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

Clearbrook Elevator meeting March 10

The Clearbrook Elevator Association will be holding their annual meeting on Friday, March 10th. It will be held in the banquet room at the Clearbrook Community Center. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 10 a.m. with the business meeting to start at 10:30 am

There will be an election of two directors. Door prizes will be given away as well.

Sheriff's Department investigating two deaths

On March 4, 2023, at 11:47 pm, a call came into the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office reporting a partially clothed male laying in the roadway in the Rice Lake Community of Southern Clearwater County. A Clearwater County Deputy and the Bagley Sanford Ambulance responded to the scene. The male became unresponsive and life saving measures were taken and he was transported to the Bagley Sanford Medical Center

where the 44-year-old male was pronounced deceased. His name is William Joseph Keezer of Nay Tah Waush.

A second call came in at 9:10 am on March 5, 2023, reporting another unresponsive male in the Rice Lake Community. Life saving measures were taken and he was transported to the Bagley Sanford Medical Center where he was eventually pronounced deceased. The name of the 15-year-old is not being

released.

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office along with the Headwater's Safe Trails Task Force are investigating these deaths. It is believed that these two deaths are not connected and are isolated incidents with no danger to the public. If anyone has information regarding these cases, you are encouraged to call the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226.

Appreciation given to school board members

Before the Clearbrook-Gonvick School board opened their meeting on Monday, February 27, Superintendent Grow offered an appreciation to the members. A gift bag was presented for their work on the board.

A call to order and the pledge to the flag before the start of the meeting.

During Community Comments a question was asked about starting the baseball and softball season. They are still working on the details, but the board hopes to have it going by Spring of 2024. They are looking at a budget, contracts and a Joint Powers agreement with the City of Clearbrook for use of the ball fields.

Mr. Bettin gave the Spotlight on Education. They have heard comments from other districts on having a day game for sports so that students can watch who don't get to see games otherwise. For a short month there have been many activities. He showed many pictures from the month. FFA week with many projects. Mrs. DeVries door was the winner of the door decorations. Valentine's Day with Robin Proffitt making special treats for students. Tim Chandlers art display in the school. Abby Engen, a junior at the school is on the board of the Minnesota Association of Student Councils. She will be gone on May 29 to Waubun for the Spring Summit. April 6 is the Blood Drive for students.

Principal's report

Principal Josh Tharaldson on his report from the Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee that they had discussed whether or not they concur with the education offerings that have been extended by the district to American Indian students. The board approved the compliance vote of concurrence that the education needs are being met.

The 2023-2024 High school schedule committee has been working on the new schedule for next year. A few highlights include: Ag/Applied Economics required for all 10th and 11th graders next year. That will replace current economics semester course taught to seniors in the future so they can offer citizenship as a full year course; Physical science will be taught to both 8th and 9th graders next year to switch with state science standards;

U.S. History though Film (new course offering for 10th-12th graders; Anatomy offered to 10 to 12th graders; Psychology and Sociology for 11th to 12 graders; 7th graders will be taking either choir or band next year or both if they want.

A "No Child Left Inside" grant was applied for through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the school received \$5,000. That will be used to purchase snow shoeing equipment and ice fishing equipment with the goal to use this equipment with the elementary physical education classes and others.

Mrs. Johnson in the Ag Department had applied for a \$14,500 Pine to Prairie CTE Cooperative to purchase some additional teaching models and it was approved. She will be receiving: Vet Science Model Set (dog skeleton, cat skeleton etc.) Plant Science Model Set (Corn plant, soybean plant flower etc..) and cow model and a pig model.

After the board approved the Emergency Manual Update Training Manual, Andy Anderson and the admin are providing update training for all staff.

Upcoming events for March included: No School March 10th and End of Quarter 3 March 24th.

Guidance Counselor Report

Scott Schafer reported to the board that the CT test will be given free at the school for Junior who wish to take it. Testing will be from 830 to 1:00. They are planning a field trip to BSU and Bemidji Tech for students who might be interested. They are planning to get students to attend the 26th Annual White Earth Career Day and Job Fair. Last year they had about a dozen students going and he would like to have a few more to send. As an Activities Director that had 47% of the student body in falls sports and 32% in Winter sports. He would like to get more to participate next year. He stated that the biggest need is to develop leaders in the student body. A Bear Leadership program.

Superintendent report

The district has applied for an ADSIS grant. That would cover staff in the Intervention program in math and reading. They have interviewed a candidate for the open math position at the school that they

feel would work. They still need a custodian, elementary teacher and bus drivers to be filled at the school.

Board members need to sign up for Phase I and II board training positions. Teachers conferences were held with very good attendance in the elementary but not as well in the high school. They need ideas to increase attendance.

Not much has been happening at the legislature yet but they hope that some money will come down to the school district.

They received a quote for update on the telecommunications system. The new system will save the district money and pay for itself in two years. He will have the finance committee get together to have a look at the proposal.

They submitted a grant for the Stop Arm Signal camera for the bus and they should hear by the end of March.

Some custodial work is not being done as they are short of a custodian. Elementary student council members have been picking up items in some of the classrooms to help out.

Committee report

Transportation committee had met with the bus service concerning two different bills that had been sent. Board paid the \$603.00 for the one bill and had questions on the second bill which will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Enrollment

Enrollment at the end of February was 532 students compared to 529 students on January 18, 2023.

Consent Calendar

Bills were presented and paid. Cash and investments the end of January 2023 was \$3,600,522.54 compared to January 2022 at \$3,114,603.32.

Bills were paid including: Steins \$76,621.50; Clearwater County Nursing Service \$13,458.60; Community Oil \$12,728.16; Clearwater Polk Electric \$9,866.28; City of Clearbrook \$4,568.75; Listrom Disposal \$2,817.50; Thompson sand and Gravel \$2,187.50; DaRoos Pizza \$2,170.00; Garden Valley Telephone Company \$1,986.01; delta Dental of Minnesota \$1,749.05; Dana Melby \$1,650.00; ISD 2311 Clearbrook-Gonvick \$1,540.00; Marco \$1,538.16; Bessler Elec-

School board...

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It was a busy, but very fun day at the Clearbrook-Gonvick school celebrating Dr. Seuss Day! Green Eggs and Ham for breakfast, voting to see which Dr. Seuss book is most popular amongst our student body, Dr. Seuss movies during breakfast and lunch, guessing game for the students, graphing with Dr. Seuss math, story time, pajama day, and so much more.

Grant funding now available for facilities to cut refrigerant emissions

MPCA is seeking proposals for projects that aim to reduce refrigerant emissions from facilities within Minnesota. Grant funding will focus on hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and other refrigerants that are contributing to increased greenhouse gas emissions and to encourage voluntary reduction efforts.

Once largely used, ozone damaging refrigerants such

as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) are being phased out, making way for replacements. While these replacements spare the ozone layer, some have 1,000 to 9,000 times greater capacity to warm the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. Substitutes are available. Upgrading to new refrigerant systems and environmentally friendly refrigerants can greatly reduce

greenhouse gas emissions.

