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Clearbrook Elevator board members and the new manager are shown above. From left to right: Ryan Holm, Richard Kroening, Tyler Johnson, Nolan Eck, Joel Stenseng and Scott Anderson.

Clearbrook Elevator holds annual meeting with a retirement for Les Westrum

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Clearbrook Elevator was held on Friday March 8th, at 2 pm, at the Clearbrook Community Center-Legion Room. In recognition of Manager Les Westrum's retirement, cake and ice cream was served.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Richard Kroening. Board Secretary, Joel Stenseng, read the minutes from last years annual meeting.

The financial review of 2023 was presented by Dean Birke-land, auditor with CarlsonSV. The balance sheet shows assets of \$1,262,438. The Statement of Operations Net Loss was \$16,221. This was taken from the Unallocated Reserve, with \$370,988 to carry forward. The Elevator passed along \$26,035 of DPAD deductions that the patrons can use to reduce their taxes. Dean stated that Working Capital for the Elevator is strong.

Les Westrum talked of the Elevator changes last year with the passing of Wayne Ehlers being hard & Amos Yoder deciding to pursue other interests after working at the Elevator for 13 years. Les is also retiring after 21 years with the Elevator, 10 years as manager.

Ryan Holm has taken over as Manager for the Elevator. He introduced himself as well as the Elevator staff and Board Members. He lives by Shevlin with his wife, Carly, and 2 young boys. They have cattle as well as some crop land. He farms alongside his parents, DuWayne & Laura Holm. Ryan sees a bright future for the Elevator. He looks forward to meeting and working for the patrons of the Elevator. He announced Seed Day at the Elevator will be March 22nd with several seed representatives on hand to talk with customers. He's looking forward to meeting many customers that day



Les Westrum received a Happy Retirement cake for his many years of working and being a manager at the Clearbrook Elevator.

and seeing how the Elevator can help with their spring seed needs.

Scott Anderson and Richard Kroening were re-elected to the Board of Directors for another 3-year term. They will continue to serve with Board Members Nolan Eck, Tyler Johnson, and Joel Stenseng.

Daryl Ruprecht, from Purina, talked of the strong livestock market after a little dip the end of 2023. He foresees

cattle prices to remain strong for several more years. He says calf creep feed looks to be \$100/ton cheaper this spring than last year. Daryl will be working alongside Ryan to help patrons with their livestock nutrition and rations.

Many door prizes were given away that were donated by The Clearbrook Elevator, Purina, Auto Value of Fosston, RJ Hunt Seed Co, Dahlman Seed Co, and Agassiz Seed Co.

County Commissioners pass resolution regarding the transfer of White Earth State Forest land to the White Earth Nation

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners' met on Tuesday, March 12, with all members present. Following the approval of the agenda and minutes from the February 20 meeting, the commissioners heard from department heads.

Sheriff Darin Halverson presented a request to hire Christopher Winter as a part-time Communications Corrections Officer. Commissioner Mark Titera made a motion to authorize the Sheriff to hire Winter effective March 12, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Nelson. Motion carried.

Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson submitted invoices to be paid. Commissioner Stuart Dukek made a motion to authorize Paulson to pay the submitted invoices of \$162,023.14 from the County Revenue Fund and \$22,499.59 from the Public Health Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Larson. Motion carried. Next Paulson discussed the renewal of an agreement that

allows the county to purchase or receive Federal and State Surplus Property. There is no cost for this three year agreement. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to renew the 3-year agreement, seconded by Commissioner Dean Newland. Motion carried.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox gave an update on the proposed transfer of White Earth State Forest land to the White Earth Nation that was being heard in the state legislature. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Newland, and seconded by Commissioner Dukek and carried to pass the following Clearwater County Resolution:

WHEREAS, Clearwater County manages tax forfeited public forest lands and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources does the same in the White Earth Forest for forestry and public recreational purposes;

WHEREAS, the transfer of State managed forest lands to the White Earth Band would restrict legal access to Clearwater County managed tax forfeit

lands;

WHEREAS, the access to public and privately owned lands and lakes would be restricted if County managed and State public lands were transferred from public ownership to the White Earth Band.

WHEREAS, the transfer of County managed and State lands from public ownership will reduce recreational and business activities that occur on or adjacent to those lands such as hunting, hiking, picnicking, snowmobiling and ATV use, maple syrup operations, forestry and logging, boating, canoeing, fishing.

WHEREAS, the transfer of County managed and State lands will significantly reduce the number of tourists to the region resulting in a detrimental impact on the local and regional economy specifically resorts, restaurants, gas stations, recreational dealerships, and small, family-owned businesses.

WHEREAS, the transfer of County managed and State lands would result in loss of

Commissioners...

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Clearbrook water tower project rehabilitation will start soon

The Clearbrook City Council met on Monday, March 11. The council approved the first payment to Rubin Construction for \$143,800 for the water treatment plant. A meeting had been held with the project to take approximately 6 weeks with the job being completed this fall. Planning to start the project late May or early June. Sealed bids had been received with the low bid of \$470,000 from Onyx Blasting & Coasting. KLM will provide full-time on-site inspection during the construction process. There is a 2-year warranty on the coating and KLM will inspect before the warranty expires.

Regular meeting minutes from February were approved. **Ryan Solee**, Police Chief gave his report with 26 records. They included: Alarm 1, Civil Complaint 1; Crimes against Family 1; Information 2; Information Only Threats 1; Juvenile Misc. 2; Lost and Found Property 1; Medical 3; Motor Vehicle Crash 1; Noise Complaint 1; Suspicious Activity 3; Test 1; Theft 2; Traffic Stop 6. He will be at a conference and he has applied for a \$1000 grant that he will use for the expenses. Blight letters will be

going out. Spring Clean up is being planned and a notice to residents to get areas cleaned up so that items can be hauled away during that week.

His budget has plans to replace the patrol vehicle. Orders are six months to over a year to get what he needs. He has checked on bids from Dodge Ram, Ford and Chevy and the lowest that he has received was from Chevy.

