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Mutton Busting is part of the events that is held during the Gonvick Rodeo. Scott Fawver, owner of the sheep, brings them for the event and helps out for the crowds delight.

Gonvick Lions Rodeo is set for this weekend July 14 and 15

It is that time again for the Gonvick Lions Rodeo. There will be a full nine event rodeo on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15. They will both be held at 6:00 p.m. The full nine event rodeo will feature Wojo's Rodeo company.

The Lions will be having a parade on Saturday with registration from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. before the start of the parade

at 2:00 p.m.

Advance tickets for the rodeo are available at Northern Bait and Convenience, (NBC) and Northern State Bank in Gonvick. In Clearbrook they can be purchased at Y-92 C-Store and First State Bank. They can also be purchased at Shorty's Place in Gully.

The Gonvick American Legion Post 304 and Auxiliary

will be serving a Rodeo Meal on Saturday, July 15 from 3:30 to 5:30 after the parade. They will be at the air conditioned Gonvick American Legion Cabin. You will have time to relax before the start of the rodeo at 6:00 p.m.

They will be serving BBQ's, calico beans, macaroni salad and a variety of bars.

Senior Focus on ... Crystal Schmitz

By Karen Edelbach

Crystal Schmitz is well-known for getting things done as a leader, working on many community improvement projects. Seeds of leadership seemed to be growing throughout Crystal's life, at home, school, and her career.

Her parents, Bill and Hansina Anderson, owned a poultry farm and hatchery near Clearbrook for 32 years. Crystal was born in 1933 and worked on the farm helping her parents at the chicken hatchery.

"I certainly cleaned a lot of eggs! After I left home, they bought an automatic egg washer," Crystal says. "I drove the tractor for farmers loading bundles of hay onto hay racks.

"Most of the chickens were hatched from January to April. They were little white leg-horns. On Tuesday and Friday, I would take them out of the incubator and make up orders of 104 chickens, divided into four corners of a box."

Crystal was quite aware of World War 2 growing up, as she had uncles and cousins in the Marines in the South Pacific. Her dad was a Marine in the First World War.



Crystal Schmitz says of her accomplishments, "Not everyone wants to be a leader, but there are many who are willing to work and help. Everybody is so cooperative."



One of many posters the elementary students created for the Bagley Beautification project. "Tuesday Study Club" was awarded First Place in the 2000-2002 Community Improvement and Beautification Project for the State of Minnesota and received a certificate and \$100.

Who will be the Clearwater County Outstanding Senior Citizens for 2017?

Nominations for Clearwater County Outstanding Senior Citizen are now being sought for 2017. Candidates for this award need to be residents of Clearwater County and over the age of 70 that are known for going out of their way to help others, to volunteer, and to organize or help out with volunteer services.

One lady and one man who are 70 years old by June 1, 2017 will be selected from the nominations received. On Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017 at 11 a.m. the winners will be announced

at the Outstanding Senior Citizen Program at the Clearwater County Fair. This award recognizes outstanding community service given by individuals and they will join the list of previous county winners.

The county winners will receive special certificates of commendation from the Governor of Minnesota and from the Clearwater County Fair Board, and their names will be submitted to the Minnesota State Fair for the state's selection process for Minnesota's Outstanding Senior Citizens. These awards

will be presented at the Minnesota State Fair.

Official nomination forms will be available at the Clearbrook Senior Citizens Center and at the Bagley Senior Citizens Center or from Committee Co-Chairs Dee Strandlien at 785-2412 or from Al Paulson at 694-6520 or 785-2368. For additional information please contact the committee co-chairs.

Nominations are due to the committee by July 14 and will be forward to the selection committee for final selections.

Crystal had an older sister, LaVone Gustafson, and older brother, Douglas Anderson. Crystal graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1951.

"Back then there were no scholarships, like there are today to help you go to college. But I did receive an award of a Leadership Pin, and wondered, 'What did I do to deserve that?'"

