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These Christmas Greetings
come to you
Now with the festive season,
To wish you love and happiness
And a very Happy New Year.

FROM THE STAFF
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Facebook got a family together after 45 years

Facebook was valuable in getting a family connected after 45 years.

In 1971 Bud, Norma, Randy and Tami Sims who lived in Clearbrook wanted to share their home with a foster child.

They had heard about some small children in the county that were in need of a foster home. Norma called Bagley and talked to one in charge of Child Foster Care. She had a visit with them at home in 1971. They checked the Sims house over to make sure that they had room for another child and explained what having a foster child entails.

Herbie Pawlitschek, age 7, joined the family and entered second grade. Norma said, "It was quite an exciting day. Both of our children enjoyed having Herbie in the family. He was such a good one to share everything including food and toys. I always felt he taught our children how to share. If Randy and Tami were arguing over a toy or food, he would step up and say 'do you want some of mine Tami?', or whoever was doing the fighting. We totally didn't do much of anything special, we just did our normal day-to-day lives."

Norma went on to say. "My parents lived across the street from us so we had the grandparents close by too. We'd go camping in the summer with our trailer at the State Park near Alexandria. While we were there a tornado came across the lake and our camper lifted up and sat down again but a lot of tents and campers were scattered all over the campground. I think we were really lucky. Cops were there in no time and checked everyone out. We left the next day for another place."

She also said, "Herbie was in the second grade the first years we had him. He came in the summer and stayed with us two years. During the school years, I was cooking at the school in Clearbrook so I'd be at work the same days as the kids had school. My mother would come over for one hour in the morning to make sure the kids were up and ready for school and she would fix breakfast for them. If it was raining or very cold my father would take them to school."

"Herbie liked to eat, he had a good appetite and would eat whatever you gave him. Seemed like he could eat anything with bread and butter pickles, which was one of his favorites. He would eat a whole jar if I let him."

Herbie, Randy and Tami all had small jobs to help around the house. They would help Grandma and Grandpa also. They had a black puppy, and the kids really liked to play with him.

Norma said, "I thought at first when I started this that I'd keep on having different children when one had to leave, but when the time came I realized how difficult it was to say goodbye. I decided it was too hard to give them up. When the time came for Herbie to go I gave him an envelope, stamped and addressed to us with paper and told him I was going to be waiting for a letter. I didn't have an address where he would be so I thought he would send it to me. He moved with his mother to St. Paul and he started school there. He did remember to send me back the stamped and addressed letter. But kids forget to write the return address on it and I was not able to locate him again." But, Norma said, "I still had his letter after 45 years. Herbie read this once we were re-united. He was surprised to see that I still had it. It was fun to see him read it. Before he moved to St. Paul with his mother we had gotten him a bike for his birthday and sent it with him, but he said that someone had stolen it from him almost right away."

Shortly after Herbie left, the Sims family moved to Bagley where they had the Amoco Station. In 1998 Bud and Norma moved to Fergus Falls. While in Fergus Falls, Norma started working with the Foster Grandparents in the schools with the pre-school. She really enjoyed this and it made her start thinking of earlier days so she kind of kept it in the back of her mind of locating Herbie.

Norma said, "We wanted many times to try and find Herbie but didn't even know for sure how to spell his last name." Finally in November of this year, Susan (Randy Sims' wife) who live in Gonvick went on the internet and managed to find his name. "I only wish Bud would have met him again because he wanted so badly to see him," Norma said. Bud passed away on March 4, 2016.

After Susan found out that it was him on the internet, Randy made contact with him and Norma was so happy. Herbie called more than once and it was so good to talk to him.

The best part of this was Herbie and his fiancé drove up to Gonvick, where Norma lives, one evening and she is hoping she will get to see them again before too long.

Herbie had gone to the University of Minnesota a couple of years and he has a truck driving job now. Norma said, "he looked so good and it was so good to talk to him." She was very thankful that he did come to see them and they hope he and his family all come next time.

When he left Gonvick after his visit Norma remembered his love of bread and butter pickles and she gave him two quarts. When he was ready to leave he had them in his arms.



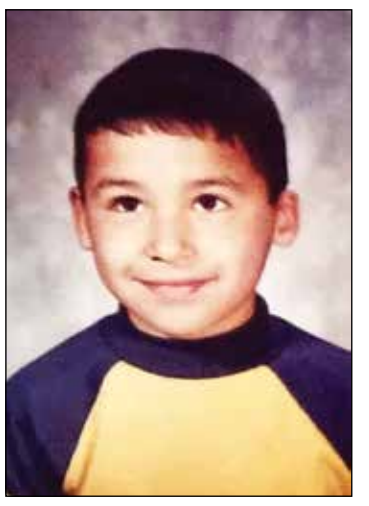
It was a happy day when Herb Pawlitschek came to visit Norma and Randy. The reunion was filled with joy and memories. Pictured from left: Randy Sims, Norma Sims and Herb Pawlitschek school picture taken in 3rd grade.



Christmas in 1972. From left: Randy Sims - age 11, Tami Sims - age 10 and Herbie Pawlitschek - age 8.



Herbie Pawlitschek school picture taken in 3rd grade.



Herbie Pawlitschek school picture taken in 2nd grade.

Commissioners approve hiring of new County Attorney Al Rogalla

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved the hiring of the new County Attorney, Al Rogalla, from Thief River Falls, Minnesota, when they met on December 19, 2017.

After some discussion, the Commissioners' consensus was to hire this candidate due to his lengthy experience that they believe is needed in Clearwater County, and because he is knowledgable regarding pipeline and other issues relevant to the county.

"He has all the experience needed, and we need that experience," said Chairman Dean Newman.