He would like to have the new vehicle ready for the 2025 rodeo and All School Reunion. He puts on approximately 25,000 miles a year and would like to have the detailing done as well.

Adam Krog, Clearbrook Fire Department Chief had 15 calls for February. They include Medical 8; Meeting 1; Vehicle Accident 2; Vehicle Fire 1; Training 2; and Work Night 1. They are planning to have their annual Fish Fry in the community center gym on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Karra Weems, Manager of the Municipal Liquor Store had a February profit of \$5,523.19 after expenses. They were planning to have Karaoke on Friday March 22. Chris Holm will be playing from 7 to 10 pm on Sat-

urday, March 23. They have not had anyone come into do a quote to fix up the bathrooms. It was suggested maybe to just replace the fixtures at this time.

Utilities and Maintenance with Mark Snobl and Nick Rankin. Mark was looking for the quote on the fuser machine that they use for natural gas detection. He had attended a conference for MN Rural Water Conference in St. Cloud and took his test for Class C. He will find out the results in 4 to 6 weeks. Nick will also need to get the Class C license as well.

Nick has more work to be done on the generator at Brook Life Station.

City Clerk Lucie Thompson gave her report. Steve Emery stated that funding through the state is enough to cover the water tower project.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Superintendent Ryan Grow had asked if they could use the Kloster Park before the original date because of the warmer weather for softball and baseball. Concern was to turn on the water as there still could be a freezing concern in the building. Monthly claims were approved for \$54,514.43 and additional claims of \$119,541.11.

Clean-up Week in Gonvick May 5 to 10

The Gonvick City Council at their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14 set the week of May 5 to May 10 as Spring Clean up Week. All items have to be at the curb by noon on Friday in order to be picked up. Anything left after that time will not be collected.

Chief of Police Ryan Solee gave his report with a total of 9 records. They include: 911 Hang Up 1; Animal Related 2; Medical 1; Motorist Assist 1; Traffic Stop 3, Vehicle Lock Out 1. He will be attending a conference for the Chief of Police Association in St. Cloud and he has applied for a \$1000 grant that he will use for the expenses.

His budget has plans to replace the patrol vehicle. He would like to have the new vehicle ready for the 2025 rodeo and All School Reunion. Jay Jones will be doing the detailing when he gets the vehicle which might take up to a year to get.

Cody Rude Gonvick Fire Chief, gave the fire department report since the last city council meeting there have been 2 Medical Calls; 1 meeting; 3 work activities and they held the township meetings.

The 2024 Fire Contracts were given at a recent dinner. City or Township included Greenwood \$2,665.00; Hangaard \$5,759.00; Pine Lake \$20,012.00; Winsor \$11,971.00; City of Gully \$844.00; City of Trail \$630.00; Johnson \$5,860.00; Eden \$11,392.00; Gully Township \$11,130.00.

Upcoming items include that the new radios are in and they are waiting on Rodgers two way radio to program them. They have ordered two new ice water rescue suits, three new water fire extinguishers that can be reused.

Zach Thoma from Moore Engineering out of Bemidji was present to help the city to gather information on the water Service Line inventory. The Environment Protection Agency has established the Lead and Copper Rule to protect public health and reduce exposure to lead and copper drinking water. All public water systems must complete a water service

inventory to comply with the requirement. There will be no charge but residents will have to provide a clear picture of the water service line into each house. Pictures can be submitted to Dan Johnson, Gonvick City Maintenance person at 218-280-0677.

The City of Gonvick has received a pickup from Enbridge and they will be putting their 2001 Ford 250 on Jeff Wagner's Online Auction on April 4.

The annual Bridge inspection report was read and a couple of new signs have to be put up in the city.

The CD Renewal General Contingency 19487 for \$10,596.58 was renewed 4.5%.

Flowers and hanging baskets were discussed and they will get bids from two places.

Delinquent accounts were discussed and if not paid there will be a shut off of the water lines.

Bills were approved with \$58,161.09 for Water and Sewer; \$23,817.69 for General, Fire \$1,169.99 for a total of \$80,277.25.



Robin Profit with the Clearbrook-Gonvick School lunch program provided donuts with dad, grandparents and uncles on Friday, March 15.

There are over 500 students who attend and many were present for the free breakfast.

Community Calendar

Notice of all school reunion 2025 planning meeting

A meeting of the "All School Reunion 2025" committee is planned for 6:30 PM on March 26th at the Clearbrook Community Center Legion meeting room. Your attendance is needed whether you are alumni or an interested community member. The event is planned for June 26-29, 2025. Please plan to attend to learn more about event planning, fund raising and opportunities for involvement.

Good Friday Service

Come and join clients of the Clearwater D.A.C in the 50th annual Good Friday Service that will be held on Friday, March 29 at the Faith Lutheran Church 32 Bagley Ave NW in Bagley at 12:00 p.m. A free will offering will be held after the service. Free will offering will go towards activities for the DAC Clients. If unable to attend but would like to give a donation please mail donation to the Clearwater DAC PO Box 29 Bagley, MN 56621

2024 CLEARBROOK-GONVICK AFTER PROM PARTY SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2024 FOLLOWING FROM Hosted by the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School parents. Supported by donations from local businesses and families. 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 500th St. Gonvick, MN 56644 For further questions, please call Amanda Nybo 218-230-3197 or Cindy Melby at 218-230-9692

You're Invited to Samhold Ladies Aid Program "How To Do Hardanger Stitching" with Roz Watnemo Samhold Lutheran Church, Gonvick, MN Thursday, March 21, 2024 Meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. Program at 3:00 p.m. Light lunch following program. Everyone welcome!

Clearbrook Elevator SEED DAY! Friday March 22nd 9:00-3:00 Join us at the Elevator in Clearbrook to talk/order your seed for spring. Seed representatives will be on-site from Dahlman Seed and RJ Hunt Seed Company HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! \$10 Gift Card for Anyone Present \$25 Gift Card for Anyone Who Purchases Seed Refreshments & goodies will be served!

