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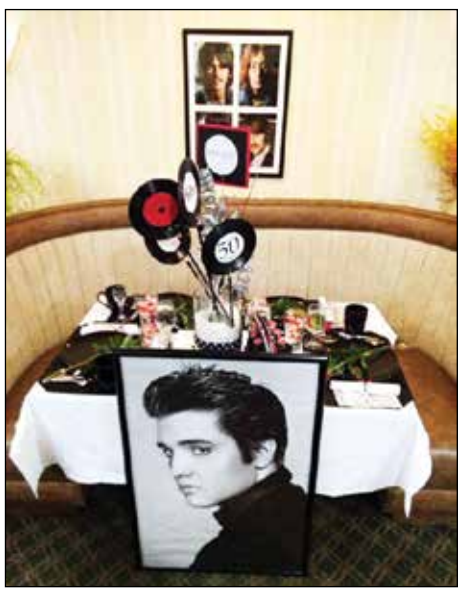
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Serving the Communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Leonard and Trail









Tables for Tots held Saturday, November 11th





The annual Tables for Tots event was held Saturday, November 11th. The event was a huge hit with over 160 women attending the sold out luncheon at the Fireside Grill and Patio. The Tuesday Study Club and a few other guests beautifully decorated twenty-six tables. Each table had a separate theme and décor. The Fireside served a delicious luncheon of turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes, and fresh cranberry. Dessert was a beautiful maple butter pecan cupcake with a glass of Bailey's liqueur.

The event is held to raise money for the Clearwater Christmas Project. All proceeds help to fund the project's goal of providing toys and Christmas dinner to those in need in Clearwater County. Tables for Tots raised over $1400 in this one day.

In addition to the luncheon, a wine label fundraiser was held that the Bagley Liquor Store hosted. Guests were able to purchase a personalized wine label for $5. They can purchase the coordinating bottle of wine at the Bagley Liquor Store and have a delightful gift to give for the holidays. All of the money raised on the sale of the wine labels was given to the Clearwater Christmas Project.

Many thanks go out to the Fireside for creating a delicious meal at an affordable price as well as the great service provided by their team. Thank you to the Tuesday Study Club for continuing to create beautiful tables that amaze every year. And, thank you to the Bagley Liquor Store for providing the cordials, wine tasting, and the personalized wine label opportunity.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the 2018 Tables for Tots on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

2019 campground rates approved

Clearwater County will not participate in pre-registration for 2020 Census

By Karen Edelbach

A motion not to enter into an agreement with United States Department of Commerce for the U.S. Census Bureau pre-registration for the 2020 Census was passed by the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners at their meeting of November 14, 2017. The reason given to not be involved was due to lack of staff and resources, noting that this process for the last census took over 60 hours to accomplish.

The purchasing policy which was passed in 2008 was discussed, indicating that any purchase added to inventory over the amount of $1000 needs a board motion. The purchasing policy motion states, "All Clearwater County departments purchasing equipment, office furniture or supplies must receive approval by Clearwater County Board motion before purchasing."

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox and Kim Christenson discussed the Campground rates for 2019. A motion was passed approving the tent nightly rate of $30; weekly rate of $180; and four weeks rate of $650. Rates for electric, water and sewer were also listed.

Red Lake Watershed District: A continuing discussion regarding the Four-Legged Lake issues was part of the Board meeting, led by Commissioner John Nelson.

A letter from Les Torgerson, who has served on the Red Lake Watershed District for the past six years, to represent Clearwater County sent a letter to the Board.

"We have been working hard to create a solution for the future of Four Legged Lake that everyone can live with," he stated in the letter.

"I think we are coming closer and closer to a solution that will pass the permit applications for all the governmental agencies and also be acceptable to the group. If we can reach a consensus the lake will finally have a future that everyone can rely on and the county will be relieved of a lot of responsibility for beaver dams, channel cleaning, etc."

Mr. Torgerson expressed a desire to serve another term to represent Clearwater County beginning in January. The Board will be acting on the Les Torgerson letter at the first January Board meeting which will be on January 2nd.

Sheriff Darin Halverson was authorized by the Board to promote Cherie Keith from part-time County Correction Officer (CCO) to full-time CCO to fill an open full-time position within the jail and will be effective Dec. 3, 2017.

The Sheriff was also authorized by the Board to promote Romell Bennett from part-time to full-time CCO to fill an open full-time position within the jail and will be effective Dec. 3, 2017.

Commissioner Dean Newland was appointed to a 4-year term on the Northwest Minnesota Juvenile Center Board.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received approval for payment of the Highway Department bills in the amount of $83,043 as presented.

The Engineer will bring 2018 budget purchases to the December meeting. He said they need to revise the 5 year plan so he would be bringing that to a future meeting.

Clearwater County Nursing Service received approval to hire Amy Rankin as a Home Health Aid/Homemaker on a part time basis (more than 1040 hours per year).

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of $216,118 for the County Revenue Fund and $56,178 for the Nursing Service Fund.

A motion was approved to advertise for a Senior Assessor Clerk.

Motions regarding the application of Mary Gerbracht for the 2018 On Sale Liquor and Sunday Sale Licenses for Fireside Grill, Inc. and application of William Fritze for the 2018 Seasonal On Sale Beer License for Hoot Owl Resort, were approved.

Commissioners present at the meeting were Daniel Stenseng, Dean Newland, John Nelson, Neal Illies and Arlen Syverson.

Four Legged Lake and Ditch #5 project not resolved

The Clearwater County Commissioners met on October 31 with area residents who expressed their concerns about Four Legged Lake and Ditch #5 near Leonard. At that meeting the board rescinded the June 20, 2017 resolution approving the resolution regarding the Red Lake Watershed District, (RLWD), Judicial Ditch.

Myron Jesme, Administrator of RLWD, had sent a letter to the lake landowners with the intent to restore the culvert in the Ditch No. 5 to its original elevation of 1,423.8 very soon.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé said that the RLWD has a legal obligation to restore the lower ditch, a drop of three feet in the lower lake from what it was. Clearwater County has no jurisdiction over the maintenance of the ditch, but he said they are starting to see damage on the road. The RLWD is legally obligated to maintain the ditch outlet so the water can flow.

The RLWD has been working for the past seven years and putting in more work the last two years to get a compromise on the ditch project or Project 102.

The RLWD does not care about the height of the lake as long as everyone can agree as to what has to be done including land owners and agencies involved.

These agencies include the Department of Natural Resources, (DNR); Army Corp of Engineers, Board of Water and Soil Resources, (BWSR); and the Red River Water Management Board, (RRWMB). After several meeting these agencies were agreeable to levels of 1425 feet and up to 1427 feet for high water.

Sauvé would like one exception at 1,423.8 feet so that they could look at their culverts to inspect for silt which would have to be done in the near future with the buildup that is there and then done every 20 years. He would like to have the county board make a resolution to demand that they do not abandon the JD#5 until there is an operational plan in place that would protect the road.

County Rd 2 goes around the lake on the east side and was built in 1965 according to code and established water rights. These codes had to be followed to get their share of the money for the work. In 1998, the county had to start fixing on the road because of high water at 1427 feet. They used rip-rap according to code to keep the waves from washing out the road. It is illegal to raise or lower a culvert in the ditch. The road begins to suffer damage whenever the water level exceeds 1,425.1 feet and safety concerns when it exceeds 1,427 feet.

The RLWD has been working with Red River Water Management Board, (RRWMB) to develop Project 102 which would combine the establishment of a normal pool elevation for the lake with a bump of 2 feet which would qualify for Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) funds. This would put a culvert or control structure that could be lowered in the fall to make room for the spring runoff and help with flood control downstream. The RLWD board set up the project authorizing the federal program to provide funds to develop the FDR plan for that area.

Sauvé stated that if the flood reduction project was approved, the water levels in the two basins would be 1 to 2 feet lower than today most of the time.

The ditch was established by land owners in 1921. It was farmed for a couple of years in the dry summers and water has been slowly rising and nothing has been done for several years. The elevation of CR 2 is about 1431 feet and the water level of the lake has not been anywhere near the top of the road since it was built.

If Project 102 is not resolved it will fall back on the original land owners to pay for the things that would have to be done.

The Red Lake Watershed District is the regional governmental unit responsible for managing and protecting the water resources of the Red Lake River watershed, 5,990 square miles that includes all or part of ten Minnesota counties. The District was established in 1970. It has been requested of the watershed district to reduce the flood flows by 20% in all the tributaries that go into the Red River as a whole. The 4-Legged Lake project is one of many to solve the major floods that occur.

Harmon is Face of Clearwater Community Advocacy



Kristie Harmon is a Victims Advocate, serving in Clearwater and Hubbard Counties. "The best part of my job is to watch clients get back up on their feet and move on to a better situation."

By Karen Edelbach

Kristie Harmon is the face of Clearwater and Hubbard Counties Advocacy services, with locations in Bagley and Park Rapids. She was hired to be a Victims Advocate for the Headwaters Intervention Center and Family Crisis Center in 2015. They provide services, but victims do not have to live in the counties to receive their services.

"I like what I do, being an advocate to help victims of domestic violence. I have learned so much as an advocate," Kristie says. "I always stay with a victim until they are safe. I take my job very seriously and the need for confidentiality. I do as much as I can, but people don't know their own strengths. They can learn to do what they need to do."

"The Director likes me because I am a professional, and says I am a good advocate with a good listening ear."

Kristie's passion for being an advocate is immediately obvious in her desire to do all she can to help.

"I can steer victims to resources, job training, or even college. Sometimes we can help them move out of the area to get away from the abusive situation. But I can't make them leave the situation, or file a restraining order or tell them what to do. That is their choice. There is a lot to think about."

Kristie says the job never overwhelms her. Some do not like her for what she does, but she says, "This is my job, and I don't care if some don't like it. I think of the 'Sticks and Stones' saying."