Funding available Approximately \$78,800 in funding is available. The maximum grant award is \$11,255 per applicant, per applicant all locations combined. The grant recipient must match at least 25% of the total project cost.

Eligible applicants

Grant funding...
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The 42nd Annual Minnesota Food Share Campaign kicked off March 1! It started off with a BANG for the Clearwater County Food Shelf when the St. Joseph's Ladies Guild donated \$500. During the March Campaign, monetary and food donations are matched proportionately by Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. CCFS relies entirely on charitable donations from our community organizations, businesses, faith partners and individuals to meet the needs of our clients that are hard hit by inflationary food prices. Open each Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm, donations can be dropped off at the food shelf. Monetary donations can be sent to: CCFS PO BX 578 Bagley, Mn 56621. Representing the St. Joseph's Ladies Guild, Jane Gregory (center) presents the check to JoAnn Paulson, assistant site-manager, and Sharon Braaten, manager of the food shelf.

County delegates hold annual convention in Bagley

Delegates for the Clearwater County Republican Party had their annual convention this year at the Bagley American Legion on Saturday, February 25th. This group of county delegates were elected at the Republican Precinct Caucuses in February of 2022.

During "odd year" conventions, delegates may make changes to their county party

constitution. They also elect the county Executive Board and one MN GOP State Central Committee Delegate and three SCC Alternates to represent Clearwater County at the state Republican Party level for a 2-year term. Caleb Stromquist, a new resident of Clearwater County, was elected as State Central Delegate. Mike Hromidko, Matt Huschle and John Gerbracht were elected as Alternates.

There were several guest speakers at the convention. Steve Davidson spoke to delegates about the status of the Convention of States movement. Representatives Matt Bliss and Matt Grossell addressed the group and took questions. Letters from State Senator Steve Green and MN-8 US House Representative Pete Stauber were read.

The delegates also passed amendments to their constitution to add new members to the executive board. The fundraising chairman position is now an official voting member of the board. The biggest change that they made was adding "Additional Voting Members" to the Executive Board. The change makes it easier for anyone who would like to be more involved in our local Republican Party to earn a vote on the executive board.

The new clause reads as follows:

"Additional Voting Members: Republican citizens of Clearwater County who attend 3 consecutive monthly meetings may be added as a Voting Member of the board with a majority vote of all present Leadership Commit-

tee and Voting Members. Additional Voting Members must attend at least 6 meetings per year to maintain their voting status. Voting Member status must be approved for renewal by the current Leadership Committee and Voting Members on or near their anniversary date."

The delegates also voted to add a provision that would allow for the executive board and voting members to endorse local candidates for public office. This is a change that has been requested for several years by many citizens of the county. The executive board understands the fact that these are nonpartisan positions and will be very mindful to respect the status of these local offices.

The new clause reads as follows:

"The BPOU Leadership Committee and Voting Members may endorse candidates for local offices who hold jurisdiction within the borders of Clearwater County. The candidate must be willing to accept the endorsement."

Executive board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday. The meeting time and location for the March meeting is still to be determined due to a scheduling conflict. The rest of this year's meetings will be held at the Bagley American Legion starting at 7:30 pm. More information about the Clearwater County Republican Party can be found on their website, www.ClearwaterGOP.com

Matthew Huschle, Chairman Clearwater County Republican Party
Cell Phone: 218.779.2439



2023-24 Clearwater County Republican Party Executive Board (Left to Right) Chairman Matt Huschle of Popple Twp, Secretary Cheryl Grover of Popple Twp, Treasurer Zena Dunker of Holst Twp, Fundraising Chairman LeRoy Sundbom of Eddy Twp, At-Large Member Mike Hromidko of Nora Twp, At-Large Member Caleb Stromquist of Pine Lake Twp, At-Large Member Ron Halverson of Holst Twp. Not Pictured, Deputy Chairman Greg Scherzer of Long Lost Lake Twp.

Community Calendar

Music program set for March 25

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Music Department will be presenting a recital program of solos and ensembles on Sunday March 25. The program will begin at 2 p.m. in the commons area. Featured performers are contest soloists and ensembles. Refreshments will be served following the program. Admission is free and the community is invited to join us!

Music programs set for May 9 and 16

Also coming this spring is the High School Spring Concert on May 9 and the Elementary Spring Concert on May 16. Both concerts will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Gully Area Sportsmans Club

Gully Area Sportsman's Club will be having a meeting on March 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Shorty's Place in Gully

Elim Mission Friends meeting

Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, March 9th at 2:30 pm at the Clearbrook Elim Church. A missionary update and devotion will be given by Roxanne Engbretson. A meditation will follow. March hostesses are Marilyn Shamp and Ashley Krog.

School board... Continued from front

trick \$1,247.49; Nei Bottling \$1,195.50; Ella Engen \$1,000.

The district received \$7,708.68 from Team Industries for technology.

No old business New Business

The principals contract was tabled until next month as they wanted to compare the personal days, paid sick day and accrued days to what the staff has. They were pleased with everything that he has been doing this year. They approved the three year Pay Equity Implementation Report.

The board has been having working sessions concerning a building referendum. They met with RA Morton a Construction Management Firm that would work with an architect to finish a project that has been under discussion. They did not pass a motion to approve the company but after they had decided on an architect their plans would be to accept their proposal. The board plans to meet with two architect firms, Wendel and Atsner in a working session. They have already met with Widseth architects on their thoughts.

The board accepted the resignation of Theresa Porter who has been the K-3 Reading Interventionist and before that was hired on August 8, 1998 to be an elementary teacher in the district.

CLEARBROOK ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

will be held at the: BANQUET ROOM

– at the –

Clearbrook Community Center

~ FRIDAY ~

Mar. 10TH, 2023

DOOR PRIZES

10:00 am: Coffee & Refreshments

10:30 am: Business Meeting

THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION OF 2 DIRECTORS

LAND O' LAKES, INC.

Please join us in celebrating

Florence Danielson's 90th Birthday

at the

Gonvick Community Center

on March 25th, 2023

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

No gifts please.

Spring Wake-Up Garden Workshop

The Shevlin Garden Club is sponsoring a Spring Wake-Up Garden Workshop at the American Legion, Bagley, on March 18th, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

Patty Burns from Bemidji NCRS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) will come speak on soil health, followed by a short break during which time

55+ Driver Discount Program Offered

The Minnesota Highway Safety Center will be offering 55+ Driver Discount Courses on the following dates:

4 Hour Refresher Courses:

8 Hour First Time Course:

March 22, 2023, Course #51487- 1 pm to 5 pm

Fosston Embassy Community Center - 603 3rd St NE Fosston, MN

April 3, 2023 Course #51493 1 pm to 5 pm

Clearbrook Community Center, 200 Elm St SW Clearbrook, MN

Courses are also available to be completed online at www.driverdiscountonline.com

This class will save you up to 10 percent on your auto insurance. Completion of an eight-hour course qualifies you for the discount. To maintain the discount, you must complete a four-hour refresher every three years. A Minnesota Highway Safety & Research Center certified instructor will update you on defensive-driving tips, changes in laws, vehicle technology, and traffic safety. The cost of the four-hour refresher course is \$24 and the eight-hour course is \$28. For more information or to register, visit our website at www.mnsafetycenter.org or www.driverdiscountprogram.com or call 1-888-234-1294

refreshments will be served and attendees are welcome to visit the seed swap table.

