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

Clearwater County 4-H recognizes supporters of its program by honoring organizations of groups of people who support 4-H in their local community. Their efforts are recognized through the presentation of the Friend of 4-H Award during the annual 4-H recognition event at the end of each 4-H programming year.

This year's recipient goes to Galen's Supermarket. Thank you for always willing to help Clearwater County 4-H especially during the fair season.

Presenting the award was Katie Becker - 4-H Program Coordinator.

-Submitted

Stacie Petterson was named the 4-H Volunteer of the Year. Stacie is a very active volunteer here in Clearwater County. Stacie is always willing to go the extra mile when it comes to helping out with 4-H. Stacie has many hours of volunteer time from chaperoning to helping out at the local fair. Stacie is always making sure everything is ready to go for fair along with the Northeast Livestock show and she is always willing to lend a hand when needed. We are truly honored to have you Stacie as a Clearwater County 4-H Volunteer.

Presenting the award was Katie Becker - 4-H Program Coordinator.



Clearwater County 4-H Awards Program

Sunday November 22, 2015 Clearwater County 4-H held its annual Recognition Event at the Community Center in Gonvick. Thank you to every-

one that came and showed your support to Clearwater County 4-H. A special thank you to everyone that helped put this

event on and to the Clearwater County 4-H Ambassador for providing snacks and appetizers.

2015-2016 Leader's Council Officers
Katie Becker - 4-H Program Coordinator, Carly Lewis - President, Kaleb Tronnes - Vice President, Brianna Tronnes - Secretary, Courtney Evenwoll - Treasurer, Maccabee Hammer - Reporter



Energizer Bunny Award is given to a volunteer who keeps on giving and giving. This year the award went to Rick Lewis. Rick is very active and always will go the extra mile in helping the youth learn and grow especially in the dog project area.



Jaxsyn Lewis was recognized as the top score youth in record judging.

2015 Aunnal Leader's Council Meeting held November 22

The 4-H Annual Meeting for Clearwater County was held on November 22, 2015 at the Gonvick Community Center. Election of officers were held.

Carly Lewis is President, Vice President Kaleb Tronnes, Secretary Brianna Tronnes, Courtney Evenwoll, and Reporter Maccabee Hammer. Santa Claus Days is coming up soon! December 5.

The 4-H ambassadors will have activities for the young ones at Santa Days.

Submitted by Maccabee Hammer (Reporter)

2015 General Pin Awards
Megan Maruska (Photography, Crafts & Fine Arts), Cameron Broden (Shooting Sports/Wildlife Management), Lane Galloway (Foods & Nutrition), Carly Lewis (Needle Arts), Jaxsyn Lewis (Pets) Not Pictured - Kassandra Fontaine (Crafts & Fine Arts), Mackenzie Dahl (Foods & Nutrition),



Thank you to the 2014-2015 Clearwater County Ambassadors. Carly Lewis, Bryce Evje, Elizabeth Bodensteiner, Courtney Evenwoll. Not pictured Keira Evenwoll, Maija Hecht, and Monica Reichert.



Sheriff's Department needs crew leader...

Clearwater County Long Lost Lake Campground receives improvements

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on December 1, 2015, with Sheriff Darin Halverson requesting authorization from the Board to advertise for a Sentence to Serve Crew Leader due to the resignation of crew leader Brett Nordquist, who is transferring to a different department. Commissioner Dean Newland made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner John Nelson and approved.

Sheriff Halverson indicated he would plan to advertise in house for the first seven days before extending the advertising outside.

Other motions from the Sheriff were to promote Aaron Jensen to full-time permanent Communications Correction Officer to fill a vacancy, effective Nov. 22; and allow two employees in the department to exceed 1,040 hours, effective Dec. 1, 2015. All motions were unanimously approved by the Board.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox brought the 2016 Timber Stumpage Base Rates. The rates had not been addressed since 2014, and there is no significant change, he said. The rates published will be the rates paid. A motion was made, seconded and passed by the Board to adopt the 2016 rates.

A motion to accept the 2017 Campground rates for Long Lost Lake Campground was

made by Commissioner Neal Illies and seconded by Commissioner Arlen Syverson. It was passed, reflecting an increase of \$1 per night per site.

Long Lake Park Manager, Kim Christenson, said, "We have had a good year, with a better turnout this year, and greater sales in the store at the campground. I researched other campgrounds in a 100 mile radius, to compare our rates, which will increase slightly in 2017 after remaining the same for two years.

"We made several improvements this year. We bought a new fishing/row boat, which has been very popular for rental; we upgraded the pier; and we replaced the launching platform at the access to the lake."

Ms. Christenson said she has upgraded the park brochure explaining the campground rules, highlighting in yellow pertinent items. This has resulted in less confusion, and less necessity of refunds needing to be done in the past.

"For 2016 the rates and dumping fees remain the same," she said. "Starting in January of 2017, we will be getting rid of the dumping fee for registered campers, and they will be able to use the sewer dump for free."

Ms. Christenson replaced Ann Persons two years ago as Long Lake Campground Manager, and has worked for the Land Department for five years. A further report is ex-

pected for the Commissioners in the future.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht received Board approval that the Demolition Landfill Facility to be closed Dec. 24, Christmas Eve.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received Board authorization to pay the Highway Department bills in the amount of \$25,318.