Attorney Rogalla is currently the Pennington County Prosecuting Attorney, and comes to Clearwater County with 29 years of experience. The Commissioners negotiated his salary through current County Attorney, David Hanson, at $100,000 beginning in 2018.

A motion by Commissioner Dan Stenseng to hire Attorney Rogalla at that salary was seconded by Commissioner Dean Newland and was passed unanimously.

"It is only for one year, then the people have to decide (in an election)," Commissioner Stenseng pointed out.

U. S. Fish & Wildlife Lynn Sebek and Neil Powers brought three wetland easements to be considered by the Board. Two are located in Section 34 in Eddy Township, containing 5 wetland acres, and 6.8 wetland acres. The third in is Section 9 in Rice Township, containing 11.1 wetland acres. A motion by Commissioner Arlen Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, was passed by the Board to approve the designation of these acres as wetlands.

Commissioner Neal Illies pointed out the letter sent regarding sustainable forests and changes expected based on DNR decisions.

Mr. Powers said, "We like to be as transparent as possible with landowners so they know what they are signing up for." Commissioner John Nelson said the relevancy of and changes does not affect these wetlands.

"I would like to extend an invitation to the Commissioners to see the projects we are working on in the County, in the spring after the snow is melted," Mr. Powers said. The Commissioners responded positively, saying they would like to see the projects.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé brought a motion regarding the Four-Legged Lake issue, "to withdraw the letter objecting to the abandonment of Judicial Ditch No. 5 dated July 22, 2015 to the Red Lake Watershed District and to allow the abandonment proceedings to continue." This would have the provision that, "Also, if the Flood Reduction Project continues for Four-Legged Lake after the abandonment, the County Engineer will continue to be involved in the project and update the County Board of the progress." The engineer said the lowest level then could be 14.27. He said this would keep the water out of the clear zone.

"If it is higher, we will have damage. The 14.25 – 14.27 would be an acceptable compromise, and I see no reason to go into Flood Reduction Projects."

Commissioner Stenseng wanted to know, "Once the ditch is abandoned, who takes authorization over the lake? The DNR could object to abandonment."

Commissioner Illies said, "Ditches have been abandoned, and I've never seen it restored after that, according to what I have read in case law."

While the motion was approved, Commissioner Stenseng was opposed to the motion and voted against it since there was no clear indication as to authority over the lake.

"Landowners wanted to remove Red Lake Watershed from the authority," it was stated.

"Other people will have damage if the ditch is abandoned. I hope the compromise will keep

Commissioners...
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Lewis receives 4-H Key Award

The 4-H Key Award is the highest award a 4-Her can receive during their time as a 4-H member. The 4-H Key award recognizes youth who contribute to their club, community, and encourages youth to grow as an outstanding citizen. To be eligible for this award youth must have completed their sophomore year in high school The youth has to be a 4-H member for at least five years and also have at least three years of active 4-H youth leadership. The youth must meet seven of the nine leadership requirements. This year we had a young person from Clearwater County go through the process. Carly Lewis was award this 4-H award.



Carly Lewis awarded 4-H Key Award.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick Honor Society includes: front row: Naomi Shamp, Kari Shamp and Cassie Faldet. Second row: Lindsay Gray, Cami Johnson, Mikala Johnson, Brynn Hetland, Savanna Rankin, Abbigail Moy, JackieLynn Taflin, Morgan Cornell, Kendehl Ballard. Back row: Emily Bergman, Joshua Lavin, Adriana Churness, Ethan Dorman, Jacey Tronnes, Madelynne Faldet and Callie Baker.

Ten inducted into Honor Society

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Honor Society had an induction ceremony for ten new members. The ceremony took place on December 13 at the Clearbrook American Legion.

The welcome and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Madelynne Faldet. History of the National Honor Society was given by Kendehl Ballard.

Sarah Goudge recognized the present National Honor Society members with Kendehl Ballard, Morgan Cornell, Cassie Faldet, Madelynne, Faldet, Brynn Hetland, Cami Johnson, Mikala Johnson, Adriana Churness, Ethan Dorman and Jacey Tronnes. They were presented with red roses which are symbolic of courage, loyalty and service.

The new members were presented a white rose which is symbolic of purity and truth from which comes character. Sarah Goudge and Megan Godtland announced the students that included: Abbigail Moy, Emily Bergman, Callie Baker, Bailey Haugan, Joshua Lavin, Kari Shamp, Lindsey Gray, Savanna Rankin, Naomi Shamp, JackieLynn Taflin.

All members gave the Honor Society Pledge.

"I pledge to uphold
The high purposes of the National Honor Society
To which I have been selected;
I will be true to the principles for which it stands;
And will maintain and encourage
The high standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character."

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., Dec. 27- Vegetable Beef Soup, Meat Salad Sandwich, Pea and Cheese Salad, Crackers, Bar and Milk.

Thurs., Dec. 28 - Pork Loin, Gravy with Whole Potatoes, carrots, Dinner Roll, Cake and Milk.

Fri., Dec. 29 - ***New Years Eve*** Ribs and Chicken, Baked Potato, Broccoli, Apple Streusel Cheesecake Bar and Milk.

Mon., Jan. 1- Closed.

Tues. Jan. 2 - Creamed Chicken with biscuit, California blend veg., Fruit Cup, Pudding and Milk.

Wed. Jan. 3- Salisbury Steak, Parslied Whole Potatoes, Squash, Bread, Blushing Pears and Milk.

.Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Legal Notices

Notice to Residents of Gully Township

Filing for township offices opens Jan. 3, 2018 and continues until Jan. 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Officers to be elected are:

1 Supervisor for a 3 year term

1 Clerk for a 2 year term

Affadavits of Candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a $2.00 filing fee.

