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‘Begin discussing future of Demolition Landfill now’ says Environmental Services Director

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on August 29, 2017.
Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht, said that he wants to begin discussing the future of Clearwater County's Demolition Landfill with the Commissioners, and what will be happening 10 years from now.
“I want the Commissioners to know that I would be satisfied to start discussing the needs now and not wait 10 years for a brand new board.”
Though it may seem rather soon to be discussing the matter this far in advance, Dan says that in 10 years the current land fill will likely be filled, and that new restrictions will influence the building of new landfills.
“We don't know what a land fill will look like then,” he said. “Recycling what can be done by pulling it apart, and shipping the rest, but that is very expensive.”
A Market Price Resolution was adopted and approved by the Commissioners for the purposes of calculating the solid waste management tax. Clearwater County declares the Market Price for all Municipal Solid Waste to be \$35.32 per ton, based on the lowest price available in the area. This price is derived from market pricing that Polk County comes up with every year only for tax purposes. The price is unchanged from 2017.
A fencing project was approved by the Commissioners to erect 600 feet of 8-foot mesh fencing along the boundary between the Paul Friborg property and County Road 24, directly across the road from the demolition landfill and the Copley Township garbage collection site.
The proposal from All Points North Fence, Inc. in the

amount of \$3,000 to install the mesh fence was approved by the Board.
The purpose of this fence is to catch windblown trash (mostly plastic grocery bags) before it blows onto the private land to the east that is used for cattle pasture. In the past there have been instances in which calves have gotten the plastic caught in their esophagus.
Roadside Guard Rail: Engineer Dan Sauvé sent board members a list of considerations regarding a proposed guard rail motion for the west side of County State Aid Highway 4, beginning on the north side of Clearwater Lake bridge proceeding north to the field road approach.
One consideration he pointed out is that road design manuals, including MnDOT's states that “Guardrails should be installed discriminately and only when it is not feasible to remove or relocate the hazardous condition, or when it is determined that the object is more of a hazard than the barrier itself. The guard rail itself is considered a hazard...”
Sauvé supports extending the guardrail 30 feet if written permission to permanently block the approach is received. The cost to extend the guard rail 30 feet is between \$4,000 and \$5,000.
“I believe there are better options to keep people off CSAH 4 at the Clearwater River bridge than installing a 350 foot long guard rail that costs \$15,000 to \$20,000,” he stated in his considerations.
Board members believe something needs to be done to handle the congestion of autos and pedestrians that congregate on the bridge there during the busy summer season. Since the issue is no longer as relevant until next year, the decision regarding a guard rail

has been tabled until the September 12 meeting when the Engineer can be present.
“I am not against it, but I would like to see the Department Head here, and think we should wait for another discussion when Dan (Sauvé) can be here,” said Commissioner Neal Illies.
“I don't want to see it die either,” stated Chairman Dean Newland.
Border to Border Trail: “The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was legislatively directed in 2015 to work in conjunction with the Minnesota Four-Wheel Drive Association (MN4WDA) to address off-road vehicle touring routes and other issues related to off-road vehicle activities,” stated on the DNR's Planning information for August, 2017.
While the Border to Border Planning information states plainly that they “held Public input across north third of the state last winter,” “feedback from the sessions held in (24 northern Counties) including Clearwater;” and, “draft route will be reviewed by local road authorities, county land managers... and be brought back to the public for another input session on the draft;” thus far the Commissioners said Clearwater County Board has not been contacted about any such planning draft or input, and have not talked with the County. The Chairman said he had a short notice recently only of a meeting held in Bemidji, in Beltrami County.
Board members stated that the Clearwater County Township Association meetings have indicated they are greatly opposed to any such Border 2 Border Trails, which often includes using their township roads, and that those using the

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Fair board accepts ten new benches to be put around the fairgrounds

The Clearwater County Fair had another new addition to the annual event. New benches for those attending the fair could sit down and relax. Henry Burrack made 10 benches for the county fairgrounds as an Eagle Scout Project.
He came up with the idea before fair time because last year his mother Jenny had her second ACL knee surgery, the last one a reconstruction and she was on crutches at fair time. She was trying to bring her young kids to enjoy the fair, and it was very, very hard to get around and not have anywhere to rest while the kids enjoyed the fair. She did mention the lack of seating to Lindsay Paulson who is the office manager for the Clearwater County Ag Society.
Henry, 15, belongs to Foss-ton Boy Scout Troop 101, he is in 10th grade in Fosston (!) His parents are Craig and Jenny Burrack and their address is

Mahnomen.
Henry joined scouting as a cub scout, while a Cub Scout, he earned the Arrow of Light Award, which can only be earned as a cub scout. He joined Boy Scout Troop 101 when he was in 5th grade. He earned the following Ranks: Scout Rank, Tenderfoot Rank, Second Class Rank, First Class Rank, Star Rank, and Life Rank. While a Boy Scout, Henry was elected into the Order of Arrow, Boy Scouts Honor Society, where he currently holds the Brotherhood honor. Eagle Scout candidates earn a total of 21 merit badges and demonstrate the principles of Scouting by living by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law in their daily life.
Henry is currently a Life Scout (Life is the rank). He has completed the Eagle project and is waiting to complete the Eagle Board of Review. Once the Committee Board of review is complete, he will then move

on to the District Board of Review. After the District signs off on the project, the signed Eagle application is then sent to the Boy Scout Council who reviews it and it's then sent to the National Boy Scout office who issues the Eagle Certificate. Once the Eagle Certificate is issued, Henry is then an Eagle Scout.
The Eagle Scout award is the highest honor a Boy Scout can achieve as a Youth. Only youths under of the age 18 can earn the Eagle Scout Award.
The project that he selected for the award must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting. The project plan must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort and the Clearwater County Fair board were very appreciative of the work that he did to make more seating for the many who attend the fair. The benches will be stored away for the winter in the fair buildings.



