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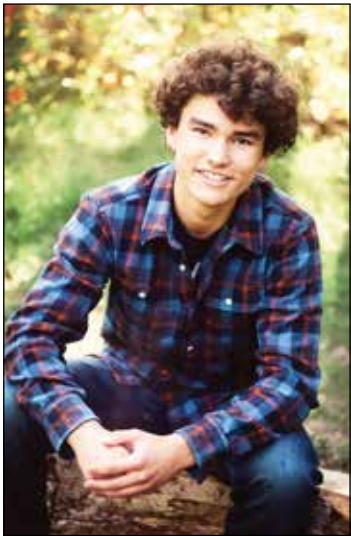


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CONTINUING THE GONVICK RECORD AND CLEARBROOK LEADER
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Co-Valedictorian:
Ella Engen,



Co-Valedictorian:
John DeVries,



Co-Valedictorian:
Jayden Bergerson



Salutatorian: Kaylee
Westrum

**Glearbrook-
Gonvick
Graduation
Saturday, May 28
2:00 pm**



Highest Honors - Jayna
Tronnes



Highest Honors -
McKenzie Weems

Clearbrook-Gonvick graduation for the class of 2022 is set for Saturday, May 28 at 2:00 pm in the school gymnasium. Three students have been selected as class Co-Valedictorian with a grade point average of 4.00. The three are Jayden Bergerson, John DeVries and Ella Engen. Kaylee Westrum was named the Salutatorian.

Besides the Valedictorians and the Salutatorian there were four that received highest honors. They included Jayna Tronnes, McKenzie Weems, Dana Melby and Chantelle Kusick.

Earning high honors were four students, Aiden Churness, Danielle Faldet, Malaina Hartwig and Jensen Engberg.

Eight students earned honors and they included, Emma Rude, Sam Wishard, Lane Cadreau, Thomas Straabe, Shayla Baker, Kelsey Johnson, Gryphon Riley and Annabell Phillips.

Two board members Vern Wittenberg and Jamie Wishard will be presenting the diplomas.

The class Motto was, "I have no idea what I'm doing, but I know I'm doing it well." Chris Pratt. The class flower was a peony and the class colors were white and lavender. The class song was "Shake it Off" by Taylor Swift.

Class offices were Ella Engen, President; Dana Melby,



Highest Honors - Dana
Melby



High Honors - Aiden
Churness



High Honors - Malaina
Hartwig

Vice President; McKenzie Weems, Secretary; and Malaina Hartwig, Treasurer.

Student Council members were Dana Melby, President; Kaylee Westrum, Vice President; and Kelsey Johnson, Secretary. There were six members at large and they were: Ella Engen, Emma Rude, Danielle



Highest Honors - Chan-
telle Kusick



High Honors - Danielle
Faldet



High Honors - Jensen
Engberg

Faldet, John DeVries, Annabell Phillips and McKenzie Weems.

Board of Education included Vanessa Gustafson, Corey Peterson, Vern Wittenberg, Randall Bodensteiner, Jill Nelson, Scott Abel and Jamie Wishard with Ryan Grow, Superintendent and Josh Tharaldson, Principal.

Gonvick Memorial Day Services

The Gonvick American Legion Post #304 Memorial Day service will be held on Monday, May 30th at 10:00 am. Guest speaker will be Lindsey Samson. Coffee and donuts will be served by the Auxiliary following the service. Everyone is Welcome.

Gully Memorial Day Services

The Gully American Legion Post #603 will hold their Memorial Day service on Monday May 30th at 10:30 am at the Gully Community Hall. Everyone Welcome.

Clearbrook Memorial Day Services

The Clearbrook American Legion and Auxiliary would like to invite everyone to attend Memorial Day Services, May 30th at the Clearbrook Community Gym. The program will began at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for coffee and donuts following the service.



School board holds last meeting of the school year

Mr. Bettin gave the Spotlight on Education at the last board meeting of the school year on Monday, May 16. A video presentation was ready with many pictures. There were many things that the students were able to get in this month. The 4th grade hatched 17 chickens. The second grade had bike safety. The 5th grade had a field trip to Summer Hills Park. April River Watch was mostly watching. 18 students went to White Earth Job and Career Day in Mahanomen. The Seniors had a class trip to Duluth.

Principals report

The summer school programming for the month of June was being finalized. Principal Josh Tharaldson and Counselor Schafer were getting high school students signed up for summer school credit recovery classes and parents of elementary students were referred to the program for summer enrichment programs. Classes would be the month of June Monday through Thursday. No school on Friday but two field trips were to be held for two of the weeks.

The 2022-2023 High school class schedule was presented to the board. Students have been registering for their classes and new students will have an opportunity to register in the fall.

They have received numerous requests from families to attend school next year. They have been sending out enrollment packets.

The new high school student handbook will be approved at the summer board meeting.

Last day of school will be Friday, May 27 with a 1/2 day with senior doing graduation practice. Saturday is graduation at 2:00 pm in the big gym.

Extended School Year with Emily Zitzow, the CDC special education teacher will be working with 5 students for one week in June, July, and August for 3 days each week. This is not the same as summer school.

With the addition of Melissa Larson to the elementary special education teaching staff they have determined case loads for each of the special ed teachers for next year.

Kindergarten Graduation is set for May 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Ryan Grow invited board members to the staff picnic that was to be held.

Tiffanay Kroulik is getting summer recreation programs started.

Board members were reminded of school board orientation events. They were set for June 10, July 13 and July 27 for the different phases to be taken.

The board received a breakdown for using Teachers on Call. There were two long term subs that were needed and the total cost was \$67,769. Long term subs need a degree to be able to teach in that subject.

Virgil Tronnes and Grow went over the grounds and building needs. There is some concrete and sidewalks that needs replacing. There was money left over from the construction fund on the east addition that can be used to take

care of those needs. There was \$69,001.61 left in the construction fund.

Cost for replacing 400 chairs and 200 desktops will be approximately \$53,000 and that has been budgeted with ESSER funds. Virgil is also looking at Rural CEP for summer jobs to be held at the school. They can start right away.

The Food Service equipment was replaced and sealed bids will be put out on what could be sold. They will also add classroom furniture to that as well.

