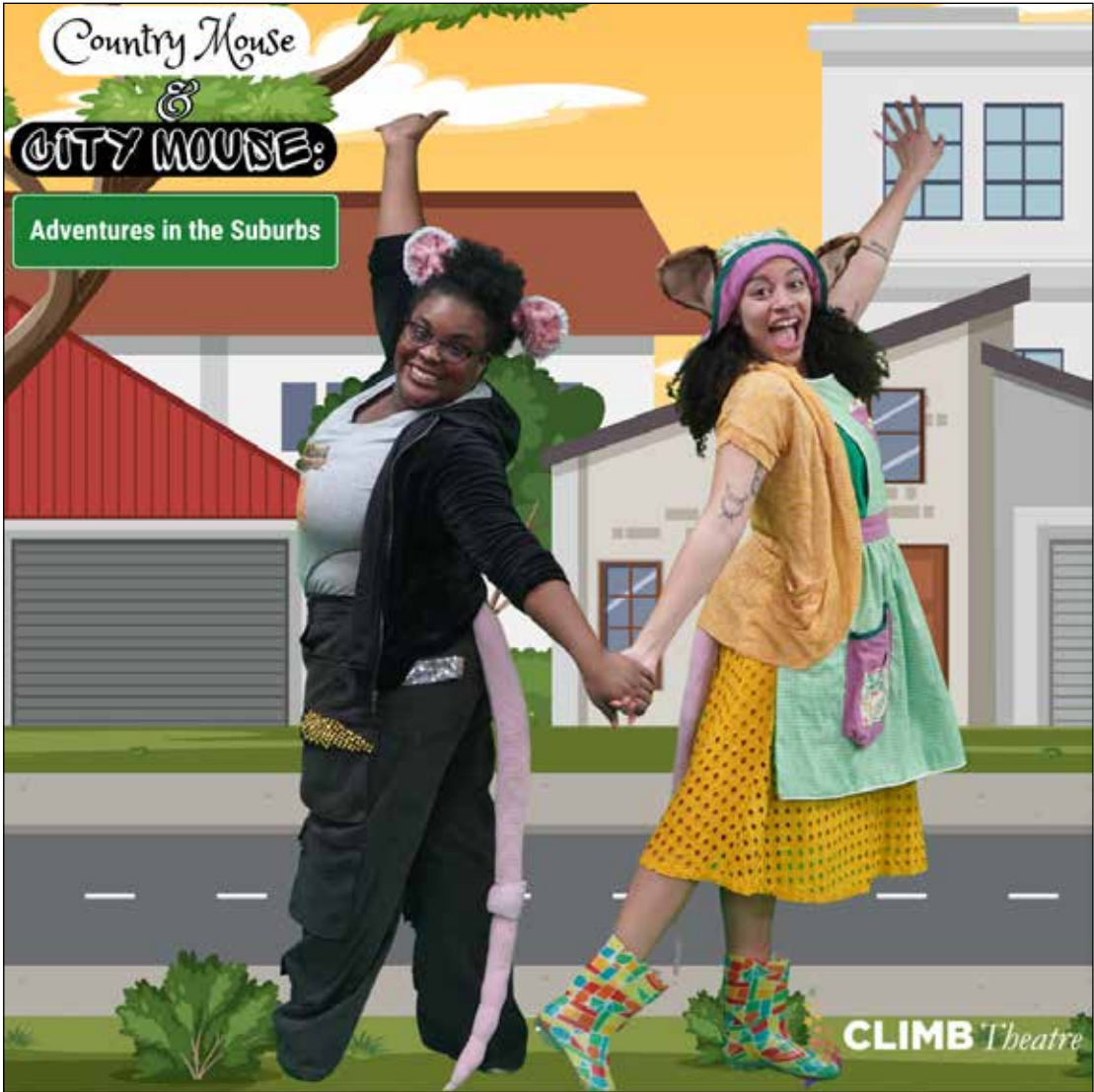


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Country Mouse & City Mouse coming to Gonvick Library Link site.

Free Theater Performances for Youth Scheduled at Gonvick Library LINK site

Local Library LINK Sites invite youth to experience the power of live theatre with an engaging performance of “Country Mouse & City Mouse: Adventures in the Suburbs,” a performance geared for children ages 3-10. The play will be hosted by Lake Agassiz Regional Library and will be performed by Climb Theatre, which uses the power of live theater to inspire people to build better communities. “Country Mouse & City Mouse” is a fun take on the beloved tale, witnessing the mouse cousins taking their adventure to more neutral grounds: The Suburbs. Children will love watching the two mice discover how to compromise and celebrate their differences. The tour is sponsored by Lake Agassiz Regional Library and is offered free-of-charge, thanks in part to funding from

the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund. Performances are scheduled at the following local Library LINK Sites: | Monday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Frazee LINK Site Monday, July 8 at 3:00 p.m. at the Hendrum Civic Center Tuesday, July 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Gonvick LINK Site Wednesday, July 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cormorant LINK Site Wednesday, July 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Rothsay American Legion City Park The performances are offered as part of Lake Agassiz Regional Library's outer space-themed Summer Library Experience. More information about the program, which encourages youth to read to win prizes and attend fun programs is available at larl.org/explore.

The Summer Library Experience is a program of Lake Agassiz Regional Library and will be offered from June 1-July 31 at libraries and LINK Sites in the following communities: Ada, Bagley, Barnesville, Breckenridge, Climax, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fertile, Fosston, Hawley, Mahanomen, McIntosh and Moorhead. LARL's LINK sites are found in Cormorant, Frazee, Gonvick, Halstad, Hendrum, Lake Park, Rothsay, Twin Valley and Ulen. A number of fun programs will be held in connection with the reading challenge, including Magic Shows, theater productions, craft events and much more. All programs are offered free-of-charge. More information is available at larl.org and a full list of programs can be found at larl.org/explore.

Historical Society to hold Membership Meeting

Historical Society to hold Membership Meeting The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold its Mid- Year Membership meeting on Sunday June 30 at 2:00 at the Gran Church Historic Site in Popple Township. The Meeting will begin at 2:00 followed by a cemetery tour at the Gran Church Cemetery. Refreshments will be provided. Gran Church is located about 4 1/2 miles west of Bagley on Highway 2, turn right on County Rd. 20 (141st St.) Drive one mile north to Co. Rd. 45 (370th St) turn right and Gran Church is about 1/4 mile on the right. Gran Church is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The church was completed on July 13, 1897. Bring a lawn chair and be prepared to do some walking over uneven ground. Please car pool if possible, parking is only along the roadside.



