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Gonvick Pumpkin Day winners from left to right: Lori Bergh, Tucker Johnson, Jack Nordlund, Zach Buss, Kaylin Olson, Charles Bergh, Katie Haaven, Barb Bergh, Ray Norman, JJ Solberg and Wade and Kelly Klema. Not pictured Bobby Edevold.

1,941 pounds was the largest pumpkin in Gonvick Saturday

The 31 annual pumpkin Day was held in Gonvick last Saturday with a variety of events that were scheduled from morning to the fireworks held at dusk.

Pumpkins winners were given money for their entries. First place $1,000, 2nd place $500, 3rd place $250, 4th place $150 and 5th through 10th place $100 each. The Best of Show was $100. That was given to Zach Buss who had the most beautiful looking one of them all.

The largest pumpkin was with Wade Klema and JJ Solberg from Gonvick at 1,941 pounds. That was down from the 2,242 giant that they raised last year. Second place was Tucker Johnson, Clearbrook, at 1006.5. His personal best in the 30 years that he has been in the contest was 1,341. Third place was Bobby Edevold, Gonvick, at 971. His personal best has been 1,210. This year his plot was attacked by a bear. Fourth place was Charles Bergh, Milaca, at 769.5 slightly down from his 793 best. Fifth place was Jack Nordlund at 756. Sixth place was Zach Buss, Bemidji at 753. Seventh place was Ray Norman with 724 pounds. His personal has been 880. Ninth place went to Wayne and Lori Berg, east of Gonvick, at 599.5. Tenth place was Katie Haaven whose pumpkin had to travel eight hours from her home in Iowa. That weighed 476 pounds and her personal best has been 549.



"Gub" Bergman had the very largest pumpkin but by the end of the night it had deflated to a large orange blob on his grass.



Several motorcycles were on display at the Gonvick Pumpkin and Car Show day last Saturday.



Registering the 98 cars that took part in the Gonvick Pumpkin and Car show day were Gonvick City Clerk Stacy Halvorson and Devin Aakre



Larry Djernes, on the right, from the American Legion Post 256 in Clearbrook presenting the check to Harlan Olson from the Legion Riders from Middle River

There were some that did not make the top ten.

Jarica Carroll, first time grower, used a Klema-Solberg seed and started it in August and entered a 448.5 beauty. Brenton Berg had a 321 pound one. Another first time grower Isaack Burrack from north of Gully had a 261 pound. First time grower Darcy Hagen, Clearbrook, entered a 103.5 pounder. Dan and Dianna Lichtenwalner, who just moved to Gonvick, entered their first time pumpkin at 87 pounds.

Many other events include: The Tug of War between Clearbrook and Gonvick Fire Departments. Gonvick won for the second time and the $500.00 There were over 46 bicycles given away that were donated by area business places and people. Clearwater-Polk Electric was there to take people up in their bucket to view the many events going on. There was a fun run/walk. Pumpkin Decorating contest. Crafts and vendors on the streets. Clayton Johnson's chicken won the chicken race. Mrs. Olson's Lefse sponsored a bake off with many different tasty treats. They also were selling pumpkin lefse. The young tractor pull contest was held on the vacant lot near the bank. Wake Klema, the largest pumpkin grower in the area, celebrated his 61 birthday with a party at the Trap in Gonvick on Friday night. Samhold Lutheran Church had a breakfast in the morning. Clear Waters Life Center had rolls and coffee in the morning and they served sandwiches and soup in the afternoon. They also had a pumpkin painting contest. There was a caricature artist. A movie night was held and there was beautiful fire works at dusk. Midnight breakfast at Kandi's to top off the night.

That all happened last week and there are plans for another one next year, the last Saturday in September.

Youth Pumpkin winners 2024 at Gonvick

Twelve entries in the youth competition at the Gonvick 31 annual Pumpkin Days that were held.

1st - Leo Nordlund 610; 2nd Peyton Norman 563; 3rd Zaden Buss 498; 4th Caden & Chloe Olson 495; 5th Wayne & Lori Bergh grandkids 375; 6th Madisyn Horn 217; 7th Theo Horn 156; 8th Maverick Fiedler 138; 9th Joseph Horn 137; 10th Kenzie Danielson 98; 11th Jaxon Thoreson 64; 12th Freya Bergman 47.

Military Vehicles will stop in the area

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association will be passing through the area this week. They will have a stop in **Gully at Cornerstone Farm Service o**n Wednesday, October 2 at about 10:30 a.m. They will travel on to Bagley, at approximately 12 noon on Wednesday October 2, in the parking lot behind the **American Legion Post 16 - Bagley.** The 65+ volunteer members of the convoy will enjoy a lunch served by the American Legion Family. The vehicles will be on display to the public for approximately 1 - 1 1/2 hrs. This convoy is part of the MVPS-HA Jefferson Highway 2024 Convoy. This transcontinental convoy is going from October 1 - October 31 and will retrace the historic 1918 Jefferson Highway Route from the Minnesota border to New Orleans, LA in 30 days traveling 2500 miles.

After the stop in Bagley, the convoy will continue on to The Headwaters of the Mississippi where they will stay overnight before continuing south. There are 35 historic vehicles from various wars and time periods. They will travel approximately 80 miles per day at 30 - 35 miles per hour. For more information on the route and history of the convoy go to www.mvpa.org or hq2mvpa.org.