Enrollment report was at 497. Ryan stated that was a big tool for budget as state aid is based on pupils in the district.

Consent Calendar

The bills, electronic transfers and treasurers report were all approved. Total cash and investments totaled \$3,686,791.20.

Bills were approved with \$337,247.06 for non-payroll, \$198,321.07 for payroll and a total of \$535,568.13.

Old Business

Community comments were discussed. It would be too long to wait until the next board meeting for discussion. District patrons could contact the superintendent or board chairman to be put on the next meeting. They were going to reach out to other districts to see what they do and also what the MSBA recommendations were.

Board members thought that when bidding is put out for the district that the bid should be more specific. So that each bidders bid would be more competitive. and complete

New business

The board accepted the resignation of Robert Westrum

as girls Assistant Basketball Coach. He has paid a vital roll in his 44 years of helping.

The board approved the contract for Riley Huppert as Band/Music Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year at Step 1 for \$42,466 as he is first year teacher. With his other duties will be \$46,066.

The board ratified the school calendar for 2022-2023.

The board adopted the MSBA Model policy with the form updates.

The board approved a four year extended leave of absence for Ross Faldet. This has been done in the past. He would update the board every February if he wishes to do another year or come back. This will not be an easy position to fill. He has had 19 years of coaching as well and with his years of experience the work he has done to make the students and athletes better people.

Axe Throwing Competition

The sport of axe throwing is gaining in popularity across the country. It involves throwing an axe at a target and attempting to hit the bulls eye.

US Axe of Alexandria, MN, will bring a trailer to Gully with two lanes for throwing. They practice safety.

Come give it a try from 2-10 pm Saturday, June 18th during Gully Days Skol! You may find a new sport to enjoy competing in! Tickets are \$5.00 for 5 throws. Cash prizes and medals given. (Legend has it this fits in with our Scandinavian theme celebration.)



Jandi Braaten of Bagley graduates with honors from UND. She is shown with her sister and mother Jodi Bjerke and Roberta Braaten. See story on page 4



Abigail Engen performed as Princess Anna the Queen and a Servant with Bemidji Community Theatre's Youth Production of Disney FROZEN JR. See story on Page 5.

Commissioners discuss flooding in Clearbrook

By Darin Steindl

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on May 10, with all commissioners present.

Motions were made to approve the agenda and minutes from the last meeting.

Veterans Service Officer, Logan LeClair presented a policy and user understanding for the Medical Opinions for Veterans Program. A motion was passed to accept the document as presented with the changes made upon the request of the County Board.

County Engineer Dan Sauvé presented bills from the County Highway Department totaling \$46,638.20, which were approved. Other motions were made and passed for a MNDOT Master Partnership Contract, a MNDOT detour agreement and increasing the culvert purchase amount for flooding purposes.

Commissioner Mark Larson asked Sauvé about the recent flooding in Clearbrook and whether an additional culvert under CR 5 should be considered. Sauvé responded that an engineering study had been

done about 20 years ago and found that adding another culvert under CR 5 wouldn't help due to the abandoned railroad grade culvert that needs to be larger. Larson then stated that there were four pumps moving water across the road, in addition to flowing through the culvert under CR 5 - and culvert at the railroad grade never got backed up. Sauvé replied that he was "open to look at it again" and thought that maybe the railroad grade could be taken down. He also mentioned that flowage easements would be needed for the Enbridge property and Anderson property downstream, and that Hwy 92 might not be able to handle additional flow and the state may need to get involved.

Dan Hecht presented a "Resolution Supporting Contracting for Solid Waste Hauling and Canister Site Servicing by Direct Negotiation and Without Advertising for Competitive Bids", in accordance with MN Statutes, Chapter 400.04. A motion was made and passed with Commissioner Illies abstaining. Lori Buell and Brelle Pro-

kash from the Soil and Water Conservation District discussed the boat washing station for Clearwater Lake. For several reasons, it was decided to wait until next year to install the station.

The board authorized the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$132,106.07 from the County Revenue Fund and \$34,258.60 from the Nursing Fund.

Contracts with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 49, Social Workers Local #922 and Minnesota Nurses Association Union were approved.

Traveling Vietnam Wall coming to Gonvick in July

The time is coming near that we here in Clearwater County will be hosting the traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall in Gonvick. This will be quite an honor, especially for little ole Gonvick MN! The wall will be up and running from July 7th through July 10th. The wall is going to be placed in a park along the Lost River in Gonvick, near the Fire Hall.

The Fire Department has allowed us to use their facility to host events, vendors and provide shelter in the event of poor weather.

Community Calendar

Garbage Contracting

A Special Meeting of the Gonvick City Council was held at 5 pm on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at the Gonvick Community Center. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss city Garbage Contracting.

As of May 1st, 2022, Anderson Disposal has sold the garbage business to Listrom Disposal, Gerald Illies, PO Box 266, Bagley, MN 56621. (218) 280-1168.

The last day of garbage pickup by Listrom Disposal will be Tuesday, June 14.

Consensus of the residents at the meeting was to haul their own garbage, the same as being done in Clearbrook. That would reduce the amount that they would pay on their water, sewer and garbage bill each month to the city.

Republican Party

The Republican Party of Clearwater County invites you to Fireside Grill on Thursday, May 26th to a Pizza Buffet Meet and Greet with our endorsed local Republican Candidates. Steve Green is endorsed for the MN Senate District 2 seat which encompasses all of Clearwater County. Rep. Matt Grossell is endorsed for the MN House District 2a seat which is now located to the North of County Rd 3 (1 mile South of Clearbrook). New in our county is Rep. Matt Bliss who is endorsed for the MN House District 2b seat which is now South of County Rd 3. Our endorsed candidates will speak briefly and then they will be available to have one on one discussions. Other non-endorsed candidates for county and school board offices will have a chance to address the group as well. A pizza buffet will be served from 6-7 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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These are some of the past Gonvick Fire Department men who will be honored on the 100th anniversary of the department. The plans are for June 18 starting at 3:00 pm Firemen looking at their newest purchase were Bruce Byers, Dennis Bergerson, Vernon Hammes and Norman Rude.