Clearwater County Fair Board with Henry Burrack. Front Row Alroy Lewis, Alton Walker, Henry Burrack, Al Paulson. Back Row Scott Anderson, Mark Larson, Lindsay Paulson, Cindy Benson, Scott Fawver, Maryann Erickson, Amy Kent with Hannah, Jenell Strandberg Cheryl Grover.



Clearbrook-Gonvick, Elementary 6th grade teacher, Alisha Rude.

Welcome to Clearbrook-Gonvick, Elementary 6th grade teacher, Alisha Rude

By Kendahl Ballard
Alisha Rude will be teaching 6th grade for the 2017-2018 school year in Clearbrook-Gonvick. Alisha lives in rural Clearbrook with her husband Ryan and 4 daughters (Emma 8th grade, Erika 3rd grade, Brin 1st grade, and Bristol 15 months old).
She enjoys camping, ice

fishing, Ranger rides with family, and hunting. Alisha graduated from Fergus Falls High School. She received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from Minnesota State University at Moorhead. She also received a Master's in Reading and Math through Walden University.

Alisha spent 8 years teaching Kindergarten for Bemidji School District. Alisha became a teacher because she wants to change lives in a positive way. She hopes to challenge her 6th graders and make lasting impressions. She also hopes to build community and improve student relationships in the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

Norman Bakke retiring after 40 years in building maintenance – ‘It’s time to do something else’

By Karen Edelbach
Norman Bakke works on the building maintenance crew at the Clearwater County Courthouse, which he has done for almost 19 years.
Ending his career comes after his brother Randy got brain cancer, and he's only 66 years old.



Norm Bakke is retiring after 40 years in the building maintenance profession. He says, “I want to be an honest guy, and do an honest day's work. I guess my dad really got that into me.”

“It made me think it's time to retire, and do some other things in life. It will all work out, and it will give somebody else a good job,” Norm says as he thinks of the good results it will bring.
“It was kind of an accident how I got into this profession,” Norm states. “I was working in Gonvick a couple years for the SEDA work program. My uncle Russel Eck worked at the Gonvick School when he got sick and I applied for that job. It was a custodial job and I did that for ten years, from 1979 to 1989.”
“When they were going to lay someone off, I took a voluntary layoff expecting to be hired back after a year. But that didn't happen – I wasn't hired back the next year.”
That was just the way Norm is – being willing to take the layoff so someone else didn't get laid off.
He did odd jobs that year, working for Harold Sabo, and Marvin Windows. Then Norm got hired at the Warroad School where he did maintenance for all three schools there, elementary, middle school, and the

high school. He was there for nine years.
“We were involved in everything. We never called in any contractors and took care of everything that was needed.”
“While I was there my mother began to have Alzheimers disease, and I decided to come home to help take care of her. When I heard about the Courthouse being built here in Bagley, and I applied for the Building Maintenance job, and got the job in 1998. I came right from Warroad to go to work here.”
Arlen Syverson was his Maintenance Supervisor then, and the only person here, and said he never got a vacation.

Pat's Cafe part of the time too in Clearbrook. (Roberta is Pat's daughter.)
“I was a busy guy that year. I think I made quite a difference in their life.”
Norm grew up Gonvick in the middle of six brothers and “a couple of sisters” on a farm there. He graduated from Gonvick High School in 1973 and took off for Georgia with a couple of brothers to help install a golf course irrigation system. The next year he and a friend Frankie Dyrdaahl took a trip back there to see it working, then across the states to California and up the coast to Washington. They were gone for three months, he says.
Norm lives in an apartment in Bagley now, and says he couldn't have it any better.

“When I arrived, Arlen said to me, ‘See you, Norm,’ and took off for two weeks vacation! I was sure surprised when he said that.”
“Construction was still going on and we were to make sure that things were done right. There was a lot to learn. I worked in the jail too, which is different from some counties.”
“My favorite part of the job is that there is something different going on everyday. It's been an interesting job, and the people are so good to work with. It's a good job now.”
When Norm had been on this job for a few years, he said he was inspired to “give a year as a gift” to someone who was having hard times. He worked with Roberta Bratten, and he decided to listen to that voice, and give her a gift for a year. So he told her he was going to do whatever he could do that needed done for a year.
Norm shoveled snow in winter, took care of the lawn, painted and cleaned the houses, moved their daughters, and moved Roberta and Speedy, her husband. Norm even helped do the laundry. He helped out at

“I can walk to work, which I do most everyday, the post office, to restaurants. It's close to everything I want.”
“My philosophy is, I want to be an honest guy, and do an honest day's work. I guess my dad really got that into me. And don't cheat people.”
As to his future plans he'd like to do some more traveling he says.
“I want to go see one of the guys from Warroad. He retired and moved back to Nebraska.”
“I got a metal detector, and I'm going to get into that – I hear that's a good hobby.”

Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club Meeting

The meeting will be held on September 11th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse in Leonard. Items to be discussed will be the hunters raffle, landscaping, fall kickoff, bidding out mowing, brushing, signing; and what our club can do to get new members involved.

Community Calendar

Clearbrook American Legion supper

Clearbrook American Legion Membership supper is Tuesday, September 12th at 6 pm, at the Legion Club Room. Free to paid up members and spouse. Membership can be paid at the time. Meeting to follow.

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Elim Lutheran Church Concert
The Hearts in Song Duet in Concert will be held Sunday September 24, at 7 pm at Elim Lutheran Church in Clearbrook. Come and enjoy the hour of gospel music featuring Rhonda Rothenberger & Noah Chelliah in Southern Gospel Style, from Roseau and Grand Forks. Pie and Ice cream will be served following the concert. This is a free event. All are Welcome.

Sand Valley Rally Day
Sand Valley Church Sunday School is having their Rally Day, in Trail, on September 10, 2017. from 9 am to 10 am. All 4 years old and up are Welcome. Come join the fun!

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Thurs., Sept. 7 - Roast Pork, Whole Potatoes, Buttered Cabbage, Bread, Rosy Applesauce, Milk
Fri., Sept. 8 - Cook's Choice, Milk
Mon., Sept. 11 - Swiss Steak, Buttered Boiled Potatoes, Corn, Bread, Pineapple, Milk.
Tues., Sept. 12 - Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Cranberry Garnish, Bread, Fruit, Shortcake, Milk
Wed., Sept. 13 - *Birthday Meal* - Lasagna, Country Blend Veg., Lettuce Salad/Dressing, Garlic Bread, Cake, Milk

Saturday, Sept. 9th

THE WAY FESTIVAL
John 14:6

Country Faith Church grounds
(rural Clearbrook)

from **1:00-9:30pm**
Find Full Event Details on FB at The Way Festival or www.countryfaith.org

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Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Thurs., Sept. 7 - Spaghetti with WG Garlic Bread Stick, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.
Fri., Sept. 8 - Pulled Turkey Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing (9-12) WG Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.
Mon., Sept. 11 - Orange Chicken WG Rice, Stir Fry

FREE Community Event for ALL Ages!

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1-6pm Inflatable Games available
4-6:30pm Free-Will Fundraiser meal ("They Deserve Better Ministry" in Haiti)
6:30-7:30pm Live Band - Bring Me David
7:45pm Outdoor family friendly movie
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Community Fellowship
Octa-Pit/Outdoor Games
Prayer Tent • Concessions

R23-24C

Vegetables, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.
Tues. Sept. 12 - BBQ Riblet on WG Bun, Cheesy Potatoes, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.
Wed. Sept. 13 - Chili WG Corn Chips, WG Garlic Bread Stick (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.
Meal Prices (Elementary-\$2.55; Monthly- \$48.45; High School- \$2.85- \$54.15; Adult-\$4.00; Extra Milk- \$0.35

Elim Lutheran Church Rally Day

Elim Lutheran Church of Clearbrook will hold their Sunday School Rally Day on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Peter and Kathy Kjolhaug. Come join us as we Worship on the Porch/Farm. Following the Sunday School Hour the Worship Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Paul Larson of Fergus Falls. (formerly of Clearbrook) giving the message. A potluck lunch will follow the morning services. Everyone is welcome!

Gonvick Legion and Auxiliary meeting
The Gonvick American Legion Post 304 and Auxiliary meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion Cabin.

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners
Aug. 26 - Dave and Sue Tibbetts, Laporte \$20
Aug. 27 - Nora Stout, Clearbrook, \$20.
Aug. 28 - Al Rasmussen, Bagley, \$20.
Aug. 29 - Bobbie Jo Erickson, Clearbrook, \$20.
Aug. 30 - Blake Peterson, Clearbrook, \$20.
Aug. 31 - Amanda Brustad, Bagley, \$20.
Sept. 1 - Steven Ask, Apple Valley, \$20.

Gonvick Pumpkin Day September 30th
Planning has started for the 2017 Pumpkin Day Celebration. Pumpkin Day this year is on Saturday September 30th. Start your day off right with a good breakfast at Kandi's Kitchen, open from 7:00-2:00 with a cooks choice special. Enjoy music from the 50's and 60's on by Sundown DJ while checking out cars at the 12th Annual Vintage Car Collectors Show from 10-2 all on Main Street (Registration for Car Show cut-off time - 12:00 P.M.). The kids games will be at 1:00 in the field across from the community center. The Gonvick Fire Department booth will be set up on Main Street for lunch at 11:00-4:00 P.M. (Burgers & Hotdogs). Pumpkin Weigh Off will take place at 2:15 p.m. followed by the raffle drawings. Stop to bowl at Northern Bait and Convenience for a chance to win from September 18 to September 30. Winner of the bowl-off will be announced after the Fire Department Raffle at 3:00 p.m. Events are sponsored by the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee.

