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Jim and Nina Palubicki of Fosston and Cheryl and Rick Mollin of Gonvick in the vista overlooking old Jerusalem. More photos in the Tri County Canary.

Area couples return from trip to Israel that ended abruptly

On October 7, 2023, the Palestinian Sunni Islamist group Hamas led surprise attacks against Israel by land, sea, and air. The assault came on a Jewish holiday, 50 years after the Egypt-Syria surprise attack that sparked the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

On the same day, Saturday, October 7th, Jim and Nina Palubicki of Fosston, Minnesota and Rick and Cheryl Mollin of Gonvick, Minnesota set off on a vacation and tour of Israel on a Delta Airline flight out of New York. Turning off their phones for the 12 hour flight, the two couples were unaware of what was happening.

Deboarding the plane in Tel Aviv, the foursome, still not aware of the impact of the attack, were met by one of their tour guides and made their way to their hotel, as Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system intercepted rockets launched from the Gaza Strip, about 50 miles away from Tel Aviv. During supper on their first evening, the group was ushered into a bomb shelter when a bomb hit nearby the hotel.

Sunday morning, the start of their tour was to begin, the two couples were told that there would be a postponement and they were going to remain in Tel Aviv, where they spent the day walking the beach of the Mediterranean Sea outside their hotel. The Country of Israel under attack was apparent due to the quiet streets, historical sites with no visitors, along with the presence of large numbers of armed soldiers and police nearly everywhere you looked.

Monday morning the couples were told that the tour would continue on schedule with only ten people arriving from the 38 people who had been originally booked. On Monday morning, the group learned that Delta Airlines, along with all other major airline companies, had canceled all flights to and from Israel until at least October 31st. Left in a war zone by Delta Airlines, they were now tasked with finding another way out of the country.

They spent Monday and Tuesday making the best of a difficult situation, their tour guide, an older gentleman Mo-



Cheryl and Rick Mollin on a boat on the Sea of Galilee in Israel.

ske Hilik, with sons in the military, whom he stayed in contact with, took those in the tour group and headed out to Kibbutz Lavi, a religious kibbutz located in the Lower Galilee near the city of Tiberias in northern Israel. (Kibbutz were initially almost universally agricultural settlements. Not economically motivated, the residents of the communes shared everything and worked as members of a collective. In the early days, times were tough, everything was shared and life was hard.)

On Wednesday the group arrived in Jerusalem. As a holy city for Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Jerusalem has always been of great symbolic importance. Among its 220 historic monuments, the Dome of the Rock stands out: built in the 7th century, it is decorated with beautiful geometric and floral motifs. It is recognized by all three religions as the site of Abraham's sacrifice. The Wailing Wall establishes the quarters of the different religious communities, while the Resurrection rotunda in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre houses Christ's tomb.

The tour continued through the quiet streets and near empty holy sites in Jerusalem (Jim and Nina, who have traveled there before, said there are normally crowds of people, where now there were few, or even none). Upon stopping for lunch in a market in Old Jerusalem, the shop owner told the group he had not seen anyone earlier in the day and did not expect to see anyone after the group left. The Palubicki and Mollin had been working on a plan to get

back to the United States and were in contact with their travel agent, who was working with a travel agent in Israel.

Israel announced that anybody in the country who wanted to leave should, due to the imminent possibility of the borders closing on Thursday, October 12th. With this announcement, the tour ended abruptly and Jim and Nina, Rick and Cheryl went to the task of finding a way out of the Country and into Jordan, where they were heading in hopes of finding their way back to America.

The two couples, along with a guide, made their way to Sheikh Hussein Border Crossing between Israel and Jordan. The furthest north of the three crossings into Jordan (and the only crossing which remained open), situated just outside of the Israeli city of Beit She'an and given its northern proximity, this border serves as the ideal passage from Israel. They crossed over into Jordan on Friday, October 13th and spent Saturday and Sunday in Amman, the capitol and largest city in Jordan.

On Saturday, Jim and Nina traveled out to Petra, a historic and archaeological city in southern Jordan. Famous for its rock-cut architecture and water conduit system, it contains tombs and temples carved into pink sandstone cliffs.

Early Monday morning the group of Jim and Nina Palubicki and Rick and Cheryl Mollin made their way to the King Hussein airport in Amman and boarded a Royal Jordanian Airplane to Paris. They arrived in Paris, and quickly made their way home, landing in Minneapolis.

Considering their trip an experience of a lifetime, the two couples do not plan to quit traveling and already have another vacation planned. They felt their primary anxiety on the trip was getting to the border and making it across before it was closed. They felt the tour guides made the best of a "not so great" situation, were friendly and kept the now close knit group of ten, relaxed and feeling safe.

By Kim Spaeth-Hedlund, Editor McIntosh Times

Voting November 7

Clearbrook-Gonvick School board has set November 7, 2023 for the bond. Voters will be asked to approve the amount not to exceed \$28,370,000 for the school district.

All voting for every precinct will be done at the Clearbrook City Hall building at 200 Elm St SW, Clearbrook. Polls will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 p.m. on election day Tuesday, November 7.

School patrons can request a mail ballot by calling the school and requesting that from Paula at 218-776-3112, ext. 108.

The \$28,370,000 investment will provide the following for our school, our communities, and our futures!

- Remodel main entrance to address safety and security.
- Addition of several single-

user toilets for students and staff.

- Addition of secure changing rooms for officials and coaching staff.
- Designated changing areas for visiting teams
- Expand cafeteria to move lunch tables out of the hallway corridor.
- Addition of a second cross corridor to reduce congestion during passing time.
- Roof Replacement.
- Replacement of damaged doors and hardware throughout building.
- Replacement of buckled flooring.
- Repairs and improvements to building systems.
- Improved and Expanded Learning Environments.
- Small group spaces for one-on-one learning.

- Right-sizing and modernizing the Media Center.
- Dedicated Special Education classrooms and consolidated SPED services.
- New SPED space allows FACS room to be used for intended purpose.
- Storage rooms and expansion of the staff workroom.
- Remodeling areas of the Elementary school to accommodate additional toilets and small group rooms.
- Acoustical upgrades to Commons and stage spaces.
- Replace small gym with two-station gym for Phy. Ed and capacity for Indoor Recess; creates more space for extracurricular and community events.
- Convert small gym to a larger fitness room, two additional Health/ Phy. Ed. classrooms and storage space.

Audit report given at school board meeting October 16

Two community members gave their comments at the October 16 meeting of the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board.

One expressed his concern that when the board has a retreat that information should be made public for when and where that would be held.

