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Some of the veterans who attended the heartwarming tribute to area veterans during Veteran's Day activities at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

Military veterans honored at November 11 program

Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11, and it honors military veterans. The people who served in the United States Armed Forces were honored last Wednesday. A Veterans Day program was held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School with the Clearbrook American Legion in charge of the program. Armistice Day and Remembrance Day is celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I which ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service.

National Veterans Day Ceremony is held each year at Arlington National Cemetery with the wreath lying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 11:00 a.m. and then continues on with a program.

Kay Vettleson gave the introduction with the presentation of colors by the Clearbrook American Legion Post 256. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the National Anthem by the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Band with Mrs. Katrina Stewart the director.

Jeff Burgess, Principal at Clearbrook-Gonvick gave the welcome.

Bill Stoller Commander Master Chief United States Navy retired and Commander of the Clearbrook American Legion Post gave recognition of local area veterans that were killed in action.

He named all of the veterans that were in attendance at the program:

Army: Ken Brein, Larry Shelquist, John Brendalen, Duane Johnson, Jerry Wraa, Frank Bergh, Larry Djernes, Frank Buer, Lowell Stevens, Lloyd Engen, Gordon Sharp, Dennis Johnson, Dan Gazelka, Wayne Henrichs, Marvin Wolden, Ordean Erickson, Lonny Walters and Ordean Swanson.



Bill Stoller



Jeff Burgess



Kay Vettleson



Dylan Goudge



Paula Boomgaarden



Dan Gazelka

Air Force: Dylan Goudge, Paula Boomgaarden, and Brady Lene.

Marines/Navy: Kermit Kjolhaug, Vernon Lussier, Tom Anderson, Russ Lembke, Muriel Halvorson, Gerald Wraa, Blake Peterson, LeRoy Sundquist, Alfred Knutson, Darrell Engebretson, Reuben Rydeen, Pat Hammer and Harry Hutchens.

He also recognized the Gold Star Mother Eleanor Sundquist who was not able to attend and Beulah Richards the Gold Star Wife.

Some of the Clearbrook-Gonvick Kindergarten and first graders presented a song that was enjoyed by the many who attended the event. The words include "We Love Veterans" and "Thank you for your Service."

The Kindergarten through sixth grades had readings

about, Veterans, Remember, Liberty, Protect, Brave, Defend, Freedom, Valor, Courage, Honor, Sacrifice and Respect.

The high school band played the "Liberty Bell March" before Kay Vettleson introduced the guest speakers.

Dylan Goudge was the first speaker. After high school, he talked with his father Jim, and he said he had four choices. What were they? He said, "Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine and you can pick one." He entered the Air Force in May of 1997. He wanted to do his part for his country, get an education and to travel. He had many family members who had served in the military.

He was part of the Security Forces on several military bases around the world.

He did get to travel as he

was stationed in Okinawa Japan at Kadena Air Base; Diego Garcia south of India in the central Indian Ocean; Osan Air Base south of Seoul, Korea; Anderson Air Force Base on the island of Guam. This last tour was at Ellsworth

Veterans Day...

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SWCD manager Kathy Rasch takes new position

Improved helipad access coming to the County

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners meeting of November 10, 2015 began with an end of the year review regarding weed control, and the success of the summer duties and noxious weed related activities.

Kathy Rasch, District Manager of Soil and Water Conservation District, has accepted a position with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Her new position is in the Water Quality Certification Program.

Nathan Nordlund will be taking over as District Manager of SWCD, and has worked there for about five years.

She said she will still be working in the area and expects to use similar skills which she has learned with SWCD. She has worked in Clearwater County SWCD for 11-1/2 years.

Commissioner Neal Illies presented a resolution supporting the application for the Capital Improvement Grant from the Minnesota Department of Health by Sanford Health for the Sanford Bagley Medical Center, which was approved by the Board. This grant is intended to improve access to the helipad, and needed lighting, with a goal of resuming air medical flight services at this facility. Clearwater County agrees to provide the matching funds required for the grant.

Housing Authority Board members Kent Barcus, Joy Walberg and Cheryl Grover were in attendance at the meeting to continue the discussion as to the future of the HUD program in Clearwater County. (See related article.)

Sheriff Darin Halverson was given authorization to sign the snowmobile safety enforcement grant for state fiscal years 2016 and 2017 in the amount of \$7,604.

Commissioners agreed to and authorized the signing of the Region 3 Homeland Security and Emergency Management Joint Powers Mutual Aid Agreement, which consists of 13 counties, including Clear-

Commissioners...

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Kathy Rasch, District Manager of Soil and Water Conservation District, has accepted a position with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Her new position is in the Water Quality Certification Program. "I will be using similar skills," she said. "It will be fun using what I've learned here at SWCD."



Nathan Nordlund will be taking over as District Manager of SWCD effective November 16. He says he is looking forward to the new opportunities and challenges of this position.

November is Home Care and Hospice Month

During November the Homecare and Hospice community honor millions of nurses, home health aides, homemakers, therapists and social workers who make a remarkable difference for the patients and families they serve. These heroic caregivers play a central role in our healthcare system

and in homes across the nation. To recognize their efforts, we call upon all Americans to commemorate the power of caring, both at home and in our local communities and join the National Association for Homecare and Hospice (NAHC) by celebrating Home care and Hospice Month with the following

themes: Homecare: Home is the Center of Health Care, and Hospice: Hospice=Love in Action.

Clearwater County Nursing Service (CCNS) provides home care and hospice care in Clearwater County. CCNS staff have many years of experience serving the residents of Clearwater County. In honor of National Home care and Hospice month we would like to thank all the staff and volunteers at CCNS. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our clients and their families for allowing us to care for them and be part of their lives. We love what we do!

CCNS staff and years of service:

RN's: Stefanie Roed-26 years, Terri Nelson-24 years, Vicki Hanson-23 years, Marissa Hetland-18 years, Patti Winger-14 years, Sara Eck-10 years, Cathy Blair-4 years, Angie Sundquist-2 years. LPN's: Susan Sandland-7 years, Bonnie Erickson-4 years. Home Health Aides/Homemakers: Merry St. George-41 years, Joni Twito-4 years, Laura Lindgren-5 years, Gayle Lofthus-34 years, Diane Langseth-29 years, Becky Fultz-6 months, Shirley Solheim-28 years, Norma Erickson-27 years, Cindy Eastley-16 years, Jill Anderson-10 years, Ashley Nelson-9 years, Tammie Harr-7years, Evelyn Sanford-10 years, Joan Hanson-5 years, Kacey Engen-1 year, Nadine Klasse-1 year, Kathy Boe-17 years. Social Worker Hospice-Marilyn Shamp-10 years. Clerical Staff: Lynn Riggs-29 years, Stephanie Anderson-26 years, Sharon Solien-20 years, Ranae Vakoch-18 years, Taylor Anderson-1 year.