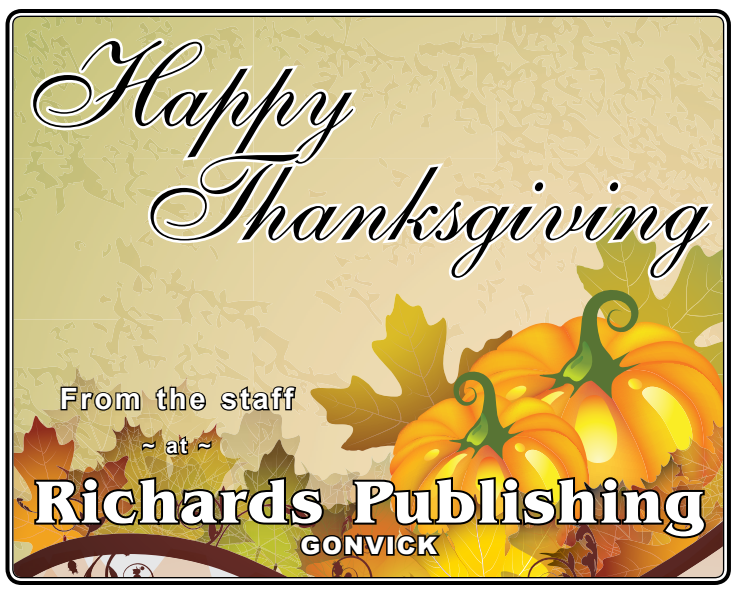
Kristie says there are more people coming forward with issues regarding abuse, with 42 more than last year in Clearwater County. She indicated that increase may be partly due to the issue being so prominent in recent news with so many coming forward with alleged abuse stories.

"I think people are just tired of being abused. We have to reassure them it's not something they've done – abuse is not ok," she says. "I see the Holidays coming, and it seems there are more incidents during this time. People get depressed, they feel the need to 'buy' and 'get'.

"There are many without family near, or their family has given up on them, instead of encouraging them to find help. The more education people get,

Harmon...

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Community Calendar

Holiday Open House & Craft Boutique

December 1st 9am-6:30pm
December 2nd 8am-11:30am

Come visit our guesthouse cabin rental and do some Holiday shopping! Sign up for an upcoming crafting class while you are there. We will have free coffee and treats along with recipes!

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R35-36P

POTATO KLUB

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Clearwater County Food Shelf Holiday Schedule

Nov. 29 Wed. 10 am – 2 pm
Dec. 6 Wed. 10 am – 2 pm
Dec. 13 Wed. 10 am – 2 pm
Dec. 18 Mon. 10am – 2 pm
Food Shelf is closed until Wed. Jan. 3, 2018

Service of Remembrance Tuesday, November 28

Cease Family funeral Homes in Bagley will be having a Service of Remembrance on Tuesday, November 28. The service at 6:30 p.m. is intended to be of help and comfort to you and your family as you face this holiday season.

CANNING SALE
Santa Claus Day
Sat., Dec. 2, 2017
10 am till 3 pm
Clearbrook Community Center (old school)
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R35-36C

Help Wanted

Sexton for Norway Lake Cemetery near Leonard. Paid Position.

Call Becky Colebank at **218-968-2268** if interested.

R35C

Grade basketball starts Monday

4th, 5th, 6th Grade Basketball Begins Monday, November 27

Registration will take place in the school commons from 5:30-6:15. You may register your child, and order or check-out jerseys.

Practice will be held from 6:00-7:30.

Information will be sent home with students. It will also be available in the display case by the school office, on the school web site under Community Education and on the Community Education Facebook page. For more info: Contact Judy Engebretson at 218-776-3112 Ext 102

History Center Open House

History Center Open House will be held on Saturday and Sunday Nov. 25&26.

The "Creative Clearwater" Exhibit opens.

The History Center in Shevlin will be open Saturday November 25 from 10am-2pm and Sunday November 26 from 1-4 pm.

The History Center's newest exhibit "Creative Clearwater" will be open. "Creative Clearwater" is a short term exhibition featuring the creative talents of local residents past and present. The exhibit will end on March 1.

There is no admission fee to the museum . Regular museum hours are Tuesday- Friday 10-4 and by appointment.

The History Center will be closed Nov. 23 - 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

For more information and to check current gallery hours call 218-785-2000.



Intricate carved design on a gourd by Bagley resident Sharon Trandem



Metal Fish Sculpture by local artist Dean Prestby.

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Samhold Women NALC Christmas Event
Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017


Samhold Lutheran Church, Gonvick
CONCERT by "Free Indeed" ... 3:00 pm
MEAL served ... 4:00 pm
PRE-REGISTRATION: $12.00 by Nov. 29th
CALL: Sharen Dyrdahl, 487-5455 Valerie Reichert, 776-3087
"For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11
DOOR PRIZES
R34-35C
THIS IS A THRIVENT ACTION TEAM EVENT CARING & SHARING PROJECT II.

NOTICE: Residents of Clover Township

The next meeting will be held at 5:00 pm, Fri., Dec. 1 at the Clover Township Hall.

Joel Wraa, Clerk R35C

Holiday Showcase

International Holiday Showcase will be Friday, December 1 at Clear Water Life Center in Gonvick in the gym. There will be a dinner style evening with variety show and food.

A live nativity scene will be outside on the south east side of the building from 5 until 6 p.m. Menu include prime rib and fixing.

The showcase will consist of a three-vignette drama featuring Swedish, German, and Mexican Christmas celebrations interspersed with a variety of individual or group acts from the surrounding communities.

Dinner starts at 5:30 like the Friday Night Out events have been. Reservations can be made by calling 218-7762789 or emailing cwlc@gvtel.com Deadline is November 29.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Thurs., Nov. 23 - *Closed Happy Thanksgiving*

Fri., Nov. 24 - Closed

Mon., Nov. 27 - Beef Noodle Casserole, Green Beans, Peaches, Bread, Pudding and Milk.

Tues., Nov. 28 - BBQ Pork Chop, Sweet Potatoes, Winter Blend Veg., Bread, Scalloped Apples and Milk

Wed., Nov. 29 - Meatloaf, Whole Parslied, Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Bread, Mandarin Oranges and Milk.

Thurs., Nov. 30 - Oven Crispy Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Carrots, Bread, Poke Cake and 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.



As we approach the Christmas season we turn our thoughts to family and friends. The white lit tree in the Bagley City Park will again give an opportunity to honor the memory of the dear ones in our lives who have experienced cancer.

For a suggested donation of $5.00 per name, the name of the donors and those being remembered will be listed in the Farmers Independent and the Leader Record each week until the end of December. Donations should be made to the American Cancer Society and sent to:

Kim LaVine
18802 County 39
Bagley, Mn 56621

100% of donations will be sent to the American Cancer Society.

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Since the early 1990s, the cancer death rate has declined by 22 percent. The five-year cancer survival rate is now at 68 percent, up 12 percent since the first National Cancer Survivors Day in 1987. Thanks to improved detection and treatment, more people than ever before are surviving cancer and going on to lead inspirational, productive lives after cancer.

There are about 14.5 million cancer survivors in the US today, a number that is expected to grow to almost 19 million by 2024, due to advances in early detection and treatment.

As more people survive cancer, we must offer our resources to help them live healthier after cancer and manage long- and late-term side effects of cancer treatment.

For more information from the American Cancer Society, to get help, or to donate or volunteer, visit cancer.org or call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345.

Rosemaling
by Connie Nelson
December 2nd
Santa Day
10 am to 3 pm
~ at ~
Community Center in Old School
at CLEARBROOK
If you want something rosemaled, let me know.
776-3715 R36C

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

All CWLC businesses and programs will be closed for Thanksgiving weekend, Thurs. thru Sun., Nov. 23–26.

CLEARBROOK SITE:

Anger Management Class: Jan. 8-Feb.12, 2018, Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM. Registration open & required. Forms on-line at www.clearwaterslife.org or at our sites. $10 per individual for six-week session. Based on *Overcoming Emotions that Destroy* by Chip Ingram.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: *No CR this week*

Youth Connection, Tuesdays: After-school, 3:30-5, 5th-9th grade. Snacks. Bussing from C-G school available with signed permission slip or note. Closed if school closes for stormy weather.

GONVICK SITE:

Senior Connection Adult Day Services: Openings available. Open 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, M-W-F, except Nov. 24. Call 218-487-5290, Ext., 1 for enrollment & transportation assistance.

International Holiday Showcase: Prime rib dinner, community theater & variety show. Dec. 1, 5:30-7:30.

Reservations required. Deadline: Nov. 29. Call 218-776-2789 as soon as possible.

CWLC-**Gonvick**, 226 Elm St, open: M-W-F, 10-4 & Sat., 9-12. CWLC-**Clearbrook,** 256 2nd Ave., SW. Open 10-4, M-F, & 10-12 on Saturday.

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

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Church News

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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.

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Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
No Midweek Services

Sun., Nov. 26 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman

Good Shepherd

Wed. Nov. 22 - 6:30pm Choir Practice; 7:30pm Handbell Practice.

Sunday, Nov. 26: 9:00am Worship Service/Baptism; No Sunday School/Coffee Hour.

Mon. Nov. 27 - 2:00 p.m. Bible Study

Joint

Wed. Nov. 29 - 6:00 p.m. supper/confirmation/ 6th-7th Grade Bible Study.

Our Savior's

Thurs. Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Dinner at noon.

Sun., Nov. 26: No Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship Service.

GRACE FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH BAGLEY
Pastor Wayne Hjermstad

9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m.Sunday Worship
September - May

Every Thursday: 10 a.m. Bible Study.

Communion First Sunday of the Month.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway

Wed. Nov. 22- No AWANA

Sat. Nov. 25 - 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study.