He also stated that there needs to be better communication between the board, the bus company and the bus drivers on write-up slips for disciplinary action.

A second community member wanted to know what the school had done for Constitution Day. Supt. Grow gave him many examples as to things that had been done in the classrooms.

Audit report

The 2022-2023 Audit presentation was given by John Hagen with Eide Bailly by video. The district received a clean audit opinion. There was need for segregation of duties but the district is not big enough to have several people in that position. There were no Federal Awards for 2023. A question of Angel Funds dollars was used and those funds should not be in the district hands.

The district has made steady progress in cash and investments. The past ten years the district was at \$620,000 and in 2023 there was 5.2 million in all funds.

ADM served from 2014 with 434 students and in 2023 with The budget showed a fund balance of \$3,300,048. A positive fund balance contributes to a favorable bond rating. Produces investment income and provides a source of working capital to meet cash flow needs. It also offers a cushion for unexpected expenditures or revenue shortfall.

The district maintains an unassigned fund balance of 25% of expenditures. According to Aide Bailly the district could go 4 1/2 months without any funding coming in.

The Community Service Fund was a negative \$40,000 in 2014 and they are over \$60,000 in 2023.

The food service fund has a balance and Hagen recommended that they start spending done on food service related expenses, including wages and upgrading equipment.

Principals report

Principal Josh Tharaldson gave special thanks to Mr. Bettin and Tiffany Kroulik on all the planning that was done for Homecoming week. Information has been sent home to parents regarding Direct Admissions for students for later this month. The staff was going to show off their college pride by wearing colors from their colleges.

Teachers have been taking advantage of the nice weather and getting their students outside and spending time with them at the school forest.

Elementary teachers attended training in mid-September for Project 11, which is a Social/Emotional learning curriculum. Bringing mental health awareness along with positive coping skills into their lives is the main goal. High School teachers will receive training on October 29.

Upcoming events. No school October 19 and 20 for EM Break. End of Quarter 1 is November 3rd. Veterans Day Program will be held at the school on Superintendent 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent report

Superintendent Ryan Grow gave his report and they still are in need of a full time custodian. They are in the process of interviewing para candidates. They still have opening for girls basketball coaches.

Mrs. Johnson's Ag class had received a mock animal from another school where the instructor had left. The FFA Livestock Judging Team is heading to State! They placed 5th out of 17 Teams.

There is nothing in the works as far as the legislature goes.

He voiced concerned about the parking lots when winter hits and what to do about that being slippery. Virgil Tronnes had mentioned a possibility of something on the front end of the Tool Cat. To be able to sand an salt the are after it has been plowed.

There were no committee reports.

Student enrollment is 521.

Consent Calendar was approve with \$%580,993.11 and payroll of \$224,038.51 for a total of \$805,031.62.

Some payments included: Stein's Bus Service LLC \$99,730.67; BRIC \$62,911.72; Konica Minolta \$46,500.00; Community Oil Co. \$12,079.73; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$8,496.13; Teachers On Call \$8,462.30; Nerdy Customs Technology Systems \$4,975.00; Listrom Disposal \$2,902.02; Richards Publishing Co. \$2,794.88; DaRoos Pizza \$2,128.00; North Country Hardware \$1,512.78; Farmers Publishing Co. \$1,318.86; Garden Valley \$1,181.72 and Marco \$1,106.89.

Old Business

The Garden Valley Capitol Credits that they had applied for would be on the November agenda as they had not heard if they had received the funds.

New Business

The board approved the proposal for Technology Services from Nerdy Customs, Isaac Kvasager from Frazee for network services.

They approved the MSHLS From A and B.; the District Assurance of Compliance to be put in the policy manual; the 2022-2023 Financial Audit and set the date of November 13, 2023 to canvas the election results.

Actions items for net month include Garden Valley capital credits, transportation items that were brought up, gates on the forest as 4-wheelers are driving on the paths.

Gonvick City Council met

The Gonvick City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 12. Meeting minutes from September 9 and September 21 were approved.

A sound video of dogs barking in town was played to the council. Barking dogs are getting to be an issue. There is one that barks early in the morning and the other two in the same yard in the afternoon, and evening.

A commercial Revolving Loan request was made by Devin Aakre. Council will be discussing the amount at their November meeting.

Maintenance issues for the L60GVolvo front-end loader was discussed. The council has signed an agreement to purchase the equipment with a loan from the Northern State Bank in Gonvick that matched the one through two other institu-

tions in Albany and Kansas. Before purchase the company preformed a service program checklist to make sure everything was up to date.

The city has two pickups and both are in need of small repairs. That will have to be done as soon as possible.

Police report from Ryan Solee had eight records including: Animal Related 1; Assist 1; Disturbance 1; Fraud 1; Medical 1; Vehicle Off Road 1 and Welfare Check 2.

Fire Department report from Cody Rude with Medical Calls 5; Fire Calls and one grass fire; Meetings 1; Work Activities 2; Car accident 1; Fire Canceled in Enroute 1; Mutual Aid, assisted Clearbrook for a structure fire.

They held a breakfast on Pumpkin days and served lunch for the fall fundraiser.

They have added Erick Bergman to the roster on a year probation period.

Upcoming events included taking part in the fire prevention at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

The radios that they ordered will be in mid December with the mics, chargers and radio straps at Rodgers Two way radio.

Great Plains fire will be up to pump test and service engine 1.

The fire department will be selling shirts for the Justin Erickson Memorial scholarship fund. They will be available at The Trap or you can contact any fireman to buy one. Justin was a member of the Gonvick Fire Department who passed away

City Council.

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The "hill people" of Clearbrook will soon have the main road to downtown Clearbrook restored. The road past the dam and park has been closed for some time with there being trouble getting permits to proceed with the recommended culvert. This is a temporary fix until a permanent solution can be made.

Board of Commissioners Report

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. All commissioners were present and approved the agenda and minutes from the last meeting before moving on to other business.

Bruce Cox, Land Commissioner addressed the board with a proposal to replace and update electrical pedestals at Long Lake Park. Bessler Electric had provided a quote of \$9,675.00

to complete the project in the spring (due to back orders on supplies). Commissioner Mark Larson suggested that a second quote be secured since there was time before spring. Commissioner Stuart Dukek agreed that getting a second quote would allow companies within the county to have a chance to do the work. Since the work wouldn't be happening until the spring, the proposal was put on hold pending a second quote.

Allen Paulson, Auditor-Treasurer presented bills to be paid.