NOTE: if it's raining –the meeting will be held at the History Center in Shevlin and cemetery walk will be rescheduled. Call the history center for more information and for weather/ location updates before the meeting. 218-785-2000

School is looking for substitute teachers

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School board met in regular session on Monday, June 17. Ryan Solee took his position on the board for the first time to replace Jill Nelson who resigned. Principal Josh Tharaldson has been teaching a class and was not able to attend. His report was given by Superintendent Grow. Superintendent Report. There is still need for a full time custodian, Technology Specialist, and Junior High Volleyball Coach. They are also in need of substitute teacher for next year. One can call the school if they are interested at 218-776-3112. The school has received a grant of \$6,000. Clearbrook-Gonvick School was the only school to receive the 2024 Dual Training Grants awarded by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE). The grant will be used for Chelsey Juberian who is moving from ECSE Instructor to Early Childhood Education Teacher/Program Coordinator. She will taking special classes at the University of Crookston to upgrade her credentials. They are working with Ehlers on the debt service for the district. The indoor air quality fund has \$75,000 left to paid on it. Service Master was coming in to clean the shop area. The

nine man crew will cost the district \$17,045. Greg Anderson will be coming in to paint in the area this month. The shop will be in great shape for the new Technical Education Instructor Kristopher Rue. He will becoming from St. Michael Albertville School District. He is originally from Fosston where he graduated from high school. New business The board approved the internal transfer for Chelsey Juberian for ECFE Instructor to Early Childhood Education Teacher/Program Coordinator at Step 2. The board made three new hires. Heather Brandt as the new American Indian Education Coordinator at a two year full time contract for \$22,000 per hour. Peyton Dingmann as the Science teacher at BA step 1 at \$45,927. He has been working at the DNR and will take the place of Cathy Dickey. Katerina Schafer as the Art Teacher at BA step 2 \$46,907. She had been with the Badger-Greenbush-Middle River School district. They accepted the resignation of Scott Schafer as assistant Girls Basketball coach and hired him as the Head Girls Basketball Coach for the coming school year. They accepted the resignation of Tasha Sohler as Full

Time Cook as of May 31, 2024 and the Part Time Custodian as of August 26, 2024. They adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent as the Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity and Access Management for ISD #2311. That is data collection. The district hired Russ Bly for the Third Party Driver's Education Services at \$30.00 per hour. That includes classroom and driving. That had been taught by Glenn Rettmann for many years. The board approved the Mass Dispensing Site Agreement with Lisa Syverson and The Clearwater County Nursing Service. That would be used for a health emergency situation. The board passed the Preliminary 2024-2025 School district Budget shown elsewhere. Superintendent Grow went over some of the possible increases. There was \$24,000 increase in the food budget assistance from the state will have more information in July. Costs that are going up for next year include transportation, insurance rates, utilities, parking lots, food costs and payroll. The next meeting will be July 15 at 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AT 6/17/24 CLEARBROOK-GONVICK BOARD MEETING NOTE: NEGATIVE NUMBERS IN THE REVENUES OVER EXPENSES COLUMNS MEANS MONEY IS BEING SPENT THAN RECEIVED

FUND	REVENUE	NON-PAYROLL EXPENSES	PAYROLL EXPENSES	TOTAL EXPENSES	REVENUES OVER EXPENSES
01	(\$8,870,598.00)	\$2,698,545.00	\$5,163,487.00	\$7,862,032.00	\$1,008,566.00
02	(\$520,020.00)	\$280,000.00	\$178,329.00	\$458,329.00	\$61,691.00
04	(\$179,170.50)	\$12,850.00	\$234,436.00	\$247,286.00	(\$68,115.50)
07	(\$975,244.00)	\$975,244.00	\$0.00	\$975,244.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	(\$10,545,032.50)	\$3,966,639.00	\$5,576,252.00	\$9,542,891.00	\$1,002,141.50
08	(\$15,500.00)	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00	(\$2,000.00)
21	(\$78,800.00)	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$8,800.00
TOTALS	(\$10,639,332.50)	\$4,054,139.00	\$5,576,252.00	\$9,630,391.00	\$1,000,141.50

All scholarships have carry overs \$ and all accounts have carryover \$ Neither scholarship accounts nor student activity accounts are allowed to overspend balance.

Gonvick City Council meeting

The Gonvick City Council had Logan LeClaire, the Emergency Management Director and Veterans Service officer for the county as the visitor in the open forum. He is new to the Emergency Management position and he has been meeting with all the police and fire departments in the county to see what his office can do in case of an emergency. Six residents were in attendance with their concerns about the city. They were wondering if the city could mow lawns that are not kept up and put the charge of that on their tax bill. The city can't do that. Maybe a reminder to residents with their monthly bills to try and not mow grass into the streets. That will eventually clog up the sewer system.

They wanted to know if spraying for weeds had been done in the city. Some had been done but it has been too wet. They also wanted to know why everything was not picked up right away on the city wide clean-up. The land fill could not take everything as all towns were having their clean-up the same time. They also have to sort the stuff from the pickups and trailers for delivery to the land fill north of Bagley. Ryan Solee gave his police report with 15 total records. They included Animal Related 1; Burglary 1; City Ordinance 6; Civil Complaint 1; Harassment 1; Information Only 1; Lost/fount Property 1; Medical 1; Traffic Stop 1. Cody Rude with the Gonvick Fire Department gave his

report for the month. They had 8 medical calls, 2 meetings, 2 grass fires, 2 work night, 1 structure fire, 1 spring fund raiser and 1 burn in Gully. By the time they were ready for burning in Gonvick it was too wet. Maintenance issues A question on when the decals would be added to the new pickup that had been donated by Enbridge. They are being worked on and they should hear in the near future. The motor grader will be kept but it does need new brakes. They had thought to put it up for sale but it is needed at times. There are two items that the council asked that the maintenance department get done as soon as possible The burn pile needs to be taken care of and a storm sewer repair near the Gonvick Legion needs to be done.

The council passed the estimate from TS Excavating to do the work. That would include a 12" SDR 3.5 PVC pipe, haul the spoil, concrete, labor and black top to replace after the installation. Work would be done by Thomas Stenzel for \$1,735.82. Dan Johnson submitted the time for the past two and a half months that he has to be at the sewer plant as the run off of water has to be monitored frequently in the storm sewers. Misc issues Delinquent accounts were taken care of. The Legion Liquor License was renewed and the audit report was received from Miller McDonald. The journal entries were approved and the expenditures which included \$4,967.58 for water and sewer; \$17,477.30 for General and \$38,744.93 for fire for a total of \$61,189.81. The council then adjourned to the community room for a city Executive Critical Incident training put on by the Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department and Adam Gunderson. The purpose of the training was educational to discuss the duties of officers. There were video virtual reality type scenarios that police encounter during their hours of service. They were asked what they would do if they were in those type of situations.



New officers of Bagley American Legion installed

Submitted by Pamela French During the June monthly general meeting on June 19, 2024, Past State Commander Dennis Henkemeyer was the installing officer of the Irvin Blix Post 16 Officers for 2024-2025. Post Commander Doug Lindgren will be serving a second consecutive term as post commander. Post 1st Vice Commander is Jeff Ness, Post 2nd Vice Commander Jeremy Swenson, Post Adjutant Jim Michel, Post Finance Officer Art Tobkin, Post

Chaplain Loren Julin, Post Judge Advocate Bruce Malter, Post Historian Steve Wynkoop, Post Sergeant at Arms Mike Hromidko, Post Assistant Sergeant at Arms James Armstrong, Post Executive Committee Member Greg Boe, Post Executive Committee Member Greg Culp, Post Executive Committee Member Gary Halseth, Post Executive Committee Member Travis Larson, Post Executive Committee Member Russ Meyer. Congratulations!

Construction on Highway 223 in Leonard begins July 8

BEMIDJI, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation announced today, construction on Highway 223 in Leonard begins July 8. The project includes resurfacing Highway 223 between Leonard and Highway 92. Motorists will detour utilizing Clearwater County Roads 3 and 10.