The MVPA is a registered U.S non-profit 501(c)3. Donations can be made to: "MVPA Historical Archives, Convoy Donation" MVPA, PO Box 520378, Independence MO 64055. There will be a place to donate at the Bagley stop.

Fay Dickey special speaker

By Pamela French

Area resident Fay Dickey, age 88, was the guest speaker and "surprise singer" for Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) on September 26th. Over 50 guests were on hand to hear Fay surprise the crowd by singing 4 beautiful songs and listen to her share her presentation "Refugee from Czech to American - Part 2 Life in America". Dickey shared life in Florida to Ohio - living in a 15 room 3-story home, to a 5-room one story home/farm in rural Northern Minnesota.

The family was looking for land to buy, that was affordable, not necessarily to move to. With a realtor they started in Duluth MN and drove many miles across a few states looking at acreage in many places, yet there was something about the little dairy farm they passed in Leonard MN.

Dickey shared how she created/managed the farm she wanted, created and taught a four year German program at Clearbrook High School, taught music, and raised her two daughters. Dickey quipped that she and her husband worked full-time to "support the cows". The unique part of Dickey's amazing story in part II was her singing opera to her cows. Dickey was after-all a retired-professional opera singer.



Dickey shared a video with attendees of when her farm was featured on a national television program "On the Road with Jason Davis". The fun show featured unique places and jobs. Fay can be seen (and heard) working every day with her

Fay Dickey....
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No more serious, solemn faces for these church women. They have been transformed! They are now all about fun! Join the merriment in Gully at the Community Center for a Radio Show of the Gully Church Ladies on October 5, at 7:15 p.m.



September 21st 2024 the Legion Riders from Middle River visited the Clearbrook Veteran's Memorial as part of a fundraising ride. The riders visited many veteran's memorials in Northern Minnesota including local memorials in Clearbrook and Bagley. Larry Djernes, from the American Legion Post 256, presented a donation in support of the Legion Riders fundraising efforts. The riders were greeted by numerous members of the Legion and Auxilary from Clearbrook Post 256.

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Community Calendar

Upcoming meeting at St. Charles Cemetery

St. Charles Cemetery of rural Trail, MN on Saturday, October 5,2024 at 10:00 am.

They will discuss the disposal of the church contents.

Fay Dickey....

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cows, singing to them all the while. The show also reported the average milk yield per cow on standard dairy farms vs the milk yield on her farm. Yes, the yield per cow was significantly higher! Dickey ended the formal part of the program singing God Bless America with the guests joining in. It was a fun entertaining program enjoyed by everyone.

The NELL program for Wednesday October 9th will be Tim Eggebraaten "Off-Duty Chief" - a highly sought after Speaker/Entertainer/Author.

Be prepared to be energized and entertained as the "Off Duty Chief" shares strategies and tactics for walking your best.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Oct. 2 - Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Roll, Brownie and Milk.

Thurs. Oct. 3 - Lasagna Casserole, Italian Veg. Blend, Whole Kernel Corn, Bread and Milk.

Fri. Oct 4- Lemon Pepper Fish, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, County Blend Veg., Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie and Milk.

Mon. Oct. 7 - Fried Chicken, Cream Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Sugar Cookie and Milk.

Tues. Oct. 8 - Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Chateau Veg. Blend, Hot Spiced Apples, Roll, Brownie and Milk.

Wed. Oct. 9 - Pork Roast, Gravy, Yams, Green Beans, Roll, Snickerdoodle Cookie and Milk.

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Border Bank in Clearbrook held a Community Appreciation Grab 'N Go last week. They served a bag lunch as a thank you to the community. Jo Voxland presented a bag to Susan Sandland.

WOW!

Thanks to all who came to help me celebrate my 90th birthday! Thanks for all the cards and gifts!

Best Birthday EVER!

Special Thanks to Melanie and Tammy!

~Sandy Paulson



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Coffee with a cop

Join your neighbors and deputies for coffee and conversation.

The date is Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at Rother's Bakery and Coffee Shop at 106 Central Street West in Bagley from 9:00 am to 10:30 a.m.

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between deputies and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the deputies in your neighborhood.

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Crash near Bagley

A crash between two vehicles that happened near Bagley has resulted in injuries to a man from Crookston.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, on September 19th at around 1:20 p.m., an SUV driven by 41-year-old Brandi Knutson of Gonvick was traveling west on Highway 2, and a pickup truck driven by 77-year-old Borge Fisketjon of Crookston was heading south on County Road 7. The two vehicles collided in the intersection.

Knutson did not sustain any injuries, but Fisketjon suffered non-life-threatening injuries as a result of the crash and was transported to Sanford Bagley Emergency Room for treatment.

-Lakeland News

Meatball dinner

The Bagley Senior Center is having a Meatball Dinner Fundraiser to raise money for the much needed new roof. The dinner will be Sunday October 6, 2024 at the Bagley American Legion Post 16. Dinner will be served from 11am to 2pm. No reservations needed. Dinner will consist of meatballs, mashed potatoes /gravy and all the trimmings. This is a free-will fundraiser. All donations go towards the senior centers new roof.

