
Nora - Total 5
04/03/22 12:16:55 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
04/04/22 05:40:17 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
04/05/22 11:57:26 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/08/22 11:33:50 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/09/22 13:54:51 Traffic Stop Out of Jurisdiction
04/04/22 13:46:22 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/06/22 20:57:51 THEFT
04/08/22 13:54:12 Transport
Pine Lake - Total 1
04/05/22 16:03:18 Juvenile Misc
Popple - Total 4
04/07/22 15:53:41 Civil Complaint
04/08/22 00:37:20 Disorderly
04/08/22 10:52:33 Crimes Against

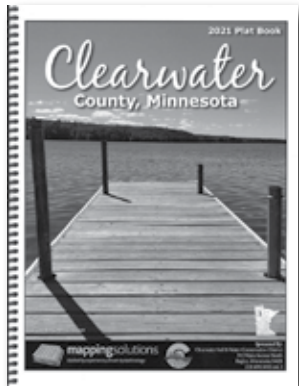
scam. A message on your computer will appear saying that you have a virus or that you need maintenance. It will ask you to “click here” or call this number. It is important that you do not do this as this allows scammers direct access to your computer. If you have your passwords saved on your computer, they can get access to sensitive financial records including your bank accounts and often will conduct transfers out of these accounts without your knowledge. If you did click on the notice in error or you see someone else moving around within your computer, shut it down immediately and take it to a reputable computer service company to have it cleaned of any malware or viruses that may have been installed. Contact the bank immediately to stop any unauthorized transfers.

Counterfeit Checks: These scams are very common especially if you are selling an item on one of the social media sites. The buyer will send a check for over the amount you agreed on and wants you to send the overage back to them via wire, money order, gift cards, etc. The check is fraudulent and will be returned to the bank. If you have already sent back funds to them via wire or gift cards, you are out those funds

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Rice - Total 5
04/05/22 09:28:13 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/05/22 15:10:10 O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/06/22 16:54:43 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
04/07/22 00:01:05 Domestic
04/08/22 18:16:51 Motor Vehicle Theft - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Shevlin - Total 8
04/03/22 11:01:00 Trespass

Thoughts
from the
Sheriff

Clearwater County
Sheriff Darin Halverson



April is Child Abuse Prevention month, so I thought I would take the opportunity to write about this topic. This month, and throughout the year, I encourage all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Clearwater County a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by making meaningful connections with children, youth and families in our communities.

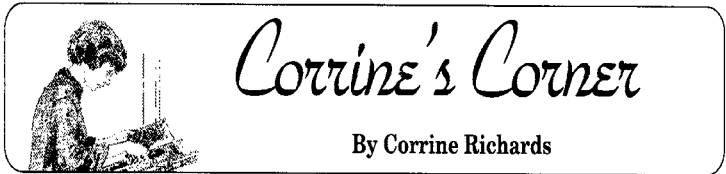
On average, the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office receives more than 100 child maltreatment reports each year. Each case is unique and requires a different level of investigation. According to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, in 2019 there were 37,649 accepted reports of maltreatment statewide involving 38,298 unique children in Minnesota. The most common allegation of maltreatment was for neglect. It was found in 60% of family assessments. Mandated reporters made the majority of maltreatment reports, nearly four out of

five reports or 80%.

So, what can be done to help stop child abuse and neglect? If you suspect child maltreatment, report your findings. Some general signs of child abuse include the child being nervous around certain adults, being reluctant to go home, being passive and withdrawn, being tired or have insomnia, feeling fearful and anxious or show a sudden change in behavior or school performance. Other more obvious signs may include unexplained bruising or other injury.

As a parent or other care giver, what can you do if you are struggling with parenting? Seek out help through your local human services or similar organization. Many cases of child maltreatment occur because parents don't understand how to parent. This may sound ridiculous, but many lack the skills necessary to be an effective and positive parent. The following are some tips that might help you develop those skills.

Most important, be a good role model for your children. They watch and mimic what they see. Give your child praise



By Corrine Richards

The Gully Area Sportsman's Club will be having their Smelt Fry on Saturday April 16 from 2 to 7 pm at Shorty's Place in Gully.

A Gully Home Companion goes to Hollywood will be held on Saturday, April 23. Events start at 7:00 pm at the Gully Hall in Gully. No admission charge but donations are accepted.

The Samhold Women will be holding their Spring Bazaar on Saturday, April 23 starting at 10:00 am, Silent auction, bake sale, craft sale and coffee with brunch served as well.

