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Grandma Linda Nordlund wanted to make sure that her grandson Tate did not take the whole plate of cookies. The many treats were at the First State Bank Christmas Tea in Clearbrook.

Auditor gives the 2016 Audit presentation

A representative from Eide-Bailey a certified public accounting firm headquartered in Fargo, North Dakota gave the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board their 2016 audit presentation at their meeting on Monday, December 19. The bottom line was a positive for the year end fund balance of \$664,621. That figure was under the original budget that the board had set for the school year. According to her report a positive fund balance; contributes to a favorable bond rating, produces investment income, provides a source of working capital to meet cash flow needs and offers a cushion for unexpected expenditures or revenue shortfalls. The school board had set a goal to maintain a minimum unassigned general fund balance of 10% of the annual budget. The report stated that they had maintained a percentage of 11.7%. As of Jun 2016 the state still owed the district \$318,000.

Andrea Churness and Stacie Petterson gave a report

on the Early Childhood program. The numbers have been increasing for the age group that they serve.

Sarah Goudge presented a slide show on what has been happening in the school during the past month. There were many activities from elementary through high school.

Principal report

Principal Jeff Burgess gave his report with no one has applied for the Extended Care Program position that will be offered after school. He will keep searching for interested individuals. Events and dates that are coming up include: end of semester is January 20th, conferences will be on February 16 and the NAEP test for 8th graders is set for February 15.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved along with the electronic transfers and treasurer's report. Included in the bills were: Stein's Bus Service LLC \$61,723.16; BRIC \$34,641.87; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$8,301.68; Community

Oil Company \$5,912.42; Pine to Prairie Coop Center \$1,935.00; Anderson Disposal \$1,809.70; Marco \$1,732.20; City of Clearbrook \$1,688.70, BRIC \$1,171.51; Midwest Sportswear & Athletic \$1,114.29 and ALICE Training Institute, Inc. \$1,085.00.

Old Business

BRIC staffing in Special Ed. The DCD position has been open and there have not been any inquiries. They have advertised and checked with Bemidji State and Moorhead State for people who would be completing their work in December but with no luck. The DCD needs a Masters Degree. If they were to get a DCD person through BRIC the board would have to make up their minds by January 9, which is the next board meeting, to go with BRIC which is located in Bemidji to get a person to fill the position. The person hired through BRIC receives a higher salary than the

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Pictured in the back row from left to right is Tyra, Jake Knutson (who came loaded with several of his personal little cars to give away the day after hearing about it), and Layla Engebretson (who also came prepared with some of little cars from her very own toy box at home). Front row: Natasha Chandler, Aubrey McCoy, and Harleigh Seyller who are also excited about bringing in a few contributions for the boxes.

Goodwin starts Simple Pleasures project

Simple Pleasures has turned into just that, a pleasure to be simply involved. Tyra Goodwin, a student in the Clearbrook-Gonvick High school, attended a seminar this past summer which educated her on the aspects of Alzheimer's. As a Certified Nursing Assistant, Tyra gives of her time to helping support the elderly.

One of her ideas she wanted to implement from this workshop was to begin a project called, Simple Pleasures. She wanted to fill small decorative

boxes with things that might bring pleasure to the residents she works with. "There are times when they get down and simply by bringing them back to some happy time in their lives, it helps them remember moments that bring them joy."

She presented her project to the iMPACT students at school, (a volunteer organization) and she has been reporting her progress to them each week. The group purchased several boxes for her, but an

unexpected twist came when some members of the third grade class spotted her boxes in the classroom and began asking questions.

Soon, that same week, the students began bringing some of their very own little cars to place into one of the boxes. Their hope is that some of the residents in the nursing home will remember what it was like playing with toy cars and it will bring them a little pleasure when they do.

Red Lake Watershed District and DNR progress on Pine Lake flood project

The Red Lake Watershed District and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources continue their efforts toward better water management of the Pine Lake watershed in Clearwater County.

One of several flood damage reduction projects in the watershed district, the Pine Lake project will allow for water level management throughout the year by constructing a new control structure on Pine Lake and creating upstream retention basins to reduce flood damage at the lake and areas downstream.

A 45 square-mile drainage area flows into Pine Lake. Runoff causes rapid increases in lake levels in the spring and cabins have been flooded in 13 of the last 33 years. Lower lake levels in late summer, fall and winter can result in lake access issues for shoreland owners and may be detrimental to over-wintering fish populations.