In addition to resurfacing, project elements include:

- Culvert replacements
- Sidewalk upgrades in Leonard

The contractor for the \$2.95

million project is Gladen Construction. The project is expected to be complete in late August, weather permitting. For more information as well as a detour map, visit the project website: www.mndot.gov/d2/projects/hwy223-leonard.

Project benefits and cost

Benefits of the project include a safer road, improved drainage, and a smoother and longer lasting driving surface.

Important reminders for motorists regarding work zone safety:

- Slow down when approaching every work zone, then navigate through with care and caution.
- Stay alert; work zones constantly change.
- Watch for workers and slow-moving equipment.
- Obey posted speed limits.

Fine for a violation in a work zone is \$300.

- Minimize distractions behind the wheel.
- Be patient; expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

Board of Equalization meeting held

By Darin Steindl, Farmers Independent

On June 18, the County Board of Commissioners meeting was held at 5 pm, prior to the Board of Equalization meeting, which started at 6 pm.

Board Chair Mark Larson called the meeting to order with all commissioners being present. The agenda and minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Sheriff Darin Halverson presented a request to hire Wyatt Swenson as a part-time communications corrections officer effective June 17. Motion was made by Commissioner Dukek, seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera, motion carried.

Allen Paulson, County Auditor-Treasurer, was next on the agenda. Paulson submitted a request on behalf of IT Director Stuart Lien, to hire MRA to perform a job market analysis and to update job descriptions for the IT department. The cost would not exceed \$2,970.00, which would be paid from the IT department budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Titera to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner John Nelson, motion carried.

Paulson submitted invoices to be paid. Commissioner Dukek made a motion to authorize the

auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$120,507.26 from the County Revenue Fund and \$27,144.29 from the Public Health Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Larson, motion carried.

Board chair Larson then recessed the board meeting.

At 6 pm, the Board of Equalization meeting convened. County Assessor, Terrie Johnson, and the commissioners were sworn in. Johnson then explained the process on how properties are assessed to determine value for taxation purposes. She explained that there are three main factors in determining value – property data, recent market trends, and construction costs. Of those three factors, the assessor's office is only able to change the property data. When a property owner disputes the value of their property, the first step the assessor takes is to review the data on file. If the data matches, there isn't much the assessor can do.

During the Board of Equalization, five property owners were present to question the value of their properties. After hearing from the property owners, the data was updated, and all five property values were lowered.

Johnson thanked each of the property owners for attending and for bringing to their attention the incorrect information.

At 8:50 pm, Commissioner Larson reconvened the board of commissioners meeting. With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Good Shepherd Vacation Bible School planned

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook will be having Vacation Bible School August 6, 7 and 8 from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Kindergarten through 5th grade may register to attend without a helper. Students older than 6th grade may register to be a helper.

Questions can be directed to gschildrenofgod@gmail.com or contact Jill Bakken at 218-368-5982.

Ruby's Pantry

Join us Wednesday, July 3rd 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

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. June 26 - Meatloaf with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Thurs. June 27 - Ginger Pot Roast, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Chilled Peaches.

Fri. June 28 - Tuna Noodle & Peas Casserole, Broccoli Florets, Fruited Gelatin Parfait.

Mon. July 1 - Beef Stroganoff, Egg Noodles, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit Crisp

Tues. July 2 - BBQ Chicken, Diced Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit.

Wed. July 3 - Pot Roast with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Fruit.

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Jarred LeBon, Pastor
Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions.
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed. - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Sun. - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick
Pastor Will Anderson
Week of: June 24-30, 2024
Tuesday: 8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday: 9:30 AM Women's Walk Bible Study
Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
www.facebook.com/bethelfosston
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
8 miles North of Gonvick on County Road 7
Sun., June 30 Services 9:00 am with Nathan Engebretson. Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Michael Wright
Good Shepherd
Thurs., June 27: 5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting
Sun., June 30: 9:00am Worship with Pastor Michael Wright; 10:00am Coffee Hour
Our Savior's
Sun., June 30: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship with Pastor Michael Wright

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, June 30: 9 a.m. Lund 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Ron Pederson
Sat, June 29: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, June 30: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth: 9:45 a.m. Worship. Oak Park: 11 a.m. Worship.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
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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.

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. 7:00 p.m.
Every Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer through August
Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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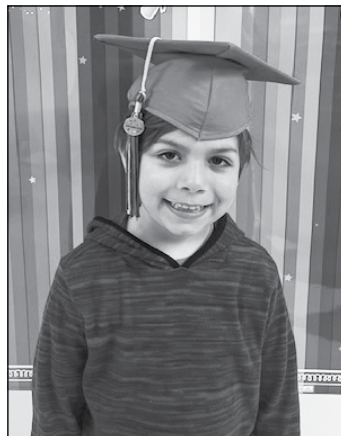
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Each week the Leader-Record will be featuring the class of 2036

Mrs. Christen and Mrs. Erickson helped to get together the responses from their classes



Name: Finley Horwitz
Mom and Dad: Austin and Sarah
Siblings: 3 brothers, Aiden, Brodie and Jimmy and 1 sister Lucy
What do you want to be when you grow up? A gamer
What do you like best about school? Recess
What is your favorite food? Spaghetti
Pets: None
Who is your favorite person? My big brother Aiden because he plays video games with me



Name: Dawson Marsh
Mom and Dad: Hannah and Steven
Siblings: Sisters - Hallie and Liv
What do you want to be when you grow up? A farmer
What do you like best about school? Playing in the gym
What is your favorite food? Tacos
Pets: Dogs, Ann and Leo and other animals he likes goats best
Who is your favorite person? Dad Steven



Name: Weston Lauderbough
Mom and Dad: Cory and Emily
Siblings: Joely
What do you want to be when you grow up? Police detective
What is your favorite sport: Basketball because my sister plays it
What do you like best about school? I like recess
What is your favorite food? Pepperoni Pizza
Pets: Doug and Chilly
Who is your favorite person? "My Mom" because she does alot for me!



Name: Lolita Silverio-Roybal
Mom and Dad: Tina and Brian
Siblings: Jacob, Iris, Jack
What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher
What do you like best about school? I like doing math
What is your favorite food? Apples
Pets: Dogs named Charlie, Max, Elias and Darius, two cats, Mya and Spiderman
Who is your favorite person? My mom because she cooks food and I love food.



Name: Peyton Edevold
Mom and Dad: Kyle and Alexis
Siblings: My brother Ben and my sisters Nataly and Sophia
What do you want to be when you grow up? Teacher or a nurse
What do you like best about school? I like to do work and learn about animals
What is your favorite food? Chicken nuggets
Pets: Dogs are Maddie and Freya and my cats are Cocomo and Milly.
Who is your favorite person? My grandma Paula

LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE
CALL FOR BIDS
DAIRY PRODUCTS**

The Board of Education of the Clearbrook-Gonvick Independent School District #2311 is accepting bids for the 2024-2025 year for the following dairy products:

- ½ Pint 1% White Milk
- ½ Pint 1% Chocolate Milk
- ½ Pint Chocolate Skim Milk
- ½ Pint Lactose Free Milk

Successful Bidder must deliver to the Clearbrook-Gonvick School location twice per week.

*Bid response should specify whether or not portable cooler units would be supplied at location.