Sauvé brought information about what it would mean to Clearwater County if a sales tax on auto parts was passed. For 2015, Clearwater County's portion would be \$266,780, and in 2019 it would be \$444,634. He said a tax increase in 2015 is unlikely.

Authorization was given for the County Auditor-Treasurer to pay the submitted invoices of \$49,307 from the County Revenue Fund, and \$5,657 from Nursing Service. Approval by the Board was given for application for the 2016 Off Sale Beer License for Linda Knutson's Store.

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

Event: Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) met in St. Cloud Dec. 6-8. County Commissioners John Nelson, Neal Illies and Daniel Stenseng, and County Engineer Dan Sauvé planned to attend.



The Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center was a gathering place for the many who attended the Santa Claus Day activities in Clearbrook. Over 150 were served lunch by Jim Shelquist, Duane Johnson, Betty Randklev and Lloyd Engen.



Santa Claus Day activities in the area had many volunteers helping to make the day successful.

Gifts, games and crafts were part of the event in Gonvick. Above, Mona Djernes helped young ones make decorations for their Christmas trees. There were four tables with crafts and the Clearwater County 4-H members also helped the other volunteers.

To the left, Ari Hanson could not wait to get home and look at the book that she received as a gift at Gonvick. Everyone was careful not to step on her as she read her book.

Community Calendar

Gerald Dyr Dahl Memorial races December 19-20, 2015 The United States Coun- try Snowmobile Racing As- sociation is again sponsoring the Gerald Dyr Dahl Memorial Pine Lake 200. The two day event will be December 19-20 on Pine Lake south of Gonvick. The race headquarters will be Sportsmans Bar on Pine Lake. Racing will start at 9:00 a.m. each day. Participants can register on- line at usxcracing.com by De- cember 18 at 8:00 p.m. On site registration at Sportsman's Bar, Friday, De- cember 18 from 4 to 7 pm.

Snowmobile Club meeting December 11 Clearwater Trail Blaz- ers Snowmobile Club will be meeting on Friday, December 11th. A Christmas dinner will be served at 6 PM with a meet- ing to follow at 7 PM at Fire- side Grill and Patio. Everyone who plans to attend the dinner should RSVP Sharon by Sun- day, December 7th. 218-694- 2150

SANTA DAY in LEONARD Sat., Dec. 12 11:00-1:00 pm GOODIE BAGS FOR ALL Leonard Dudley Comm. Hall

Elim Mission Friends Christmas Party, Dec. 10th Mission Friends Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 10th at 4:00 pm. Ladies are invited to wear an ugly Christmas sweater. We will be filling goodie boxes so baked goods and personal items for nursing home resi- dents are welcome. There will be a program, followed by a potluck lunch. Families are welcome.



Clearwater County 4-H Financial Team- Marceen Hamer, Marie Powell, Bryce Evje, Sandy Girtz, Carly Lewis. Not Pictured Jennifer Hecht.

Today In Banking Some "Straight Talk" On Banking Today ... That Can Make Banking Better For You... The Northern State Bank of Gonvick would like to wish our many customers and friends a Merry Christmas by having a Christmas Tea on Friday, Dec. 11 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Stop in for Christmas goodies, coffee & cider and register for Door Prizes. WE WILL BE CLOSING AT NOON ON DEC. 24 & CLOSED FRI., DEC. 25.

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Sours in rollover November 24 Chris Allen Sours 51, Clear- brook, was involved in a one vehicle roll-over on County 23 and 390th Street, Shevlin on Tuesday, November 24. The 2005 Chevy Impala was southbound on County Road 23 when it went off the road into the right ditch and vaulted over an approach landing on its roof. Sours was taken to Bagley Sanford Emergency room for treatment for non life threaten- ing injuries. He was driving a maroon Chevy Impala that did not belong to him. The Clearwater Cunty Sher- if's office reported the incident. Also assisting was the Shevlin Fire Department.

CLIP AND SAVE Sinclair Township Winter Meeting Schedule The Sinclair Township Regular Meetings will be held as follows: Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm at the Bruce Bjerke residence Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 pm at the Russell Lembke residence Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm at the Gordon Ol- sen residence Brooke Pond Sinclair Town Clerk



Love Lights a Tree Memorials This weeks Love Lights a Tree memorials are as follows: For mother Linda Stein- bach, niece Dawn Goertz, and daughter Deborah Syverson from Arlene Syverson. For family and friends from Shirley Ortendahl. Did you know that the American Cancer Society is second to the government in funding cancer research? A re- cent discovery, funded by ACS, came from a group of research- ers at Mayo Clinic. They in- vented an "MRI Robot". This device cuts down the time it takes for brain surgery in half, and a patient will know the same day of surgery if the tu- mor was completely removed. Right now, surgery can take up to 24 hours and a person doesn't know if it was com- pletely removed until 2 weeks of healing. We have learned of someone in Bemidji who has benefited from this robot. He tells us he was back to work 4 days after the surgery!