Carole J. Tharaldson, Clerk R39-40C

Notice to Residents of Johnson Township

Filing for township offices opens Jan. 3, 2018 and continues until Jan. 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Officers to be elected are:

1 Supervisor for a 3 year term
1 Clerk for a 2 year term

Affidavits of Candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a $2.00 filing fee.

Lloyd Sweno, Clerk R39-40C

Notice to Leon Township Residents

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at the Leon Township Hall.

Filing for township offices opens on January 2, 2018, and continues to January 16, 2018, 5 pm. Offices to be elected are:

1 Supervisor for a 3 year term

1 Clerk for a 2 year term

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a $2 filing fee.

Lori Larson, Clerk R39-40C

Annual Meeting Notices

THE PINE RIDGE RESIDENCE, INC. WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT THE CLEARWATER DAC OFFICES ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 AT 1:00 P.M. PERSONS INTERESTED IN PINE RIDGE RESIDENCE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

THE CLEARWATER DAY ACTIVITY CENTER, INC. WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT THE CLEARWATER DAC OFFICES ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M. PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE DAC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

R39-42C

Pastor Bob



Pastor Robert Kirchman

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux in 1150 coined the phrase …the road to #%#* is paved with good intentions… and we remember it yet today despite the lack of exposure through social media! Saint Bernard of Clairvaux as you might guess by the title, "Saint," was a good man and he was not making excuses for himself. As we approach the new year we may tempted to compile our list—a list which has all the bad things about ourselves we want to eliminate and all the things we want to add to ourselves. "From now ons…" is a phrase we might all know quite well but before we even utter it we begin with the thought or feeling that we have to start with good intentions. We believe that good intentions are already a beginning to a new way of living, of becoming a better person. We tend to believe that we can make a new start whenever we want, all by ourselves.

As Ecclesiastes might have put it, this is vanity of vanities. Only God can start a new beginning whenever God wants but not people. The best we can do is to pray to God for a new beginning. When we are on our own and live by our own devices, cleverness, and abilities, we are stuck with the old, stuck with the past. Only with God can there be new beginnings. We cannot make God give us a new beginning, we cannot command God to give us a new beginning, but we can pray for God to be active in our lives and to turn our lives into something what God wants. Generally, the bitter truth is that we tend to wait until we hit bottom before we turn to God. Only when we have reached the limit of our abilities do we turn to God.

Christmas shows us God beginning something new in the world with a baby. Babies, children, in general change who we are. Each baby, each child, carries a new way of a living into the world. They pick up on our values and abilities but somehow change them. They can be like those weird mirrors at the county fair where some things are stretched, while others are pushed together but children do that with our values. We are made in God's image and while we make it difficult to see sometimes, Jesus does not. Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is God and shows us God. Jesus cares about God's Word and does something for God's people, He is reflecting His Father's Will for this world. He also might be reflecting you and me. He might be exaggerating our values but in his exaggeration, in his decision to live by righteousness and mercy and love and His own godliness he brings us to a new beginning. He saves us from our past, from our histories, from ourselves. As the 23rd Psalm says he "… restores our soul and leads us in paths of righteousness…" How about that for a beginning! Restoration and Guidance.

So, as we leave Christmas behind and go into the new year it might help you to remember that your beginning started December 25 and not January 1.

Thank you
Pastor Bob

Commissioners...

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the landowners happy and protect the road," Mr. Sauvé said.

Other Road & Bridges business: The engineer was given authorization to payment of the Highway Department bills in the amount of $34,101, as presented.

He will also purchase pieces of equipment through approval of the Board: 2018 Western Star tandem truck in the amount of $117,097, dump body, hoist, and snow and ice equipment for the truck for $90,179; 2018 John Deere cab tractor in the amount of $134,680 with trade in estimate of $57,500 of old tractor; Dymax Rotating Grapple for $16,750 which can lift, grab, and be used to clean out beaver dams; rotary cutter in the amount of $24,778; and 60" skid steer forestry brush cutter in the amount of $22,580; Boss 9'2" steel V ploy in the amount of $6,354; and air compressor for $1,109.

Sheriff Darin Halverson will receive an increase in salary effective January 1, 2018, to step 8, range 25.

Elected officials Brenda Knable, Allen Paulson, and Darin Halverson will receive a 2% increase; as well as a 2% increase for non-union and Department Head employees, effective Jan. 1, 2018. The Board of Commissioners voted to stay at their same salary as previously.

The Sheriff was authorized to sign and participate in the 2018-2019 Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant Program through the State of Minnesota. The amount of the grant is $3,919 for each year, for a total amount of $7,838 for the grant period.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht said there has been more waste generated in the county.

Listrom's Disposal has requested a contract amendment effective Jan. 1, that will increase the waste canister capacity at the Itasca, Minerva and Moose Creek solid waste collection sites by placing one additional 8-yard canister at each site. This change increases the annual base contract amount by $3,562 annually.

Spraying also saw an increase in cost, which averages 2% per year. The Roadside and Roadside Right-of-Way spraying agreements for 2018-2019 between the county and Roy Abraham for noxious weed control were approved by the Commissioners.

"We spend more per mile, but are doing a very good job here. Some counties only spot spray, and there are soon more weeds."

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson was given approval to designate the County Auditor-Treasurer's office located in the Clearwater County Courthouse as the polling place for the South Clearwater unorganized and Red Lake Reservation precincts.

The Board approved 19 Tobaco Licenses for 2018 in Clearwater County.

The County Auditor-Treasurer was authorized by the Board to pay the submitted invoices of $37,667 for the County Revenue Fund and $4,858 for the Nursing Service Fund.