Sun. Nov. 26 - 9: 30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
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Associate Pastor Jim Binder
Youth Pastor Brad Binder
Children's Minister Nicky Ubert
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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

REDEEMER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
Church Location:
Corner of Hwy. 2 & Red Lake Ave. SW Bagley, MN
Pastor Gerold Goetz

Sunday Divine Service: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School / Adult Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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.

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Fr. John Melkies Suvakeen
Terri D, Parish sec.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
Call for weekday Mass times.

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH
MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wed., Nov. 22: 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study.

Sun. Nov. 26: No Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship Service. Followed with decorating the church for Christmas.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thurs., Nov. 23: 9:00 AM United Thanksgiving Service.

Sun., Nov. 26: 9:00 AM Worship Service.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth

Wed, Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Service: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.

Thu, Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Service: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:30 a.m. Nazareth.

Sat, Nov. 25: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Nov. 26: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri; 8:30 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 9:45 a.m. Nazareth; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

Wed, Nov. 29: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed. Nov. 22: 6:00p.m. Alpha. 6:30 p.m. Awana.

Fri, Nov. 24: 6:00 p.m. Holy Yoga.

Sat, Nov. 25: 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga.

Sun, Nov. 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Nov. 28: 9:30a.m. Ladies Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30p.m. Bible Study.

Wed. Nov. 29: 6:00 p.m. Alpha.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister

Wed, Nov. 22: No Confirmation

Sun, Nov. 26: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley. 2:00 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor

Sun, Nov. 26: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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The Joy Of Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving tradition began at Plymouth Colony in the autumn of 1621. After a successful corn harvest, Governor William Bradford declared a three-day celebration of thanksgiving and prayer. The colonists thanked God for the year's blessings.

"Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful to him and bless his name."
~Psalm 100:4

As we look forward to the Thanksgiving meal and a special time with family and friends, we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

Be sure to stop in at the bank on Friday, Dec. 8, from 9:00 – 3:00, for our Christmas Tea

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The bank will be CLOSED on Thursday, Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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BEAR TRACKS

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

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Thurs., Nov. 23 - No School.
Fri., Nov. 24 - No School.
Mon., Nov. 27 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, WG Roll (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.
Tues. Nov. 28 - Biscuits & Gravy, Tri Tater, Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.
Wed. Nov. 29 - Turkey Stromboli, California Blend Vegetables, Sun Chips (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.
Thurs. Nov. 30 - Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, 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

School News

NO SCHOOL THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 & 24 FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK. Enjoy a safe and thankful time with family and friends!

Boys basketball practice begins Monday, November 20.

4th,5th,6th grade basketball begins Monday, November 27. Registration is 5:30-6:15 in the commons and practice is 6:00-7:30. Information is being sent home with students and is also available on the school web site (under Community Education) and on the Facebook pages (both Community Ed & school) as well as in the display case by the school office.

Have we got everybody?

If you recently had a baby, adopted a child or moved to the Clearbrook-Gonvick District: NOTIFY us at 218-776-3112 ext. 223

Help plan for your child's future ~ receive mailings, early childhood screening information and other district news!

Announcements for community events/activities are posted on our school web site as well as our Facebook page and here on the announcements as they are sent to us, especially if they pertain to youth and youth activities. Check out the "Community" link on the web site for various events.

CAMPBELLS LABELS FOR EDUCATION IS ENDING IN DECEMBER. If you have any upc's that say "Labels for Education", please get these turned in by December 15 so we can send them in. Thanks to everyone that has supported this program over the years. We have received a lot of school equipment and gift cards thanks to you!

We will continue to save BoxTops and Loaves for Learning upc's from Country Hearth and Village Hearth breads so you can continue to support us through those programs.

Music programs coming up soon!!

The Elementary music program will be held on Tuesday, December 12 and the High School program will be on Tuesday, December 19. Both programs will begin at 6:30 and be held in the high school gym.

JOB POSTINGS:

NEW: Help Wanted: The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a Native American Education Coordinator and Native American Education Support Professional. One position is running an after-school program that goes until 5:30. The positions are open until filled. Please contact Jeff Burgess for more information. 218-776-3112 ext. 103

Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has a 10-month Office Assistant opening. The job includes: assists as point of first contact to the school, answer phones and direct calls, reporting student data to the Department of Education; update courses for MCCC, assistant counselor in student scheduling and with State testing, update transcripts and student files, assists in the coordination Graduation (ordering of materials) and work as a team in in the District/School Office. Prepare reports for School Board and Administration as needed. This position is open until filled.

Send Application material (letter, 3 references, and application) to: Wayne Olson, Superintendent of Schools,

Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools, 16770 Clearwater Lake Road, Clearbrook, MN 56634.

Email wolson@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us; 218-776-3112

Applications will be accepted until November 16, 2017 or until the position is filled

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COUNSELORS CORNER:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be submitted any time after October 1st for the school year starting the fall of the next year (October 1, 2017, for the 2018-2019) school year)

Get up to date information over the school year including scholarships, financial aid, tips, college representatives, career fairs, articles, and some fun stuff by following me on: Instagram: counselormegang

Twitter: @CounselorMeganG, Check out the School Counselor Website https://sites.google.com/a/clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us/schoolcounselor/

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Thur, Nov 30: A,B, GBB vs Goodridge/Grygla at 6:00. B at 6:00, Var at 7:30

Fri, Dec 1: A,B, BBB at Sacred Heart at 6:00. B at 6:00, Var at 7:30. Leave 3:15

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parents: Please check your lunch accounts regularly so you can keep up to date.

PLEASE USE THE NEW K-12 PAYMENT CENTER to check your account and make payments.

You may also contact the office for assistance with your account at 218-776-3112.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: Tutoring hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:20-5:20 and Wednesday 2:30- 5:20. There will be a late bus leaving at 5:30 to Red Lake.

Listen to the school news every Tuesday at 2:05 on KKCQ 96.7.

Please turn in all BoxTops, Campbells Labels for Education UPC's, Loaves for Learning UPC's.



November Elementary Students of the Month ; Pictured in Left to Right: Aleeyah Molden, Jasmine Erickson, Haley McCoy, Gracie Petit, Daniel King, Faith Gunning, Colton Hammons.

SPOTLIGHT

November Students of the Month

Clearbrook-Gonvick November Elementary Students of the Month

"Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be." ~Rita Pierson

Name: Faith Gunning, Kindergarten
Parents: Mark and Amanda **Siblings:** Grace
Comments: "Faith is doing an awesome job i*n kindergarten! She is a good friend and student. Faith is very quiet during learning times and is always paying attention and listening. She loves creating things at the writing center with her friends and enjoys coloring. Keep up the great work, Faith!!" "Faith is a great singer and she knows her rhythms!!!"*

Student: Gracie Petit, Grade 1
Parents: Chad and Rose Petit, **Siblings:** Arabella - 11th grade
Comments: *"Gracie is a dependable and kind friend to everyone in the class. She comes to school with a happy heart and is always ready to learn something new. She strives to do her very best in all areas of learning and is a fantastic helper to those in need. She is respectful and willing to take risks in the adventure of learning! She is doing an outstanding job in our class and deserves to be recognized! Congratulations, Gracie!" "Gracie is kind to the students around her. She is a good singer too!"*

Student: Jasmine Erickson, Grade 2
Parents: Alex Erickson and Chris Harmon, **Siblings:** Terrance, Anthony, Justin, & Aliyah
Comments: *"This is Jasmine's first year at Clearbrook-Gonvick School. What a GREAT addition to our class! Jasmine gives her very best at everything every day. She is a wonderful example to all her classmates. She is organized and follows through with her work. She listens well and eagerly shares her thoughts in class discussions. Jasmine is willing to take the risk of asking questions to check for understanding. She is a great friend to others and is always willing to help. Congratulations Jasmine! I'm proud of you! Keep up the good work!"*

Student: Colton Hammons, Grade 3
Parents: Robin Hammons and Joe Kalenak **Siblings:** Kelsi Kalenak
Comments: *"Colton comes to the classroom prepared and ready for the day! When he is done with his work you can find him writing, and writing, and writing some more! When you give a task to Colton, you can see his creative wheels turning! He is kind to others and always remembers to raise his hand, no matter how excited he is to to answer the question! Thank you Colton for being a great role model in our classroom!" "Colton is a good listener and asks many questions--he knows his rhythms!"*

Student: Daniel King, Grade 4
Parents: Anna King
Comments: *"Daniel is a great student to have in class. He is so enthusiastic and eager to participate. Daniel has a big heart and is kind to the people around him. He can bring a smile to anyone's face. Keep it up Daniel!" "Daniel always volunteers to play instruments on our songs--he is a good music bingo player!"*

Student: Aleeyah Molden, Grade 5
Parents: Shannon Griefe and Nathanial Molden **Siblings:** Madison and Georgia
Comments: *"Aleeyah is new to our school district, but you sure couldn't tell. This is because she is such a kind, caring person who always has a big smile on her face, and those attributes have made her lots of friends. She is also super creative, and she is often designing fun things that help her with everyday tasks. Another wonderful attribute is her attitude towards academics as she completes all tasks with enthusiasm and a positive attitude." "It is a pleasure to have Aleeyah in class.*

What a great smile and attitude--we love having Aleeyah in the music classroom!"

Student: Haley McCoy, Grade 6
Parents: Melissa McCoy and Michael McCoy; **Siblings:** Jammarr Branch and Aubrey McCoy,
Comments: *"Haley is an amazing student to have in our class. She continues to impress everyone with her academic achievement and her willingness to go above and beyond what is expected. Haley enjoys school and has had perfect attendance so far this year. One student comments, "She always volunteers time to helping other students that need help in all of the classes that we have." Thank you, Haley, for your dedication to school and your willingness to help others!" "Haley is one of the first to volunteer--thanks for being willing to read a poem for Veteran's Day! I can't wait to have you in high school choir--you have a wonderful voice!"*

Don't throw away valuable resources!