But when she thought about it, Crystal realized she had been pretty active during her school years, doing community service, and was involved with the choir and drama club.

"I even organized a whole school carnival, and I went to Girls State which was held at the 4-H Fair Grounds where I was 'elected' Superintendent of Schools at a mock election."

"I didn't mind expressing my opinion. But we had a lot of respect for adults, teachers and neighbors," she says.

Crystal attended Bemidji State College to become a Physical Education teacher. After two years, she got married. In 1955 she was hired as the secretary to County Attorney Aurel Ekvall and worked for him and the Judge of Probate Melvin Anderson.

"That's where I got my formal education," she says. "After my daughter was born, there was no maternity leave. Later I went to work for the County Assessor John Hul-

teen for two summers. Then I worked for Mrs. McCallister, the Hospital Administrator. I worked for the County a total of 37 years."

While at the hospital, Crystal worked her way up to be in charge of the business office and financials, then Assistant Administrator.

"I loved working there. It was quite an education. I remember telling my Business

teacher in high school, 'I don't know why I'm taking book-keeping, I'll never use it!'"

But when she did some bookkeeping, Crystal found that she liked it. She did bookkeeping for Mr. Ekvall for ten more years.

In 1992 Crystal retired, but she certainly was not a lady of

Crystal...
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Annual fundraiser picnic held at Clearbrook's restored train depot

Story and photos submitted by Darlene Sawyer

When the old Soo Line train depot in Clearbrook was threatened to be torn down, several residents of the town decided to take action to save it.

The Soo Line freight train and the passenger train were discontinued in the 1960's. Its rail line was discontinued after nearly 60 years of service to the communities located along its line; that meant relocation or destruction of the depots found at specific locations.

While Gonvick's depot was hauled away to be used as a shed on a rural farm, the Clearbrook

depot remained vacant for over 30 years until an interested committee decided to save the structure and restore it.

This meant it would be a costly reconstruction because the building needed a new roof, new siding, new steps, new windows, and a refurbished interior. Eight years ago, in 2009, the committee began planning for the depot's remodeling. They held fundraisers and accepted donations from several organizations to make their dream happen. In 2010, a new roof, siding, windows, wiring, and a new deck were added. The inside was refurbished, too, as they

made the living quarters into a habitable place. They were able to save many of the old technology pieces used in the train business such as the telegraph, telephone, typewriter, and furniture. Additional pieces of glassware and hand tools were put on display. It is 'going back in time' to 1910 when the rail line was built by the immigrants and the train crews. The committee has put together some of the history of the Soo Line.

The annual picnic fundraiser for 2017 was held on a lovely, warm evening of July 2nd on the freshly mowed lawn of the depot. The odor of freshly planted

flowers filled the evening air. A fun picnic lunch was cooked and served by several volunteers. Servers were Crystal Smith, Jessie Smith, Keenan Smith, Matt and Janice Anderson.

Members of the Depot Restoration committee include Laura Lindgren, Judi Engbretson, Rachel Berger, Bev Berger, Christine Berger, Sharon Lembke, Laura Bagaason, Linda Holm, Susan Sandland, Lois Rydeen, Debbie Johnson, Duane and Betty Johnson. The monies raised from the annual picnic go toward the Depot Restoration Fund.



Restored Clearbrook Trail Depot 2017.



Clearbrook Depot Restoration Committee and hosts for the fundraiser: Front row (from left): Laura Lindgren, Judi Engbretson, Rachel Berger, Bev Berger and Christine Berger. Back row (from left): Sharon Lembke, Laura Bagaason, Betty and Duane Johnson, Linda Holm.



Servers at the fundraiser for Clearbrook Train Depot Restoration, from left: Crystal Smith, Jesse Smith, Keenan Smith, Matt and Janice Anderson.



Antique dishes from past Clearbrook and Teckla celebrations on display within Clearbrook Depot, along with other antique artifacts.

