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CONTINUING THE GONVICK RECORD AND CLEARBROOK LEADER
Serving the Communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Leonard and Trail

Jubilee Committee donates \$5,000 for community center roof project

The Gonvick City Council received \$5,000 to start a fund for the replacement of the roof at the Gonvick Community Center. Money was donated by the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee committee. Damage from the storm last summer will have to be addressed in the near future.

The Christmas lights are up thanks to the help from Otter Tail Power Company representatives.

Maintenance issues
No bids on the 1994 Ford Dump Truck.

Health Insurance Premiums for City Maintenance Joe Amundson will be going up \$110. He has been looking at different options. The City will

pay half of the premium.

Fire department
The members of the fire department are moving into their new facilities. A propane tank has been added for heat instead of all electricity. They will be keeping the temperature low for their equipment in that part of the building.

Misc. issues
A resolution was passed accepting the donation from Josh Anderson at Chop Shop Welding for parts welding and labor on the loader bucket that the city received. Work was done making the large bucket compatible to the new Volvo L60 G Wheel Loader that the city is leasing.

A discussion was held on

the water and sewer rates for the city. It was decided to increase the water and sewer by 25 cents per month.

The council passed a resolution adopting the budget and certifying the levy to the County Auditor for a total of \$101,120.00

Expenditures were approved for General \$19,874.22; Water and Sewer \$2,434.19; Fire \$19,422.67 for a total of \$41,731.08.

Police Chief Dan Gazelka presented his report for November which included: Civil Complaint 1; Disturbance 1; Medical 1; Motor Vehicle Accident 1; Public Assistance/Misc. 2; Suspicious Activity; Traffic Stop 4 for a total of 11

Annual Winter Bird Count to be held December 20 in Itasca State Park

This holiday season take part in the annual winter bird count at Itasca State Park on Sunday, December 20, 2015. This year marks the park's 21st year of participation in the nation-wide Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Explore Itasca's count area in search of our winter bird residents. Stay a few hours or spend the whole day. Information collected is used to track migration patterns and changes in winter bird species abundance throughout North America. To learn more about this nation-wide bird survey

go to: <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center lobby between 7:30 and 8 a.m. for assignment of count areas. Bird count will run from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NOTES: Entire program is held outdoors. Dress warmly for outdoor winter conditions. Bring your lunch if staying for the entire day. The group will gather at the visitor center at Noon for a lunch break. For questions and further details, call 218-699-7259.

Beginning Birding with Birds in Your Backyard

Sunday, December 20, 2015 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center Classroom

Come learn about some of the basic birds that might be hanging out at your bird feeder with some easy tips on how to identify them. We also will be checking out the birds at the bird feeders and learn how you can help identify and record what you are seeing. Learn some basics of the Itasca bird count as well as other easy bird monitoring programs that are available for you to participate in.

Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial races rescheduled to January 2-3

Race Director Brian Nelson made the official call this past weekend to reschedule the Pine Lake race to January 2-3, 2016. Devils Lake will be moved to the following weekend, January 9-10.

The United States Country Snowmobile Racing Association is again sponsoring the Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial Pine Lake 200 which was set for this coming weekend on Pine Lake south of Gonvick.

USXC has announced the new schedule for the 2016 racing season. There are 8 races officially scheduled. The season will now kick off in Gonvick, MN on January 2. The premier race of the season, Seven Clans Winnipeg to Willmar 500, is to be ran on Feb. 10th-13th.

January 2nd & 3rd
Gerald Dyrdaahl Memorial Pine Lake 200 - Gonvick,



Gerald Dyrdaahl
MN 120 XC Event Saturday - **January 9th & 10th**
Devils Lake North Dakota 250 - Devils Lake, ND
January 16th & 17th
Park Rapids 106

Park Rapids, MN
January 23rd & 24th
Seven Clans TRF 300
Thief River Falls, MN
120 XC Event Saturday **January 30th**
Grafton 100
Grafton, ND
120 XC Event Saturday **February 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th**
Seven Clans Winnipeg to Willmar 500
February 27th & 28th
Seven Clans Warroad 200 - Warroad, MN
120 XC Event Saturday **March 5th & 6th**
Naytahwaush 200 - Naytahwaush, MN - Flyer
120 XC Event Saturday
The race headquarters will be Sportsmans Bar on Pine Lake. Racing will start at 9:00 a.m. each day in January.

IDEA Competition Deadline Approaching

The deadline to enter the eighth annual IDEA Competition is fast approaching - December 31 is the last day to register. More than \$300,000 has been awarded to Northwest Minnesota entrepreneurs in the past seven years.

The competition has earned a reputation in the region for helping competitors turn great ideas into great businesses. The competition provides training, business coaching, and capital to entrepreneurs who apply and want to turn an idea into a fast-growing business.

In the past, most entrepre-

neurs have entered to win one of three \$10,000 cash awards. For the first time, IDEA Competition applicants will also have a chance to win a guaranteed spot as a semifinalist in the Minnesota Cup - a statewide competition for breakthrough ideas. Minnesota Cup has awarded \$1.6 million in seed funding and its finalists have gone on to raise over \$180 million.

Applicants also receive business development resources, a business coach, open access to all IDEA Labs, attention in the media, and a chance to present their idea to accredited angel

investors and business leaders.

