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2022 Year in Review

June 1, 2022
Over \$92,000 given in local scholarships to Clearbrook-Gonvick students... Tammy and Ted Carlson received an award plaque on behalf of Lonny Carlson, longtime Commander of the Gully 603... Clearbrook-Gonvick first grade class visits Border Bank in Clearbrook. They received a bag of goodies from the bank... Clearbrook-Gonvick kindergarten held with 33 seniors walking with 33 kindergarten students. Three of them were siblings... Curb and cutter going in for the Clearbrook street project...
We lost Margaret Stevens, Helen June Vanderport

June 8, 2022
Gerald Wraa at 100 returned for the Clearbrook Memorial Day Service. Clearbrook Legion Commander Bill Stoller welcomed he and his wife Edna back for the event. They are residence of Neilson Place in Bemidji... Sharon and Russ Lembke attend the commissioning of the new Navy ship at the Duluth Seaway Port Authority. Their son Dean is the Director of Building and Facilities at the location. Russ is a Viet Nam Navy veteran. This was the first ship ever commissioned in Minnesota... More roads open after the flooding this spring in northwest Minnesota...

We lost Marlys Lindseth, Eugene Goulet, Scott Spong, Bob Theis, Gerald Schwan
June 15, 2023
Matt and Janice Anderson buy the Clearbrook Drive In from Gary and Loretta Bjerke. They plan to be open all year long...Gonvick City Council purchase a new 72 inch North County Hardware in Clearbrook. Money for the purchase has been donated through the Gonvick Jubilee Committee... Lois Klema received a ring for her 40 years of dedicated service to the McIntosh Senior Living Center... Massage Solutions is the newest place of business on Main Street in Clearbrook. It is owned by Tina (Kerssen) Novy... TEAM Industries awards scholarships over \$12,000 to students in the area...

We lost Kathryn Klasen, Elizabeth Bruggeman, Jerome Turgeon, Stephen Tafin, Tom Sedler, Janet Bakke, Edward Loranger, Glenn Hofstad, James Hamann.

June 22, 2022
Gonvick Fire Department had their 100th year celebration. They honored all the retired fireman with the pig roast and all the trimmings. They had a band playing in the tent at The Trap as well to end the day.... Gully 100 went off with many visiting. Pete Anderson and Anne Robbins Hollaway won the whist tournament. He was in last place last year and this year took first place. Patty and David Carlson were the Grand Marshalls of the parade. Tent was filled with music several times a day They were dancing on Main Street in Gully. An old time church service was held with men on side and women on the other... Edward Shelum was the winner of the quilt that the Clearbrook American Legion Auxiliary ladies made to raffle off...

We lost... Wilmer Sevigny, Lawrence LaCoursiere, Norman Anderson, Roger Lundmark, Lawrence Boutain, Glendine Benson, Pearl Dunn, Gordon Anderson, Terry Solie, Marion Birkeland.

June 29, 2022
Traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall in Gonvick July 7th to 10th. Hosted jointly by the Gonvick Lions Club and the Clearwater County Veterans Service Office. Many events were held with dinner and opening ceremony... School board accepted the resignation of Matt Lavin as the Math teacher... Polk County Fair held their Chocolate contest. Everyone enjoyed the chocolate contest... Winners of the ax throwing contest at the Gully 100 were John Gunvalson 1st, Gerald Melin 2nd and Eli Magnell 3rd... Clearbrook-Gonvick First Grade class spend time at the welcome center in Bemidji. They learn about Paul Bunyan and his pet Babe...

We lost... Noel Messelt, Curtiss Quam, Eileen Haltuch, Gertrude Gilbertson, Leroy Brua, Arvin Odegaard



Winners of the chili cook off that was held last Saturday in Clearbrook. From left to right: Trudi Hammes, LeAnn Walberg, Keenan Smith, Shari Solberg and Duane Swanson.

Chili contest winners announced

Eleven chili dishes and two soup dishes were there for the tasting at the Clearbrook Community Center last Saturday night.

The event was set up by Lucie Thompson, Clearbrook City Clerk/Treasurer and Sue Weems, Deputy Clerk and members of the Clearbrook Community Club.