The workshop will resume with 20 minute session of stretching exercises led by staff from Choice Therapy, followed by a Q&A panel discussion of local expert gardeners, and wrap up with the presentation of door prizes.

No charge to attend this event. Please submit questions you'd like to have answered at the Workshop to: ShevlinGardenClub@gmail.com.

Grant funding... Continued from front

Eligible applicants must operate a refrigeration unit in a retail setting (for example, grocery store, convenience store, liquor store, or restaurant) in Minnesota and must be:

A for-profit business with 250 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees or less (including parent companies and all business operations).

Applications are due no later than Friday, April 14, 4 p.m. CT.

Questions? Applicants who have any questions regarding this RFP must email questions to grants.pca@state.mn.us, subject line: "Refrigerant emission reduction grant RFP Question" no later than Friday, April 7, 2023. Answers to questions will be posted frequently in the SWIFT Supplier Portal. More information can be found on the grant webpage.

Contact Dan Hecht, Administrator Clearwater County Environmental Services 213 Main Ave N Bagley, MN 56621 218-694-6183

grateful thankful blessed

We would like to give a big thank you to the Gonvick Fire Department for coming and helping us when Gelloyd fell. You guys are AWESOME! We really appreciate you all so much. We also want to thank the Clearwater County Ambulance group that came also. Thank you everyone for caring. Gelloyd & Fay Bjerke

Letter To the Editor

The hard left in the House, Senate and Gov. Administration are bent on making All things illegal legal and All things legal illegal. This is a mocking of all things that define Minnestoa. It has been proven it has not worked in California, New York and Washington, D. C. etc.

Joel Wraa Leonard, MN

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

*Community Art Studios Second Monday of the month from 12:30-3:00pm. \$10 per person. March 13th we'll be creating Glass Mosaics.

*Art Class: Mosaic Spring Garden Creations: Do you have family dishes you don't know what to do with? How about turning them into outdoor art that gives them new life and a unique way to be remembered!

Mar 27-Apr 24 {5 weeks} on Monday Evenings from 6:30-8:30pm at CWLC Gonvick. \$5 per person. 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.

Grow It! Greenhouse and Garden Center Basket Party March 31-April 1 Register online or call our office to save your spot!

Join us in creating beautiful flower pots for your garden. You bring or purchase a planter, choose your perfect flowers and plant them. Then enjoy snacks and drinks with friends.

We care for your planter until May 13

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.

Mustard Seed Homes (MSH) Do you know or are you someone who needs a fresh start? MSH is a residential program for adult men that provides vocational and life skills training, support groups, and development of a healthy physical and spiritual life. Openings available. Visit our website for more information: CWLC Clearbrook: 256 2nd Ave SW CWLC Gonvick: 226 Elm St. Phone: 218-776-2789 Email: office@clearwaterslife.org

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

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Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. March 8 - Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Fruit
Thurs. March 9 - Pulled Pork Vegetable, Fruit
Fri. March 10 - Beef Lasagna, Vegetable
Mon. March 13 - Biscuits & Gravy, Potatoes, Fruit
Tues. March 14 - Pepper

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

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.

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

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

Report from County Nursing Service

Update 03/03/2023 Clearwater County COV-ID-19 Community Level: LOW We have 17 active cases from 02/17/23-03/03/23 giving us a 14 day case rate of: 19.30

Ages of Current cases:
0-19 7
20-39 0
40-59 1
60-79 6
80+ 3

We continue to give COVID and influenza vaccinations on Thursday afternoons from 2-4 pm. Please call 218-694-6581 to make an appointment.

Remember: "the Titanic did not hit the iceberg because they did not see it coming but because they could not change direction". Dean Devlin. Do you need to be mindful of the "icebergs" you may see coming and change your direction? Spring is a great time to do just that. Identify the "icebergs" and change your direction. Don't wait until you are unable to make the change necessary to miss the iceberg.

Stephanie Anderson Clearwater County Nursing Service 212 Main Avenue North Bagley, Mn 56621 (218) 694-6581

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Need your School Bus endorsement? We can help!

No need for daycare, bring your little ones along.

Call Kelly at 218-243-2629

\$30/HOUR DRIVERS Routes are paid for 2 hours

Steak or call for Liver, Potato, Vegetable

Wed. March 15 - Ginger Citrus Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable

Included with the meal: Vegetable, Bread, Milk, Dessert or Fruit.

We welcome in house dining and home delivery. Call to sign up 776-3154 for more info. Senior Meals on Wheels Program. Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change.

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

Wed., March 8 -5:30pm Lenten Service with free-will meal by the youth following the service, ending at 6:45pm; 6:45pm Vocal Choir; 7:30pm Handbells

Sun., March 12 - 9:00am Worship & Communion with Deacon Jess Thielke; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School

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Office Hours - Monday: Closed, Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Our Savior's Sun., March 12 - 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School; 11:00am Worship & First Communion with Deacon Jess Thielke

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 Kari 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

Tues, Mar. 7: 6:30 p.m. St. Petri Lenten Service.

Wed, Mar. 8: 5:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:00 p.m. Meal. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service Nazareth. Thurs. Mar. 9: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive Lenten Service.

Sat, Mar. 11: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Mar. 12: 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. Confirmation Questioning.

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

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

www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed, Mar. 8: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Sun, Mar. 12: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.

Tue, Mar. 14: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.

Wed, Mar. 15: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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

Wed, Mar. 8: 5:30 p.m. Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship at Lund, Soup & sandwich at 6:00 p.m.

Sun, Mar. 12: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley. 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley.

Wed, Mar. 15: No confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Sand Valley.

CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Head Pastor

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs.

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

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Congratulations to the February Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary Student of the Month winners: Back: Lydia Bakken, Brekken Juberian, Bryar Kroulik, Carson Derby, Colt Petersen, and Claire Bakke. Middle: Zysean Jones and Adilee Larson. Front: Brooklyn Hoiland, Iris Krog, Barrett Nordlund, Donald Chapman, Hayden Northup, and Cyla Rouland.



Congratulations to the February Clearbrook-Gonvick high school student of the month winners: Skye Sunderlund, Camille DeSchane, Mikaela Weems, and Auggie Wishard. Not pictured: Daisy Stine and Briana Sather.