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals Wed. Dec. 9 - Lasagna, California blend, veg., peaches, garlic bread, cookie and milk. Thurs. Dec. 10 - Pork kraut, mashed potatoes, veg- ie, dinner roll, fruit crisp and milk Fri. Dec. 11 - Pub House fish, AuGratin potatoes, mixed veg. bread, pie and milk Mon. Dec.14- Baked chick- en, baked potato, squash, brewd, pudding and milk. Tue. Dec. 15 - BBQ riblet, mac salad, baked beans, sher- bet, bun and milk. Wed. Dec. 16 - Chili, pears, lettuce/dressing, cornbread, gelatin with fruit and milk. Meals are served daily at noon at the Clearbrook site ex- cept for evening meals served at 5 p.m. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

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

PEARL HARBOR DAY: This Monday is December 7th. 74 years ago, then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared December 7, 1941, a "date which will live in infamy." On Sunday morning, December 7th 1941, a few minutes before 8 AM local time on a beautiful Hawaiian island, the first wave of Japanese airplanes left 6 air- craft carriers and struck Pearl Harbor. In two waves of terror lasting two long hours, they killed or wounded over 3,500 Americans and sank or badly damaged 18 ships - including all 8 battleships of the Pacific Fleet - and over 350 destroyed or damaged aircraft. At least 1,177 lives were lost when the Battleship USS Arizona ex- ploded and subsequently sank. However, they did not sink any of our Pacific aircraft carriers and they left most of the fuel that was needed to win the war in the Pacific. In one stroke, the Japanese navy scored a brilliant success—and assured their ultimate defeat. The Jap- anese attack brought the U.S. into the war on December 8th, and brought it in the war de- termined to fight to the finish. http://pearlharbor.org/history- of-pearl-harbor.asp I welcome your own per- sonal comments. Construc- tive 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 ben- eficiaries. Office(218)694-6618/ Cell(218)556-5340 Hutch

Senior Connection: M-W-F, 10-3. Open for enrolled clients. Curious? Tour our facility & visit with staff to learn what Senior Connection has to offer! Senior Exercise: 11-11:30, Drop-ins welcome. FREE. Create It! Art Gallery & Restore It! Furniture Shop: M-W-F, 9-4, & Sat., 9-12. Unique gift ideas! Create It! Community Art Studios: Open Mondays, 1-5 PM, with mentors for new members. Clearbrook Location: MAIN OFFICE HOURS & 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Tues – Fri., 256 2nd Ave. SW, 218-776- 2789 Addiction Recovery Support Group: The Most Excellent Way meets Thurs., 7:00 PM, Second floor. Friends & family welcome. Clear Waters Bookstore: Open 8-4, Tues.-Fri., Christmas cards, Bibles, & greeting cards. Shop-at-the-Top: Open M-F, 10-4 & Sat., 10-3. Gift certificates available. Watch the CWLC Facebook page for sales. Cardio Fitness: M-W, 6:30 - 7:30 AM. Use Gathering Place (south) entrance. Drop- ins welcome. FREE! Youth Connection: Open to grades 6 – 9, Tues., 3-5 PM. FREE including food, art, game room. Homeschoolers welcome. Be sure check our web site: www.clearwaterslife.org or Facebook pages for more information.

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Church News 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. FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER Leonard, MN Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Adam Krog Wed., Dec. 9 5:30 p.m. Con- firmation, 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer. Thurs., Dec. 10 Bible Study at Summerfield Apt. 4:00 p.m. Mis- sion Friends Christmas Potluck Supper for the family. Sat. Dec. 12 - 5:30 p.m. Young at Hearts potluck/game night at Mike and Marla Johnson's. Sun. Dec. 13 - 9:30 a.m. Sun- day School, 10:00 a.m. 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 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. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Verlyn Strenge Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway Clearbrook Wed., Dec. 9 - Awana; Clear- water County food shelf helpers be there at 9:00 a.m. Thurs., Dec10 - Bible Study and prayer meeting at the church at 7:00 p.m. Sat., Dec. 12 - 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast. 10:00 a.m. Sun., Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Sun- day School, 10:45 morning wor- ship. Clearwater County Food Shelf hours Hours for the Clearwater County Food Shelf will be: 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.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings... Gonvick Location: 226 Elm St., 218-487-5290 Open Mon., Wed. & Fri. Senior Connection: M-W-F, 10-3. Open for enrolled clients. Curious? Tour our facility & visit with staff to learn what Senior Connection has to offer! Senior Exercise: 11-11:30, Drop-ins welcome. FREE. Create It! Art Gallery & Restore It! Furniture Shop: M-W-F, 9-4, & Sat., 9-12. Unique gift ideas! Create It! Community Art Studios: Open Mondays, 1-5 PM, with mentors for new members. Clearbrook Location: MAIN OFFICE HOURS & 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Tues – Fri., 256 2nd Ave. SW, 218-776- 2789 Addiction Recovery Support Group: The Most Excellent Way meets Thurs., 7:00 PM, Second floor. Friends & family welcome. Clear Waters Bookstore: Open 8-4, Tues.-Fri., Christmas cards, Bibles, & greeting cards. Shop-at-the-Top: Open M-F, 10-4 & Sat., 10-3. Gift certificates available. Watch the CWLC Facebook page for sales. Cardio Fitness: M-W, 6:30 - 7:30 AM. Use Gathering Place (south) entrance. Drop- ins welcome. FREE! Youth Connection: Open to grades 6 – 9, Tues., 3-5 PM. FREE including food, art, game room. Homeschoolers welcome. Be sure check our web site: www.clearwaterslife.org or Facebook pages for more information. This ad is sponsored by: Home at Heart Care Personal Care & Homemaking