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

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Red Lake: Red Lake Foods

Gonvick: Northern Bait and Convenience, Leader-Record office Richards Publishing

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History Center in Shevlin To Close For Holidays

The History Center will be closed through January 1 for the Christmas and New Years Holidays. The museum will reopen on Tuesday January 2.

However, if you have family or visitors during the holidays that want to visit the museum, please don't hesitate to call and make an appointment. The staff will be happy to give tours during the holiday break.

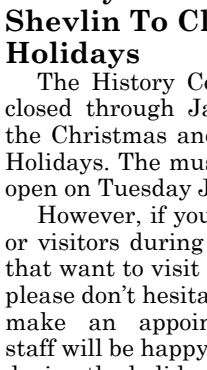
Office and museum hours at the History Center during the winter months are Tuesday through Friday from 10-4 and by appointment. Look for special weekend events all winter long. The current exhibition is "Creative Clearwater" showcasing the talents of county artists and crafters; past and present.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please call the History Center at 218-785-2000 or call Tamara Edevold at 218-694-2856. Email: clearwaterhistory@icloud.com

Happy Holidays from the Clearwater County Historical Society Staff and Board of Directors.

Clearwater County Food Shelf Holiday Schedule

Food Shelf is closed until Wed. Jan. 3, 2018



Love Lights a Tree

Love Lights a Tree recognizes the following loved ones this week:

In memory of Terri Ann Swenson from Jim and Ruth Halvosron.

In loving memory of Irene and Peter Henderson and Lillian and Hilburn Howard from Denise and Bob Howard.

In memory of Bob and Erlys Clarin and Sharon (Anderson) Stenseng from Pam O'Connell.

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
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Church News

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

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Wed. Dec. 27 - 6:30 p.m. AWANA
Thurs. Dec. 28 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Sat. Dec. 30 - 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study.
Sun. Dec. 31 - 9: 30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

Thank You

Special thanks to the Gonvick Lions Club for the delicious Christmas treats you delivered to my house, they were so tasty and made me realize Christmas was almost here.

Thank you again for all you do. It's much appreciated.

Norma Sims R40P

Thank You!

Small town kindness never grows old! Thank you to Gonvick Lions Club for the delicious bag of goodies. So appreciated.

Eileen Lien R40P

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners

Dec. 16 - Steve Massmann, Winger, $20.

Dec. 17 - Karen Gorentz, Vergas, $20.

Dec. 18 - Phil Ehlke, Bemidji, $20.

Dec. 19 - Alton Theisk, Bagley, $20.

Dec. 20 - Ilane Rue, Fosston, $20.

Dec. 21 - Sophie Walker, Lengbyn, $20.

Dec. 22 - Kalie Fawver, Clearbrook, $20.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

CWLC office, programs, and businesses closed Dec. 26-January 1. CR will meet!

CLEARBROOK SITE:

Anger Management Class: Jan. 8-Feb.12, 2018, Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM. Registration required. Deadline Jan. 3. Forms on-line at www.clearwaterslife.org or at our sites.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7:00 PM, Thursday, Dec. 28, 2nd floor of CWLC-Clearbrook. Help for any hurt, habit, or hang-up. Confidential.

GONVICK SITE:

Friday Night Out: Jan. 5, 5-7 pm. Hawaiian inspired menu: fresh fruit salad, sweet rolls, Khula pulled pork, fried rice, custard dessert & beverage. Reservation deadline is Fri., Dec. 29. Leave a message or send us an e-mail, cwlc@gvtel.com.

Senior Connection Adult Day Services: Openings available beginning January 3. Call 218-487-5290, Ext., 1 for enrollment & transportation assistance.

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

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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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9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m.Sunday Worship
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Every Thursday: 10 a.m. Bible Study.
Communion First Sunday of the Month.

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH
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Pastor Kris Snyder
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Dec. 27: 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study. No confirmation!
Sun. Dec. 31 No Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship Service.
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sun., Dec. 31: 9:00 a.m.Worship Service.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Sun., Dec. 31 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Sunday, Dec. 31: 9:00 am Worship Service. 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.
Wed. Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 - 6:30 pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice.
Our Savior's
Sun., Dec. 31: 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Sun, Dec. 31: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 9:45 a.m. Nazareth; 9:30 a.m. SS Oak Park, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sun, Dec. 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday Sschool.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Dec. 31: 10:30 a.m. Parish Wide Christmas Eve at Sand Valley. Potluck to follow.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Dec. 31: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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BEAR TRACKS

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

More staff hired at board meeting

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board at their regular meeting on Monday, December 18 approved the hiring of three people for the district. Jo Voxland as Office Assistant, James Bettin as Assistant Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach and Hanna Lavin as Assistant Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach. The team numbers are 23 for boys and 21 for girls. This will be for the duration of the season and prorated from the start date.

Megan Godtland, the school counselor, brought up a proposal for an educational trip through EF Tours to Greece in the summer of 2019. This would not be through the school but she would organize and have meetings with parents and students who might be interested in going on the trip. She would focus on grades 8 to 11 on getting funds raised or family funds. Cost at this time would be $4,500 for the trip. She will go ahead and check the possibility out in the next few months.

Bids were opened and accepted for two items from the school shop. Mark Gazelka had the highest bid for the Delta 14" Band Saw. Model 28-302, 115v, 93.6" blades for $380. Wayne Olson's bid for the Delta Table Saw, Model 36-953 10" blade, single phase 230 volt, 12.4 amp was accepted for $221.

Interviews were completed for hiring of a part time teacher to cover second grade in the morning during the core teaching time for reading and math. The class would then be together in the afternoon with other subjects. Principal Jeff Burgess would work out the details.