The Clearbrook-Convick prom will be held April 23. The After Prom committee is looking for donations for the party. Questions can be directed to Jalina Gerlofs at 218-556-9392 or Cindy Melby at 218-230-9692. or sent to the Clearbrook-Convick After Prom Party at 12557 500 St. Convick, MN 56644

A benefit for Dorothy Walton will be held on Saturday, April 30 at the Convick 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 218-260-0165, Alana Sweno 218-214-0085 or Kim Solberg at 218-556-4802.

The Minnesota Highway Safety Center and Saint Cloud State University will be offering 55+ Driver Discount Course. This is a 4 Hour Refresher Courses to be held on April 25th, 2022 from 1 pm to 5 pm at the Clearbrook Community Center, 200 Elm St SW, Clearbrook, MN.

Joke Time...

Ole the contractor

A couple was looking through their new home with Ole the contractor, picking out wall colors for the various rooms. They went into the living room first, said they'd like to have it in a pale green. Ole wrote something down on a pad, then went to the window and yelled, "Gren sida oop!"

They went on into the kitchen, where the couple chose a light clay color for the room. Again the Ole wrote something on a pad, went to the window, and yelled " Gren sida oop!"

This continued from room to room, upstairs and downstairs - all through the house until they were finished. Finally, the husband couldn't contain himself any longer, he had to find out what was going on.

"I'm confused," he said. "Every room we've gone to, we've picked out a particular room color, you've written on a pad, then gone to the window and yelled, "Gren sida oop! Now, I know a little Swedish and we didn't choose green in any room. What's going on?"

"Oh!", said Ole, "I've got Sven out der layin' sod for me."

04/05/22 19:48:10 Traffic Stop
04/05/22 21:10:16 Recovered Vehicle - Arrest
04/06/22 00:53:49 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
04/06/22 08:16:40 Medical - Patient Treated, Transferred Care to
04/07/22 19:09:54 Traffic Stop
04/07/22 19:33:18 Traffic Stop
04/09/22 08:57:56 911 Hang Up
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Statewide in 2019, there were 17 needless child deaths and 13 life-threatening injuries to children in Minnesota that were determined to be a result of maltreatment. Those numbers are too high. We all need to work together to help stop this. Be alert to signs of child maltreatment and if you are a parent who is struggling, please seek help. Remember, you're not in this alone.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at darin.halverson@co.clearwater.rmn.us or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226.

Thank you and as always, I am honored to serve as your Clearwater County Sheriff.



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Poet Erin Lynn
Marsh in Bagley

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Bagley Area Arts Collaborative has invited author and poet Erin Lynn Marsh to the Bagley Library on Thursday, April 21st. Erin has recently written a new poetry collection titled "I May Never Be Able To Stop Writing Love Poems".

Erin will read from her new book beginning at 5:00 pm. She will take questions regarding her journey as an author and will have signed copies of her new book for sale.

Please join us as we welcome Erin Lynn Marsh in our community.

This is a free event that is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Red Lake County Sheriff's Report



On the morning of April 5, 2022, the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office received a report from Hardware Hank, at the Mall in Red Lake Falls, that their store had been broken into sometime overnight. Red Lake County law enforcement responded to the business and conducted an initial investigation, which revealed that several handguns had been stolen. Later that morning, a suspect was identified and Pennington County deputies and Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force of-

ficers located the suspect in Pennington County. Around 1:30 p.m., Daniel Murphy Saunders (31) of Red Lake Falls was arrested on Hwy. #59, approximately 5 miles south of Thief River Falls. Red Lake County authorities transported Mr. Saunders to the jail in Crookston and he was booked on felony burglary. The Red Lake County Sheriff's Office also seized his vehicle. Some of the items stolen from the hardware store have been recovered, and this investigation remains open is ongoing. Involved agencies include: the Red Lake County Sheriff's Office, the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, the Thief River Falls Police Department, the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force, the Minnesota State Patrol, Red Lake Tribal Police and the ATF. Mr. Saunders is scheduled to make his first court appearance in Crookston on April, 6, 2022.
Sheriff Mitch Bernstein



Clearwater-Polk Electric staff registering the guests at the 75th annual meeting. From left to right: Ben Eastley, Lead Lineman, Angie Swanson, Accountant and Teresa Olson Cashier and Receptionist.



Catering the 75th annual meeting of Clearwater-Polk Electric was K&K's restaurant from Clearbrook. Shown above mixing some more kool-aid were Jodi Bjerke and Sara Bjerke. Shown below were two of the helpers doing the serving Kayla Bjerke and McKenzie Larson.



Eric Reitan provided music at the Clearwater Polk meeting.



Demonstration given on wiring hazards.

Muffins for Mom and Grandma

Robin Proffit, 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.



Aleta, Lillian and Grave Hill



Hunter Dahlke



Adilee and Tyden Larson



Jack and Addie McKnight

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.