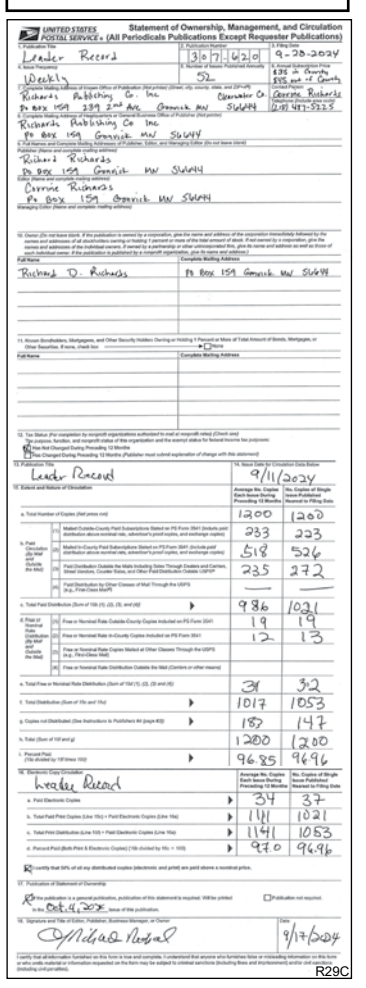
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Thank you to everyone who supported Seth Ellefson by coming to the benefit Sunday, September 22nd, participating in the silent auction and for the generous donations! The businesses and individuals that donated baskets and items for the auction were priceless.

Our community is amazing as we pulled together to encourage Seth in this difficult journey.

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Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM Bible Study; 10:30 AM Worship Service

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Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Gonvick Site: 226 Elm St.

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Sat, Oct. 2: 9am Mt. Olive.

Sun, Oct. 6: St. Petri: 8am Oak Park: 8:45am SS, 9:45am Worship. Nazareth: 10am SS, 11am Worship.

Wed, Oct. 9: 5pm Wednesday School. 6:30pm Vespers.

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Thurs., Oct 3 - 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Leonard Café

Sun., Oct. 6: 9:00am Sunday Worship with Jill Torgerson, 10:00am Sunday School & Coffee Hour

Wed.,Oct. 9 - 6:00pm – 7:15pm Confirmation (7th – 9th Grade); 6:00pm Vocal Choir; 7:00pm Handbells

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Rice township closes dumpster site

By TJ Rhodes, Farmers Independent

The Clearwater County Commissioners met on Tuesday, Sept. 17, for a regularly scheduled meeting. Here, the commissioners discussed the ongoing dumpster issue for county townships with Dan Hecht, Environmental Administrator.

Hecht presented the board with a letter he received from Rice township which voted to permanently close their dumpster site at the town hall. They asked for no restoration from the county.

Commissioners and Hecht spoke about how they could notify Rice township residents about the issue, worried that residents might find they no longer have access to a dumpster within their township with little or no warning.

They also suspect that other townships may follow suit but are concerned with how the townships will dispose of their trash in the future.

"My suggestion, for now, is to do nothing, give us time," Hecht said. "I think it's time that the county discussed at least reducing the number of sites. I think that's something I'd like to bring up with our new board members, so maybe we'll wait on that discussion until that time."

"We've got 14 sites in the county. It's an awful lot of sites to maintain. Considering the problems that we're having with the sites, I might like to at least form the idea behind the board of reducing the number of sites and try to do a better job with the ones that we have," Hecht added.

With less sites, board members expressed concern of trash ending up where it does not belong, like ditches or private dumpsters. Hecht countered that the nearby counties he's spoken to have not reported such issues, and hopes that if Clearwater reduces their sites, they can prevent the issues by providing better care at the remaining sites.

Despite the discussion, the board will likely hold any vote or action until after the November election when they have two new faces to work with as District 2's Dean Newland and District 4's John Nelson are both set to retire.

Clearwater Trailblazers

Two Clearwater Trailblazer representatives joined the board to ask permission to sponsor an off-site raffle during a race, set for Sunday, Dec. 15 – weather permitting. Otherwise, a contingency date is set for Sunday, Dec. 29.

The Trailblazers needed permission from the county in order to host this raffle due to Minnesota state law.

The commissioners approved the proposal from the Trailblazers, allowing them to host the raffle at their race on December 15.

Board action

The board authorized the county auditor to pay submitted invoices of $106,022.21 for the county revenue fund and $4,121.29 for the public health fund.

The board approved the hiring of Adam Garber for a part time remote position at the Clearwater County Attorney's office.

