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Commissioners informed that State Certified Valuations up \$39 for Enbridge & railroad utilities

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on July 18, 2017.
County Auditor Allen Paulson said that State Certified Valuations regarding Enbridge and railroad utilities had been received from the Department of Revenue. They are up \$39 million over last year for the utilities, which may mean they will pay an increase in real estate taxes to the County in the future. New construction assessments will be a factor to determine what changes may occur.
He received authorization from the Board to pay the submitted invoices of \$57,498 for

the County Revenue Fund and \$6,533 for the Nursing Service Fund.
He said the landfill collection in revenue is ahead of last year, but they will continue to keep an eye on this area to make sure they are not in the red.
County Veterans Service Officer and Safety Controls Coordinator Harry Hutchens III presented his quarterly report for the period of April 1 to June 30, 2017 to the Commissioners. Among the accomplishments for this period were 479 telephone calls, 57 office visits, and 10 home visits, besides mail processing, out-

reach, and other duties.
Mr. Hutchens facilitated the Clearwater County Safety Committee Meeting and attended the Minnesota Safety Council 2017 Annual Safety Conference, both held in May.
The Bagley Public Library planning meeting for Lake Agassiz Regional Library will be attended by Commissioner Arlen Syverson. The purpose of the community meeting is to help shape the future for library programs and services.
Commissioners present at the meeting were Daniel Stenseng, Dean Newland, John Nelson, Neal Illies and Arlen Syverson.

Community & staff needs discussed at Library Planning Meeting

By Karen Edelbach
A small group gathered for the Bagley Public Library planning meeting for Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) held on Thursday, July 20.
The community members, including Commissioner Arlen Syverson who serves on the Regional Library Board, came to participate in the sharing of information to help shape the future library programs and services.
Liz Lynch, Regional Library Director from the Moorhead office was there to moderate the conversation and ask questions to assess the needs of the community.
“We are in our planning process for 2017-2019. Besides Bagley, I’ve conducted meetings in Detroit Lakes, Mahnomen, Hawley, Breckenridge, and in August will go to Crookston. I wish more would attend these meetings for their own benefit.”
“We want to know what are the community members needs and likes, and what are the staff needs. We are our own entity, and not run by the government. The library system is run out of Moorhead, and employees work for LARL. We receive local funding and also from the State of Minnesota.”
“Library usage at the Bagley branch is bucking national trends, and is going up and up,” she stated, giving credit to local librarian, Karen Edevold. “Checkouts are

slowing down, but ebooks are through the roof. Way to go Karen! But don’t worry – books aren’t going away.”
“**And the Gonvick Link is the most heavily used in our system!**”
Questions proposed, and some answers received:
What are the things you like about the Library here?
“Being able to request books! The staff is so willing to search for titles and make requests from other libraries.”
Books can be requested to check out, and also for purchase. Ms. Lynch said the majority of items they purchase are because of customer requests.
“The reciprocal borrowing, allowing book returns at various branches.”
“This space is so much more user friendly than the downtown location was.”
“The flexible hours of some days and evenings is helpful, and having a book drop.”
What are the challenges?
“Everything costs money. We have to realize it is an investment in the community in order to keep things going,” Mr. Syverson stated. “Kids can get on their bicycles and come out here.”
“Arlen is our ‘Library Advocate!’” Ms. Lynch commented.
“In Bagley it is a challenge to find activities outside of family or church. The Library fills a need for a community place to go.”

“People do everything on their phones these days,” Karen Edevold stated. “They come here to get internet access on their smart phones. Kids have challenges. Some are expected to email their homework to school, but not everyone has access. Many people don’t have TV, cable, satellite, or internet – nothing.”
What sorts of activities and subjects would you like to see presented by the Library?
Karen Edevold said many people have enjoyed the Summer Recreation programs and bring their families. Often it may be grandma or an aunt that brings the kids. They make it a regular practice to visit the library.
Now you can download the LARL Mobile App to get one-stop access to everything you love about the library, and quick access to eBooks and eAudiobooks.
The librarian explained the “Fall Lineup” of activities coming to the Library this year. Ms. Lynch said if members of the community have suggestions they can tell Karen and she can pass it on.
There is a high usage of videos and DVDs, and read books on their computer now, Ms. Lynch said. Rotating of books is done on a regular basis so they do not get “stale”.
Phase 2 will be to send out surveys by email in September, which can also be picked up at the library.