The crockpots of their "home-made" items was available for the tasting and then prizes were awarded to the winners. Small cups along with onions and cheese to top off the cups were available for those in attendance. Also Kimberly Nelson had made two different types of breads to go with the chili samples.

Voting for the best was done by tickets for the ones that people thought were the best.

Winners announced were:
Soup – LeAnn Walberg
People's Choice – Shari Solberg/Trudi Hammes
1st Place – Keenan Smith
2nd Place – Duane Swanson
3rd Place – Shari Solberg/Trudi Hammes



People's Choice award at the Chili Cook off in Clearbrook were Trudi Hammes and Shari Solberg.



Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer Logan LeClair, on the left, presented this plaque to the Gonvick Fire Department for their assistance and lending the use of the Fire Hall for the traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall. Pictured with Logan is Devin Aakre. The county wanted to show their appreciation for organizations that support Veteran issues.



Congratulations to Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Wear winners from January 20, 2023! Back: Danielle Derby, Mary Mohr, Kiera Johnson, Malea Mathson, Hassani Bruton, Jaret Larson. Front: Robert Vettleson, Talia Nelson, Jaxton Bjerke, and Ezra Krog.



Community Calendar

Clearwater DAC annual meeting

The Annual Board Meeting for the Clearwater DAC and Pine Ridge Residence will be held February 14th at 1pm at the Main Office of the DAC.



1st Place – Keenan Smith of Clearbrook had the first place chili in the contest sponsored by the Clearbrook Community Club. Do you think he is a Green Bay Packers fan with his crock pot with the Green Bay Logo on the front.



2nd Place – Duane Swanson of St. Hilaire took the second place for his chili at the Clearbrook Community Center.



Soup – LeAnne Walberg of Clearbrook with her prize winning soup made with sweet potatoes and black beans.

Humane Society meeting February 9 at Bagley Legion

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Clearwater County Humane Society is scheduled for Thursday February 9th at 6:30 pm at the Bagley American Legion. Open to the public.

The Clearwater County Historical Society will host the Clearwater County “First Lady” award in May. Since 1977, Forty- three women in Clearwater County have been recognized for their accomplishments either for their service in a variety of community projects and organizations or for success in their careers.

The First Lady event will held on May 6 at Clearbrook. Your help is needed to select the 2023 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination- this can include any accomplishments in her life such as her career highlights or

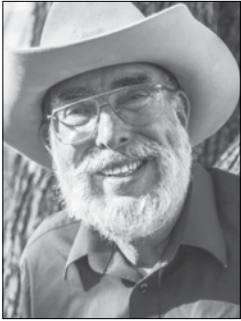
volunteer years of service and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number or email so we can let you know if your nominee is selected. Letters should be sent to 2023 First Lady - History Center P.O. Box 241 Bagley MN 56621 Letters will be delivered unopened to a panel of judges Please do not send emails. Nominations must be received by April 1. Questions? Call Tamara at 218-785-2000 Our Past First Ladies - 1977- Laurel Carlson, 1978- Edith Ref-

Home Country

By Slim Randles

There was Steve, our resident cowboy, sitting at the round table in the Mule Barn truck stop, doodling on paper. Other members of the world dilemma think tank gravitated to Steve's table. Steve appeared to be oblivious of the rest of us. “Downspout,” he mumbled.

Doc nodded at Herb. “Downspout, Herb.” “I thought so, too,” Herb said. “Oh hi guys,” said Steve. “So Steve ... downspout?” “Hot tub,” Steve said, as if that cleared everything up. “For the cabin. You know. I’m going to put in a hot tub.” “And you need a downspout for this?” Herb said. “For the rain,” Steve said. We looked at him. “No water,” Steve said. “You know, at the cabin.” “Let’s see if I have this right,” Dud said. “You want to put a hot tub in at your cabin and you don’t have water.” “Exactly.” “So you need a downspout...?” “For when it rains,” Steve said. “To fill the hot tub.” “Okay. So how will you get it hot?” “Going to wrap copper tubing around the stovepipe in the cabin, you see, and then send it on out to the hot tub. The tub will be outside on the porch.” “You don’t have a porch.” “But I will by the time I get the hot tub built,” Steve explained. “I’ll