While business ideas are important, IDEA judges place a higher importance on the commercialization of ideas. "It takes skill, strategy, and execution to turn an idea into something more," said IDEA Project Coordinator, Phil Knutson. "That is the real purpose of the IDEA Competition - to help entrepreneurs turn great ideas into profitable business ventures."

Information about entering the competition can be found on the IDEA website, www.ideacompetition.org.



The Quilt Show that was held in Clearbrook during Santa Claus Day had many hours of preparation and time spent to get everything looking beautiful.

To the left, Linda Holm is hanging one of the quilts while Shirley Gunderson hems up one of the display items.



Nancy Engebretson and her granddaughter Layla selling tickets on a beautiful donated quilt.



Linda Holm (left) and Judi Engebretson (right) looking over the many quilts that were to be hung for display for the Santa Day Quilt Show.



Carol Peterson decorates a tree while Ardella Lindberg is busy cleaning the serving area in preparation for the annual Quilt Show that was held during Santa Claus Day.



On the left, Carole Johnson decorates one of the many trees that were part of the Quilt Show. On the right, Tom and Laurel Jones visit with Linda Holm one of the organizers and workers at the Quilt Show that was held in the Roxy in Clearbrook.



There are many vendors and exhibitors who come to the annual quilt show in Clearbrook with the farthest from Inver Grove Heights. On the left is Jo Kelly with her quilt.



Sharon Johnson left and Renetta Rhen of Clearbrook painted an attractive wall mural at the Clearwater County Food Shelf last summer. The dynamic duo cleverly incorporated healthy food choices into the mural that greets clients as they enter the food shelf. Many thanks to them for donating their time and talents to help brighten the day for others.

Community Calendar

Northern State Bank of Gonvick Christmas Tea Drawing Winners

Adult Winners: Richard Danielson of Gonvick, Olive Kolling of Gully. Teen winners: Elizah Cloud of Red Lake and Lynelle Charnoski of Red Lake Kid's Winners: Cora Herden of Trail and Carson Derby of Gonvick.

Lighting contest in Gonvick

There will be another lighting contest in the City of Gonvick this year. Residents will be eligible for prizes courtesy of Otter Tail Power Company. Lighting will be judged the week of December 24. If you have someone you think should be considered call the Gonvick City Clerk at 487-5243.



The Quilters brought in help to set up the Roxy Theater in Clearbrook for the Quilt Show held during Santa Claus Day. Above decorating the tree is DeeDee Troppman.

The City of Clearbrook & the Clearbrook Community Club would like to thank all who attended this year's Santa Claus Day. We would also like to thank the many volunteers and to the ladies for their countless hours putting together the Craft Show ... Donna Rae Jacobson, Lucie Thompson, Kay Vettleson and Darci Hagen. A special thanks to the Clearwater County Dairy Association, the Clearbrook Depot Restoration Committee, the Clearwater Quilters Guild, the Clearwater County 4-H members and the Clearbrook/Leonard Senior Center for making it a great day! Plus a very special thanks to Ben Bagaason for the 20 plus years he has been member, served as an officer and volunteered his time to the Clearbrook Community Club. Enjoy your retirement!

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

Accepting: Demolition Debris, Waste Tires, Major Appliances, Scrap Metal, Yard Waste, Furniture, Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items

NO regular household trash

Hours:	Tuesday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	Thursday	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATED 1.5 miles NE of Bagley on County Road 24

For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us



The Good Samaritan residents were able to watch Leon Ramblers Community Service Project Students decorate the trees at Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook. It was an enjoyable afternoon watching and directing where to put the ornaments. They helped the residents all get into the Christmas spirit. Pictured here are: Meosha Hammer, Obadia Hammer, Wyatt Anderson, Matthew Rankin, Daniel Rankin, Savanna Rankin, Jessie Anderson, Liz Bodensteiner, Jaquincy Hammer, Maccabee Hammer. They would like everyone to have a wonderful Merry Christmas.

Wedding Announcement!

Corryn Trask and Carl Eck announce their plans to be married in a private ceremony Saturday, December 26th, 2015.

They would like to invite you to the Bemidji Hampton Inn for visiting and light refreshments from 7:00 to 11:00PM the evening of the 26th.

Corryn is the daughter of Bob & Ruth Trask of Pinewood and Carl is the son of Gary & Joy Eck of Gonvick.

Corryn and Carl request "no gifts", please. Your friendship, well wishes, and prayers are the gifts they will most appreciate.

Corryn and Carl and their families wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Dec. 16 - Chili, pears, lettuce/dressing, cornbread, gelatin with fruit and milk.

Thurs. Dec. 17 - Meatballs, mashed potatoes, beets, bread,

lemon sponge cake and milk

Fri. Dec. 18 - Boiled ham dinner, fruit salad, bar, bread and milk

Mon. Dec. 21- Christmas Meal - Ham, AuGratin potatoes, Prince William Veg., pie and milk.

Tue. Dec. 22 - Pork loin, potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, cake and milk.

Wed. Dec. 23 - Chicken Chow Mein, rice/chow mein noodles, Oriental veg, Mandarin orange, gelatin, brownie and milk.

Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.



Love Lights a Tree Memorials

This weeks Love Lights a Tree memorials are as follows:

In memory of Ardella Brein and Janice Evje Anderson from James and Jean Johnson.