A study by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) shows that in Minnesota we are:
• Throwing away 3.6 million pounds of aluminum cans daily;
• Discarding over 1 billion pounds of recyclable paper per year;
• Wasting 41 million pounds of PETE beverage container plastic in a year.

Don't waste opportunity along with your recyclables!

We are literally throwing away valuable resources that fuel jobs and economic activity; we're burying opportunity in landfills and burning it in incinerators.
Approximately 37,000 jobs in Minnesota are directly and indirectly supported by the recycling industry.
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It cost Minnesota over $200 million to throw away 1 million tons of recyclable material. This could have been recycled instead for an additional estimated value of $217 million.
Do Your Part and Utilize Clearwater County's Recycling Bins! They are conveniently located by the Fairgrounds (south end by Highway Dept. Building) and in Clearbrook by the Highway Dept. Building.

Thank You for Helping Our Environment and Economy

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The maximum loan amount for repairs is $20,000 at a one percent interest rate and 20 year term. Grants of up to $7,500 may be available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

Contact a USDA Rural Development employee today in your area to see if you qualify.

For more information in the following counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Itasca, Koochiching, and Lake of the Woods Counties; please contact USDA Rural Development at 3217 Bemidji Ave N, Bemidji, MN 56601 or 218-751-1942 x 4.

For more information in the following counties: Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau Counties; please contact USDA Rural Development at 201 Sherwood Ave S., Thief River Falls, MN 56701 or 218-681-2843 x 4 You can also visit USDA's website at www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

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Advancing of the colors by Clearbrook Legion members at the Veterans Day program.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Principal greeting the many at the Veterans Day program.



Bill Stoller, Commander of the Clearbrook American Legion Post #256 read the list of those community members from Clearbrook and Gonvick who had been killed in action. He also announced the roll call of veterans who were present at the program.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Joe Vene, an Army Veteran who served in Germany was the Superintendent for 20 years at the Northwest Juvenile Center in Bemidji. He was also a Beltrami Commissioner for 12 years. He has been working hard to bring a Veterans home to Bemidji.



Presley Westrum read a reading by Lynne Care "Veteran" at the Veteran's Day program.



Aliyah Ballard read a reading by William A. Predeau "Thank a Vet" at the program at the school.



Haley McCoy read a poem "To Honor the Veterans" at the program at the school for Veterans.



Elinor Davies, age 10 recited from memory the Gettysburg Address. She is Clearwater County's 4-H Grand Champion of the Citizenship Project that is sponsored by the Clearbrook American Legion Auxiliary.



Retiring of the colors by Clearbrook Legion members Tom Anderson and Russell Lembke after the Veteran's Day program at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Keisha Jones, who attended the 2017 American Legion Auxiliary Girl State Delegate program that was held at Bethel University in St. Paul. The Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior said it was a very good experience and she made lifetime friends. They learned a lot about how government works.



Corrinne Anderson, the Clearbrook American Legion auxiliary President introduced the guest speak Joe Vene at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Veteran's Day program.



The Clearbrook Legion and Auxiliary and staff at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School put on a great Veterans Day program. There were many veterans who had served in the military service from various Wars including World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and conflicts from that point on. Also most everyone in the packed gym had a family member or someone they knew who has served in the military. Standing is Beulah Richards of Clearbrook as the Gold Star Wife who was acknowledged by Donna Rae Jacobson, a member of the Clearbrook Legion Auxiliary..

News and Views

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Should I reduce the Bt trait acreage in the 2018 corn crop to cut production costs?

Bruce Potter, Extension IPM and Ken Ostlie, Extension entomologist

The economics of 2017 corn production have challenged many farmers with minimizing losses per acre. One area that some farmers have targeted for reducing costs is hybrid selection. Planting corn hybrids without Bt protection for European corn borer (ECB), corn rootworm or both will greatly reduce seed costs. However, if not careful, farmers could inadvertently reduce crop revenues if they select hybrids without considering yield potential or insect populations in their fields.

Yield potential is the first thing to consider when selecting a corn hybrid. Bt traits only protect the yield potential of a hybrid; yield benefits only occur when targeted insects are above economic levels. When insect pressure is low, any potential yield gains from newer, trait-protected hybrids have to be balanced against their higher costs. Switching to less-expensive seed only makes sense when yields are comparable or when seed cost savings exceed any reduced yield potential plus prospective insect losses that may occur. Complicating the decision is one important consideration - the limited availability of high-yielding non-Bt or single Bt trait corn hybrids for much of Minnesota.

In many 2017 fields, planting corn without a Bt trait in 2017 will work out just fine but take stock of your insect risk!

European corn borer

Compared to pre-Bt levels, European corn borer (ECB) populations are generally very low in Minnesota and much of the Midwest. They have been effectively suppressed for nearly 20 years. However, the risk of ECB infestations may be locally higher in areas where significant acreages of corn without Bt corn borer trait(s) were planted in 2016 and preceding years. Reports of damage in 2016 non-Bt corn demonstrate ECBs are still around and may be increasing in some areas. A temporary increase in non-Bt corn acreage should not dramatically increase the risk of damage and planting corn without Bt corn borer protection should be relatively low risk. The risk of economic damage likely increases as the proportion of local fields planted to non-Bt increase, particularly when the reduction in Bt has occurred for several years. Risk of yield loss from ECB can be reduced if you scout fields and apply a labeled insecticide where needed. Early and late-planted fields will be most attractive to egg-laying 1st and 2nd generation moths, respectively. These fields should be receiving scouting emphasis when planted to a hybrid without an above ground Bt trait. Where the univoltine strain of ECB occurs, scouting should focus on fields nearest pollination when the flight is underway, typically mid-July to early August.

Notes on European corn borer, scouting and aerial insecticides:

- Larvae are susceptible to insecticides for 10-14 days during each generation. This limited window means you scouting efforts must be timed well.
- As corn grows, successive generations appear lower in the corn canopy; insecticide effectiveness declines with greater canopy interception by leaves above the larvae. Percent control for well-timed applications declines from 85% (1st generation) to 70% (univoltine) to 50% (2nd generation). Expect control to be noticeably lower than Bt traits (>99.5%).

Bt corn should also receive some scouting attention late season. While ECB resistance to Bt -lepidoptera traits has not been detected yet, the effectiveness of several above ground traits has declined in some corn earworm, western bean cutworm and fall armyworm populations. Look for excessive leaf feeding from first-generation corn borers in earlier planted fields, stalk and ear tunneling in later silking fields from univoltine and second-generation corn borers, ear feeding from corn earworm and western bean cutworm, and late-whorl and ear feeding from fall armyworm.

Corn rootworm

Corn rootworm populations in MN have declined because of overwintering mortality (2013-2014), and heavier spring rainfall that locally reduced larval survival in 2014-2016. Overall, in non-rotated 2016 corn, lodging damage from corn rootworms remained lower than during the most recent peak years of 2009-2013. In rootworm research areas, western corn rootworm populations have been building since the cold winter and wet spring of 2013-14. Resistance to several Bt proteins has been documented in Minnesota western corn rootworm populations and resistance to the Cry 3Bb1 protein appears to be widespread. In both research and commercial non-rotated corn fields, single Bt trait and non Bt-RW hybrids are most likely to show high (> 1 beetle/plant) western corn rootworm beetles populations. Even those Bt fields with pyramided traits might experience rootworm damage when populations are very high. Northern corn rootworm beetles (Figure 5), including the extended diapause biotype, appear to be increasing in some areas and scattered reports of extended diapause problems have re-surfaced after a 10-year absence.

Do not assume that you do not have a potential 2017 rootworm problem simply because your corn did not lodge in 2015 or 16. Weather in 2016 was very forgiving, allowing ample opportunity for root re-growth, and root feeding was relatively early in corn development, allowing opportunity for brace root growth in absence of corn rootworm pressure. Corn rootworm population survival was excellent where spring rainfall was reduced and the mild, long, lingering fall was ideal for egg laying.

Despite these cautionary notes, there is minimal risk for economic damage from western corn rootworms in 2017 rotated corn in Minnesota. Bt-RW resistance has not yet been documented in northern corn rootworm and with the widespread adoption of Bt-RW hybrids, extended diapause issues have been suppressed. Some reports of economic damage in rotated non-Bt RW corn this year and the more numerous observations of northern corn rootworms this fall should be a warning not to ignore the northerns. Rotated corn may still be at risk from extended diapause northern corn rootworm.

Unless fields were scouted for corn rootworms in 2016 (corn after corn) or 2015 (rotated corn), some situations should be carefully pondered. Fields with hybrids maturing late for the area, fields with portions replanted or where crop development was delayed by flooded soils this spring, corn fields with late-season weed populations or adjacent to weedy soybeans, or soybean fields with heavy volunteer corn persisting late in the season face elevated risk from corn rootworms in 2017.

Non Bt-RW hybrids will do well in fields where you have monitored western corn rootworm beetle populations and know that they were below threshold (0.75 -1.0 beetles/plant or 4 beetles/trap/day) in 2016 and/or northern corn rootworm populations were also low in 2015 corn. Fields where you know or suspect economic beetle populations exist may benefit from an at-plant insecticide, a hybrid with a Bt-RW pyramid (two different Bt RW proteins), and in the worst case scenario both. However, University studies typically do not reveal economic payback for insecticides layered over working Bt traits, especially with pyramided rootworm traits.

Notes on rootworm insecticide performance and application:

- Soil insecticides do not perform as well as Bt traits in root protection (expect 60% control or less compared to >98% for working Bt pyramids).
- In Bt resistance situations, soil insecticides do not make up for failing traits.
- Performance of insecticides, whether seed treatments, liquids or granules declines with pressure. As pressure increases, seed treatments fail at lower pressure than soil insecticides. Liquids generally protect roots less than granules.
- There are no effective rescue options for larvae when it comes to rootworm damage detected post-emergence.
- If applying soil insecticides, make sure your planter is calibrated and delivering the rate you expect.
- If applying granules, apply in-furrow (IF) or replace banders every 3-4 years.
- If applying liquids, make sure liquids are placed IF. Follow label directions if mixing with or injecting into a liquid fertilizer. Do not use a 2 X 2 placement.