Reuben and Wanda Rydeen were the highest bidders on the only available Gully book. The 934 page book has been in demand since it was printed. Eileene Vanderport of Gonvick, shown with the Rydeens, donated the book for the Gully Day activities last weekend. Wanda is holding her bidding paddle and she ended up paying \$400.00 to the Gully Day committee to use for expenses for the activities.

Where can you have fun, food, friendship and a free gate?

The 111th Annual Clearwater County Fair will be held August 2 to 6. They are continuing the tradition of excellence. There will be the corn on the cob, turkey legs, elephant ears, cheese curds, meatball bowls and all the other good food at the fair. There is no admission to get into the event.
Tuesday: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. All 4-H non-livestock projects, Cats and Pets (Non-trained, Basic care)
3:30 p.m. Cats
4:30 p.m. Pets & Dogs
After Judging Pets, Cats, Dogs (These are only allowed on the Fairgrounds for judging)
Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 4-H Horses
9:00 a.m. - 4-H Horse show followed by 4-H Master Trainer
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. All swine, Sheep, Poultry, 4-H Dairy Goats, 4-H Grade Holstein and colored breeds
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Flowers, Creative Activities, Foods, Horticulture, Forestry and Original art and Patriotic Decorated Pallet
5:00 p.m. - 4-H Fashion Revue
6:30 p.m. - Kent Dudley and Bring Me David in the Grandstand, Admission - \$5:00
8:30 p.m. - Beer, Wine, Homemade Liqueur Judging at Peterson Pavilion
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 4-H Dairy and open colored breed Open Grade Holsteins. 4-H Market followed by 4-H Breeding Beef
2:00 p.m. - 4-H Market Goat Show
3:00 p.m. - 4-H Sheep
6:00 p.m. - Open Sheep/Salsa Entry
6:30 p.m. - Salsa Judging (Entry 6:00 p.m.) at Peterson Pavilion
7:00 p.m. - Wojo’s Rodeo in the Grandstand, Admission- Adults \$15, Age 12 & Under \$10
8:00 p.m. - Llama Show
Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 4-H Horses
8:00 a.m. - Open Sheep, 4-H Beef, Open Dairy - Colored Breeds
8:00 a.m. - 4-H Swine
8:00 a.m. - Little Tots Horses (2nd Grade or younger)
9:00 a.m. - Little Tots Horse Show
11:00 a.m. - 4-H & Open Rabbit Show
12 Noon - 6:00 p.m. Open Beef, Open Dairy Goats, 4-H Dairy, Draft Horses
5:00 p.m. - Clearwater County Emerging Leaders Recognition and Reunion
6:30 p.m. - Tractor and Pickup Pulls, Admission - Adults \$15, Youth \$10
7:00 p.m. - Pail Class, Registered Holsteins
7:00 p.m. - Pail Calf Show
Chocolate & Kid Contest Entry
7:30 p.m. - Kids’ Chocolate Contest Judging (Entry 7:00 p.m.)
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Commissioner Arlen Syverson, Connie Nunemaker from Shevlin, and Librarian Karen Edevold were present at the library planning meeting.



Arlen Syverson visited with LARL Regional Library Director, Liz Lynch, about the importance of the Bagley Library.