For being a 4 year survivor! And in memory of my parents Herman and Ina Jenzer, brother-in-law Ron Smith, niece Stacy Smith and nephew Christopher Smith from Jen Phaller.

In memory of Bob and Erllys Clarin and Sharon Stenseng from Pamela O'Connell.

In memory of my husband Vernon Kortan from Alice Kortan.

In memory of Alene Radack from her family.

In memory of Craig J.

Notice to Leon Township Residents

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the Leon Township Hall.

Filing for township offices opens on December 29, 2015, and continues to January 12, 2016, 5 pm. Offices to be elected are:

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

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

Lori Larson, Clerk

Haney from Dorothy Haney. In memory of Jim Millar from Judy Millar and family. ACS tidbit: Need a ride to and from your cancer treatments? Call the American Cancer Society to see if their trained volunteers in your area are available to give you a ride....the best part is, they're free! Call 1-800-227-2345 to learn more or to become a driver yourself.

Love Lights a Tree donations and names for memorials can be sent through December to

Kim LaVine
18802 County 39
Bagley, MN 56621

Hickory Backroads
GONVICK, MN
Holiday Hours

December 21st– December 23rd: 10-5
December 24th: 9-1
December 26th: 10-4
December 28th– December 30th: 10-5
December 31st: 9-2

Hickory Backroads will be **CLOSED** January 1st– January 18th for store updates and will **REOPEN** regular hours Tuesday, January 19th, 2016.

Starting December 18th, all CHRISTMAS ITEMS are **50% OFF!!!**

Hickory Backroads would like to thank everyone for welcoming us into the community and we look forward to 2016!! Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

To the Residents of Clover Township

Filing for 1 Supervisor and 1 Clerk for the March 8, 2016 election of these expiring terms can be filed and recorded with the present clerk for a \$2.00 fee.

Contact Joel Wraa, 53952 Berg Trail, Leonard, MN 56652, phone 218-776-2457.

Pastor Bob

Jacques Ellul has a minor classic on the state of prayer in today's world (Prayer and Modern Man) in which he talks about the hostility of the world to Christianity and to the practices and habits of Christians. He points out that the world takes the revelations of God and twists them into something else. The world takes what God gives us and tries to turn them into things of this world. He writes about prayer and how the world tries to make fun of prayer. As Christians we know that prayer comes from God. God decides to share himself with us. God shares his love and power with us and calls on us to pray. Prayer is an aspect of our relationship with God, it is part of the daily interaction we have with God. In prayer we share the story of our lives with God but more importantly God shares the story of his life with us. God shares what our lives will be when they are with His life. Older life-long faithful people have an advantage over many of us. They have a history with God. They have more moments with God than the rest of us and so they can look back and see God and know that God is real because the way they have lived is real. My favorite picture of prayer is Albrecht Durer's praying hands –you know the one, the picture of two roughened hands simply clasped together. The hands speak to me of love, obedience, strength in the face of troubles, and absolute trust in God in whose hands we are all in. The hands do not show defeat but a stubborn faith. God's revelations have a stubborn quality to them. Despite the world's best efforts to tarnish God, to ridicule God, to argue against God, God shines through and gives us "the peace that passes all understanding..." Simple hands holding each other capture our relationship with God.

The world wants to locate Christmas in the shopping malls, measure the depth of our love by how deep we reach into our pockets, and the brightness of our joy by how loudly we shout "happy holidays," but we know better. Our Christmas is brought to us by a manger (a barn), a young couple facing an uncertain future, and God who cares. Merry Christmas everyone! Thanks Pastor Bob

Pastor Robert Kirchman

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.

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.

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 Streng
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Wed., Dec. 16 - 6:30 p.m. Awa-na;
Thurs., Dec. 17 - Bible Study and prayer meeting at the church at 7:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 19 - 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast.
Sun., Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 Morning Worship.
Coming events: Christmas Eve Program and Services on December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Clearwater County Food Shelf hours
Hours for the Clearwater County Food Shelf will be:
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...

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 for all occasions, \$1.00 each.

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-F, 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

Gonvick Location: 226 Elm St., 218-487-5290
Open Mon., Wed. & Fri.

Senior Connection: Open 10-3 for enrolled clients. We welcome visitors interested in learning what Senior Connection has to offer! Gift certificates available.

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. North entrance. Good used furniture. Reasonable prices. Furniture donations accepted during business hour. Original pieces of art for sale in the gallery.

Create It! Community Art Studios: Open Mondays, 1-5 PM, with mentors for new members.