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roads often tear them up with zero compensation from the DNR. "You would think they would talk to the County," said Chairman Newland. **Heath Care:** A modification of the Clearwater County Personnel Policy was approved, changing three months to 60 days regarding health insurance coverage for full-time and regular part-time employees and dependents. It will make the insurance available after 60 days of employment, and effective the first day of the calendar month following the completion of the 60 day waiting period. Commissioners present at the meeting were Daniel Stenseng, Dean Newland, John Nelson, Neal Illies and Arlen Syverson.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...
CLEARBROOK SITE:
Shop-at-the-Top: ALL NEW fall items on the sales' floor. School clothes for all your students. Open: 10-4, M-F & Sat., 10-12. 256 2nd Ave., SW, third floor; elevator available.
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7:00 PM, Thursdays, 2nd floor, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Clearbrook. Open to men & women. Confidential. CD Life Skills Class also open & free to the public is held at 2:00 PM.

GONVICK SITE:
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Pastor:
Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen
Terri D, Parish sec.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Sunday, Sept. 10: 9:00 am Worship/Communion/Backpack Blessing; 10:00 am Coffee Hour.
Mon. Sept. 11 - 7:00 p.m. Church Council
Wed. Sept. 6 and 13 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice; 7:30 p.m. Handbell Practice
Joint
Wed. Sept. 13 - 6:00 p.m. confirmation.

Our Savior's
Sunday, Sept. 10: 10:30 am Coffee Hour; 11:00 am Worship/Communion.
FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER
Leonard, MN
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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.
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Thurs. Sept. 7 - 7 p.m. Bible Study
Sat. Sept. 9 - 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sun. Sept. 10 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday, Sept. 10: 10:30 am Coffee Hour; 11:00 am Worship/Communion.
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Happy 75th Birthday Dad!
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Sun. Sept. 10: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship Service; 5:00 p.m. Confirmation meeting.

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Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., Sept. 6 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer, 8:00 p.m. Youth Group.

Thurs., Sept. 7 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Sun., Sept. 10 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Paul Larson speaking. 11:30 a.m. Potluck lunch.
All of Sunday's activities will be held at the home of Peter Kjolhaug.

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Wed, Sept. 6: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.
Sat, Sept. 9: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Sept. 10: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS. 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS, Nazareth 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park. Dinner to follow at Oak Park.
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Sun, Sept. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, Sept. 12: 9:30a.m. Ladies Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30p.m. Bible Study.
Wed. Sept. 13: 6:30p.m. Youth Group.

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Staff and residents at Good Samaritan Clearbrook, enjoy children and want them to have the supplies they need throughout the school year. At Good Samaritan they have been collecting, and providing; back packs, colors, pencils, glue, tablets and other things for many years, to take to the Clearbrook/Gonvick school. Residents say it gives them a good feeling to know they are helping. A big Thank You to everyone that provides these supplies to make it a good school year for all. Pictured here are Issabelle Hasse, Adeline Rogstad, and Kathy Eck.

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



The 2017 C-G Football Seniors are taking Mikey Lindgren from the volleyball girls! Pictured is Hunter Voxland, Ty Nelson, and Ben Solberg. Photo by Kendehl Ballard.



Members of the 2017 Cross Country team represented Clearbrook-Gonvick at Meet the Bears night. Pictured from L-R, Josh Lavin, Arabella Corey, Bailey Klema, Daniel Rankin, Julie Lavin, John DeVries, Makenna Hartwig. Photo by Kendehl Ballard.



The 2017 Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears Varsity Football team. Front row: Bobbie Olson, Josiah Hubbard, Hunter Voxland, Ty Nelson, Ben Solberg, Ethan Dorman, Richard Hale. Second row: Erick Bergman, Riley Schulz, Damen Bakke, Hunter Ehlers, Reece Danielson, Anthony Peldo, Cody Vettleson. Third row: Jake Davis, Jesse Hale, Obadiah Hammer, Brodie Johnson, Tyler Weems, Jonny Hammes, Levi Nelson. Back row: Manager Logan Hammes, Jacob Londo, Ass't. Coach Michael Lindgren, Ass't. Coach Wes Rogstad, Head Coach Casey Kroulik, Alec Halverson, Manager Kyle Gerlofs.



The 2017 Varsity Girls Volleyball team is coached by Tammi Ehlers, assisted by Carly Bergman. Pictured in back row, Carly Bergman assistant coach, Brynn Hetland, Tamara Skinaway, Kari Shamp, Madelynn Faldet, Lindsey Gray, Danae Stenzel, Jackie Lynn Taffin, and Coach Tammi Ehlers. Front row, Myranda Engberg, Lauren Melby, Mikala Johnson, Rachel Gray, Cami Johnson, Sierra Walters, and Keisha Jones. -Photo by Kelly Melin at Hickory Backroads Photography

Fall sports

Fall sports are in full swing as Clearbrook-Gonvick's football, volleyball, and cross-country team begin another season. Games and meets will run into October.