Principal gives handbook updates to the board

Jeff Burgess the Principal at Clearbrook-Gonvick gave the school board an update on the changes for the handbook at their meeting on Monday, July 17. Most of the book stays the same except for three items including cellphones, dress code and extracurricular policy.
Staffing has been posted for three positions to be filled for the coming school year. Two para positions and with the late resignation the English position will have to be filled.
Superintendent report
Wayne Olson stated that the summer projects are not moving ahead as fast as they wanted. Two students had applied for the CEP program which was not awarded this spring. Those two will be contacted to come in to help with the cleaning of desks and other work for the rest of the summer. They will be paid the minimum wage.
The bus contract has been forwarded to Stein Bus Service LLC and wording has been worked through.
Consent calendar was approved with some payments to: BRIC \$49,146.65; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$7,661.77; Mar-co \$4,533.00; Roy Abraham \$3000.00; Prairie Fire Theatre \$2,050.00; Garden Valley Telephone Co. \$1,845.33; Knutson, Flynn & Deans \$1,045.00.
No old business
New business
Resignation has been posted for the Language Arts position that was held by Mark Carter. He is moving out of teaching and helping with the Carter Farm near Park Rapids. He would also like to develop a theater Company. They will be looking for a fully qualified person, but it is a late date.
Athletic coaches were approved for the upcoming seasons. Football: Head Coach Casey Kroulik with Wes Rogstad, Jesse Eck, Rocky Eck and Reagan Hetland as Assistant Coaches. Volleyball: Tammi Ehlers as Head Coach and Gwen Eck as Assistant Coach. Cross-Country Head Coach John Lavin. Winter coaches were appointed at this time. Girl’s Basketball: Head Coach Ross Faldet with Bob Westrum and Rocky Eck as Assistant Coaches. They have not been any appointed for boy’s basketball. Spring Coaches for Track with Casey Kroulik as Head Coach and John Lavin as assistant coaches.
Teachers have accepted the contract with very little changes to the final wording. There will be a 3.02% raise the first year and 2.87% the second year.
The board approved elementary and High School Hand-

book as presented.
The Sanford Sports Medicine contract was approved for \$1,000. A Sanford athletic trainer will be present at home sporting events. That person will be looking at prevention of injuries, rehab when necessary and provide concussion protocol.
New cafeteria prices were approved with 5 cent increase on all the items. Student breakfast for 1st to 12th grade is \$1.40 each. Kindergarten Breakfast is free as it is state funded. Elementary Student Lunch is \$2.55, high school lunch \$2.85 and milk 35 cents for any extra. Adult breakfast is \$2.20 with adult lunch at \$4.00. Free or reduced breakfast and lunch is paid by state funds. All students who are approved for either free or reduced meals will receive school meals at no charge for 2016-17. Milk cards from last year are still good and can be until they are used up.
A resolution approving the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan was approved by the board. The ten-year plan and what the district will be receive as revenue from the state for maintenance on the building. The figure is up over \$80,000 and can be kept over from year to year.
August board meeting is set for Monday, August 21.

Banks have a copy of the premium book

The Clearwater Fair is just around the corner. The 111th annual event is August 2nd to the 6th for the annual event. If you are going to enter anything in the fair you can pick-up premium books at the local banks in Gonvick, Clearbrook and Bagley. Enter something that you have done for prize money to be given out.

Community Calendar

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners
July 15 - Betty Randklev, Clerabrook, \$20.
July 16 - Susan Sandland, Gonvick, \$20.
July 17 - Brant Melbo, Bagley, \$20.
July 18 - Deborah Zak, St. Hilaire, \$20.
July 19 - Tom Weber, Trail, \$20.
July 20 - Greg Berg, Bagley, \$20.
July 21 - Adeline Wolliscroft, Bagley, \$20.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF CLOVER TOWNSHIP
The regular meeting will be held August 4th, Friday, 2017 at 5 pm at the Clover Town Hall. Input on speed limits on town roads will be open for comments.
Joel Wraa, Clerk R18C

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH at DEBS
ANNUAL MEATBALL DINNER
Raffle, Bake Sale and Music
Sunday, Aug. 6
Serving 11:00 - 2:00
R18C

Darlene Clemenson-Sawyer is turning 80!
PLEASE JOIN US for an
OPEN HOUSE to celebrate her birthday
SATURDAY, JULY 29
2:00 - 4:30 pm
at the **GONVICK LEGION**
Requesting no gifts!!!
Hosted by her children
Everyone welcome!
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CLEARWATER COUNTY FAIR
BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!
Aug. 2-6

ARMBAND NIGHT
Wednesday, Aug. 2
\$20 to ride 6-10 p.m.
Buy armbands at the Carnival

Family of Fun Shows!
Advance Carnival Ride Tickets
AT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS PLACES

Bagley
Coaches' Corner
Galen's SuperMarket
Thrifty White Pharmacy
Kubiak's Family Foods

Clearbrook
Bakken's Market
Y92 Convenience
First State Bank
North Country Hardware

Gonvick
Northern State Bank
Northern Bait & Tackle

Lake Itasca
Rock Creek General Store

Fosston
First National Bank
TheoRose on Main

LePier's

Gully
Gully Schoolhouse Grocery

Leonard
Strand's Store

Dee's Cafe

Lengby
Roadhouse

The Clinic

Solway
Hwy 2 West Express

Zerkel
Knutson's Store

Bemidji
Pete's Place West

TICKETS

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As part of the organization's 90th Anniversary Pay it Forward campaign, Fred Sundquist of Invest Forward Bagley, is pleased to announce a \$2,000 donation has been made to the Clear Waters Life Center. The donation will help fund Clear Waters Life Center's Youth Connection after-school program. Shown (left to right): Fred Sundquist with Invest Forward, and Rebecca Dorman and Darien Northup with Clear Waters Life Center.