Bids should be sent to:
Clearbrook-Gonvick ISD #2311
Attention: MILK BID
16770 Clearwater Lake Rd
Clearbrook MN 56634

Bids will be opened at 2 pm on Monday, July 15th, 2024, at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. R13-16C

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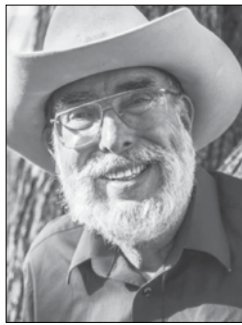
Home Country

By Slim Randles

A building project (for those of us who are carpenterially challenged) can be a confusing nightmare of little whatchits we never learned the name of and have no idea how to use.

Oh, if we need a two-by-four that's eight-feet long, we're on pretty safe ground and can head on over to MundoSlab, the building center that dedicates about half an acre to tar paper. It's fun going over there, and you never know when you'll find something you can't live without. You can buy the stuff in there from the kid who mowed your lawn until a month ago.

But when the real tough parts of a project come along, you know, things that involve plumbing or wiring, there's only one place to go ... the old-fashioned hardware store. MundoSlab coming in sure cut down on the number of old-fashioned hardware stores, but there's always one survivor.



They have gray-haired guys standing just inside the door to help you find just what you need, even if you don't know what it's called and have no clue how to install it.

I walked into the real hardware store the other day, and a guy with plenty of gray came over and asked if he could help.

"Well," I said. "I have a float thingie on the horse trough that broke. It's that little doo-trammy that's kinda copper-colored and fits on top of the whiz-gidget."

Without breaking stride, he looked at me and said, "Right-hand threads, or will you need an adaptor?"

Let's see MundoSlab match that.

Brought to you by "Whimsy Castle," the latest novel by Slim Randles. Buy one for the lady down the street, too, okay?

Clearwater County Sheriff

Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

City of Bagley - Total 17
06/16/24 00:59:08 Traffic Stop
06/17/24 13:32:36 - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/18/24 07:32:12 Medical
06/18/24 15:34:19 Fraud - Information/Administrative
06/19/24 05:33:24 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/19/24 05:56:18 - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/19/24 07:44:41 Alarm
06/19/24 18:32:16 TEST
06/19/24 19:56:14 Traffic Stop
06/20/24 02:39:46 Juvenile Misc
06/20/24 17:36:23 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
06/20/24 19:14:39 Civil Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/20/24 21:27:28 Traffic Stop
06/21/24 16:27:10 Search Warrant - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/21/24 18:42:11 Information
06/22/24 02:19:39 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
06/22/24 06:52:18 Medical
City of Clearbrook - Total 8
06/17/24 07:55:40 Traffic Stop
06/17/24 12:45:29 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/18/24 10:57:31 Assault - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/18/24 13:35:51 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/19/24 06:51:30 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/20/24 07:37:11 911 Hang Up
06/20/24 23:00:23 Information
06/22/24 09:13:14 Medical 25 - EMS and Transport
City of Shevlin - Total 2
06/16/24 14:59:29 Civil Complaint - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/18/24 01:58:53 Traffic Stop
Clover - Total 2
06/16/24 19:49:58 Trespass
06/17/24 21:38:28 Extra Patrol - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Copley - Total 8
06/16/24 07:07:19 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/17/24 02:45:07 - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/17/24 17:20:22 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/17/24 20:17:52 Welfare Check
06/20/24 14:30:05 Medical
06/21/24 02:31:06 Traffic Stop
06/21/24 19:06:37 Information
06/22/24 15:18:42 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Dudley - Total 1
06/21/24 07:19:08 Lost/Found Property - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Eddy - Total 1
06/20/24 23:52:18 Traffic Stop
Falk - Total 3
06/17/24 12:19:04 Civil Complaint
06/17/24 14:28:12 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/19/24 23:59:00 Motorist Assist
Holst - Total 2
06/18/24 08:21:42 Traffic Stop
06/18/24 08:30:34 Traffic Stop
Itasca - Total 2
06/18/24 21:22:22 Information
06/21/24 20:56:11 Traffic Stop - Warning
Itasca State Park - Total 7
06/18/24 11:14:11 Information

06/18/24 20:33:39 Extra Patrol
06/20/24 15:30:33 911 Hang Up
06/20/24 16:13:16 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/20/24 18:45:25 911 Hang Up
06/21/24 16:08:02 911 Hang Up
06/22/24 21:08:02 Extra Patrol - Handled By Officer / Deputy
LaPraire - Total 1
06/18/24 13:06:24 Traffic Stop
LaPraire N - Total 4
06/17/24 19:28:36 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
06/19/24 04:20:32 911 Hang Up
06/19/24 11:51:10 Welfare Check
06/22/24 21:16:42 Welfare Check
Leon - Total 2
06/16/24 21:39:38 911 Hang Up
06/18/24 21:32:45 911 Hang Up
Long Lost Lake - Total 1
06/18/24 17:05:47 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Minerva - Total 7
06/17/24 02:47:42 Traffic Stop
06/18/24 14:05:19 Warrant - Attempt - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/19/24 14:06:42 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/19/24 15:57:22 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/19/24 18:09:25 Traffic Stop
06/19/24 22:03:14 Traffic Stop
06/22/24 09:07:23 Traffic Stop
Moose Creek - Total 2
06/18/24 22:47:10 Welfare Check
06/22/24 02:22:39 Medical 42 - Patient Refused Evaluation/Care
Nora - Total 4
06/17/24 10:52:58 Traffic Stop
06/21/24 08:01:20 Animal Related
06/21/24 20:22:15 Traffic Stop - Warning
06/22/24 00:10:12 Traffic Stop - Warning
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 3
06/17/24 10:06:45 Harassment - Report Taken
06/17/24 16:13:50 RR/Train Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/20/24 11:40:08 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Popple - Total 2
06/16/24 22:18:07 Animal Related - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/22/24 01:16:55 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
Rice - Total 3
06/17/24 01:23:38 911 Hang Up
06/18/24 18:36:46 Information
06/19/24 21:45:51 Traffic Stop
Shevlin - Total 4
06/16/24 22:45:19 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/20/24 18:13:41 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/20/24 21:14:24 Information
06/21/24 21:52:23 Traffic Stop - Warning
Sinclair - Total 1
06/17/24 22:00:36 Traffic Stop
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FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

One of our favorite summer salads is chicken salad. It's a delicious and you can put so many different ingredients in it to suit your own taste.

3 cups cooked chicken, cubed **
½ cup diced celery
¼ cup red onion, diced
1 cup red seedless grapes, halved
1T fresh thyme, chopped finely
1/2 t. salt
1/4 t. black pepper
1 cup mayo
1/2 cup chopped pecans



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1/2 cup dried cranberries

Mix all ingredients together and refrigerate for 2 hours. Serve on a bed of lettuce or in a ripe tomato with a hard boiled egg.

** I buy chicken breasts with rib meat and skin on. This makes the chicken more flavorful and keeps the juices in the chicken.
Until next time, blessings to you and your family.



I've not a green thumb. Sadly. Though I do try every so often, I'm poor at growing things. Forgetful of the watering, the weeding. I manage well with the rhubarb though – there's that.