bet that copper tubing will heat that water right up and then I can have a good soak up there any time I want.” “Not quite,” said Doc. “Not the way I figure it.” Steve looked at him. “Why not?” “If the water comes down the downspout, around the stovepipe through the copper tubing and then outside to the hot tub, it looks to me like the only time you can soak in the tub is in a rainstorm.” Steve thought about that for a minute. Then sipped his cold coffee. Loretta heated it up. “And Steve,” said Doc, “you ever been on that mountain when the lightning’s popping? If you’re in that hot tub, with your moustache flopping around in the wind while you watch the surrounding countryside explode, well ...” Steve wiped out what he was drawing with the pencil and started in on a fresh napkin. He looked up after a few minutes. “Pool table,” he said. It’s a good thing dreams are free.

Mother-in-law planning a visit? Here’s some help. Try bagpipelessons online.com. In case we’re not in the hot tub, try one of these: Slim Randles (505) 306-6009 cell 7308 Painted Pony Trail NW Albuquerque, NM 87210 homecountry8@gmail.com

29A sub-section One Act Play Competition Friday, January 27

The 29A sub-section One Act Play Competition will be held on Friday, January 27th, at the Bagley High School Auditorium beginning at 4:00 p.m. The competition is open to the public and no admission is charged. The following schools (in alphabetical order) will be participating in the contest: Bagley, Blackduck, Fosston, Laporte, Red Lake County Central, Walker, and Win-E-Mac. The top two plays chosen by a panel of judges will advance to the Section 8A Competition held on February 4th in Baudette.

The order of plays has not yet been determined.

Thank You People have been so good to me. Thank you for the visits, prayers, cards, food, plowing my driveway and prayer shawl. I am blessed to live in this community. June Brendalen

Report from County Nursing Service

Update 01/20/2023 Clearwater County COVID-19 Community Level: LOW We have 14 active cases from 01/06/23-01/20/23 giving us a 14 day case rate of: 15.89 Ages of Current cases: 0-19 4 20-39 4 40-59 2 60-79 2 80+ 2

The Minnesota Department of Health announced that four additional free at-home rapid tests are available to all Minnesota households through the state’s online ordering program. This will be the last chance for Minnesotans to get free tests before the program ends. To order: Minnesotans will be able to order four tests per household. Order your free at-home rapid tests on mn.gov/covid19. Minnesotans can also place orders through the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Public Hotline at 1-833-431-2053 Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Language assistance is available. Food banks, local public health agencies, community groups, and other community health organizations may also have free tests available. Clearwater County Nursing Service continues to give Influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations on Thursday afternoons from 2-4 pm. Please call 218-694-6581 to schedule and appointment. Stephanie Anderson Clearwater County Nursing Service 212 Main Avenue North Bagley, Mn 56621 (218) 694-6581

shaw, 1979- Mangeline Kirkeby, 1980- Arlene Cease, 1981-Dorothy Katzenmeyer, 1982- Adeline Beltz, 1983- Sharon Dukek, 1984- Olga Peterson, 1985- Lois Bromaghin, 1986- Dolores Johnson, 1987- Zella Tangierd, 1988- Ruth Offerdahl, 1989- Karen Gesell, 1991- Lucille Kildal 1993- Judy Carver, 1994- Ruth Anderson, 1995- Marilyn Melby, 1996- Alma Burr, 1997- Hennie Merseth, 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 Friborg, 2012- Shirley Gunderson, 2013- Lois Hoie, 2014- Marilyn Stinar, 2015- Ardis Thompson, 2016- Eileen Lien, 2017- Alice Gunderson, 2018- DonnaRae Jacobson, 2019- Elaine Johnson, 2020 - Marilyn Ames, 2021- Sharon Braaten, 2022- Janice Feil

Church News

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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD Good Shepherd Wed., Jan. 25 - 5:45 Confirmation/Meal 7th – 9th Grade; 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00 pm Handbells Sun., Jan. 22 - 9:00am Worship with Pastor Gary Graff; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School Wed., Feb. 1 - 5:45pm Confirmation/Meal 7-9th Grade; 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells Office Hours - Monday: Closed, Tuesday – Friday: 8:00am – 2:00pm Our Savior's Sun., Jan. 29 - 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School; 11:00am Worship with Pastor Gary Graff; Annual Meeting and Potluck following the service