Principals' report

Jeff Burgess informed the board that the end of First Semester is January 12th.

There will be a Teacher In-Service Day for staff development on January 15 that will be held in the school this year.

The Native American position has not been filled as of the board meeting. There is a possibility of doing some shifting with paras to fill support and position.

In order to help solve spacing issues Burgess is looking at the possibility of a hybrid schedule for 6th grade. That would be 1/2 day with 6th grade teacher and the other 1/2 day in junior high school classes. Some high school staff has credentials from 5th grade to high school teaching. Scheduling would be difficult but it is worth looking into.

The district is still looking at the new state program of the Early Childhood education offering. Space is the biggest concern for going ahead.

The board adopted their final levy certification at the maximum for the upcoming year.

Cities with a population over 500, counties and school districts have to hold a public truth-in-taxation meeting. The board held their meeting to inform those in attendance the detailed information on the property tax percentages each taxing authority collected for taxes payable in the current year. That included state, local and school districts.

The hiring process guidelines will be put on next months agenda.

Consent Calendar

Bills, treasurers' report and electronic transfers were approved. Bills for non-payroll were $363,557.86 and payroll $82,851.98 for a total of $446,409.84. Bills included: Stein's Bus Services LLC $69,938.18; BRIC $44,281.09; Community Oil Company $9,751.84; Clearwater-Polk Electric $8,253.06; ACME Tools $6,473.98; Marco $6391.65; 2 Loons Letters and Threads $4,014.50; Eide Bailly $3,110.00; Bemidji State University $2,200.00; Land O Lake $2,182.09; City of Clearbrook $1,943.49; Anderson Disposal $1,809.70; Garden Valley Telephone Co. $1,779.34; Peterson Sheet Metal $1,694.61; Hillyard/Hutchinson $1,337.91; Amy Mulry $1,200.00; MacNeil Environmental Inc. $1,167.00; ALICE Training Institute Inc. $1,085.00; Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota $1,000.00.

The next board meeting is January 25 at 7:00 p.m. The board can't meet on the 15 as it is a legal holiday.



Eric Bergman goes for a shot as the Bears hosted Badger-Middle River-Greenbush.

Toddler Open Gym begins January 14,

Starting Sunday, January 14th and running every Sunday until March 11th, come to the Elementary Gym for Toddler Open Gym!! Come any time from 2:30-4:00. For families with five year olds and younger. To help maintain the program, a free-will donation is encouraged.

Sponsored by Community Education NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA team. From left to right: Rose Java, Naomi Shamp, Kayla Ehlers, Savanna Rankin, Chase Voxland, Baily Klema, Jacey Tronnes and Obadiah Hammer.

FFA success at UMC Ag Day

The Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA had a successful day at UMC Ag & Natural Resources Activities Day.

General Livestock - Naomi Shamp - 2nd place, Bailey Klema - 5th place, Obadiah Hammer - 14th place

Creed Speaking - Kayla Ehlers - 5th place, Bailey Klema - 6th place

Floriculture - Chase Voxland, Kayla Ehlers, Rose Java

Small Animals - Savanna Rankin

Fish & Wildlife - Jacey Tronnes

Congratulations to Naomi Shamp! She earned 2nd place individual at the University of Minnesota Crookston General Livestock Judging competition today! First of any CG FFA members to win this award!

SPOTLIGHT

December Spotlight on Support Staff



Donna Rude, Paraprofessional

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world. ~ Desmond Tutu

Donna Rude is in her second year of her to return to Clearbrook-Gonvick School. She previously worked here from 1995 to 2005 as a bus driver, paraprofessional and truancy tracker. Donna was born and raised to Rhode Island. She lives in the area with her husband of thirty-five years, Ron. They have three children: Tresha (Aref), Ryan (Alisha), and Cody and six grandchildren.

Why did you choose to work at this school? *I was retired and bored so I came back to work at the school. I am glad to be back with the kids and the great staff we have here.*

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? *My non-school jobs include 15 years as an employee for the City of Gonvick, L & M Fleet, and the Gourmet House.*

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? *The best part of my job is seeing my grandkids everyday and helping other kids. And I love to be around our awesome staff.*

What is the biggest challenge of your job? *I guess I can't say there are any challenges that can't be managed. We have such a great staff that are always willing to help each other.*

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why? *I would say I love working with kids, so I would have liked to have earned my teaching degree.*

What do you do when you are not working at the school? *I love traveling with my husband on the motorcycle, spending time with my family, and playing with my horses, dog, and cat.*

If you could go back in time to being school aged, what age/grade you would pick? Why would you pick that age/grade? *I enjoyed being in high school. We had classes based on your ability/ level of education, not just your grade level.*

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? *I love living in the area. I know I wouldn't move back east. It's so nice to know you don't have to fight traffic. There is only one stoplight in the whole county!*

And now a few words from the staff and students that work with Donna…

"Donna is always friendly. She greets everyone in the hallways every morning. She also does a wonderful job assisting our students at recess and lunch. You can tell she is a happy person who loves kids." "She has a voice like no other...." "I see Donna as "Mom" and "Grandma" for every student here at CG!!!! She truly cares for the kids and understands the challenges faced by many of them. She always takes time to say hi and visit. She brings a sense of humor to the students and staff. She would walk a mile for any of us!!! A spotlight feature well deserved!" "She is uplifting and a great team player and always will to help." "There's nothing like starting my day out with Donna's 'Good Mownin!' It makes me smile every time." "Donna is full of compliments and sure spreads the cheer in the hallways." "Donna is always willing help out with anything!" "Donna has been an incredible asset in the winter clothing drive! I am very appreciative of her help and her concern over our students staying safe and warm." "Donna is very helpful in the mornings to make sure everybody is walking nice and she always says 'Good Morning'. She is very kind to everybody."

