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Winners of the Clearbrook Summerfest 5K run were from left to right: Anika Abel, Brody Arlaud first place and Nolan Eck. Summerfest photo by Lucie Thompson.



Many business places donated bikes, scooters or summer recreation items for the Clearbrook Summerfest that was held last weekend. Shown on the left is Juliann Jourdain and Indy Crane on the right who were lucky bike winners.



Hard workers at the Clearbrook Summerfest activities from left to right were Tiffany Kroulik, Leah Watne and Lucie Thompson. They had the bouncy houses in the old gym as they were worried about rain. The corn hole tournament was moved to G&G. There was also rock painting shown below held in the Legion room at the Community Center.



July 4th activities this weekend

July 4th is upon us again. The summer seems like it has gone too fast.

The City of Trail annual July 4th is once again planned. Events will start at noon with the Jam Session that will run until 4:30 p.m. in the pavilion.

The kiddie parade will be at 1:00 p.m. with street games to follow at 2:00 p.m. There will be food all day and the ping pong drop. Julie Lee and the White Rose Band will be playing for the dance from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. The fireworks won't be until August 31st at dusk.

The Debs July 4th parade with entry line up starts at 9 a.m. Parade will start at 11 a.m. Of course they will go around more than once.

There will be a July 4th celebration at the home of Dan & Darlene Dierkes, 28891 350th St SE, McIntosh, on Thursday, July 4th. At 10:00 am. Ben Ramse will read the grievances against King George III that caused our forefathers to say, "Enough!"

It will be done by 10:15 and you are welcome to stay for coffee and lemonade and conversation. Bring your lawn chairs and if you have questions call 1 320-250-5711 or email darlene1978@gmail.com.

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.

Fosston is going to have a parade on July 6th. It will start at 4:00 p.m. the fireworks can be best displayed at the Fosston Sports Complex or the Magelson Elementary yard.

Bagley will be having their All-School reunion Wednesday 7/3 - 12pm-8pm, Registration Wednesday 7/3 - 10am-6pm Art Show Wednesday 7/3- 3pm-6pm Shevlin School Reunion Wednesday 7/3 -2pm-4pm Bagley Elementary Open House Wednesday 7/3 - 3:30pm-5pm Alumni Band/Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 7/3- 5:00 pm Memorial Service Wednesday 7/3- 5pm-7pm Reunion Picnic (Dance Team Fundraiser) Wednesday 7/3 -7:30 pm Community Play Thursday 7/4 - 9am-8pm Registration Thursday 7/4 - 9am-11am Teachers Morning Tea Thursday 7/4 - 11:00 am Veterans Memorial Service Thursday 7/4 -4:00 pm 9-pin Bowling Tournament Thursday 7/4 - 4-9pm Alumni Karaoke Thursday 7/4 -7:30 pm Community Play Thursday 7/4- Dusk Fireworks Friday 7/5 - 9am-5pm Registration Friday 7/5 - 8am-11am Breakfast Clearwater Lutheran Youth Group Friday 7/5 -8am-10:30am Senior Center Caramel Rolls Friday 7/5 -10am-3pm Zerkel School Friday 7/5 -9am-3pm Golf Tournament Friday 7/5 -10am-6pm Art Show Friday 7/5 -11:30am-12:30pm Alumni Band/Choir Rehearsal Friday 7/5 -1:00pm-3pm Joint Class Party 1940-1955 Friday 7/5 -2:00 pm Fashion Review - \$5 Entry at the door

Friday 7/5 -5:00pm Banquet - featuring Duely Noted Dueling Pianos

Saturday 7/6 - 9am-noon Registration Saturday 7/6-8:00 am Walk/Run Saturday 7/6 -8am-11am Breakfast on the Farm Saturday 7/6 -10am-noon Car Show Saturday 7/6 - Noon Cruisin' Parade Saturday 7/6 - 10am-2pm Art Show Saturday 7/6 -2pm-7pm Class Parties Saturday 7/6 -7:30 pm Community Play Saturday 7/6 -9pm-12:30am Street Dance with the band IV PLAY!! Saturday 7/6 -12am-2am Midnight Breakfast (Dance Team Fundraiser) Sunday 7/7 - Various Worship Services Sunday 7/7 - 12:30pm-3pm Senior Center Floats & Ice Cream Sunday 7/7 - 1pm-3pm Parade Sunday 7/7 -4:00 pm Softball Game or Sand Volleyball Sunday 7/7 -4:00 pm Community Play

The Historical Society to host Shevlin School Reunion

Alumni of the Shevlin School are invited to the History Center in Shevlin to visit their alma mater on Wednesday July 3 between 3:00- 6:00.

Refreshments will be served. For more information call the History Center at 218-785-2000

Bagley Community Theater Presents "Footloose"

The Bagley Community Theater announces its production of "Footloose" on stage at the Bagley High School Auditorium July 3-7th, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings at 7:30 and Sunday at 4:00. There is no performance on Friday, July 5th. This show is a part of the Bagley Community's All-School Reunion celebration during the weekend.