After review, Commissioner Dean Newland made a motion to authorize the Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$78,533.32 from the County Revenue Fund and \$19,155.22 from the Public Health Fund. Commissioner Larson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday, October 31 at 9 a.m.



Karen Edevold with new Librarian - Heidi Moore.

Moore is new librarian in Bagley

By Pamela French
Karen Edevold has been the face of the Bagley Public Library for 27 years, back when the library was located in the space now occupied by The Vault(1997). In the late 90's, Karen was a big part of the movement to get the library moved to its current location, due mainly because of the lack of wheelchair accessibility in the old building.

What once was a daycare, would become the new Bagley Public Library. The Bagley Library Foundation worked for many years to raise funds to

retrofit the building, opening in 2014, in its current location next to Kubiak's.

Karen highlights her time at the library with the happenings at the beginning. When Karen first took the job in the 90's, not only did she not have computer experience, the library didn't have a computer. Due to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the library was given one computer. Karen took a two day course on Windows 95 in Erskine, MN. This was all happening at the beginning of a huge technology burst; the internet/ WiFi and access to all the digital offerings. In 27 years, Karen's computer skills, of course, have improved exponentially!

Earlier this year Karen decided it was time to retire. Her replacement hired for the job was not such a new face to the library. Meet Heidi Moore! Heidi has been the back up librarian for nearly 13 years. After being Karen's backup for only 3 years, Heidi began thinking about being the next librarian.

Heidi loves books, information, and stories. She wants to know "what's behind the cover!" She loves connecting people, especially children, with books. Heidi is very personable and loves to share this passion with others, making her a perfect librarian.

It's kind of poetic, when Heidi first took the job in August she had her doubts, saying, "I can't do this, I'm not Karen!" Well, Karen said, "Heidi may have had her doubts but I did not!" The way I see it, we don't want Heidi to fill Karen's shoes, rather, Heidi fills Heidi's shoes!

Heidi's vision for the future of our Bagley Public Library is to increase attendance and promote the Legacy Programs, funded by the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund. To Heidi, "It is amazing to be able to bring these high quality programs to our small town."

Mark your calendar; the next Legacy program is, Genealogy 101 with Rick Crume, Wednesday November 1, 2023 @ 10:00am. Rick will share about the research tool at the library and explore how to navigate three huge databases with only a library card!

Besides meeting Heidi and attending the great programs at our library, Bruce Jackson has a couple of his kit airplanes flying over the bookshelves in the main library, as well as a few others in the display case. In about a month or so, he will put out his train display! The Community Room has a new gallery display that will be up until December 15th - Nature's Wonderful World by photographer Mitch Hilliard, sponsored by the BAAC.

Community Calendar

History Center in Shevlin open this weekend

The History Center will be open Saturday October 28 from 10:00- 2:00 and Sunday October 29 from 1:00- 4:00.

The 2023 Exhibits at the History Center in Shevlin will soon be closing for the season. The last day to view the outside Historic Buildings (except for the Log Cabin) will be Sunday October 29. The Halverson Log Cabin will remain open until the snow flies; it has been decorated for Christmas and will be part of the Festival of Trees, as long as visitors are able to get out there!

The Not So Spooky schoolhouse, set for Sunday afternoon has been canceled due to cold weather and no heat in that building.

Schedule for closing:
Exhibits in the main museum gallery will be completely gone by November 17th. The Work exhibit will be removed on November 2, the Toy Exhibit will be dismantled on November 9 and the Shevlin and Bagley Quasquicentennials exhibits will be taken down on Nov. 16.

The museum will be closed November 17- December 2 to prepare for the Second Annual Festival of Trees.

For more details call the History Center 218-785-2000

Bagley Area Arts Annual Meeting and Silent Auction

Ruttger's Birchmont Lodge - Bemidji

November 2, 2023
5:00 – 5:40 pm Social and Silent Auction

5:45 – 6:30 pm Program
All members of the Bagley Area Arts Collaborative are invited to join us to celebrate nine years of arts programming in the Clearwater County area. As guests, you will enjoy a variety of chef prepared appetizers. We have invited special guest, Shawna – a phenomenal young woman who will share some of her writings with us.

Come enjoy great conversations and hear about our plans for 2024.

Please RSVP by October 30th if you plan to attend:
Text: 218-368-5221 to RSVP or email info@bagleyarts.org if you have questions.

Clearbrook City Council meeting

The City of Clearbrook met on October 9 and had Steve Emery from WSN discussed the plans and specifications for the water tower rehab. They will partner with KLM Engineering who specialize in water towers.

Ryan Solee gave the Police Report. They included 49 incidents with Animal Related 7; Assault 1; Assist 1; Burglary 1; Civil Complaint 2; Disturbance 1; Domestic 1; Extra Patrol 1; Fire 1; Information Only 2; Traffic Complaint 1; Lost/Found Property 1; Medical 4; Noise Complaint Animal Related 1; Officer Detail 1; Parking Complaint 1; Suspicious Activity 4; Test 3; Theft 1; Theft Boat and Water 1; Traffic Complaint 2; Traffic Stop 3; Trespass 1; Vehicle Lock Out 2; Warrant Arrest 1; Welfare 1.

Clearbrook Fire Report from Adam Krog, Fire Chief: 12 Calls in September – 9 medicals, 1 meeting, 1 training/work night & 1 vehicle fire. Received a letter of interest of joining from Reid Sloan. The shipping container to be used for storage has been placed & half of the shelving has been installed. Signed the contract to sell the old med van.

Liquor Store from Karra Weems: \$9100 profit; will be ordering shirts for the dart teams, upcoming events: Fire Department banquet 10/14 & Ramsrud benefit 10/21 & Halloween Party October 27th.

City Clerk Lucie Thompson had the motion for the council to accept the resignation of Sue Weems. The Building Permit for Todd Kihlstedius and Darla and Robert Holder were approved.

The council approved the Resolution 2023-19 of Donations / Contributions for September 2023

1. MN Chiefs of Police Foundation of \$500.00. Donation to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Dept for Bike Safety

2. MN Twins Community Fund \$5,000.00 Donation to Kloster Park for Field Improvements.

Monthly claims of \$34,124.99 and Additional Claims of \$110,003.74 were approved.