Corey Medina & Brothers to perform at Farm By The Lake on July 30, 2017 at 4 pm rain or shine.

Summer Concert Series at Farm by the Lake

Corey Medina is a Native American Blues Artist from Shiprock, NM. Shiprock is on the Navajo Tribal Nation where Corey was born and raised. He moved to Northern Minnesota in 2012 and collaborated with Incepticons Entertainment. Corey released his debut album "Old Dog Crying" in May of 2015, produced by Garlic Brown Beats. Corey now plays, writes and produces with the Incepticons team full time and also travels with his band known as "The Brothers". Corey refers to "The Brothers" is a representation of the

relationship he likes to keep with his fellow band mates. Currently The Brothers Band consist of: Eric Sundeen on Drums and Gary Broste on upright bass, both from Bemidji, MN. They set out to spread light to the dark, and hope to the hopeless with their raw, soulful, intimate music and stage presence.

Bring yourself, a comfy chair (if you like-some provided), and the whole family because no one wants to miss this one!!

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County Fair..
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Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4-H Dairy Goat Show followed by Open Goat Show
8:45 a.m. – Registration for 5K fun run/ walk and kids run
9:00 a.m. – Open Horse Show, 4-H Pen followed by Open Beef, Flea Market & Craft Show 'In the Pines' until 4:00 p.m.
9:30 a.m. – 4-H Dairy Show followed by 4-H Breeding Beef
11:00 a.m. – Registered Holstein Show/ One Community, One Community One Vegetable Gift basket, Senior Citizens of the Year at the Hockey Arena
12 Noon – Draft Horse Pull, Admission – Adults \$15, Youth \$10
1:00 p.m. – Open Beef – Halter Classes followed by Open Beef Market Show
3:00 p.m. – 4-H State Fair Exhibitors Meeting (Non-Livestock)
5:00 p.m. – 4-H State Fair Exhibitors Meeting Livestock
6:00 p.m. – 4-H State Fair Exhibitors Meeting Horse, Mutton Busting & Rhythm & Ride Horse Show, Admission \$5
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – Open Swine/Swine Jackpot
9:00 a.m. – Draft Horse Show
10:00 a.m. - 4-H Fun Show Dog
11:00 a.m. – Open Dog Show
12:30 p.m. – Premier Showmanship
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Legos – A Day at the Fair
2:00 p.m. – 4-H Awards Program, Demo Derby- Chain & Go, Compacts, & Full Size, 2:30 p.m. – Legos
3:00 p.m. – Emerging Leaders Program
3:30 p.m. – Premier 4-H Livestock Auction
5:00 p.m. – All State Fair Paperwork Due
Contests at Peterson Pavilion: Salsa Contest, Judging on Thursday at 6:30 p.m., Chocolate Contest at 7:30, Vegetable Gift Basket Saturday at 11:00 a.m., Green Bean Casserole at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Pickled Bean Contest at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Lego Contest at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Church News

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Sunday, July 30: 9:00am
Worship; 10:00am Coffee Hour.
Our Savior's
Sunday, July 30: 10:30 am
Coffee Hour; 11:00 am Worship

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH
MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wednesday, July 26: 8:00 AM
Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study.
SUNDAY JULY 30: 10:30 AM
Worship Service/with Potluck to follow

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wednesday, July 26: United
WNALC Meets. Hostess: Bernice
Magnussen
Sunday, July 30: 9:00 AM
Worship Service

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Youth Pastor Brad Binder
Children's Minister Nicky Ubort
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cfchurch@gvtel.com
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.