The show is directed by Marilyn Hood and most of the cast members are either alumni or current BHS students. Leading the cast are BHS senior Ayden Hagen as Ren McCormack and alumnus Sloan Merschman as Ariel Moore. Josh Gunderson and Stephanie Anderson play the preacher Shaw and Vi Moore, respectively, and Karen Stish will play Ren's mom, Ethel McCormack.

Andrea (Hood) Neeland leads the band on keyboard and a cast and crew of over thirty area actors, musicians, and choreographers complete the talented company.

All tickets are reserved seating (adults \$15 and students \$10) and they are currently available at Ace Hardware in Bagley. They can also be purchased at the door.



Joann Paulson, Tammy Kortan, Felice Dickey and Julie Paulson with the check from Delta Kappa Gamma.

Clearwater County Food shelf receives check from Delta Kappa Gamma

The Clearwater County Food Shelf received a check of \$392.00 from the MN Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (DRG) Society International. The MN Chapter includes women educators from Bemidji and the surrounding areas. Their mission is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Their mission is "Leading Women educators Impacting Education Worldwide."

Community Calendar

Area town meetings scheduled

Steve Green, Minnesota Senate, District 2 has scheduled town meetings for the area.

July 16th

-Clearbrook City Hall 4pm, 200 Elm St SW, Clearbrook, MN 56634

-Eagles Club in Bemidji 6:30pm, 1270 Neilson Ave SE, Bemidji, MN 56601

July 17

-Baudette Timber Mill Park Pavilion 6:00pm, 1020 Front St NE, Baudette, MN 56623

July 23rd

-Walker Area Community Center 6:30pm, 105 Tower Ave, Walker, MN 56484

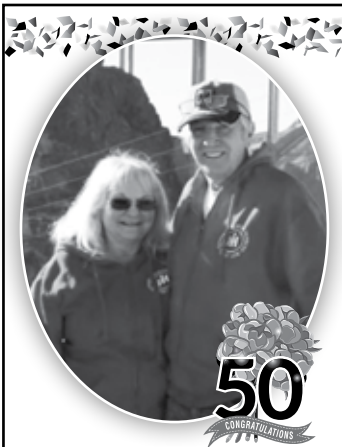
July 24

-Bagley D & R Café 6:30pm, 27 Central St W, Bagley, MN 56621

Capitol Address
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg.
Room 2319
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-297-8063

The Clearwater Trail Blazers to meet

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be meeting on Monday, July 8th at 7:30 P.M. at the clubhouse in Leonard. Welcome one and all snowmobile enthusiasts.



Happy 50th Anniversary
Sheree & Larry Lindgren

FROM PANTRY TO TABLE

By Susan Anderson

One of our favorite salads is Watermelon Salad. It is light, cool and refreshing. In a large bowl, combine the following ingredients:

6 cups of cubed, seedless watermelon
1/2 cup chopped red onion
1/2 cup Feta cheese
1/3 cup chopped mint or basil leaves
In another small



Susan Anderson
More recipes at www.susanspantry.com

bowl, combine 1/4 cup olive oil, 2 Tablespoons Balsamic vinegar and 1/2 Teaspoon Kosher salt.

Drizzle over salad. Serve chilled. Quick and easy for your summer enjoyment!

Until next time, blessings to you and your family.

Home Country

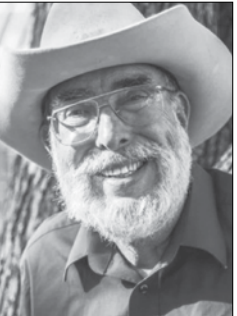
By Slim Randles

Each of us, in our own way, smiles on the Fourth of July. We can't help it. We are the most fortunate citizens of any nation in the world and we know it.

A bunch of us in the valley will be down on the sidewalk watching the parade go by. The bands are nice. The horses are great fun to watch, and the military with their stunning stout vehicles of war are hard to beat. So are we. We're hard to beat, too.

My favorite part of the parade is when the kids walk by, with a small American flag in one hand and the end of a leash in the other. And that leash is attached to a dog. Not a world champion dog. Not even a dog who trees 'coons or points birds.

No, that is the great American kids' dog. Look at each one. The crowd kinda boogers them a little, but they know they're safe because they have that



wonderful American kid safely on the other end of that leash. Those dogs can't speak to us in our language, but we know exactly what they're saying: if it weren't for me, how would this kid ever become a full-fledged caring American adult?

We all must do our share.

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

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.