Prom time at Clearbrook-Gonvick
2023 Clearbrook-Gonvick After Prom party plans are underway. The Prom is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School with the parent run after party to follow later that evening. The After Prom Party has been supported by the local businesses and families with generous monetary donations, donated prizes, gift cards and volunteering time the event. 100% of the donations go to the After Prom attendees. If you would like to donate you can send donations to: Clearbrook-Gonvick After Prom party 12557 500 St Gonvick, MN 56644. For further questions please contact Krysten Westrum 218-358-0897 or Cindy Melby 218-230-9692.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch Menu

Wed., March 8 - Stromboli, Sun Chips, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack** - Cereal Bar
Thurs. March 9: Orange Chicken with Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Asian Dumplings (9-12), Fortune Cookie, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack** - Granola Bar
Friday, March 10 - No School
Mon. March 13: Taco in a Bag with Fixings, Black Beans, Salsa, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack**

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

- Scooby Snacks
Tues. March 14: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices, Milk. **Snack** - Teddy Grahams
Wed., March 15 - Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices & Milk. **Snack** - Sun Chips
Up coming events: March 17th-Donuts with Dad and March 24th-Muffins with Mom
Please note- this may change!!!
Some food items that we normally purchase are not available!

Stenzel selected to University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean's List

The following students have been named to the 2022 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the university announced today.
To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.
Gonvick, Danaé Stenzel, Junior, School of Nursing

STORY TO SHARE!
If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: richards@gvtel.com

Lifeguards Wanted:
Clearbrook Community Pool is looking for lifeguards for the 2023 Pool season. A lifeguard training class will be held March 11th 9:00am - 6:00pm and March 12th 9:00am - 5:00pm at the Fosston Civic Center. Must be 15 years of age by last day of class.
Contact Lucie at the Clearbrook City office for more information on the job and the class.

Clearbrook-Gonvick at Bagley
The Bagley Flyers defeated the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears 56-45 in the first round of the Section 8A Girls Basketball Tournament. Sadie Fultz led the Flyers with 20 points. Allison Lavine led Clearbrook-Gonvick with 23 points and 12

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Clearwater County Sheriff
Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

City of Bagley - Total 32
02/26/23 10:32:07 TEST
02/26/23 23:38:34 Medical - Patient Treated, Transferred Care
02/27/23 09:45:00 ASSIST
02/27/23 14:45:21 TEST
02/27/23 16:25:36 I - Information
02/28/23 08:06:44 Transport
02/28/23 11:02:36 Transport
02/28/23 14:13:36 Transport
02/28/23 14:28:46 False Alarm
03/01/23 00:56:27 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
03/01/23 06:54:28 Traffic Stop
03/01/23 07:25:23 Medical - Patient Refused Evaluation/Care
03/01/23 10:41:36 Assault - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/01/23 13:47:16 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
03/02/23 14:50:45 Crimes Against Family - Information
03/02/23 14:55:03 Assault
03/03/23 09:07:22 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/03/23 09:35:13 Crimes Against Family - Information
03/03/23 09:39:24 Crimes Against Family - Information
03/03/23 10:51:27 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/03/23 10:51:42 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
03/03/23 10:56:41 Crimes Against Family - Referred to Partner Agency
03/03/23 11:08:35 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/03/23 12:57:10 Information
03/03/23 15:47:43 Juvenile Misc
03/03/23 16:15:10 Information Only Error - Opened in Error
03/03/23 21:44:58 Traffic Stop
03/04/23 06:12:53 Parking Complaint - Information
03/04/23 07:44:39 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/04/23 13:53:47 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/04/23 19:48:01 TEST
03/04/23 23:11:07 Property Damage - Handled By Officer
City of Clearbrook - Total 3
03/02/23 17:39:34 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/03/23 09:13:06 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/03/23 09:27:50 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Gonvick - Total 1
03/03/23 10:38:57 Crimes Against Family - Information
City of Shevlin - Total 1
03/02/23 14:33:08 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Copley - Total 9
02/26/23 09:47:01 911 Hang Up
02/26/23 13:52:52 TEST
02/27/23 18:03:53 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
02/28/23 12:47:00 Animal Related
03/01/23 13:31:26 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/02/23 19:41:07 Disturbance - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/03/23 12:38:39 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
03/03/23 14:28:50 Information
03/04/23 19:24:23 TEST
Dudley - Total 2
02/28/23 06:49:01 Traffic Stop
03/02/23 08:59:29 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Falk - Total 4
03/01/23 12:51:48 Welfare Check
03/03/23 02:32:58 Vehicle Off Road - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/03/23 11:11:11 Snowmobile Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/03/23 21:25:30 Welfare Check
Itasca - Total 1
03/02/23 19:39:19 Error - Opened
LaPraire - Total 3
02/26/23 22:57:28 Fire 27 - Fires, Rescues and Hazardous
03/02/23 14:43:21 Crimes Against Family - Information
03/03/23 09:43:42 Crimes Against Family - Information
LaPraire N - Total 3
03/01/23 10:24:09 Extra Patrol
03/04/23 22:26:10 Duplicate Call
03/04/23 23:47:43 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Leon - Total 3
03/01/23 00:40:15 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
03/03/23 09:52:19 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
03/03/23 22:11:06 911 Hang Up
Minerva - Total 4
03/01/23 19:44:20 Animal Related
03/02/23 22:44:09 Traffic Stop
03/03/23 20:24:04 Threats
03/04/23 10:53:55 Animal Related
Moose Creek - Total 2
03/02/23 14:59:06 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/04/23 15:16:54 Traffic Stop
Nora - Total 1
03/04/23 16:04:13 Traffic Stop
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 7
02/27/23 09:04:28 Transport
02/28/23 08:09:24 Transport
03/02/23 14:38:03 Crimes Against Family - Information
03/03/23 02:11:30 Assist Other Agency - Assistance
03/03/23 07:36:33 Transport
03/03/23 09:16:37 Crimes Against Family - Information
03/03/23 13:30:08 Transport
Pine Lake - Total 3
02/26/23 21:40:37 Medical - Patient Treated, Transferred Care to
03/01/23 04:19:38 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
03/01/23 23:07:50 Medical - Patient Refused Evaluation/Care
Popple - Total 3
02/26/23 11:10:20 TEST
03/02/23 09:12:42 Welfare Check
03/02/23 15:31:59 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Rice - Total 3
02/28/23 08:17:42 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/02/23 08:30:05 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
03/04/23 19:43:58 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
Shevlin - Total 1
03/03/23 10:01:18 Crimes Against Family - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Total Records: 86

Representative Matt Grossell
Legislative Update District 2A

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ph: 651.296.4265



After a very snowy week, house democrats continue to push their bill, HF1715, banning the sale of gas-powered lawn equipment. I heard from a number of constituents about the shortcomings they or their friends have run into with electric equipment. The snowstorm we faced was a major catalyst where these machines fell short of the capabilities of their gas-powered counterparts and left several people with half-cleared driveways. There are cases where an electric alternative may fit the situation but to outright ban gas equipment in our state with its propensity for major weather events does not make sense.
On Tuesday we as House and Senate Republicans held a press conference in response to

the Department of Revenue's February budget forecast. Their report shows that we continue to have a \$17.5 Billion surplus. State government is collecting unnecessary amounts of tax dollars and yet our proposals to give the surplus back have gotten zero hearings from the majority. A top priority for this surplus is to end the tax on Social Security. A repeal of the Social Security tax is a necessity as the Biden-Walz economy continues to pinch budgets with record-setting inflation. We need to provide relief, and with a massive budget surplus, we could provide that relief not just for seniors but for all Minnesota taxpayers.
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.gov.
Have a great week and God Bless! Matt