When moving away from Bt traits to reduce costs, keep in mind three important considerations:

1.Bt traits are a form of insurance. Moving away from Bt traits means that you are assuming the risk of insect attack and its management.

2.Risk is generally low right now for European corn borer and corn rootworms but risk is not gone.

3.You can either choose to ignore that risk (and your fields) or minimize that risk through active management (scouting + insecticides).



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Ottertail Power Company will sponsor the holiday lighting contest again in Gonvick. They will donate $200 again for the winners. Judging will be done the week of Christmas. Be sure to have your Christmas lights on during that week.

Silver Creek Lodge at 45403 161st Ave, south west of Clearbrook will be having a Holiday Open House and Craft Boutique on December 1 and 2. Holiday shopping and you can sign up for crafting class while you are there. They will have free coffee and treats along with recipes. See ad for more details.

International Holiday Showcase will be Friday, December 1 at Clear Water Life Center in Gonvick in the gym. There will be a dinner style evening with variety show and food. A live nativity scene will be outside on the south east side of the building from 5 until 6 p.m. Menu include prime rib and fixing. Dinner starts at 5:30 like the Friday Night Out events have been. Reservations can be made by calling 218-7762789 or emailing cwlc@gvtel.com

Sunday December 3 the Samhold Women NALC will be having their Christmas Event. Concert will be by "Free Indeed" starting at 3:00 p.m. Meal at 4:00 p.m. Register by November 29 by calling Sharen Dyrdahl 487-5455 or Valerie Reichert at 776-3087.

Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our website for you to see. Go online at tricocanary.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 night during deer season, a cop was staking out a rowdy bar to fill his quota on DUI tickets by targeting deer hunters. At closing time, he saw a hunter tumble out of the bar, trip on the curb, then try his keys in five different trucks before he found his. He sat in the front seat fumbling around with his keys for several minutes. All the other deer hunters left the bar and drove off. Finally, he started his engine and began to drive away. The cop was waiting for him though, and he stopped the driver and administered the Breathalyzer test. The results showed a reading of 0.00% blood alcohol level! The puzzled officer demanded to know how that could be. The deer hunter replied, "Tonight I'm the designated decoy."

Ole just got a new rifle for his wife - he said it was best trade he ever made!

On the first day of the deer hunting season, a hunter fell out of a deer stand and broke both his legs. "Why couldn't this happen on my last day of hunting?!" the hunter cried to the doctor. "It did," the doctor replied.

How do you catch a unique deer? Unique up on it! How do you catch a tame deer? Tame way – unique up on it!

Now hear this...

by Harry Hutchens, Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer

THANKSGIVING 2017: There's a saying in the Navy- "Every day at sea is Thursday." The same can be said for most military duty situations, where mission is the overriding priority in the projection of strength and protection regardless of location or season. My family joins me in wishing you a very happy and insightful Thanksgiving Day. Please continue to remember all Active Duty armed forces personnel and their families stationed stateside and overseas in your thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with your own family and friends. Please count them as a cherished blessing.

VETERANS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: I'd like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to the Jacobson family for their most recent donation to the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program, made as an additional memoriam in honor of the faithful military service of local area veteran Beverly Brown, US Air Force (Retired), who served during the Vietnam War. Beverly also served Clearwater County as a Volunteer Driver over several years, dedicated to providing thousands of miles and countless hours of personal, caring service to this county's veterans.

I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (not anonymous) to our Commissioners is also a valuable gauge.

Commerce Department continues to inspect gas pumps statewide for illegal devices

Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman announced that three Florida men have pleaded guilty to a gas pump credit card skimming scheme. Roilan Garriga, age 20; Wilbur Perez-Soca, age 24; and Asleys Acosta, age 28, each pleaded guilty to five counts of felony identity theft in Hennepin County District Court.

They will be sentenced on January 8, 2018.

Garriga and Perez-Soca are expected to receive between 41-57 months in prison. Acosta, who has credit card fraud convictions from Florida, agreed to a sentence in the range of 60-90 months. The Hennepin County Attorney's Office will be requesting an upward departure in sentencing for all three men due to the complexity and sophisticated nature of the crime.

During their court hearings, the Florida men admitted they traveled from Florida to Minnesota for the sole purpose of stealing credit card information by installing skimmers on pumps at several gas stations. Using forged credit cards with the stolen information, they went on shopping sprees in the Twin Cities, including stores at the Mall of America, nightclubs and restaurants.

"Credit card skimmers illegally implanted in gas pumps to steal customers' account information are a growing problem across the country," said Rothman. "This case shows they are also a real threat to Minnesota consumers. That is why the Commerce Department has made it a priority to protect Minnesotans by inspecting gas pumps statewide for skimmer devices and working closely with law enforcement whenever they are found."

In 2016, the Commerce Department launched a statewide crackdown on credit card skimmers at gas pumps. The Commerce Weights & Measures Division is responsible for regularly inspecting retail pumps throughout the state. In addition to monitoring pumps for accuracy, safety and fuel quality, Commerce investigators now also check for evidence of credit card skimmers. The department is also working with gas station operators on training and guidance about how to secure their pumps against tampering.

Since 2016, Commerce inspections have found 36 skimmers implanted in gas pumps at various locations in the state. These devices are now part of active criminal investigations by the Commerce Fraud Bureau in partnership with other law enforcement agencies.

Police arrested the three Florida men on the early morning of November 12, 2016, at the BP gas station at 2000 Third Avenue South in Minneapolis after a resident in a nearby apartment building called 911 to report that three men in a white van appeared to be tampering with one of the gas pumps.

When officers looked into the passenger side of the van, they could see a computer, five cell phones and a small drill, with a bit that fit the gas pump so the panel could be opened. Video from the station showed the van pulling up to the pump, with Garriga and Acosta opening and manipulating something in the gas pump. The investigation uncovered six skimmers on pumps at the station.

Police also found more than 20 debit or prepaid credit cards in the van. Each card was encoded with personal information from a Minnesota resident.

Hunters register 145,054 deer through second weekend of season

Minnesota firearms hunters registered 145,054 deer through the second weekend of deer season, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Preliminary results through the second weekend show that the number of deer registered was up 10 percent from 2016. Of the deer harvested, 54 percent were bucks, compared to 63 percent during the same period in 2016.

In Zone 1, in northeastern Minnesota, total firearms harvest was up 25 percent. In Zone 2, which covers the majority of the state and runs from Canada to Iowa, harvest was up 6 percent and Zone 3, in southeastern Minnesota, was down 12 percent.

"It appears as though deer harvest improved substantially since the first weekend," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations manager. "Getting more corn out of the fields and a bit drier weather likely helped."

Based upon the number of antlerless permits available and the number of permit areas that allow multiple deer to be taken, the DNR is projecting the 2017 total deer harvest to be around 200,000. The 2016 total harvest was 173,213.

In much of Minnesota, the firearms deer season ended Nov. 12. Additional deer will be harvested during the northern rifle zone season, which continues through Sunday, Nov. 19; the late southeast season, which runs Saturday, Nov. 18, through Sunday, Nov. 26; and the muzzleloader season, which begins Saturday, Nov. 25, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 10. More information on deer management can be found at mndnr.gov/deer.

Letter to the Editor

This weekend I took some house hold trash on Saturday to the Shevlin township dumpster's site north of Shevlin and I came upon several deer carcasses in a pile in the east gate pathway used for snow removal from the dumpster site. Some of the deer were left with hides still on them and some had just part of the meat taken leaving a lot of the meat still lift on the carcasses. This is just want and waste in my thinking. The carcasses had been left there by some person or persons that were too lazy to find a road leading into a forested area to leave them. If they were to have taken the carcasses to a place in the forest and left so that they cannot be ran over or backed over by a vehicle driven of some other person and used by other wild animals as this is what the County wanted hunter to do instead of leaving them inside the dumpsters. Instead they were left on the ground and in the way for snow removal. This action could lead to some wild animal coming to the improper disposed deer carcasses and meet a human being causing a conflict between animal and humans. This action could also present health hazards to everyone that uses the dumpster sites. I guess the person or persons thought that leaving them on the ground in the dumpster site area was all right as the newspaper article stated "do not put deer remains inside the dumpster."

Then on Sunday I went to the Dudley township dumpster site just south of Leonard and what do I find inside one of the two dumpsters. There were three deer carcasses inside the dumpster. Here again the deer carcasses had a lot of meat left on them and hides were also left on some of the carcasses.

I did not drive around the whole county but I was wondering just how many deer carcasses were left in total at all of the dumpster sites. I use to hunt deer and I always found a place to leave the deer carcass so that other wild animals could benefit from them. If you did not want the deer hide they could have been disposed of by taking them to a business that process deer.

The residence in Clearwater county pay a fee so that dumpsters are placed in areas in most of the townships within this county. This makes it easier for the residence to dispose of their household waste much easier than taking it to the County landfill. If we had to do this it would cost each household in Clearwater county a lot more money than what we are paying now.

So, to the lazy hunter please stop and think what you are doing to yourself and to the other residence in Clearwater county and dispose of your hunting waste in a proper way so that it can benefit other wild animals and not make a health or other type of hazard to humans or vehicles.

Pat Ward
Bagley, MN

When the Family Circle is Broken at Christmas

During this holiday season, which is a time of joy for most, our thoughts turn to the families of our community who are facing Christmas without someone they loved. We know many of them, and maybe you do, too. You may remember a year when you dreaded the holidays because a death during the year had broken your family circle. We know that grief is especially hard to bear during the holidays. The thoughtful gesture of a compassionate friend can mean a lot to a bereaved individual or family. In this spirit, we encourage anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one to attend the ***SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE CEASE FAMILY FUNERAL HOME IN BAGLEY.*** This service is intended to be of help and comfort to you and your family as you face this holiday season.

