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June Brendalen on her 100th birthday.



June Brendalen 1948.

Brendalen of Clearbrook celebrates 100th birthday

By Darlene Sawyer
June Iola Gunderson was born June 2, 1923 to Morris and Orman Gunderson in Hogarty, Wisconsin. One sister died at age 9, but June's remaining siblings were Wes, Wally, Stanley, Edgar and Jerry.

She has lived through the terms of 18 U.S. presidents from Harding to Biden. She added, "I can't believe that I've lived 100 years!"

She explained, "My happiest years were spent at home with my parents and siblings. We lived on a river in Hogarty where we spent a lot of fun times.

Our store was located on the opposite side of the river. Our store sold gas, candy, ice cream, a variety of groceries, and ice. The men harvested the ice in the wintertime and stored it in a special shed that contained sawdust. The sawdust insulated the ice from melting. I don't remember if refrigerators were even invented yet. The price of gas was relatively cheap back in the 20's and '30's. We kids enjoyed swimming in the summer and skating in the winter. It was a happy, carefree time."

She added, "Mom always had a big garden. We'd eat many products grown there. I 'grew up' on vegetables. During the Depression (1930's), we fed a lot of hungry people who were trying to survive it."

The Gunderson family left their homestead in Wisconsin and moved to California in the late 30's. June explained, "My mother wanted all of us to see and live in California. Dad worked in Farndale. Our new home was huge and Mom loved it. We were only four miles from the Pacific Ocean and we could see it from our upstairs. They took us to wade in the ocean so we treasured that experience. My two oldest brothers had stayed on the farm in Wisconsin, but came to visit occasionally."

June continued, "While we were in California, World War II was beginning. My brother Wesley was killed in WWII while being a paratrooper in Italy. My younger brothers joined the military, too, but the oldest brothers stayed on our farm back in Wisconsin.

She explained, "While I was in high school in Ferndale, Cali-



1951 wedding picture of June and John Brendalen.



June's high school graduation picture 1942 in Ferndale, CA .



John and June Brendalen with their two children Judy and John.

fornia, they didn't have a sports program. I really did not care for school. I liked chemistry, but hated history. We took home the lab rats and let them run around in the house. We put them into their cages at night. I always had cats or dogs as pets. I love dogs....but...now I don't have one because of being afraid of falling. My only grandson, Justin Tollefson, calls me "the dog whisperer". He also teases me about feeding our wild birds which I also love to watch."

June left home after graduation in 1942 to work in a defense factory using a drill press to make bolts in Milwaukee. She also worked in a Walkie Talkie manufacturing business.

At the age of 26, she met John Brendalen through some friends. For entertainment, the couple went to many movies. They married in 1951 in Milwaukee, and, in 1958, moved up to the farm owned by Christ Brendalen near Clearbrook and have been there ever since. Following tradition, June raised a big garden as they ate most of the produce. She explained, "We had six cows to start with. Then, we kept adding to our herd and added buildings. John worked in the fields until he was 98 years old. We bought our first John Deere tractor in 1995. John died in 2022 at the age of 98. They raised two children- Judy and John.

According to June, "My dad died of cancer at age 63."

She smiled as she recalled another memory. "Do you know how many dishes I've washed over these years? It is a tremendous amount. Here is my secret... We wanted to go fishing so I hid the pots and pans...we had dirty dishes all the time and I hid them if we wanted to go somewhere. I have probably milked more cows than any man!"

"Throughout our late years, my husband and I traveled a lot. We went to the World's Fair in Chicago. I was scared of the rides so we spent a lot of time in our hotel room. We enjoyed our travels. When the kids were little, we made frequent trips to Wisconsin. I like to read, too, but now I just like to rest."

"The best thing in my life has been our kids John and Judy. On my 90th birthday, they created a family burger feed. I have also been blessed with good neighbors and friends. At the age of 95, we had a family reunion in Wisconsin and they chose me as Queen. I have also been a member of the Garden Club, and the Elim Lutheran Ladies Aid. Now, my favorite activity is riding my golf cart. It takes me everywhere.

Now, in her senior years, grief has been added to the list of her experiences. Her husband John died in 2022; her daughter-in-law Judy died in May 2022, and her only son Johnny died in January 2023.

In conclusion, she added, "If I could meet someone from history, it would be President John F. Kennedy.