Home Country

By Slim Randles

Herb graciously spread his right arm around the table, indicating to Loretta that all his friends needed their coffee cups topped off. She would've done it anyway, of course, but this made him look ... generous.
"I've been reading up," said Herb Collins, who had retired from his pawn shop but not from reading up, "and I learned a thing or two."
We settled back, in what we considered a learned and curious pose. We probably weren't, though.
For the more forward-looking members of the World Dilemma Think Tank at the Mule Barn coffee shop, learning from Herb's habit of reading up sometimes was entertaining, if not always educational.
"How many of you fellas ever heard of Babe Ruth?" We all raised our hands.
"Now how many of you fellas ever heard of Carl Ditters von Dittersdorff?"
There was a paucity of paws in the air.
"He was born way-back sometime in a suburb of Vienna, and started out life as Johann Carl Ditters. But through the years, and because his compositions needed publicity, and his friends didn't think his name was impressive enough, he coagulated his name into what it now says on the billboard at the opera house."



"And you read up on this by yourself?"
"Sure did, Doc. Now ol' Carl made a bunch of friends who were musical and had weird names, too. Used to hang around with Christof Willibald Gluck. Name like that, you'd have to pardon up with someone who could handle himself in a dark alley. So there's my theory in a nutshell guys. If you were a German or a fake German living in a close by, but not yet German country, and your name was too common for people to remember, you either had to give them a name they couldn't forget ... or go start a war."
And some folks just watch teevee...

Free sheet music from the ol' Ditters himself! If you can play this, you're better than most mental patients. [https://imslp.org/wiki/Andante_cantabile_\(Dittersdorf%2C_Carl_Ditters_von\)](https://imslp.org/wiki/Andante_cantabile_(Dittersdorf%2C_Carl_Ditters_von)).

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CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 23, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Grow at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Scott Abel, Randy Bodensteiner, Jill Nelson, Dudley Wishard, Corey Petterson, Kayla Walberg. Members absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Dean of Student Tharaldson, staff members, and community members

1. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

3 Board Reorganization Meeting

3.1 Election of Officers

3.1.1 Chair – Nominations – Corey Petterson nominated Vern Wittenberg. No other nominations. MMS Walberg/Wishard to elect Vern Wittenberg for 2023. MCU. At this time, Chair Wittenberg took over running the meeting.

3.1.2 Clerk – Nominations – Vern Wittenberg nominated Dudley Wishard. No other nominations. MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to elect Dudley Wishard for 2023. MCU

3.1.3 Treasurer – Nominations – Corey Petterson nominated Jill Nelson. No other nominations. MMS Walberg/Petterson to elect Jill Nelson for 2023. MCU

3.2 Assignment of Committees – MMS to approve committee memberships as listed below. MCU MSBA Legislative – Corey Petterson & Dudley Wishard

MSHSL – Kayla Walberg

BRIC – Corey Petterson

Food Service Hearing Officer – Corey Petterson

Safety/Building & Grounds – Kayla Walberg & Vern Wittenberg (Randy Bodensteiner, alt)

Finance – Corey Petterson, Dudley Wishard, and Vern Wittenberg

Technology – Vern Wittenberg (Kayla Walberg, alt)

Policy – Dudley Wishard & Vern Wittenberg

Hiring – Corey Petterson & Dudley Wishard (Scott Abel & Randy Bodensteiner, alts)

Negotiating (Certified Staff) – Corey Petterson & Vern Wittenberg (Jill Nelson, alt)

Negotiating (Support Staff) – Kayla Walberg & Dudley Wishard (Vern Wittenberg, alt)

Meet and Confer – Kayla Walberg (Vern Wittenberg, alt)

Transportation – Jill Nelson, Corey Petterson & Vern Wittenberg (Scott Abel, alt)

Superintendent Evaluation – Randy Bodensteiner, Dudley Wishard & Vern Wittenberg

3.3 Board Salaries – **MMS Petterson/Walberg** to pay board officers \$80 and board members \$75 for board meetings; \$55 for negotiations, and \$50 for committee meetings in 2023. MCU

3.4 **Official Meeting Dates** – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to hold board meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month during 2023, except in January & February, and other holidays. MCU.

3.5 **Official Depositories** – MMS Nelson/Walberg to use Border State Bank and Northern State Bank as official depositories for 2023. MCU

3.6 **Official Publication** – MMS Nelson/Wittenberg to use The Leader Record and the Farmers Independent as the official publications for 2023. MCU

3.7 **Official Signatures** – MMS Bodensteiner/Wishard Petterson/Stenzel to assign Superintendent (Ryan Grow), Business Manager (Paula Boomgaarden), Human Resources Director (Melissa Weems), Board Chair (Vern Wittenberg) and Treasurer (Jill Nelson) as official signatures for all accounts for 2023.

3.8 **School Attorney** – MMS Walberg/Abel to approve Knutson/Flynn & Deans as the School Attorney for 2023. MCU

3.9 **Official Mileage Rate** – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to use the current IRS rate as the official mileage rate for 2023. If a personal vehicle is used by personal choice when the school car is available, the rate used for mileage will be one half the IRS rate. MCU

3.10 **Authorized LEA Representative** – MMS Petterson/Nelson to name Superintendent as the Authorized LEA for 2023. MCU

3.11 **MSHSL Board Representative** – MMS Nelson/Wittenberg to name Kayla Walberg as the Board

Designated MSHSL Representative. MCU.

4 **Community Comments** – None

5 **Spotlight on Education** – Mr. Bettin showed a power point of events that have taken place since the last meeting

6 **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to approve agenda as amended, adding item #11.9 resignation. MCU

7 **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MMS Petterson/Wittenberg to approve minutes as presented from previous meetings. MCU

7.1 December 19, 2022

8 **Informational Items**

8.1 **Principal's Report** – Principal Tharaldson discussed the following items: **1) Indian Education Update** – Dan Ninham will work with Mr. Eck's Phy Ed classes to teach Northern Indigenous games on January 30th. The committee is also discussing other opportunities to bring in guests to work with our students this spring. We continue to offer after-school tutoring 3 nights a week. **2) Teacher In-Service on 1/16/23** – Teachers participated in virtual sessions, and had a wide variety of topics to choose from. These sessions were provided through the NWS. **3) Winter FastBridge Screening** – K-6 teachers have completed the screening in their classrooms. This is screening number 2 of 3 this year, and includes scores in math, reading & behavior. **4) Spelling Bee** – The 5th – 8th grade spelling bee will be held on Tuesday, January 24th. The winner will compete in Thief River Falls in February.