Please join us as we celebrate the marriage of Steve and Bobbie Ruckreigle on June 4th, 2022 at the The Trap in Gonvick. Reception at 6:00 p.m. with dance to follow. R10P

Thank You

A special thank you to all the workers who turned out for the cleanup at the Sinclair Cemetery. It looks great!

R10P

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Closed - Monday, May 30
Tues. May 31 - Chicken Fajita, Rice, Fruit and Dessert
Wed. June 1 - BBQ Pork, Cucumber Salad, Dessert
Thurs. June 2 - Turkey Dinner, Dessert
Fri. June 3 - Spaghetti, Salad, Fruit, Dessert.

Gonvick Fire Department



Join us at the Fire Hall in Gonvick
Saturday, June 18th, 2022!

Kids Games & Washer Tournament
Starts at 3:00 p.m.

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7:30 p.m. Prayer Time.
Sun. - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.
10:30 am Worship Service.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Memorial Day Sale at Grow It! Greenhouse and Garden Center. 25% off all planters. Sale runs 5/27, 5/28, and 5/30. We've got all you need to keep your garden blooming! Located at Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. www.clearwaterslife.org/grow-it

Shop at the Top SALE Calling all ladies, moms and daughters... Come on over to SATT 5/23-5/28 and save on all women's and juniors tops. At just \$1, you can refresh your wardrobe for less.

Clear Waters Life Center is a great place to rent for your graduation party, family reunion or special event! We've got spaces for small, medium and large groups. You can also rent our commercial kitchen. Go to www.clearwaterslife.org/space-rentals for more details!

Friday, June 3rd is Friday Night Out: Build-your-own-burger. Hosted by Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick. Starts at 5pm, we recommend \$15 per person donation. Family Friendly! RSVP Online at www.clearwaterslife.org

We need rhubarb! Our Rhubarb slushies are a staple at the County Fair and we are looking for donations to meet the demand. Please drop off whole or frozen rhubarb in gallon Ziploc bags with 8 cups in a bag.

Shop at the Top is looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping, please call 218-776-2789.

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. June 13th we'll be creating Garden Art. Hosted by the Community Art Studios at Clear Waters Life Center. More information at www.clearwaterslife.org/art-experiences

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

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

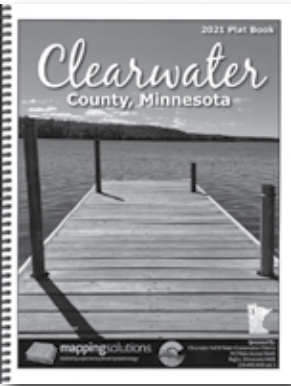
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Our Savior's
Sun., May 29 - 10:00am Coffee Hour with a cake to honor our graduate; 11:00am Worship & Communion with Pastor Ernest Simmons.

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Samhold Lutheran Church is having services every Sunday at 10:30am. Also, Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30am.

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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

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Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH

Mt. Olive - Nazareth
Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, May 28: Mt Olive: 9:00 a.m.
Sun, May 29: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Oak Park: 11:00 a.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, May 25: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, May 29: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tue, May 31: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wed, June 1: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH

Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, May 25: Bethany Cemetery Clean-Up 6:30 p.m.
Sun, May 29: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. No Confirmation.
Wed, June 1: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Photos - meet at Lund. CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston

Pastor Seth Johnson
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 continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston) as an alternative.

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Graduation Open House in honor of Thomas David Straabe. Please join us in the celebration of Tommy's graduation at his home after the ceremony at 515 2nd Ave, Gonvick. R10P



Please join us to celebrate Tyler Erickson's graduation from CGHS! Saturday, May 28th following the graduation ceremony at Jerry & Cindy Ericksons (13657 Stony Lake Drive, Gonvick). Everyone welcome! R9-10C



Graduation Open House in honor of Jensen Jon Engberg. All family, friends and neighbors are invited to celebrate Jensen's High School graduation on May 28th at his home, 343 Alice St. Gonvick beginning at 4:00 PM. R10P



Open House invitation for Danielle Faldet on May 28, 2022. Celebration to follow at her home after the Clearbrook-Gonvick Graduation Ceremony. 51717 189th Ave, Clearbrook, MN 56634. R10C



Please join us to celebrate Maci Wagner's graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School, on Saturday, May 28th from 4 pm-7 pm at her home 21987 400th Ave SE, Gully, MN. Everyone welcome. R10P



Open House invitation for Jack McQuown. We invite you to join us as we celebrate Jack's high school graduation, Sunday, May 29th from 4 pm to 8 pm at his home located at 18816 510th Street, Clearbrook. R10P



Ella Engen will be graduating from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School on May 28. A graduation party will be held for Ella following the program from 4-8 p.m. at 45391 State 92, Clearbrook. All welcome. R9-10C



Charlie Coulter, will be graduating from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School on May 28. A reception will be held at the Gonvick Community Center on May 28th from 4pm-7pm. Everyone is welcome! R9-10C



Please join us to celebrate Kyle Gerlof's graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School, May 28th from 4pm-8pm at our home 13656 440th Street, Clearbrook. Everyone welcome to join! R10C



Aiden Churness will be graduating on May 28th at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School. Open house to follow the ceremony at his home 50568 189th Ave Clearbrook at 4pm. All are welcome! R10C



Local Veteran motorcycle group (In county Vietnam Motorcycle Club) shown with Denis McDonough, the US Secretary of Veteran Affairs.



Logan LeClair Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer and Denis McDonough the US Secretary of Veteran Affairs.

Secretary of Veteran Affairs visits the area

Last Friday May 20th, Denis McDonough the US Secretary of Veteran Affairs visited Bemidji for various reasons. First, he met with the local Bemidji VA clinic and then met with a Bagley/Bemidji Veterans group in regards to their PTSD group. The Secretary then went to BSU to meet with students and perspective students. Our local Veterans that were in attendance for the PTSD group cross talk with the Secretary were members of the local Veteran motor cycle group (In country Vietnam Motor Cycle Club). This group has done very well by other Veterans and so much so the VA wants to emulate it. I think they should be recognized for the good work they have done along with the progress they continue to make. I sadly do not have any pictures from there event.

I did not get to attend their meeting with the Secretary, as I was preparing for my own at BSU. I did get to have a candid discussion with the Secretary about education benefits and claims appeals. I truly believe

some good came out of it. It was also very refreshing that he wasn't a politician. He was humble and if he didn't know he told you that he didn't know. The picture I attached is from my meeting with him.