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.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Thurs. July 27 - 7 p.m. Bible Study
Sat. July 29 - 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sun. July 30 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Noon - Potluck Meal followed by Quarterly Business Meeting

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., July 26 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer. 8:00 p.m. Youth Group.
Thurs., July 27 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Prayer.
Sun., July 30 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Outdoor Sing-A-Long and fellowship time at the Sandland cabin on Clearwater Lake. Supper to be provided by Mission Friends. Bring a lawn chair and sweets to share with group.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 29: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, July 30: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. Nazareth 9:45a.m. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, July 26: Josiah at Army Training. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, July 27: Josiah at Army Training. 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Fri, July 28: Family Camp – NLBC. Josiah at Army Training. 6:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.
Sat, July 29: Family Camp – NLBC. Josiah at Army Training. 8:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.
Sun, July 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Family Camp – NLBC.
Mon, July 31: Josiah at Army Training.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Sun, July 30: 10 a.m. Parish Service at Bethany. Pot Luck lunch to follow.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, July 30: 10:00 a.m. Worship.

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There will be a Backpack/School Supply Drive and Distribution at Country Faith Church at 46125 - 149th Ave, Clearbrook (from Clearbrook, 1 mile south, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6) on Thursday, August 24th, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. FREE Backpacks and school supplies will be available for families who could use a little help with this school expense.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Student Awarded College Scholarship from Koch Pipeline Company

Clearbrook, Minn. - A Clearbrook-Gonvick High School student has received a \$1,500 college scholarship from Koch Pipeline Company as a part of its Discovery Scholarship program. Alison Johnson, a recent graduate of Clearbrook-Gonvick High School, was awarded in recognition of her academic excellence, leadership, and entrepreneurial skills.

Johnson is one of five students in Minnesota to receive a 2017 Discovery Scholarship from Koch Pipeline Company. Each year, the scholarship program recognizes local students from communities near Koch Pipeline Company locations.

"The Discovery Scholarship program is a way for us to celebrate the achievements of remarkable students in our community," said Wade Parrott, Vice President of Northern Operations, Koch Pipeline Company. "We wish them the best as they begin college and look forward to hearing about their future endeavors."

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(School supplies will not be given out before 6:30pm.) If this is something that could help your family, please come. If you have questions, would like to donate supplies, or would like to receive supplies but are unable to come that night, please call: Country Faith Church 218-776-3367. Backpacks & supplies are given on a first come-first serve basis, so please try and make it to the event.



Alison Johnson.

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Peggy Arlaud came to Good Samaritan Clearbrook to let us pet and enjoy Ellie and Victory her Miniature horse and pony. A lot of the residents have some connection to farming and farm animals. But these little ones were so cute you just couldn't help but want to love them up. Pictured with Nadine Klasse are Dale Miller and Harlan Aakre.



Ardys Bjerke with the horse.



Nadine Klasse and Bonita Tillman.

Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Clearwater County Fair that is coming up August 2 to 6. Keep those dates open for a fun time.

Well... we are not going to park cars in the front of our house anymore. Saturday night was the third time that we were awoken in the middle of the night to a large sound. Another car had crashed into our vehicle. Thank goodness we had moved the other car and had it in the driveway.

The Annual meatball dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church at Debs is set for Sunday, August 6 with serving starting at 11 a. There will be a raffle, bake sale and music.

The Gonvick American Legion BINGO continues this Thursday, July 27 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 [\[canary.com\]\(http://canary.com\). 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...

One Sunday morning

One Sunday morning, the Lutheran pastor noticed Ole standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The old Norwegian had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside Ole, and said quietly, 'Good morning Ole.'

'Good morning Pastor,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Pastor, vat is dis?' The pastor said, 'Well, it's a memorial to all the men and women who died in the service. Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.'

Finally, Ole's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, 'Vich service, da 8:30 or da 10:45?'](http://trico-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Music in the pines at the county fair

The Stage in the Pines at the Clearwater County Fair will be having many different entertainers performing for your listening pleasure.

The ones that have signed up so far include:

Thursday, August 3 -

- 3 p.m. - Alvin Anderson
- 4 p.m. - Wildfire
- 5 p.m. - Ron and Twila Swenson and friends
- 6 p.m. - Jim Fultz
- 7 p.m. - Wynkoop Family Band

Friday, August 4

- 1 - 4 p.m. - 4-H
- 5 p.m. - Theresa Briske
- 6 p.m. - Cliff Johns

Saturday, August 5

- 2 - 4 p.m. - Talent Contest
- 5 p.m. - BS Valley Boys

Sunday, August 6

- 9 a.m. - Cowboy Church
- Noon - Wrestling Angels
- 1 p.m. - Suzanne Shear

Those who want to sign up for another time can contact Kelly Julin at 785-2089.