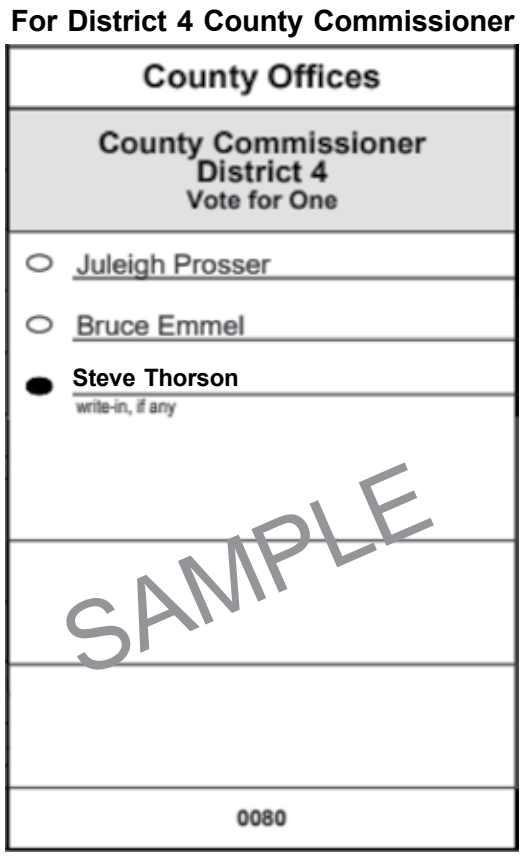
The board authorized the acceptance of the Enbridge Fueling Futures Grant in the amount of $7,500 to purchase new equipment for the emergency management department.

Next meeting: The Clearwater County Commissioners next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 9 a.m. at the county courthouse in Bagley.

Here's an example of how to vote for a Write In Candidate

Vote for STEVE THORSON as WRITE-IN Candidate

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Clearwater County Sheriff

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Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity

Bear Creek - Total 1
09/28/24 04:01:28 Crimes Against Family

City of Bagley - Total 14
09/22/24 21:02:30 Traffic Stop
09/22/24 22:45:31 Traffic Stop
09/23/24 18:32:09 Medical
09/23/24 18:49:26 Traffic Stop
09/24/24 12:36:21 Traffic Stop
09/24/24 14:50:35 STOP ARM VIOLATION
09/25/24 05:10:40 Fire
09/25/24 06:13:49 Domestic
09/25/24 14:57:07 Lost/Found Property
09/26/24 11:38:48 Transport
09/26/24 23:42:46 Traffic Stop
09/27/24 08:32:29 Information
09/28/24 03:48:22 Crimes Against Family
09/28/24 11:48:55 Information

City of Clearbrook - Total 12
09/22/24 19:49:20 Information
09/22/24 21:35:55 Disturbance
09/23/24 10:19:27 Information
09/23/24 16:57:28 Medical
09/25/24 14:50:57 Juvenile Misc
09/25/24 19:03:22 Juvenile Misc
09/25/24 21:04:04 Traffic Stop
09/27/24 13:14:14 Civil Complaint
09/27/24 14:23:33 Predatory Offender
09/28/24 03:13:35 Crimes Against Family
09/28/24 03:17:22 Crimes Against Family
09/28/24 03:34:14 Crimes Against Family

Copley - Total 9
09/22/24 11:34:34 THEFT
09/22/24 19:02:04 Traffic Stop
09/22/24 20:43:47 Traffic Stop
09/23/24 19:52:00 Traffic Stop
09/23/24 21:17:24 Traffic Complain
09/24/24 18:25:28 Traffic Complaint
09/24/24 22:07:28 Suspicious Activity
09/25/24 14:35:24 Drug Related
09/28/24 03:43:03 Crimes Against Family

Dudley - Total 4
09/23/24 10:35:58 Harassment
09/23/24 13:33:54 Welfare Check
09/25/24 14:37:17 Welfare Check
09/26/24 12:55:53 Court Order Violation

Eddy - Total 2
09/27/24 10:50:59 Suspicious Activity
09/28/24 16:17:23 Traffic Stop

Holst - Total 2
09/26/24 14:54:34 Animal Related
09/28/24 03:27:40 Crimes Against Family

Itasca - Total 2
09/24/24 18:49:34 Suspicious Activity
09/28/24 13:21:27 Traffic Stop

LaPraire - Total 1
09/28/24 03:53:21 Crimes Against Family

LaPraire N - Total 1
09/22/24 15:01:56 Welfare Check
09/22/24 20:58:37 AVIATION COMPLAINT
09/23/24 11:26:33 Fraud
09/28/24 03:31:37 Crimes Against Family

LaPraire S - Total 1
09/23/24 15:11:36 THEFT

Leon - Total 6
09/23/24 10:00:49 Suspicious Activity
09/24/24 16:41:32 Welfare Check
09/25/24 09:16:01 MENTAL HEALTH
09/25/24 09:44:42 Suspicious Activity
09/25/24 14:56:48 Traffic Stop
09/26/24 18:04:51 Traffic Stop

Long Lost Lake - Total 1
09/24/24 22:48:14 Animal Related

Minerva- Total 5
09/23/24 23:24:26 Traffic Stop
09/25/24 19:47:24 Motor Vehicle Crash
09/26/24 10:08:15 Medical
09/26/24 15:12:37 Fraud
09/28/24 11:17:53 Civil Complaint

Moose Creek - Total 4
09/22/24 18:33:42 Traffic Stop
09/25/24 07:17:41 Vandalism
09/25/24 22:01:59 Extra Patrol
09/27/24 01:14:43 Extra Patrol

Nora - Total 3
09/28/24 03:57:24 Crimes Against Family
09/28/24 12:44:09 Traffic Stop
09/28/24 13:56:46 Traffic Stop

Out of Jurisdiction - Total 3
09/25/24 15:54:12 Search Warrant
09/26/24 06:17:39 Motor Vehicle Theft n
09/28/24 03:20:40 Crimes Against Family