8.2 **Superintendent Report** – Supt Grow discussed the following items. **1) 1) Personnel - A) Cook Position** – We are setting up interviews this week for the open position. **B) Para Professional Week** – This week is declared Para Professional Week in Minnesota. The various duties of paras were noted & thanked. **C) Open Positions** – Current open positions include FT custodian and Ex-Curricular bus drivers. **2) Educational – A) 2nd Semester** – Started today. **B) Snow Week** – Takes place the week of 1/30 – 2/3. This event is sponsored by the HS Student Council. **C) Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Will be held on 2/16 & 2/17. There will be no school for students on 2/17. **D) President's Day** – Is on 2/20/23. **E) Schedule for 23-24** – Mr. Tharaldson & a group of staff members are beginning to look at the HS schedule for next year. **3) Legislative – A) Governor's Preliminary Budget** – Was released last week. His overall budget for Education if approximately \$12 billion, of which \$6.4 billion is allocated to E-12. Some key things to note are increases in the funding formula by 4% and 2%, along with adding an inflation index, reducing the SPED cross-subsidy by 50%, universal meals for all students, and increased funding for early learning. His final budget deadline is tomorrow. **4) Financial – A) Governor's Budget** – The information on the Governor's proposed budget will help us in our budgeting for next school year. **B) Telecommunications** – We are working on getting quotes to upgrade the system. Our current system is the original system. **C) Grants** – I am currently working on two grants – Voluntary Pre-K, which would help fund some of our early learning programs & School Bus Stop Arm Camera, which would provide cameras that watch the stop arm. **5) Building/Grounds – A) Sander** – We may need to get quotes for a new sander. Discussion is being held with Virgil. **B) Mock OSHA** – There was a mock inspection before our break. Overall we had a good report. There were some issues, but we have started making corrections to the items noted in the report. **C) Joint Powers Agreement** – I received an initial JPA from the city regarding the softball/baseball conversations we've had. I will be working with our legal counsel, insurance company & you as a board on this agreement.

8.3 **School Resource Officer Report** – Officer Anderson reviewed his report for the board.

8.4 **Committee Reports** – None

8.4 **Enrollment Report** – The enrollment on 1/18/23 was 529 students, in E-12. As of 12/19/22, the number of enrolled students in E-12 was 532.

9 **Consent Calendar** – MMS Petterson/Abel to approve Consent

Calendar as presented. MCU.

9.1 **Approval of Bills Presented** – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 71110-71154/Wires

Payroll Checks

None-All payroll was paid thru direct deposit

January Bills

Voucher Numbers: 66072 – 66153

Check Numbers: 71155 – 71201

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$1,444,834.56

9.2 **Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions**

9.3 **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

9.4 **Accept/Approve Donations**

9.5 **Student Activity Report**

10 **Old Business**

10.1 **Consider Approving the Revisions of the District's Emergency Action Plan** – The updated plan was reviewed. Discussion was held.

Questions were asked & answered, MMS Wishard/Abel to approve the updated plan. MCU.

11 **New Business**

11.1 **Consider Approving an FMLA Medical Leave for Tasha Bakke** – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to approve FMLA beginning on 1/23/23. The FMLA should last for approximately 6 weeks, ending on 3/6/23. Time off used will include 3 days of remaining sick leave, and 2 personal days. The remainder of the leave shall be unpaid. Roll Call Vote: Able – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU.

11.2 **Consider Approving the Hiring and Resignation of Joel Vogt as a Custodian** – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve hiring. Roll Call Vote: Able – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU.

11.3 **Consider Approving an FMLA Leave for Jesse Eck** – MMS Walberg/Wittenberg to approve FMLA, beginning on 2/13/23, and lasting 15 days. This FMLA will use 15 days of his available sick time. Roll Call Vote: Able – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU.

11.4 **Consider Approving a Salary Lane Request for Jessica Larson to BA 20 (\$47,200)** – MMS Nelson/Petterson to approve lane change. MCU.

11.5 **Consider Approving the Superintendent's Contract** – MMS Walberg/Bodensteiner to approve contract. MCU.

11.6 **Consider Adopting Resolution Form B2 from the MSHSL Foundation** – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. MCU.

11.7 **Consider Adopting the Revision of MSBA Model Policy 534** – Policy was reviewed. MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to approve revision. MCU.

11.8 **Resolution For Administration to Make Recommendations for Reduction of Programs/Staff** – MMS Petterson/Walberg to approve Resolution directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and staff. Roll Call Vote: Able – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes.

11.9 **Consider Accepting Resignation of Brittany Salzer, Para** – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to accept resignation. MCU. Supt Grow thanked Brittany for her service.

12 **Items for February Meeting**

12.1

12.2

13 **Future Meetings**

13.1 **Regular Meeting** – Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

13.2 **Work Session** – Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Ehlers will be asked to attend.

14 **Questions from the Community** – Questions were asked about paraprofessional staffing

15 **Closed Meeting for Superintendent Evaluation Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Sub. 3(a)** – MMS Abel/Petterson to close at 8:58 p.m. MCU.

MMS to reopen meeting at p.m. MCU

15 **Adjournment** – MMS to adjourn at . MCU R51C

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Letter to the Editor
Office Changes

3/1/2023

Hello Clearwater County!

This article details new changes to the office and news from the office. First off a little context, in August of 2022 the PACT Act was passed by the US Congress. The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxic substances. This has been one of the largest VA expansion of benefits to Veterans in recent decades. Because of this, previously unqualified Veterans now qualify for many benefits to include health care and more.

Due to the new PACT Act that means many of our Clearwater County Veterans are now

eligible for more VA help. This has seen a sharp rise in the number of Veterans and family members seen in the Veteran Service Office here at Clearwater County. With the increase number of Veterans seen, my time as the Veteran Service Officer is limited. There is 1 of me and 700 Veterans in our county. Therefore now more than ever, it's crucial to call and make an appointment with this office. As your Veteran Service Officer I want to serve you the best that I can! That means I must use your time most wisely. The only really way to do that is to have an appointment. That being said, I will never turn away a walk in!

Because of the increased traffic our office has added a community calendar for all to see. This is both for accountability and for the public to see when I am gone, in an appointment, in a meeting, in training or some other thing. You can access this calendar by going to the Clearwater County webpage. Than under the department tab you will find Veteran Service and VSO Schedule. www.co.clearwater.mn.us/vso-schedule By making this cal-

endar, we hope to better serve the Veterans in our county. I will keep this calendar as up to date as possible.

Second, recently the office created a Facebook page. This was done in hopes of reaching the younger Veterans who may not read newspaper. You can find us on Facebook as the "Clearwater County Veteran Service Office". Please like and follow our page to keep up with up to date Veteran news.

Last bit of news from the office, Les Hinrichs has retired from driving for the Veterans Transportation Program. After many long years he is moving on to a new chapter in his life. Rest assured our Veterans Transportation Program will continue on providing rides to Veterans the best we can. Though we are always excepting volunteers to drive for the program. Volunteer drivers are paid at the IRS reimbursement rate of 65.5 cents a mile. Contact me if you are interested in volunteering. If you see Les, give him a handshake, pat on the back and thank him for his many years of service to our local Veterans. Thanks for your time!