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Friday Night Out is BACK! February 3rd at CWLC Gonvick from 5-7pm. We will be indulging in French cuisine to kick off. With French Onion Soup, Creamy Asparagus Stuffed Chicken, and Chocolate Mousse for dessert. RSVP online at www.clearwaterslife.org or call 218-776-2789. We recommend \$15 per person donation (\$8 for 12 and under).

*Community Art Studios Second Monday of the month from 12:30-3:00pm. \$10 per person. February 13th we'll be creating Jewelry with Heart. Register at www.clearwaterslife.org/art-experiences *These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and Region 2 Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

NOTE* There will be no Senior Cooking class in January 2023.

Senior Connection Book Club Join Becky Dorman for this 4 week book club reading Ben Taatjes “Repurposed” and discussing how to navigate the “Golden Years” of retirement. Mondays Jan 16, 23, 30, and Feb 6 from 11am to 12pm at CWLC Gonvick. Books available for \$10. No registration required.

Senior Homemaking and Chore Services Now Available! We are excited to offer services like general housework, sorting and organizing, snow removal, small outdoor repairs and more. Call our office to schedule! 218-776-2789.

Volunteer! We are in need of people just like you. Needs are varied from sorting items at Shop At The Top to transporting a senior to an appt to being a mentor to a local teen. Stop in or call to see where you can help build lives, grow relationships and impart hope. 218-776-2789.

Weight Room training available now. If you are interested in learning new techniques or learn how to use an exercise machine better. Call for available times: 218-776-2789.

Memberships are available at great prices!

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

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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. - 7:00 p.m. Prayer Time Sun. -9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship Service.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH 1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6 Senior Pastor Larry Dorman Assoc. Pastor Brad Binder Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund Children's Ministry Lead Karl Godin www.countryfaith.org 218-776-3367 office@countryfaith.org Sunday Morning Worship 9:30a.m. Fellowship Time, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery & Jr. Church during sermon time) 6:00 p.m. Youth Night (Most Sundays) Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m Men's Prayer Check the website or Facebook for up-to-date information.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth Wed, Jan. 25: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS. Sat, Jan. 28: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. Sun, Jan. 29: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 SS, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 8:45 SS, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth, 10:00 SS. Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Jarred LeBon, Pastor Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed, Jan. 25: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. Sun, Jan. 29: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship. Tue, Jan. 31: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. Wed, Feb. 1: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Wed, Jan. 25: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Lund. Sun, Jan. 29: 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley. Annual meeting to follow. Wed, Feb. 1: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 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.

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

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Chili Cook Off in Clearbrook



Janice Nelson of Clearbrook with her chili.



Nancy Learmont of Gonvick with her chili.



Jackie Hartwig with her chili.



Pat Hammer of Gully with his chili.



Gary Prosser with his white chicken chili. There was pepper jack cheese to add to the dish for extra flavor.



Kimberly Nelson made two different kinds of breads to go with the chili and soup that was prepared for the event at the Clearbrook Community Center last weekend. The bread that she is holding was with thyme and chives. The Clearbrook Community Club put on the event. Besides the bread the club supplied cookies for the sweet tooth.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice to the Residents of Clover Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Clover Township that the Annual Election and Annual Township meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14th at the Clover Town Hall. Meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. and Election of Officers from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1 Supervisor for 3 year term

1 Treasurer for 2 year term

In case of inclement weather all of the above will be held Tuesday, March 31, 2023.

Joel Wraa, Clerk

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CLEARWATER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

January 3, 2023

The January 3, 2023 meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Titera presiding and Commissioners Larson, Newland, Dukek, and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oaths of Office – Courtney Burford administered the Oaths of Office to the following elected officials: Recorder Brenda Knable, Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson, Attorney Kathryn Lorsche, Sheriff Darin Halverson, Commissioners Mark Titera, Mark Larson, and Stuart Dukek.