Pine Lake - Total 1
09/25/24 19:47:54 Traffic Stop

Popple - Total 3
09/22/24 02:37:55 Animal Related
09/22/24 17:06:45 911 Hang Up
09/27/24 15:46:53 Traffic Complaint

Rice - Total 6
09/22/24 14:15:29 Suspicious Activity
09/23/24 09:33:52 THEFT
09/23/24 12:25:14 Animal Related
09/23/24 22:46:34 Traffic Stop
09/23/24 22:57:54 Traffic Stop
09/28/24 14:07:57 911 Hang Up

Shevlin - Total 5
09/25/24 01:09:23 Medical
09/26/24 15:15:20 Motor Vehicle Theft
09/27/24 00:06:06 Transport
09/28/24 03:23:53 Crimes Against Family
09/28/24 20:06:57 Animal Related

Sinclair - Total 1
09/26/24 19:26:30 Motor Vehicle Crash

Total Records: 91

723 youth participated in Minnesota 4-H State Shooting Invitational

The Minnesota 4-H State Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational was held in Alexandria September 6-8, 2024. 723 youth from 59 counties participated in the following events with 1,815 entries: BB gun, Standard Air Rifle, 3 Position Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Trap, Silhouette, Wildlife Calling, Skillathon and Cast Iron Cooking.

Youth had the opportunity to showcase the skills they have learned throughout the past year, having spent a minimum of 15 hours working with a trained instructor in their discipline of interest and 8 hours of wildlife education. Each county also has planned and implemented a conservation project at the local level. These projects are brought to the event and judged as a group.

The Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program began in the 1980's and has grown to more than 5,000 youth members and over 500 adult leaders. Adults can become certified discipline instructors by attending a weekend workshop and instructing youth in their local community. Visit us online to learn more about the Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program - https://extension.umn.edu/projects-and-more/4-h-shooting-sports-wildlife-project.

Results for our local Clearwater County 4-H youth are as follows:

Tucker Coombs- Muzzleloading Intermediate (pistol crow-2nd, Hawk throw-1st, rifle-1st, Overall score 1st Place), Intermediate Trap-6th place overall

Peyton Berg- Senior Trap-14th place overall, Senior Class C Archery-65th overall

Beau Berg-Intermediate Trap-77th Overall, Intermediate Class C Archery-106th overall, Intermediate Silhouette-20th overall, intermediate skillathon-38th overall

Aiden Elhers-Junior Class C Archery-42 overall

Emmaylynn Bakke-Junior Class C Archery-63rd overall, wildlife calling junior-11th, junior skillathon-30th overall

Marshall Farr-Junior Class C Archery--64th overall, Junior BB Gun-72nd overall, Air Pistol (2 hands) Junior-37th overall, junior skillathon-22nd overall

Izack Girtz-Intermediate Class C Archery-69th overall, BB Gun Intermediate-11th overall, intermediate skillathon-20th overall

Macie Farr-Intermediate Class C Archery-100th overall

Olivia Waldvogel- Junior BB Gun-78th overall, junior skillathon-40th overall, cast iron cooking participant

Kaylynn Waldvogel- Intermediate BB Gun-18th overall, Intermediate silhouette-18th overall, intermediate skillathon-31st overall, cast iron cooking participant

Team Scores:

Junior Class C Archery-7th Place-Marshall Farr, Emmalynn Bakke, and Aiden Elhers

Intermediate Class C Archery-5th Place-Beau Berg, Macie Farr, and Izack Girtz

BB Gun Intermediate Team-4th Place-Marshall Farr, Izack Girtz, Kaylynn Waldvogel, and Olivia Waldvogel



Tucker and Walter Combs



Beau Berg



Kaylyn Waldvogel



Education training.



Peyton Berg

BEAR TRACKS

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Oct. 2 - Mini Corn Dogs, Macaroni and Cheese Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack -** Cereal Bar

Thurs. Oct. 3 - Turkey and Cheese Subs, Baked Chips, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack -** Pop Tart

Fri. Oct. 4- Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack -** Baked Chips

Mon. Oct. 7 - Orange Chicken with Rice, California Blend Vegetables, Egg Roll (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack -** Baked Doritos

Tues. Oct. 8 - Ham Patty on Bun, Sidewinders, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack -** Cheddar Chex

Wed. Oct. 9 - *HS-PT Conferences,* Boneless Chicken Wings, Assorted Cold Salads, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk. **Snack -** Granola Bar

BGCG Hockey Announcement:

The Bagley-Fosston-Clearbrook/Gonvick Hockey Team will be holding a brief meeting on October 2nd @ 6 PM in the Bagley Hockey Arena. CG Hockey players that are thinking about joining the team this year are encouraged to attend this meeting. If you have any additional questions/concerns please reach out to coach Andrew Floyd