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:

1/2 Pint 1% White Milk
1/2 Pint 1% Chocolate Milk
1/2 Pint Chocolate Skim Milk
1/2 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

History hours

Clearwater County Historical Society Announces Extended History Center Hours July 2- 7

The History Center in Shevlin will be open these hours during the week of July 2-7

Tuesday July 2- 10:00-4:00
Wednesday July 3- 10:00-6:00

-The Shevlin School Reunion will be held from 3:00-6:00

Thursday July 4 Open 9:00-2:00

Friday July 5- 9:00-6:00

Saturday July 6- 9:00-6:00
- The classes of 1962 & 63 are meeting at the center between 1:30- 5:00

Sunday July 7 open 9:00-Noon

The history center is located along highway 2 in Shevlin, in the former Shevlin School. Admission is free, donations are encouraged.

For more information call the History Center at 218-785-2000

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

BAAC
Faire Art Festival
Find more info at www.bagleyarts.org
Sat. July 13, 2024
9 AM - 3 PM
Sun. July 14, 2024
10 AM - 3 PM
Indoor Art and Artisan Craft Vendor Show
FHL Academy
18633 350th St, Bagley, MN 56621
(Highway 92, South of Bagley)
Featuring Many talented Artist/Artisan Vendors!
OIL AND ACRYLIC PAINTINGS, RESIN ART, POTTERY, JEWELRY, ARTISAN SKIN CARE, MOSAICS, FABRIC ARTS, CANDLES, WOODWORKING, FACE PAINTING, AND MORE!
Live Performances!
JULY 13TH - 14TH
Michael Lyons
Puppeteer, Musician, and Author
SATURDAY, JULY 13TH - 100 PM
Caleigh
Folk/Celtic/Bluegrass Music
Kid's Zone!
CREATE WITH PAPIER-MACHE
PHOTO BOOTH - TAKE A SELFIE WITH PUPPETS!
Ice Cream Social with NELL
Saturday, 7/13
11 AM - 2:30 PM
Sunday, 7/14
Noon - 2:30 PM
SAT. JULY 13TH
9 AM - 11 AM
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
JUNIORS WILL BE SELLING BREAKFAST ITEMS
CHOOSE OF SAUSAGE, SCOTCH AND SHIRAZ OR SAUSAGE/CHEESE ASSORT

STORY TO SHARE!

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

Church News

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
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.

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMC, Gonvick
Pastor Will Anderson
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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Michael Wright
Good Shepherd
Thursday, July 4th & Friday, July 5th - the Church office will be closed
Sun., July 7: 9:00am Worship with Pastor Michael Wright; 10:00am Coffee Hour
Our Savior's
Sun., July 7: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship with Pastor Michael Wright

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Gonvick Site:

226 Elm St.

Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center Hours: (Use entrance on Oak St.)

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Fridays, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturdays, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Create It! Art Studios:
New class for July: "Adventures in Batik with Becky", 12:30-3:00 PM; Mondays, July 8, 15, 22, & 29. Special studio membership includes all four classes with instruction and supplies, \$50.00. Register online at www.clearwaterslife.org/art-experiences. Limited to 10 participants.

Clearbrook Site:

256 2nd Ave., SW

Shop-at-the-Top:
Hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Every Tuesday is Senior Discount Day, 25% off store-wide for 65 and older

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Celebrate Recovery encourages fellowship, provides hope, and celebrates God's healing power in lives as we work our way along the road to recovery. Every Thursday at 6:30 PM

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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., July 7 Services noon with Pastr Kindem. Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeffrey Merseth is On Leave
Rev. Carl Busse
Rev. Gene Lilienthal
Sat, July 6: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, July 7: St. Petri: 8:00 a.m. Oak Park: 9:45 a.m. Worship. Nazareth: 11 a.m. Worship.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley,
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, July 7: 9 a.m. Lund 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

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.

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

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

Bear Creek - Total 3
25/24 07:58:25 Alarm
06/25/24 18:16:16 911 Hang Up
06/27/24 09:16:55 Lost/Found
Property - Handled By Officer
City of Bagley - Total 7
06/23/24 10:14:35 Welfare Check
06/23/24 23:31:51 Traffic Stop
06/25/24 17:41:27 TEST
06/26/24 08:06:47 Medical -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/26/24 15:20:50 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/27/24 19:17:47 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/28/24 19:08:12 Traffic Stop
City of Clearbrook - Total 3
06/26/24 11:10:19 Harassment
06/26/24 21:48:12 Fire - Handled
By Officer / Deputy
06/27/24 17:49:08 Medical -
Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Gonvick - Total 1
06/23/24 15:47:22 Missing/Lost
Person - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Leonard - Total 1
06/24/24 18:12:06 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy

Starting on Sunday, June 30th (weather permitting), the Clearbrook-Gonvick school district parking lots and drive-ways will be undergoing maintenance. This maintenance includes cleaning, crack sealing, patching, seal coating, and painting. The maintenance will start in the North parking lot and move to the South parking lot, taking most of the week to complete...again weather permitting.

We kindly ask that you not drive around posted cones, or drive on the sidewalks and trail, or through the grass. Once complete and safe to drive on, the school will send communication out. The district is looking forward to the new look of our parking lots and we hope that you do too!

Thanks for your cooperation.