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Marlene Westrum is turning 90 on Sunday, March 24th We are having an open house with coffee and cake for her at the Legion Room at the old school in Clearbrook from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast on March 24, 2024 Fundraising event for Clearwater County Search & Rescue Dive Team at the Bagley American Legion. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee and juice will be served from 10:30am - 1:00pm. There will also be a silent auc-

tion. The Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve is raising money for the purchase of necessary equipment for the Clearwater County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Dive Team. The Dive Team is made up of members of the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office and Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve. Cash donations can be sent to: CCVSR. Attn: Becky Thompson 34 Bagley Ave SW; Bagley, MN 56621

Save the Date: March 30 Clearwater County Historical Society SPRING BAKE & BOOK SALE Saturday March 30 Bagley Senior Center (note location change) Sale starts at 9:00 a.m. Closes at 2:00 or when everything is gone! LUNCH SERVED 11:00- gone Free Will Offering Baked goodies needed: can be brought to the museum on Friday March 29 before 3:00 p.m. or Saturday morning to the sale site after 8:00 a.m. Please call if you'd like to help provide lunch items or to volunteer for 2 hour shifts starting at 8:00. Please call the museum 785-2000 for more information and to volunteer

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals Wed., Mar. 20- Roast Beef, Potato, Vegetable, Dessert. Thurs., Mar. 21 - Pork Loin, Potatoes, Vegetable Friday., Mar. 22 - Amy's Hot Dish, Veggie Mon., Mar. 25 - Honey Glazed Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable. Tues., Mar. 26 - Turkey, Potato, Vegetable. Wed., Mar. 20- Turkey, Potato, Vegetable. Included with each meal. Vegetable, Bread, Dessert or Fruit and Milk.



Graduation Open house There will be a Open House for Luci Haaven on March 30 at the Gonvick Legion from 2 to 4 pm. She will be graduating in May from Marcus, Iowa. She is the daughter of Jerod and Kim Haaven. No invitations are being sent. R1-2P

Commissioners.. Continued from front page Payment in-lieu of tax funding to local county and townships governments will result in higher tax levy or reduction in services such as public safety, road maintenance, and other emergency services. WHEREAS, the maintenance and access to lands and lakes over State managed and maintained Forest Roads, Forest Trails and Lake Accesses will be restricted, impacting the ability of local emergency responders to respond to requests for aid. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby express opposition to SF3480 and HF4304 modifying the disposition of County managed and State lands, and elimination of the White Earth State Forest. Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht was not present for the meeting, but had Amanda Jordan, Board Coordinator, presented a request to the board to purchase an extended warranty for the skid steer loader used at the landfill. Commissioner Newland made a motion to approve the purchase of the extended warranty for the 2022 Bobcat T66 T4 skid loader for the amount of \$3,000.00, which will extend the full machine warranty an additional 36 months or up to 3,000 total machine hours. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dukek. Motion carried. County Engineer, Dan Sauvé presented County Highway Department bills to be paid. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Commissioner Titera, motion carried. At 10 am, Sauvé began opening bids for five highway projects to be completed this summer. Motions to award the bids will be presented at the next board meeting on March 19. With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

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Roz Watnemo to speak at Samhold Looking ahead to March 21 at 2:30 pm the Samhold Women will be sponsoring Roz Watnemo. She will be speaking on the art of Hardanger. The March group will be serving.

Church News

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH 1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6 Senior 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 9:30 a.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.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Adam Krog Wed. - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Sun. -9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. 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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Friday Night Out April 5th Scandinavian Inspired Lefse \ appetizer plate, Swedish meatballs, Mashed potatoes and gravy, Candied carrots, Dessert, Sparkling white grape juice. First Friday of the month. Serving 5pm-7pm Ethnic cuisine freshly prepared on site. Free will donation, all proceeds will go to repairing our roof and building in Gonvick. Call 218-776-2789 to make your reservations. Youth connection spring play will be held after Friday Night Out at 630 pm. Please come and eat and enjoy a free play by our youth. Grow it Basket party You're Invited to a Grow It! Basket Party - Friday and Saturday March 29th and 30th 9am-3pm. Call CWLC Clearbrook 218-776-2789 with your questions or to reserve a spot. Cost of "basket" Varies depending on your choice of plants and container. Shop At The Top SALES: Run all month Every Tuesday is senior Discount day, 25% off store wide for 65 and older April 8th- Mosaic Garden Art \$15 *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. Restore It! As-Is Room in Gonvick Perfect for those who enjoy DIY projects, our As-Is room has items ranging from bed frames to kitchen tables, side tables to dressers. Open Monday and Wednesday 9:30a.m. - 3:00p.m. Weight Room Did you know that CWLC has full service weight room and gym? With a friendly atmosphere and best prices in the area. If you are a PrimeWest member your membership is free. Come and sign up today to start your health journey with us. Weight Room Hours Monday- Thursday 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM Friday 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Membership Fees \$30.00/ month \$10.00/ week \$5.00/ day *Students: \$10/ month Hurts, Hang-ups, Habits? Celebrate Recovery encourages fellowship, provides hope and celebrates God's healing power in our lives as we work our way along the road to recovery. Every Thursday at 6:30pm at CWLC Clearbrook. For more information on our programs & services, visit our website: www.clearwaterslife.org. Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH 8 miles North of Gonvick on County Road 7 Sunday March 24 - 12:00 noon Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion) Pastor Sletto.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC Gonvick Pastor Will Anderson Week of: March 17-24, 2024 Tuesday: 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Wednesday: 9:30 AM Women's Walk Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting; 5:30 PM Soup & Sandwich, 6:00 Lent Service, 7:00 PM Samhold Council Meets Thursday: 2:30 Women's Group Meets, 3:00 PM Program followed by dessert Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service and First Communion

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD Interim Synod Authorized Minister Marilyn Grandstrand Good Shepherd Wed, March 20: 5:30pm Lent Service with Marilyn Grandstrand with meal to follow; 6:30pm Vocal Choir; 7:30pm Handbells Sun., March 24: 9:00am Palm Sunday Worship with Marilyn Grandstrand; 10:00am Sunday School & "Easter" Breakfast by the youth Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:15am-2:15pm