He was the father of two children, too, and was shot to death. He was a great man."

As to future birthdays, she is looking forward to more and says, "Thank You" to the many people who came to help her celebrate her 100th birthday.

The Gonvick Rodeo and more

The 33rd annual Gonvick rodeo put on by The Gonvick Lions is coming this weekend - July 14 & 15, 2023 (Friday and Saturday). It starts at 6:00 pm both days and is put on by Wojo's Rodeo. Tickets are \$15 and are sold at the gate for those at least 18. Ages 6-17 \$12, 5 and under free.

Both days will have city-wide garage sales. People will have

their wares on display.

The Gonvick parade is at 2:00 on Saturday with registration at the Gonvick Community Center. That will be followed by the fabulous fish fry at the Gonvick American Legion, serving from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

There will be a DJ and a covered dance area/street dance both Friday and Saturday from

9:00 pm to 1:00 am at The Trap! Also, ride the mechanical bull for \$5.00. After that, Kand's Kitchen is serving a midnight brunch on Saturday at 1:30 pm until 2:00 am, but their daytime hours over these two days are 6:30 am to 1:30 pm but doors will close promptly at 1:30.

Giddy-up and come on out for the fun!

Lund Church to celebrate 125th

Remember: The Lund Lutheran Church Congregation of Gully will celebrate 125 Years this Sunday, July 16 !

This is a big deal! Don't miss it!

All friends, family and neighbors are heartily invited and enthusiastically encouraged to join this celebration. It should be a fun one. The worship service will be at 10:00 am on July 16 with special programming. If you like, come a little early and grab yourself a cup of coffee in the church basement and look over historical displays before the service. Following the service will be a quick group photo of all attendees next to the church before heading across to the Gully Town Hall for dinner and visiting. The Lund Ladies Aid will provide Bar-B-Ques on Homemade Buns, Anniversary Cake, Ice cream and Beverages. Your Potluck Dishes will go along with this, but if that's just not your thing, come anyway: it is your company that really counts! So, come to Gully on Sunday, July 16th ! Lund Church is located on Main Street in Gully and across the street is the Gully Hall.

See you in Gully on Sunday, July 16, 2023 for the Lund

125th Celebration !

The Lund Congregation in Gully was formally established on January 16, 1898 and has continually operated since then. It is a big deal to see a small rural congregation maintain for 125 years, and optimistically look forward to many more.

Those who came to file for homesteads in the Gully area in 1896 were very busy proving up claims and establishing homes for their families. Several Norwegian immigrant families began holding services in homes in 1897 and efforts were turned toward organizing a church. A year later, an official Norwegian Synod congregation was organized and services were held at the "new" schoolhouse. This was by the original Gully townsite (NE of the current town where the Lund Cemetery is.)

A few years later, the first Lund Church was built, also at the original townsite. It was a small building, with no bell tower.

In 1910, the Railroad came through and the town shifted to the current location. In 1921, the current church building was built (at the current townsite) and continues to serve the congregation and community.



This photo of the first Lund Church building and more Lund Church history will be displayed during the Lund Lutheran Congregation 125th Anniversary Celebration on July 16. This is a good chance to remember and to share stories with your friends and families. Plan to Enjoy.

Services are held each Sunday with Pastor Dawn Hanson officiating.

Look for a donation box at the 125th celebration for a historical marker from friends and families to acknowledge this forming of the early Lund Lutheran Church in 1898.

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Hayden Winger and Maya Hoshaw waiting for the July 4th parade to start in Debs.



Lilah and Adley Lafriniere all set for the parade in Debs.



Pinewood American Legion all decked out for the parade in Debs on July 4th.



The Gunderson Family : back row: Wes, Wally, Stanley, Morris; front row: Edgar, Orman, June, Jerry.

Community Calendar

Gonvick Lions Rodeo July 14 -15

The Gonvick Lions will be putting on their 33rd annual rodeo July 14 and 15. Wojo's Rodeo company will be starting at 6:00 p.m. each day. Tickets will be sold at the gate. There will be a parade on Saturday followed by the fish fry at the Gonvick American Legion.

Elim Mission Friends meeting

Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday, July 13th at 2:30 pm at the Elim Church in Clearbrook. Following the meeting and Missionary Report a meditation and devotions will be given. Hostesses are Judy and Kris Dahl. See you there!