Since 1977, Forty-two women in Clearwater County have been



Talia Nelson



Elijah and Emmett Heley



Brin and Bristol Rude



Emma Chandler

eth, 1998- Mildred Mathison, 1999- Lila Strandlien, 2000- Dee Strandlien, 2001- Grace Nelson, 2002- Lillian Sauer, 2003- Crystal Schmitz, 2005- Charlotte Stoker, 2006- Vivian Torkildson, 2007- Betty Johnson, 2008- Ardella Lindberg, 2009- Darlene Sawyer, 2010 - Linda Kaul, 2011- Opal Friberg, 2012- Shirley Gunderson, 2013- Lois Hoie, 2014- Marilyn Stinar, 2015- Ardis Thompson, 2016- Eileen Lein, 2017- Alice Gunderson, 2018- DonnaRae Jacobson, 2019- Elaine Johnson, 2020 - Marilyn Ames, 2021- Sharon Braaten.

NELL Spring Programs 2022 Overview

We have a great line-up to kick off NELL for 2022.

Meetings on Wednesday mornings @ 9:30 AM, coffee @ 9:00

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

- April 13-Gary Vikan
 - Bagley American Legion
 - Shroud of Turin
- April 20- Eric Dregni
 - Good Shepherd Church, Clearbrook
 - "For the Love of Cod" (A Father and Son's Search for Norwegian Happiness)
- April 27-Wendell Affield
 - McIntosh Community Center
 - Chickenhouse Chronicles, Book 3 "Barbara: Uncharted Course Through Borderline Personality Disorder"
- May 4-David Jones
 - New Journey Church, Foston
 - Discussion of JFK assassination
- May 11-Curtis & Loretta (BAAC Concert)

NEED HELP?????



These seven young men all from Clearwater County went into service together. Please help identify them? Front row center is Duane W. Bergeson. Duane entered active service in the Army in 1953.

Mission Trip to Ukraine in 2018 and letter from Ukraine 2022

August 8, 2018 came way too soon as we began our trip home again. This picture was taken as we left the city of Kviv behind and show the agricultural landscape bordering the city.



By Bonnie Engen Clearbrook, MN On July 26,2018 five people from First Baptist Church and Good Shepherd Church from Clearbrook set out on a mission trip to Ukraine. We were greeted at the Kviv International Airport by our loving host Pastor Anatolia Panasenko and spent 2 weeks living among the wonderful families of Stepanki, Ukraine. Stepanki is a village of 2,630 residents located 20 km southwest of Cherkasy and Cherkasy is located 200 km southwest of Kviv, Ukraine.



One of our first steps in Ukraine was to visit a park near Stepanki. The park had military vehicles on display. We were told that the military is a very important part of Ukraine's history as they are a country that has never been without war on its soil. Pastor Anatolia Panasenko is the tallest one in the picture.



The community was wonderful and sooo excited that the Americans had come to visit. Over 100 children came to our Bible Camp to learn from the Americans....lots of hugs and picture memories for us all.

Letter from Ukraine dated March 2, 2022

Letter to Bonnie Engen of Clearbrook from Ukraine. This is an amazing country. These are amazing people. The people of Ukraine are now suffering immeasurable evil as they fight to preserve their way of life. On March 2, 2022 we received this text from one of the family members we lived with when we were in Ukraine. Just got this from my Ukraine friends..... Today is a UNUSUAL DAY... March 2nd is not just a day for me... The day my two favor-

ite people were born. A week ago we had other plans.. but our thoughts are not God's thoughts. Our ways are not God's ways... I thank God that today,we can bring food to check posts,men load sand in bags,we have people in our house that need it.. every day we call out to God, about our country, about our children and the people living here! Our morning starts with thanking God for waking up and with a roll call if we are alive... This is the reality of today.. Seryozha could not think that at 38 years old, he would

meet exactly like this. I could not imagine that Rufochka would turn 2 in a country where there is WAR... We don't know where our tomorrow will be, or the next five minutes today... BUT, how good it is that we know the One who knew everything, knows and will know everything!!! We know in Whom we trust and believe that He is strong to save us, our children and our country!! And if not, then we know where we are going and who is waiting for us there!!! Blessed be the name of the lord!!!



Shortly after that message they received a picture of beds set up on the floor of the church basement. These beds are covered with some of the quilts that our mission group delivered to the church when we ministered there. These beds and quilts are now being used for the soldiers who are in the community fighting to preserve the FREEDOM for these wonderful people.

GET SCREENED

Colorectal health

Even without a family history or risk factors, you can get colorectal cancer. That's why those at average risk should start regular screenings at age 45. A preventive screening is the best way to find an issue early, before symptoms begin. All it takes is one day and one screening to safeguard your health.

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