School News

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

NO SCHOOL: Christmas vacation is December 23-January 1. School resumes Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Upcoming events

Thur, Jan 4: JH GBB at Cass Lake at 5:00. 7th at 5:00, 8th at 6:00. Release at 3:00. Leave 3:15

Thur, Jan 4: A,B, GBB at Cass Lake at 6:00. B at 6:00, Var at 7:30. Release at 3:00. Leave 3:15

Fri, Jan 5: JH BBB vs Kelliher/Northome at 5:00 at CCC. 7th at 5:00, 8th at 6:00.

Fri, Jan 5: A,B, BBB vs Kelliher/Northome at 6:00. B at 6:00, Var at 7:30

Add the following: Tue, Feb 20: A,B BBB at Nevis at 6:00. Var @ 6:00, JV at 7:30. Leave 3:45.

Sunday Afternoon Open Gym Begins January 7, 2018

The high school gym will be open for recreation January 7-March 11 from 2:00-4:00 pm for grades 4th-adult. 3rd grade & under may attend with an adult.

NO STREET SHOES.

There will be a $2.00 fee per time or you may buy a pass good for all 10 Sundays.

Pass prices are: Individual=$15.00, Family pass=$25.00

Parents are free if they attend with their child/children.

Passes may be purchased in the Community Education office or when you come to open gym. If you have questions or concerns about fees, please talk to Judy Engebretson (776-3112 Ext 102) NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Bears over Nevis 73-52

Four Bears scored in doubles figures to win over the visiting Nevis team. Brynn Hetland had 16, Cassie Faldet 13, and Madelynne Faldet and Jackie Lynn Taflin each had 10 points. Leading the scorers for the night was Katie Kamphus with 23 for Nevis.

The Bears had nine three pointers made for the evening. The Bears also went 16 for 60 at the free throw line for 53.5%

Clearbrook-Gonvick 73,
Nevis 52

Nevis	28	24--52
Bears	33	40--73

Nevis—Ava Isaacson 4, Annalise Ahrendt 3, Kia Heide 11, Ashley Pyburn 3, Tori Carrier 6, Kali Oelschlager 2, Katie Kamphaus 23

Clearbrook-Gonvick—Morgan Cornell 3, Brynn Hetland 16, Emma Dorman 3, Jackie Lynn Taflin 10, Jennifer Lavin 5, Danae Stenzel 8, Tamara Skinaway 5, Madelynne Faldet 10, Cassie Faldet 13

Bears knock off Blackduck 67-28

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the Blackduck Drakes and kept the win at home with a score of 67-28.

Cassie Faldet had a high of 22 points for the night. Two other Bears were in double figures Brynn Hetland with 13 and Jennifer Lavin with 11.

Others scoring were Tamara Skinaway 8, Madelynne Faldet 5, Danae Stenzel 5, Lauren Melby 2 and Kaylee Faldet 1.

The Bears shot 75% at the free throw with 15 made out of 20 attempts. Brynn had 5 of 6, Kaylee 1 of 2, Jennifer 3 of 3, Danae Stanzel 1 of 2, Madelynne Faldet 3 of 4 and Cassie 2 of 3. The Bears poured on the steam with a 42 to 18 half time lead.

Brynn had the first four points and Lauren Melby the last two for the Bears.

High scorer for Blackduck was Haley Murray with 11. They shot 32% from the free throw line getting 3 of 8.

Now hear this...

by Harry Hutchens, Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer

CHRISTMAS 2017: My family joins me in wishing you Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. May there be joy in your home and peace in more hearts around the world this Christmas season and always. 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 Christmas and the holidays with your own family and friends. Please count them as a cherished blessing. I am grateful for the continued opportunity and privilege to serve this county's veterans and their families, a blessing in itself.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to the Bagley Faith Lutheran Church Women of the Evangelical Church in America for their recent donation to the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program. Additionally, to the Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative "Operation Round Up" program for the donation of $1,000.00. This thanks would then also go out to all the Cooperative's customers who elect to participate through their monthly billing. Your generosity is felt and put to its best use every day in transporting Veterans to VA medical appointments.

I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (not anonymous) to our Commissioners Office(218)694-6618/ Cell(218)556-5340 Hutch

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Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary Christmas program

Photos by Alissa Preuss



Paige Tollefson.





Kristian Woodruff and Gunner Olson.



Lyla Gerlofs.



Lucas Bakken, Grant Engen, Trey Goudge and Carver Kroulik.















Board of Commissioners proceedings

November 14, 2017

The November meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on November 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Newland presiding and Commissioners Illies, Stenseng, Syverson and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Agenda with additions.

Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Minutes for the month of October with corrections.

Nursing Service – Marissa Hetland presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, CCNS to hire Amy Rankin HHA/HMKR at Step 3 part time (more than 1040 hours per year).

Land Department / Park – Bruce Cox and Kim Christenson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to accept the 2019 Campground rates as on file.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to adjust Shawn Stowbridge salary to Step 6 Grade 11 effective November 6, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, 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, due to lack of staff and resources.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of $216,118.30 for the County Revenue Fund and $56,178.24 for the Nursing Service Fund.

By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following 3 motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to rescind the motion passed on October 31, 2017 approving the cancellation of the following checks: #4625 - $26.88 and #131587 - $14.60.

Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the application of Mary Gerbracht for the 2018 On Sale liquor and Sunday Sale Licenses for Fireside Grill Inc. with continuance of insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve application of William Fritze for the 2018 Seasonal On Sale beer license for Hoot Owl Resort.