Everything is abloom around me throughout our community. The Canola is a blanket of yellow covering fields all about the area. Gardens are growing flowers and food. There is a promise of apples and crabapples in many trees all around. The bees are VERY happy with their pollen harvest! Too, the roses are blooming. Even at Janet Knutson's place in Gully. They are gorgeous, fragrant. She wrote the following poem for them in gratitude.

By Janet Knutson©2024
In spite of me, the roses bloom. Planted long ago.

Neglected and forsaken, they will not cease to grow.

I do not deserve their beauty, but enjoy it anyway.

Someone knows when my heart is low, and sends them to brighten my day.

Cindy Kolling shares this little gem about roses as well.

Windows and doors are all

closed.
Keeps nature out, I suppose. And Heaven forbid We open that lid... Tempted to smell a wild rose...
By Cindy Kolling©2024

I must say, the rose is my favorite flower aroma. I don't have a green thumb, but both my grandmothers had powerful one's. The following poem is inspired by my Grandma Lillian Torgerson. Everything is accurate to my memory, except the "for Pete's sake". That's what my other grandma, Lillie Peterson would have said. I capture a little bit of them both with this final poem.

Party Line Intrusion

The shrill, ringing scream of the black box wails throughout the house and out into the yard to the gardener's ears.

Who calls her inside, away from her flowers?

Grandma wipes hands lightly dusted with black, peat soil on her apron as she bustles across the yard and into the house.

Callers know to wait, counting rings. The lone, black phone mounted solid to the wall takes time to reach her ears on good gardening days such as this.

"Hello?" Grandma's voice booms across miles to the caller's ears. "Talk loud now. Keep it brief. And, for Pete's sake, watch what you say. This is a party line, curious ears may be listening."

By Ann Marie Newman©2024



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Art sessions at the Bagley Library

The Summer Learning Experience (SLE) continued last week at the Bagley Public Library. There were two sessions where kids got to get ready for the All-School Reunion parade by painting their own canvas candy bags.

Heidi Moore, Librarian, said the kids had a lot of fun painting and putting their own unique touches on their bags. The canvas bags can be used as small activity or book bags as well.

The next program for the SLE is scheduled for Friday June 28th at 10:30am. Mark your calendars for the "Lost In Space Magic Show"! Come join your Bagley Library for a magic adventure through space featuring Minnesota magician Magic Bob!

There will be no SLE program the week of July 1 through the 6th due to the 4th of July holiday and the Bagley All-School reunion.

Minnesota State Fair events

The Minnesota State Advisory Council on Mental Health, the Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health, and NAMI Minnesota (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) are thrilled to announce the 7th Annual Mental Health Awareness event at the Minnesota State Fair on August 26, 2024. Join us from 8 AM to 5 PM at Dan Patch Park for a day of education, entertainment, and community engagement focused on mental health awareness.

- Event Highlights**
- Live Music: Enjoy performances by a diverse lineup of talented artists:
 - Red Tree Drum Group: Kick off the event with an energizing opening drum circle at 8:30 AM
 - Annie Mack: Blues and roots singer-songwriter performing at 9:45 AM
 - Eli Gardiner: Americana musician taking the stage at 11:30 AM
 - Abraham Westlund: Engaging performance at 1:15 PM
 - Elska: Indie pop artist performing at 3:00 PM
 - Mississippi Ojibwe: Concluding the event with a closing

The 2024 Red Lake County Fair starts this week!

It is that time of year again when the Red Lake County Fair comes to Oklee and brings lots of fun things to do and see. This year, due to the school construction projects, there will be no events held in the school. Because the school is not available, things have been shifted around quite a bit for some of the events. From what I was told, the events are going to be held in the Oklee Community Hall and across the block at the Fair buildings and barns.

Last I heard, the 4-H exhibits will be in the Oklee Hall and will be sharing the space with the Senior events which includes a concert with the Woodpicks.

But on to the schedule and places to be:

On Thursday, the 27th, starting at 12 noon, 4-H Static Judging will be in the Oklee Hall.

At 5 p.m. on Thursday, Open Class Registration for Non-Livestock items will be at the Skating rink building. And at 6 p.m. Open Class Livestock will be checked in at the barns.

Friday, June 28th, the booths will open at 9:00 am. and the Non-Livestock open class entry begins. At 9:30 p.m. General Livestock judging will take place. 10:30 the Poultry & Rabbit exhibits will be judge for both 4-H and Open Class.

At 11 a.m. the 4H Food Stand will open. Stop on by and get a bite to eat.

11:30 a.m. Judging for the Horse, Llama & Alpaca's will be judged. Now if you are a Senior Citizen, this is the event for you! At noon in the Oklee Hall, they have a great time planned for you. There will be food, music and bingo with prizes. So get a good seat and enjoy the Woodpicks and try for Bingo prizes.

In the afternoon, at 1 p.m. Open Class judging will be at the Skating Rink. That would be a the place to see all the great crafty items made by the talented people of our community.

At 5:30 p.m. there is a Pet Show, and I'm not sure where it will be held, but in past years, it was by the gazebo behind the bank. You'll just have to ask a fair person if you can't find it.

The 4-H Food Stand Closes at 7:00 p.m. so make sure you get there early for your supper. And even if it didn't make it on the Poster, the 4-H Booth



The program after the holiday break will be Wednesday July 10th, for "Explore Star Stories". There are stories in the sky! Come join a park naturalist from Itasca State Park and explore the stars in the nighttime sky.

- drum circle at 4:30 PM
- Activities**
- Educational Booths: Information on mental health services and supports in Minnesota.
 - Inspirational Speakers: Insights from mental health advocates and community leaders.
 - Merchandise: Event T-shirts are available for purchase and must be pre-ordered. All proceeds support the event. Order T-shirts here: <https://www.mentalhealthatthefair.org/tshirts>
- Join Us**
- This event is an opportunity to celebrate mental health, learn about available resources, and connect with a supportive community. We invite everyone to participate in this day of awareness and support.
- Date: Monday, August 26, 2024
- Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Location: Dan Patch Park, Minnesota State Fairgrounds
- For more details, please visit <https://www.mentalhealthatthefair.org> or contact us at mhawarenessmnstatefair@gmail.com.

Pickleball court being prepared

By Pamela French

Pickleball has become the "it" recreational sport for kids and adults all over the US, and other local towns. But it hasn't been available to the general public in Bagley. Thanks to a group of pickleball fans who got together and formed a committee to work with the city/park board to make public pickleball in Bagley a reality.

Until this movement, locals in Bagley either traveled to other towns or used the tennis court to play pickleball.

With hopes of being ready to go by July 4th, planners of the pickleball courts are filling in the cracks that would have

impacted the game on each end of the tennis court, where the pickleball boundaries will be outlined. The tennis court already got a facelift with a good pressure washing and paint job! There will be two portable pickleball nets available.

The Pickle Ball committee hopes to raise \$1000 for a wind-break and future improve that will benefit both pickleball and tennis players. Labor, net and initiative have been donated by the committee. Longer term hopes are to someday have a dedicated pickleball court.

If you have questions or wish to donate to the pickle ball initiative please contact

Mary Spaulding, Committee Chairperson, at 218-368-8058 or maryspaulding@gmail.com.

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Pickleball workers Greg Spaulding, Doug Sloan, Mark Netland and Mary Spaulding.