Clearwater County LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseith Wed, Dec. 9: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. Sat, Dec. 12: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation. Sun, Dec. 13: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. St. Petri SS; 8:30 a.m. Nazareth. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth SS; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park. Wed, Dec. 16: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed, Dec. 9: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. Thu, Dec. 10: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting. Fri, Dec. 11: 8:00 a.m. Friday School. Sun, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas program. 6:00 p.m. Peder Eide Concert practice. 7:00 Peder Eide Concert. Tue, Dec. 15: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. Wed, Dec. 16: 9:30 a.m. Christians Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Caroling.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany *Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Wed, Dec. 9: 2:00 p.m. Lund WELCA. Sun, Dec. 13: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 2 p.m. Sand Valley SS Christmas Program. Wed, Dec. 16: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Jon Marx, Lead Pastor Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor Sun, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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BEAR TRACKS

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Dec. 9 - Stuffed crust pizza, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Thurs. Dec. 10- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy and roll, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Fri. Dec. 11 - Turkey subs, baked chips, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Mon. Dec. 14 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Tues. Dec. 15- Ham patty on a bun, potato smiles, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Wed. Dec. 16 - Chili Cheese Fritos, 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.

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Thursdays - Warm-ups 6:45 pm.Regular session 7:00 pm



...making good things happen for our littlest community members!

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Early Childhood Initiative meets monthly to "Make Good Things Happen For Our Littlest Community Members". If you would like to financially support our mission, you may contact our Clearbrook-Gonvick ECI Coordinator by calling 776-3112, ext.223.

GRATITUDE IN THE EARLY YEARS

With Thanksgiving passed and the upcoming winter holidays, many people are focused on thankfulness and gratitude. But since our kids can't list the daily thing they are thankful for on Facebook, many wonder how can we instill this value within our children?

Do Kids Get it?

Toddlers are by nature very focused on themselves, not realizing how others play a part in their lives. But as they reach ages of 15-18 months they start to see the role that parents play in their lives - they do things to make them happy like playing games with them or giving them food. They may not be able to verbalize their appreciation, but the understanding has begun.

As they reach 2-3 years old, they can begin talking about being thankful for things like the favorite toy, a person, or a pet. By the age of 4, children can understand being thankful for materials things, but also for things like acts of kindness, love and others caring for them.

How Can You Teach Thankfulness?

Thankfulness is something that should be taught all year long, not just in November for the holiday. With parents being the primary teachers of their children, they can model the behavior they would like to see in their children by making sure they say please" and "thank you" when you talk to them. Insist they use the words too. Remember that good manners and gratitude overlap

* Work gratitude into daily conversation with your children. Give them examples on things they can be thankful for

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

School News

Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Education is on Facebook!

Clearbrook-Gonvick Weekly Announcements

UMC: On Thursday, December 10, Brent Swanson will talk with students about the University of Minnesota Crookston from 9:30 to 10:30.

FAFSA: Seniors and parents: Please plan to attend an hour-long session on how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). On December 18 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm., Assoc. V.P. for Enrollment & Financial Aid Eric Addington will discuss the FAFSA and answer your questions. The following YouTube video will help you to understand the FAFSA better:

From the Yearbook editors: SENIORS: The deadline for...

- senior pictures
- senior quotes
- baby pictures

... due: DECEMBER 18th

Can be electronically shared with Mr. Bettin @ jbettin@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

Also, can be given to him in person or dropped off with any of the yearbook staff.

More for the yearbook: We would like staff and seniors to contribute to the Remember When pages in the yearbook. Any photos can be emailed or dropped off to Mr. Bettin. Jbet-

tin@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

K-3 Music program: Tuesday, December 15 at 6:00 pm in the gym

High School Music concert: Friday, December 18, 6:00 pm COUNSELORS CORNER:

Our Counselor is Kim Cousins. Her hours will be 7:45-3:45 Tuesday & Thursday & 8:00-12:00 on Wednesdays.

Seniors: Scholarship opportunities will be listed in the weekly bulletin and on the school web page. <http://www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us/vnews/display.v/SEC/High%20School%20Guidance%20Counselor%3E%3EScholarships>

Paper applications will be available just outside the Counselor's office. If you have questions, see the CGHS counselor.

Foundation for Rural Service-Variable dollar amounts Eligibility: Graduating high school senior. Garden Valley subscriber. Be accepted by a two- or four-year college. Have at least a 2.0 GPA. Plan to return to a rural community after graduation.

Application: Paper application in counselor's office.

Deadline: February 12, 2016.