Les Hinrichs has retired from driving for the Veterans Transportation Program for the county. He gives a thumbs up for the work that he has done.

CLEARWATER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



January 1966

Draftees: Stephen Harmon, Clearbrook; John Pearson, Gonvick; Larry Shelquist, Clearbrook; Lyle Stenberg, Gonvick. **Seated:** Larry Erickson and Gary Gulbranson both of Clearbrook.

What's up at Brookfield?

Upcoming Community Events at Brookfield Apartments in Clearbrook:

Bible Study Group: Every Wednesday in March & April from 9:30am - 11:00am in the community room

Workout Group: 11am-12pm every other Tuesday - March 21st, April 4th and April 18th

Walking Group: Every other Monday starting at 4pm for a 45 minute walk. Will be March 27th, April 10th & April 24th

Coffee Hour: 10 am on March 24th, April 7th and April 21st

Dinner/Birthday Potluck Meals: Meal will start on 6pm on and April 23rd.

Contact Laura at Brookfield for more information 218-407-7681



Congratulations to our final Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Wear winners! Front: Kasey Lene, Carson Derby, Chase Wegscheid, Claire Bakke, Emmalynn Bakke. Back: Mrs. Mendick, Avery Ostenaar, Logan Knutson, Mrs. Bodensteiner, and Seneca Johnson.



By Corrine Richards

The Clearbrook Elevator Association will be having their annual meeting on Friday, March 10 starting at 10 am.

The Clearwater SWCD has meetings on no-till planting coming up. Wednesday, March 15 at K&K Cafe in Clearbrook starting at 10 am.

There will be a 90th birthday party for Florence Danielson On Saturday, March 25 at the Gonvick Community Center starting at 1:00.

A baby shower for Meosha Hammer will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Bagley on March 11 starting at 2:00 p.m.

Deer are out and about with this nice weather we have been having. Thank goodness we drive slow in town as one tried to get our front fender last week. I could have pulled on its tail as we slowed down for it to cross the street.

Don't forget daylight savings this weekend. We will lose one hour of sleep. That isn't saving it is losing.

I think I watched too much TV last weekend. Twice on the Garden Valley network there were commercials that did not have any sound. The same ones for hamburgers, Mintos, Maytag, Turbo Tax, Garden Valley and hair products.

From my email...

March 14 is Pi day. It is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. One year the math teacher at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School had pie for the special day. Not the kind that you measure but good eating pie. For a circle, the distance around the edge is a little more than three times the distance across.

If you see new quarters that are different with the new year dates. Quarters are being minted featuring women.

2022
Maya Angelou – celebrated writer, performer, and social activist

Dr. Sally Ride – physicist, astronaut, educator, and first American woman in space

Wilma Mankiller – first woman elected principal chief of the Cherokee Nation

Nina Otero-Warren – suffrage leader and the first woman superintendent of Santa Fe public schools

Anna May Wong – first Chi-

nese American film star in Hollywood

2023
Bessie Coleman – first African American and first Native American woman pilot

Edith Kanaka'ole – indigenous Hawaiian composer, custodian of native culture and traditions

Eleanor Roosevelt – first lady, author, and civil liberties advocate

Jovita Idar – Mexican-American journalist, activist, teacher, and suffragist

Maria Tallchief – America's first prima ballerina

2024
Pauli Murray – poet, writer, activist, lawyer, and Episcopal priest

Patsy Takemoto Mink – first woman of color to serve in Congress

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker – Civil War surgeon, women's rights advocate, and abolitionist

Celia Cruz – Cuban-American singer, cultural icon, and one of the most popular Latin artists of the 20th century

Zitkala-Ša – writer, composer, educator, and political activist

Joke time..

Hiking
So Ole was hiking in the mountains of Norway and he slips on a wet rock and he falls over the edge of a five-hundred-foot cliff, and he falls twenty feet and he grabs hold of a bush that's growing out of a rock. And there he is, he's hanging looking down at this deep fjord down below him -- certain death -- and his hands start to perspire and he starts to slip on this bush and he yells out, "Is anybody up there?"

And he heard a deep voice rings out in the fjord, "I'm here, Ole. It's the Lord, Ole. Have faith. Let go of that bush and I will save you."

Ole looked down, and he looked up, and he says, "Is anyone else up there?"

Events...

Up coming events at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School: March 17th-Donuts with Dad and March 24th-Muffins with Mom

The date has been set!
Lund Lutheran Church Con-

gregation of Gully turned 125 on January 16, and will be celebrating this big anniversary on July 16th, 2023. All members and friends, please mark your calendar!.

The Clearwater County First Lady event will be held on May 6 at Clearbrook.

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.

Does anyone need old newspapers for their bird cages, their new puppies or for the garden center? We are getting ready to put some in the garbage bins for pick up. It would make the load lighter if we got rid of some of them before that point.

The Library Link in Gonvick is open three days a week. Check out various items or order what they don't have in stock for you. Or call 487-6220 to request something to be ordered for you. Hours are Monday 9 to 11 am, Wednesday 3 to 5 pm and Thursday 4 to 7 pm.

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.

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.

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Grazing opportunity at Glacial Ridge NWR

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is accepting proposals for private landowners to graze cattle on parts of Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, beginning in May of 2023.

The selected landowner will enter into a Cooperative Agricultural Agreement to conduct grazing on specified units of the Refuge. This conservation grazing opportunity has the potential to last through August of 2025. Cattle will be rotated at specific intervals through multiple different pastures within the Refuge. More than 1,600 of the Refuge's 23,000 acres will be grazed in 2023.

The objective of grazing on the Refuge is to manage its grassland and wetland habitats and improve conditions for migratory birds and other ground-

nesting birds. Rotational grazing is used in conjunction with prescribed fire and other management activities to mimic the historical disturbances that the tallgrass prairie of western Minnesota evolved with.

Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge was established in 2004 as the 545th refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge System, and is located 10 miles east of Crookston, MN in Polk County. The Glacial Ridge Project is the largest prairie-wetland restoration ever undertaken in the U.S., and began with the acquisition and restoration of more than 20,000 acres of land by The Nature Conservancy and numerous partners.

This grazing opportunity will be awarded through a closed-

request process. Proposals are due March 20, 2023. Interested people can ask questions or request a copy of the grazing proposal package by contacting Gregg Knutsen, Refuge Manager, at 218-687-2229, 218-686-4329, or gregg.knutsen@fws.gov. The grazing proposal package is also posted on the Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge webpage (<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/glacial-ridge>). Additionally, these packages can be picked up directly at the Glacial Ridge and Rydell National Wildlife Refuge Office, located approximately 4 miles southwest of Erskine, MN on County Road 210.

For more information please contact Gregg Knutsen, Refuge Manager.