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GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Dec. 16 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 6-7 Divine Drama, 7-7:30 p.m. Confirmation
Sun., Dec. 20. 10:30 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
55070 149th Ave., Gonvick (218) 487-5308
Sun, Dec. 20 9:00 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion; 5:30 p.m. United Sunday School Christmas Program/ followed with light potluck supper.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., Dec. 16 5:30 p.m. Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer.
Thurs., Dec. 17 9:30 a.m. Bible Study at Summerfield Apt.
Sun. Dec. 20th - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Worship Services & Church Christmas Program. 11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch, 4:30 p.m. Church Christmas Caroling, 6:30 p.m. Pizza Party.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd, Clearbrook
Wed. Dec. 16th 6:30 pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice.
Sun. Dec. 20th 9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Coffee Hour; Service Group 1 meets after church.
Tues. Dec. 22nd 7:00 p.m. Hymn Planning Committee
Thurs. Dec. 24th 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Fri. Dec. 25th 10: 00 a.m. Christmas Day Service
Joint
Wed. Dec. 16th - 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
Our Savior's, Leonard
Sun. Dec. 20th 10:30 Coffee Hour; 11:00am Sunday School Christmas Program during Worship.
Thurs. Dec. 24 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Dec. 16: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat, Dec. 19: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:15 a.m. SS/Confirmation. 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Oak Park SS Christmas program practice.
Sun, Dec. 20: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 Nazareth SS. 9:45 a.m. worship, brunch at 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Oak Park Sunday School program.
Wed, Dec. 23: No Wednesday School/Confirmation. 6:00 p.m. Nazareth Christmas program.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Dec. 16: 9:30 a.m. Christians Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Caroling.
Thu, Dec. 17: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Dec. 18: 8:00 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Mon, Dec. 21: 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting.
Tue, Dec. 22: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.
Wed, Dec. 23: 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. 16: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.
Sun, Dec. 20: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Clearbrook-Gonvick First Quarter Honor Roll

12th Grade - A - Katherine Knutson, Lydia Lindenfelser, Rachel Spray, Sawyer Engberg, Susana Piatkoff, Madison Stenzel, Hunter Churness, Luke Burgess, Elliot Dickey, Samuel Lavin, Janessa Tronnes, Alyssa Damm, John West

11th Grade - A - Elizabeth Bodensteiner, Carlie Bergerson, Alison Johnson, Bryce Johnson, Dion Smith, Christopher Wistedt, Rachel Mathison, Michael Gray, Darby Riley

10th Grade - A - Cassandra Faldet, Madelynn Faldet, Brynn Hetland, Mikala Johnson, Cami Johnson, Brody Arlaud

9th Grade - A - Adriana Churness, Joshua Lavin, Jacie Tronnes, Ethan Dorman, Anthony Peldo, Emily Bergman, Kristin Weems, Brandon Quern, Riley Schulz, Callie Baker

8th Grade - A - Lindsey Gray, Gage Julin, Danae Stenzel, Jackielynn Taffin, Naomi Shamp, Savanna Rankin

7th Grade - A - Kaylee Faldet, Jennifer Lavin, Sydney Vakoch, Kayla Ehlers, Gabri-

el Lavine, Mykenzie Larson, Emma Dorman, Bailey Klema, Danika Harmon

12th Grade - B - MaKayla Burman, Lucas Larson, Gideon Ysen

11th Grade - B - Jeanette Ballard, Judah Bennett, Spencer Reed, Alec Dyr Dahl, Andrew Barret, Noah Helson, Trevor Rogstad, Jasmin Molden, Tifanni Brusewitz

10th Grade - B - Morgan Cornell, Abigail Moy, Tamara Skinaway, Myranda Engberg, Sierra Walters, Kendehl Ballard, Shayla Erickson, Keisha Jones

9th Grade - B - Rachel Lavin, Arabella Corey, Ethan Erickson, Cody Vettleson, Kari Shamp, Jazmyn Smith, Tucker Lene, Justin Nelson, Bryce Lamb, Tyler Neadeau, Hunter Ehlers, Amara Allen, Meosha Hammer, Reece Danielson, Alexis Ballard, Preston Olson, Alexie Molden, Damen Bakke, Caleb Petterson, Sean Halvorson

8th Grade - B - Brody Johnson, Robert King, Nyah Neadeau, Jenna Smith, Tyler Weems, Hayley Abeldgaard,

Jonathan Hamnes

7th Grade - B - Wyatt Anderson, GiAnne Cadreau, Lauren Melby, Amara Churness, Rose Java, Alec Halverson, Ashlyn Weems, Jaquincy Hammer

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Dec. 16 - Chili Cheese Fritos, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

Thurs. Dec. 17 - COOKS CHOICE

Fri. Dec. 18 - COOKS CHOICE

Dec. 21 TO Dec. 31 No School Merry Christmas

School News

Community Toy Drive: Students will be collecting toys for the Community Toy Drive until December 18. Come place them under the tree. Thank you for being part of this season of giving.

Changes for the JH BBB schedule:

12/14 @ RLC(Oklee) has been moved to 12/17@ CG(Community Center).

4:30/5:30 starts 2/4 @ CG w/ RLC has been moved to RLC(Oklee). 4:30/5:30 starts.

iMPACT Sweatshirts now available to order. \$25 each. Will be delivered after Christmas. Must be paid when you place your order.

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.

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. Jbettin@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

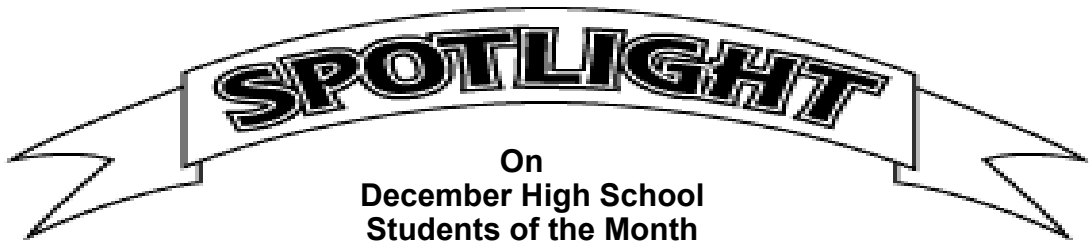
Immediate Openings: Elementary long term substitute teacher

Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an immediate opening for an Elementary long term substitute teacher. This position is for a six week period from the end of December to the end of January. If you are interested in this position please contact Jeff Burgess at 218-776-3112.