The following web address lists scholarships that Minnesota students are eligible to receive: www.studentscholarships.org/newsletter.php

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

If you want to access Mr. Christianson's athletic calendar on your mobile device, here is what you do: Go to your App store, find rschooltoday, go to Minnesota—8A—Clearbrook-Gonvick and download the app. This will be the most up to date sports calendar.

Thur, Dec 10: V BBB Tournament @ Northland CC in TRF. Times TBD

Thur, Dec 10: JH BBB @ Fosston @ 4:30. Bus leaves at 3:30.

Thur, Dec 10: V/JV GBB @ Mahnomen @ 6:00. Bus leaves at 4:15.

Fri, Dec 11: V/JV GBB @ Nevis @ 6:00. Bus leaves at 2:45. Dismiss players at 2:35.

Fri, Dec 11: JH GBB @ Nevis @ 5:00. Bus leaves at 2:45. Dismiss players at 2:35.

Mon, Dec 14: V GBB Tournament @ Northland CC in TRF. Times TBD

Mon, Dec 14: V/JV BBB vs Blackduck@ 6:00

Mon, Dec 14: JH BBB @ RLC (Oklee) @ 4:30. Bus leaves at 3:15. Dismiss players at 3:05.

Tue Dec 15: K-3 Music Program @ 6:00 pm in the gym

Tue, Dec 15: V GBB Tournament @ Northland CC in TRF. Times TBD

Tue, Dec 15: JH GBB @ RLCC (Oklee) @ 4:30. Bus leaves at 3:30.

Thur, Dec 17: V GBB Tournament @ Northland CC in TRF. Times TBD

Thur, Dec 17: JH GBB @ WEM @ 4:30. Bus leaves at 3:15. Dismiss at 3:05

Thur, Dec 17: V/JV BBB @ Bagley @ 6:00. Bus leaves at 5:00.

Fri, Dec 18: High School Music Concert at 6:00 pm in the gym.

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.

iIMPACT 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

SPOTLIGHT

On Support6 Staff

The district would like to introduce the new face sitting at the front desk in the main office. Jenetta Mathson has been hired to replace LeeAnn Vettleson, who was recently hired as the new business manager. Mathson will serve as high school administrative assistant.

Jenetta is married to Brent Mathson. Together they have three children: Chasity, Malea, and Tyler. Jenetta was born in Illinois but raised in Clearbrook.

She has currently been here for three months but has two past years of experience as a paraprofessional.

Why did you decide to work at a school?

I decided to work at the school because I love the kids and the atmosphere here.

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick?

I was a daycare provider in Clearbrook.

What is your favorite part of your job?

My favorite part of my job is being able to interact with and get to know both parents and students.

What is the hardest part of your job?

To be determined....

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be - why??

My current job. I like being on the same schedule as my kids and I love the work that I do.

What do you do when you are not working?

I spend time with my family.

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community?

My favorite part is seeing the community work together and everybody acting as a family especially in times of need.



Letters were written to Santa during the Gonvick Santa Claus Day activities. We are sending them on to the North Pole for them.

Dear Santa,

I saw you today - I would like Buzz and Woody dolls. Thank you for the peppermint. I got to sit on your lap today. Wow!

Love, Gus

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl all year. I've even been leaving my shoes on.

Please bring me a Zoomer Kitty (black and white) and a Barbie Doll for Christmas.

For dad, please bring a pretty bow tie.

We'll leave carrots for your reindeer,

Love, Ambjør

Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing me presents. I would like a RC car for Christmas. I have been good this year.

Love, Ashten Churness

Dear Santa,

I would like a train for Christmas.

Thank you, Connor Patten

Dear Santa,

I've been really good and I'd like for you to bring me a nice bike and a sports car.

We'll leave cookies and milk.

Thank you

Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,

I've been really good. Could you please bring me all kinds of Legos? I don't know yet what I'll build with them.

See you

Love, Elizabeth

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas Santa is time with my family, art supplies, and to have fun. I have been a good girl this year.

Yours truly, Kjersti



Spotlight on Support Staff:
Jenetta Mathson, Administrative Assistant

And now a word (or two) about Jenetta Mathson from the staff and students...

"Jenetta would be brave about dragons!" "Jenetta is nice, kind, funny, brave and loved by others." "She is kind of funny." "Jenetta took me to speech and gym. She taught me to put a period at the end of a sentence." "Jenetta is nice and brave."

"Jenetta is a very organized person and a hard worker. Jenetta has a sunny disposition! She is upbeat and has a smile for everyone she encounters. Jenetta has already made a very positive impact in our school during her first three months here!"

"Jenetta Mathson has been a delightful addition to our staff. Her focus is on who is in front of her at the moment whether it be student or an adult with whom she works. She is cordial, professional, pleasant, and driven. She enhances the school climate with her positive attitude."

Dear Santa,
I saw you today and you said, "Ho, Ho Ho". That means fun. You are a friend to all us kids.

Did you see my Tattoo (Candy Cane)? Can you bring me a real toy mixer that really works?

I've been really good.

Love, Alexis

Dear Santa,

I liked sitting on your lap today. I've been a good boy, but I bent my glasses a little.

For Christmas, could you please bring me a real scooter with an engine in the back? I'll ride it in our driveway.

I'm leaving you and your reindeer milk and cookies.