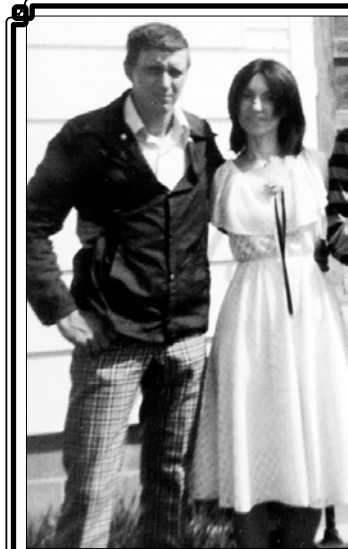


Clearwater County Homecare and Hospice Care standing back row left to right: Marissa Hetland, Patti Winger, Angie Sundquist, Cathy Blair, Laura Lindgren, Ashley Nelson, Cindy Eastly, Steph Anderson, Kacey Engen, Merry St. George, Gayle Lofthus, Ranae Vakoch, Shirley Solheim, Sharon Solien, Stefanie Roed, Joni Twito, and Nadine Klasse. Kneeling: Lynn Riggs, Vicki Hanson, Evie Sanford, Sara Eck, Becky Fultz, Diane Langseth, Tammie Harr, Susan Sandland, and Joan Hanson. Not pictured Kathy Boe, Bonnie Erickson, Jill Anderson, Norma Erickson, Taylor Anderson and Terri Nelson.

Community Calendar

Clearwater County Food Shelf hours
Hours for the Clearwater County Food Shelf will be:
Nov. 18 Wed. 10 to 2:30 pm
Nov. 23 Mon. 10 to 2:30 pm
Dec. 2 Wed. 10 to 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 9 Wed. 10 to 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 16 Wed. 10 to 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 21 Mon. 10 to 2:30 p.m.
The Clearwater County Food Shelf will be closed the week of December 27-January 2. Food shelf reopens January 6, 2016.

Commissioners..
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water, Beltrami, Polk, Mahnomen and others. This allows Homeland Security equipment, personnel and other resources available to each county upon request.
Sheriff Halverson was also granted authorization to purchase nine portable radios through the Emergency Man-



Love, Buddy & Denise Ethan & Wyatt

Happy 40th Anniversary!



agement account not to exceed \$10,000; and two Armer radio consolettes and have them installed at a cost not to exceed \$16,000, of which 50% percent will be reimbursed through the Northwest Minnesota Emergency Communications Board, and balance from the Enhanced 911 system budget. This new

equipment will improve communications with other counties, and enable the patching through of communications between State Patrol and County Sheriff, for example, when needed.

County official of MIS, Stuart Lien received approval for a motion to authorize the purchase of a VESTA 911 System from Independent Emergency Services (IES) with five year support at a cost not to exceed \$173,000, from the E911 account. It will probably not be billed out until a year from now.

Neal Illies pointed out that replacement parts for the old 911 equipment can no longer be obtained. Any county can back up Clearwater County with the new system.

Dan Hecht from Environmental Services received approval for a motion to increase the 2015 budget by \$15,096 in the account for contracts and septic grant. This is to carry forward the unspent 2014 Local Fix-Up grant funding for septic system replacement for low income homeowners. The County has two years to spend the grant funds before needing to return them to the State.

A motion to authorize expenses related to reconstruction to cost-share with Eddy Township for replacement of the solid waste canister site was approved. This motion authorizes payment of the county's share of up to \$3,000 in 2015, and payment for the county's share of the remaining expenses for the site of up to \$3,500 in 2016, mostly for dirt work and fencing.

Land Commissioner
Bruce Cox was given Board approval to purchase a 2015 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup from Ranger Chevrolet. The price will be \$24,988, plus sales tax, which will come from the tax forfeit fund.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé brought a 5 Year Capital Equipment Replacement Plan and received Board approval for it. The 2016 total for replacements is estimated to be \$329,000. The Highway Department Budget for 2016 will be presented in December.

He received authorization

to pay the Highway Department bills in the amount of \$111,654.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson received authorization to pay the submitted invoices of \$116,273 from the County Revenue Fund, and \$13,654 from Nursing Service. Two license applications were approved, one for off sale liquor for Rock Creek General Store, Inc., and the other for a seasonal on sale beer license for Hoot Owl Resort.

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

Samhold Church Members...
Christmas Decorating
Monday, November 23 5:00 pm
Let's have a great turnout!

Ladies Christmas Tea
Friday, December 4, 6:30 pm
Country Faith Church
Tickets are only \$3.00
FOR TICKETS:
Linnae Anderson (435-1430) or Country Faith Church (776-3367) or sign up at the LM Cart at CFC
Ticket sales end Nov. 29th

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Nov. 18 - Italian shredded beef, oven brown potatoes, cauliflower-broccoli salad, bun, cookie and milk.

Thurs. Nov. 19 - Pepper steak, butter boiled potatoes, seasoned peas, bread, fruit crisp and milk.

Fri. Nov. 20 - Salisbury steak, parshied whole potatoes, squash, bread, blushing pears and milk.

Mon. Nov. 23 - Creamed chicken biscuit, green beans, pudding and milk.

Tue. Nov. 24 - **Thanksgiving Meal** - Roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, pumpkin dessert and milk.

Wed. Nov. 25 - Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, pudding dessert and milk.