Community Calendar

Elim Mission Friends Meeting

Elim Mission Friends will meet at Elim on Thursday, July 13 at 2:30 PM. Devotions will be given by Erma Carlson and the meditation will be by Marilyn Shamp. Hostesses are Karen Johnson, Judy Tollefson and Erma Carlson. All ladies are invited to join us.

Samhold Church VBS

EVERYONE INVITED FOR ROOTBEER FLOATS following the 1:30 closing program of VBS at Samhold Church on Thursday, July 20th.

Come one, come all...come as you are...just come and enjoy what hands and feet will prepare for you. Your presence is an encouragement as the next generation is being equipped to go there, and live the Gospel.

Pancake Breakfast at Senior Center

Clearbrook/Leonard Senior Center is having their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, July 12, 2017 from 8am to 11 am. They are serving pancakes, strawberries, whipped-cream and sausage, orange juice and coffee. This is a free will donation fundraiser with all proceeds for kitchen and dining operation. Look for ad in next week's paper.

Acoust Hicks to Perform at Shorty's during Gully Day

Jeff Pletschett, owner of Shorty's welcomes everybody to his new entertainment center that will feature the popular group the Acoust Hicks, on the evening of Gully Day.

The Acoust Hicks play a wide variety of popular and danceable music. According to Shane Fjerstead (guitar & lead vocal), "We have deliberately chosen songs with mass appeal and which are mostly danceable." Fjerstead later said, "We do music from the roots of rock & roll, with emphasis on 60's - 80's and a little country."

Sometime in 2017 will mark the Acoust Hicks 200th live performance. The group performs in music festivals, casinos, community events, corporate events and private parties.

This 4 member group has a combined musical experience of 130 years. They were the hardest working band in Minnesota in 2014 when they performed at 53 events.

Jeff welcomes you to Gully Day and wants you all to come down to see the Acoust Hicks from 9 pm to 1 am at Shorty's place.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., July 12 - Birthday Meal Chef Salad (Turkey, Ham, Cheese), Lettuce, Dressing, Tomato & Cucumber Slices, Muffin, Bar, Milk

Thurs., July 13- Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Dinner roll, Pudding Dessert, Milk

Fri., July 14- Chicken Chow Mein, Rice/Chow Mein Noodles, Oriental Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges, Cookie, Milk

Mon., July 17 - Stuffed Baked Potato (Ham & Cheese), Broccoli, Bread, Pudding, Milk

Tues., July 18 - Lasagna, Country Blend Veg., Lettuce Salad & Dressing, Garlic Bread, Bar, Milk

Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change. Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Wedding Shower for
Brittany Reed
bride-to-be of
Andrew Beckstrand
July 15, 2017
3:00pm
at the Reed farm
23139 Bagley Lake Rd.
Everyone welcome!

Thank You!
Thanks to the
Trail Community Club
and all the volunteers
who helped put the new
sign in Trail.

Parade entries are wanted

Gonvick's 27th Annual Rodeo days are fast approaching. There will be a parade on Saturday, July 15. Anyone interested in having an entry in the parade is most welcome.

Registration is from 12:45 to 1:45 with the parade to being at 2:00 p.m. The check-in point will be on Railroad Avenue just south of the Gonvick Community Center and east of The Trap that is across the street.

Both buildings can be seen from Highway 92 as you come to Gonvick.

You can get a parade number and they will have numbered stakes for the parade line-up.

Or you can call to the Gonvick City Clerk, Stacy Halvorson at 218-487-5243 to let her know you are coming.

NOTICE
A crew will be in Gonvick to paint parking stripes on streets. If they ask you to move your vehicle, we appreciate your cooperation.



VACATION Bible SCHOOL
This year it will be held at SAMHOLD CHURCH in Gonvick.
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for students going into 1st Gr. - 6th Grade.
9:00 a.m. - noon for students ages 4 and 5.
Those attending will be lead by Inspiration Point Christian Retreat Center Counselors who are highly trained in this Christ centered ministry. Local adults will also be available during this time to help mentor and bless.
Daily verses will not only be learned, but taught in sign language, and prayer time with their counselors will help anchor the students in their Christian faith walk throughout the year. Growing in knowledge of His Word will be the goal as they dive into the verses learned each day.
Register by July 7th by calling Danielle at 218-766-0831 or Kathy at 218-280-8831.
Call if you have any questions regarding this.
This is open to all churches. ALL are welcome.
Please know there is no cost for this, as many have given in honor of the young people so much loved by these communities.
Please pack a sack lunch for the day.