Love, Carter

Dear Santa,

What is your cell phone number?

I've been really good so I'd like Legos - any kind.

My dog likes doggie chips.

Mom needs a new dustpan, we lost the old one. Please bring dad a new truck in North Dakota.

Love, Leighton

Dear Santa,

I am three years old. For Christmas, I would like a puppy surprise (with baby puppies stuffed inside). I can play with all of them.

My brother Max wants a toy car and Avery wants an Elsa doll.

We've been good.

Love, Sydney

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a real note book to write in and a Ninja turtle bathrobe.

Please bring a red Ninja turtle for mom and dad.

We'll leave cookies for Santa.

Love, Preston

Dear Santa,

Where will you put your reindeer when there's NO snow??

I've been a good girl all year so I'd like the following: American Girl doll, Barbie Car, Real nail polish and a new pillow.

Thank you!

Love, Amber

Dear Santa,

I wish for a snowglobe, also Legos.

Thank you

Love, Cole

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is Ugg boots and a warm winter jacket!

Love, Jackie Lynn

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Looks like we have all the names for the From Our Files picture that was in last week's paper. Thanks Judy Engebretson.

Back row left to right: Joan Hance, Peggy Noaille, Karen Stoker, Shari Isackson, Shari Lindberg, Julie Johnson, Theresa Langseth, Rhonda Nordlund and Marilyn Blowers. Front row: Laura Blowers, Trudi Beckstrand, Tammy Paulson, Lori Johnson and Kathy Sundbom.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Projecting Farm Bill Payments
NDSU has developed a new calculator that will show producers their PLC and ARC-CO payments under different Market Year Average (MYA) price and county yield scenarios. Both of these numbers are still unknown, but relatively close estimates can be made.



Letters were written to Santa Claus during the Gully Santa Claus Day activities.

Dear Santa, for Christmas I want WWW Wrestlers gloves with John Cena on them; surprise me with the rest! Your friend, Emmitt

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like Shookins. I have been really good. From Clowie Magnell

Farmers and lenders are trying to understand what safety net payments might be provided under the 2014 farm bill for the 2015 crop year. A new Excel worksheet, “2015 ARC-PLC Calculator,” is available at <http://bit.ly/payment-calculator> to project those payments. The 2015 ARC-PLC Calculator will show producers their

Dear Santa, for Christmas I want Madden 16 for my play station 3 and a Percy Harvin Jersey; and all the big nate books there are.
Your friend, Gerald

Dear Santa; This is Peyton and this year I am 7-8 years old. All year long I have been nice, naughty, maybe both. For Christmas this year I would like my own Christmas tree, a chair, cake,& cookies. Please watch out for Mom & Dad and the dog. Merry Christmas Santa! Love Peyton

Dear Santa, This is Parker and this year I am 4 years old. All year long I have been nice, naughty, maybe both. For Christmas this year I would like a bow & arrow or ipod. Please watch out for mom & dad. Merry Christmas Santa! Love Parker

Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Agricultural Risk Coverage – County (ARC-CO) payments under different 2015 marketing year average (MYA) price and county yield scenarios. “The 2015 MYA price is the one unknown for determining the PLC payment,” says Andrew Swenson, North Dakota State University Extension Service farm and family resource management specialist. “Even at this early date, I believe you can get a fairly good range of possible PLC pay-

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy! I would like a toy tractor. From Leo

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. Please bring me Doc McStuffins doctor bag. Love, Shay

Dear Santa, This is Nolan and this year I am 8 years old. All year long I have been Nice and Naughty. For Christmas this year I would like a ipod, a ship and games. Please watch out for Mom and Dad. Merry Christmas Santa! Love Nolan

Dear Santa, This is Molly and this year I am 10 years old. All year long I have been nice, naughty, maybe both. For Christmas this year I would like whatever you have time for. Please watch out for the dogs. Merry Christmas Santa! Love Molly

Board of Commissioners proceedings

November 10, 2015

The November meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on November 10, 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 Syverson and carried, to approve the Agenda with additions.

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

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht and Blake Peterson were present to discuss weed spraying and the contract with Blake for next year.

Dan presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to increase the 2015 budget in account #610-6396 (contracts/septic grant) by \$15,096.00. This is to carry forward unspent 2014 State grant funding for low income septic system replacement to fund expenses incurred under the grant in 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize expenses related to reconstruction of the solid waste canister site in Eddy Township of up to \$3,000.00 in 2015 and up to \$3,500.00 in 2016. This is the county share of the project which is being cost-shared with Eddy Township and expenses are primarily related to dirt-work and fencing. These expenses are to be paid from funds that are budgeted in account #394-6241.

Land Department – Bruce Cox presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the purchase of a 2015 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup from Ranger Chevrolet at the price of \$24,987.96 plus sales tax from the tax forfeit fund.

Bruce also discussed forest roads in need of gravel.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills, month end financials and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$116,273.13 from the County Revenue Fund and submitted invoices of \$13,654.39 from Nursing Service.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve application of William Fritz for the 2016 Seasonal ON SALE Beer License for Hoot Owl Resort.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve application of Kelley Foy for the 2016 OFF SALE LIQUOR

LICENSE for Rock Creek General Store, Inc. with continuance of insurance.