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Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Good Shepherd
Wed., Oct. 25: 6:00pm Confirmation/M meal (7th – 9th Grade) @ Good Shepherd; 6:00pm Choir Practice; 7:00pm Handbells
Sun., Oct. 29: 9:00am Reformation Sunday Worship with Marilyn Grandstrand; 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School
Wed., Nov. 1: 6:00pm-7:30pm First Wednesday @ Faith (7th – 12th Grade) 6:00pm Choir Practice; 7:00pm Handbells
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:15am-2:15pm
Our Savior's
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Sun., Oct. 29: 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School; 11:00am Reformation Sunday Worship with Marilyn Grandstrand
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Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Events
Youth Connection. Now offering after school programs Monday through Thursday for Grade 3-12. Find more information and sign up online at www.clearwaterslife.org.

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Seniors
10.16-11.10 Senior Connection Cooking Class Monday Nov 13th 11a.m. to 12:30p.m. at CWC in Gonvick.

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CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
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Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Oct. 25: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers.
Sat, Oct. 28: No Service at Mt. Olive.
Sun, Oct. 29: 10:00 a.m. SS Oak Park (all welcome). 11:00 a.m. Festival Reformation Service Hosted by Oak Park – Meal to follow Service.
Wed, Nov. 1: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:30 p.m. Vespers. 7:00 p.m. LYS.
Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

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Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Oct. 25: 6:30 p.m. 8th grade confirmation at Lund.
Sun, Oct. 29: 9:00 a.m. Service at Bethany. 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley. 10:30 a.m. Service at Sand Valley.
Wed, Nov. 1: 6:30 p.m. 8th grade confirmation at Lund.

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Fire Prevention Week at Clearbrook-Gonvick School



1st Grade Hegg: Zaden Proffit, Jayla Cardinal, Stella Gustafson



2nd Grade Beard: Noella Java, Koy Maruska, Tyson Kroulik



3rd Grade Hanson: Porter Long, Lydia Baird, Zoey Ehlers



Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Livestock Judging Team Heading to State! Placed 5th out of 17 Teams. Team Members (from left to right): Jacob Anderson, Eric Larson, Brodie Sather, Peyton Berg, Ava Larson (placed 4th out of 61 competitors), (Also pictured is Natasha Chandler who competed as a no-count). The competition was for the Region 1 FFA in Barnesville



3rd Grade Bakke: Indi Juberian, Maddy Nelson, Adilee Larson

About Fire
Prevention Week

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

2023 Fire Prevent Week
Campaign

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths. "Year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of home fires by far, accounting for half (49 percent) of all U.S. home fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA. "These numbers tell us that there is still much work to do when it comes to better educating the public about ways to stay safe when cooking."

Cooking Safety
Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. By following a few safety tips, you can prevent these fires.

Cook with Caution...
• Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
• Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the



2nd Grade Faldet: Ezra Krog, Lettie Watne, (Not Pictured) Oliver Westrum



1st Grade Johnson: Iris Krog, Caiden Lewis, (Not Pictured) Belle Beaulieu

kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

• If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

• Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

• On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

• For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

• Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

• Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

Importance of fire prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy.

Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

**Clearbrook-Gonvick School
Lunch Menu**

Wed., Oct. 25 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Garlic Breadstick. **Snack:** Pop Tart

Thurs., Oct. 26 - Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Tri Tater. **Snack:** Scooby Snacks

Friday, Oct. 27 - Bear Wear Friday Italian Dunkers, Dipping Sauce. **Snack:** Cereal Bar

Mon., Oct. 30 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll. **Snack:** Goldfish

Tues., Oct. 31 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Breadstick, Halloween Treat. **Snack:** Surprise

Please note- All Meals come with Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Bar and Milk Choice. This may change!!!

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**Post 9/11
Veteran
Service Bonus**

Are you a Minnesota Veteran that has served our country between September 11, 2001 and August 30, 2021? If you answered yes, you may be eligible for the Post 9/11 Veteran Service Bonus.

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) has a long history of awarding service bonuses to Minnesota Veterans who served in America's conflicts. Starting in 1919 after World War I, through World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, Gulf War, and now the Global War on Terrorism, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs recognizes the sacrifices and courage Minnesotans demonstrated to defend our country.

The 2022 Legislature passed and Governor Walz signed the first-ever Veteran's Omnibus Bill that included funding for a service bonus payable to eligible Veterans who served from 9/11/2001 to 8/30/2021. The MDVA is facilitating this program for eligible Veterans, currently serving service members or Veterans' beneficiaries.



There are three tiers of the Post 9/11 Veteran Service Bonus: \$600, \$1,200 and \$2,000. The amount received depends on medals awarded during the qualifying service time. The application period began on July 7, 2022 and the last day to

apply is June 30, 2024 unless the funds have been exhausted before then.

If you are a Veteran that has already applied for this bonus, the 2023 Legislative session resulted in several changes that expanded Minnesota Veteran eligibility. Veterans who were previously denied the bonus or Veterans who have received the bonus may be eligible for a larger bonus based on the changes that were made this session.

To find out if you are eligible for this bonus, or to re-apply visit the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs website and search Post-9/11 Veteran Service Bonus or feel free to call the office at 218-694-6618 and we will be able to assist you with the application process.

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Celebrated by cooperatives nationwide during the month of October, National Co-op Month is an annual opportunity to raise awareness of a trusted, proven way to do business and build resilient, inclusive communities. In honor of co-op month, Garden Valley Technologies recently donated reusable water bottles to Clearbrook-Gonvick 2nd and 3rd grade students. Thank you Garden Valley for your recent donation!



September Friends of the Food Shelf

During the month of September, school is in session again and the CCFS is thankful for that. We are especially grateful for our BHS Student Council volunteers who are again able to supply manpower for our needs! There are two specific times of the month when manpower is critical for us. The first is when the truck comes from North Country Food Bank the third Thursday of each month with our order. The driver unloads the pallets from the truck, but all of the groceries need to be moved into the food shelf, labeled and placed in an orderly fashion on shelves, freezers

or on pallets. Student Council members come to help with that task September through May. The other time of the month when manpower is crucial is for the Mobile Food Drop. The monthly Mobile Food Drop is organized by North Country Food Bank. NCFB determines the date, place and brings the food. Our job as a partner is to secure manpower to distribute the 10,000+ pounds of food to the clients. Student Council members are positive, willing and able to heft food during all kinds of weather during the school year. Advisor Perry Nelson and

the BHS Student Council have also chosen the Clearwater County Food Shelf as a service project during the month of February for many years. Collecting food and money from the staff and students has been a huge boost to the Food Shelf each year! Our clientele continues to grow and grocery costs continue to remain high. The Clearwater County Food Shelf is very thankful to the members of the BHS student Council for their willingness to help those in the community with food insecurity. They are the Friends of the Food Shelf for the month of September!