Gonvick American Legion #304 Bingo
Thursdays - Warm-ups 6:45 pm. Regular session 7:00 pm

OFF THE TRACKS GROOMING AND MORE!
Lexie will be at **SANTA DAYS** in **Clearbrook Sat., Dec. 5th**
She will have her pet tag machine making tags, key chains and horse personalization and will also have candles and pet attire.
Tags start at \$8.00 per odor eliminator candles too
1 for \$10.00 or 3 for \$25.00 (TAX INCL.)
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With holidays approaching appointments are filling fast!
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Church News

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed. Nov. 18 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Thurs. Nov. 19 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Prayer at Summerfield Apt. 6:30 p.m. Bridal Shower for Corey Ulrich at Elim
Sat. Nov. 21 - Ladies Prayer Breakfast at Tammy Pallum's
Sun. Nov. 21 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 a.m. Mission Sunday Worship Service.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Associate Pastor Jim Binder
Youth Pastor Troy Churness
Children's Minister Nikki Ubert
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept 7-May 17) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Youth Night (check church website for dates)
Every Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
***Wednesdays:** Care groups in various homes

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

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Wed. Nov. 18 - 6:30 p.m. Awa-

Thurs. Nov. 19: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer meeting at church.
Sat., Nov. 21 - 7:00 am Men's prayer breakfast.
Sun., Nov. 22: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:45 morning worship. Samhold Thanksgiving Community Service. 7:00 pm in Gonvick.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...
Clearbrook Location:
MAIN OFFICE HOURS & Clear Waters Bookstore: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday, 256 2nd Ave. SW, 218-776-2789
The Most Excellent Way: Recovery support group, 7:00 PM, Thursdays. Second floor.
Cardio Fitness: M-F, 6:30 - 7:30 AM. Use Gathering Place (south) entrance. Drop-ins welcome. **FREE!**
Shop-at-the-Top: Open M-F, 10 - 4, and Sat., 10-3. Check our Facebook page for sales.
Youth Connection: Open to grades 6 - 9, Tues., 3-5 PM. **FREE** including food, art, game room plus rock wall & obstacle course. Homeschoolers welcome
Gonvick Location: 226 Elm St., 218-487-5290
Open Monday-Wed-Friday, unless noted below.
Restore It! Furniture Shop & Create It! Art Gallery: Open 9 to 4, Sat., 9 - noon. Furniture donations accepted during business hours. Use north entrance. Custom refinishing available.
Senior Connection: Adult day services has openings for new clients. Professional staff; home-like atmosphere. Hours: 10-3.
Senior Exercise: 11-11:30. Drop-ins welcome. **FREE.**
Create It! Community Art Studios: Open Mondays, 1-5 PM, with mentors for new members.
Be sure check our web site: **www.clearwaterslife.org**

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GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Nov. 18 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 6-7 PM Divine Drama; 7-7:30 PM Confirmation; 7:30 p.m. Samhold Council.
Thurs., Nov. 19 - 2:30 pm Samhold WNALC meeting with lunch to follow.

Sun., Nov. 22: 9:30 AM Sunday school; 10:30 AM Worship Service. Samhold Thanksgiving Community Service. 7:00 pm
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
55070 149th Ave., Gonvick (218) 487-5308
Wed. Nov. 18 - 2:00 p.m. Unit-ed WNALC meets
Sun. Nov. 22 9:00 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion; 10:00 AM Sunday School. Thanksgiving Community Service. 7:00 pm at Samhold

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd, Clearbrook
Wed. Nov. 18 and 25 6:30 pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice.
Sun. Nov. 22 9:00am Thans-giving Worship!, 10:00 am Sunday School/Coffee Hour; Service Group 5 meets after church in fellowship hall.

Tues. Nov. 24 - 7:00 pm Hymn Planning Committee
Joint
Wed. Nov.18 6:00 pm Confirmation

Our Savior's, Leonard
Thurs. Nov. 19th 2:00pm WELCA meets in the fellowship hall. Hostesses-Ardella Lindberg, Loretta Bjerke, Margaret Stevens & Penny Lewis. Offering meditation - Ardella Lindberg. We will be planning the Christmas Tea, so don't miss it!
6:00pm Church Council meets in the fellowship hall.
Sun. Nov. 22nd 11:00am Thanksgiving Worship; 9:45am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice; 10:30am Coffee Hour.

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Nov. 18: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Oak Park Ladies Aid.
Sat, Nov. 21: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation.
Sun, Nov. 22: 8:00 a.m. Nazareth SS, 9:15 a.m. Nazareth. 9:15 a.m. Oak Park, 10:15 a.m. Oak Park SS. 9:45 a.m. St. Petri. SS, 11:00 a.m. St. Petri. Dinner at St. Petri following service.
Wed, Nov. 25: No Wednesday School/Confirmation. Thanksgiving Services: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.
Thu, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Services: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:30 a.m. Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stoenberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Nov. 18: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Nov. 19: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Nov. 20: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Nov. 22: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Nov. 24: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Nov. 25: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Nov. 18: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.
Sun, Nov. 22: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 5:00 p.m. Lund Thanksgiving Service.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Nov. 22: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Happy Thanksgiving
As a way to give back to our community, Clearwater Energy Group will be giving away 75 Turkeys with all the fixings for a Thanksgiving Dinner. These will be given away on a first come first serve basis. Please join us on Thursday Nov. 19th 9:00-12:00.
We are located next to the water tower in Clearbrook. One Turkey per family.

As we count our blessing on Thanksgiving, let's be grateful for our Friendships that were formed as coworkers at GOOD SAM.
The gathering of former Good Sam Employees will be at the
Clearbrook Sr. Center on Main St.
on November 20th, 2015 for potluck at 5 pm.

SAMHOLD WOMEN NALC - GONVICK -
Samhold Church Basement
Business meeting: 2:30 pm
Program will follow
Sherry Rettmann and Sharon Johnson will share their travel experiences to Europe (Russia and Paris).
Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015
Adults: \$5.00
Take-outs: \$5.00
Students (under 12): \$2.00
Pre-school: Free
MENU:
Stuffing Casserole
Cranberry Salad • Dark & Light Rolls
Pumpkin Pie Squares
Coffee & Lemonade
Thanks to servers: Beverly Hammes, Sheryl Berg, Rosie Rude, Danielle Derby, Debbie Ederold, Marian Eyle, Stacy Halverson, Donna Rude, Jamie Hammes, Roberta Drydahl, Bonnie Erlanson, Carol Satterfield, Jamie Sorenson, Joyce Strandberg, Carole Tharaldson, Janice Ulrich, Julie Wagner.
"Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and bless his name." -Psalm 100:4



The Clear Waters Life Center Sr. Connection honored two veterans on Veteran's Day. George Haltuch served in the Navy as an aviation electrician on the USS Intrepid on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans during the Korean war. Glenn Levno served in the Army toward the end of the Korean war in the early 1950s. The uniforms belong to Pat Reed who served in the Navy SeaBees in Viet Nam in 1969. We thank and honor all our veterans for their sacrificial service to our great country!