I do believe between the motorcycle club and myself some good work was done. I don't say that to brag but I am certainly proud of what we have done. Also between the motorcycle club and my office I think the community needs to see that there are local Veteran advocates that care and want to help.

- Submitted by Logan LeClair Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer

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This picture was taken at the Gonvick Memorial Day services in 1946. All four had returned safely from World War II and they are pictured from left to right Lester Eck, Russell T. Eck, Everett Eck and Roger Eck.



Abby with cast members and her grandmothers Bonnie Engen and Merry Streng .



Abby with cast members and some of her Clearbrook-Gonvick School friends.

Sanford Health Bagley 10 Year Celebration

Ten years ago, something extraordinary happened when Clearwater Health Services partnered with Sanford Health. Since then, we've invested in the community, expanded our services and opened a new clinic to meet the needs of the region.

This year marks the 10 anniversary of Sanford Health in the Bagley community, and we want to celebrate with you!

Join us for a picnic meal, inflatables, tours and more.

Tuesday, June 7
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
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Abby Engen in production of Frozen

On April 1st the people of our communities began a special journey with Bemidji Community Theatre's Youth Production of Disney FROZEN JR with a cast composed entirely of young people under the age of 18. In the words of the Director, Mary Knox-Johnson the young cast "presented quite a challenge since many of them are newcomers to the stage; however, during the first few rehearsals, their enthusiasm propelled them and when we let the entire cast sing the familiar Let It Go, I knew these young people were up to the task. It reminded me that we must always listen to the dreams, hopes, and ambitions of the young since with them lies the future." One of our own, Abigail Engen, performed as Princess Anna the Queen and a Servant. Abby is a sophomore at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School, the daughter of BJ and Linda Engen, and granddaughter of Merry Streng and Bonnie Engen. This was her first musical with BCT and she stated "I chose to audition because I love musicals and wanted to be in one for a long time." The production ran from April 1st thru April 10th.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF DUDLEY PRECINCT NUMBER 0030 MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

August 9, 2022 Primary Election
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LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CLOVER PRECINCT NUMBER 0020 MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

August 9, 2022 Primary Election
The Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer will conduct the August 9, 2022 Primary Election for the Township of Clover, precinct number 0020 by mail ballot.
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FROM THE PAST

From Lynn Handy Turenne
When I'm ironing, baking or working in my yard I often daydream about my wonderful childhood and the relatives, friends and neighbors who live in my memories. Most everyone who lived in or around Trail shared similar lives. We survived without telephones, electricity, running water, bathrooms and the use of cars in winter. It was a difficult life for adults but for a child it was magical. There was only one day I did not like-Butchering day and the rendering of lard. The best loved days were "threshing" day and the Fosston fair. I can only remember one time of "true envy" and that was when Paul Grover had bubble lights on his Christmas tree.

In the fall, cellars were crammed with canned fruits, pickles, vegetables, potatoes, carrots and squash. Until the locker plant was built our meat was kept frozen in crocks on our porch. In summer, our hams and bacon were wrapped in cheesecloth and buried in the oats. (Why?) Our cream was kept cool in a pail dropped into the pit of the well. We got a gas Servel refrigerator when I was about 10 but the REA didn't run power lines for electricity until around 1947 or 1948. We had 2 lamps. One, and Aladdin lamp had a filament wick. If it started to turn black we sprinkled salt down the chimney. The other was a plain kerosene lamp with a regular wick. We all loved to read and play games but we evidently went to bed pretty early.

Robert and I were responsible for filling the wood box from our HUGE woodpile. Selvin Christopherson brought his rig in the fall to saw the wood. We were allowed to split the wood to size.

There were few nights in winter that Robert and I didn't go sled riding. We'd stay out until our fingers and toes were nearly frozen. We'd munch on popcorn (which we grew) or hazel nuts (that we picked), crackers and sardines or dad would have some cheese "gunna lost" that the rest of us hated. We had a woodstove in the kitchen that had a water reservoir and a woodstove in the small living room. There was no heat upstairs except what came through the register. Mom wrapped sad irons for our feet and in the mornings we'd run downstairs to dress by the oven door.

In the fall after harvest, we looked forward to our box from Montgomery Ward or Sears. Our snowsuits, overshoes, long underwear (ugh) long stockings and miscellaneous school clothes were enclosed. During the war I remember the garter belt for the hateful long stockings had NO elastic. I especially hated the long underwear because Sophie Rolf did not have to wear them but Grandma Handy assured me of lifelong rheumatism if I didn't.

One of our favorite chores was taking lunch to Daddy. No matter what it was we loved it. He was always willing to share and nothing was better than sipping coffee off the lid of the lunch pail. A close second was running barefoot on the black dirt of the plow furrows or riding in his lap once around the field.

Many summer days were filled with beneficial activity. We helped haul rocks on the "stone boat" picked mustard at 1 cent each, picked pin cherries, chokecherries and hazel nuts. We trapped pocket gophers at 25 cents each. One time we brought the same gopher 3 days in a row. We'd go after the cows, wash eggs and "cock" the hay. Neither Robert or I ever learned to Shock bundles that would stand up.

I remember helping get the brooder house ready for the baby chicks that came in a big box to the post office. We loved the fall evening when we'd catch the hens and run them to the freshly whitewashed chicken coop. Lynda's first attempt to help went awry when she put the chicken down on the ground to open the door.

I recall our excitement when cherries and watermelon came on sale at the store in summer. It seems winter was more severe when I was a child and not long after the first snow our car was put away until the frost went out in the spring. Our horses, Dan and Dolly and later May and June pulled our sleigh and Trail was our ultimate destination. We would beg Daddy to braid their tails and put bells on their harness. Cream days were Tuesdays and Thursdays in the winter so we had a ride to school. We'd ride the runner and the deep snow would swipe our feet off and we'd be dragged on our stomachs until our arms couldn't hold us anymore. The

horses were so hyped Daddy had a hard time stopping them as we ran to catch up. When we turned the corner at Henry Lunds, the horses knew they were close to a rest and really turned it on. We came into school rosy cheeked and covered in snow. The teacher said "I hope you never forget this wonderful memory!" and I haven't.