The schedule for Varsity football is:
 Sept. 8 @ NCE/UH V 7:00
 Sept. 15 Stephen/Argyle V 7:00
 The schedule for JV football is:
 Sept. 11 @ Good/Gry/Gat.JV 6:30
 Sept. 18 @ Stephen/Argyle JV 5:30
 The schedule for JH football is:
 Sept. 11 @ Good/Gry/Gat. 7/8 4:30/5:30
 Sept. 18 @ Stephen/Argyle 7/8 4:30
 The schedule for Varsity/B/C Volleyball is:
 Sept. 7 @ Kelliher/Northome C/B/A 5/6/7:30
 Sept. 12 @ Good/Gry/Gat.C/B/A 5/6/7:30
 Sept. 14 Red Lake Falls C/B/A 5/6/7:30
 Sept. 18 @ Mahnomen C/B/A 5/6/7:30
 The schedule for JH Volleyball is:
 Sept. 7 @ Northome 7/8 5/6:00
 Sept. 9 @ Bagley 7/8 9:00
 Sept. 12 @ Good/Gry/Gat. 7/8 5/6:00
 Come on out and support the Bears!

Meeting Thursday, September 7th

Highway 92 Improvement Project in Bagley, MN MnDOT is proposing a roadway reconstruction project on Highway 92 in the City of Bagley. Between approximately Bagley Senior High School to the railroad tracks south of Highway 2, MnDOT proposes to reconstruct the existing two-lane roadway to address poor pavement conditions and improve pedestrian facilities. The traffic signal at the intersection of Highway2/Highway 92 would also be replaced, and the city would take the opportunity to replace aging utility infrastructure while the road is under construction.

Based on public and stakeholder input, the preferred alternative includes: Two-lane roadway concept with parking and larger boulevard space.

New trail on the east side between the high school and 7th Street, and new sidewalk between 7th and 3rd Streets

Highway 92..

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Clearbrook-Gonvick Cross Country

Last Thursday, August 31, the Clearbrook-Gonvick Cross Country team competed in their first meet of the season held at Thief River Falls. There were 150 runners competing in the meet, with teams from Roseau, Warroad, TRF, TrekNorth, Lake of the Woods, East Grand Forks, Bagley/Fosston, West Marshal, Crookston, and Clearbrook-Gonvick. This year the meet was held in the morning to avoid the heat of the afternoon and it turned out to be a beautiful morning to run.

In the Junior High Boys 2 mile race, John DeVries (8th grade) ran hard and was 19th with a time of 14:57. This is John's second season and has improved alot since last year. Newcomer Daniel Rankin, (7th grade), ran a great first race and place 39th with a time of 17:22. In the Junior High Girls 2 mile race, Jennifer Lavin, (9th grade, second season), ran a great race and finished 3rd out of 23 girls with a time of 14:44. Bailey Klema, (9th grade, first season) ran her first cross country race ever and finished 7th with a time of 16:33. Also competing in the girls junior high race were 3 new girls to the cross country team this year. Madison Gerlofs,(7th grade) placed 12th with a time of 18:14, Julie Lavin, (7th) placed 15th with a time of 21:03 and Makenna Hartwig, (6th), placed 19th with a time of 23:14.

In the Girls Junior Varsity 3 mile race, Arabella Cory, (11th grade), took 9th place with a time of 30:29.

In the Boys Junior Varsity 3 mile race, Gabe Lavine, (9th grade), place 2nd out of 32 runners with a time of 20:40 and Josh Lavin, (11th grade,) took 5th place with a time of 21:25.

The team is working hard and getting into shape. They are hoping to continue to improve their times as they get into better shape as the season progresses. Thanks so much for your support of our team

In Loving Memory Theodore (Ted) Berglund 01-10-47~9-8-16



Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there. The gates of memories will never close, we miss you more than anyone knows. With tender love and deep regret, we who love you will never forget.

Sadly missed by,
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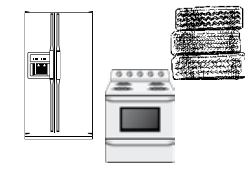
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Youth Connection starts October 3

Youth Connection at Clear Waters Life Center will be opening Tuesday, October 3. We are excited to be able to offer a mentoring program for 7th through 12th grade alongside our Tuesday after-school program. Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5:00, will be open for 5th through 9th graders. Clear Waters Life Center will provide transportation from the school to CWLC-Clearbrook for students who do not normally ride the Clearbrook town bus.

The after-school program will begin with snacks, followed by games, discussion topics, and gym time. As in the past, we will have a fantastic group of volunteers who care about and believe in youth and their potential. Each activity, discussion, and interaction will reflect our core values: Honor & Respect, Teamwork, Relationships, Encouragement, Faith, and Safety

Wednesdays will be available, following early release from school, for mentoring activities at CWLC-Gonvick. Our hope is

that the mentoring component will provide youth with additional support, encouragement, increased self-confidence, and improved interpersonal skills. We believe in the value and potential of our youth and want to invest in them by helping them form supportive relationships with adults in their communities. If you are interested in being a part of the mentoring program, information is available on our website, www.clearwaterslife.org, by clicking on the Youth Program tab. Another new aspect to our youth program will be the opportunity for 5th through 12th grade students to participate in a community theater and variety show event, “An International Christmas Holiday Showcase.” The event will be offered in conjunction with CWLC’s Friday Night Out dinner to be held December 1. The drama will consist of three vignettes depicting Christmas in Germany, Mexico, and Sweden. Drama practice will take place Wednesday afternoons, 3:00 to 4:00 PM, beginning October 18 and running through November 29. Participating youth will be picked-up at 2:25 PM at C-G school, provide a snack before practice, and have supervised free time after practice until 4:30 PM. Transportation home will be the responsibility of the student’s family.