Our Savior's Wed., March 20: 5:30pm Lent Service with Marilyn Grandstrand with meal to follow. Thurs., March 21: 2:00pm WELCA; 6:00pm Council Meeting Sun., March 24: 10:00am Coffee Hour & Sunday School 11:00am Palm Sunday Worship with Marilyn Grandstrand

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseth Wed, Mar. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. Oak Park: 6 pm Meal. 7 pm. Service. Thu, Mar. 21: 6:30 p.m. St. Petri. Sat, Mar. 23: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. Sun, Mar. 24: Nazareth: 8:45am, SS 9:45 a.m. Service. Oak Park: 10 a.m. SS, 11:00 a.m. Service. Wed, Mar. 27: No Wednesday School. Thu, Mar. 28: Maundy Thursday - 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor www.newjourneyfosston.com Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 am Worship. Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Devotions. Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany *Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Wed, Mar. 20: Lenten - Bethany: 6 p.m. Parish Board. 7 p.m. Service. Sun, Mar. 24: 9:00 p.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 2 pm 7th Gr. Confirmation at Lund. 3:30 p.m. 5th Grade First Communion meeting at Lund. Wed, Mar. 27: 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation at Lund. Thu, Mar. 28: Maundy Thu at Lund. 5 pm 7&8 grade confirmation. 6pm Soup&Sandwich, 7pm Worship.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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and students at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior
and Senior High Schools

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Back Row:
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Week 1 winners of the I Love to Read Month Character Silhouette Contest at Clearbrook-Gonvick were: Bradley Anderson for character 1, Fern and Wilber of Charlotte's Web by E.B. White. Jammarr Weems for character 2, Lion, Tiger, Dog of Ten Apples on Top by Dr. Seuss. Emma Larson for character 3, Pete the Cat of the Pete the Cat Series by Kimberly and James Dean.

Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors

Each week the Leader-Record is featuring the 2024 seniors



Name: Callie Ehresmann
Family Members Parents - Tiffany and Jeff
Best High School Memory Receiving the email saying I made it onto the Bemidji State Dean's List
Favorite teacher or coach: Mr. Bettin and Ms Marsh
Most important person in your life. My mom. She always supports and loves me no matter what.
Favorite Class Intro to Psychology
Favorite Movie Purple Hearts
Favorite song or band Blink - 182
Plans for next year I plan to attend college where I will be double major in music and psychology



Name: Skylar Ballard
Family Members Mom - Cindi, Dad - Steve, Sisters - Alexis, Aliyah. Brother - Carter
Best High School Memory Playing scrabble in Mrs. Bagasson's class on Thursdays
Favorite teacher or coach: Track Coaches - Mr. C and Mr. Kroulik
Most important person in your life. Mom and Dad
Favorite Class Mr. Lavins Algebra Class and Yearbook
Favorite Movie How to Lose a Guy in 10 days.
Favorite song or band Drake
Plans for next year Pursuing my Doctorate Degree in Psychology at Bemidji State.



Name: Skye Sunderland
Family Members Kevin and Sarah Sunderland, four young siblings, Grandparents- Wayne and Sharon Cassibo
Best High School Memory 8th grade, my first time seeing Andy run full speed to break up a fight.
Favorite teacher or coach: Ms. Brown
Most important person in your life My grandma
Favorite Class Art
Favorite Movie Sucker-punch
Favorite song or band Avril Lavigne, Yungblud, Nirvana, the Pretty Reckless
Plans for next year Study esthetics at the Salon Professional Academy



Name: Benjamin Goudge
Family Members Mom - Sarah, Dad- Dylan, Brothers - Trey and Miles
Best High School Memory Making a mural in 4th grade art class with Kevin and Josh
Favorite teacher or coach: Kroulik
Most important person in your life. My mother
Favorite Class Art Class last year
Favorite Movie Outer Banks
Favorite song or band Unwritten by Natasha Bedingfield
Plans for next year Attend Crookston for Business

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Lunch Menu

Wed., Mar. 20 - Chicken Patty on Bun, Potatoe Smiles
Snack: Scooby Snacks
Thurs., Mar. 21 - Hot Dog on Bun, Baked Beans. **Snack:** Pop Tart

Friday, Mar. 22 - **Muffins with Mom** Bosco Sticks with Dipping Sauce, Broccoli. **Snack:** Baked Doritos.

Mon., Mar. 25 - Taco in a Bag with Fixings, Refried Beans, CC Cookie 9-12, **Snack:** Cheez It Crackers

Tues., Mar. 26 - Sliced Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Roll. **Snack:** Cheddar Chex

Wed., Mar. 27 - NO SCHOOL

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

Minnesota North College Announces 2023 Fall Dean's List

HIBBING, MN - Minnesota North College announces the students recognized for academic achievement during the Fall 2023 semester. Congratulations to over 900 students that completed 12 or more credits while earning a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher.

HOMETOWN, STATE; NAME Gonvick, Dawson Quern

Yippee.. no school

There will be no school for students on Wednesday, March 27th.

Parents of Clearbrook-Gonvick students

Parents and guardians, please write your child's name on the tags in his/her clothing!! The Lost & Found has so many items. Children leave their sweaters, jackets, and sweatshirts on the playground or in the gym, and it's easy to return the items to them if their name is on the item. If there is no name on the item, we don't know to whom it belongs, and it sits in the Lost & Found for weeks!

Please check the lost and found tables this week when you are at the school .

Math Masters competition

Clearbrook-Gonvick fifth-grade students with Laura Dahl as the Math Interventionist will be taking students to a competition on April 19.

Math Masters began as a fifth-grade math competition program in 1989 with teams from 44 schools taking part. In 1995 the competition was expanded to include sixth grade and in 2023 fourth grade was added. Between 5,000 and 6,000 students are expected to compete at over 50 different sites in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Schools are encouraged to involve as many of their fourth, fifth and sixth grade students as possible in the use of the Math Masters packet of challenge preparation materials. A team selection test is provided to assist coaches in choosing students to represent their schools. Math Master is

designed to provide excellence in critical thinking skills and problem-solving abilities as well as provide recognition to students for academic effort and achievement.