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The Larson family got together for the first time in five years to their mothers home in Clearbrook. They came from the state of Washinton and from England and parts in between. Gladys and her sons Lance, Jim, Larry and Darrell and daughters Darlene Vandermyde Judy French, and Janet Stombaugh.

Cause May Never Be Determined in Fire that Killed 2 Brothers

They were in northern Minnesota preparing for the opening day of deer season, but the two brothers from the north metro never made it back home.

Fifty-seven-year-old Scott Shoberg and his 52-year-old brother, Kurt Shoberg, were in Clearwater County over the weekend getting their hunting cabin ready for the deer opener when they died in an early morning fire on Saturday.

"The damage is so extensive that it makes it very difficult to determine exactly what had happened," said Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson. "They were both probably sleeping in the living room area of the trailer. That's where their bodies were located."

Halverson says there are many ways the structure could have caught fire but he believes carbon monoxide likely played a role.

"If somebody is sleeping and they don't wake up right away, they can be overtaken by the carbon monoxide and smoke in the house and never make it outside the residence," he said. "Hopefully we don't have any other tragedies like this throughout our deer season or any other time throughout this winter."

Halverson added the saddest thing about the incident is it appears as though the brothers were doing everything right. They went to the cabin a week early to clear it out, but still tragedy occurred. He said investigators may never know exactly what caused the fire.

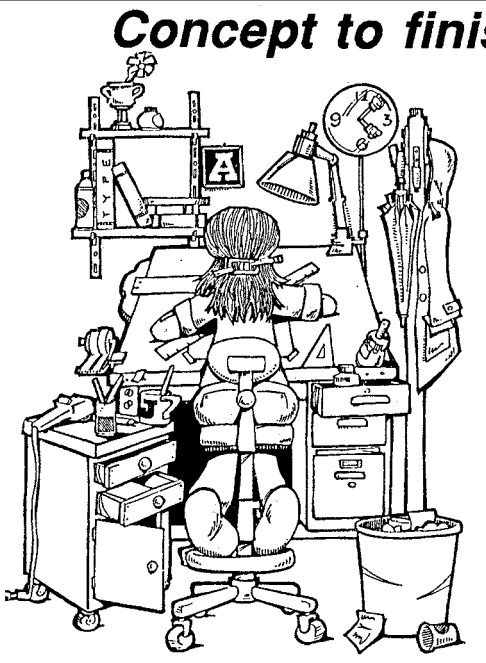
The Clearwater County Sheriff is also urging others who head to their cabins in the coming week to assess the stove and furnace first. He says if your cabin depends on gas, make sure nothing is blocking the ventilation system. If there is a wood stove, check the chimney to make sure it's clear. Halverson says animals are known to nest in these openings, especially in rural cabins that haven't been occupied in months.

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The day that Grandma Eubanks saved a destroyer and its crew

Fervent prayers helped save ship across the ocean



Gerald Wraa in his Navy uniform.

By Darlene Sawyer
Farmers Independent

Today, at age 95, Gerald H. Wraa, is one of our oldest Clearwater County military veterans. He commented, "I am also one of the miracles of World War II who survived the action."

This is the rest of his story:

"After enlisting in the U. S. Navy in 1942 at the age of 20, I arrived by troop train to a small shipyard in Orange, Texas, which borders Louisiana. There was a new destroyer ship named the U.S.S. Charles Ausburne. As part of the new ship's crew, we set sail for Boston, Massachusetts. The purpose was going there to add underwater radar to our ship so we could detect submarines. Since we were at war with Germany, the Germans tried to destroy our U.S. Merchant and military ships with submarines while the U.S. ships were delivering goods or war equipment to our allies in Europe and elsewhere. As the U.S.S. Ausburne's first crew, we were classified as *plankers*" (old Navy term).

From Boston, the ship was routed to the North Atlantic with new equipment, then sent on a trade route to Russia, then back to New York.

"At New York, our ship and 13 other Liberty ships were loaded with war materials, Wraa continued. "We didn't know where we were going, but I remember staring at the Statue of Liberty as we passed and wondering if I would ever see it again. My ship was part of the fleet protecting the Liberty Ships' cargoes. While we were underway for our destination (North Africa), German subs attacked us. This is where we officially entered the war with Germany. Little did I realize when we boarded this ship that we would sail into the history books. From North Africa we were sent to the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific.

"One of our battles in the Solomon Islands of Cape St. George would be forever named a classic (as in perfect). The enemy lost three cruisers, four destroyers, and all personnel. We did not lose a single man. The U.S. Navy uses this battle yet today as a benchmark for naval warfare. Our crew was nicknamed 'The Little Beaver Squad.'"

But wait, there is more to this story behind the scenes. During this dangerous battle, Wraa saw a German torpedo coming toward their ship. He sounded the alarm, but nothing happened. The torpedo was a 'dud' and did no damage. "At this same time," Wraa noted, "credit is given to Grandma Eubanks who lived back in the U.S. She had spent the whole day and evening *praying* for the safety of the service people on the U.S.S. Charles Ausburne. We were told about her pleas to God to take care of us...and he did."

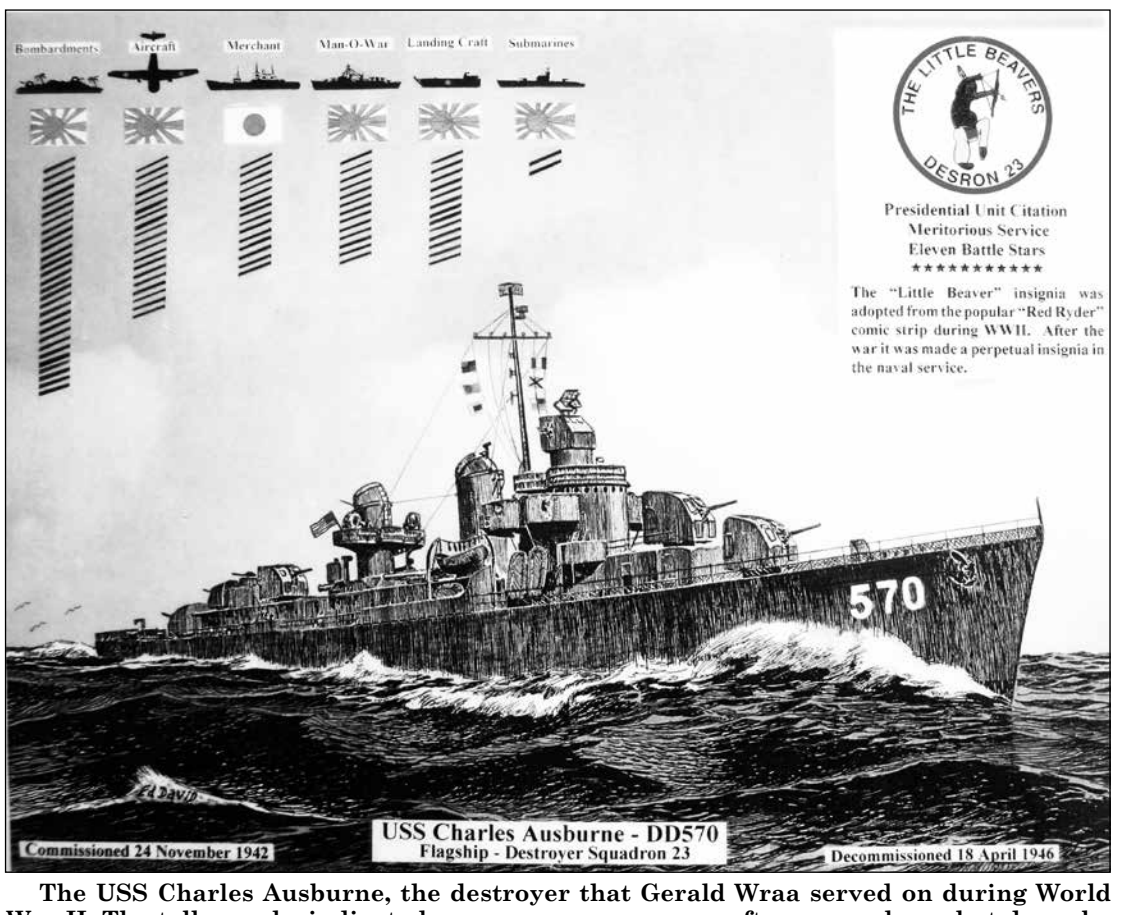
Cooks aboard the ship had prepared a Thanksgiving dinner for all on board, which Wraa said they were looking forward to as a victory dinner. "All that changed when we entered the battle. There was no Thanksgiving dinner, even though we all survived that battle. In 1994, (50 years later) we were all given a 'Residential Unit' citation and a Thanksgiving dinner aboard a new ship anchored in Cape St. George, Florida. Our wives and all family members were invited.

"I was aboard that ship for four years.....and yes, I still have flashbacks about some of our battles. There are some memories of war that you simply cannot erase from your mind."

Wraa concluded his story: "I am grateful to Grandma Eubanks and all other people who prayed for our safety. I still think of her and my shipmates. I came home, and married a sweet woman who has been my soulmate through all these years."



Gerald Wraa and his wife Edna who have been married for 70 years.



The USS Charles Ausburne, the destroyer that Gerald Wraa served on during World War II. The tally marks indicate how many enemy war craft were sunk or shot down by the crew aboard the USS Charles Ausburne.



Muriel Halverson, who is a 97 year old WWII Veteran, and Joann Ekeberg enjoyed the Veterans Day program that was held Friday afternoon at McIntosh Senior Living.

Clearbrook City Council meeting

The regular meeting of the Clearbrook City Council was held on October 9, 2017 in the City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Interim Mayor Dylan Goudge.