On the days we walked we would go straight to Grandma's and she would help unwrap us and warm our feet in the oven. If a blizzard came up we knew we were to stay at her house. She was not a bundle of laughs but she always made us feel welcome. I am so sorry I never questioned her about her early years. She was a very strong, remarkable lady.

After supper, Robert and I immediately ran over to the Grovers to play with Paul, just one house away. I would sit in agony, listening to the clock tick, watching Grandma read her Bible by a 60 watt bulb, trying to muster the courage to say I was going to Pauls too. When I finally got the nerve, I'd run to Aunt Lizzies who always welcomed me with a hug and a smile. Her house smelled of wonderful baked bread and cookies.

Overnights at Grandma's are filled with memories of Phyllis Mohn, Paul, Elaine and Donnie Nordlund and Robert. We would slide down the creamery hill for hours. It seemed so steep and now it looks so gentle. The night I spent with Phyllis she jumped in her father's lap and begged him to light the fireplace, the first I'd seen! He did, but forgot to open the damper and filled the house with smoke.

Phyllis had 2 older sisters and a brother, Newton. She took me "Trick or Treating" one Halloween. Her family owned the Hardware Store. If I remember right he had a glass sided hearse that some boys dragged up by the church on Halloween night. Their store sadly burned down.

I was born on March 10, 1935 during a blizzard. My uncle Ken went after the mid wife, Mrs. Len Olson, with the horses and sleigh. I joined my parents and 2 year old brother Robert. My sister Lynda, is 8 and a half years younger than me and mom said when she told us about the new baby Robert danced around and said it was his happiest day. Our farm was 1 1/2 miles south of Trail, had a distinctive round barn and the best sledding hills in the area.

Robert started school the fall of 1939 and I remember being bereft and missing my only playmate. This is my very first memory. The school had yearly declamation contests. Robert was in 2nd grade so I must have been five. I don't know how the entrants were chosen but I think it was one child from each class. Paul Grover, who recited "My Pal Joey" was chosen from 2nd grade. Therefore, Robert was eliminated. It was very sad. Then, either Joyce Melbo became ill or didn't want to compete and they allowed Robert to take her place. I can remember it so vividly. He wore a little tweed suit and he kept his hand in his pocket holding a rabbits foot. His declam was humorous "Ma, Baby Brother is on the Roof." He won first!!

I began school the fall of 1941. My first grade teacher was Miss Behnke. There were 4 grades on the left hand side of the school and 4 grades of "big kids" on the right. In between was an office and library equipped with a mimeograph machine that ran off copies of our tests.

During school carnivals, Christmas programs, school recitals etc a sliding door between the rooms could be opened to make one large room.

Miss Rosalind Sederberg was my 2nd grade teacher. She was a friend of my moms from Lengby so I anticipated preferential treatment. I remember complaining that Howard Flateland had taken my swing and she told me to stop being a tattle tale.

I had absolutely no musical talent but I was unaware of that. The school had a rhythm band and I so badly wanted to play the sticks or the triangle. Instead I was forced to play the clogs or bells. In this one wonderful program that had an Irish dance (that I thought I was perfect at) the lead was given to Sophie Rolf. Fortunately, I could talk and generally got pretty good speaking parts. My brother, Robert, played a little red, white and blue bugle with a group. Mom used it to call us for supper when we were rambling the farm.

During recess, in the winter, we'd bundle up and spend the hour sliding down the hill behind the school. All afternoon we'd smell the wet mittens drying on the radiators.

There was a building behind the school where they stored the covers for the bus sleds. In the spring, there was hopscotch, jump rope, marbles and softball. The playground had swings and a "giant slide." I've never seen another one but it was great fun. I remember Sanford Anderson broke his collar bone on the slide. Since the school had no phone and his parents probably didn't either, the teacher sent him home, walking! Can you imagine the lawsuit today?

It was always a thrill when a new kid would start school. When the ranch west of Trail was formed we had a family named Habadank move in. The families of Voltz, Loiland, Peterson, Lies and Richard Breving all came during my elementary days in Trail. One boy named George Johnston was said to ride his pony to the bus stop. During a vicious blizzard he spent 2 days with the Grovers. I'm sure his mother worried about his safety. She brought Aunt Lizzy mutton in appreciation for keeping him.

Our lives revolved around the church and school. Ladies Aid day and the great lunches, Luther League and the wonderful Christmas programs. We all received a bag of candy and peanuts. We'd also "draw" names and exchange inexpensive gifts with the other children. My Dad told us a poignant story several years before he died. He went to Eden school and some parents would bring a small gift for their children to open after their name was called. He bought a comb for 5 cents and wrapped it with his own name on it. The biggest church event was the fall dinner and bazaar. It was a big money maker for the church and the dinner was wonderful. One sad event occurred when I was very young. Melvin Dahl, who owned the local grocery store and my uncle Duffie Dahl had wonderful voices and we loved to hear them sing. Melvin was the bazaar auctioneer and he suffered a heart attack and died that evening. His funeral was huge as he was much loved.

We were even excused from school for an hour every week for bible study. One Halloween Elaine Nordlund came to bible study with polish on her nails. Rev. Arneson took a pocket knife to scrape it off and cut through her nail!! Of course, she ran home and Mr. Nordlund came storming over to the church. Rev. Arneson was not above parking his car in Trail on Saturday nights to see if any of his confirmants dared show their faces at the dance hall and then mention it in church the next day. I remember he got married while he was our minister and I think had a little boy.

Trail was a busy little town, especially on Saturday nights when the farmers came to "trade". Most wives had eggs they sold in exchange for groceries. It was a big thrill for us kids if we ever got "bought" bread or cookies. While our parents visited, us kids would run wild with the town kids. I seem to remember an ice house near where the restaurant is now. Is that possible? I remember bank day at the post office and the hotel that Aunt Minnie and Uncle Duffie ran when I was very young. It seemed so big at the time. Everyone ate at the same large table. The school teachers, the section crew and the local business people kept it busy. I remember Johnnie Moy's station across from the hall, Juel Lambert's tavern, the creamery and Newton's blacksmith shop. The farmers kept him busy with "emergency" repairs. If we were in town during the day we'd run to the depot to wave at the train crew when they passed through at 4 o'clock.