NOTICE CLOVER TOWNSHIP

To the residents of Clover Township. The regular meeting will be held on July 28th at 5:00 p.m. at Clover Town Hall. - Joel Wraa



Angela and Jason Paulson at The Trap.

Correction Editors note: We had the wrong name for Angela and we apologize. New owners, new look, and new hours

Angela and Jason Paulson are the new owners of The Trap in Gonvick. They are keeping the name the same after their purchase from Matthew (Turtle) Bergman. They are changing the hours as they plan to be closed on Mondays. They will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and on Sunday from noon to midnight. The Gonvick Fire Department has been holding a meat raffle and will be holding the raffle starting in the fall. The two also have a trucking company, J Paulson Trucking LLC, that they started in 2017. They were incorporated into a LLC, Limited Liability Company in 2019. The outside and the inside of building looks different with new siding and trim. Saturday, May 27 they started with a summer kick off with a pig roast and a DJ from 9 to 1 for their first weekend.

Lake Association meeting July 15

Clearwater Lake Area Association (CLAA), Annual Meeting, Saturday, July 15, 2023 Members and Non-Members Welcome Location: 27287 North Shore Drive Potluck Meal – 12 Noon, Bring dish to pass along with plate, utensils and lawn chair. Coffee and lemonade provided. Guest Speaker: MN DNR Conservation Officer, Tom Hutchins, Annual Meeting to follow REMINDER: Member dues can be paid at this meeting.

Home Country

It was Windy Wilson's turn, unofficially, of course, to pick a coffee counter topic of learned truth and everlasting beauty. We sorta took turns without keeping score. "Ya know," said the old camp cook, "Been thinkin'." We gave him a second or two. Didn't work. "About what, Windy?" said Doc. "bout leisuratively activities. You know, what to do when you ain't doin' nothin' else." We grinned and sipped. Good topic, Windy. This works. "I like to read catalogs," said Herb. "You can get all kinds of ideas in them. Don't much care, really, what kind of catalogs, either. So what if I don't know a thing about wrist watches? I can always learn." "With me," said Doc, "it's fly fishing. When I've had a hard day with lots of patients, I just want to go down to Lewis Creek

By Slim Randles

and whip the surface film into a froth. Doesn't even matter if I catch anything or not." "I hear ya," said Dud. "It's a little different with me. Working on writing that mystery ("Murder in the Soggy Bottoms") takes it outa me, you know? So I like to spend my leisure time reading things other guys wrote. After about an hour of reading what some other poor soul suffered through, I'm ready to go fishing with Doc."

Doc looked over at Windy, who had initiated this topic, but strangely seemed content to sit there and listen to the leisurely ideas of others. "What about you, Windy? How do you unwind?" "Well, Doc, glad you asked. Them kids was on their way home from school jest t'other day and I come crost 'em when they wasn't payin' too much tension. And I could see they hadn't figured out anythin' leisure, you know? So I told 'em 'bout my sure-fire way to relax. What I do is set down on the front porch and think about fun stuff while I pick scabs off the neighbor's dog."

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First Grade Field Trip to Border Bank...

Border Bank in Clearbrook invited the entire First Grade Class of Clearbrook-Gonvick School to tour their facility in May. What a grand time we had seeing the bags of money, learning how the Drive-Thru works; how change is counted and separated into their paper wraps; and to witness the Safety Deposit Boxes. It was so fun! The entire class received gift bags filled with treasures to a child's heart. Each student received a true piggy bank to begin their savings account! Clearbrook-Gonvick's First Grade Class and their teachers, Mrs. Bodensteiner and Mrs. Hegg, would like to thank Border Bank for their time and generosity.



June and John Brendalen with their first John Deere tractor in 1995. See story on the front page.

Letter To the Editor

God's children are not for sale

The world is full of conflicts between good and evil. One particular evil is adults having sexual contact with children. I recommend you see a newly released movie entitled "Sound of Freedom," which is based upon a true story. It depicts how children are kidnapped and sold via an international network to pedophiles around the globe. The movie traces the actions of one dedicated U.S. agent in entrapping one group of child traffickers.

After the movie ends, the viewer is able to read and hear commentaries about child abduction and slavery. Over 150 million persons today are trapped in slavery – more than any other time in history. And the largest market for child sex slaves is the pedophiles in the United States.