Family & Friends
Join us for a WEDDING SHOWER
Sunday July 23, 1:00 TO 4:00
Celebrating Julia & Evan's
forthcoming marriage in
August 2017 in Santorini, Greece
Hosted by the bride's
Grandparents, Lyle & Darlene Clemenson
at Timber Event Center
1718 Central St. W. • Bagley, MN.
Julia, Deputy Communication Director for Senator Heidi Heitkamp in Washington, DC, is daughter of Rene Clemenson Krieger of Minneapolis, and Evan is an investment Counselor & managing partner of Vanshap Capital in Virginia, son of Richard & Debbie Venderveer of South Carolina & Pennsylvania.



The Good Samaritan Residents and staff enjoyed special music with Butch Boe and David Rongstad on Thursday the 6th of July. They always bring us great music and laughs. Residents are able to sing with them or just listen. Pictured here are Butch and Dave.

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Bagley 218-694-6416
Pastor:
Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen
Terri D. Parish sec.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Call for weekday Mass times.

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER
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Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Sunday, July 16th:
9:00am Worship/Communion;
10:00am Coffee Hour
Our Savior's
Sunday, July 16th:
10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am
Worship/Communion
Thursday, July 20th:
6:00pm Church Council

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH
MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
MONDAY JULY 17-JULY 20, 2017: Vacation Bible School, Samhold, United & Elim Lutheran Clearbrook children are invited! There will be a Day Camp for 4-5 year olds from 9-noon; 6 yrs-6th grade from 9am-2pm; campers will need to bring a packed lunch.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017: 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 7:00 PM Samhold Council meets
SUNDAY JULY 23, 2017: 10:30 AM Worship Service

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017:
9:00 AM Worship Service

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Sand Lake Ave & 5th St. Bagley
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study; 8:00 p.m. Theocratic School; 8:30 p.m. Service Meeting.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Public Bible Talk; 10:35 a.m. Bible Study.

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners

- July 1 - Neal Grotsun, Northfield, MN, \$20.
- July 2 - Jim Workman, Bemidji, MN, \$20.
- July 3 - Jane Bellefy, Bagley, MN, \$20.
- July 4 - Travis Sandland, St. Paul, MN, \$100.
- July 5 - Mike Sorenson, Savage, MN, \$20.
- July 6 - Esther Johnson, Thief River Falls, MN, \$20.
- July 7 - Janet Landsverk, Fosston, MN, \$20.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Thank you to all our great Grow It! customers for a successful season!
CLEARBROOK SITE:
Shop-at-the-Top: Open: 10-4, M-F & Sat., 10 AM-12 PM only. Comfortable, organized, and great prices. Clothes for the whole family!
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7 PM, Thursdays, 2nd floor, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Clearbrook. Open to men & women. Confidential.
GONVICK SITE:
Restore It! Furniture Shop: Open 9-4, M-F, & Sat., 9-12.

Reasonable custom refinishing of wood furniture available. Send a picture to cwlc@gvtel.com or call & talk to Becky for cost estimates. Furniture donations needed! Donations of clean, good quality furniture accepted during business hours. Pick-up can be arranged with prior notice. 218-487-5290, Ext. 2.

Senior Connection Adult Day Services: M-W-F, 10-3. Professional staff, individualized care plans, & home-like atmosphere. Call Marilyn at 218-487-5290, Ext. 1 to answer questions or schedule a visit.

For programs and services, visit: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.mustardseedhomes.org, or www.adultdayservices-gonvick.org and our Facebook pages.