City of Shevlin - Total 2
06/26/24 03:05:07 Traffic Stop
06/29/24 19:49:09 Medical -
Handled By Officer / Deputy

Copley- Total 7
06/25/24 01:56:32 Traffic Stop
06/26/24 06:25:54 Traffic Stop
06/27/24 09:29:39 Information
06/28/24 12:34:00 Welfare Check
- Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/29/24 01:52:47 Traffic Stop
06/29/24 14:40:56 Civil Complaint

I - Information

Dudley - Total 3
06/25/24 11:06:40 Juvenile Misc
06/26/24 15:57:47 Information
06/26/24 17:16:46 Suspicious
Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy

Eddy - Total 2
06/25/24 08:51:03 Alarm
06/26/24 19:22:15 Traffic Stop

Falk - Total 3
06/26/24 00:12:37 Traffic Stop
06/28/24 18:50:56 Traffic Stop
06/29/24 05:36:38 Assist Other
Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy

Itasca - Total 2
06/24/24 15:27:33 Vehicle Lock
Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/27/24 02:54:29 Information

Itasca State Park - Total 4
06/24/24 12:10:31 Information
06/24/24 14:08:30 ASSIST
06/27/24 22:20:55 Traffic Stop
06/29/24 18:50:53 Traffic
Complain- Handled By Officer
06/23/24 21:10:21 911 Hang Up
06/25/24 10:18:51 Medical 45 -
Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
06/29/24 16:03:14 911 Hang Up
06/29/24 17:55:43 911 Hang Up

LaPrairie - Total 1
06/25/24 01:35:25 Transport

LaPrairie North - Total 3
06/28/24 14:07:43 Disturbance
06/28/24 23:28:48 Welfare Check
06/29/24 23:04:25 Information

Leon - Total 4
06/27/24 08:33:14 Traffic Stop
06/28/24 21:05:56 Traffic
Complaint - Handled By Officer
06/29/24 00:31:25 Traffic Stop
06/29/24 00:53:16 Traffic Stop

Minerva - Total 2
06/25/24 13:49:11 911 Hang Up
06/27/24 12:42:44 Information

Moose Creek - Total 1
06/27/24 23:16:46 Boat and
Water - Handled By Officer / Deputy

Nora - Total 3
06/23/24 06:52:17 Traffic Stop
06/23/24 07:00:05 Traffic Stop
06/29/24 21:34:01 Information

Pine Lake - Total 4
06/23/24 11:18:17 TEST
06/23/24 17:51:28 Motor Vehicle
Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
06/26/24 05:40:16 Traffic Stop

06/27/24 13:19:35 Alarm
Popple - Total 2
 06/24/24 00:08:09 Traffic Stop
 06/29/24 16:41:45 911 Hang Up
Rice - Total 5
 06/23/24 03:31:36 Domestic
 06/23/24 15:16:41 Welfare Check
 06/27/24 06:48:31 Traffic Stop
 06/28/24 19:30:58 Traffic Stop
 06/29/24 09:22:51 Civil Complaint
Shevlin - Total 7
 06/23/24 10:46:26 TEST
 06/24/24 08:53:07 Court Order
 Violation - Handled By Officer / Deputy
 06/26/24 05:08:52 Motorist Assist
 - Handled By Officer / Deputy
 06/27/24 17:23:26 Suspicious
 Activity O - Handled By Officer
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Few summertime holidays elicit as much excitement as the Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day in the United States. Each year, family, friends and revelers anticipate the arrival of the holiday so they can host barbecues, enjoy the sun, listen to their favorite summertime tunes, and commemorate the freedoms afforded by the monumental events that led to the holiday's establishment.

Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1941, but July 4th has stood as the birth of American independence for much longer. July 4th marks a pivotal moment in the American Revolution. According to PBS, the colonies were forced

to pay taxes to England's King George III despite having no representation in the British Parliament. "Taxation without representation" became a battle cry and was one of several grievances colonists had with Great Britain.

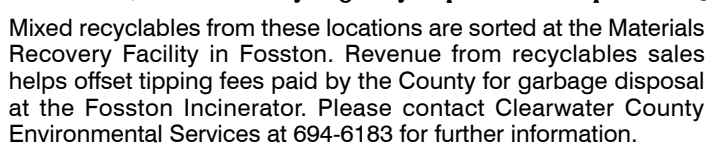
Conflict between the colonies had been going on for at least a year before the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in June of 1776, says Military.com. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence from England. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence is an historic document