By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved cancellation of the following checks. 121604-\$14.08, 119787-\$45.00, 118915-\$42.89, 121653-\$25.00, 120906-\$75.00, 120789-\$92.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved cancellation of the following checks: 4581-\$3.64, 4591-\$8.84, 4598 -\$2.16.

Sheriff–Darin Halverson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clearwater County Sheriff to sign the snowmobile safety enforcement grant for state fiscal years 2016 and 2017 in the amount of \$7,604.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby agree to and authorize the signing of the Region 3 Homeland Security & Emergency Management Joint Powers Mutual Aid Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clearwater County Sheriff to purchase nine portable radios through the Emergency Management account not to exceed \$10,000.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clearwater County Sheriff to purchase two Armor radio consulates and have them installed at a cost not to exceed \$16,000 of which 50% will be reimbursed through the Northwest MN Emergency Communications Board. The remaining money would come out of the Enhanced 911 system budget.

Engineer – Dan Sauvé presented the bills, financial statement, 5 year capital equipment replacement plan, 2016 budget and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the Highway Department 5 Year Capital Equipment Replacement Plan, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the Resolution for Clearwater County to enter into MnDOT

Agreement No. 1001861 for the use of CSAH 39 as a detour route, on file.

MIS – Stuart Lien presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the purchase of a VESTA 911 System from Independent Emergency Services (IES) with 5 year/support at a cost not to exceed \$173,000.00. Item will be paid for out of the County E911 Account.

Soil & Water Conservation District – Kathy Rasch informed the Board that she has resigned. Nathan Nordlund will be taking her place. Nathan Nordlund and Lori Buell from the Soil & Water Conservation District were also present.

Clearwater County Housing Authority – Kent Barcus, Joy Walberg and Cheryl Grover were present for a discussion on issues with the Housing Authority. This will be on the November 17, 2015 agenda.

Nursing Service – The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, CCNS to hire Michelle Singh RN part time at Step 6. She will work more than 1040 hours per year. Starting date will be December 1, 2015.

Open – The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the resolution supporting the application for Capital Improvement Grant from the Minnesota Department of Health by Sanford Health for the Sanford Bagley Medical Center, on file.

The Board discussed court appointed attorney fees.

Commissioners Illies, Nelson and Stenseng plan to attend the AMC conference on December 7th & 8th.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on November 17, 2015.

November 17, 2015

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

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

Recess/Unorganized Township Meeting – The meeting recessed at 1:00 p.m. for the Unorganized Township Meeting. Minutes are attached.

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

Clearwater County Housing Authority – Cheryl Grover and Kent Barcus from the Housing Authority Board and Dennis Merschman from the City of Bagley were present to discuss issues with the Housing Authority. Lucia Clausen and Anthony Landecker from HUD will be meeting with 2 of the Housing Authority Board members on November 23rd and 24th.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$43,707.10 from the County Revenue Fund and submitted invoices of \$55,998.45 from Nursing Service.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the application for the 2016 SEASONAL BEER AND WINE LICENSE for Douglas Lodge, Itasca State Park.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the application of Mary Gerbracht for the 2016 ON SALE LIQUOR AND SUNDAY SALE LICENSES for Fireside Grill Inc. pending certificate of insurance.

By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to approve the Resolution endorsing revisions to the Minnesota County Program Aid formula, on file.

Engineer – Dan Sauvé presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to accept the Engineer's Certificate of Performance for CP 15-500: Rubberized Crackseal, to accept said completed project for and on behalf of Clearwater County, and to authorize final payment to Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance of Thief River Falls, MN.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Dated: December 1, 2015

Daniel C. Stenseng, Board Chairman

Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator

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ments for many crops.”

Swenson adds, “Currently, we are five months into the marketing year for wheat and its latest projected national average price is \$5. That would provide a 50-cent payment per bushel of PLC payment yield.”

Corn and soybean national 2015 MYA prices are less certain because they are only two months into the 2015 marketing year. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is projecting a \$3.65 per bushel corn and \$8.90 per bushel soybean MYA price. At this level, the corn PLC payment would be a nickel per bushel of PLC yield, but the soybean price would have to drop another 50 cents per bushel before a PLC payment is triggered.

The benchmark revenue and revenue guarantees for the 2015 ARC-CO program have been determined for most crops. The actual 2015 MYA price and county yields are not known yet. However, producers should receive significant ARC-CO payments for most crops unless 2015 county yields are much higher than typical yields. County average yields are typically released late winter.

Producers cannot receive PLC and ARC-CO payments for the same crop on a farm. They had to make a choice in which program to enroll each crop on the FSA farm number.

For more information about the farm bill, including an explanation of ARC-CO payments, visit <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/farmmanagement/farm-bill>.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. This information was provided by Andy Swenson, NDSU.

Holidays and Family Traditions, Health & Nutrition Program, SNAP Education

Holidays are a great time to get together with family and friends. Holidays usually include meals of favorite family dishes. Talk to your child about these traditional foods. What are they made of? Who usually makes the food? What are your memories of eating these family foods? Serving traditional family foods gives your child a sense of family and love. Some children will eat better at family gatherings and some will eat worse. They may be too excited to think about eating. It can be very frustrating if your child does not want to eat and your family wants to force your child to eat..