Teams and individual students from private as well as public schools may compete in Math Masters. Math Masters is a 501(c)(3) organization. The following sponsors for the 2024 program are: Enbridge, The Hormel Foundation, Great River Energy, Mattson Macdoanld Young, Sterling State Bank, Janie Cimperman, Twins Community Fund.

If you would like to become a sponsor or to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Executive Director Mary Detloff at 612-597-7899. Donations can be mailed and made to: Math Masters: 2075 Lookout Dr. North Mankato, MN 56003.

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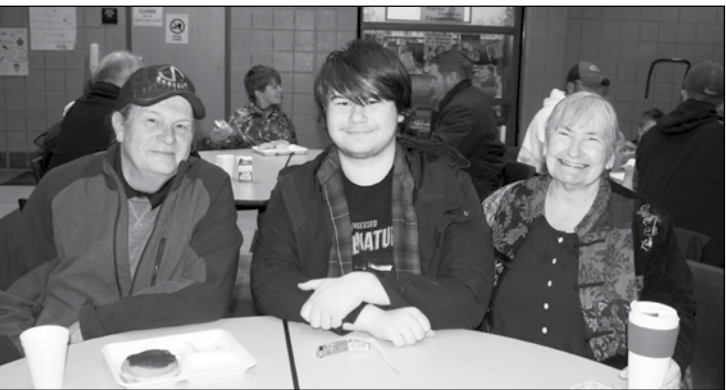
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The Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center.



My husband and I recently joined the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. You betcha! They have lowered the membership to all persons aged 55+. Thank you very much. My husband recently turned 60, and I turn 60 in just a few short weeks. Hopefully, we will both live at least twenty more years (even more!) in our home a few short blocks from the center. To make those years especially fulfilling, we desire sharing in activities and friendships with the people in our community. We have our church, and now we have the Senior Center.

Currently the Senior Center

is host to meals, card games and a gift store filled with hand-made and vintage treasures. Once upon a time it offered a lot more activities, but inhumane Covid changed all that. Some folks and I are preparing to roll up our sleeves, rub on a little elbow grease, and see what we can offer our "wisdom" community in the coming months and years. The time has come to bring Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center back to an active calendar.

To start things off, board member Sharon Lembke had the idea of hosting a Spring Fling on Wednesday, March 20 from 8:30am to 10am. Folks are invited to stop in for coffee, a goodie, and a visit with the neighbors. I will my past as a professional storyteller to use with a short talk, a humorous story, maybe a joke, for a bit of merriment. After all, it will be just a few days after St. Patrick's Day, and those Irish have some fun stories and jokes. Come join us if you're able. I believe a good time will be had by all.

Where Art Thou Fortitude of Youth? Fortitude befriended my youth. Allowing me to fall, and bounce back up. Swing swift from monkey bars, putting Tarzan to shame. Bounce on a pogo stick until IT grew weary. Run fast to catch the wind, and nearly do so. Turn blue in cold lakes, and keep on swimming. Time pressed relentlessly on the middle of my back. Pushing us both, Fortitude and I, forward. Day by day. Month by month. Year by year.

My old friend Fortitude now rests wrinkled on my bones. Hear now as we both sigh in easy gratitude over a cup of coffee, and exactly three ginger snap cookies. We visit with our new friend. Time has introduced Wisdom, a most perceptive soul.

Thoughts
from the
Sheriff

Clearwater County
Sheriff Darin Halverson

This month I want to write about an important group of volunteers that are here to serve the residents and visitors of Clearwater County. The Clearwater County Volunteer Sheriff's Reserve is a group of volunteers that work under the direction of the Sheriff's Office. On March 24th from 10:30 am-1:00 pm, you can come, meet the members of the Reserve, and say thank you to them at a free will donation pancake breakfast fundraiser held at the Bagley American Legion. There will be a silent auction as well as games where you could win prizes. Bring your entire family for this great fundraising event.

So, who are the Clearwater County Volunteer Sheriff's Reserve and how did they get started? In 1996, Sheriff Denny Trandem had the vision to establish a non-profit volunteer group that could assist the Sheriff's Office in areas of search and rescue, evidence search and traffic/crowd control for large events such as parades and the County Fair. The group formed in 1997 and has provided continuous service

to Clearwater County for the past 27 years.

The Sheriff's Reserve operates under by-laws and a policy and procedure handbook. They have a Captain that is in charge of meetings and works closely with the Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office in coordinating trainings and equipment purchases needed for the members. In addition, a Secretary is in charge of taking minutes at the monthly meetings and a Treasurer is responsible for distributing payments. The funding necessary for the reserve to operate comes strictly from donations and fundraisers. The fundraiser on March 24th is to help purchase equipment for the Clearwater County Dive Team, which consists of reserve members and deputies from the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. The number of reserve members has been as high as 25 to our current level of 11. It is difficult getting people to dedicate themselves to a volunteer organization. It seems that everyone gets busier and busier as time goes on and finding the time to volunteer is hard. The

commitment and dedication these members embody is what set them apart from others. I applaud the sacrifice they make in taking time away from their families to serve in this capacity.

So, what does it take to become a Clearwater County Volunteer Sheriff's Reserve member? If you are interested in becoming a volunteer member, you can contact Chief Deputy Vern Wittenberg to obtain an application. Once you have completed your application, tum it into the Sheriff's Office. Chief Deputy Wittenberg will then conduct a background check on you. This is done to confirm that nothing in your past could cause a problem in serving in the capacity as a reserve member. Even though this is a volunteer organization, you will be working closely with law enforcement and may be exposed to sensitive information. Once the background check is complete, the current reserve members vote on your name at the next monthly meeting. If the majority of the members agree to accept you, then you will become a member.

After becoming a member, you will be issued standard equipment such as a two-way radio, compass, safety vest, flashlight, etc. You will be expected to come to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting that is usually held the first Monday of every month starting at 6:00

p.m. Regular business is discussed at these meetings and decisions are made that steer the reserve unit. Participation is important so you remain up to date and the more people that are present allow for more ideas and brainstorming.