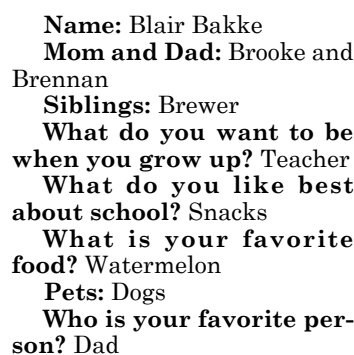
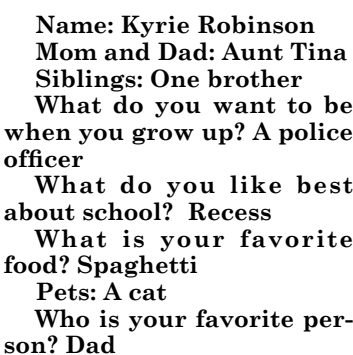
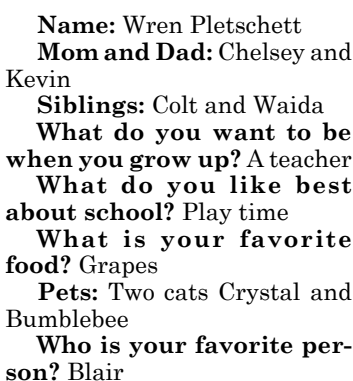
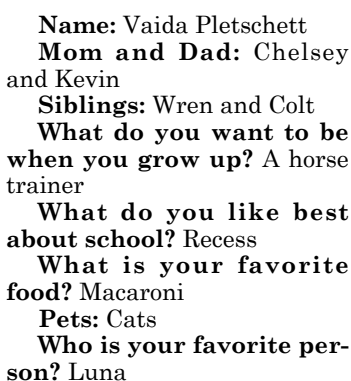
drafted by Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was considered the strongest and most eloquent writer of the declaration writing committee charged with putting the colonies' sentiments into words. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia was one of the first people to present a resolution for American independence, and his commentary was the impetus for the formal Declaration of Independence. A total of 86 changes were made to Jefferson's original draft until the final version was adopted. The signing of the document helped to solidify independence, and eventually lead to the formation of the United States of America. A total of 56 delegates signed the document. Although John

Hancock's signature is the largest, it did not hold more weight than the other signatures. Rather, rumor has it, Hancock signed it so large so that the "fat, old King could read it without his spectacles." However, the National Archives says it was also customary that, since Hancock was the president of the Continental Congress, he be the first person to sign the document centered below the text.

The Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence on July 6, 1776. The first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square on July 8, 1776.



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



Marine Unit supervisor. "Anyone who makes the choice to boat under the influence puts at risk the safety of everyone else on the water."

In Minnesota, which has particularly strong BWI laws, anyone convicted of drinking and driving – whether they're operating a boat, motor vehicle, or recreational vehicle – loses their privilege to operate any of them.

In addition to staying "dry" while on the water by avoiding drugs and alcohol, the DNR urges anyone who's on a boat to wear a life jacket. Oftentimes, boating accidents turn into fatalities because the people who fell overboard weren't wearing a life jacket.

Some of the state's waterways – rivers, in particular – have extremely high water as a result of recent rainfall. Boaters, paddlers, and others should stay off them until the water recedes. For more information on Operation Dry Water and boating safety, visit the Operation Dry Water website (operationdrywater.org) and the boating safety webpage of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/boatingsafety).

Operation Dry Water activi-

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We here at the Clearwater County Veteran Service Office have some big news to get out to the community. We have been working and partnering with the VA to get more resources for Veterans in our community. Two exciting things have happened. First, the Fargo VA Vet Center comes to Bagley twice a month to provide mental health counseling to Veterans. This is on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month and starts at 10AM in the County Commissioners room in the Courthouse. They provide a wide range of mental health help and resources to our counties Veterans. If you have interest or have someone that may benefit from this, please



reach out to the Clearwater County Veteran Service Office. The second thing to happen, starting July 5th the Fargo Vet Center will be bringing its mobile Vet Center right here to Bagley. For the next three months, they will bring this vehicle here the first Friday of every month from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. We encourage all Veterans, regardless of who they are, to stop by and make yourself known to these folks. They are a great group of folks! When you meet them tell them you want the Vet Center to stay! Stop into this mobile Vet Center and you can learn more about the world of the VA and what the VA can do for you!

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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Ruby's Pantry Summer Anniversary celebration on Wednesday, July 3 before the distribution from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Country Faith Church, Clearbrook. Parking lot attendants will be on hand to direct traffic. Hot dogs, brats, chips, drinks and ice cream treats.

Drive In in Clearbrook is planning to be open Thursday July 4th from 11 am to 6 pm. Then they will have other hours from 11 am to 8:30 pm the rest of the time. They will be having daily specials. You can call 218-776-3735.

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. Serving 8 to 11 am.

A reminder that Highway 223 construction 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.

The County Mouse and the City Mouse a mini play featuring Climb Theater will be at the Gonvick Link Site, the Community Center on Tuesday, July 9 at 2:00 pm. It is offered free of charge and you are urged to attend.

Tall Tales is going to take the summer off. Travis Peterson has been busy writing some interesting articles every week in the Canary section of the paper. He needs to do some summer activities while it is still summer. Thank you.

Keep the date open for the Gonvick Lions Rodeo is set for July 12 and 13. Evening rodeos, parade and other activities.