Sharp rise in syphilis cases in Polk & Mahnommen Counties

Polk-Norman-Mahnommen Community Health Services emphasizes the importance of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) prevention and testing as part of your overall health. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), it is estimated that 1 in 5 people in the United States have an STI, and nearly half of new STI infections occur in young people ages 15-24. The estimated direct medical costs attributed to STIs in the United States is nearly \$16 billion annually.

In Minnesota, STIs remain at extremely high levels. One concern in the steady rise in syphilis cases from 2019 to 2022. New infections continued to be centered within the Twin Cities metropolitan area and among males, particularly among men who have sex with

men. However, the presence of syphilis among females, especially those who are pregnant or of child-bearing age, continues to be a concern because of the damage the infection can cause to the unborn fetus. It can also cause damage to organs and the nervous system, even causing death. In 2021, Minnesota had a 33% increase in syphilis cases. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) reports this rising trend for Polk and Mahnommen Counties, below:

Total Syphilis

Cases in Polk County:

2019- 2

2020- 2

2021- 1

2022- 5

Total Syphilis Cases

in Mahnommen County:

2019- 2

2020- 6

Where does Daylight Savings Time stand going forward?

Each March, Daylight Saving Time (DST) is welcomed by millions of people in the northern hemisphere, especially those who lament the lack of sunlight when leaving their offices in the evenings throughout winter.

The future of DST is an open question in the United States and elsewhere, but the clock switching that is synonymous with DST will again take place in participating locales in March 2023. This year, DST will take place at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, at which time clocks

will be moved forward one hour. That means sunset will take place one hour later that night, providing that much-loved extra hour of evening sunlight.

The tradition of DST could soon end in the United States. That's because the United States Senate passed the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021, which makes DST permanent, thus removing the need to change clock times twice a year. However, the bill stalled in the U.S. House of Representatives, and thus never became law. So while Americans could one day soon stop changing their clocks twice a year, they will still be doing so in 2023, and perhaps beyond.

The reason the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021 stalled in the House can be traced to a debate regarding which time should be permanent should DST be abandoned. Some support making DST time the permanent time, while others insist standard time is the safer option. In addition, certain advocates for abandoning DST simply say that changing clocks is the real threat, and that any fixed permanent time, be it DST or standard time, is a favorable

2021- 10

2022- 9

Syphilis can be cured with antibiotics. Don't hesitate, get tested! Some STI testing can be done with a simple urine sample and screening for HIV, hepatitis C, and syphilis is a simple finger poke.

Getting yourself tested for STIs is one of the most important things you can do to protect your health. Testing is quick, simple, and confidential.

Contact Polk County Public Health for information about STIs, birth control options and affordable clinic services. STI testing is available by appointment and is a confidential, low to no cost service. Please call 218-281-3385 or text 218-280-1117 to make an appointment. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.



alternative to switching clocks twice per year. Among the concerns on both sides of the debate are the effects of DST on human health and its potential link to traffic accidents. The issue of DST and health is not insignificant, as AARP reports that a 2020 analysis of more than 6,000 patient admissions at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York found that admissions for atrial fibrillation, a type of heart arrhythmia often referred to as "AFib," surged in the days following spring DST. The American Heart Association suggests that spike could be linked to a disruption in the body's circadian rhythm caused by DST.

The debate in the U.S. is not isolated and has even prompted discussions in other locales, including various areas of Canada, where DST is observed in nine of ten provinces and two of three territories.

Though the future of DST is in doubt, individuals will once again change their clocks in March 2023.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF WINSOR TOWNSHIP

The Annual Town meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday March 14, 2023 at United Lutheran Church, Berner MN. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Tuesday March 21, 2023- Same location.

The March Regular Monthly Meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting.
Stephanie McKnight, Clerk

R50-51C

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF JOHNSON TOWNSHIP

The annual meeting and election of officers of Johnson Township will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at the Johnson Town Hall. The annual meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. and election will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The election is for **one Supervisor for a 3 year term** and **one Treasurer for a 2 year term.**

In case of bad weather, the meeting will be 1 week later at same times at same place.
Lloyd Sweno, Clerk

R49-51C

Notice to Residents of Eddy Township

The annual meeting of Eddy Township will be held March 14, 2023 at 4:00P.M. at the Eddy Town Hall.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on March 21.

Marilyn Shamp, Clerk

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Sounds like multiplication?

Guess again. It's newspaper talk for a one column by 2 inch ad. Too small to be effective? **You're reading this one!!**

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Notice of Greenwood Township Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Greenwood Township Annual Meeting will be held at the town hall on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Annual reports will be given, township levies will be set, and all other business as prescribed by law will be conducted. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed to Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall.

The regular township meeting will follow the Annual Meeting.
Sheila Horn
Greenwood Township Clerk

R50-51C

Notice to Residents of Gully Township

The annual meeting and election of officers of Gully Township will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the Gully Town Hall.

The election poll hours will be open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect:

One (1) Township Supervisor for a 3 year term
One (1) Township Supervisor for a 1 year term
One (1) Treasurer for a 2 year term

The annual meeting will commence at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business proposed by law.

In case of bad weather, the meeting and election will be 1 week later at the same place and time.
Carole Tharaldson, Clerk.

R50-51C

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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SINCLAIR TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Sinclair Township that the 2023 Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00pm at the Sinclair Town Hall. If inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00pm at the Sinclair Town Hall.

The regular monthly meeting will follow after the annual meeting.
Brooke Pond, Clerk

R51C

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION AND MEETING OF PINE LAKE TOWNSHIP

The citizens of the Township of Pine Lake, County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota, who are qualified to vote at General Elections, are hereby notified that the Annual Township Election and Meeting will be held at the Gonvick American Legion on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 for the following purposes:

To elect One (1) Supervisor for the term of 3 years.
Option B-Appointed Clerk or Treasurer. Eliminates elections for clerk and or treasurer.

The Annual Meeting will convene at 4:00pm. Polling will begin at 5:00 pm and continue to 8:00pm.

In the event of inclement weather, the Annual Election and Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at the same times.
Pamela Goebel, Clerk.

R50-51C

NOTICE OF LEON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect one Supervisor for a 3-year term and one Treasurer for a 2-year term.

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. to Canvass the results.

The Annual Meeting will commence by 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held at the Leon Township Hall.

Lori Larson
Leon Township Clerk

R50-51C

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING HOLST TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to the voters of Holst Township, County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March. The Annual Meeting will commence at 7 PM to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. Regular Board Meeting to follow.

3/6/2023
Stephanie Anderson
Clerk of Holst Township

R51C

CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS DAY AT CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL

It was a busy, but very fun day at the Clearbrook-Gonvick school celebrating Dr. Seuss Day!

Green Eggs and Ham for breakfast, voting to see which Dr. Seuss book is most popular amongst our student body, Dr. Seuss movies during breakfast and lunch, guessing game for the students, graphing with Dr. Seuss math, story time, pajama day, and so much more.

We hope everyone had as much fun as we did!