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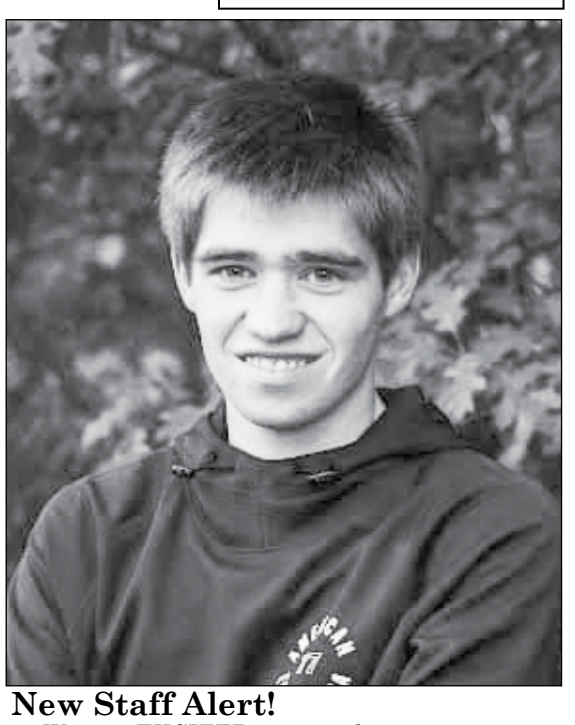


New Staff Alert!

We are EXCITED to introduce you to a new staff member joining our Bears family!! Today we are welcoming Rose Holm.

Hi, my name is Rose Holm and I will be long-term subbing in the office starting today! I live in a renovated 100+ year old farmhouse with my husband Steve and my golden retriever Sunny. I love to go on walks, garden, read and cook for friends. I have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and also 4 stepchildren and 5 step grandchildren. I have many years of experience working in an office and am looking forward to joining the Clearbrook-Gonvick School staff.

Please help welcome Rose to Clearbrook-Gonvick!



New Staff Alert!

We are EXCITED to introduce you to a new staff member joining our Bears family!! Today we are welcoming Tyler Gunn, our new technology specialist.

Tyler Gunn has been working at Reeds for nearly two years and is thrilled to be joining the staff at Clearbrook-Gonvick School. He is passionate about leveraging technology to help students and staff work more efficiently, ensuring a smooth and supportive learning environment.

Tyler holds a degree in Cybersecurity and has completed various professional development courses to stay up-to-date with the latest technologies.

Tyler enjoys the outdoors, programming, or spending quality time with family when not at work.

Please help welcome Tyler to Clearbrook-Gonvick!

ATV Safety

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office is hosting an ATV Safety Class for interested operators ages 10 and older who wish to obtain their ATV Safety Certificate. An ATV Safety Certificate is required in the State of MN for anyone born after July 1, 1987. Students who are 16 or older can take the online course only and do not need to attend a field day. Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us for more information.

There are three steps:

Step 1: Contact Andy Anderson at 218-776-3112 Ext #104 or andyanderson@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us to pre-register.

Step 2: Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us and click on "Education and Safety" > "Recreational Vehicle Safety Classes" and follow the links to take the online ATV Safety Course. After the online course is complete, print the certificate/voucher and bring it to the Field Day.

Step 3: Attend the Field Day:

When: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 Registration begins at 5:15 PM.

Class starts at 5:30 PM

Where: Bagley High School. 1130 Main Ave North, Bagley, MN 56621 Students need to bring their voucher from the online course, a helmet and proper riding attire (long pants, no open toed shoes, gloves, eye protection and clothes appropriate for the weather). A parent or guardian needs to attend the first part of the class for registration.

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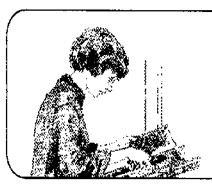


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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Main Street Gully will be hopping on Saturday, October 5th! This is the date chosen for the Gully Community fall play, "Gully Church Ladies". Plan to attend to be part of the celebrating and reminiscing: Gully Community Center, 7:15 p.m., October 5, 2024.

Ruby's Pantry on Wednesday, October 2nd 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.

We are trying something different with 567 zip code subscribers to see if they get the papers any sooner. It is working...

Whatever you did with the 567 newspapers worked. Got my September 25 issue this morning September 26. And last week I got one paper on Monday, and 3 on Thursday, so I am caught up. Patti Malme

BIG NEWS about the really great news-paper! I received the Leader Record in the mail today, September 26 and it was dated September 25! I hope I haven't created a lot more work for you all, but whatever you did yesterday seemed to work! WooHoo! Thank You so much! Sharon Bubb

New telephone number for the Clearbrook Post Office. They are now 218-429-5258.

My house is over 116 years old so I can't expect that flies and Asian bugs will not get in. But it is happening to everyone. They are very pesty this year. I hope I don't wear out my broom before Halloween..

I watched the Vikings last Sunday. This is too much for me. They had 28 points in the first half and only 3 in the second half. What did they discuss during half-time. They did win by a score of 29-31. But their field goal kicker missed two kicks for 6 points. That is an Uffda.

Joke time

Helga was complaining to Lena about her latest romance. "Not only did the bum lie to me about the size of his yacht," said Helga, "but he made me do all the rowing."

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Ole and Lena and the family were spending a quiet Sunday afternoon watching the Vikings on TV when Ole saw a car pulling up in the front of the house. Ole said that the Johnson's were coming. Quick everybody out on the porch with a tooth pick so they think we have just eaten.