STORY TO SHARE!

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

Thank you

"Thank you" to the willing hearts and available hands of the folks who came to the assistance of the brother of a local veteran. The veteran's declining health caused a long hospitalization and gratefully admission to the MN Veterans Home at Fergus Falls. His brother was met with the daunting task of closing out the veteran's apartment, which meant packing out paperwork and family belongings to his own home, as well as simply "cleaning house" from floor to ceiling- everything had to go, and the apartment cleaned. Bagley American Legion Auxiliary Unit President Cheryl Grover rallied Legionnaires Virgil Prestby, Jim Merschman and Dennis Merschman, who were joined by apartment neighbors Gerald Tollefson and Renee Thorson. The crew, thanks to the veteran's brother's organized preparation, were able to get the grateful brother back on the long road home to South Dakota before lunch.

Hutch

Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer



Gonvick Lions Club president Chris Eck with his son in the Gonvick Lions Rodeo parade.



Announcing all the Gonvick Lions Rodeo parade entries was Gary Quern with the help of Dennis Bergerson and Gonvick City Clerk Stacy Halvorson.



Dylan Basinger, 2 1/2 month old who was the youngest person who attended the Gully Day Activities. She was content to be with grandma Wendy Basinger.



Dennis Engebretson of Clearbrook visiting with Mylo the Silo, the entertainment for the Gully Day activities last Saturday.

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Cali Carlson showing the Gully book that was to be auctioned off at the special day in Gully.

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THE LEADER-RECORD 3

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

STAR GRAVE MARKERS 2017: The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) supplies a bronze Star Grave Marker flag holder to identify the grave of a veteran who is buried in any cemetery in the state that allows placement of this type of marker. One (1) star marker may be issued for a veteran whose military service was completed honorably.

Star markers are furnished to mark the graves of veterans who died during the current application period. The star grave marker flag holder is free of charge and must be requested by a family member of the deceased veteran at the local County Veterans Service Office. Requests are accepted

year-round and shall include the following information: copy of Military Discharge Record, and a copy of the Death Certificate for the eligible calendar year of death (previous year and forward).

VETERANS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: I'd like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to Lori Johnson for the recent donation to the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program, made as memoriams in honor of the faithful military service of local area veterans Edward Langseth, US Air Force, during the Korean War and later the US Navy, and also Daniel Stensrud, US Army.

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



Jesse Anderson from the Clearbrook-Gonvick school learned how to do CPR.

Ruffed grouse counts up, sharp-tailed grouse similar to last year

Minnesota's ruffed grouse spring drumming counts were up 57 percent statewide this year compared to last year, according to a survey conducted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"The grouse population is nearing its 10-year peak," said Charlotte Roy, DNR grouse project leader. "Grouse populations tend to rise and fall on a decade-long cycle and counts this year are typical of what we expect as the population nears the peak."

Drumming is a low sound produced by males as they beat their wings rapidly and in increasing frequency to signal the location of their territory. Drumming displays also attract females that are ready to begin nesting. Ruffed grouse populations are surveyed by counting the number of male ruffed grouse heard drumming on established routes throughout the state's forested regions.

Drumming counts are an indicator of the ruffed grouse breeding population. The number of birds present during the fall hunting season also depends upon nesting success and chick survival during the

spring and summer. For the past 68 years, DNR biologists have monitored ruffed grouse populations. This year, DNR staff and cooperators from 15 organizations surveyed 122 routes across the state.

The 2017 survey results for ruffed grouse were 2.1 drums per stop statewide. The averages during 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 were 0.9 and 1.1 and 1.1 and 1.3, respectively. Counts vary from about 0.6 drums per stop during years of low grouse abundance to about 2.0 during years of high abundance.

Results this year follow an increase from 2015 to 2016. In the northeast survey region, which is the core of Minnesota's grouse range, counts were 2.5 drums per stop; in the northwest there were 1.6 drums per stop; in the central hardwoods, 0.9 drums per stop; and in the southeast, 0.8 drums per stop. Statewide, drums per stop were as high as during the last peak in drumming in 2009, but have not yet reached previous peak levels in all regions.