The Faire Art Festival will be held in Bagley July 13 from 9 to 3 and July 14 from 10 to 3. Artist and Artisan vendors, Kid's None. Ice cream Social and food truck with Black Hat BBQ. Live performance by Michael Lyons a puppeteer both days and Caleigh a Folk and Bluegrass music band on Saturday at 1:00.

The Gully 100! Committee,

together with the Gully Community will again be presenting a fall show. The date has been set for October 5th.

The committee would like to thank the show participants and the community members who have attended the shows for supporting this fund raising effort for a number of years.

Watch for more details later this summer.

County fair season. 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) runs July 24-28; Clearwater County Fair (Bagley) will be held July 31-August 4.

Next Auction coming up August 21 at the Gully Center Mall, Main Street in Gully. Call Jeff 218-766-3180 for questions. The next one will be August 21.

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.

Solvay 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

A Minnesota family discovered a nest of skunks under their house. After several attempts to get rid of them had failed. They then decided to ask some Norwegians down the street to bring some lute-fish to put under the house. The skunks left but their next problem was to get rid of the Norwegians.

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.

Bicycles and scooters given away at Clearbrook Summerfest



Lyla Kruse and Anika Abel.



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Program events at Itasca State Park

Itasca State Park Nature Program Update for July

For more information, contact Connie Cox, Interpretive Naturalist, Itasca State Park, 36750 Main Park Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470

Voice: (218) 699-7259
Outdoor Kids

• Wednesday, July 3, 2024, from 2-3:30 p.m. — Leaf Rubbings
• Saturday, July 6, 2024, from 2-3:30 p.m. — Fish Tales
• Wednesday, July 10, 2024, from 2-3:30 p.m. — Let's Get Loonie

• Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 2-3:30 p.m. — Dazzling Dragonflies

Meet by the Swim Beach/Playground (at the south end of the picnic grounds on Lake Itasca)

Kids of all ages come out and connect with nature through hands-on activities that focus on life around the lake. Stop by for a few moments and have fun discovering Itasca while hanging out at the swimming beach and playground area. Come-and-go at your leisure.

Old Timer's Cabin and the Civilian Conservation Corps

• Thursday, July 4, 2024, from 12:30-2 p.m.
• Sunday, July 7, 2024, from 12:30-2 p.m.
• Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 1-2:30 p.m.

• Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 11-12:30 p.m.

Held at the Old Timer's Cabin, located along the boardwalk of Dr. Roberts Trail, below Douglas Lodge

Only 4 (massive) logs tall, learn more about this Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) constructed building as well as what life was like in the CCC. Feel free to stop by at your leisure. Come-and-go at your leisure.

Jr. Naturalist: GPS Navigation Investigation

Thursday, July 4, 2024, from 2-2:45 p.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center

Many people would think the age of hunting for hidden treasure is long gone, but in an age where anyone can access some sort of navigational tool, the real hunts are only beginning. We will use the basics of GPS mapping and use our skills to go on a short adventure to find some clues and find our treasure. Bring some water and your sense of adventure to this program!

Morning Nature Walk

Friday, July 5, 2024, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Meet outside Forest Inn (across from Douglas Lodge)

Enjoy the benefits of nature on this morning walk. Explore what's blooming and living along the trail as well as learning some health benefits of na-

ture walking. Walk distance is around one mile and remember your bug repellant.

Jr. Naturalists: Moths and Butterflies

Friday, July 5, 2024, from 2-2:45 p.m.

Meet by the Swim Beach/Playground (at the south end of the picnic grounds on Lake Itasca)

Tiny but mighty, Minnesota's moths and butterflies seem to be everywhere in the summertime! Kids of all ages, come join us for an afternoon of learning about these little critters, and leave with both new knowledge and a craft to take home. Be sure to bring your bug spray, sunscreen, water bottles, and be ready to have fun.

NOTES: Adults must accompany children. Consider bringing a picnic lunch and enjoying a meal at the picnic grounds after the program.

Tree ID Walk

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Meet under the porch at the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center

Interested in learning about the trees of Itasca State Park? Join us for a walk as we discover the different kinds of trees and how to identify them.

Storytime in Nature

Wednesday, July 10, 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.

July 1-30, Itasca's Evening Under the Pines Series

Itasca's Evening Under the Pines: Caleigh

Sunday, July 7, 2024, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Meet at the Lake Itasca Amphitheater in the picnic grounds (in-between the swimming beach and the picnic shelter) If raining, meet at Forest Inn.

Caleigh is a Minnesota band whose sound is earthy and eclectic. The three female musicians present a fusion of world folk, Celtic, bluegrass, American Old-Time and original compositions. Caleigh has shared their twenty nine-year musical journey with audiences throughout Minnesota and fans worldwide via the Internet.

Take Me Fishing Tuesday

• Tuesday, July 9, 2024, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Meet at the Lake Ozawindib Pier, on Lake Ozawindib

Itasca Park...