Releases and additional information are available at the school and at CWLC-Clearbrook and –Gonvick.

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There’s nothing dirty about turning 30 for this gal!

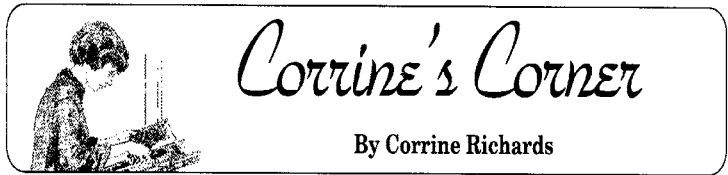
Happy 30th Birthday

to my little bathtub girl, **Chrissy**, Sept. 10th!

Love you, Mom



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By Corrine Richards

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Readiness Orientation coming up on Wednesday, September 6. They are registering 4 and 5 year old for the 2017-2018 school year. See ad for more details.

A retirement party will be held for Norman Bakke on September 8 from noon to 3:00 pm

Highway 92..

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New segment of trail on the west side adjacent to Bagley Park

Please join us to learn more about the project, including construction phasing and detours. When: Thursday, September 7TH, 2017, 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. (come and go) Where: Bagley City Hall 18 Main Ave S, Bagley, MN 56621

Pickle man is going to the State Fair

Jim Bjerknes, formerly from Gonvick is going to the Minnesota State Fair as one of two outstanding seniors from Douglas County. He is know as "Pickle Man" for the hundreds of jars of pickles that he has canned.

The 83 year old from Alexandra once owned the Red Owl grocery store in Alexandria. He grows the cucumbers himself and has the senior center sell the pickles to keep the proceeds. They earned about \$600 last year.

As popular as the pickles are - especially his cinnamon pickles - he performed a far greater service by helping to instill the Senior Center in Alexandria with new purpose and direction. He helped recruit board members to revive a flagging senior center. Bjerknes serves at the senior center's front desk, enlists dementia patients at Knute Nelson's Memory Care Unit to help pack sauerkraut and unlocks the senior center during off hours for groups of card players.

Also selected to represent Douglas County was Marjorie Swor a 86- year old former dairy farmer who once received trophies from the Osakis Creamery.

at the 3rd floor meeting room at the courthouse in Bagley. He has done 40 years of building maintenance work.

The Gonvick Legion will be having their monthly fish fry on Saturday September 9.

Planning has started for the 2017 Pumpkin Day Celebration. Pumpkin Day this year is on Saturday September 30th.

Three are celebrating special birthdays this week Larry Sather and "Speedy" Paul Braaten. Also Maxine Langved will be celebrating her birthday on September 9th. Birthday greetings to you all.

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.

Pumpkin Day is September 30

Joke time...

Lars and Ole were walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them. The bear sees them and begins to head toward them. Ole drops his backpack, digs out a pair of sneakers, and frantically begins to put them on. Lars says, 'What are you doing? Sneakers won't help you outrun that bear.' 'I don't need to outrun the bear,' Ole says. 'I just need to outrun you.'

Resolution of County Board Authorizing and Fixing the Terms of Sale

WHEREAS, The Clearwater County Board has classified and appraised certain tax forfeited lands and a list of said lands has been filed with the County Auditor and approved for sale by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and

WHEREAS, The Board is by law designated with authority to provide for the sale of such forfeited lands,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such lands be sold to the highest bidder at a public oral auction commencing at 10:00 A.M. on September 27, 2017, in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room in the County Courthouse, under the following terms and conditions:

- The full amount of the bid value for the buildings, lots, timber and lands must be paid at the time of sale.
- The Zoning Ordinance on file in the office of the County Auditor and recorded in the office of the County Recorder shall apply to all sales where the lands sold are affected by said ordinance.
- All parcels of land offered for sale shall be subject to existing easements or leases.
- The appraised value does not represent a basis for future taxes.
- Certain parcels of tax-forfeited land may have forfeited with unpaid special assessments for improvements. Upon the sale of this land, the municipality may establish an assessment schedule for payment of a portion or all of the unpaid special assessments.
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- Any parcel of land or lot on this list is subject to withdrawal from sale by the County Board, when it may appear to be in the interest of the public to do so.
- The purchaser shall pay the following additional fees and taxes to the County Treasurer: Three percent of the total sale price must be paid at the time of sale, to be credited to the State Real Estate Assurance Account; a state deed tax of .0033 of the sale price, a \$25.00 State Deed fee; a recording fee of \$46.00; and, when applicable, a \$50.00 fee for recording a Well Certificate.
- Each successful bidder on any parcel of land shall make full payment to the Land Commissioner at the time of the sale. If the bidder fails to make the payment, such parcel shall be resubmitted for sale.
- All parcels of land not sold at this sale may be purchased at any time thereafter, at not less than the appraised value, until the County Board orders such land reappraised or withdrawn from sale.