Do you know someone who would appreciate a little something extra this holiday season?
If so, please let them know about the Clearwater Christmas Project.
Families can receive toys for their children and help with Christmas dinner.
Wednesday, December 2nd 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday, December 3rd 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
At the Bagley Legion Auditorium on Main Street
Please bring proof of Clearwater County Residency
Must be present to pick up toys and grocery vouchers.
We can't give them to a friend or family member.
Merry Christmas!
Clear Waters Life Center, Clearbrook • Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Clearbrook • Tuesday Study Club, Bagley

Clearwater County Historical Society 25th Annual Fall Bake, Book & Craft Sale
Saturday, Nov. 21
Bagley American Legion Auditorium
Sale starts at 9:00 a.m. Closes at 3:30 or when everything is sold!
LUNCH SERVED 11:00 - gone Free Will Offering
Holiday Crafts by Roxane Waggoner & Sue Anderson
Wreaths by Doreen Norgaard
Machine Embroidery by Judy McGraw
Wonderful baked items donated by historical society members
Please call the museum 785-2000 for more information

BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Nov. 18 - Beef Stroganoff, green beans, dinner roll, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Thurs. Nov. 19 - Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Fri. Nov. 20 - Turkey dinner, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Mon. Nov. 23 - Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, bread, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Tues. Nov. 24 - Asian chicken with rice, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Wed. Nov. 25 - Chili cheese Fritos, pudding cup, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

BREAKFAST MENU-

Monday- Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

Tuesday- Biscuit w/Gravy, Tri Tater, Fruit, Juice and Milk

Wednesday- Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

Thursday- Pancakes, French toast or Waffles, Sausage, Fruit, Juice and Milk

Friday- Breakfast Roll, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

Cereal w/ Muffin Choice available daily as a 2nd choice option.

School News

Thanks to everyone for your support of the Fry Bread Taco fundraiser for Summer Recreation. Thanks to all parents and students that volunteered their time to serve. Special thanks to Robin, Starla, the entire kitchen staff and the custodians for your help!

ASVAB: Since Minnesota lawmakers identify the ASVAB as an appropriate test for graduation, Clearbrook-Gonvick School will give the exam to juniors on Thursday, November 19th. Students will come to the library on Thursday morning and the test will begin at 8:30 am.

One Act Play!

Info Meeting and Open Auditions

Thursday, November 19 at 3:30pm in the Elementary Music Room

Students in grades 9-12

Contact Mr. Carter for questions.

ECFE Special Event: Me & My Special Someone(s)! Monday, Nov. 16, 6:00 – 4th, 5th, 6th grade basket-

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

NDSU representative to visit area school

Fargo, N.D., Nov. 16 – A representative from the Office of Admission at North Dakota State University is scheduled to visit Clearbrook-Gonvick High School on Monday, Nov. 30, at 9 a.m., in Clearbrook, Minnesota.

The representative will help high school students learn about earning a degree from NDSU, which is recognized as a leading student-focused, land-grant, research institution. Information will be shared about NDSU's outstanding academic programs, how students can get involved through more than 300 student organizations and how the NDSU experience can help prepare them for career and life.

"Each student follows a different path that leads to NDSU," said Merideth Sherlin,

director of admission. "During high school visits, our staff works with students to understand their individual interests and needs, and then helps them find the opportunities at NDSU that will challenge them and prepare them for the future."

The university is comprised of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources; College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; College of Business; College of Engineering; College of Human Development and Education; College of Health Professions; College of Science and Mathematics; College of University Studies; and the Graduate School.

For more information about NDSU, visit www.ndsu.edu.

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parents: Please check your lunch accounts regularly so you can keep up to date. You can find the links to check your account and to pay on the school web site (see address above) under District--Food Services.

iMPACT meets every Tuesday at 8:00 am in Mrs. Kjolhaug's room. All 7th-12th welcome!

Youth Connection: Tuesday's, 3:00-5:00 for 6th-9th graders at CWLC in Clearbrook

Listen to the school news every Tuesday at 2:05 on KKQC 96.7 or if you miss it listen online at: <http://www.rjbbroadcasting.com/index.cfm?page=school-news>

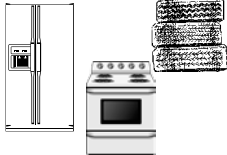
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SPOTLIGHT

On
November High School
Students of the Month



November High School Students of the Month. Pictured in the Back: Cassie Faldet, Rachel Lavin, Carlie Bergerson. Pictured in the Front: Gabe LaVine, Nyah Neadeau

November High School Students of the Month

Name: Taylor Volker, Grade 12

Parents: Arnold and Teena ; Sibling: Dawson

School Involvement: Student Council, Volleyball, and National Honor Society

Hobbies/Interests: Song lyrics writing, crafting, and outdoor activities

Favorites: US Citizenship

What she likes about CG: "I like being about to do a work study experience."

Future Plans: Something in criminal justice

Comments: "Taylor is a hard working, level-headed student that brings common sense and a smile to the classroom. She is always a joy to have in class!" "Taylor is community minded and sees the big picture. Her interest in life goes well beyond the borders of this school and I am looking forward to seeing what her future holds!" "Taylor works very hard and has always been pleasant to have in class. Always quick with a smile and a hello in the hallway." "A pleasure to have in class, Taylor is a very conscientious, hard-working student."

Name: Carlie Bergerson, Grade 11

Parents: Jeremy and Cathy

Sibling: Jayden and Jacie

School Involvement: Basketball, National Honor Society, and FCA

Hobbies/Interests: Hunting and basketball

Favorites: Anatomy and College Statistics

What she likes about CG: "I like how close you know people and how friendly people are."

Future Plans: To be a registered nurse

Comments: "The type of student that teachers love having in class! Self-motivated, hard working, on task, and always positive!" "Hard worker and very helpful to others around her." "Driven, motivated, and engaged in whatever it is she does. Carlie is focused and works hard towards the goals she sets for herself."

"Carlie has a big heart. She is a great classmate and teammate."

Name: Cassie Faldet, Grade 10

Parents: Darwin and Brenda

Sibling: Kaylee

School Involvement: Band, iMPACT, Student Council, and Basketball

Hobbies/Interests: basketball, piano, guitar, and the outdoors

Favorites: History and Algebra II

What she likes about CG: "I like how it's a smaller school."

Everybody know everybody. The teachers are very caring inside and outside of school."