FROM THE PAST - 2015



CG knowledge bowl standing Ty Nelson, Gideon Ysen, Molly Shamp, Maddie Stenzel, Sam Ternes, Stephen Nygaard, Liz Bodensteiner, Spencer Reed, Alex Knutson, Mike Gray. Front Katie Knutson, Makayla Burman, Rachel Spray, Elliot Dickey and Bryce Johnson.



Three cousins playing basketball together and will all graduate together this year. They are Darwin Faldet and Cassie, Richard Hetland and Brynn and Ross Faldet and Madelynn.



Ryan and Amber Merschman opened up Merschman Sales & Service in Bagley. It had been located south of Bagley.



Jeremy Bergerson was hired at the Gonvick Post Office to cover the Trail mail route for Harold Sweno.



Barb Sellers was the newest face in the Northern State Bank in Gonvick.

LEGAL NOTICE

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING May 20, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wittenberg at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Vern Wittenberg, Dudley Wishard, Scott Abel, Kayla Walberg, and Corey Petterson. Absent: Randy Bodensteiner. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Principal Josh Tharaldson, staff, and community members.

3 Community Comments – The public was given an opportunity to make comments.

4 Spotlight on Education – Mr. Bettin gave a power point presentation of activities that have taken place since the last board meeting.

5 Approval of Agenda – MMS Petterson/Walberg to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

6 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings – MMS Abel/Walberg to approve minutes as amended. MCU

6.1 4/15/24 – Regular Meeting

7 Informational Items

7.1 Principals Report – Principal Tharaldson presented the report and discussed the following items: A) Summer School/Enrichment – This will be 4 weeks June 4th – 27th. Classes will be held Tuesday – Thursday. B) 2024-2025 HS Registration – Students have registered for classes next year, and student schedules will be finalized before summer break. New students will have an opportunity to register in the fall at our back to school/registration event. C) New Families – New families, as well as anyone interested in attending our school next year, are encouraged to contact the office to start the registration process this spring, prior to summer break, for planning purposes. D) – Graduation/Seniors – Last day for seniors who met the criteria was May 17th. Graduation rehearsal is Friday, May 24th,

and Graduation is Saturday May 25th, at 2:00 p.m. E) Summer ESY (Extended School Year) – This will take place for 2 weeks in July, and 1 week in August. This service is provided as part of a student's IEP.

7.2 Superintendent Report – Supt. Grow discussed the following items: 1) Personnel – A) Open Positions – FT Custodian (1), Technology Specialist, Art Teacher, Science Teacher, Early Childhood Teacher/Coordinator, JH Volleyball Coach, Head GBB Coach. B) Community Volunteers – Supt Grow thanked the community members & the City of Clearbrook for coming in and helping to prepare the lawns and the parking lot. 2) Educational – A) May 19th – Baccalaureate was held. B) May 22nd – Kindergarten Graduation at 1:00 p.m. Scholarship Program at 6:00 p.m. C) May 24th – Last day of school. D) May 25th – Graduation at 2:00 p.m. in the big gym. E) Referendum Steering Committee – Has met twice. Their last meeting was held on May 15th. 3) Legislative – A) READ Act – Elementary staff who want to start taking CARIEALL training this summer have been sent the registration link & will work directly with the vendor. B) Session – The session ended on Sunday evening. Once everything is published our educational partners will dissect it & share/inform us what new laws/changes will take place & when we must implement them. 4) Financial – A) Budget 2023–2024 – A revised budget will be presented for approval tonight. B) Property/Liability Insurance – These premiums are projected to increase by approximately \$19,000. This will be discussed later in the meeting. 5) Building/Grounds – A) Bathrooms – We received a second quote of \$169,554. This is approximately \$100,000 less than the last quote. We also received quotes for flooring. B) Cleaner – Service Master is going to come and clean the shops from floor to ceiling. The quote was approximately \$14,000 and will be an LTFM eligible expense. C) Painting – Greg C Anderson Painting, LLC quoted \$9,000 to paint both shops & the stain room.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 11, 2008

MORTGAGOR: Monica Rose Lokken n/k/a Monica Rose OBrien and Stanley OBrien, wife and husband as joint tenants.

MORTGAGEE: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded September 17, 2008 Clearwater County Recorder, Document No. A153319.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated October 16, 2015 Recorded October 26, 2015, as Document No. A166966. And thereafter assigned to: Bayview Dispositions IVA, LLC. Dated December 12, 2018 Recorded March 14, 2019, as Document No. A173695. And thereafter assigned to: Chimera Funding TRS LLC. Dated December 12, 2018 Recorded March 14, 2019, as Document No. A173696. And thereafter assigned to: CIM Trust 2017-2. Dated February 12, 2019 Recorded March 14, 2019, as Document No. A173694. And thereafter assigned to: U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2021-NR4. Dated May 1, 2024 Recorded May 6, 2024, as Document No. A184067.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Citifinancial Services, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 215 Pine Avenue Northwest, Bagley, MN 56621

TAX PARCEL I.D.#: 233060270 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

THE REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN CLEARWATER COUNTY, MINNESOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT TEN (10), BLOCK SIX (6) PLEASANT ADDITION TO BAGLEY.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Clearwater

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$31,923.60

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$23,279.05

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

This will be done after Service Master cleans. The district will purchase the paint.

7.3 Committee Report – None

7.4 Enrollment Report – As of 5/14/24, our enrollment Pre-K through 12th grade was 489. This was a decrease of 20 students from 4/14/24. The Early Learning & ECFE program has ended, and those students are no longer on the report.

8 Consent Calendar – MMS Wishard/Abel to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU.

8.1 Approval of Bills Presented – All Funds Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 72619-726447/Wires

Payroll Checks/Direct Deposit

All Direct Deposit – No

Checks Were Written

May Bills

Voucher Numbers: 71011-71138

Check Numbers: 72645-72723

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$867,362.66

8.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

8.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

8.4 Accept/Approve Donations

8.5 Student Activity Report

9 Old Business - None

10 New Business

10.1 Consider Hiring Bailey Watne as Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Instructor for the 2024-2025 School Year – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. MCU.

10.2 Consider Accepting Resignation of Dennis Bower, Custodian – MMS Wittenberg/Walberg to accept. MCU

Supt Grow and the board thanked Dennis for his time here.

10.3 Consider Re-Hiring Jon Heller as Custodian, Effective 5/1/24 – MMS Walberg/Wittenberg to approve. MCU

10.4 Consider Hiring Brenda Wilcox as Custodian – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. MCU.

10.5 Consider The Non-Renewal of Valerie Wahl – Supt Grow advised that this action is taken due to the hire of a teacher holding the licensure required in the District's Industrial Technology Dept, & therefore, the shifting of a tenured teacher previously in that role. MMS Wittenberg/Wishard to non-renew. Roll Call Vote: Abel – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes.

10.6 Consider Appointing a School Board Member – Supt Grow advised that five applicants applied for the position, but one was ineligible. Supt Grow advised that the selected applicant will finish the term vacated by Jill Nelson. The board will wait 30 days to allow the public the opportunity to petition against the appointment. If the appointee accepts the position, and wants to fulfill the term until 2026, they will need to run during the November 2024 election, as a special election candidate. MMS Wittenberg/Wishard to appoint Ryan Solee. Roll Call Vote: Abel – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU.