The town families I remember either had children in school or went to our church. I remember a boy named Marvin Nelson who lived above Mohn's store. He nearly drowned at our farm when he fell through the ice. Gust Wibergs children were older. Their son Lyman had a beautiful voice and often sang solos at church. There was a Bergh family with 2 pretty girls. One was named Gayle. The Caswell family included Shirley, Richard, Frederick and Seldon. Seldon was Roberts age and he and Paul Grover were frequently at our place. Roaming the farm, they happened upon the bones of a dead horse that they assumed were dinosaur bones. Dad pretty much agreed with them and found a box so they could carry them back to Trail to instant fame and glory. Needless to say my Aunt Lizzie wasn't too happy with my Dad. I remember the Gilbert Nelson family, he had a brother named Oliver. Lloyd and Jeannette Erickson and their 2 boys. The Reiters, Ed Nepper, Ted Hamrey, the Wisharts and the Grovers, Lorraine, Elaine, Donna and

Paul. Grandma Handy sold her farm to my uncle Art and moved to Trail and lived on the closest lot to the school and the church. I've heard it was a Sears Roebuck house and cost \$500 to build. There were the Moy kids and the Nordlunds, Elaine, Donnie and a little girl, Gloria, born the same year as Lynda. The Art Wiberg family, whose son Carl was in Robert's grade. The Halvorson family lived close enough to town to qualify as "town kids". There was Raymond, Almor and I think Dennis. The Lia Braatens also lived close to town and they were talented and mechanically inclined. There was Glen, who married Phyllis Christopherson, Dennis who drove the school bus to Gonvick, Milo and my classmate Jerry. There was a Simonis family and when I was older Grandma Sampson built a small house near the creamery. She was a darling sweet religious lady who loved to sing Swedish songs in church. Once her children convinced her to spend a winter out west with them. They, like all our children, tried to overhaul her appearance. She would come to visit Grandma who naturally had to comment on her tiny bit of rouge. She also had earrings that she put on backwards. She told me she came to visit Grandma because "Mrs. Handy is so old, you know." I think they were very close in age. Everyone loved her.

Then, there were the Christophersons. Helmer was our mailman. He got the very first new car after the war. A blue Ford, I think. They were my parents best friends and we were often together on weekends. They would play whist while Robert, Darrel, Eva Lee and I ran wild and tried to think of reasons why we had to stay overnight with each other. On one occasion Darrel and I both got sick in school during a mumps epidemic. Mavis said she may as well take me along as I'd probably get the mumps also. I did 20 years later! I also remember, for some reason, that Helmer and Ed Nepper took me to Fosston to have a tooth pulled. I assume we were snowed in but I don't know how they got the word or where I got the courage to go alone to the dentist. All the way home, I struggled with a mouthful of blood unable or too shy to say anything. They were so busy talking they didn't notice my discomfort.

World War II began the December I was in first grade so I have very vivid memories. The church had a board with all the local boys names on it and most windows had the flag with stars. I remember rationing, V mails, paper drives, scrap metal drives, saving lard and tin foil. Little boys very often wore military type clothes.

Both Mom and Mavis had 7 brothers and one sister. Mom had 4 brothers in service and I think Mavis had 5. Tragically, one of Mavis' brothers, who was a pilot, was killed and another wounded. Ruby Sampson's brother was lost on the Bataan death march. I remember everyone's joy when the war ended.

After the war, Arne Berg built his store. He loved to fish and raised beautiful Labrador dogs. He hired me to work the summer I was 12 for \$12/week. When he'd go to the restaurant for lunch I'd literally cram myself with junk-ice cream bars, pop and candy of all kinds. I'm sure his profits took a dive when I worked there. He tried to teach me to "Candle" eggs but I never learned.

We had wonderful neighbors but ironically 4 of them were bachelors so we had few country playmates. There was Aanon Qualley who sold his farm to Norris and Leona Brekke. Norris owned the threshing rig that harvested our crops.

Sam Quarness was a dear gentle man who always had a supply of pink peppermints. He, along with Fred Sampson, often played whist with mom and dad during the long winter evenings. He sold his farm to the Reverend Lies and built a small house next to Sand Valley Church. The Lies had a big family with Harold, 3 beautiful girls-Lydia, Thora and Rachel, and Paul, who was my age, still at home. Paul had a pony, Judy, that he shared with us.

Fred Sampson lived across the hills from us and he was our friend and helper all the days of my memory. He could fix most anything, helped with butchering, castrating the pigs and drove a small green coupe with a rumble seat. We loved it when he offered us a ride and would patiently get out to open it for us.

Gunder Moy was Roberts special friend. He fixed clocks and bought muskrat, mink and weasel pelts. One winter my dad caught 100 muskrat and in the evening he would skin and stretch them on little boards. I think he got \$1 a pelt.

We had the Mike Agnes family, my uncle Art Handy and

Sigurd and Ella Melbo, another aunt and uncle. Emma Nyland eventually bought her parents farm. My beloved uncle Larry Emerson lived with the Melbo's and I still remember the joy of him coming to visit every Sunday.

There was the Olson's who had a son Jimmy and a girl Bettie. They moved out west when I was small. I think Mrs. Olson was a Sampson. The Marvin Tennesends moved to that place. The Sam Sampson's had 2 boys Rodney and Richard. They moved to Fargo and Johnnie Flateland bought their farm. Their children were Marvin, Jonie and Adeline. There was the Enoch Sampson family and Ruby and Herb Sampson who had a pretty farm on Breeze Lake. Her niece Anna Marie came to stay in the summers.

The Orvold's owned the farm that Thor and Ann Lund bought and Lyle now owns. The Orvold's had a girl named Rosemary and we walked home from school together. It happened they had a new road graded into their farm that Rosemary was very proud of. I was determined not to mention it. Anyway the Rolf's home had burned the previous day and I said it was so sad. Rosemary replied that it sure would be terrible if their road caught on fire! Henry and Myrtle Lund lived on the next farm and Weber's lived where Anthony and Virginia live today.