Bagley High School Student Council Friends of the Food Shelf: (back row) Camron Wilcowski, Bryant Schwegel, Drew Nelson, Ayden Hagen, and Peyton Proulx. (middle) Hailey

Berg, Abigail Hagen, Ava Rolfson, Kensey LaCroix, and Isabella Warmbold. (front) Kathryn Agnew, Mateo Reynolds, William Gunderson, Eli Phrakonkham, and Ian Phrakonkham.

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Board of Commissioners'

October 10, 2023
The October 10, 2023 meeting for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Newland presiding and Commissioners Larson, Dukek, Titera and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda-Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to approve the agenda.
Minutes-Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to approve the September 19th Board Minutes.
Attorney – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to approve and sign the OJP grant for Clearwater County in the amount of \$40,000.00.
Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to approve the purchase of a Dell Laptop for the County Attorney's Office in the amount of \$1,268.48.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Vern Wittenberg, Jill Nelson, Scott Abel, Dudley Wishard, Kayla Walberg, Randy Bodensteiner, and Corey Petterson. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff and community members

3 Community Comments – Comments were made on various topics.

4 Spotlight on Education – Mr. Bettin showed a PowerPoint of events that have happened since the beginning of the year.

5 Approval of Agenda – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve agenda and addendum as presented. Addendum adds items 11.11 – Closed Meeting, and 11.12 – Consider Employee Termination. Item 11.9 will be tabled. MCU.

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

6.1 8/21/23 – Regular Meeting
7 Discussion of Commissioner's Review & Comment on Proposed Building Bonds – The report was reviewed. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Grow reminded all present that our first public meeting will be tomorrow at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

8 Informational Items

8.1 Principals Report – Principal Tharaldson presented the report, and discussed the following items: A) Back to School Events/First Week of School – Elementary Entrance & High School Open House both went well. Thanks to all staff for their patience & flexibility during the 1st week of school. Everything went well with minor changes made during the first week. We have many new students. B) Elementary FastBridge Screening – Elementary teachers are screening to get baseline data for their students in math & reading. Screenings will be done again in the winter and spring. C) Title Applications – Applications were submitted before the 9/1 deadline & we are waiting to hear from the state regarding any necessary revisions or changes. D) – School Spirit/Bear Wear Fridays – Friday, 9/15/23, was the first Friday Bear Wear Day. We are encouraging staff & students to participate. Winners will be selected at random each week & will receive a free candy/popcorn from the school concession stand. E) Foreign Exchange Student – We have one foreign exchange student this year.

8.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) Personnel – A) Open Positions – FT Custodial, Paraprofessional (2), Assistant BBB Coach, JH and Assistant GBB Coach. B) Paraprofessional Focus – One area we will focus on is a liaison for elementary Native American Students. The other position is to meet the needs of our increasing Sp Ed enrollment. The intent of hiring additional paras is to meet the needs of our students. C) School Resource Officer – We are fortunate to continue to have an SRO in our building. 2) Educational – A) Enrollment – Is up, which is a good thing, but creates some challenges (i.e. space, additional staffing needs, increased services, etc.) B) Public Meetings – Our first public meeting/open house regarding the upcoming referendum is tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. at the school. C) Homecoming – Takes place the first week of October (2nd – 6th). 3) D) Fall Trap - There will be Fall Trap this year for the first time. Currently, 16 participants have signed up. 3) Legislative - A) Current – There is nothing new to report at this time. 4) Financial – A) Car – The car was sold at auction for \$14,500. After fees are taken out, the revenue will be deposited into the general fund. The Car Project (Fund 11) was a place holder within the general fund when the project was active. Being the fund is no longer active, that fund will be disbanded. C) Preliminary Levy Certification – This will be presented later in the agenda. 5) Building/Grounds – A) Public Meeting Dates – Meetings will be held on 9/19/23 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School; 10/3/23 at the Gonvick Community Center; and 10/17/23 at the Leonard-Dudley Town Hall. All meetings start at 6:00 p.m. B) Concrete – There was a section of

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to approve the purchase of a workstation (computer, monitor, mouse and keyboard) for the assistant in the amount of \$1,361.85.
Sheriff – Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to authorize the purchase of two 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD vehicles at a price of \$40,822 per vehicle. Additionally, the two squads will need to be upfitted at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 each. Funds for these purchases will come out of the 2024 budget.
Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to authorize the purchase of exercise equipment from TriActive USA for the Clearwater County Jail as recommended by the MN Department of Corrections. Total cost of equipment and shipping is \$6,421.00 and will come out of the inmate canteen fund.
Ayes – Titera, Newland, Dukek, Nelson Naves - Larson
Environmental Services – Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to approve the resolution supporting Hubbard County's

concrete that was poured last year, and started to flake and chip. Bob Pond, of Pond Construction, came before school started & replaced that section. Additional Item – Enrollment - Our active number of students in May was 512, and this September is 518.
8.3 Committee Report – 6.3.1 Transportation Committee – An update was given.
9 Consent Calendar – MMS Wishard/Able to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.
9.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 71796-71826/Wires
Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit
No Checks – All Payroll was Direct Deposit
September Bills
Voucher Numbers: 68263-68419

Check Numbers: 71827-71911
Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$747,234.83

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 Board Work Session – Will be held on September 26th, at 6:00 p.m. Please put together topics.

10.2 Board Retreat – Recommended by MSBA. Talk about this at work session to determine date and place.

11 New Business
11.1 Consider Approving an Unpaid Leave Request from Marinda McRunnel – MMS Nelson/Petterson to approve 1 day as unpaid leave. Roll Call Vote: Petterson – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Able – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU.
11.2 Consider Approving an Unpaid Leave Request from Kyle Christianson – MMS Wittenberg/Bodensteiner to approve 2 days as unpaid leave. Roll Call Vote: Petterson – Yes, Nelson – Yes, Able – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU.

11.3 Consider A Lane Advancement for Darcy Hegg – MMS Nelson/Wittenberg to approve. MCU.
11.4 Consider A Lane Advancement for Jessica Larson – MMS Walberg/Wishard to approve. MCU
11.5 Consider A Lane Advancement for Abigail Lauderbaugh – MMS Nelson/Walberg to approve. MCU

11.6 Consider Certifying the Preliminary Levy 2023 Payable 2024 – Superintendent Grow reviewed the levy. MMS Petterson/Nelson to certify levy at the maximum. MCU.
11.7 Consider Setting the Truth in Taxation for the December Regular School Board Meeting Date – MMS Bodensteiner/Petterson to approve meeting date of 12/18/23 at 7:00 p.m. MCU.