Avoid Mealtime Pressures:

- Let your child choose what he/she wants to eat. Do not worry if she does not want to eat the fruit salad or the casserole. There will be other healthy meals later.

- Encourage your child to taste new foods. Talk about what is in dishes.

- Serve small amounts of food on your child's plate. He can always ask for more.

- Never force a child to eat food. This is too much pressure for a small child in front of large groups.

- Let your child decide how much food he/she will eat. Never make a child clean his plate.

Holiday Baking

Healthy eating during the holidays can be difficult. Many families have traditional sweets that they love to bake and eat, but can be high in fat or calories. It is important to continue these traditional foods. All foods can be part of a healthy diet. Make healthy baking choices.

- Bake less/bake less variety
- Make smaller cookies. Cut candy into small pieces. Sweets will go further and you will eat less

- Freeze sweets before the holidays. They will be out of sight and less tempting.

- Give away sweets. Your homemade cookies and candies will make great gifts for family friends and neighbors.

Speed limit to increase on Highway

Highway 11 from International Falls to the Minnesota-North Dakota border will get a higher speed limit soon, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The sections of Highway 11 that are currently posted at 55 mph will increase to 60 mph.

“It’s important to note,” said Bill Pirkl, MnDOT traffic engineer. “That the 60 mph speed limit only takes effect after MnDOT sign crews are able to replace the 55 mph sign. Until then, the legal speed limit is what’s posted along the segment.”

Multiple crews are scheduled to begin installing the signs early next week. Motorists should slow down and give workers room as they operate along the highway shoulder.

“Drivers also need to use a safe speed for winter driving

Santa Claus Day Winners in Gonvick

Turkey and cheese winners at the Gonvick Community Center on Santa Claus Day Saturday, December 5 were announced. The turkeys and cheese were given by the American Dairy Association, the Gonvick Jubilee Committee and the Gonvick Community Club.

Winners were: Janet Knutson, Victor Rude, Beverly Charles, Starla Sather, Richard Vinje, Joan Senger, Evon Quern, Kim Eckman, Linda Quern, Harvey Erie, Ordean Erickson, LeRoy Mostrom, Eileen Horn, Arly Eck, Stanley Ask, Eileen Lien, Ann Monty, Merry Charles, Larry Sather, Tilford Crane, June Schmunk, Jen Forsberg, Eileen Vanderport, Ken Thomas, Norman Rude, Ben Hak, Glen Trembath, Shirley Ness and Tippy Berg.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Christmas Tea at Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be at 2 o'clock on Sunday, December 13th. Mary Ann Groven will be telling Christmas stories and memories. Special music by Sue Farenik and Becky Colebank. Please bring a mug with Christmas goodies to be exchanged. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Santa Day will be held in Leonard on Saturday, December 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Goodie bags for all at the Leonard Dudley Community Hall.

Cheers and hurrahs to the many people who work to put on Santa Claus Day activities in Gully, Gonvick and Clearbrook. There is a lot of work before the actual day by many volunteers in the area. Donna Rae Jacobson who has been doing the Craft Show in Clearbrook had her last year in charge. There were 63 different vendors at the show. She is turning the job over to Darci Hagen and Lucie Thompson. I am sure they will be doing an excellent job filling her shoes.

The Gonvick and Clearbrook banks have set the dates for their Christmas Tea. The Northern State Bank in Gonvick will be on Friday, December 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The First State Bank of Clearbrook will be on Friday, December 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Always a good place to get some goodies and to visit with friends and neighbors.

Harriet Shellum's hip surgery went very well. She is now at the Good Samaritan center in Clearbrook doing her therapy and hopes to be home as soon as possible. Keep up the good work.

I am doing my baking again this week. I am so glad that Kathleen Larson of Trail is willing to make donuts for me. They will be going into the

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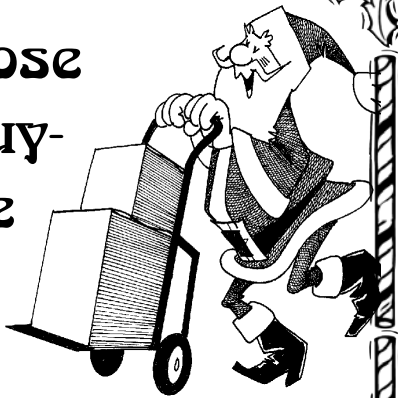
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conditions,” added Pirkl. “Regardless of the posted speed limit.”

The increases are the result of a 2014 legislative mandate for MnDOT, over a five-year period, to study the posted speed limits on all two-lane highways having a speed limit of 55 mph and make recommendations about changes. Reports will be presented to the Legislature annually for the

next four years.

All of the increases are based on a traffic and engineering investigation of each location, which looks at past crash rates, physical attributes of the highway (e.g. shoulder widths and access points), and the speed drivers are currently driving.

For more information, see www.mndot.gov/newsrels/15/02/27speed.html.

Wednesday, December 9, 2015