There was Alvin and Kathryn Paulson, the Monty's and Clarence Huff, who tragically hung himself. I remember old Grandma Lund and old Mr. and Mrs. Paulson. I remember Schmunks. I think they had one boy who married and moved to

California. His family was on the Groucho Marks TV show because they had 2 sets of twins and a set of triplets.

Beverly Stenvold was in Roberts class and I spent several overnights at her house. Their house had electricity and bathroom. Mrs. Stenvold was a dear lady and they had a beautiful farm home. Beverly had 2 older brothers, Talmadge and Richard. Mrs. Stenvold's sister Hulda also lived with them.

I remember when Vernon Hovelsrud came home with his pretty wife, Lorena, and her daughter Arvilla. For the first time, Eva Lee Christopherson had a classmate.

I remember Knute and Etta Flateland and their boys Howard and Ordean and Lynda's classmate, Kathleen. I remember Clarence, Charles, Bernice and Marcella Agnes and Deloris and Lucille Homme. I think there were a couple younger Agnes boys-one named Ernest. I was especially close to Patsy Lund and remember she always had beautiful curls.

I remember the printed flour sacks that were washed and saved to make pajamas, table clothes and aprons. I remember the "good" year when we got our 1948 blue Plymouth. I remember going to see the movie "Gone with the Wind" in Oklee. We loved the movie but Aunt Lizzie felt they did not need to use bad language. "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn." Tickets for children cost 11 cents.

But mostly I remember wonderful, hard working people who loved their neighbors and children and gave us a childhood of unsurpassed joy.

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Happy Birthday Holst Township

Holst was originally organized on April 18, 1899 as Silver Creek township. However since another town in Minnesota already existed with that name, a new name had to be selected. The township board sent in three names: Bexell, Silverton and Aneby. The county commissioners were to select a name from those three. Nearly a year later a letter was received from the Beltrami county auditor (remember Clearwater county didn't exist yet) stating that the town should be called Holst. There is some speculation that the letter that contained the names selected by the township was probably lost so the auditor just picked a name at random. H.J. Holst was the township clerk, so the name was one the auditor was familiar with.

There was a Holst Post office for just a couple of years, between 1903 and 1905. It was discontinued and the mail was then delivered from Bagley.

Photo is H.J. Holst.
H.J. Holst

Hans J. Holst was one of Clearwater's earliest settlers. He died in 1933, at the young age of 64. His obituary paints a glowing picture of a man who had no enemies, worked hard, and was honest and a friend to all. H.J. was a resident of Holst Township since 1898, was the secretary of Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company for 29 years. He was the second sheriff of Clearwater, being appointed after the first sheriff Swan Torkelson was removed from office. H.J. was elected to a second term. It was noted



that he "conducted the office in a very efficient manner for the remainder of the first term and was elected to a second term."

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This article is written from two perspectives – a first timer (Consuela) and a veteran of multiple trips (Poncho).
From Gully, MN by Dolly Lindstrom
Loretto is the oldest city in the Baja established in 1698 by the Jesuits. This is where I had my first fish taco at El Rey Tacos. It was delicious. This restaurant is considered to be the best for fish tacos in the Baja. The El Rey has an interesting way of doing business. They have no established days or hours but as soon as they open up, the restaurant is full. They sometimes go days without opening. When they do open, they stay open until they run out of fish.
Our last stop was Puerto Escondido considered the best port on the Sea of Cortez. To get there, you drive one mile off Mex 1 towards the Sea of Cortez. There are wild burros wondering across the road. There is a sign posted that says “The Jackass Bites”....and they do.
Puerto Escondido is a modern marina with many yachts and sailboats. To the west,



Puerto Escondido.

Hospice Volunteer Makes Impact Through Song

by Hospice of the Red River Valley
Music is a big part of Gene Okerlund's life. He performed at his alma mater Concordia College, spent most of his career teaching music and in arts administration, and performs in big bands, master chorale, church choir, brass quintet and others.
But some of his most impactful experiences with music are through one-on-one visits with hospice patients as a volunteer with Hospice of the Red River Valley. “Music is one of the last things that leaves our soul,” Gene said.
Gene noticed the impact of music on his first visit as a hospice volunteer. He was paired with a patient in a facility who was prone to outbursts. Gene pulled up a chair and started playing music.
“She calmed right down,” Gene said. “I visited her for seven or eight months. She never spoke a word, but she would reach out and squeeze my arm. Every time I left, I would think ‘as a hospice volunteer you really receive a whole lot more than you give.’”
Gene has been volunteering with Hospice for more than eight years. He admits being nervous at first meeting people who are nearing the end of life. The worries quickly faded.
“There’s always a little bit of apprehension because you don’t know how they are going to respond,” Gene said. “But after my first experience, I realized there was nothing to fear.”
Gene has many examples where someone reacted to his music:
The 90-year-old military veteran at a skilled nursing facility who, after a series of patriotic songs, told Gene how he survived the sinking of the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor.
The patient who had difficulty communicating but kept gesturing to Gene as he set up and played a few songs before a nurse entered the room with the patient’s hearing aids.
A 107-year-old who lived on a farm with her 86-year-old daughter and would end each song with an enthusiastic “Amen.”
Gene’s own brother-in-law who was otherwise unresponsive the day he died, but smiled when Gene asked, “Should I put my guitar away?”—the final punchline to an ongoing joke between the two.
Another memorable moment was singing “Amazing Grace” at a memory care facility. Two young women came up to Gene



with fresh tears on their faces following his set. They worked at the facility. The resident who sat between them had been nonverbal for three months as they cared for her physical needs. The resident had started singing along with Gene during that performance.
Gene plays many instruments, but his typical visit begins by taking out his guitar. Sometimes he’ll chat with the patient about the song and its meaning. “Every song has a story to it,” Gene explained.
His favorite song is “What a Wonderful World” by Louis Armstrong. He loves performing it, and he even has Armstrong’s signature vocal style down pat.
“The lyrics talk about so much of what we need in this world,” he said.
Gene tailors his music to each patient’s preferences. Some like church hymns. Others like Broadway musicals. Often, it’s songs they recalled from their childhood.
His repertoire thankfully included three Hank Williams songs for a patient who was a fan.
“She simply smiled when I was singing his tunes,” Gene shared.
Gene was a part of Hospice of the Red River Valley’s first We Honor Veterans recognition ceremony, where a patient who is a veteran is recognized for their military service and sacrifices. He led an audience of family and friends in singing “Battle Hymn of the Republic.” The hospice patient was a veteran of World War II.
“Here’s a fellow who spent an important part of his life serving us,” Gene said. “I loved that his family was there to support the occasion. I don’t think we can say ‘thank you’ enough.”
Gene is a four-time cancer survivor. He’s learned many