11.8 Adopt a Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the November 7, 2023 School District Special Election – MMS Walberg/Bodensteiner to approve judges. Roll Call Vote: Petterson – Abstain, Nelson – Yes, Able – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Bodensteiner – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. Motion Carries.

11.9 Consider Approving the Contract with Nerdy Customs for Onsite Helpdesk Support – Tabled until future meeting.

11.10 Consider Approving the 2023-2024 Worlds Best Workforce Plan – MMS Wittenberg/Wishard to approve. Discussion was held. Questions were asked and answered. MCU.

11.11 Closed Meeting Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 2(b) – MMS Bodensteiner/Walberg to approve closing meeting at 8:14 p.m. MCU. MSS Petterson/Nelson to reopen meeting at 8:39 p.m. MCU.

11.12 Consider Termination of Employee – Comments were made. MMS Wishard/Abel to terminate employment immediately. Motion carries with member Wittenberg abstaining.

12 Community Questions to the Board of Education Regarding Agenda Items – Questions were asked and answered

13 Future Meetings
13.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

14 Adjournment – MMS Nelson/Walberg to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. MCU R32C

application for capital funding on behalf of Clearwater County for the 9-County Regional Hub and Spoke project. (On File).

Auditor – Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried to authorize the Auditor to pay submitted invoices of \$106,779.53 from the County Revenue Fund and \$13,819.77 from the Public Health Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Titera, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to approve the step increase for Derek Loiland to Range 19 Step 10 effective November 1, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Larson and carried to approve the purchase of an EVS 6.0.7.0 Reporting Standard Standalone System for Election reporting which includes installation and shipping in the amount of \$4,687.00. This will come out of the Election Equipment account.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to advertise for a Building Maintenance Worker at Grade 11 with Salary Range from \$18.00 to \$23.54.

Engineer – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried to accept the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for CP 1504-01; Eddy Township Bridge Replacement, to accept said completed project for and in behalf of Clearwater County, and to authorize final payment to Houle Excavating, LLC.

By general consent, the Board waived the 3-Day notice for the following motions:

Motion by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried to accept the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for SAP 015-607-025, SAP 015-611-012 & CP 023-608-001; Grade Correction, Culvert Replacement, Bituminous Milling, Bituminous Surfacing & Aggregate Shouldering, to accept said completes project for and in behalf of Clearwater County, and to authorize final payment to Knife River Materials.

Motion by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried to replace the Overhead door at the Alida shop for \$7,700.00 from North Country Overhead Door.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Titera and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 am. Dated: October 17th, 2023
Amanda Jordan, Board Coordinator
Dean Newland, Chairman R32C

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2311
(CLEARBROOK-GONVICK PUBLIC SCHOOL)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2311 (Clearbrook-Gonvick Public School), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

School District Question 1
Approval of School District Bond Issue

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 2311 (Clearbrook-Gonvick Public School) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$28,370,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction and equipping of a new 2-station gymnasium with storage; remodeling and upgrades to convert the existing small gymnasium and fitness room into a multipurpose room, new fitness room, team room and visiting team locker room; the renovation and remodeling of media center classrooms and small group spaces; the construction and equipping of additional special education classrooms; the remodeling of early childhood special education spaces; the installation of a new roof and exterior doors; the construction of a secure entry to the office area; renovations, remodeling and upgrades to restrooms at the school site and facility; and the acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

The combined polling place for this election and the precincts served by the combined polling place will be as follows:

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: City of Clearbrook-City Hall
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Clearbrook, MN 56634

This combined polling place serves all territory located in Independent School District No. 2311; Clearwater and Polk Counties, Minnesota.

Any eligible voter residing in the School District may vote at said election at the combined polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will be opened at 10:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the combined polling place on election day.

Dated: July 17, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ [Signature]
School District Clerk
Independent School District No. 2311
(Clearbrook-Gonvick Public School)
State of Minnesota

R32-33C

Clearwater County Sheriff
Weekly activity by Darin Halverson

City of Bagley - Total 14
10/15/23 09:20:39 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/15/23 13:30:15 Transport
10/16/23 04:07:02 Information Only - Gone On Arrival
10/16/23 09:07:37 Transport
10/16/23 09:41:50 Sexual Conduct - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/16/23 23:09:55 Information
10/17/23 08:36:55 Drug Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/17/23 19:52:46 Traffic Stop
10/18/23 11:29:31 Warrant Arrest
10/18/23 11:53:18 Information
10/18/23 14:07:45 Officer Detail
10/19/23 22:50:27 Traffic Stop
10/21/23 10:30:27 TEST
10/21/23 11:39:25 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy

City of Clearbrook - Total 6
10/15/23 00:50:55 911 Hang Up
10/16/23 15:18:17 Traffic Stop
10/18/23 04:22:23 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
10/18/23 08:58:23 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
10/20/23 19:17:25 Traffic Stop
10/21/23 16:58:01 Medical
City of Gonvick - Total 3
10/16/23 05:13:42 Warrant Arres
10/16/23 15:29:39 Juvenile Misc
10/20/23 11:03:10 Suicide Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Shevlin - Total 3
10/15/23 14:11:33 Information
10/19/23 05:18:20 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/19/23 11:37:23 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy

Copley - Total 6
10/16/23 12:25:35 Civil Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/16/23 18:32:59 Information
10/18/23 12:29:49 Welfare Check
10/18/23 18:49:38 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/20/23 00:24:56 ASSIST
10/21/23 18:40:17 Transport
Dudley - Total 3
10/16/23 19:28:06 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/18/23 16:00:52 Threats - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/21/23 23:02:57 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)

Falk - Total 1
10/17/23 17:38:15 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Holst - Total 2
10/20/23 18:00:12 Alarm
10/21/23 18:03:28 Motorist Assist
Itasca - Total 1
10/17/23 18:42:10 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
LaPraire - Total 2
10/18/23 07:35:23 Information
10/21/23 19:05:15 Disturbance - Duplicate Call

LaPraire N - Total 8
10/15/23 04:55:11 Disturbance
10/15/23 12:16:49 Welfare Check
10/16/23 13:13:35 ASSIST
10/17/23 16:59:10 911 Hang Up
10/18/23 12:45:01 Disturbance
10/19/23 01:51:04 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/20/23 22:40:25 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/21/23 14:09:17 Information
Leon - Total 3
10/17/23 02:02:22 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/17/23 08:15:57 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
10/20/23 07:08:01 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Long Lost Lake - Total 2
10/17/23 20:54:51 Information
10/20/23 13:00:15 Lost/Found Property - Handled By Officer
Minerva - Total 1
10/17/23 15:04:58 Harassment - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Moose Creek - Total 2
10/15/23 19:51:50 Traffic Stop
10/19/23 07:46:40 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Nora - Total 1
10/15/23 19:54:56 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Pine Lake - Total 2

10/17/23 20:22:21 Information Only - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/21/23 21:51:10 Traffic Stop
Rice - Total 2
10/21/23 20:08:09 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
10/21/23 20:26:57 Traffic Stop
Shevlin - Total 7
10/15/23 10:39:28 TEST
10/15/23 18:52:26 TEST
10/16/23 05:57:28 Transport



“It has been a very good harvest for soy beans and the corn looks good.” Les Westrum, manager of the Clearbrook Elevator, started that quality, quantity and price as well as favorable weather have made for a successful harvest.