The Sheriff's Reserve commitment to the community stretches beyond the aforementioned duties. Each year, they give out a \$250 scholarship to students in both the Bagley and Clearbrook/Gonvick Schools that are going on to post-secondary education in the Criminal Justice field. In addition, they have adopted a stretch of highway on MN 92 north of Bagley where they pick trash out of the ditches twice a year.

If this is something you think you might be interested in being a part of, I would encourage you to contact Chief Deputy Wittenberg at 218-694-6226. I would also suggest attending the fundraiser on March 24th to get a little more information and have the opportunity to talk to current members. We are always looking for new members to fill the role of a Clearwater County Volunteer Sheriff's Reserve member.

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

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Modeling from Minnesota to Milan, Italy

By Kari Sundberg, Grygla Eagle Editor

From portfolios, to agencies, to signing, to casting, Gabby Caldwell explains everything that has taken her from Moundsville, Minnesota, straight to the runway in Milan, Italy.

What can only feel like a dream to some, Gabby has been living out during Milan's Fashion Week that took place in Italy February 20-26. Being part of "The Big Four" is something a lot of models strive for, but many never get to experience. "The Big Four" refers to the four biggest events in fashion around the world: Paris Fashion Week, Milan Fashion Week, New York Fashion Week, and London Fashion Week. Walking in one of these shows is a goal most models have when they get into the industry; for Gabby, well, that dream has become a reality.

Background

Gabby graduated from Irondale High School in 2022. She is the daughter of Alison (Stanley) Caldwell and the granddaughter of Ida Stanley, of Grygla. She attended Grygla School for a short time while in 3rd grade back in 2012/2013. During high school, Gabby was very involved with a variety of activities. She played varsity basketball, volleyball and track. She also participated in band and DECA. Gabby is currently attending the University of Minnesota and will graduate with her B.S. in Family Social Science/Pre-Law this coming May. When fashion week wraps up in Milan, Gabby will be coming back to Minnesota to focus on her studies but hopes to travel more in the future. Afterall, she is a professionally signed model with quite the photos to show for it. It's not a bad day when Vogue Italia is snapping your pictures...

Taking a chance

"I wasn't always into fashion, but since being a part of this industry, I have come to appreciate the creativity behind the clothes, make-up, hair, and concepts as a whole," she admits.

In fact, modeling kind of fell into Gabby's lap. It was something she was interested in for a while, but never acted on until last September of 2023 when she attended an Open Call. She ended up signing with a mother agency (thought of like a home base) where they promote their models to booking agencies around the world. Booking agencies get the modeling gigs, while the mother agency negotiates on behalf of the model, finding all of those bookings. Gabby's mother agency is Caryn Models in Minnesota; her agency in Milan is Boom Models.

Boom had gone on a scouting tour through the United States and had appointments at Caryns. That's when Gabby was able to meet them in person and was ultimately chosen last December and given a year-round contract. That contract

wasn't solely intended for Milan's Fashion Week, but she intentionally went abroad, hoping to be a part of it. That trip included a 7-week stay in Italy with her aunt, Gwen Stanley, accompanying her. "I was very nervous to fly to Italy. Staying there for seven weeks is a long time to be away from home, too," Gabby shared. She was thankful for the company of her aunt and said the two got to do everything tourist-related in Milan before castings picked up, so the time flew by.

Up until the last seven weeks, Gabby had only a few months of professional experience. That included modeling for businesses and brands, everyday ads, social media campaigns, as well as e-commerce shoots. She was also featured in ELLAS Magazine Dragged edition last October 2023.

Milan

Gabby has been in Italy since January 16th. She was able to walk in two shows. The first one was for Accademia Del Lusso; the second show had not happened as of press-time, so Gabby was unable to confirm the designer at the time. Due to the exclusivity of most of Milan's fashion shows, her aunt Gwen was not able to watch in person as most of the "invite only" guest lists are made up of designers, buyers and production companies, celebrities, photographers and media. However, there was a live stream available and a link on YouTube, so Gabby's family could watch the shows she modeled for.

Getting to Milan required being signed with an agency, but that didn't guarantee a gig during fashion week. "There are many castings with hundreds of girls waiting in line to compete for only a few slots," Gabby explained. "After castings, there are fittings, and then confirmations. You may not know if you are in a show until hours before. With that being said, you could also be completely ready for a show and get pulled from the line-up right as you are about to walk out. It's very last-minute and chaotic, but that's part of the fun of fashion week," she said.

With this being Gabby's first season in Milan, she said that most models are cast and walk 0-2 shows just to get the experience. The following seasons, models can be pre-booked, which is why many of the spots for these shows are already chosen and filled.

Getting to the runway

Each show has a concept and a very specific look the designer is going for. Most bookings have less to do with the value of the model, but more if they fit the concept. "Brands will look through all the models in a show pack presented by the agencies and choose who they think fits the look and who they want to see in person. It's very cut-throat if you don't fit the image, but that's just the way they create beautiful, cohesive shows," she says, confidently.

Gabby gave great insider info on how the show works. She said each show is about 30-minutes long, assuming it's not a huge collection. There are usually about 50-100 looks and about 30 models, 25 of which are pre-booked. Some models wear multiple looks, some wear only one, it's all up to the designers.

After she gets back home the end of this month, Gabby hopes her experience and exposure in Milan will help make a big jump in her modeling career in the United States.

The models get no say in what they wear, and everything is pulled together at the very last minute. Gabby said she wasn't ever dressed in her full looks until minutes before walking out. As for the hair and make-up prep, the artists use techniques that allow them to do full faces in only ten minutes. Each model has a stylist that may have been the designer for that specific look. Gabby noted that the stylists are so sweet and make sure the models have everything they need.

Models are also given no training when it comes to hitting the runway; they are expected to already have their walk perfected.