Present were: Interim Mayor: Dylan Goudge; Council Members: Kevin Prosser, Ryan Solee and Shawn Johnson Others present: Lucie Thompson, Joy Walberg, Sue Weems, Jason Bakke and Dan Gazelka

The council accepted the September 11, 2017 regular council meeting minutes .

Police Report/Update – Dan Gazelka, Police Chief

•32 incidents for the month of September 2017.

•Price quote for cameras at the pool was reviewed. Discussion held on the cost and benefits. Council requested that we solicit another quote for price comparison.

Liquor Store Report/Update – Joy Walberg & Karra Weems, Liquor Store Supervisors:

•Liquor Store monthly summary was reviewed by the Council.

Joy's Report –

•September was a good month. Dart teams will be starting. 4 teams will be playing out of the Liquor Store.

•Meat raffle will be Saturday, October 21st. Will be holding a Halloween party on October 28th, as well as a deer hunting party on November 4th with a DJ and a raffle to support the fire department. Pizza freezer is currently down. Purchased a used chest freezer.

Maintenance Report/Update: - Dan Johnson & Jason Bakke

•Update on the rewiring the RV Park – talk to local electricians about doing the work. Freeberg & Grund should have blue prints.

•Pot holes by AJs and the dam need to be filled. Dirt needs to be filled in around the Roxy.

•Discussion held on bids for a new city pickup. Will have bids to present at the next meeting. Want 10 year bumper to bumper warranty.

City Clerk Update:

•Discussion held on having 2018 budget meetings.

•The City made a motion to purchase a used floor scrubber for $2500 for the gym instead of having to borrow one from the school.

•Discussion held on the news that Good Samaritan Society Nursing Home is closing by the end of the year. Family meeting was to be held.. Matt Grossell will be attending a meeting at 7pm on behalf of the City. Council would like to know what is going to happen to the building. The building is currently not meeting fire codes. They are giving a 60 day notice to get all residents relocated to other facilities. City Council would like to set up a meeting with Good Sam representatives. Approximately 50 people will be without jobs due to the closing. The closing will have an impact on the City of Clearbrook.

•This will be Ryan Solee's last meeting on City Council. He is moving out of state. Will need to fill 2 council positions – 1 Mayor & 1 Council or 2 Council positions. Will place ad for interest in local newspaper.

•Discussion held on meeting with the City Engineers on how the surveying work is going and details moving forward on the water & sewer project. Will ask the Engineers to attend the next regular city council meeting for updates.

Resolutions:

•Resolution 2017-21: Approving Minnesota Premises for Lawful Gambling for the Clearbrook Community Club at the Clearbrook Community Center for the purpose of holding Bingo. Motion carried.

OTHER MOTIONS:

Monthly Claims Totaling $21,850.13. Motion carried.

Additional Claims Totaling $18,534.89. Motion carried.

Approval of North Country Hardware claims of $178.76 for September 2017 was made and seconded by Ryan Solee and Kevin Prosser to accept as presented, with Shawn Johnson absent. Motion carried.

. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Interim Mayor, Dylan Goudge

Clerk-Treasurer, Lucie Thompson

Tree Pruning with a Purpose

Fall is a great time to be outside admiring the trees in our landscapes. We take stock of which trees are looking good and which seem to need a little help. If we discover trees that look like they've seen better days, we instantly want to solve the problem. It is natural to want to do something to help a plant – prune it, fertilize it, polish it – we can't help wanting to touch it in some way.

One basic housekeeping chore that might help a struggling tree would be pruning. Pruning is an oft-needed maintenance treatment for good tree health and safety, but pruning without a good reason is not good tree care practice. Pruning just because your neighbor is doing it may not be beneficial for the tree, and could result in too much live tree tissue being removed. This can cause the tree to become stressed, and perhaps decline. In the fall, limit the amount of live tissue being removed and focus mainly on removing dead or broken branches.

In fact, industry tree pruning standards (ANSI A300) say no more than 25 percent of a tree's foliage should be removed in a single growing season. If the tree is of a species that cannot tolerate a lot of pruning, even less should be removed.

When determining how much pruning your tree can tolerate, a qualified arborist may consider if the tree:

•is healthy

•is still growing rapidly or has matured and slowed its growth

•had its roots severed or damaged recently or in the past

•suffers from disease

•is a species tolerant of heavy pruning

"All that said, fall is a good time to evaluate a tree to plan future pruning that may be needed to meet certain tree health goals," says Tchukki Andersen, BCMA, CTSP* and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association.

A qualified arborist will work with you to set an objective for the pruning job (i.e., what you want accomplished when the work is done). Pruning objectives usually include one or more of the following:

•reduce risk of damage to people or property

•manage tree health and direction of growth

•provide clearance for vehicles or roadways

•improve tree structure

•increase or improve aesthetics

•restore shape

"Once tree pruning objectives are established, the arborist can provide specific details on how your trees could be pruned to get the desired result," says Andersen.

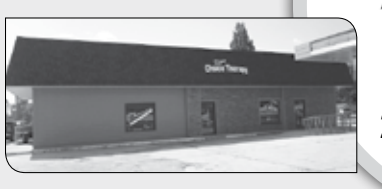
The pruning process can be overwhelming to those not familiar with the pruning of shade and ornamental trees. A qualified tree care expert trained in tree and woody plant health care can answer your questions, as well as help you with your tree-pruning goals. Make sure to ask for tree pruning to be done according to ANSI A300 standards, the generally accepted industry standards for tree care practices.



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Fish houses and wheelhouses require license purchase for ice fishing

New definition of portable shelter expands types of structures needing to be licensed

Beginning this ice fishing season, anglers using a wheelhouse type of ice or dark-house shelter are required to purchase a license to place the shelter on the ice, even when occupying it.

A new definition for portable shelters has been provided in law, which states that a portable shelter is one that collapses, folds or is disassembled for transportation.

"Wheeled fish houses, which formerly were considered portable – and thus excluded from licensing requirements for shelters – will now need to be licensed," said Al Stevens, fisheries survey and systems consultant with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "In the past, anglers using wheelhouses could use them without shelter licenses as long as they were occupied, including overnight."

A shelter meeting the new definition of portable only needs a license when a person leaves it unattended, meaning they are farther than 200 feet from the shelter.

The change pursued by the DNR and enabled by 2017 legislation accompanied hunting and angling fee increases. An annual resident shelter license is $16. A three-year license is $43. Owners of houses to be rented pay $31 annually or $88 for a three-year license.

A valid license tag must be attached to the outside of the fish house in a readily visible location. On border waters, a shelter license is not required on the Minnesota side if the neighboring state doesn't require a shelter license for its waters.

To learn more about the fishing and hunting license dollars are spent, visit mndnr.gov/licensedollarsatwork. Shelter or fishing licenses can be purchased at DNR license agents across Minnesota, by phone at 888-665-4236 or online at mndnr.gov/buyalicense.

DNR announces 17 parcels for December land sale

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will offer 17 parcels for sale in three public oral bid auctions in December. Property information, auction instructions and a map of the parcels can be found on the DNR's land sale webpage.

The properties include unimproved recreational land in Anoka, Beltrami, Big Stone, Houston, Hubbard, Koochiching, Mahnomen, Meeker, Norman, Otter Tail, Pine, Wabasha and Wadena counties and lakeshore property in St. Louis County.

Public auction details, parcel information and the latest updates are available online at www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands_minerals/landsale/. Call 651-259-5432, (888) MINNDNR or email min.landsale@state.mn.us for more information.



This chart shows some of the indicators of Domestic Violence that victims may be able to identify in their situation.

Harmon...

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the more they can help themselves."

Kristie works with clients, men or women, who sometimes need protection or harassment restraining orders due to domestic or physical violence situations. They may be traumatized and/or injured and she helps them to do the paperwork. She stands right with the client when they go before the judge to tell their story to the judge. Law enforcement escorts the advocate when the abuser is required to leave a home as a safety precaution. Judges often require abusers who commit felonies to take training.

"I love working with the judges here, Judge Robert Tiffany and Judge Paul Rasmussen, and Sheriff Darin Halverson. They are all phenomenal and caring. They listen to the clients and want the best outcome for them."

"We do presentations about domestic violence out in the community. We also want to get out in the schools and teach about dating violence. Young people are often intimidated and scared to tell about violence in a situation. Anyone can call us or just come in."

There is training provided for advocates, law enforcement, and court administration. Judges also receive separate training. This month Kristie is receiving training in how to assist Crime Victims.

Victims may need to ask questions, and get a hold of a Victims Advocate such as Kristie to learn about resources that could help them. After the recent 'walk' to draw attention to domestic violence, they received a donation from Thrivent which is used for gas and phone cards, one of the biggest needs. Other provisions may be short term temporary food and shelter.

This assistance is passed on to victims in times of crisis, and not meant to be a steady source of help. It is to help them have the time to research resources available, and what their options when they have been victims of abuse.

"The best part of my job is to watch clients get back up on their feet and move on to a better situation. They may call me later to tell me they graduated from college or got a good job. They may say, 'There's nothing going to stop me'. I can tell them 'You can do this'".

Kristie says while adults can leave an abusive situation, children involved cannot. The hardest part of her job is seeing child abuse. She says men and women may manipulate the situations.

On December 8, station KV101 in Bemidji will be host Kristie for a RadioThon to End Child Abuse. It is to help get the word out about the reality of children who have been abused. Donations that are raised will go toward child abuse awareness.

"It is a good step," she says, the more you can educate the better."

Kristie is on Board of the Salvation Army, which helps provide back packs, and the Clearwater County Citizens for Violence Free Community (CCCVC), doing mock crashes at the high school, and fund raisers.

'There is a need for crisis line volunteers, and training is provided. You can call the center at 694-2831 for information."

"I learned to be my own advocate and learn to stand up for myself," Kristie says. "I was a quiet, shy person, and needed to learn to help myself. I learned to be assertive, in a nice way, not aggressive. You can say 'No'."