Hi: Good Samaritans residents and staff in Clearbrook were excited to hear the BS Valley Boys on Thursday the last day of August. There wasn't a lot of room to dance but some did. They had coffee and cookies and clapped out hands in time to the music. Pictured are the musicians Arlen Dahlke, Dennis Engebretson, and Gary Thorreson.

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7:15 S Bulduc
7:19 J Hanson
7:24 J Anderson
7:30 A Rude
7:32 B Engen
7:34 C Eck
7:43 J Dahlke
7:45 J Evje
Clearbrook
7:50 Pipers
7:45 1st/Main
7:55 Day Care
7:56 Brookfield
7:57 Brook Ave.
7:58 Lake Ave
7:59 Jensen

#2 West: Scott B

6:53 T Olson
7:08 R Seyller
7:10 C Anderson
7:12 N Harmon
7:15 Maxie/Maxie
7:18 M Smith
7:22 R Hammons
7:23 J Bergerson
7:24 T Tharaldson
7:25 P Hammer
7:26 C Basinger
7:27 S Guy
7:30 M Vakoch

7:34 C Johnson
7:35 M Knutson
7:42 S Strassburg
7:45 J Melby
7:47 A Brenton
7:49 M Larson
7:48 T DeShane
7:50 Bjerke
7:55 D Aakre

#5 NE: Janet H

6:30 B Bjerke
6:40 C Sweno
6:42 J Erickson
6:51 C Bjerke
6:57 Abel
7:05 J Baanrud
7:07 A Jarnot
7:17 P Ballard
7:18 B Mathison
7:19 T Moser
7:29 L Watne
7:30 R Reichert
7:33 B Machlitt
7:41 J Wishard
7:44 Jorgenson
7:45 B Nelson
7:50 C Torgerson
7:53 N Engebretson
7:55 D Chandler
7:58 M Gunning
7:59 J Hartwig

#6 East: Gerry S

6:24 J Java
6:40 L Pond
6:52 Tronnes/Baker
7:00 D Dahlheimer

7:03 C Tollefson
7:05 P Benson
7:06 D Ehlers
7:11 T Paulson
7:14 S Ballard
7:20 D Risland
7:21 E Hinrichs
7:24 J Phillips
7:26 P Mathison
7:29 K Neustel
7:32 D Northrup
7:34 O Engebretson
7:38 C Westrum
7:40 J Evje
7:42 J Gerlofs
7:44 B Nelson
7:46 S Grife
7:49 S Walberg
7:54 C Lykins
7:56 D Nelson

#10 SW: Alissa P

6:50 T. Barkhaus
6:54 Johnson
7:00 A Bjerke
7:06 T Shamp
7:24 M Wolden
7:29 A Erickson
7:32 Imle
7:33 Klema
7:37 K Anderson
7:40 R Petit
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7:56 3rd/Pine

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7:58 Roxie

#12 NW: Verlyn S

6:40 J Wagner
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7:00 K Virgil
7:03 A Ostman
7:05 A Nybo
7:16 A Folstrom
7:25 C Wildman
7:30 F Platkoff
Gonvick
7:37 N/Ash
7:38 N/Elm
7:42 Torgerson
7:43 Wittenberg
7:47 N/Main
7:48 2nd/Elm
7:49 2nd/Ash
7:51 Eckman
7:52 RR/Ash
7:56 J Larson
7:57 B Buer
7:58 K Solberg

#4 Red Lake: Kristen E

7:10 Red Lake Elem

#11 SpNds: Amata M

7:25 Walters
7:35 Hammer

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Now hear this...
by Harry Hutchens,
Clearwater
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SEPTEMBER 11, 2001: Monday the 11th marks the sixteenth anniversary of the terror attacks made directly upon the United States of America. What was your experience that day, and ever since? What was the experience for the collective citizenship of Clearwater County? For a few of years now, I have invited any and all discussion of the events of 9/11/2001 by residents of Clearwater County at that time, all without a single response. I've lived here for 13 years. September 11th comes and goes without somber, public observation by our geographically removed population.

It's been eight years since I've shared with readers how my own life changed forever fifteen years ago as the horror of the evil visited upon my country on 9-11 unfolded in slow motion. I was still on Active Duty in the Navy. All the rules had been broken. There was no exercised and up-to-date response plan to execute. I had no answers and so many questions. The kids were six and four years old then. My wife was so far from her own family. The security I thought I provided our young family was breached. No promise I made about their safety could be good enough now. I could not provide an explanation. Still can't. We gathered at church, stunned passengers of this national train wreck, staring into each other's wounded hearts. All these years later, my hurt and anger steepes in the real dread this is not done yet. I have prayed such fervent and indignant prayers, assaulting the gates of Heaven through my fractured faith, hot with rage. Darkness now shows itself in restricted movement, limited access and controls on nearly everything previously accomplished freely, at will. A free and vibrant society is being held in the grip of the next unknown and sudden assault like we had just experienced- there could be no warning, again. The grave reality of resident evil pushes hard, grieves our waking moments and stains our fitful sleep. I'm an American. I live in the greatest country on Earth, provided and protected by selfless and fearless people I'll never be able to thank. I am surrounded by Creation's beauty, blessed with a healthy family. I am challenged to work productively and then again blessed to rest safely in grateful consideration of it all.