Future Plans: "When I grow up, I want to either be an inspirational speaker or be in the Marines."

Comments: "Respectful. Good attitude. Strives to do things well. She is always polite and takes pride in her work." "Great attitude and a hard worker. Very positive person. Always willing to help others who need it. Great person in our school." "Caring, compassionate, inclusive, and reaches out to make sure she gives a hand up to those who need it. Cassie follows through on her commitments, shows up when there is hard work to be done, and is on the lookout for opportunities to put her strength as a servant leader into action."

Name: Rachel Lavin, Grade 9

Parents: Matt and Sara;

Sibling: Sam and Hannah

School Involvement: Volleyball, Basketball, and iM-PACT

Hobbies/Interests: Hunting, cooking, hanging out with friends, and playing basketball

Favorites: "Science class with Mrs. Goudge."

What she likes about CG: "The teachers are all very nice and work hard to make their students successful."

Future Plans: A radiological technician or a nurse

Comments: "Rachel is an organizer, attends to the details of projects, and invites others into the scope of her projects. Rachel follows through on what she sets out to do, and does everything with a positive attitude. She adds energy and positivity wherever she chooses to be involved." "Great attitude to just about everything. Very pleasant to have in class. Seems like a great friend to others and I like her smile in the hallway everyday."

Name: Nyah Neadeau, Grade 8

Parents: Daniel Neadeau, Nicole Spears and Brian Seki (step-father) ; Sibling: Tyler, Daniel, Marcell

School Involvement: basketball

Hobbies/Interests: hanging out with friends

Favorites: Art, Math, and basketball

What she likes about CG: "People are nice."

Future Plans: "I want to be a cook."

Comments: "Contributes positively to class discussions. Does her work neatly." "Nyah is very gifted artistically and is always willing to explore different mediums in Art Class. She has a unique way of seeing and



November Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Students of the Month. Pictured Taylor Volker

interpreting the world around her. Contagious smile." "Nyah has a great attitude and works hard to do her best at whatever task she's been given. She is willing to participate in class discussions and is always helpful to me and her classmates." "Nyah has a super work ethic and loves to learn and get things right. Always willing to try the hard problem and will always help lend a hand to someone who is not understanding things."

Name: Gabe LaVine, Grade 7

Parents: Joe and Karen; Sibling: Alli, sister and Avery, brother

School Involvement: Basketball and Band

Hobbies/Interests: "I like running and video games and all my teacher's classes are interesting."

Favorites: "I love all of them."

What he likes about CG: I like the food. It makes me feel rich. All the teachers are nice too."

Future Plans: To be a detective.

Comments: "He always strives to be helpful and kind to others." "Reader, thinker, doer, leader. His creativity in solving problems, his communication skills with adults, and his drive to succeed will take him far. He is an upcoming leader on this school campus and beyond. As well, Gabe loves learning new things and his enthusiasm for doing so is contagious." "Gabe is very creative. It is evident that he has a genuine love of learning and soaks up all the information he is given with enthusiasm. I love his attitude and sense of humor." "Gabe is a very thoughtful guy. He has a great attitude towards school and is super in the classroom. He has great leadership abilities and is always willing to help those around him. He is always very pleasant and kind to others around him."

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Raffle Winners

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Nov. 11 - Betty Randklev, Clearbrook, \$20
Nov. 12 - June Ward, Solway, \$20
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Pictured here are the Honor Guard and some of the Auxiliary members at the Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook. Back row left to right: Bill Stoller, Duane Johnson, Frank Bergh, Kenny Brein, Larry Djernes, Tom Anderson, Larry Shelquist, Russ Lembke, Harry Hutchens. Front row: Laurie Brein, Donna Rae Jacobson, Betty Johnson, Annie Bergh and Sharon Lembke.

Pictured here are Legion Auxiliary members from Clearbrook and Gonvick Donna Rae Jacobson, Annie Bergh, Sharon Lembke, Evelyn Quern, Faye Bjerke, Betty Johnson, Susan Sandland and Laurie Brein with Gold Star-Mother Eleanor Sundquist.



Veteran’s Day program at Good Samaritan

Veterans Day at Good Samaritan Society Clearbrook. There are six Veterans and one Gold Star Mother at Good

Samaritan. They and other community members joined together to Honor and be Honored on Veterans Day.

The Honor Guard from Clearbrook, and the Clearbrook and Gonvick Legion Auxiliary were present also.

Bill Stoller spoke during the program, and Flags were presented. They provided a cake for everyone to enjoy.



Good Samaritan Veterans. Gordon Paulson, Gene Melander, Durwood Peterson, Gordon Jelle, and Clyde Ellingswood.

Good Samaritan Center is getting to know Robin Hammons

This month at the Good Samaritan Society Clearbrook they are getting to know Robin Hammons. Robin started there in May of this year.

She has 3 kids, Tristen 20, Kelsi 10, and Colton 6. While working and raising her children she is going to college also. Hobbies that she has are cooking, reading, and outdoor activities. She likes to hang out with family and friends and reads books about the 1800's or food magazines.

Robin says that she values life because you never know what can happen in an instant. Watching comedy movies and listening to rock music are other things she enjoys. Ireland is one place she would love to visit someday. One pet peeve she has is people that don't take responsibility for their



actions. Robin says something she has learned is to take one day at a time. Pictured with Robin is Viola Moen.



These ladies were busy cooking up a dessert at Good Samaritan Society in Clerabrook. They served it with coffee and they were all were able to enjoy it. Pictured above are Evelyn Hanson, Phyllis Clemenson, Elaine Anderson, Isabelle Haase, and Ruby Bardwell.

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fertility and/or pH are too low to support productive plants. Fertilize and lime (or wood ash) according to soil test recommendations prior to seeding. Ideally, lime or ash should be applied at least six months in advance of seeding so it has time to react with the soil and increase soil pH. Red clover requires a minimum pH 6.2 to 6.5 and alfalfa requires 6.4-6.8. Minimize Competition from the Existing Sod or Cover - Every effort must be made to prevent weeds or existing forage plants from competing with the new seedlings. Heavy thatch and plant growth tall enough to shade the soil surface must be removed. Grazing, hay cut-

ting and/or application of herbicides are the primary means for reducing this competition prior to seeding. If herbicides are used, be sure to understand planting restrictions that may affect legumes. After seeding into an existing pasture or hay stand, periodically graze or mow the growth of existing pasture or hay plants to favor growth of the newly established seedlings.