Election of Officers– Commissioner Titera nominated Dean Newland as Chairman. Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to cease nominations by unanimous vote and appoint Dean Newland as the Chairman of the Clearwater County Board.

Commissioner Nelson nominated Mark Larson as Vice-Chairman. Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to cease nominations by unanimous vote and appoint Mark Larson as the Vice-Chairman of the Clearwater County Board.

Agenda– Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Minutes– Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to approve the December 20th Board Minutes with corrections.

MIS – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to authorize the purchase of the 2023 computer replacements and technology upgrades for General Government not to exceed \$91,642.00.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to authorize the purchase of the 2023 General Government computer & software maintenance, upgrades and support agreements not to exceed \$99,457.00.

Auditor– Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$149,362.09 from the County Revenue Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to purchase a Dell 5530 for the Assessor's office (laptop) at a price of \$1,316.41 and License for \$418.60 and to be paid out of the Equipment Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to extend Terrie Johnson, Assessor's Contract for one year (1/1/2023 to 1/31/2023) with a 3% increase in contract fee and to have Board Chairman sign the Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to approve the step increase for Lisa Syverson to Range 26 Step 3 effective March 1, 2022. This was missed in 2022.

By general consent, the board waived the 3 day notice for the following motion:

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to renew our contract with Governmental Audit Firm of Hoffman, Phillip, Martell, PLLC for five years ending December 31, 2026. The Annual year price of \$30,500.00.

Open– Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to re-adopt the three-day notice requirement rule. No motion or resolution can be acted on by the County Board unless all of the Board members have received the written motion or resolution of the subject matter at least three days prior to the Board meeting. The notice requirement can be waived by general

consent by all Board members in the best interest of the County. If general consent is not obtained, the motion or Resolution shall be tabled until the next scheduled Board meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried, to approve the following general Agenda for the first Board meeting of each month: Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance/ Minutes & Agenda Approval. Any Department Head may meet with the County Board at any scheduled monthly meeting by arranging an appointment time with the County Board Coordinator. All other citizens wishing to meet with the Board to discuss business shall contact the Commissioner of their district, obtain approval to meet with the Board, and then the Commissioner, with approval of the Chair, will contact the Coordinator for an appointment time.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to establish the following dates as regular Board meetings during 2023 to begin at 9:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, and 10:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month to allow the Board additional time to conduct County Business unless otherwise noted below. Additional meetings are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. when the month contains five Tuesdays, as noted. January 3, 17 & 31; February 14 & 21; March 14 & 21; April 11 & 18; May 9, 16 & 30; June 13 & 20 at 5 p.m.; July 11 & 18; August 8, 15, & 29; September 12 & 19; October 10, 17 & 31; November 14 & 21; December 12 at 5 p.m. & 19.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, that the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved the following dates for the 2023 Department Head/Work Session Meetings. These meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room on the 2nd Floor of the Clearwater County Courthouse. 3 or more Commissioners may be in attendance at any one of these meetings. January 6, 2023; February 10, 2023; March 10, 2023; April 7, 2023; May 5, 2023; June 9, 2023; July 7, 2023; August 4, 2023; September 8, 2023; October 6, 2023; November 10, 2023; December 8, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried, to re-adopt Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline for facilitating County Board meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the Coordinator to publish a summary of County Board Minutes upon approval of the County Board. All Resolutions, policies, and Ordinances are available at the Auditor's Office for review.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to designate Leader Record as the legal paper for 2023. The County Engineer is authorized to advertise for County Highway Projects on the County Website as stated in Minnesota Statutes 331a.12.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay routine bills prior to Board approval. These include utility bills, items which are payroll related, registration fees, Verizon bills, T & K Rolloffs of Bemidji Bills, unemployment, Veterans Transportation volunteer mileage, Neow Post bills, Postage, University of North Dakota Medical Examiner Bills, meeting expense advances, grant pass through bills, or any bill with prior Board motion which states dollar amount. Auditor usually cuts these checks on Fridays. Audit list is prepared for bills paid which goes to the Board after payment for Board review. Board Chair signs approved list.

Engineer– Motion by



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Clearwater County Humane Society is scheduled for Thursday February 9th at 630 pm at the Bagley American Legion. Open to the Public.