Supt Grow & the board thanked all who applied.

10.7 Consider Adding the Position of American Indian Education Coordinator for the start of the 2024-2025 School Year – MMS Abel/Wittenberg to approve. MCU.

10.8 Consider Approving the Revised 2023-2024 School Budget – MMS Abel/Wishard to approve. MCU.

10.9 Consider Approving the Revisions to MSBA Model Policies 506, 507, 507.5, & 514 – MMS Wittenberg/Petterson to approve. MCU.

10.10 Consider Approving the 2024-2025 Resolution for Membership in the MSHSL – MMS Walberg/Wittenberg to approve. Roll Call Vote: Abel – Yes, Petterson – Yes, Walberg – Yes, Wishard – Yes, Wittenberg – Yes. MCU.

10.11 Consider Accepting the Insurance Proposal from Vaaler for the 2024-2025 School Year - MMS Walberg/Petterson to accept. MCU.

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

12 Future Meetings

12.1 Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

14 Adjournment – MMS Walberg/Petterson to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. MCU

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 12, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$109,250.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Gregory G. Lockhart, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 1002571-0000001371-0 LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: MidCountry Bank

SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed October 13, 2016, Clearwater County Recorder, as Document Number A168831

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The SE1/4 of SE1/4, Less the West 750 feet, Section 22, Township 147, Range 38

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 15050 US 2, Bagley, MN 56621

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 17.022.1700

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Clearwater

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$92,467.39

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 20, 2024, 10:00AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, County Courthouse, 213 Main Avenue N., Bagley, MN 56621

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 Months from the

date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on February 20, 2025, or the next business day if February 20, 2025 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Dated: June 21, 2024

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Assignee of Mortgagee LOGS Legal Group LLP Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorneys for Mortgagee 1715 Yankee Doodle Road, Suite 210 Eagan, MN 55121 (952) 831-4060

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What is going on this week.

Summer Fest is coming up June 29 in Clearbrook. There will be the runs, a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Roshambo Tournament. Color Fun Run. And a reminder that the pool is open in Clearbrook.

Breakfast on the Farm will be held on Saturday, July 6 at the Craig Strandlien farm 24020 370th St just north of Shevlin. There will be the pancakes with strawberries and ice cream and sausage patties with buffalo, pork and beef. Delicious.

Gonvick Lions Club met and they are getting ready for the rodeo that will be held July 12 and 13th. They will be having work nights to get the grounds ready for the event. They are planing to have a mechanical bull along with the real bulls for the event this year. Two new members have joined with Sue and David Dalager. They are missing a couple of tables and if you have them please return them as soon as possible. June 26 and 27 are set for clean up nights at the grounds.

County fair season is right around the corner, and what is better than a taste of fair food. Here are the dates for all of the county fairs around our area for you to enjoy:

Polk County Fair (Fertile) is July 10-14, 2024; Pennington County Fair (TRF) is July 17-21; Roseau County Fair (Roseau) will run July 21-26; Marshall County Fair (Warren)



We haven't changed a bit from grade school days. We both attended elementary school in Gonvick. Faye Klongerbo Mackowick stopped by the office to say hello. She used to live in Gonvick in the house that was near the golf course. She came in for a visit with cousin Carole Tharaldson. Thanks



These two guys stopped by for a visit last week. They were on their way from Anacortes, Washington to Massachusetts. Dave Palmer and Grey Ward took off on Friday morning for Thunder Bay, Canada. The day before they had been in Williston, North Dakota. They seem to make good time on their BMW bikes. We have had many people stay with us including, rodeo queen and clowns, foreign exchange students but never bikers. Dave is a friend to our son Steve. If you have pictures that you would like to share send them to richards@gvtel.com

The Gully 100! Committee is again making plans for another fall show. This is part of their fund raising to bring other events to Gully. They hope you will attend and be part of the fun. It will be in October; watch for more details later.

There will be an All-School reunion in Clearbrook June 26-29, 2025. The committee is getting going and having several meetings. There will be a mailing going out from classmates in that year.

Solway Lutheran Church is planning a Carnival in August. They are wanting vendors to come to sell their wares for their 3rd annual bazaar. If you would like to have your items there to sell contact Cindy by June 18 at 218-760-5967.

Joke time Ole asked the guy at the grocery store how much for your eggs.

The grocery store guy said, "90 cents a dozen, whole, and 40 cents for cracked."

Ole replied "Vell, how about cracking me a dozen?"

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.

Check out the Gonvick Library Link Site in the Gonvick Community building on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. Lake Agassiz Regional Library's Instant Digital Card Enables Northwest Minnesota Residents to Read Popular E-books and Audiobooks for Free. No library card? No problem! Residents can instantly sign up for a digital library card through any smartphone or computer or call 218-487-6220.

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 3 to 6 pm.

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.

What is up at Itasca Park

Storytime in Nature Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 11-11:30 a.m.

Meet by the council ring outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (In between Lake Itasca and the picnic shelter)

Kids, do you like to read stories about nature and the outdoors? Join a naturalist volunteer as we enjoy reading stories outside. After the story, have fun making a craft together that you get to take home. NOTES: Adults must accompany children.

Fire and the Great Pine Forests Walk

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Meet on the lawn outside Douglas Lodge

Join us to learn the good, the bad, and the lovely about fires in our natural ecosystems. Fire has a complicated relationship with the environment, and we're going to cover how fire has influenced all our lives. This walk will include part of the Brower Trail, so bring proper footwear and water.

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Itasca’s Butterflies, Walk
Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 1—3 p.m.
Meet at Forest Inn (across from Douglas Lodge)
Discover the wonders of butterflies on this guided walk. View a short slide presentation of the most common butterflies, and then go on a butterfly ID walk. Learn how and where to spot these elegant flyers with local butterfly enthusiasts John and Marlene Weber. This family-friendly hike is in conjunction with the annual North American Butterfly Association (NABA) Butterfly Count Pro-

gram held across the nation.
Mississippi Headwaters Mysteries, Walk
Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 2-2:30 p.m.
Meet under the porch at the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center
Did you ever wonder: why are there two different lengths recorded for the river? How did Lake Itasca get its name? Have those rocks always been there? Does the river ever freeze? Discover the answer to these mysteries about the Mississippi River and Lake Itasca as we walk to the headwaters.
Jr. Naturalist: Geocaching

Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 2:30-3:15 p.m.
Meet at the council ring outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)
Come learn about geocaching as we practice how to correctly use a GPS. Your new-found skill will then be tested by navigating your way through waypoints until you find the final cache. Kids will be able to take home a small prize afterwards.
Jr. Naturalist: Pecking Away at Birding Skills
Friday, June 28, 2024, from 1:30-2:15 p.m.
Meet at the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center

Minnesota has over 240 birds! With so many birds to see, it can be scary to start watching and identifying birds. Join us to learn about different bird families and what makes them unique. There will be a short walk on the nearby trails, so bring proper footwear.
Squirrels and Chipmunks: Walk
Friday, June 28, 2024, from 2:30-3:15 p.m.
Meet outside Douglas Lodge
Join us on this walk as we look for our furry friends in the trees. Along the way we will talk about the squirrels and chipmunks of the park and look for their signs. Come prepared for a short walk on uneven ter-

rain and be ready to learn about these small mammals seen throughout the park.
Yoga in the Park
Saturday, June 29, 2024, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Meet in the picnic grounds by the Lakeside Museum. If raining, held inside the Lakeside Museum
Relax and unwind with Yoga in the Park, catered to all ages and levels of physical fitness! Enjoy nature while benefitting from yoga as the calming view of Lake Itasca and the towering pines overhead center you.
Notes: Participants should bring a mat, blanket, or beach towel and should wear comfortable clothing that allows them to move freely. Led by personal

yoga trainers. All levels welcome.
Loons Under the Moon Campfire
Saturday, June 29, 2024, from 7-7:30 p.m.
Meet at the council ring outside the Lakeside Museum in the picnic grounds (near the picnic shelter)
The common loon is Minnesota’s iconic state bird, and one that is a common treasure in our lakes! Come join us and leave being able to describe loon behaviors, identify them, and find out how they are intertwined within our lives. Come ready with your bug spray & sweatshirts, and ready for an insightful night featuring our loons in Minnesota.