Engineer – Dan Sauvé presented the bills, financial statement and the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

Dan Sauvé also discussed some equipment purchases budgeted for 2018. He also discussed the County purchasing policy.

Sheriff – Darin Halverson presented the following motions: By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for both motions. Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Clearwater County Sheriff to promote Cherie Keith from part-time CCO to full-time CCO. This promotion is being done to fill an open full-time position within the jail and will be effective December 3, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Clearwater County Sheriff to promote Romell Bennett from part-time CCO to full-time CCO. This promotion is being done to fill an open full-time position within the jail and will be effective December 3, 2017.

Assessor – Jamie Freeman presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to advertise for a Senior Assessor Clerk, with the pay range starting at step 1 of Grade 10 per Bjorklund's job descriptions.

Open – The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to appoint Dean Newland to a 4 year term on the Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center Board. The four-year term is from 01-01-2018 through 12-31-2021.

Commissioner Nelson discussed issues with CSAH 2 and Judicial Ditch 5.

The meeting recessed at 10:24 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on November 21, 2017.

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on November 21, 2017 with Chairman Newland presiding and all Commissioners present.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Nursing Service – Marissa Hetland presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, CCNS to hire Edith Dickinson HHA/HMKR at Step 3, part time (more than 1040 hours per year).

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht was present to discuss the Buffer Ordinance. There is a public hearing scheduled for the regular Board meeting on December 12, 2017.

Dan also discussed the insurance claim on the canister site maintenance pickup and trailer, roadside spray contracts and gave an update on other office activities.

Soil & Water Conservation District – Chester Powell presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the 2018 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan and Budget for Clearwater County.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills, month end financials and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve application of Marnie Knutson for the 2018 On Sale Liquor, Off Sale Liquor and Sunday Sale Licenses for Sportsman's Lodge, with continuance of insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve application of Kelley Foy for the 2018 Off Sale Liquor License for Rock Creek General Store, Inc. with continuance of insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of $63,853.40 for the County Revenue Fund and $6,469.17 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Dated: December 12, 2017

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Dean Newland, Board Chairman

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Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator

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NOVEMBER 2017 CLAIMS OVER $2,000

Anderson Family Funeral Home Inc	2,765.00	Human Services
Bagley Co-op Association	5,433.01	Road & Bridge
Bagley Co-op Association	6,064.92	County Revenue, Tax Forfeited, Solid Waste, Nursing Service
Bagley Co-op Association	6,282.62	Road & Bridge
Bagley Co-op Association	2,690.60	County Revenue
Beltrami County Treasurer	2,898.00	County Revenue
Cease Family Funeral Home	5,800.00	Human Services
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	57,033.97	Road & Bridge
Clearwater County Highway Dept	3,031.85	County Revenue
Clearwater SWCD	2,466.95	County Revenue
Comfort Zone Heating & Cooling LLP	3,572.18	Energy
Community Oil Company Inc	2,468.06	Road & Bridge
Compass Minerals America	10,626.46	Road & Bridge
Department of Human Services SWIFT	4,972.05	Human Services
Garden Valley Telephone Co	3,226.11	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Glenn's Carpet Service	9,964.00	County Revenue
Higgins Heating Inc	2,810.60	Energy
Impact Proven Solutions	2,500.00	County Revenue
Kramer Leas DeLeo, PC	54,650.00	County Revenue
Kris Engineering Inc	2,383.54	Road & Bridge
Lake Agassiz Regional Library	24,521.25	County Revenue (Appropriation)
Marco Technologies LLC	2,364.95	County Revenue
Marco Technologies LLC	2,952.44	County Revenue, Tax Forfeited
MEND Correctional Care PLLC	9,724.16	County Revenue
Murray Surveying Inc	2,240.00	County Revenue
North Country Overhead Door LLC	2,980.00	County Revenue
North Homes Inc	5,711.40	Human Services
Northwest Service Cooperative	74,960.00	County Revenue
Monica Olson	2,374.91	Human Services
Polk County Solid Waste	54,178.15	Solid Waste
Public Utilities Commission	8,808.61	County Revenue, Tax Forfeited
Ramsrud Auto Parts	2,385.48	Road & Bridge
Reliance Telephone Systems Inc	2,000.00	County Revenue
Reliant Transportation Corp	37,092.60	Human Services
Sanford Bemidji Medical Center	2,821.33	Nursing Service
Summit Food Service LLC	12,772.14	County Revenue
Thompson's Gravel, Rock & Logging	6,048.00	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Visa	5,583.95	County Revenue
Vogt's Dirt Services LLC	27,144.00	Tax Forfeited
Preston & Brittany Zornes	2,260.52	Human Services

Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Wishing you the best in the year 2018

Pine Lake race is set for this weekend December 30th and 31st. There should be enough ice after the week we had last week. They will be having Raffle tickets for the Arctic Cat 120 from Christian Brothers Racing, $500.00 merchandise/parts certificates from Ski-doo, Polaris and Arctic Cat, as well as a Ruger American .17 HMR from Bagley Motorsports. Breakfast will be served both days at Sportsmans Lodge starting at 6:00 a.m.

. **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...

Did you ever hear about the Swede who went ice-fishing ...and returned home with 10 lbs of ice?

Did you hear about the Swede who was reading the phonebook, "Svenson... Svenson.. Svenson.. It's incredible how many phones that guy has."



The Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA members at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center with Tracy Imle. The group packed oranges for every person at the center. From left to right: Jacey Tronnes, Rose Java, Savanna Rankin, Jesse Anderson and Tracy Imle.