*****From my email**

The DNR and the Minnesota Cattlemen's Association are in discussion as to increase the side of the elk herd in Northern Minnesota. They are about 75 animals in the Kittson County herd, 29 in the Grygla herd and 227 in the Minnesota/ Canada herd. Cattlemen are opposed as they feel that they are not being adequately reimbursed for damages caused by the herd now. More meetings will be planned.

The United States Postal Service announced Friday that it will **not** implement a rate increase in January for periodicals, marketing mail, first class mail and package services. Good news

According to the News/Media Alliance, Postmaster General DeJoy said the USPS will wait until at least July before proposing any increases.

Coming events

October 18. Mustard Seed Homes 7th Annual Banquet at the center in Gonvick.

The 7th Annual Fall Banquet for the Clearbrook Fire Department will be Saturday,October 19 with the doors open at 5:00 and the meal at 6:00. Tickets are available.

Pumpkin Bake-off held

A Pumpkin back-off was held during Pumpkin Day in Gonvick. The event was sponsored by Mrs. Olson Lefse in Gonvick. Getting the contest going were Norma Erickson, Joe and Jamie McCollum along with help from others.

In the adult division first place when to Sheryl Petterson with her pumpkin Bundt Cake. Second place was Luci Haaven with her Better than sex cake and third place went to Roberta Braaten with her Better than sex cake. The Judges choice was to Rose Java with the Pumpkin Cup Cake.

The Kids event had Lettie Watne in First with her Pumpkin Pie; 2nd place Katie Haaven with her Pumpkin Pie and third place Allie Olson with her pumpkin ice cream taco. Harper Watne won the Judges Choice.



Judges for the Pumpkin bake off contest that was held during the annual day in Gonvick from left to right: Joy Walberg, Shirley Solheim and Jamie McCollum.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch at Senior Center



By Pamela French

On Friday, September 27th the Bagley Senior Center held a "Volunteer Appreciation Brunch" from 8-10am in honor of the many individuals who volunteer their time and energy in various ways including the Gift Shop, Thrift Store, kitchen, and drivers for the meals on wheels program, all in support of the senior center. Guests enjoyed coffee, juice, caramel rolls, and a fruit platter.

Upcoming events: The Senior Center's Meatball Fundraiser Dinner Sunday October 6th from 11-2pm at the Bagley American Legion. This is a free-will event with all funds going towards the new roof for the center.



Sarah Reichert, on the left, and both of her dogs that earned her a spot at the Minnesota State Dog Show. Willam Nass, on the right, with his dog that earned him a spot at the Minnesota State Dog Show. Great Job Sarah and William.

Clearwater County 4-H'ers present their best in Minnesota 4-H State Dog Show

Three 4-H youth from Clearwater County participated in the Minnesota 4-H State Dog show Sept. 21-22, 2024. In total, 369 youth from across the state who made up 1,269 entries participated in this annual event, held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

Over the two-day event, 4-H'ers demonstrate their skills and knowledge in agility, obedience, showmanship and rally, competing against other youth in their age group and experience level.

Youth members of the Minnesota 4-H Dog Project learn to train and build a trusting relationship with their pet. Topics of study include canine behavior, breed characteristics, diseases, ethics, grooming, health, nutrition, responsible breeding, service dogs, therapy dogs, dog-related careers and the wide array of dog sports.

"Youth learn so much responsibility from training their dog and competing in the 4-H State Dog Show," said Kim Lambert, one of the many caring adults who volunteer with the 4-H Dog Project statewide. "These kids work all year long, building strong partnerships with their dogs. If they don't work carefully with their dogs, the dogs won't work for them. The responsibility kids learn here they can use forever."

The following youth were members of the Clearwater County delegation:

Cooper Lofgren of the Jack Pine Pals 4-H Club competed and placed in the following:

Agility Beginner-Blue Ribbon

Agility Jumpers 1A-Blue Ribbon

Obedience - Beginner-Blue Ribbon

Showmanship - Novice-Blue Ribbon



Cooper Lofgren with the ribbons he and his dog won at the Minnesota State 4-H Dog Show. Great Job Cooper!

Ribbon

William Nass of the Ribbon Wranglers 4-H Club competed and placed in the following:

Agility Beginner-Blue Ribbon

Agility Jumpers 1A-Red Ribbon

Sarah Reichert of the Leon Ramblers 4-H Club competed and placed in the following:

Agility Intermediate-Red Ribbon

Agility Jumpers 1B-Blue Ribbon

Obedience-Blue Ribbon

Rally-Novice-Blue Ribbon

Showmanship-Open-Blue Ribbon

Great Job kids at representing Clearwater County at the State Dog Show!

Do you have a passion for dogs? We are always looking for volunteers to help with our dog project!

To learn more about the 4-H Dog Project, contact 4-H Local Extension Educator Kara Waldvogel 218-694-6151, waldv039@umn.edu and visit the website, https://z.umn.edu/4Hdog



A Good Man and His Dog

by Ann Marie Newman

The following story is about a good man. In his early middle age, he and his wife found themselves childless. A pre-mature baby was born nearby. Its mother died soon afterwards. The grieving father now had total responsibility of two young children, and this infant so small, its face was no bigger than a spoon. The good man and his loving wife took the baby in. Kept the wee little one warm in a blanketed shoebox placed into the warming compartment of a wood stove. The baby thrived. Grew into a woman who lived long into old age. She was my grandpa, Orvin Torgerson's baby sister, Mabel. She was a living miracle thanks to the good man and his loving wife who became her adopted parents.