CWLC-Gonvick, 226 Elm St, open Mon. - Fri., 9-4 & Sat., 9-12: Create It! Art Studios and Restore It! Furniture Shop (open until 8 PM the first Fri. of each month).

CWLC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing a variety of free and low-cost programming and services to northern Clearwater County and surrounding area.

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Church News

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept.-May) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. Kids Worship (most Sundays) Jr. Church follows, 7:00 p.m. Youth Night (most Sundays).

Every Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS - Clearbrook Branch
305 Lake Ave. E.
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Sunday School: 11:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; Young Women's: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; Primary: 11:20 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

REDEEMER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
Church Location:
Corner of Hwy. 2 & Red Lake Ave. SW
Bagley, MN
Pastor James Meyers
Sunday Divine Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School / Adult Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., July 12 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer. 8:00 p.m. Youth Group.
Thurs., July 13 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Prayer. 2:30 p.m. Mission Friends.
Sun., July 16 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Quarterly Business Meeting.

Future Events: Day Camp at Samhold Lutheran, July 17-20; Outdoor Worship Service at Brad Jackson's, Sunday, July 23 at 9:30 a.m. Potluck to follow.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 15: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, July 16: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. Nazareth 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park (c).

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, July 12: Elem. Camp-NLBC. Josiah at Elem. Camp-NLBC. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, July 13: Elem. Camp-NLBC. Josiah at Elem. Camp-NLBC. 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Fri, July 14: 6:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.

Sat, July 15: Josiah at Army Training. 8:00 a.m. Holy Yoga.
Sun, July 16: 9:30 a.m.: Worship Lucas Fultz Preaching.
Tue, July 11: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 11:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, July 12: 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Food Shelf. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, July 16: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany.
Wed, July 19: WELCA Sand Valley 2:00 p.m.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, July 16: 10:00 a.m. Worship.

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Quincy and Brody Gustafson were part of the 2017 Summerfest Kiddie Parade at Clearbrook. -Photo by Kendehl Ballard



The Engebretson girls Layla and Shya with Katie Bardwell who was helping at the Summerfest games in Clearbrook. -Photo by Kendehl Ballard

Clearbrook-Gonvick Summer Recreation

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SUMMER RECREATION

JULY 17-JULY 23

Monday, July 17: Cadet Tournament at Fosston (re-scheduled from June 15 & 29) at 10:00 am. NO BUS. Pee-Wee, Bantam, Pony practice from 1:30-3:00 pm. Tball, Mite, Midget Watermelon Night at Fosston at 6:15. NO BUS. Please provide your own transportation.

Tuesday, July 18: Pee-Wee tournament at Clearbrook at 10:00. Be at Kloster Park at 9:40. Cadet, Bantam, Pony practice 1:30-3:00 pm. Creative Crafts from 1:00-2:15 in the Commons. Volleyball Camp for grades 3rd-6th from 3:30-5:30 in the gym. Tball, Midget & Midget practice from 6:45-7:45. Last practice, Treat Night! Turn in clean uniform if you borrowed it from us.

Wednesday, July 20: Kloster Park League at 9:00 am. Volleyball Camp for grades 3rd-6th from 3:30-5:30 in the gym.

Thursday, July 20: Bantam, Pony tournament at Fosston at 10:00. NO BUS. Please provide your own transportation. Cadet League at Oklee at 10:00. Bus leaves Clearbrook at 9:00 and Gonvick at 9:10. Creative Crafts from 1:00-2:15 in the Commons.

Friday, July 21: No Summer Recreation.

Save and turn in your receipts from Y92, Bakken's, DaRoos, Drive In, NB&C, and Kandi's Kitchen! Drop them off at the banks or school by August 4.

Sunday, July 23: Kloster Park League World Series. Awards at 1:30, games begin at 2:00.

Please register for activities by contacting Judy Engebretson at 776-3112 ext 102.