Senior Citizens receive Christmas treat

Senior citizens who attended the December 21 meal at the Clearbrook-Leonard Center received a treat. The Clearwater Christmas Project with Tracy Imle provided the meals for over 50 people that day. The center staff made the meal and everyone was thankful for the money that was given for each meal by the Clearwater Christmas Project which is a non-profit organization committed to bringing Christmas to those in Clearwater County.

Members of the Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA helped by packing bags with oranges for every person in attendance. Those students included Jacey Tronnes, Rose Java, Savanna Rankin, Jesse Anderson under the direction of Tracy Imle.

After the meal the group had special entertainment with Mary Ann Lewis and Joan Ranney on their guitars. Ardella Lindberg gave a story about gnomes that she had on display.

After the music the group had a gift exchange that was enjoyed by all. Ladies provided finger food to enjoy with their coffee.



Mary Ann Lewis and Joan Ranney on their guitars.



Ardella Lindberg gave a story about gnomes

Santa Claus makes his yearly visit



Brekken Juberian.



Isabelle Torgerson.



Adalyn Wilde.



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Carter Ballard.

Story to Share!

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

Representative Matt Grossell
Legislative Update District 2A



Friends,

I'd like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas! I'm looking forward to spending some much-needed time with my family and friends. I hope you are able to spend some quality time with your loved ones during this holiday season.

With the start of the new year upon us, the 2018 Session is right around the corner. As always, please reach out with any ideas you may have. I am here to serve you!

Merry Christmas and God bless you and your family,

Matt

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A study by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) shows that in Minnesota we are:

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At the birth of the new year, we pause to reflect on the great memories we've shared with our customers and friends. We'd like to send our very best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018. Your support and goodwill in 2017 have meant a lot to us, and we look forward to serving you again in the new year.

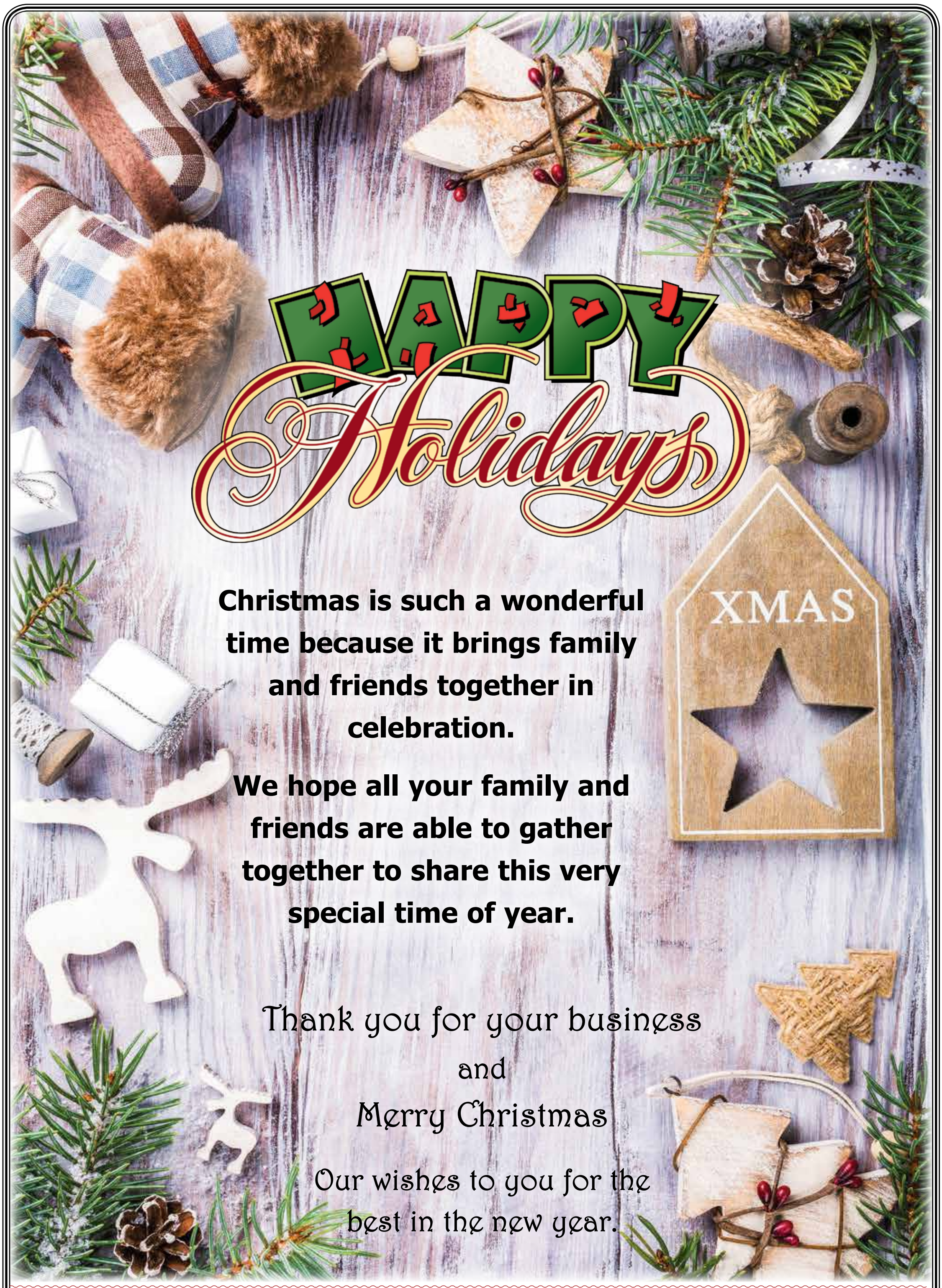
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