Lights, cameras, action

As mentioned, Gabby was able to score two shows for her first season, which is really great. "I was shocked," she described. Ten minutes before her first show, she was told she would be opening. "I was so nervous getting ready because I wasn't sure who would be watching me walk. Then I found out I'd be opening.

Opening when I had never walked before was quite an experience, but after modeling the first look, I was on a high and super excited for my next look."

Making connections

While in Milan, Gabby has been able to meet so many fellow models from all over the world. Not only has she also gotten some great photos to build her portfolio, she's also gotten the chance to show her face to many different casting directors. With this, she hopes they recognize her face and name in future seasons.

With checking her first season in Milan off the list, Gabby is looking towards the future, which involves hopefully landing a few more shows this coming fall fashion week. Her future goals include getting signed with agencies in London, Paris, New York, Chicago, and Greece.

From Minnesota to Milan, and no stopping there...Gabby is going places and making a name for herself. Here's to more big runways and bookings coming her way.

Gabby is pictured with her mom Alison (Stanley) Caldwell, her brother Nigel, and her grandma Ida Stanley. Photo courtesy of Gabby Caldwell

Gabby Caldwell is the daughter of Alison (Stanley) Caldwell and the granddaughter of Ida Stanley, of Grygla. Gabby's modeling career is taking off abroad as she walks the runway in Milan, Italy, during Milan's Fashion Week. Pictured above is Gabby modeling a look that was part of a collection created by Accademia Del Lusso and LABA Douala in collaboration with Afro Fashion Association.

Born from a project about Denim Upcycling, the capsule collection 'From Trash to Flash' is the result of a work of exchange and sharing between different cultures with a common goal: sustainability. All denim was upcycled from the markets of Douala in Cameroon and mixed with noble cashmere yarns and wool made in Italy.

Photo credit to Vogue Italia, courtesy of Gabby Caldwell

Most models only dream of walking in on the "The Big Four" events. Gabby was a part of Milan Fashion week after only being signed to an agency for one month!

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024

2024 Clearwater County First Lady

Save the Date! The 2024 Clearwater County First Lady will be held on May 4 at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley. The Tuesday Study Club is this year's co- host along with the Clearwater County Historical Society.

This year's theme is "A Legacy of Leadership: Women's Clubs and Organizations"

Throughout 2024, the historical society will celebrate women, past and present, who have left a legacy of leadership in the many organizations they participated in.

Since 1977, Forty- four women in Clearwater County have been recognized as a Clearwater County "First Lady" for their accomplishments either for their service in a variety of commu-

nity projects and organizations or for success in their careers.

Your help is needed to select the 2024 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination- this can include any accomplishments in her life such as her career highlights or volunteer years of service and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number or email so we can let you know if your nominee is selected.

Details on location and date of the event will be announced soon. Letters should be sent to 2024 First Lady - History Center P.O. Box 241 Bagley MN 56621 . Letters will be delivered

unopened to a panel of judges Please do not send emails. Nominations must be received by April 5th. Questions? Call Tamara at 218-785-2000

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2019- Elaine Johnson
2020 - Marilyn Ames
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2022- Janice Feil
2023- Gladys Luecken



Friend of the Food Shelf for 2024 is Mr. Troy Reynolds.

Friends of the Food Shelf

Our first Friends of the Food Shelf for 2024 is Mr. Troy Reynolds. One of the goals for 2023 which we did not meet is to create a website. With the expertise of Mr. Reynolds, Clearwater County Food Shelf is pleased to be able to say that the website clearwatercountyfoodshelf.org will be up and running this month. The creation of our website coincides with the 43rd

Annual Minnesota Food Share Campaign. During the March Campaign (February 26 - April 6), monetary and food donations are matched proportionately by the 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, food donations can be dropped off at the food shelf. Monetary donations can be sent to: CCFS PO BX 578 Bagley, Mn 56621. Many thanks to Troy Reynolds for creating an internet presence for us which will assist us with communication as well as grant writing!

Food Shelf President Jodi Quade accepts a huge donation from Bagley Student Council members Emme Ekre and Isabella Nelson.

Clearwater County Food Shelf receives donation from Bagley students

Clearwater County Food Shelf President Jodi Quade accepts a huge donation from Bagley Student Council members Emme Ekre and Isabella Nelson. BHS Student Council has been collecting food and monetary donations as a service project during the month of February. Thank you to the staff and students of Bagley High for generously donating \$628.25 and 316 pounds of food!! Mrs. Halverson and Mrs. Leavell's classrooms are the recipients of a pizza party for winning the competition with their per capita contributions. Remember that during the month of March, all monetary and food donations are proportionally matched by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Donations can be dropped off at the food shelf on Wednesdays from 10 am - 2 pm on Wednesdays or mailed to CCFS, PO Box 578, Bagley, MN 56621. Thanks Bagley High School Student Council for the generous donation!

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Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick February High School Student of the Month winners: Jake Knutson, Emma Nybo, Anna Harvey, Avery Haugan, Havin Salzer, and Luke Johnson.



Congratulations to Clearbrook-Gonvick elementary February Students of the Month winners: Front Row: Arthur Eck, Waylon Erickson, Brooklyn Zyllo and Jaxton Bjerke. Middle Row: Lexi Smith, Brielle Jones, Ila Severson, Blake Anderson, James Anderson and Autumn Moen-Morris Back Row: Melissa Defoe, Aiden Ehlers, Edward Nybo and Athena Skjaret. Not pictured: Lillian Hill

Strategic Farming: Let’s talk crops! discussed maximizing fertilizer ROI

St. Paul, Minn. (03/06/2024)—Dry conditions and the winter that wasn’t accelerating nutrient management decisions. Should farmers be applying fertilizer now?

“If phosphorus, potassium or lime didn’t get applied last fall, this could be a good time to get that done,” according to Dr. Dan Kaiser, University of Minnesota Extension nutrient management specialist. Without any rainfall, however, the fertilizer will just sit on the soil surface. Since it needs time to dissolve, there is some risk of loss before that occurs.

Farmers could also consider applying anhydrous ammonia. Nitrification inhibitors (NIs) could help prevent nitrogen loss, particularly in south central Minnesota. As we get closer to planting, the advantage of applying anhydrous with an NI decreases.