BASKET WEAVING:
JULY 25 & 26 (age 8 and up) (FEE: \$10)

Come weave a Medium Gathering Basket with handle and color accents. We will learn

the basics of basket weaving including plain weave, twining, inserting and incorporating a handle, applying and wrapping a rim. Class size is limited to eight so sign up right away. Snack provided. Meet in commons: 9:30-12:30. Instructor Pat Galloway.

PREREGISTER and PAY by JULY 19.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE:
JULY 24-27 (Boys & Girls going into grades 5-7) (cost-FREE) (3:30-5:30 PM)

Each day will consist of warmup, some skills and then you will play games. Games will be 3 on 3 up to 5 on 5. Roxanne Dahlke will coordinate with high school players helping. Meet in the high school gym. Parents are welcome to help or just watch! **PREREGISTRATION BY JULY 20.**

Now hear this...
by Harry Hutchens,
**Clearwater
County Veterans
Service Officer**

FLAG DISPOSAL BOXES:
The National Association of Counties has provided a flag disposal box so residents can drop off their old, tattered and torn flags for a proper, dignified disposal.

This is a great opportunity to educate the public about the proper care for the U.S. flag.

This flag disposal program as a good starting point for flag etiquette education and a useful community service. The box is located in the Courthouse adjacent to the County Service Center. The Bagley and Clearbrook Legion Posts' Honor Guards, in conjunction with the local Boy Scouts, perform flag disposal ceremonies each year, most usually scheduled for the annual Flag Day observance in June.

I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (not anonymous) to our Commissioners is also a valuable gauge of how this office can better serve all veterans and their beneficiaries. Office(218)694-6618/Cell(218)556-5340 Hutch



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Make your plans now...
The Gonvick Lions Rodeo will start at 6:00 p.m. both Friday and Saturday nights July 14 and 15. Rodeo will be approximately two hours in length. Parade at 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

The Gonvick American Legion BINGO continues this Thursday, July 20 at 6:45 PM and every Thursday evening through August 31st. Games will be played if there are at least 14 players.

If you have a picture you would like to share with our readers please send them to richards@gvtel.com or bring them into our office in Gonvick. Wedding picture, new baby in your family or family get together.

Need a new passport?
Check your dates on your passports so that they can be renewed without too much hassle. Renew before they expire. Call Leader-Record in Gonvick 487-5225 to get set up for a time to take your pictures and get them right away.

Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our website for you to see. Go online at tricanary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our

office.

We collect used eye glasses in our 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.

Joke time...

Ole and Lars were working for the city public works department in Wisconsin. Ole would dig a hole and Lars would follow behind and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked Ole, 'I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it -- why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?'

Ole, the hole digger, wiped his brow and sighed, 'Vell, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today Sven, who plants da trees called in sick.'

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'Simple Practices for Better Hay' Part 2 of 3

Cutting:

When selecting a mower consider the crop type & field conditions. Rotaries can keep you on schedule vs a sickle type mower. Using a disk type mower or mower-conditioner will allow you to cut up to 3 times more acres in the same amount of time as a sickle type of equal width. Rotary's cut through wet, down, tuff material, including old bales, manure clumps and rodent nest. They also work better in point row cuts and swath overlap cuts, usually without any ground speed reduction. If rotary knives are damaged, they can be replaced easily and quickly at a low cost so slowing or being limited by what you may not see is not a big issue. Replacing the knives on a rotary machine equals sickle & guards w/ hold-downs on a sickle. If possible install knives 3 with bevel down for first use application will reduce knife damage and bending if rocks are present. This lets the knife lift on contact with a rock releasing pivot point clamping effect allowing it to swing away from the hazard. Any knife that bends up will leave a 'streak or rooster tail' slowing the dry-down. Cutterbars with a 'shear protection system' can keep your harvest on schedule by not only minimizing down time but encouraging faster operating speeds. Set the float for minimum surface contact but not bounce over any crop. Rule of thumb is 'the faster MPH or rougher the surface the heavier the float - the slower the MPH and the smoother the surface the lighter the float'. Adjusting for field to field changes will save fuel, reduce knife damage and over all wear and tear. Cut your plants with a 2 inches minimum stubble height to suspend the swath above the soil and create an air barrier to reduce moisture transfer to the cut hay. Limit the stubble height to about 4 inches or you can expect the long stubble to wick moisture from its root into the swath also. The sun works like a 'water magnet' pulling soil moisture up into the swath as the swath moisture decreases. Operate cutterbar at the flattest angle that achieves desired cut height to minimize dirt in the windrow, knife or cutterbar damage. Quick regrowth crop varieties can slow dry-down and not provide any additional yield benefit. Machines with 'impeller tine type conditioners' are very versatile, adjustable for more conditions plus forgiving to foreign material such as