Full time para professional Help Wanted: The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a full time para professional. This position will be working directly with students. Applicants must have passed a para pro test or have a 2 year degree. Applicants must be able to pass a background check. Applications due by December 16, 2015. Please contact Jeff Burgess for more information. 218-776-3112 ext. 103

School news...

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On
December High School
Students of the Month



Pictured in the Back: Tyler Weems, Damen Bakke, Rachel Spray. Pictured in the Front: Morgan Cornell, Jasmin Molden, Wyatt Anderson.

Name: Rachel Spray, Grade 12

Parents: Dave and Lori Spray; **Sibling:** Nick, Luke, and Jessica

School Involvement: Volleyball, Basketball, Student Council, iMPACT, National Honor Society, and Yearbook.

Favorite: Yearbook

What she likes about CG: I like the "lunches and the teachers are nice."

Future Plans: "I would like to be a teacher."

Comments: "Eager, energetic, positive, and fun to be around. Rachel follows through and energizes groups just by her presence. She will be an asset to the world at large and it's been a privilege to have her be a part of our campus for the past thirteen years." "Always striving to understand and actually learn the content before her. She works hard to be sure she is giving everything she has to whatever task is presented to her." "She is friendly, kind, and full of energy!" "The reason the yearbook will get completed this year." "She is a great teammate/classmate; quiet strength, very unselfish and doesn't hesitate to take on more than her share of the workload." "ALWAYS willing to help out. Great classmate and very hard worker." "She will be missed next year!"

Name: Jasmin Molden, Grade 11

Parents: Seth Molden and Denise Byers; **Sibling:** Alexie and Evan Molden

School Involvement: Volleyball and Band

Favorites: "Any class with Mrs. Goudge"

What she likes about CG: "I like how it is small so you can get more one-on-one time with the teachers and you know everybody."

Future Plans: I am "undecided but I want to be involved in childcare."

Comments: "She has a calm demeanor and strives to do well in all she does." "Willing to do what it takes to get things done." "Attentive to those around her and works hard. She has a positive energy on the court and off and overall is a pleasant young student to have at our school." "She is a positive influence on our school and a great role model to younger students." "Jasmin

in kind and compassionate to all individuals - young or old - in the school building."

Name: Morgan Cornell, Grade 10

Parents: Jayson and Debra Cornell; **Sibling:** Chase

School Involvement: Basketball, iMPACT, and band

Favorites: Math (class) and basketball

What she likes about CG: "I like how it is a small school and you can know almost everyone."

Future Plans: "I don't know exactly what yet, but I know I want to travel the world and experience the most I can in life."

Comments: "Highly energetic and creative thinker. She is a team player and builds those up around her. Reaching out is a strength of hers and her ability to draw on the strengths of others and bring them into a group is a leadership quality that has been a gift to us. She is outgoing and positive and passes that on to all in this building." "She is full of an immense amount of energy...always seems to have a smile on her face." "She works at a consistently high level and is willing to challenge herself to do more difficult things. Her personality helps create a positive learning environment." "Very hard worker. Pleasure to have in class. Always willing to help out and not afraid to answer the difficult questions even if she is wrong."

Name: Damen Bakke, Grade 9

Parents: Brian and Jenny Bakke; **Sibling:** Tristan

School Involvement: Football, basketball, Track and FFA

Favorites: Shop (class)

What he likes about CG: "That I know everybody."

Future Plans: "Play football at NDSU!"

Comments: "Damen is an extremely hard worker and completes every task, large or small, with a smile on his face. Pleasant to have in class and in FFA, and is always willing to offer his peers a helping hand at any time!" "Conscientious and courteous and offers the utmost respect to those with whom he interacts." "Always willing to help out with whatever is needed. His positive attitude is infectious to the other students." "Takes pride in a job well done and a great classmate/student." "Damen works hard at the task at hand. He works towards his goal." "Always a pleasure to have in class. Works hard to get his work done and understand what is going on. Very pleasant to be around." "His smile makes me smile every time!"

Name: Tyler Weems, Grade 8

Parents: Scott and Jamie Weems; **Sibling:** McKensie

School Involvement: Football and Kloster Park activities

Favorites: Geography and Math classes, Study Hall

What he likes about CG: I like "all the nice teachers and students."

Future Plans: "A NFL player"

Comments: "Quiet but solid. Strong and intentional in his actions. Extremely respectful. Highly aware of the needs of others and easily empathizes with others which is one of the highest indicators showing the ability for one to be successful in the world." "Super nice student. Really enjoy having him in class. Always willing to help others out." "A pleasure to have around. He works extremely hard in study hall. Weems helps keep the class in order."

Name: Wyatt Anderson, Grade 7

Parents: Craig and Tamera Anderson; **Sibling:** Jese, Alexia, and Bella

School Involvement: Football

Favorites: History class

What he likes about CG: "I like the recess after lunch and football."