Mabel grew up with a peculiar rug in their home. She grew up with the story of how it came to be there. Recently, a relative told me the story. The photo shows the rug hanging on a wall this very day… somewhere…not too far away.

A Faithful Friendship

They called him "Toweder" because he towed it straight. Get it?

Pronounced TOH-der. What he towed is of no consequence. Not over a century later. Especially, since it doesn't pertain to the story, I'm about to share.

Toweder's real name was Andrew Johnson. Just like the fella who became United States 17th President, following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. That Andrew Johnson was also the first President to be impeached. Looking back in history, he wasn't a good man.

Our Andrew Johnson was a good man. A good husband. A good father. He was also a good human to his faithful dog. A dog born in the year of our Lord, 1890. He named the dog a respectable dog name, Fido.

Andrew, or Toweder as everyone called him, loved that dog. Fido grew big. Really big. I wouldn't be surprised to learn the dog weighed 150+ pounds. Too, Fido was seriously furry. His long, thick coat God-given. Divinely blessed for the frigid, snowy winters of north Minnesota. That may be a considerable reason Fido lived sixteen long years. A real accomplishment for any dog, especially for such a huge behemoth of a dog like Fido.

When he died, Toweder couldn't bear the idea of life without his faithful companion. He couldn't imagine evenings without Fido by his side. Running his hands through Fido's thick whitish coat with hints of brown as he relaxed in his rocking chair. Fido never again to provide kind comfort after a long day of farming.

What to do? Let's cut to the short of it. Although, promise to stay with me, until we get to the end of the story. Promise?

Toweder had Fido skinned. His lush fur made a fine rug. One Toweder could place beside his rocking chair. Nearby, so he could reach out, and companionably run his fingers through that old dog's coat just like before. Where, during sub-freezing weather, Fido could still offer warmth to his frostbitten feet.

You and I might find it strange. Feel squeamish even, over the actions a good man like Toweder took while grieving the loss of his beloved, canine friend.

It doesn't matter what you or I think. It really doesn't. This was over a hundred years ago. Life in the northland was very different back then. Harsh and brutal in ways we can't begin to comprehend. Plus, it's way, way too late to call PETA - that's for darn certain.

I will further share that it's been difficult to bid farewell for anyone who came to know Fido. During his flesh and blood lifetime, or during his much longer lifetime as a rug. His lush, thick fur coat is still with us today. You betcha it is. Fido has been with his latest human since 1970. Somewhere, someone devotedly keeps the memory of Toweder - our good Andrew Johnson - and his beloved dog's story, alive. With a furry, one hundred-eighteen-year-old rug named, Fido.

In a basement. In northern Minnesota. Fido faithfully rests, until he is called once again to provide warmth and comfort on a cold, Minnesota night.



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Disability housing grants for Veterans

The VA offers housing grants for Veterans and service members with certain service-connected disabilities so they can buy or change a home to meet their needs and live more independently. While the VA offers multiple kinds of grants the two in focus for this article will be the "Special Adaptive Housing SAH Grant" and the "Special Home Adaptation SHA Grant". To use the first mentioned grant the following must be true about you; you own or will own your home and you have a qualifying service connected disability. The following service connected disabilities are what qualify you for this grant; loss of limb or loss of use, blindness in both eyes, certain severe burns. Please note that for this grant specifically, congress limits its usage to 120 Veterans nationwide each year. If awarded this grant can give you up to $117,014 to buy, build, or change your permanent home.

The other grant the "special Home Adaptation SHA" grant is a smaller amount but is used for the same purpose. The SHA grant is again used to buy, build, or change your permanent home. To be eligible for this grant you need to have a qualifying service connected disability and you or your family have to own the home or soon to own it. The qualifying service connected disabilities for this grant are as follows; loss of limbs or use, certain severe burns and certain respiratory conditions. This grant like previously stated is smaller but can award up to $23,444.

This can be a difficult topic to handle as there are a lot of ins and outs to this. In addition there other grants out there through the VA on housing. They can be found at Disability Housing Grants For Veterans | Veterans Affairs (va.gov). Subsequently, the VA did for our convenience make a YouTube video on this explaining it the best they could. VA Specially Adaptive Housing Grants: Expanded Eligibility - YouTube. Lastly, if you haven't come into the Veterans Service Office in awhile please do so! We can make sure all of your paperwork is up to date and make sure you are getting a fair shake from the VA.

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Voters will have two distinct choices on the ballot for the 4th district in Clearwater County. In addition, two other candidates for whatever reason are asking for your write in vote. A quick on line search regarding the historical success of a write in candidate shows odds are slim, but the odds of having a spoiler effect in an election is high.

Let me just plead with you to not waste your vote. We need now more than ever, a County Commissioner who will work for the entire district, manage our revenue, take care of our employees, keep property taxes low, oversee the services provided to our residents and fight for the priorities of district 4.

Experience does matter. Whether you are voting early or at the general election, make your vote count by marking the box for Bruce Emmel for County Commissioner District 4. Thank you for your support.

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