rocks, gopher mounds, ant hills and wildlife. Roll conditioners come in different types; rubber & urethane, steel and all will wear over time, more in abrasive conditions so adjusting is required. When adjusting the conditioner for your crop, do not 'over-condition the crop to the point that it shreds the plants and mat together in the windrow'. Remember unless you do everything else correctly conditioning may have little value. 'A uniform low-density fluffy windrow should be the goal'. Using a rotary mowerconditioner with narrower rather than wider cutting width may actually speed up total haying time. Many farmers have added a wider cutting unit to their system thinking that it would shorten the harvest time but ended up adding 1-2 additional days to the dry-down because swath density increased to the point of slowing the drying process. It may be better to purchase a larger/wider capacity rake to merge the smaller swaths into fewer passes for the baler. All mowing equipment requires regular inspection for damaged or worn parts that can slow the cutting and cause bunching or plugging. Uneven travel and crop flow will create uneven dry-down.

Tedding:

Tedders are a great investment even if only used occasionally; on heavy first cutting, rainy years, or rained on hay to limit molding before baling. The tedding can save a crop from being a complete loss. If using only a mower less conditioner the crop can be 'conditioned' by using a tedder shortly after cutting. Drive so that the crop enters the rotors and is pulled through rather than moved (counter flow) forward into on-coming crop which will shred the plants increasing field losses. Operate at high RPM and match MPH to separate crop, have unit tilted to lift and allow crop to fall to the ground evenly. If tedding unwindrowed crop the rotor angle must be flat to the surface to stir the entire crop evenly. Do not use a tedder in crop dryer than 40 % or feed value will be reduced by extreme shattering. Avoid purchasing dual-purpose 'tedder-rake' units since they do neither process as good as specialized models.

Raking:

Rakes many times are undersized for best results and performance. The raking process needs to be timed to the crops' moisture level to minimize dry-matter loss but also get the job done in a timely manner. Single side rakes of the 'basket, rotary or wheel type' can move crop to improve drying without merging more material. Powered rakes allow the raking process to start 4 when the crop is at high moisture but before it has dried to the point of excess leaf loss. Ar-eas with lower yields can use 'double / twin' rakes to speed up the process but will limit total ending volume to the area covered in each pass. When purchasing a v-type rake to cover the minimum crop width requirement at its maximum operating width it may work ok in light and straight travel but if your fields have curves, rake around corners, side hills, you better buy a larger size so that the operating angle is sharp enough to limit any bulldozing, bunching or plugging. High capacity wheel rakes should always be considered, these rakes have the rake wheels mounted in front of the pivot point that way large volumes of material can pass without bunching on arms. The discharge point of the rake should have an adjustable width to match the round baler width on all round baler applications. The resulting windrow should also be uniform in shape & volume for best bale results. The windrow needs to be formed to equal either the full baler width or 1/2 or less. If less than full width windrows are fed into the baler but wider than half width, you will end up having barrel shaped bales. These bales will have lower density, will be more difficult to wrap with twine, move and store.

Source: Jim Buchs, Hay & Forage Specialist John Deere

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The Trail Community Club has donated a new sign that can be seen from highway 92. Volunteers came out on Saturday July 1st for the installation. Pictured left to right; Kandys & Marion White, Jennie Svendsen, Keith Anderson, Philip Seyller, Dallas Stine, Judy & Gerald Seyller, and not pictured Steve Svendsen.