Future Plans: "A rancher."

Comments: "He is always kind and has a smile on his face." "Engaged in the learning process and the learning environment. He is able to step outside of his comfort zone to use his strengths for others in the building." "Always works hard and is always in a good mood. He is a pleasure to have in class."

Basketball season is off and running

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears girls basketball team is off to a roaring start.

They have outscored their opponents by 164 to 91 points. They took the first game over Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 80 to 44 on December 3 and 84 to 47 over Blackduck on December 7.

The girls have won 20 or more games the past three years and last year lost to Stephen-Argyle in the championship game of Section 8A. They did not have a senior on the roster last year and have only two seniors this year. Madison Stenzel and Rachel Spray are the lone seniors.

Two players have accounted for 106 of the total points by the Bears, Madison Stenzel and Liz Bodensteiner. In both the team victories everyone on the team has been able to get some valuable playing time.

Carlie Bergerson and Cassie Faldet have added another decision with their three point shots for the Bears.

The Bears are coached by Ross Faldet.

Boys basketball

The Bears lost two seniors last year to graduation Austin Horn and Aaron Horn and have three varsity players back from last year who will be playing their last year, Luke Burgess, Sam Lavin and Hunter Churness. They are joined by seniors Ethan Buer, Eric Baanrud and Elliot Dickey.

The first five games of the season the Bears have one victory and that is a 64-49 win over Badger/Greenbush, Middle River. They lost a close one to Northome/Kelliher 72-73. Their other losses were to Mahnomen 56-71, Stephen-Argyle 48-69 and BGMR 49-62.

The Bears are coached by Mike Rettinger.

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3 Reasons to Read with Your Child During the Holiday

With the holidays rapidly approaching, we can also expect more distractions than usual: extra shopping to do, last-minute errands to run, childcare arrangements to be made while school is out. Usually these are just an accepted part of the season. But in some cases, it's worth a little bit of effort to keep family routines from being overly disrupted.

According to The Urban Child Institute, reading with your child is one activity that should be maintained despite the holiday commotion. Below we explore three reasons why it's important not to let this family routine fall by the wayside during the holidays.

1. The first years of learning are unique. Make the most of them.

The first years of life are vitally important for language development. Because your child's brain is developing rapidly, this is the stage when it is most receptive to new information. Just think of the dramatic changes in language which you can see during this period. Typically, a baby's first spoken words occur at about one year. At first, her spoken vocabulary grows slowly but steadily. At 18 months she probably knows around 50-100 words. Then, beginning sometime between 18 months and three years most children experience a vocabulary explosion when they learn more words at a faster rate. By the time they enter school they will know thousands of words.

2. Reading routines strengthen language development in multiple ways.

Research shows that the amount and quality of speech that parents use with their child are among the strongest influences on his language skills, especially before age three. Making a shared reading routine and sticking to it ensures that in during hectic

times, your child is getting the speech input he needs. Reading books with your child also increases the variety of speech he hears, since it introduces him to words that he may not hear in everyday conversation.

And because language development is a two-way process, it's not just about making sure your child hears the right amount and variety of words. The amount of verbal interaction with your child is as important as the amount of language you use. It means talking with him and not just to him.

It's the same with reading: While reading to your child is one of the best ways to promote literacy, he'll benefit even more if you encourage him to take an active role. Don't just read the words on the page while he listens. Use stories and pictures as opportunities to ask questions and explore ideas. It's okay to wander into new topics that are not part of the book. What's important is that he's learning through a shared experience.

3.Children learn much more from shared reading than just new words. Literacy involves a complex foundation of skills that are reinforced when you read a book with your young child. Depending on her age, story time can be a way to teach your child alphabet awareness. Having a book in front of you is a perfect opportunity to work with your child on identifying letters and knowing their sounds. Ask her if she can find three G's on the page, or two words that include the "ee" sound. Then let her ask you similar questions. Find examples that show how the same letter or combination of letters can make different sounds in different words.

The kind of shared reading we've been describing, sometimes called dialogic reading, gives your child the equivalent of 'hands-on' experience in literacy. Studies have shown that it strengthens language development more effectively than passive listening. Parents who introduce their young children to reading and reinforce strong reading habits help prepare them to succeed in school and in life.

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Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

This method is too time-consuming for plants with lots of small leaves. Instead, cover

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. This article was provided by Deb Brown, former U of M Extension Horticulturist.

Legislative Update 2A

There was a special treat at the Gonvick American Legion Fish Fry on Saturday, December 12. Several youth from the Gonvick Lutheran Parish came in to sing some Christmas Carols.

By Corrine Richards

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Open water danger warning

With daytime temperatures still climbing above freezing even in the northern parts of the state, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is reminding outdoor enthusiasts to stay clear of early ice and use extreme caution when recreating on dangerously cold water.

Although some locations in the northern and western regions of the state were reporting ice formation at the end of November, the recent fluctuations in weather have led to degraded ice conditions and warnings from public safety officials to stay off the ice until at least 4 inches of new, clear ice is present.

"No fish is worth the risk of going through thin ice," said DNR conservation officer Lt. Adam Block. "At this point, it is going to take several consecutive days of below-freezing temperatures before enough solid ice has formed to support foot traffic, and even longer before snowmobilers should be on the ice."