Hunting prospects

For grouse hunters, the large increase in drumming counts this year is sure to be

a signal of good times ahead during the fall season, said Ted Dick, DNR forest game bird coordinator.

"We're excited about the way things are looking," he said. "We have more good grouse habitat than anywhere in the lower 48 states."

Grouse hunters have a wealth of public land from which to choose. There are 49 ruffed grouse management areas across northern and central Minnesota that provide destinations for hunters in areas with good potential for producing grouse. There are 528 wildlife management areas in the ruffed grouse range that cover nearly 1 million acres and 600 miles of hunter walking trails. State forests, two national forests and county forest lands also offer many additional acres of public land for hunting.

"Grouse hunting need not be complicated and it's another way to experience the outdoors in the fall," Dick said. "Combine all that with our grouse numbers nearing peak and this is shaping up to be a great year to try grouse hunting for those who haven't."

Sharp-tailed grouse counts

similar to last year

To count sharp-tailed grouse, observers look for males displaying on traditional mating areas, which are called leks or dancing grounds.

"The average number of sharp-tailed grouse was similar this year compared to 2016," Roy said.

The data on sharp-tailed grouse take some interpretation, because survey results can be influenced by how many leks are counted or changes in how many birds are at each lek year to year.

Comparisons of the same leks counted in both years indicate that counts per lek were similar to last year in both survey regions and statewide. This year's statewide average of 9.7 sharp-tailed grouse per lek was similar to the long-term average since 1980. The 2009 average of 13.6 was as high as during any year since 1980. During the last 25 years, the sharp-tailed grouse index has been as low as seven birds counted per dancing ground.

The DNR's 2017 grouse survey report and grouse hunting information can be found at mndnr.gov/hunting/grouse.

2017 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®

The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day, which is the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America, was held on Tuesday, May 9th at the Bagley Hockey Area. Six grade students along with their teachers from Bagley, Clearbrook/Gonvick, and Fosston schools took part in this event. Progressive Agriculture Safety Days are designed to be age-appropriate, hands-on learning, fun, and a safe way to teach students about rural safe. The Clearwater County 4-H Program Coordinator Katie Becker was the Coordinator for this event.



Chemical Safety taught by Randy Bodensteiner. During this presentation youth learned the importance of keeping chemicals in the original bottle.



Mrs. Bagaason Clearbrook-Gonvick Sixth Grade Class.



Mrs. Nordlund Clearbrook-Gonvick Sixth Grade class.



Mr. Cage, Bagley Sixth Grade Class from The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day held in May.



Mrs. Sorgaard, Bagley Six Grade Class from The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day held in May.



Mrs. Gerbracht, Bagley Sixth Grade Class from The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day held in May. *Story on page 8.*

Northwest Minnesota Arts Council Traveling Art Exhibit

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) is proud to sponsor the Traveling Art Exhibit which will be visiting northwest Minnesota communities throughout 2017. The Traveling Art Exhibit includes original artwork by fifteen regional adult and high school artists. It began its journey at the NWMAC's juried Regional Exhibit held at Norman County West High School, Halstad MN

in April of this year.

Artists selected this year to participate in the Traveling Art Exhibit are: Adults: Paulette Christianson of Badger, Macy Larson of Euclid, Jill Levene of Angus, Lucille Nelson of Argyle, Elijah Neufeld of Beltrami, Susan Neufeld of Beltrami, Alicia Spilde of Karlstad and Judy Szklarski of Argyle; and Students: Josiah Dyrud of Thief River Falls, Chey Gerber of Halstad,

Kendra Jensen of Goodridge, Ellie Manomai of Fertile, Jordan Nelson of Goodridge and Taylor Wynn-Skalet of Halstad. Artwork selected for this exclusive traveling exhibit is a collection of diverse subjects in a variety of visual media including: acrylic painting, photography, pencil drawing, watercolor painting, glass mosaic, and mixed media. Pieces were chosen for originality,

distinctive style, portability, and presentation.

The Traveling Art Exhibit will be on display at the following libraries this year:

- Roseau Public Library, July 28–Aug 29, 2017
- Red Lake Falls Public Library, Aug 30–Oct 13, 2017
- Thief River Falls Public Library, Oct 14–Nov 7, 2017
- Warren Godel Memorial Library, Nov 8–Jan 8, 2018

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