My own comments include: 1) there are those in our nation who promote pedophilia and want us to believe that "consensual" sex between adults and children is normal; 2) we can see the sexualization of children via the ever-present noise about transgenderism and children; 3) the cheapness of children's lives is more than apparent in the celebration of abortion clinics; 4) television shows and movies that destroy innocence in children (turn off the networks that carry such shows); 5) our open southern border helps to feed the supply of child sex slaves.

Back to the movie: In one scene a former buyer of young prostitutes comments that he finally realized that he was "the darkness." He changed his ways and dedicated his life to freeing one child sex slave at a time.

The movie's message with the greatest impact: "God's children are not for sale." Tom Burford Bagley

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Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Randy Reimer Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Quilting. AWANA meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm weekly. Call for information. 218-776-3252 Every Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Every Saturday - 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Group raising funds for youth gathering

The youth group is preparing for their 2024 Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans. To help raise funds for the trip, Good Shepherd and Our Saviors Churches in Clearbrook and Leonard are working with Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley at their food stand at the Clearwater County Fair. This is an amazing opportunity for the youth groups! But they need the help of the congregation to help with pies and potato salad! Each day, they need a few volunteers to donate: 2 - 5 quart pails of potato salad; 6 - 7 fruit pies (apple, cherry, rhubarb, peach or blueberry)

A "Celebration of Life" will be held in honor of Randy Sundquist. Randy passed away peacefully at his home on July 3, 2023. Please join us at the CWLC, Tuscany Room, from 1-4:00 pm on Saturday, July 29th for an Open House.

Do you enjoy pizza?

I know I love pizza, especially homemade! Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick is setting up the summer with several brick oven pizza nights, perfect for your family and friends. Included with dinner is an opportunity to look through Grow It! Garden Center as well as tour our Community Art Studios. CWLC is planning fun games, crafts for kids, live music, art demonstrations, door prizes and more. Come out and join us at 5pm Friday evenings: July 14th, July 28th, August 11th and August 25th.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Community Art Studios* *Create It! Sessions Second Monday of the month from 12:30-3:00pm at CWC Gonvick and \$10 per person. Classes vary, get more details and register online at www.clearwaterslife.org/art-experiences

*Mentor Mondays Are you creative and need a place to create? Bring your ideas and we will help you create it! Monday's from 1-7p.m. our studio mentors will be available to help you create your dreams. Located at CWLC Gonvick.

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CWLC Clearbrook: 256 2nd Ave SW CWLC Gonvick: 226 Elm St. Phone: 218-776-2789 Email: office@clearwaterslife.org

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ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Adam Krog Wed. - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Sun. -9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH Pastor Kris Snyder 8 miles North of Gonvick on County Road 7 Sunday Church Services 9:00am

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH 1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6 Senior Pastor - Brad Binder Assoc. Pastor Nathan Nordlund Children's Ministry Lead Karl Godin www.countryfaith.org 218-776-3367 office@countryfaith.org Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery & Jr. Church during sermon time) 6:00 p.m. Youth Night (Most Sundays) Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m Men's Prayer Check the website or Facebook for up-to-date information.

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER Pastor Dawson Grover 53299 269th Ave Leonard, MN 218-776-3331 Sunday Church Services 10:30 am CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseht Sat, July 15: 9:00 a.m. Mt.Olive. Sun, July 16: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park. Find services and past sermons at www.facebook.com/clearwater-lutheranparish

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Jarred LeBon, Pastor Tyler Stynsberg, Assoc. Pastor www.newjourneyfosston.com Sun, July 16: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship. Tue, July 18: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. Wed, July 19: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Sun, July 16: Lund 125-year celebration! 10 a.m. Worship at Lund. CDC safety guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Head Pastor Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday Evening: 6:30 p.m. Kids, High School & Adult programs. Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/bethelfosston) as an alternative to attending in person.