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Wednesday, July 3, 2024



Famous quote by The Good Samaritan, "True kindness knows no boundaries."

The Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Clearbrook is gone. Like, gone-gone. Standing empty some six years, it has been hauled off in pieces. Flattened land meant for something new to be built awaits expectantly. I had an uncle there when it was closing. He had to be moved further away to another facility. Meaning fewer visits from his family and longtime friends in Clearbrook, his hometown.

Janet Knutson, a quietly gifted writer living in Gully, worked the night shift at "Good Sam" for twenty years. She loved her work very much. She

told me the night shift provided quiet time for conversations with residents who were experiencing insomnia. Those dark of night conversations with the folks she cared for linger lovingly in her heart. Janet, and many others I am sure, still experience grief over the closing of this HOME for loved ones who needed safe, reliable, comforting care in their final years. A place not far from their families. Where staff are known local people, friends, family even.

Clearbrook, and its surrounding community, now prepare to witness a new future for the land once blessed to offer a firm foundation for the Good Samaritan Home. Let us look back and acknowledge through Janet's meaningful poem here, how truly blessed our elderly loved ones were

GOOD SAMARITON, THEN AND NOW.

Built of brick, and stone, and pretty glass;
Well kept grounds, of trees and grass;
Flowers tended, to brighten days,
Memories of yesterdays.

This is progress, so I'm told.
This was once a home for the old.
Many people came through this place.
What I see now, is empty space.

To most who worked here,
Not, just a job, they held it very dear;
But a "mission" to love and care,
For many had friends, and loved ones there.

I'm old enough, to remember- to see,
Faces, before and after me.
Many came through here,
Living, and working many a year.

When age or mishap, took their toll.
It was a sheltered harbor, for many a soul.
That ship has sailed; it's history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.

By Janet Knutson. June 2024

for the many years "Good Sam" offered them shelter and true kindness.
Ann Marie Newman©2024



The Good Samaritan blurs into what once was...

Farewell Service and Social: Pastor Joel Smeby to depart Rodnes Church

With a mix of gratitude and sadness, the congregation of Rodnes Lutheran Church prepares to bid farewell to their beloved Pastor, Joel Smeby, who will be leaving next month after years of dedicated service.

Pastor Joel's announcement made during June 23rd's Sunday service brought forth a wave of emotions among parishioners who have come to cherish his leadership, compassion, and unwavering faith. His tenure has been marked by profound spiritual growth and community outreach initiatives that have left an enduring impres-

sion on the lives of many. The congregation reflects on the profound impact he has had and the legacy he leaves behind, expressing both gratitude for his leadership and sadness at his leaving. "Pastor Joel has been a guiding light for us", remarked longtime members of the congregation. "His teachings and presence will be deeply missed."

Plans are underway to ensure a smooth transition and to continue building upon the foundation of faith and service that Pastor Joel has helped to establish. As we prepare to say our goodbyes to Pastor Joel, we

are holding a Farewell Service and Social on July 21st. Service will begin at 10:00 am with ice cream and sandwich social to follow. We ask the community to flood Rodnes with their presence in appreciation of Pastor Joel's dedicated time to our congregation and communities.

The congregants of Rodnes hope that his journey ahead will be filled with continued blessings and opportunities to touch lives as profoundly as he has touched ours. May God continue to guide and bless Pastor Joel and his wife, Cynthia as they embark on their new adventure.

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 commence-

ment of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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: July 31, 2024 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 213 North Main Avenue, Bagley, MN to pay the debt then 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 six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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 January 31, 2025, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: May 29, 2024

U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, as Trustee
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R12-17C

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: Wednesday, July 3, 2024

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 Mortgage
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

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

R15-20C

Last week, First Care Medical Services Board Chair Bob Overmoe was informed that Callen Weispfennig, Essentia Health Fosston Administrator since April 2022, will no longer be employed by Essentia Health effective June 28, 2024. The details behind this decision were not disclosed. Essentia has communicated that plans for appointing an interim administrator are in progress. When contacted for comment, Weispfennig responded, "Unfortunately, I cannot provide a statement at the moment."

Weispfennig's Contributions to Essentia Health Fosston

During his tenure, Weispfennig has made a significant positive impact on Essentia Health Fosston. Over the past two years, he and his family have become deeply integrated and highly visible within the community.

Weispfennig actively participates in various local orga-

nizations, including the Fosston Economic Development Authority, Prairie Pines Childcare Center, Rotary Club, First Care Foundation, and the Alumna Board in Crookston. He also serves as a board member for Minnesota's Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Under his leadership, Essentia Health Fosston has seen improved performance indicators and stability on the medical campus. Employee engagement and feedback regarding Weispfennig's leadership have been notably positive. His dedication to the Community Engagement Committee (CEC) has strengthened support for local schools and organizations through both financial contributions and volunteer efforts.