What about urea? “The thought of applying urea right now concerns me,” states Kaiser, “even if it was applied with a urease inhibitor.” The lifespan of a urease inhibitor spans roughly two weeks, so the potential for volatility losses would significantly increase as the inhibitor degraded. In addition, there might be enough moisture for the urea to start dissolving in the dry conditions, but it might not be enough to incorporate it. Because the loss potential is so high, an early

application of urea is not recommended. Anhydrous ammonia would make more sense at this point and would be a safer bet for an early application.

“Crop producers might also consider taking preplant nitrate soil tests (PPNT) this spring before planting and any nitrogen applications,” states Jeff Vetsch, researcher at the University of Minnesota Southern Research and Outreach Center. This soil test measures residual nitrogen and can help determine how much fertilizer nitrogen is needed for this year’s crop. “However, I would wait until April to take the samples, if I could, in case there are leaching events between now and then,” he adds. The PPNT is recommended in western Minnesota, due to its drier climate. In south-central, southeastern and east-central Minnesota, the PPNT is recommended if conditions favor residual N, such as a history of manure, continuous corn or low levels of precipitation.

Potassium has a dynamic nutrient cycle, much like nitrogen, with soil test levels fluctuating as much as 100 ppm over the growing season. If there’s moisture, water moving through the residue will leach some of the potassium out, but that differs by crop. In drier years, the amount of K that is leached out of crop residue is reduced and soil test K values can also decline. However, Kaiser predicts that

we’ll see some recovery with wetter years. The bottom line is to trust your soil test results and try to sample at the same time to minimize the effects of seasonal variability.

Nutrient cycles are complex and managing them to optimize production and minimize environmental impacts is key. “In the final analysis, it comes down to whether there are enough nutrients for the crop to optimize yield,” concludes

Living Local Women Workshop #2 is set for March 23, 2024; 10am -12pm @ the "Clearbrook City Hall". 200 Elm St. Clearbrook, MN.

Alethea Kenney; Traditional Naturopath, Western Herbalist, and Aromatherapist will be the speaker at the "Living Local Women" Workshop #2. Alethea will take participants on a virtual winter weed walk through her farm during her presentation, Foraging Through Fields and Forests: Understanding the limitations of conventional medicine can empower people to safely take charge of healing simple conditions.

She will share about the diverse "native" and "introduced" plants in northern Minnesota, see some edible and medicinal plants, as well as learn to make your own healing salve.

Althea, along with her husband, has farmed since 1996, and now keeps various fiber animals, equines, dogs, cats and

Kaiser.

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Alethea Kenney holds a Diploma in Veterinary Homeopathy and is certified in Equine Iridology. She authored books, "An Ounce of Prevention: Raising and Feeding Animals Naturally", and "Homeopathic First Aid for the Farm". Her latest book Foraging Fields Fencerows, and Forests" will be available soon.

More information can be found at borealbalance.com, backinbalanceminerals.com, and reedbird.com. Her books are available online or from her direct.

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This week the House passed the final version of HF 3489 on Wednesday afternoon after an 8-minute conference committee meeting the previous day to bring the House and Senate versions of the bill in line with each other. This is the School Resource Officer bill that has taken a bipartisan effort to address the shortfalls in the Democrat’s Education Omnibus bill from last year. Last night the governor signed the bipartisan bill that will allow schools across the state to return their resource officers where they are desperately needed in the schools. Democrats needed Republican votes to pass this bill, and even in its final version, nine DFL House members voted against the bill in their continued effort to dismantle public safety and endanger students, teachers, and staff. After months of Republican calls for action and stops to allow every stakeholder to give their input, I’m relieved we were finally able to get this important legislation passed.

In Judiciary Committee this week Democrats continue to push their agenda of death with the assisted suicide bill. HF 1930 would make it legal for physicians to administer drugs to end someone’s life. This bill goes so far that anyone age 18 or older who can make an “informed decision” can request to end their life upon receiving a diagnosis of less than 6 months to live. There are countless circumstances where this could go awry. I just can’t believe that we have come to a point in this country where we value life so little that it is deemed morally acceptable to choose assisted suicide over fighting to protect life. How many news stories are there each year of miraculous recoveries after a doctor predicts someone has only a short time to live or that they will live with an ailment the rest of their lives that they end up recovering from. This bill encourages people to not value life and instead throw it away.

We concluded the week by attempting to declare an urgency on GOP Representative Scott’s bill (HF 548) to raise the crime of knowingly purchasing a firearm for someone who is known to be prohibited from possessing a firearm to the level of a felony, commonly referred to as straw purchasing. As news outlets are beginning to report that the criminal who murdered three first responders in Burnsville illegally acquired the weapons used through a straw purchaser, Democrats stood on the House floor and defended the practice of not prosecuting the crime of straw purchasing, this type of crime has been linked to several deaths in Minnesota. They parade out every bill they can possibly think of to limit the rights of law-abiding gun owners yet when Republicans want to strengthen current gun laws that hold criminals accountable, democrats take the side of the criminals.

I will continue to pray for our state and the safety of her citizens as we face these bills and the one-size-fits-all mandates Democrats want to force on the state. Have a great weekend as we all head back to our districts to recover from this week and enjoy the fresh air of greater Minnesota.

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



Clearbrook-Gonvick Girls Basketball: Back Row (L-R)- Aubrey Stoskopf, Malea Mathson, Hannah Weems, Millie Shegrud, Ava Larson, Mysten Dahlke, Chasity Mathson, Joely Hinrichs-Olson Middle Row (L-R)- Allison Lavine, Jacie Bergerson, Tavia Johnson, Sarah Imle, Emma Nybo, Emma Fawver, Mya Engen. Front Row (L-R)- Presley Westrum, Haley McCoy. Photo by Jane Crist Creations



Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary students showing their skills at a recent basketball game. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs
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Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary students getting ready to show their passing skills at a recent basketball game under the direction of Casey Kroulik. Photo by Jalina Gerlofs