NordaGonvick Rosemalers met at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Clearbrook on June 19 and 20th. They were joined by Instructor Ruth Green, Gold Medal rosemalar from Decorah, Iowa. Pictured back row from left: Dee Strandlien, Connie Nelson, Shirley Falardeau, Jane Bellefy, Lynn Sundrud, Lorraine Baugh, Diana Kraepelin. Seated from left: Pam Janssen, Instructor Ruth Green, Ardella Lindberg. Missing from picture: Sharri Yeager.

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Harper and McKinley Watne took part in the Children's Summerfest activities in Clearbrook. Photo by Kendehl Ballard

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leisure. She still worked part-time. They had just remodeled the hospital and asked her if she would do the redecorating. That became a five year project, in which she dedicated her time decorating from patient rooms to the Board room.

"I got the help of a decorating firm in Fargo. We used a 'color board' to coordinate the colors in all the areas. Then I organized the decorating at Faith Lutheran Church with five other members."

The Beautification Project started in 2000 in Bagley was the next big effort in which Crystal became involved.

"Around that time, I remember thinking, 'This town needs help', wondering what could be done to make Bagley more attractive. And with the support of Mayor Steve Beltz, the Tuesday Study Club, and many others, a downtown redevelopment proposal was planned, and a Beautification Board was set up." Crystal headed the Board.

"We started with hanging baskets, and planters. We felt that flowers would be a quick fix to create a renewed city and to instill in the people of Bagley a pride in their neighborhood, which would mature into a greater pride in their city."

"Contests were held for the best use of flowers by residents, organizations, and the business community. We introduced a 'Yard of the Week' in the Farmers Independent, and improved various areas. We applied for a grant from MnDOT and received a Community Roadside Landscaping Grant in June of 2003, and volunteers planted and cared for over 300 trees and shrubs it provided. We received a grant from the Region 2 Arts for a mural at Galli's. A local artist painted the four season artscape, but unfortunately the painting did not last."

The American Legion donated \$3,000 for a sculpture to be created and money for planters and flags. The War Memorial was also being planned.

Though she gives credit to the success of the project to all those who contributed, volunteered, businesses and clubs who helped, the City of Bagley, as well as the residents who heartily participated in the Beautification of Bagley, there

is no doubt that Crystal's endeavors to fulfill this profound challenge were the catalyst for its accomplishment. She put in a great deal of personal time in order to see the fulfillment of this dream.

She says of those days, "I never walked in anyplace that I wasn't thanked for the effort."

"Tuesday Study Club was awarded the Community Improvement, Revitalization, and Beautification Award for the State of Minnesota, and received a certificate and \$100."

Crystal's husband, Tony Schmitz, was administrator at the Red Lake Falls Hospital for 20 years, then in 1985 started a water softener business called Eco Water of Bemidji. He retired from that in 2000.

In 1994 Tony and Crystal got married in Hawaii and went back for their 10th Anniversary. They have traveled to Italy, and took a cruise to Cancun, Mexico from Galveston, Texas.

"I feel really fortunate to travel."

Crystal's children are Steve, Lynn, Jack and Jill Wallingford.

In 2003, Crystal was honored to be the Clearwater First Lady. She says that was quite exciting.

"I have enjoyed traveling, camping, bowling, scrap booking, gardening, and I like to read too. Tony and I used to golf a lot."

"We have great memories of 35 years of belonging to a gourmet group along with five couples. We would meet once a month, rotate houses and the hosts would furnish entree and wine and give the other members new recipes, never tested, to complete the meal."

She says of her accomplishments, "Everybody is so cooperative. Not everyone wants to be a leader, but there are many who are willing to work and help."

Crystal's philosophy of life is summed up in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

"I have a lot of respect for how you treat people," she says. "We instilled that in our kids too. I don't like to see the bullying that is going on these days. How children act comes from how they are raised, from what they see and hear."

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