Shrimp will be served at Shorty's in Gully on Friday and Saturday night. Also Bingo is back for Saturday night.

Area news...

New owners have taken over Mireaults Home Furnishings in Fosston. Mike and Michelle Curfman from Keri and Greg Mireault.

The Jacksonville Jaguars played in the divisional round of the National Football League. The General Manager, Trent Baalke, is in his second season as the Jaguars manager. He is a graduate of Bemidji State and played outside linebacker for the Beavers from 1982-85 and was an all-conference and all-district selection.

The 2023 Fosston All School Reunion is taking shape for the week of July 6 to 8 with a golf scramble on July 9.

The Gonvick Lions Rodeo will be held July 14 and 15. Save the date.

Lake Country Creations in Gonvick is having 50% off on all Christmas and Winter Decor. Sale ends January 31 or while supplies last.

From my mail..

Ever notice how many towns are named after their water tower?

Joke time..

A Norwegian arrived in California two weeks late on his trip from Fargo. He explained the delay, "Vell, I kept seeing those signs. 'Clean Rest Rooms' so I had to clean 400 on the way out."

Curling is back again.

There will be a mens curling tournament on Saturday, February 4 at the Bemidji Curling Club. 14 and above can be in on the team. There is a limit of 24 teams \$120 per team and you can contact Corey Westrum at 218-368-4279. They will also be having mixed doubles at the same place on Sunday, March 26. 14 and above can also be on the team for the mixed doubles.

Clearwater County Service on T.H.E. Bus. Rider alert; County wide; 7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Bagley: 10 am - 4:30 pm 1st, 3rd Saturday. Bemidji: 2nd, 4th Friday. Ride reservations to Bemidji must be scheduled by 3 pm the day prior to the trip. Call 800-201-3432.

We collect used eye glasses in the Leader-Record office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions Club and they are put to very good use.

Strategic Farming.. Continued

In recent years, UMN Extension entomologists, specialists and educators have conducted a European corn borer survey in Minnesota, continuing a tradition that began in 1963 by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. This survey serves multiple purposes, including improving our understanding of: 1) whether ECB Bt traits are still effective, 2) how Bt hybrids affect ECB population dynamics in fields planted to hybrids with and without ECB Bt traits, 3) the footprint of different ECB biotypes (univoltine=single generation per year; bivoltine=two generations per year; or a combination). Briefly, 10 plants in each of two corn fields sampled randomly and two fields that are known to be growing nonBt corn per county are surveyed for ECB feeding injury; those plants with injury are dissected to count the number of larvae and measure tunnel length, which is related to yield loss.

ECB population densities hit a peak of nearly 400 borers per 100 plants surveyed in 1995, the year before genetically modified hybrids expressing a Bt protein specific to ECB were available to plant. On average fewer than 2 borers per 100 plants have been found in the survey since that time. Says Hanson, "In 1995, you're looking at more than 300 larvae per one hundred plants surveyed in southern Minnesota. As the surveys continued into recent years it was hard to find borers across the state, often-times just one or two per field."

While there is no substitution for scouting one's own corn fields for ECB injury symptoms, by and large the recent results of these surveys point to several conclusions: 1) overall the Bt trait is resulting in area-wide suppression of ECB populations even in fields not planted to Bt corn, 2) the ECB Bt trait is still effective against ECB larvae. Scouting is recommended for those that plant non-Bt corn, as there is a narrow window between when larvae emerge from their eggs and when they begin boring into the stalk, where insecticides can no longer reach the larvae. Scouting of Bt fields is also recommended to quickly identify any Bt trait failures. ECB populations that have evolved resistance to the ECB Bt trait have been identified in eastern Canada, making scouting for resistance management important.

In addition to ECB feeding injury and larvae, UMN Extension personnel are also examining corn plants for both signs of the tar spot fungus, a pathogen capable of causing significant yield losses in Minnesota corn, and stalk rot.

For those that missed this session, it is now available to view on YouTube at https://youtu.be/_R9Hbb7M5IA. For more information and to register to attend other weekly sessions through the end of March, visit z.umn.edu/strategic-farming.



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