Seed on the Proper Date - Depending on the situation, no-till seeding can be successful in late winter (if ground is not frozen), spring or late sum-

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Housing Authority expects visit from HUD Representative to lay out a local plan

By Karen Edelbach
County Housing Authority Board members Kent Barcus, Joy Walberg and Cheryl Grover were in attendance at the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners meeting of November 10, 2015 to continue the discussion as to the future of the HUD program in Clearwater County.

"We expected this process of securing a new director and solve the problems to be simpler," said Kent Barcus, Housing Authority (HA) Board member in Clearwater County. "Laura Straw (from Bemidji HA said there is an extensive amount of work to be done, and expenses to solve the problem."

Barcus has been trying to reach Anthony Landecker, the HUD Representative for Clearwater County in Saint Paul to achieve some direction for the program here. In the mean time, there is no access to any HUD files.

Commissioner John Nelson said that since half of the vouchers are in Mahnomen County, they should also be involved in this. He also thought they should talk to the HUD representative. He does not believe there is only one option to solve this, of turning it over to Beltrami County supervision.

Beltrami County is asking about \$100,000 to run the program for seven months.

"That is a lot of money," said Commissioner Nelson. "and that's only for what's seen.

There may be more problems."

Commissioner Neal Illies also felt Mahnomen County should be involved and interested in protecting their economic interest in this program.

It was stated that the HUD program brings in \$300,000 in revenue each year between the two counties. The program allows for up to 107 units, however at this time there are only 70.

HA Board member Cheryl Grover said, "We need HUD to step in and handle this."

Now they must stay on top of the paperwork and make disbursement of the money they get from HUD. The HUD Representative could release the funds. The number one goal is to get checks out for this month.

Action on a motion to dissolve the Clearwater County HA and enter into a seven month agreement with the Bemidji HRA for a fee to run the program temporarily was postponed.

In the end the consensus of the Commissioners was that it is imperative to talk to HUD and see what they will do before any action is taken.

In a followup conversation with Kent Barcus, the following additional information as to the future of the HUD program was determined:

The supervisor for this HUD program spoke with Barcus. He said that HUD told him they are interested in laying out a plan as to what they are going to require of Clearwater County. He said they intend to come up to Clearwater County some time in the near future to meet with some HA Board members and assist with making a plan, Barcus said.

The Clearwater County HA Board was hoping there would be some additional funding to help fix the program.

"The supervisor made it perfectly clear that there is no additional funding," Barcus said.

"HUD has funded the program, and our County is going to have to fix this program, and the best way to do that is to turn it over to Beltrami County," he believes.

He said HUD indicated that July of 2016 is the soonest they would allow Beltrami County to run the program.

Legal Notices

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Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2015.

What is a qualifying relative?

For agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.

For residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 15, 2015.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 15, 2015 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

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Board of Commissioners proceedings

October 13, 2015

The October meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on October 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Stenseng presiding and Commissioners Illies, Syverson, Nelson and Newland present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Agenda with additions.

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

Unorganized Township Meeting Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the Unorganized Township Minutes from September 29, 2015.

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

Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to accept the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for CP 15-200: Aggregate Crushing and Surfacing, to accept said complete project for and on behalf of Clearwater County, and to authorize final payment to Vogt Dirt Service LLC of Walker, MN.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to accept the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for CP 15-100: ReflectORIZED Pavement Markings, to accept said completed project for and on behalf of Clearwater County, and to authorize final payment to AAA Striping Service Co of St. Michael, MN.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$183,449.25 from the County Revenue Fund and submitted invoices of \$55,095.55 from Nursing Service.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the 2014 Financial Statement for publication.

Al informed the Board that Union Negotiations are scheduled for November 2nd at 9:30 a.m. and Union Arbitration on December 11th.

Clearwater County Housing Authority – Joy Walberg, Kent Barcus and Cheryl Grover from the Housing authority were present to discuss that the executive director, Tom Derby is retiring. They have not been able to find a replacement. Laura

Straw, executive director of the Beltrami County Housing Authority was present to discuss possibly working for Clearwater County on a contractual basis.

The Board directed them to come back to the October 20th Board meeting to discuss this further.

Open – The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Resolution supporting North Country Food Bank, Inc. in its efforts to secure capital funding from the State Legislature.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 9:38 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on October 20, 2015.

October 20, 2015

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on October 20, 2015 with Chairman Stenseng presiding and all Commissioners present.

Clearwater County Housing Authority – Kent Barcus and Joy Walberg discussed the executive director position. There was a meeting with the Clearwater County and Bagley Housing Authorities and Laura Straw from Beltrami Housing Authority to discuss working on a contractual basis until a replacement is found for Clearwater County Housing Authority.

Northwest Service Cooperative – Bruce Jensen, director, Dan Weir and Andrea Albright were present to discuss health insurance premiums and benefits.

They invited the Board to a joint powers meeting on October 22, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Northwest Service Cooperative office in Thief River Falls, MN.

Commissioner Nelson was appointed to serve on the Northwest Service Cooperative Joint Powers Board.

Commissioner Newland absent at 2:30 p.m.

Soil & Water Conservation District – Kathy Rasch presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, move to approve the FY 2016/17 NRBG Grant agreement.

Kathy also gave an update on AIS inspection sites, and storing the equipment until next summer. She is communicating with the schools about providing some AIS education there if possible. There will be a no till drill workshop in December for anyone who is interested.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills, month end financials and the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$158,549.50 from the County Revenue Fund and submitted invoices of \$26,542.85 from Nursing Service.

Veterans Service – Harry Hutchens gave a quarterly report of his office activities.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Dated: November 10, 2015

Daniel C. Stenseng, Chairman

Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator

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mer/early fall. It is extremely important to make plans and preparations well in advance so the seeding can be made on time.

Use High-Quality Seed - Utilize forage plants and varieties that are adapted to our area and use seed with a high germination percentage. Check with your local SWCD, NRCS or Extension office for forage species and varieties adapted to your area. Cheap, low quality seed is often the most costly item in no-till seeding because it results in low productivity stands or thin, weak plant density.

Control Depth of Seeding - Seeds of most forage plants are small and cannot be counted upon to emerge from a seeding depth of greater than 1/2 inch. Adjust seeding equipment to place the seed at a shallow depth of 1/4 - 1/2 inch. Placing the seed too deep is the most common single reason for failure to get a stand. If you see a few seeds on the soil surface after seeding, then your seeding depth is about right.

Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this method of forage establishment has been the availability of a no-till drill to rent. But this has changed. This past year, the Clearwater County SWCD office in Bagley purchased a new no-till drill and offers it for rent to area farmers. Their rental service comes with delivery and instructions on its operation.

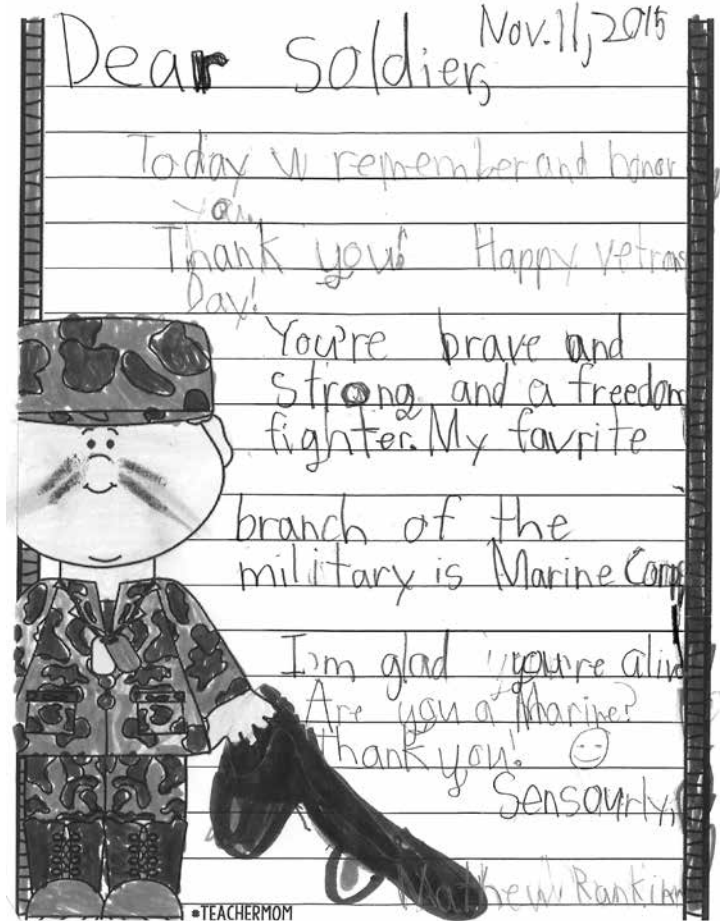
If you would like to learn more about how this would work on your farm, please join the Clearwater County SWCD for a meeting on December 2nd, 2015 at the American Legion in Bagley. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am with registration, the program to follow. Following the meeting, a noon meal will be provided at no cost, but preregistration is encouraged for meal planning. Please call Nathan at the Clearwater SWCD office to register; he can be reached at 218-694-6584, Ext. 4.

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

THANKSGIVING 2015:

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. 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.

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



Veterans at the Clearbrook-Gonvick program received letters from students after the program. Duane Johnson received this one from Matthew Rankin.

Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



Now that we are into November, winter is just around the corner. We have already been visited by snow this fall and more is surely on the way. I thought it would be appropriate to remind motorists about winter driving this month. It doesn't matter if you are a seasoned driver or a new one, winter road conditions can and will cause accidents. Please consider the following safety tips when venturing out onto the roads this winter.

Watch or listen for winter weather related announcements. If you hear that a winter storm warning has been issued in the area you intend to drive in, reconsider your reason for going out. A winter storm warning means that a winter storm is occurring or is going to occur usually within 36 hours. The criteria for a winter storm is snow fall between 4-7 inches or at least 3 inches of snow with a large accumulation of ice and winds less than 35 miles an hour. If the same conditions occur with winds over 35 miles an hour, a blizzard warning will be issued. If your travel plans can be delayed during one of these events, delay them. It is not worth getting stranded and having to spend countless hours in a cold car waiting for help to arrive.

If you are stranded, stay in your car. Help will come. Plan ahead and have a winter survival kit in your car. The kit may include a flashlight with extra batteries, high energy food such as dried fruit or candy, a first aid kit, blanket or sleeping bag, disposable hand warmers, a tow rope and booster cables.

If you have a cell phone, be sure it is charged and inform family and friends of your destination plans and schedule. That way, hopefully you can reach someone if you go in the ditch or become stuck. However, don't assume your cell phone will work all the time, as cell service can be sketchy in rural areas and storms can make your signal worse.

If you decide to keep your travel plans, despite the winter weather conditions, always buckle up. The law states that you must be buckled up all the time while traveling in a motor vehicle, but driving on slippery roads makes it that much more important. Drive with reduced speed if the roads are ice or snow covered. Just because the speed limit says 55 miles per hour, does not mean that you should drive that speed if the conditions don't warrant

Historical Society Annual Bake and Book Sale Date Set

The Clearwater County Historical Society will have its 25th Annual Fall Bake Sale on Saturday, November 21 at the Bagley American Legion. The sale will start at 9am and continue until everything is gone. This year a book sale will be part of the event as well as crafts and wreaths from several historical society members. A lunch is served at 11:00.

Volunteers and baked items are needed. Please call the History Center 218-785-2000 to volunteer. Baked items can be brought to the History Center in Shevlin on Friday, Nov. 20 between 10 and 3 or to the legion after 8am.

it. You must always drive with due care and caution.

Greater speeds on icy roads is a recipe for disaster. Your chance of skidding is much higher. If your vehicle starts to skid, remain calm, ease your foot off the gas pedal and steer in the direction you want the front of your vehicle to go. Never use cruise control on snowy/icy roads. You have much less control of your vehicle if cruise control is activated and your car begins to skid.

Another concern when driving in winter weather is stopping. You must allow a greater stopping distance between cars on icy roads. If your vehicle has an anti-lock braking system (ABS), use that feature as it was intended. Apply a steady and firm pressure to the brake pedal. Do not pump the brakes. The system is designed to do all the work and you will



The Kindergarten through sixth grades had readings about Veterans: Remember, Tribute, Liberty, Protect, Brave, Defend, Freedom, Valor, Courage, Honor, Sacrifice and Respect at the Veteran's Day program.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Correction... The front page picture last week identified Matti George as Mattie Nybo. She is the granddaughter of Sue Dalager from Pine Lake. My apologies to Matti George.