In the future, Kristie plans to go back to college seeking a master's degree in Crime Victims Advocacy for education in serving in the courts.

Kristie graduated from a four year program in Criminal Justice from Bemidji State University in 2014 and was hired to be a Victims Advocate for the Headwaters Intervention Center and Family Crisis Center in 2015.

Kristie grew up in Bagley and attended a year of nurses training in 1996. While the nursing field and Criminal Justice seem to be a great distance apart, she believes God brought her to this time and it is all meant to be.

"This is where God wants you to be," her pastor tells her.

In 2009, Kristie was fortunate to have a Habitat home built for her with the help of the Bemidji Habitat for Humanity, Thrivent, and other volunteers.

In her free time, Kristie does exercise with a trainer at Anytime Fitness, and likes to target practice.

Kristie has three daughters. One is an NDSU Nursing program student, one runs a daycare and a teenager attends online classes. Kristie has three grandchildren.

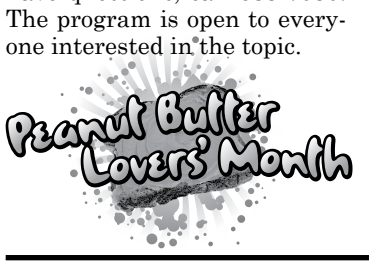
"Dementia Friends" Information Session, Nov. 30

If you have a family member, neighbor, or friend with Alzheimers Disease or other form of dementia, you will want to attend this one-hour presentation and discussion. Danica Robson from the Area Agency on Aging will present "Dementia Friends" on Thursday, November 30, 1:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Meeting Room, Thief River Falls, MN.

The session will discuss what dementia is, what it's like to live with the disease, and some tips for communicating with people who have dementia. Those who attend will learn some practical actions that can help those living in their community with Alzheimers and other forms of dementia.

Dementia Friends is a global movement that is changing the way people think, act and talk about dementia. Developed by the Alzheimer's Society in the United Kingdom, the initiative is underway in Minnesota and across the United States. By helping everyone in a community understand what dementia is and how it affects families, each of us can make a difference for people touched by the disease.

This session has been organized by the Pennington County Extension Office. If you have questions, call 683-7030. The program is open to everyone interested in the topic.





Barb and Chuck Schulstad are favorite vendors during Lefse Fest in Fosston. The event was held on Friday, November 17.

Minnesota Corn Growers Association Funds Farmers Tackling Conservation

SHAKOPEE, Minn. – Minnesota corn farmers will once again have the opportunity to put their innovative conservation ideas into action through the Minnesota Corn Growers Association's (MCGA) Innovation Grant Program. Proposals on how to reduce nitrate loss, improve soil health, and protect water quality are being accepted through Dec.15, 2017.

MCGA, working alongside the Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council (MCR&PC), is offering a total of $300,000 in Innovation Grants to any Minnesota corn farmer seeking to test or develop an innovative or best practice in the following areas:

- Nitrate loss reduction
- Improved nitrogen management practices for Minnesota soils
- Maintaining or improving water quality
- Innovative soil conservation practices
- Comparing and contrasting the measurable values of large data set decision tools

In 2017, 23 farmer-led research projects received a total of $250,000 in funding through the Innovation Grant Program. Examples of the great work by Minnesota farmers this summer include the installation of a sub-surface irrigation system, a more calculated approach to nitrogen application, and a new apparatus that allowed one farmer to apply fungicide while also applying nitrogen.

Corn farmers in Minnesota support about $4 million every year through respected research institutions like the University of Minnesota to address issues that corn farmers are facing every day. The Innovation Grant Program allows farmers to put their own ideas to the test and examine how other farmers in Minnesota might be able to replicate that idea on their farm.

The Innovation Grant Program is one of many undertakings by the state's corn growers to become the most sustainable and environmentally responsible corn farmers in the United States. The multi-faceted goal includes increasing the financial sustainability of farm operations, while adopting conservation practices that help farmers remain good stewards of the land and protect our state's water quality.

After the RFP period ends on Dec. 15, proposals will undergo review with awards determined by March 1, 2018 and project funding available April 1, 2018. Farmers can apply at http://www.mncorn.org/research-rfps/.

CP Holiday Train coming to Plummer December 12th

Once again, Plummer is graced with the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train stopping on December 12th.

Beginning in Montreal, Quebec, on November 25 and 26, 2017 respectively, two trains will make the festive journey, travelling through both the U.S. and Canada to bring holiday cheer to 171 communities along CP's network. Each event is completely free, with CP encouraging every attendee to open their cupboards or wallets to ease hunger needs in their community. Local food banks will be accepting donations at each stop to ensure those less fortunate can access adequate food this holiday season and year-round.

"The Holiday Train program is all about local food banks and food shelves and the critical role they play in our communities," said Keith Creel, CP's President and Chief Executive Officer. "People come for the beautifully-lit train and stay for the incredible show – all in the name of community. The holiday season is the best time of the year, and we look forward to bringing together thousands of Canadians and Americans this season for this incredibly important cause and a great time."

Events in Plummer start around 4 p.m. There will be caroling, "Santa", sleigh wagon rides, serving at the community hall at 4:30 p.m. Also bring canned goods for food shelf to the hall or museum. The museum will be open for touring. Performing from the boxcar stage will be Dallas Smith, Terri Clark and Kelly Prescott. Train is expected to arrive at 6:15 p.m. Come early for the events and parking.

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is offering rides to come to Plummer. $2 for in town pickups and $5 for out of town pickups. Call for reservation at 1-800-201-3432. Please bring a canned food item to donate!

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners

Nov. 11 - Dan Grunhord Gary, $20.

Nov. 12 - Nathan and Allison Sandland, Letcher, SD, $20.

Nov. 13 - Mary Wagoner, Bagley, $20.

Nov. 14 - Karen Stich, Solway, $20.

Nov. 15 - Nicholas Erickson, Clearbrook, $20.

Nov. 6 - Lillian Newland, Shevlin, $20.

Nov. 17 - Linda Melander, Gully, $20.

Wertish, Klabunde re-elected at MFU convention

Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) held its 76th Annual Convention Nov. 17-19. At the convention, delegates re-elected President Gary Wertish of Renville and Vice President Bryan Klabunde of Waubun to new two-year terms.

Wertish has served as MFU's President since January, after serving as Vice President from 2009-2016.

"I am thankful to have been re-elected to lead this strong organization," Wertish said. "We have a lot of work to do to fight for rural America. I will work to represent Minnesota's farmers well in this fight. Farmers Union has a long history of working for family farmers."

Klabunde was first elected as Vice President in February. Prior to his election, he served as Mahnomen County Farmers Union President from 2010-2017.

Additionally, the delegates elected 10 members to represent Minnesota at the National Farmers Union (NFU) Convention, which will be held March 3-6 in Kansas City, Mo. They are Carol Anderson of Foley; Paul Benson of Mahnomen; Jonathan Brase of Waseca; Erik Hatlestad of New London; Scott Hilgeman of Oklee; Deborah Mills of Lake City; John Naureth of Lakefield; Frank Turnock of McGregor; Harmon Wilts of Kerkhoven; and Ted Winter of Windom.

North Tri-County Boys basketball Scrimnage and Jamboree

November 25, 2017
Clearbrook-Gonvick High School

- Admission: Adults $4 Students $2 No passes allowed

Red Lake Sacred Heart Roseau
Goodridge/Grygla Red Lake County
Clearbrook-Gonvick Win-E-Mac

***Scrimmage**: Teams will play for 20 minutes running time.*

Games start on the hour or half-hour.

No officials. All stoppages by coaches. Coaches can be on the court.

	Court 1 (large gym)	Court 2 (small gym)
12:00	C-G vs Red Lake	RLC1 vs Goodridge/Grygla
12:30	RLC vs Win-E-Mac	Roseau vs Sacred Heart
01:00	C-G vs Goodridge-Grygla	RLC 1 vs Red Lake
01:30	Roseau vs RLC2	Sacred Heart vs Win-E-Mac
02:00	Red Lake vs Goodridge-Grygla	RLC1 vs Clearbrook-Gonvick
02:30	Sacred Heart vs RLC2	Win-E-Mac vs Roseau

***Jamboree:** Teams will play for one 18 minute half. Games will be officiated.*

Coaches are restricted to coach's area. All games played on Court 1 (large gym).

	Home		Away
04:00	Roseau	vs.	RLC1
04:45	Goodridge-Grygla	vs.	Sacred Heart
05:30	Red Lake	vs.	Win-E-Mac
06:15	C-G	vs.	RLC2

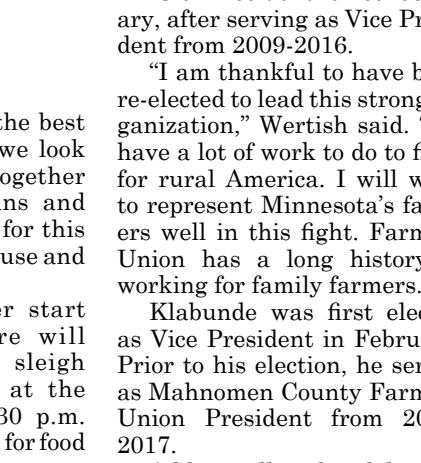
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- **Need light and dark jerseys**
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(Front row): Myranda Engberg, Lauren Melby, Mikala Johnson, Rachel Lavin, Cami Johnson, Sierra Walters, and Keisha Jones.





FOOTBALL:

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, Jaquincy Hammer, Brodie Johnson, Tyler Weems, Jonny Hamnes, Levi Nelson.

Back row: Manager Logan Westrum, Jacob Londo, Ass't. Coach Michael Lindgren, Ass't. Coach Wes Rogstad, Head Coach Casey Kroulik, Alec Halverson. Manager Kyle Gerlofs.



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