Clearbrook 2023 Drinking Water Report

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Making Safe Drinking Water
Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: two wells that are 185 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian aquifer.
Clearbrook works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Mark Snobl, Water Superintendent, at 218-766-9650 or mark.snobl@ci.clearbrook.mn.us if you have questions about Clearbrook’s drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.
Clearbrook Monitoring Results
This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health’s webpage [Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency’s limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar year.

Definitions
• **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
• **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency
• **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
• **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
• **MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
• **MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants

to control microbial contaminants.
• **N/A (Not applicable):** Does not apply.
• **pCi/l (picocuries per liter):** A measure of radioactivity.
• **ppt (parts per trillion):** One part per trillion is like one drop in one trillion drops of water, or about one drop in an Olympic sized swimming pool. ppt is the same as nanograms per liter (ng/l).
• **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).
• **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).
• **PWSID:** Public water system identification.

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Learn More about Your Drinking Water Sources
Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota’s drinking water, and found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota’s drinking water, and is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land..
Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people’s daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.
- **Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.
- **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:
• How Clearbrook is protecting your drinking water source(s);
• Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
• How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.
Find your source water assessment at [Source Water Assessments](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa>) or call 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lead in Drinking Water
You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.
Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Clearbrook is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control

the plumbing materials used in private buildings.
Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.
1. **Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.
• You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home>
• The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.
2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.
3. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if you young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.
• Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:
[Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/lead.html) ([https://](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/lead.html)

www.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam)
The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.
4. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.
• Read about water treatment units:
[Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html>)
Learn more:
• Visit [Lead in Drinking Water](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html) (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)
• Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/sources.html>).
Help Protect Our Most Precious Resource – Water
You Can Prevent Pollution
Many of our daily activities contribute to the pollution of Minnesota’s surface water and groundwater. You can help protect these drinking water sources by taking the following actions:
• Lawn and property:
• Limit use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers on your

property.
• Keep soil in place with plants, grass, or rocks.
• Cover temporary piles of dirt with a tarp or burlap sack.
• Keep leaves and grass off of streets and sidewalks.
• Maintain any septic systems, private wells, and storage tanks to prevent leaks. Seal any unused wells.
• Out-of-date medications: Never flush unwanted or out-of-date medications down the toilet or sink. Always take them to a waste disposal or prescription medication drop-off site. More information is available at [Managing unwanted medications](https://www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/managing-unwanted-medications) (www.pca.state.mn.us/living-green/managing-unwanted-medications)
• Hazardous materials: Safety store hazardous materials such as paint, batteries, herbicides, pesticides, and pool chemicals. Dispose of them at a proper waste disposal facility or drop-off event. Do not dump down storm drains, sink or onto your land. Learn more at: [Keep hazardous waste out of the garbage](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/featured/keep-hazardous-waste-out-of-the-garbage) (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/featured/keep-hazardous-waste-out-of-the-garbage>).
• Pet waste: Pick up after your pet and put waste in the trash.
• Trash: Seal trash bags and keep litter out of the street.
• Winter ice removal: Chemicals used to break up the ice are called deicers or anti-icers. They can be harmful to the environment, corrosive to driveways and sidewalks and harmful to plants, pets and humans. Always shovel first, and then only apply deicers/anti-icers lightly if needed. Learn more at 10 smart salting tips to protect Minnesota waters (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/featured/10-smart-salting-tips-protect-minnesota-waters>).

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- Keep an eye out for car and motor fluids: Seal or repair any fluid leaks that could run off onto streets and into storm drains. Take used motor oil or other fluids to a neighborhood drop-off site.
- Be a water advocate: Spread the word; get involved. There are many groups and individuals working to protect water across Minnesota.

Home Water Treatment

Overview
Most Minnesotans, whether they drink from a public water supply or a private well, have drinking water that does not need treatment for health protection. Water treatment units are best for improving the physical qualities of water—the taste, color, or odor.
No single treatment process can remove all substances in water. If you decide to install a home water treatment unit, choose a unit certified and labeled to reduce or remove the substance of concern. If there is more than one substance you want to remove from your water, you may need to combine several treatment processes into one system.
Even well-designed treatments systems can fail. You should continue to test your drinking water after you install a treatment unit. All home water treatment units need regular maintenance to work correctly. Regular maintenance may include changing filters, disinfecting the unit, or cleaning scale buildup. Always install, clean, and maintain a treatment unit according to the manufacturer’s recommendations.

Learn more at [Home Water Treatment](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/hometreatment.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/hometreatment.html>).

Beware of Water Treatment Scams

False claims, deceptive sales pitches, or scare tactics have been used by some water treatment companies. Every person has a right to decide what is best for themselves and their family, and you may choose to install additional water treatment to further lower the levels of contaminants of emerging concern, chlorine, and other chemicals in your water. However, you should be cautious about purchasing a water treatment system. If you are considering the purchase of a home water treatment system, please read the Minnesota Department of Health’s recommendations online at [Warning: Beware of Water Treatment Scams](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/beware.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/beware.html>).

The Pros and Cons of Home Water Softening

When considering whether to use a water softener, contact your public water system to find out if you have hard water. Many systems treat for hardness, making water softeners unnecessary.
Water softeners are a water treatment device. They remove water hardness (dissolved calcium and magnesium). Water softeners must be installed and maintained properly to be safe and effective. Learn more at [Home Water Softening](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/softening.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/softening.html>).
The benefits of soft water include:
• Increased efficiency for soaps and detergents.
• Reduction in mineral staining on fixtures and in pipes.
• A potential increase in the lifespan of water heaters.
The drawbacks of soft water include:
• Operation and maintenance costs.
• More sodium. People on low-sodium diets should consult a doctor if they plan to regularly consume softened water.
• The production of salt brine as a byproduct. This can have negative effects at wastewater treatment plants and on ecosystems. Reduce the amount of salt brine used or install a salt-free system.

Water systems have ongoing infrastructure, operations and maintenance costs in supplying safe drinking water, and many are implementing additional efforts to help insure health equity and manageable water bills with:
o Turn the faucet off while brushing teeth.
o Shower instead of bathing to reduce water use.
o Fix running toilets by replacing flapper valves.
o Run full loads of laundry and use a minimal water use setting.
o Our water system partners with others to help consumers with limited resources make payments to their water bills.
o Contact us to learn more.
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