VETERANS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: I'd like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to the Jacobson and Grover families for their recent donations to the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program, made as memoriams in honor of the faithful military service of local area veteran Beverly Brown, US Air Force (Retired), who served during the Vietnam War.

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

Letter to the Editor

How a city can steal and disrespect the people legally

We will start and end with the City of Clearbrook.

First I will tell how they can legally get away with ripping off the public by over charging them for sewer/water. In 2008-2013 for one property your sewer/water bill was about \$39.75 per month or less.

In 2013 it rose to \$42.50 a month. In 2015 it rose to \$52.50 per month; in 2016 to \$62.50 per month, and now this year 2017 to \$67.50 per month. So in just about 3-4 years they raised the sewer/water bill by \$27.75 per month.

We are going to go with 200 homes in the City of Clearbrook and they make a nice sum of money for poor water quality. Think about it, \$67.50 per month is \$13,500 a month income from only the 200 homes. Wow! Nothing like making a profit at the public's expense.

I guess when you have to replace pipes that have been in the ground for 50 to 75-plus years and never use the profits you already obtained or just mismanaged the money, you should all wonder why your money didn't get used a long time ago to replace old equipment. You can definitely charge the people to get that extra cash and tell the people anything, because we all know we cannot change anything the council puts forth.

Right after they raised the bill yet again in 2016 to \$62.50, I called the city office (prior to seeing the letter of lies) and asked the girl that answered why the city raised the bill so much and what I got from her was, "Well, the City of Bagley charges \$60 per month so we are matching them." Hmm, you are higher than Bagley and I guess if Bagley jumped in a sewer to swim, Clearbrook would follow.

Hmm, even though the city of Clearbrook now has, I think, the highest rates in the county and increases every year, it still has the worst water in the county. Rust is abundant. I am sure they can find another way to overcharge the public. I also wonder how much profit is really entered back into the city and sure would like to see accountants find the issues.

Why the noise? The city disrespects others by playing music seven days a week from about 9 a.m. to 8 or 9 p.m. or more from speakers mounted on Main Street facing east. Wow! Just imagine living in an apartment and having a neighbor that likes to turn up the stereo all day, every day and you get to hear it and saying something about it does nothing. We have all had that neighbor in some city somewhere and I will bet you did not like it. Then again, you can call the police on a neighbor, but not against the music played from the senior center and run by a city employee. All the people that live on the first block east of Main Street and maybe further do not get to go outside and just sit in the yard without having to listen to that music from the city. You cannot listen to the normal surroundings like birds, cats, dogs, your neighbor trying to talk to you from across the street or next door without yelling at each other, etc.

Try laying in your own home with your windows open

and no music/TV on to enjoy peace and quiet and have fresh air going through your home. No quiet naps for you since you hear music all day every day. You cannot BBQ in your yard and have friends over for some good conversation because you would have to almost be yelling at each other to communicate above someone else's music (the city's). If you wish to listen to your own music outside, you will have to blast it and that makes you the bad guy and you would probably be visited by the police.

I was told that they do this because the elderly want to hear it. Hmm, I asked four or five elderly people that pulled up to enter a store, if they listened to the music or the music was a bother to them and all of them told me they either don't live in town or aren't close enough to hear it and when they come to town they go in the store quickly to avoid the noise (music). I have talked to the person that works for the city (forgot his name) who is in control of this system a couple of times with no good results. The system is in the senior center (I chatted with Janis around Aug. 5 and another person whom I don't remember his name, and pointed out the above issue with the music and that did nothing. I chatted with Phyllis on Aug. 23 and was informed "good luck in getting this changed as they won't do it, etc.")

That statement reminded me of when I filed against city ordinance 108 some years ago and at a council meeting, a council member told me right then, "Whatever complaint about the ordinance you have will not change anything." Yes, this same rude person is still part of the council. Respectful people do not interfere in the relaxation or privacy of others. These people should get off their duff for once in their lives and actually walk around to see how far that music is traveling and also see if anyone, even one elderly person, is actually sitting outside listening to that music.

It would be one thing to play music during an event which only lasts a couple of hours, but every day all day is downright disrespectful to others. Everyone should just blast the stereos from the cars, homes and businesses in order to get music to all the seniors. Sometimes complaining does work (I am 100 percent sure the City of Clearbrook does not care at all). If you own property and don't live in it, the council says you have zero rights. Since you have no rights, I suggest you don't buy or open a business in that town. I will bet that not one elderly person within 700 feet of Main Street goes outside in their yard to listen to that music or keeps the windows open to hear it.

If you try to sell property and the prospective buyer hears that music and asks who is playing that music and how often do they play it, you have to tell them, and that will determine a sale or not. So far, people don't want to hear it, so they don't buy -- go figure.

Too bad that music system was not working correctly when I purchased homes to rent in this town. I'll never perform this mistake again.

Rick Quayle
Bagley