Last winter, five people died after breaking through the ice, including one toddler. No deaths have been reported yet

this winter, although several emergency ice rescues have taken place in the last few weeks.

Block stressed that once ice formation picks up again, it will be important to stay vigilant about safety on the ice, since conditions can be unpredictable and vary greatly even on the same body of water.

"In addition to checking conditions locally and being prepared with an ice safety kit, anyone recreating on hard water should be wearing a life jacket," Block said. "A life jacket is the one piece of equipment that exponentially increases your odds of not drowning from cold water shock, hypothermia or exhaustion should you fall through the ice."

Open water danger
The lack of ice cover means many bodies of water in the state still have open water accessible to boaters. However, late season anglers, boaters and paddlers are cautioned that a life jacket is an absolute must on cold water.

"A fall into extremely cold water can incapacitate you within seconds," said Debbie Munson Badini, DNR boat and

water safety outreach coordinator. "Air temperatures have been relatively mild for December, but don't let that deceive you. Water temperatures are dangerously cold across the entire state, which means it's more important than ever to wear that life jacket."

State statistics show that one-third of boating fatalities typically occur during the "cold water season," and that in the vast majority of cases the cause of death is drowning due to not wearing a life jacket.

So far in 2015, nine boaters have died on cold water, and 18 total boating fatalities have been reported. The last time state boating fatalities surpassed 18 deaths was in 2005, when 23 occurred.

"The 2015 boating season was excellent in terms of the number of days boaters have been able to get out on the water. But with a longer season came an increase in boating deaths, and we're regrettably looking at a 10-year high," Munson Badini said. "Ten of the 18 deaths involved male boaters 20-60 years old who sadly drowned while not wearing a life jacket. This is a con-

tinuing and troubling trend that will only plateau or reverse if boaters in that high-risk demographic choose to put safety first by putting on their life jacket."

General ice safety guidelines

No ice can ever be considered "safe ice," but following these guidelines can help minimize the risk:

- Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.
- Check ice thickness at reg-

ular intervals – conditions can change quickly.

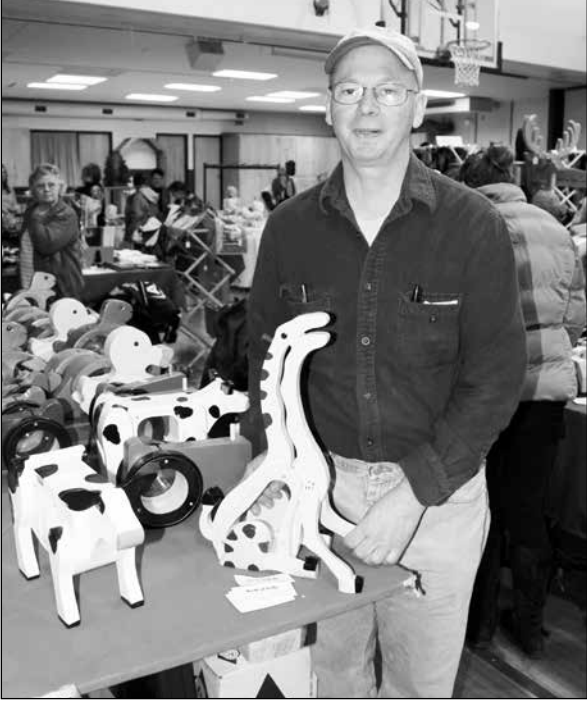
- Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.
- Don't go out alone; let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back.
- Always wear a life jacket on the ice (except when in a vehicle).
- Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards at a local bait shop or resort.

The minimum ice thickness

guidelines for new, clear ice are:

- 4 inches for ice fishing or other activities on foot.
- 5 inches for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle.
- 8-12 inches for a car or small pickup.
- 12-15 inches for a medium truck.
- Double these minimums for white or snow-covered ice.

For more information, visit mndnr.gov/icesafety and mndnr.gov/boatingsafety.



Craft Day at Clearbrook during Santa Claus Day participants included: Pat Hammer of Gully on the left with his wood products and Savanna Rankin on the right. She was selling wreaths and swags for the Leon Ramblers 4-H Club.



Craft Day at Clearbrook during Santa Claus Day participants included: Sheryll Petterson from Gonvick with her baked goodies and Linda Hines from Shevlin.



Craft Day at Clearbrook during Santa Claus Day participants included: Barb Kurth from Bemidji with her scrubbies and ornaments and Tammie Ehlers had her famous candy available for the annual craft day.



These four were having a great time at the Craft Day that was held during Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook. They were making some delicious lefse for everyone to try. From left to right Norman Hendrickson, Mayo and Linda Rusten and Jill Hendrickson all of Clearbrook.



Craft Day at Clearbrook during Santa Claus Day participants included: Krystal Kumpula from Clearbrook with her Paparazzi and Carol Horsager from Sebeka. She was busy at her sisters Eva Wasson booth with bar soap, honey and other items.



Passing out goodies to those who attended the Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook we re standing from left to right: Lauria Trask, Joy Walberg and Lucy Thompson. Seated is Janet Olson.



Craft Day at Clearbrook during Santa Claus Day participants included: Jo Kelly of Clearbrook assisted by Shirley Knutson and Rosemary Gustafson from Nebish with her assortment of stuffed animals.