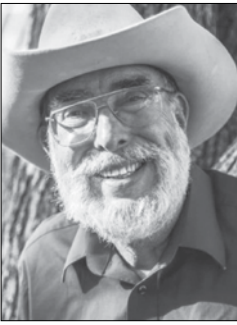
Home Country

By Slim Randles

I think there must be autumnal reasons for Halloween being hued in orange and black. It's a fun time, a magic evening if you're a kid, and if you're a grandpa-type guy, like me, who gets to hand out the goodies.

But the colors of this sweet evening celebration are orange and black, and so is October. In another week or so, our deciduous trees will stand like skeletons against the gray skies of winter, but now we have the orange and black of fall.

It happens right about sunset each day. The sky turns that eternal burnt-umber orange and the remaining leaves and the baring branches of our trees fill the evening with a holy fili-



gree of contrast. Oh, it's not something we need to do anything about. There's no need for picture taking or anything. But it's just something that we can step outside for ... look toward the west through the lacy pattern of black branches and for a moment, just a short moment, say to ourselves, "Isn't that pretty?"

If the paint store could sell me something that looked even close to that for the walls of the little cabin I have, I'd buy a gallon. Maybe two.

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Weekly Inky Wink



The birds are migrating. I'll miss them dearly as they enjoy a warmer climate, while ice crystals rule this northern realm. So quiet the land becomes without their songs, and too, with the added muffle of the snow. The whirling cycle of the climate, with its four seasons for planting, growing, harvesting, shoveling snow while bundled beneath layers of clothing – all of it – I have purposefully embraced by choice.

Many, many years I've spent

migrating across the vast, glorious landscape of our country. From my childhood into marriage. A patient man, my husband of nearly 39 years, joined me in the migrations. Too, our one and only offspring was along for the ride. Lily, named after both my grandmothers, is a writer who resides in Austin, Texas with husband Nicholas (whom we adore!). Last week, I was surprised with the following poem. Our young'n captured me perfectly at this moment in my life.

Migration
Nestled under her sternum,
right next to her heart,
sits a sound.
She does not know the name of it.

Only that it drives her to keep moving.
One foot in front of the other she walks.

And walks.
And walks.
She moves from one place to the next,

packing and unpacking her life over and over again.

Every time a new door is unlocked, she thinks,
“Ah, finally. This is it. This is home.”

Then, days or weeks or months or even years later, the sound tugs her out into the world once again.

She lives on one coast, then the next.

In the desert.
In the mountains.

In the valleys.
Her constant migration makes her dizzy.

And tired.
The sound is never content, and she wonders if it ever will be.

Then tragedy strikes and she is called.

Back she flies to the place where she was born.

She walks a path she traveled in her youth

next to a crystal-clear lake and marvels at all the ways it has grown.

And changed.
Aged.

“Like me,” she thinks as she runs her hand over the rough bark of a tree,

its lines reflected in her face.
A song echoes across the waters

and nestles under her sternum

right beside her heart.
“Oh,” she whispers,

hand upon her chest,
as the sound within her calls back

to the loon on the lake.
She understands.

Her years of wandering are at an end.

She is home.

By Loki Lilith Vex (Lily's pen name.)

A dream that is now a reality for Lisa Rother

By Pamela French
A dream that's been a long time coming is soon to be a reality for Lisa (Kliner) Rother. The old Coaches Corner or the Mac's Cafe (whichever you remember) will soon be "Prelude Coffee and Bake Shop, feat. Rother's Just Desserts"! Investing in Bagley seems to be the "in" thing in recent months!
"Rother's Just Desserts" had been a Bemidji staple for over 5 years, even though Lisa lives in Bagley. In that time Lisa had built up quite the following and reputation for her desserts. She has over 3,000 followers and 4.7/5 stars with 238 reviews. Lisa has wanted to move her business "home" to Bagley for quite some time. For several years, she has been scouting out various locations, but really liked the corner where Mac's Cafe was located. So when it came available, she jumped at the chance. After some back and forth negotiations, the deal was done and Lisa had a Bagley location.
Over the past year, Lisa has planned and designed the layout herself. The inside has had a complete makeover to make way for the exciting things Lisa has planned! The seating area will be complete with a fireplace, lounge seating, bistro tables and chairs. Most of her furniture will come from Galli's Furniture right here in Bagley. The fb website is cur-



Lisa (Kliner) Rother in her newly installed drive through window!

rent with as much information as possible!
Lisa had originally hoped to open in August, the coffee/bake shop has been going through a complete remodel, and with that comes building inspections; electrical, plumbing, etc etc. Applying for an inspection doesn't mean it will "happen tomorrow". Lisa is now hoping for a November open date. As you can see so much has been done, including the recent sealing of the parking lot! But on the inside? Oh you're not going to recognize the place!

Lisa and her husband Paul, of 25 years, live in Bagley. They have 4 children ages 7-17. Paul is no stranger to the restaurant business, with 25 years managing restaurants. Growing up Lisa spent many years assisting my mother and grandmother in the kitchen baking various goodies. Her summer days were filled with baking cakes, mixing frosting and helping her mother create amazing cakes for friends and family. After high school (Bagley) Lisa attended culinary school in 2000. Right after she graduated she was asked to do

her first ever wedding cake. It was such a huge success that she was asked to do another! From there her passion for baking and decorating cake was set! Like the name implies, Lisa will do any kind of dessert you can dream up. If she doesn't have a recipe, she is willing to create one specifically for you. Lisa said her bake shop will do everything from cookies, pie to cheesecake, and tiered wedding masterpieces, along with many other scrumptious homemade goodies.