I am all ready for Thanksgiving Day and that is still a week away. I better not rush the season. I love the smell in the kitchen when everything is being prepared. I will be getting my turkey and keeping it in a safe place.

Congratulations to Frank and Margie on their 40th anniversary.

Samhold Women NALC of Gonvick meeting on Thursday, November 19 in the church basement. Sherry Rettmann and Sharon Johnson will share their travel experiences through Europe (Russia and Paris).

Former Good Samaritan employees will be gathering at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center on Main St in Clearbrook on Friday, November 20. There will be a potluck at 5:00 p.m.

The Dixie Chicks have been announced as part of the 2016 Minnesota State Fair Grandstand Concert Series on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.

Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick will be closed for a week or so as she will be on a medical leave. Hope the recovery is fast so that we can get back to our normal routine.

From my email...

When one of your ideas is challenged it means it has the power to influence.

To discover how you really feel about something, say it out loud five times looking in a mirror.

Joke Time...

Ole and Sven grabbed their poles and headed out to do some ice fishing. As they were augering a hole in the ice they heard a loud voice from above say, "There are no fish under the ice."

feel a vibration in the brake pedal and hear what sounds like a grinding noise. This is all normal and part of the ABS system. You may think that you are not stopping when the ABS system is activated, but you are. Don't panic. Let the computer in your car do its job.

As a last precaution, be alert for snowplows. Leave at least five car lengths between yourself and the snowplow. They are trying to make the roads safer for us and cannot always see you behind them. Also, be sure to clear snow and ice from your windows, headlights, taillights and hood and always drive with your headlights on if it is snowing or sleeting.

I hope this winter season is a safe one for everyone. Be alert to the weather and use common sense. I want to see everyone get to their destination safely.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226.

Thank you and as always, I am honored to serve as your Clearwater County Sheriff.



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Ole and Sven moved about 25 feet over and started to make another hole. The voice said a little stronger, "There are no fish under the ice."

They both looked around and then looked up. Ole said in a humble voice, "Are you God?" The voice spoke back, "No ya idiots! I'm the ice rink attendant."

One more....

Lars: "Ole, stand in fronna my car and tell me if da turn signals are vorking".

Ole: "Ya, No, Ya, No, Ya, No, Ya, No...."

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Shelby Floan Receives Scholarship

Shelby Floan of Solway is one of many students to receive scholarships from the University of Minnesota, Morris for the 2015-16 academic year. Floan is the recipient of the Annette Seppanen and Curt Nelson Scholarship.

Thanksgiving Service and Choir rehearsal

Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Samhold at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 22. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A Community choir rehearsal will be on Saturday, November 21 at 5:00 p.m. They will practice hymns and a choir piece they will sing together.



Veteran's Day speakers at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Veteran's Day program were from left to right: Paula Boomgaarden, Dan Gazelka and Dylan Goudge.



Good Star Wife Beulah Richards and Veteran Murial Halvorson visit before the Veteran's Day program.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick Band presented the "Liberty Bell March" directed by Mrs. Katrina Stewart.

Veterans Day...

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Air Force Base at Rapid City South Dakota. From there he was sent on deployments to Saudi Arabia for the Operation Southern Watch. After that he was able to go on R and R to Germany and Italy. He said it was an honor to serve his country. He also thanked those who are still serving and their families.

Paula Boomgaarden was the second speaker. She was in the Air Force from 1984 to 1988. She was a Russian Linguist assigned to Berlin, Germany. She could not say much about her job but she told about her experiences. She did what she needed to do.

Her Dutch parents survived World War II but they did not have it very easy. Her father was taken as a Prisoner of War and sent to Germany on May 13, 1942 from Holland. He survived the camp but came home after the war at 96 pounds. Her mother worked with the Dutch Resistance Fighters. She would deliver messages to various groups. She said she did not read them as then she could not give up any information that she did not know if she was ever captured.

Freedom comes with a price and that is what brought Paula to become a linguist. Being in Berlin with the wall around it was known as the City of Spies. For those who know history during the Cold War, Berlin was the capital of espionage which continued until the wall came down in 1989. It was a walled outpost of freedom behind the Iron Curtain.

Paula was able to leave Berlin on the American Duty Train from Berlin through East Germany to Frankfurt. That train

had the lower priority on the tracks and every other train had the right to go first. It took 14 hours which should have taken three to four hours. The train had only one bathroom. In the daylight they noticed that there were mountains and there are no mountains in East Germany. The train had taken a different route and terrorists wanted to blow up the train. They blew up their own mail train instead. She learned that the price of freedom isn't free but for all students to support the veterans.

Dan Gazelka - While the other two were talking he was observing students. They were very attentive and he went on to say that veterans see things differently. He was in basic training for the infantry with weapons and explosives in Fort Benning, GA. on 9/11 when the twin towers in New York City were hit by terrorist's steering two planes. He was sent to Bosnia and Iraq.

Dan went on to say that one thing we are all given and can't get back is our life. It can be taken from you. You have a set amount of time. One should have an idea in life as to what we want to accomplish.

There are three things that are important to him, duty, honor and country. He didn't realize until he was in the military that everyone is not free. When he looks at the American flag he is reminded of two friends that did not come back from Iraq. They sacrificed so that we could all be free today.

He spoke about how good we have it in America when we turn on a water faucet and water comes out. Not when he was in Iraq. He thought it would be a good idea for people to visit a third world country



Some of the Clearbrook-Gonvick Kindergarten and first graders presented a song that was enjoyed by the many who attended the event. The words included "We Love Veteran's" and "Thank you for your Service."



The Kindergarten through sixth grades had readings about, Veteran's, Remember, Tribute, Liberty, Protect, Brave, Defend, Freedom, Valor, Courage, Honor, Sacrifice and Respect at the Veterans Day program.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick played the National Anthem at the Veteran's Day program.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Choir under the direction of Mrs. Katrina Stewart presented "America, My Country 'Tis of Thee" at the Veteran's Day program held in Clearbrook.

where the quality of life is not as good as we have it. Military people spend time away from their family so that we have a right to a good life.

After the retiring of the colors veterans, guests and teachers were invited to coffee and donuts in the commons area served by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Food Service.

Students from the school visited with the veterans who were present, asking questions about their service. Elementary students had written letters to veterans that were passed during this time as well.

Comments from the community were that Veteran's Day program for Clearbrook and Gonvick was well done.



Retiring of the Colors by the Clearbrook American Legion and Auxiliary Post 256.

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