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City of Bagley - Total 10
07/02/23 06:01:Transport O - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/02/23 21:21:04 Error - Opened in Error
07/04/23 21:12:10 Traffic Complaint - Handled By Officer
07/04/23 23:16:12 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/05/23 17:11:35 Medical - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/05/23 20:07:11 Traffic Stop Error - Opened in Error
07/06/23 11:37:39 Disturbance
07/06/23 22:45:26 Transport
07/07/23 22:14:15 Disorderly
07/07/23 23:09:00 Fraud - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Clearbrook - Total 4
07/03/23 08:52:49 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/05/23 18:02:29 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/08/23 21:17:58 Disorderly - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/08/23 23:56:12 Welfare Check - Handled By Officer / Deputy
City of Gonvick - Total 1
07/03/23 13:11:05 Medical - Patient Dead at Scene-No EMS
City of Shevlin - Total 2
07/07/23 11:00:11 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/08/23 09:47:31 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Clover - Total 1
07/02/23 09:51:20 ASSIST - Information
Copley - Total 4
07/05/23 16:16:30 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/07/23 14:13:47 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/08/23 10:42:13 Property Damage - Handled By Officer
07/08/23 21:00:49 Traffic Stop
Dudley - Total 2
07/03/23 22:25:12 Welfare Check
07/07/23 12:01:33 911 Hang Up
Eddy - Total 1
07/05/23 11:20:09 Traffic Stop - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Falk - Total 5
07/03/23 11:12:40 Motor Vehicle Theft - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/05/23 12:41:01 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/06/23 08:59:26 Motor Vehicle Crash - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/06/23 16:21:20 911 Hang Up
07/07/23 10:55:03 Traffic Stop
Greenwood - Total 1
07/04/23 16:42:30 Traffic Stop

Holst - Total 1
07/06/23 14:37:36 - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Itasca - Total 2
07/03/23 13:47:26 Medical - Patient Treated, Transported by EMS
07/06/23 10:32:55 Information Only - Report Taken
Itasca State Park - Total 6
07/02/23 03:15:29 Animal Related
07/04/23 04:42:38 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/06/23 00:18:00 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/06/23 12:08:00 Medical 15 - Referred to Partner Agency
07/06/23 15:23:11 Welfare Check - Gone On Arrival (GOA)
07/06/23 21:49:08 Disturbance
LaPrairie N - Total 6
07/03/23 14:38:24 Fire
07/04/23 10:49:30 Civil Complaint
07/05/23 14:17:10 Traffic Stop - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/06/23 14:07:43 Property Damage - Handled By Officer
07/07/23 15:16:39 Assist Other Agency - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/08/23 13:47:30 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Leon - Total 1
07/04/23 15:49:40 Traffic Stop
Minerva - Total 2
07/02/23 14:19:59 Traffic Stop
07/08/23 19:08:42 Suspicious Activity - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Nora - Total 5
07/02/23 13:09:36 Traffic Stop - Citation Issued (Verbal Or Written)
07/02/23 18:19:08 Alarm
07/04/23 17:42:57 Fireworks - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/08/23 15:08:41 Traffic Complaint - Gone On Arrival
07/08/23 15:27:37 Animal Related
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 1
07/03/23 15:10:38 Missing/Lost Person - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Pine Lake - Total 1
07/06/23 08:34:55 THEFT - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Poppo - Total 1
07/02/23 14:05:22 Fire - Information
Rice - Total 2
07/02/23 12:27:25 Vehicle Lock Out - Handled By Officer / Deputy
07/07/23 18:58:15 Extra Patrol - Handled By Officer / Deputy
Winsor - Total 1
07/07/23 14:42:02 Predatory Offender - Handled By Officer
Total Records: 60



Class trip to Bemidji

Clearbrook-Gonvick's First Grade Class loves to learn about Famous Explorers, so we had to take a Field Trip to see Paul & Babe in Bemidji! We always plan ahead with the Visitor Center and they welcome all of us. The Visitor Center plans a scavenger hunt for us inside the Visitor Center to locate things that belong to Paul. We only send in one class at a time so we have enough room to enjoy their facility. We highly recommend that if you have never stopped in at the Visitor Center in Bemidji that you put it on your list of things to do for the summer! Wonderful people work there and they caught our entire class in Paul Bunyan's belt! They even took our class picture for us and provided each student with a gift bag! Clearbrook-Gonvick's First Grade Class and their teachers, Mrs. Bodentiener and Mrs. Hegg would like to thank the wonderful staff at Bemidji's Visitor Center for their time and generosity. They would also like to thank their school for providing the bus service that made this Field Trip possible! - Submitted