Craft Day at Clearbrook during Santa Claus Day participants included: Suz Kringen of Bemidji on the left with her button bracelets and Mary Turner from Tulaby Lake. She has several mittens and canned goods. She is a regular at the Farmers Market in Mahanomen.



Craft Day at Clearbrook during Santa Claus Day participants included: Marilyn Shamp, Doreen Bardwell, Naomi Shamp and Lynette Bakke. They were selling items for the Elim Lutheran Church in Clearbrook and Lynette was selling baked items just like her mother Emma Satran of Gonvick used to make.

Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson



So far this winter people are either loving the warmer than usual weather we are having or are hating it because they want to be enjoying their favorite winter activity. It certainly does not feel like winter thus far. As I write this article, the rain is falling and it feels more like October.

For those people who enjoy ice fishing, this winter is not cooperating. Our area lakes have, for the most part, frozen over. However, with the temperatures fluctuating so much this year, the thickness of ice varies greatly from lake to lake. People need to be cautious whenever going onto ice and keep in mind what to do if you should fall through into freezing water.

The general rule of thumb for ice is if it is two inches or less you should stay off. Four inches is usually safe for ice fishing as long as you are on foot. Five inches will support a snowmobile or ATV and you need between eight and twelve inches for a car or small pick-

up. If you drive a medium or full size truck, you should wait to drive on the ice until there are twelve to fifteen inches of ice.

The minimum thicknesses I have just mentioned are for clear solid ice. If there has been flooding on the ice due to heavy snowfall and then temperatures have dropped and the lake has frozen again, the white ice that is made on the top is not as strong as clear ice. Another factor to consider is that ice does not form uniformly. The ice may be twelve inches in one area and just a few inches a short distance away. Springs in lakes or other moving water can also affect ice thickness. Never assume it is 100% safe.

If you should decide to venture onto the ice early in the season on foot, be prepared and have a pair of ice picks with you. You can make your own out of two short lengths of a broom handle with nails on both ends joined together with a rope. If you should go through the ice,

the ice picks will help you pull yourself out of the water. If you find yourself in the water, always try to pull yourself out in the direction that you came from. The ice supported you as you walked out to the point you broke through so you know it will support you when you get out. Don't panic and get your hands and arms onto the surface of the ice. If you have your ice picks, use the nails on the end of the handles to dig into the ice and kick your feet to help propel you out of the water and onto the ice. Once out of the water, lay flat on the ice and roll away from the water until you feel you're on firm ice. Get to a warm, dry place as quickly as possible. Do not take off your clothing until you are someplace warm. If you were in the water for a lengthy time and are experiencing moderate to severe hypothermia, seek medical attention. Your body can trap cold blood in your extremities and then the cold blood can come rushing back to your heart when you begin to warm up and this can cause shock and lead you to have a heart attack. It is better to be on the safe side and seek medical attention if you have fallen through the ice and were not immediately removed from the water.

If you are driving on the ice, it is a good idea to remove your seat belt and either have your window open or the door partially ajar. It is isn't often that I would tell you not to wear your seat belt, but when you are driving on ice there is always a chance you could break through. If you have your seat belt on and break through, you may be panicked or disoriented and not be able to unfasten your belt. Every second counts if your vehicle goes through the ice. Try to get out of your vehicle before it goes under. Your vehicle will float for a period of time from several seconds to a few minutes. Once your vehicle begins to fill with water and sink and if you are in water deeper than fifteen feet, it is likely that your vehicle will roll over onto its roof when it lands on the bottom. Adding in the cold water temperature

and darkness of being under the ice, your chances or escape diminish greatly. You do not want to put yourself in this type of scenario.

If you happen to be a witness to a vehicle or person going through the ice, remember these five words; "Preach, Reach, Throw, Row, Go." These five words will help you perform a rescue. "Preach"- shout at the victim and encourage them to fight to survive. "Reach"- try to safely reach the victim. Do not walk to the edge of the ice yourself as you may break through and become a

victim also. "Throw"- throw a rope, jumper cables or anything else you may have out to the victim for them to grab onto. "Row"- think of a boat. If you have access to a small, light boat, push it out onto the ice in front of you and have the victim either hang onto the edge of the boat or climb in if they are able and pull the boat back onto firm ice. "Go"- find more help. Don't try to be a hero if you are not prepared yourself. If you have a cell phone, call 911 immediately so professional help can be summoned to your location.

I hope everyone makes the most of the winter yet to come. Get out and enjoy what Minnesota has to offer, but keep safety in mind. What starts out as a fun outing can turn into a tragedy if you are careless or unprepared.

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.



Patiently waiting for Santa Claus day activites to begin.



Santa's helpers for Santa Claus Day were Jaci Anderson, Eileen Horn, Sharon Bergerson and Pam Goebel.



Getting his Christmas ornament ready at Santa Claus Day.



Alexis Schmidt getting her letter written to Santa.



Clearwater County 4-H members helped children get their Christmas ornaments ready.



Debbie Pletschett helping with the Christmas ornaments.



Santa's helpers are shown above, Gonvick City Clerk Stacy Halverson and Evon Quern below, passing out the gifts.



Santa Claus Day in Gonvick had a goodie walk and prizes that were given out.



Leona Bergerson, Lizzie Eckman and Ann Monty registered the children who came for the Santa Claus Day activities in Gonvick.

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