Prelude Coffee & Bake Shop/ Rother's Just Desserts will be open from 6am to 6pm, Monday through Saturday and 8am to 2pm Sunday, 6am to 11am. Breakfast sandwiches, scones and other items will be available, as well as regular and specialty coffees; (espresso/ lattes)with beans purchased from Roma Kawa Coffee Roasters. A lunch menu with soups and sandwiches will start at 11am until closing! There will be caramel and cinnamon rolls! You will be able to order a whole cake or cheesecake or get it by the slice! You will be able to order in, take out or just drive up to the newly installed drive thru window! According to Lisa, 90% of all items sold will be from scratch!

Lisa plans to start small and grow from there. Lisa's immediate plan is to hire 8 employees; 4 full-time and 4 part-time. One of the new full-time employees will be an experienced Baking Assistant. Future ideas/plans include catering and creating an outdoor green space and seating. Welcome home Lisa!!

Historical Society to hold its Second Annual "Festival of Trees"

The History Center in Shevlin will be a festive scene for the month of December as more than 25 Christmas Trees will be on display.
Local organizations, businesses and families are welcome to reserve a tree to decorate and show case their creative talent, promote their organization or business. You can reserve one of our trees or bring in your own.
Decorating will begin November 26 until December 2 and the Grand Opening will be Sunday December 3.
To reserve a tree or spot for your own tree, call the History Center 218-785-2000 by November 8.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Football playoffs already..
On Tuesday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears will host #7 Cass Lake Bena. Winner of that game will play on Saturday, October 28 at 2 or 6 against #3 Park Christian or #6 Norman County East UH at the highest ranking team.

Halloween is coming up and there will be two places for the young ones to trick or treat. There will be a Trunk and Treat at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School on Saturday, October 28 from 2 to 5 pm.

On Halloween night October 31 there will be a trunk and treat on Main Street in Gonvick from 5:30 to 700 p.m.

Fosston has an electric vehicle charging station up and running on the parking lot of the city hall. It will add 80% to an EV's battery in about 30 minutes.

Good news for two area parishes. Pastor Marilyn Grafstrom is a called and ordained minister that will be serving the Grygla Lutheran Parish. Marilyn Grandstrand, a Synod Authorized Minister, SAM, will be serving the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Leonard. Both have Marilyn as the first name.

Men's Pancake Supper will be held on Sunday, October 29th at United Lutheran Church at Berner. Serving from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Shorty's in Gully will be having chicken and ribs this Friday and Saturday night. Bingo is on Saturday night.

Saturday, Nov. 4 from 4 to 8 pm the Lund Lutheran Church of Gully will be serving their baked ham dinner on main street. Auction and raffles will be held.

There will be a spaghetti fund raiser for Cole Houska in Lenghy on November 4, from 1 to 5. Cole has multiple brain and spinal tumors. He was flown to Mayo in Rochester and is undergoing treatments.

Rude's Repair in Gonvick is having a fall tire sale until November 30th. A flyer was sent out with coupons and rebates that are available.

Ten Years Ago
October 16, 2013
The final mass for St. Charles Borromeo in Trail was held on Saturday. It was a full house of area catholics' that gathered to at the church along Highway 92 east of Trail

Future Events
They are already thinking of Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook, Saturday, December 2. Craft Show from 10 to 3 in the Wes Westrum Gym. Space is available by calling the city clerk 776- 3213.

Mark your calendars...
Chuck Foreman will be at the Clearbrook Liquor Store to sign autographs & watch the Vikings play the Packers on Sunday, December 31st!
Joke Time
Ole and Sven in Hell
Ole and Sven die in a snowmobiling accident, And go to Hell. The Devil observes that

Ghost Story Night in Crookston

The annual Ghost Story Night will be Thursday, October 26, in the former Carnegie Library, 120 North Ash Street in Crookston. Children's stories will be told from 6 to 7 p.m. Halloween treats for children will be provided by the Polk County Historical Society.
Local and classic stories for teenagers and adults will be told from 7 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to share their own spooky stories.
Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume.
The event is free and open to the public.

they are really enjoying themselves. He says to them 'Doesn't the heat and smoke bother you?' Ole replies, 'Vell, ya know, ve're from norden Minnesoota, da land of snow an ice, an ve're yust happy for a chance ta varm up a little bit, ya know.'

The devil decides that these two aren't miserable enough and turns up the heat even more. When he returns to the room of the two from Minnesota, the devil finds them in light jackets and hats, grilling Wall-eye. The devil is astonished and exclaims, 'Everyone down here is in misery, and you two seem to be enjoying yourselves?' Sven replies, 'Vell, ya know, ve don't git too much varm veather up dere at da Falls, so ve've yust got ta haff a fish fry when da veather's dis nice.'

The devil is absolutely furious. He can hardly see straight. Finally he comes up with the answer. The two guys love the heat because they have been cold all their lives. The devil decides to turn all the heat off in Hell. The next morning, the temperature is 60 below zero, icicles are hanging everywhere, and people are shivering so bad that they are unable to wail, moan or gnash their teeth. The devil smiles and heads for the room with Ole and Sven. He gets there and finds them back in their parkas, bomber hats, and mittens. They are jumping up and down, cheering, yelling and screaming like mad men.

The devil is dumbfounded, 'I don't understand, when I turn up the heat you're happy. Now its freezing cold and you're still happy. What is wrong with you two?'

They both look at the devil in surprise and say, 'Vell, don't ya know, if hell is froze over, dat must mean da Vikings von da Super Bowl.'

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.

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 218-487-6220 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.

November Ruby's Pantry

Join us Wednesday, November 1st at Country Faith Church, 46125 149th Ave, Clearbrook for Ruby's Pantry, Clearbrook. Our drive-thru distribution will run from 5-6:00pm or until food items are gone. Bring a \$25 cash donation and receive a "share" which is an abundance of grocery items that are valued over \$100 which varies every month. **Please bring exact change. There is a maximum of 2 shares per vehicle. No registration needed for drive-thru distribution. No boxes needed, everything will be prepackaged for you. Ruby's Pantry is a pop-up non-profit food ministry serving our rural communities across MN & WI on a monthly basis, hosted by non-profits and made possible by volunteers at each site. There is no income or residency requirement. Questions? Contact Country Faith at 218-776-3367. Find us on Facebook: Ruby's Pantry-Clearbrook, MN



October is College Knowledge Month across the state of Minnesota. Staff wore shirts from their alma mater to show students the various colleges and universities that they attended. Pictured here are some of the staff showing their college pride who attended BSU!



October is College Knowledge Month across the state of Minnesota. Staff wore shirts from their alma mater (or favorite colleges) to show students the various colleges and universities that are out there. Pictured here are some of the staff showing their college pride today!