Clearbrook Fire department at the Debs 4th of July Parade. Nick Rankin, Adam Krog, Jacob Gerlofs. On top of the truck is, Ezra Krog, Iris Krog, Eli Krog.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Trap Club does well at competition. There were 1,000 athletes shooting from 48 schools in Alexandria. From there the athletes are broken down by yearly averages. The Team brought home the 1st place Novice team award!!! And James Preuss is wearing home the 2nd place junior varsity medal! James not only broke his personal bests but he also shot his first 25 straight targets! Trap picture shown are: Front row- Amy Berg -coach, Brett Berg, Ryder Johnson, Blayten Benson. Back Row- Kayla Johnroy, Wyatt Westrum, Layla Engebretson, Payton Berg, Kailey Klema, James Preuss, Matthew Rankin, Borden Benson, Logan Westrum, Jacob Anderson, Brandon Branchaud, Brody Sather, Brayden Benson, Ole Engebretson - Coach.

Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick

Kindergarten class

The new first grader interviews and pictures by Mr. Bettin and his student staff



Name: Jayla Cardinal
Mom and Dad (first name only): Karla and Grant
Siblings: Maverick and Jase
What do you want to be when you grow up?
Gymnastics teacher
What do you like best about school? Mrs. Christen
What is your favorite food?
Spaghetti
Pets: No pets
Who is your favorite person?
Jaxton Bjerke



Name: Emma Larson
Mom and Dad (first name only): Daniel and Nichole
Siblings: Elsa and Dylan
What do you want to be when you grow up? Ballerina
What do you like best about school? Math
What is your favorite food?
Steak
Pets: Dogs, cats, and horses
Who is your favorite person?
Little cousins, Sawyer and Resse



Name: Nicholas Engelhardt
Mom and Dad (first name only): Alyssia and Rick
Siblings: Eva and Christopher
What do you want to be when you grow up? Professional motocross Rider
What do you like best about school? Recess and Math
What is your favorite food?
Orange Chicken
Pets: Dog (Bud)
Who is your favorite person?
Tristan (Friend)



Name: Caiden Lewis
Mom and Dad (first name only): Alyssa and Donny
Siblings: Brother, Max
What do you want to be when you grow up? Police Officer/ Cop
What do you like best about school? Playing outside
What is your favorite food?
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Pets: 2 dogs- Diesel and Goldie
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Breakfast on the Farm



Corrinne and Tom Anderson visiting with Bryan Ramsrud at the Breakfast on the Farm.



Olivia Waldvogel with her dairy month hat at Clearwater County Breakfast on the Farm.



Gonvick Lions Club is one of the many groups that help put on the Clearwater County Breakfast on the Farm. Frying the bison/pork sausage this year were: Lucie Thompson, Jim and JJ Solberg.



Byron Marsh and Duane Hayes were visiting at the Clearwater County Breakfast on the Farm event that was held Saturday, July 1. Both of their families had hosted the event with the Marsh family in 2011. Duane Hayes has been supplying the delicious sausage made of a bison and pork mixture for several years at the event.



Gail Friborg with Linda Stai signing in at the Clearwater County Breakfast on the Farm that was held at Gail and Paul Friborg's.



Kara Waldvogel, Extension educator and 4-H Youth Development at the Clearwater County Breakfast on the Farm event that was held Saturday, July 1.



Janice Nelson and Roberta Braaten found a nice quiet place to enjoy their Breakfast on the Farm meal of pancakes, strawberries, ice cream and sausage on Saturday, July 1.



Bagley Lions Club was in charge of making the pancakes at the Clearwater County Breakfast on the Farm. They had four griddles going to keep up with the large crowd.



Several wagons from the Go & Whoa Harness Club brought people from their cars to the Breakfast on the Farm that was held at the Paul and Gail Friborg farm.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

-- Derrick, age 8

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids. -- Lori, age 8

5 WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. -- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure?)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. -- Martin, age 10

6 WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich. -- Pam, age 7 (Love her)

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. -- Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. -- Howard, age 8

7 IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. -- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

8 HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? -- Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favorite is.....

9 HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK? Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck. -- Ricky, age 9

Does anyone need old newspapers for their bird cages, their new puppies or for the garden

Runners from the 5k that was part of Summer Fest weekend & the color run. It was a fundraiser for the school's playground expansion! - Photos courtesy of Erica Erickson