life lessons from spending time with those nearing end-of-life. One of the most significant is the ability to let go.
“One of the greatest revelations is when I’m sitting with someone at the end of their life, they have been able to release themselves of all the material stuff they have been wading through all of their lives and are focusing on that one thing, and that is their transition, sometimes with fear and trepidation, and sometimes with peace. But they have been able to let go, and it’s too bad we have to wait until that moment. It’s a blessed reminder of where I need to be in life,” Gene explained.
Gene has advice for anyone who is apprehensive about playing music for a hospice patient: If music is something you love to do, then you have a gift to share.
“I don’t think hospice patients are concerned whether you have a great musical voice or that you miss a chord,” he said. “They just appreciate you being there. You make a new friend, and the more you are with people in these circumstances, you learn to understand the ‘signals’ and how much they are responding to the music.”
Gene continues volunteering, leaving each visit knowing it was a valuable moment for both. He said that even if a patient isn’t able to communicate, he knows from experience they are absorbing the music.
“I think of my parents and their message to us that as you get older and you have time to serve, you serve,” Gene said. “I’m fortunate to have music to use as a tool. That’s how I tell and share my story.”
Whatever your skills and interests, there’s a volunteer role of you at Hospice of the Red River Valley. Visit hrrv.org to learn more and apply.



Jackass Bites

terms of the contract.
In 2000, the French tried to extend the contract and it ended up in Mexican court. The French lost. A newly created government agency called Singlar now took over the project. The initial project was called the nautical stairway. A metal framed building was erected and that is all they completed. This new project obviously ended in failure.
The Mexican government tourist division called Fonatour took over the project. They started out by putting one mile of light poles from the marina all the way to Mex 1. I understand you could see these bright lights from outer space. They didn’t last long as someone stole all the wiring. What also made things complicated was that the harbor was controlled by three different government agencies and they couldn’t agree on anything.
A private company bought the marina in 2015 and made a commitment for change. They dredged out the narrow passage way to allow for large vessels to enter the harbor. Unfortunately, which was once a port for everyone quickly became a place for the rich. Carlos Slim, the richest man in Mexico, has visited here several times with his yacht. Recently Steven Spielberg 285-foot yacht visited here with the Obamas on board. If you are interested, you can rent Spielberg’s yacht for \$400,000 per week. I don’t know if this includes fuel. Sadly, the days of low budget cruising is coming to an end in Puerto Escondido.
Consuela – After staying in a nice Tripui Hotel near the jackass sign, we were back on Mex 1. We were going up a steep switched back grade called the lugui grade. We were again high up above the Sea of Cortez. We drove west for one hour and took a side road off Mex 1 for 20 miles. We were now in the Village of LaPez Mateo on the Pacific Ocean. In this bay, every year the California grey whales swim here from the Arctic Ocean in Alaska to have their baby calves. They arrive in January and stay until mid-March. In the narrow bay, the cows and calves become very friendly. You can hire a ponga boat (Mexican fishing boat) to go out and see the whales. There is no harassing the whales allowed. Sometimes the friendly whales come right up to the boat and you can touch them. I touched one! On another boat, I saw a biology teacher kiss a whale.
By mid-March, the calves have become strong and fast enough and are ready for the trip back to the Artic. They must be strong and fast because killer whales (Orcas) are awaiting outside the sandbar in the bay. They could eat a weak calf.
After that experience, we were back on Mex 1 heading for La Paz. La Paz has possibly the best Malacan in all of Mexico. The Malacan is a combination of beach, sidewalk, road and store fronts that surround the bay. The town has a history of pirates and was once known for its abundance if black pearls.
There are five marinas in La Paz along with many sailboats anchored. There are many amazing restaurants on the Malacan. We had a huge seafood combination dinner that



Conception Bay.



Land End

could have fed four. During the meal, we were serenaded by a four-piece mariachi band. We finished the night sipping margaritas and watching the sunset over the bay. Couldn’t be more perfect.
The next day we were back on Mex 1. We were back in the mountains and drove through the old mining town of El Truffo. The Walmart family is currently restoring this area.
From El Truffo, we drove east to Cabo Pulmo. This is a Mexican National Park that has the only living reef on the west coast north of South America. We wanted to go snorkeling but the wind was howling. It was unsafe to go in the water. I have been told that Jesse Ventura and his wife live here.
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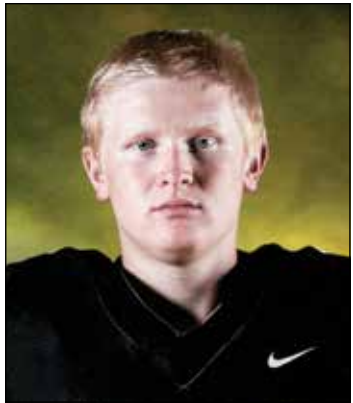
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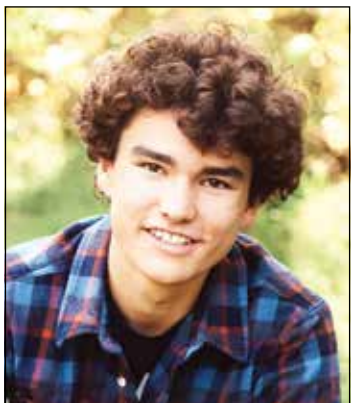
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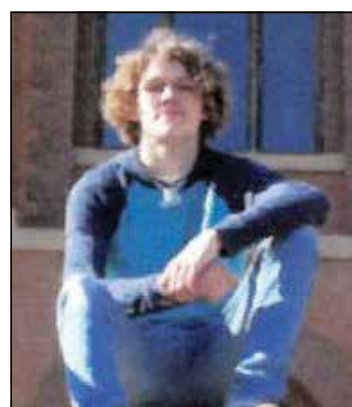
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