First Care Task Force Reaction

Weispfennig has been a key figure in the efforts to restart obstetric (OB) services in the

The 123rd annual Polk County Fair July

Beginning on Wednesday, July 10th and continuing through Sunday, July 14th, the 123rd Annual Polk County Fair will be in full swing at the Fertile Fair Grounds.

The Polk County Fair has been entertaining families for over 120 years and this year will be no different. There are so many exciting events taking place at the fair this year.

On Wednesday, July 10th the fair kicks off with the Midway opening at 5:00 pm. There will be Open Class Judging of Agriculture and flowers happening at 7:00 pm along with the start of the PRCA Rodeo.

The ever-popular Chocolate contest will be judged at 7:00 pm as well with entries due to the Hanson Free Stage by 6:30 pm. There will be 2 classes of entries, adult chocolate dessert contest and kids cookie/cake/bar contest. For more information and contest rules please visit www.polkcountytfairfertillemn.com or call Zina at 612-710-1558.

There will be All-Star karaoke at the Hanson Memorial Free Stage from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm that is free for all ages.

Thursday, July 11th starts with Open Class judging at 9:00 am. There will be 4-H Demonstrations and Performing Arts on the Hanson Memorial Free Stage from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Midway opens at 4:00 pm and the PRCA Rodeo is at 7:00 pm.

The Polk County Fair Talent Contest will have singers, musicians, comedians, and entertainers of every age and their talents will be on stage at 7:00 pm on the Hanson Memorial Free Stage. There will be pre-teen, teen and adult divisions.

Friday, July 12th is Senior Citizens Day at the Fair! The Midway opens at 1:00 pm with a Kid's Pedal Pull at 4:15 pm and at 6:30 pm Baja Racing will be taking place.

Hypnotist Randy Bukar has a new show every time he takes the stage. Stop over at the Hanson Free Stage on Friday, July 12th at 2:00 pm and 5:30 pm and experience the power of suggestion. Ther Mixed Nuts a comedy and children's show will take place on the Free Stage at 1:00 pm and again at 3:00 pm. At 4:00 pm the Free Stage will have the F-M Accordion Band and the music will continue at 7:00 pm with the Woodpicks playing Bluegrass music.

On Saturday, July 13th the day will start with a 5K walk/run at 9:00 am. Registration: 8:00 - 8:45 am on the fairgrounds near the Hanson Free Stage.

The Midway will open at noon along with the ever-popular Dock Dogs National Sportsmen's Series registration and practice time taking place.

On the Hanson Memorial Free Stage, the day will start with dancing by The Lord's Army at 11:30 am and continuing with Just for Kix dancers at 12:15 pm. At 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm a family comedy show, George of the Juggle will entertain and the Dollypops, A Children's Music Show will perform at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. At 5:00 pm A cappella music by the Overtones and at 7:00 pm, Country Western band, Radio Stars will perform.

There will be a Kiddie Livestock Show at 1:00 pm. There is no entry fee and is open to youth who want to show a baby lamb, calf, goat or a pig on a leash. Exhibitors only need to bring their animals to the fair on Saturday. They may wash and prepare their animal at the fairgrounds. Open to youth kindergarten and younger. Please call Patricia Erickson 218-289-0908 or Al Grunhvd at 218-556-0259 as all entries must be pre-registered by Thursday, July 11th.

Bingo at 2:00 pm at the Grandstand with \$1,000 in cash prizes. Advance tickets are sold throughout select Fertile businesses.

There will be several Dock Dogs events throughout the day times on Saturday are 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, and 4:30 pm.

State Championship Baja Rac-

area since 2022.

Initially, he was the primary representative of Essentia Health in this endeavor and a strong advocate for the re-establishment of local OB services. As the project progressed, executives from Detroit Lakes and Fargo took on more prominent roles, though Weispfennig remained committed to rural healthcare, local staff, and community support.

First Care Task Force Chairman Bob Overmoe expressed his appreciation for Weispfennig's efforts on behalf of the community. "Callen is unwavering in his advocacy for restarting OB services in Fosston. Our community has, and will, greatly benefit from his integrity, dedication and leadership."

Weispfennig and his family, who reside locally and have two children attending Fosston public schools, have expressed a desire to remain in the area.

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

Accepting:

- ✗ Demolition Debris
- ✗ Waste Tires
- ✗ Major Appliances
- ✗ Scrap Metal
- ✗ Yard Waste
- ✗ Furniture
- ✗ Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items

NO regular household trash

Hours:	Tuesday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	Thursday	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATED 1.5 miles NE of Bagley on County Road 24

For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us

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Youngest runners at the Clearbrook Summerfest.



Three bouncy houses for the Clearbrook Summerfest.



Kyson Dombkowski, Jacob Kumpula and Jackson Cardinal were bike winners.



Waiting their turn to go down in the slide for the bouncy house.



Great turnout for Bingo at the Clearbrook summerfest.



Runners in the Clearbrook Summerfest race. Summerfest photos by Lucie Thompson.