Recently, the watershed district and the DNR signed a memorandum of understanding to seasonally hold water in the wetland located on the Little Pine Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA) as part of area flood damage reduction efforts in the watershed. The WMA is located upstream from Pine Lake.

Under the memorandum, the watershed district will build a new dam on the wetland on Little Pine Lake WMA and the DNR will use it to manage water levels upstream to reduce flood damage and enhance wildlife habitat. In late fall, the DNR will drop water levels 2 feet in anticipation of holding upwards of 4 feet of water during a flood.

"Lower fall, and in drier years, lower spring water levels would offer some natural resource enhancements," said Dave Rave, Bemidji DNR area wildlife supervisor. "Lower water levels will provide breeding and migrating waterfowl and shorebird habitat. In very wet springs, we will hold back water to minimize flooding at Crookston and other areas downstream." Better water management in this and other watersheds will ensure that they work efficiently to meet local needs and also help address a Red River basin region-wide goal, the Red River Basin

Commission established to reduce peak flows along the Red River of the North.

Landowners and other watershed partners attended public meetings last July and provided input on the Pine Lake project, as well as a similar project on the Four Legged Lake watershed. The project teams met in August. The public input is now being used to determine the best options for both projects.

"Public input has been helpful in determining suitable al-

ternatives for evaluation," said Myron Jesme, Red River Watershed District administrator. "We're encouraged that the DNR and the Red Lake Watershed District have signed an agreement that establishes authority and responsibility for water level management on the Little Pine Wildlife Management Area."

For more information on both Pine Lake and Four Legged Lake Watershed projects and progress, visit www.redlakewatershed.org/.



Monday, December 12th, the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train stopped in Plummer. Greeting the train were Plummer Mayor Jim DuChamp, Inter County Community Council Director Catherine Johnson, Washington Post Reporter Christopher Ingraham, who moved to Red Lake



County after writing an article that Red Lake County was the ugliest county in the United States and a CP Railroad representative.

The food shelves received a check from CP Holiday Train in the amount of \$4,500 to be used for purchasing more food items for Red Lake County Food Shelf locations.



Cards for Veterans were made by the the Clearbrook-Gonvick 7th grade class of Mrs. DeVries for the holidays. Annually, they participate in this project and this year the cards will be going to the V.A. in Bemidji to honor those who have served. Students enjoy the projects each year and Mrs. DeVries helps students give to those who have given to them by serving in the armed forces.

Minnesota Buffer Program and Pollution Control discussed at County Board meeting

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on December 20, their last meeting of 2016, which included discussions about the Minnesota Buffer Program and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency relating to Tiered Aquatic Life Uses. Comment periods are now open on both of these issues.

Board of Water & Soil Resources: A "Notice of Request for Comment" regarding the Implementation of the Minnesota Buffer Program was received from the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). BWSR will take comments until Jan. 9, 2017 until 4:30 p.m., which may be submitted via email to www.bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers.

"There is no funding for Counties to assume responsibility for enforcement at this point," Nathan Nordlund, District Manager of Soil & Water Conservation District said. "After March 31 it is expected counties will assume the responsibility."

Commissioner John Nelson said, "We have been advised to not take it on since the mandate is from the State."

Nathan responded, "If you assume the responsibility, you can give it up again."

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency: MPCA intends to adopt rules regarding proposed amendments relating to Tiered Aquatic Life Uses. They state the subject of the rules are the "Waters of the State".

A comment period is open until 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 2, 2017. Comments and hearing requests can be directed by email to talurulemaking.pca@state.mn.us.

The State will be holding hearings in Feb. 16 if 25 or more persons submit a written request. Otherwise the MPCA

intends to adopt the rules without a hearing.

"It is up to BWSR to fund wetlands," Commissioner Dan Stenseng said. "Some districts are shutting down, because there is no money to set aside for new wetlands."

Chairman Neal Illies said the new wetlands are for highway projects.

"They are not going to regulate the ditch system and I'm concerned with that, because everything goes into the streams," said Chairman Illies. "I think we should comment on it."

Commissioner Nelson requested that the SWCD contact them to see where it stands, and if the County Board needs to comment to the Soil and Water Board members.

It was also stated by Commissioner Stenseng that the Federal Waters of the U. S. issue has been put on hold and

there is an injunction on that.

Aquatic Invasive Species Plans: Nathan Nordlund, District Manager of Soil & Water Conservation District estimated the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) expenses during 2016 to be \$62,738. The AIS Plans for 2016 and 2017 were approved, adapted from the 2015 and 2016 Plans, respectively.

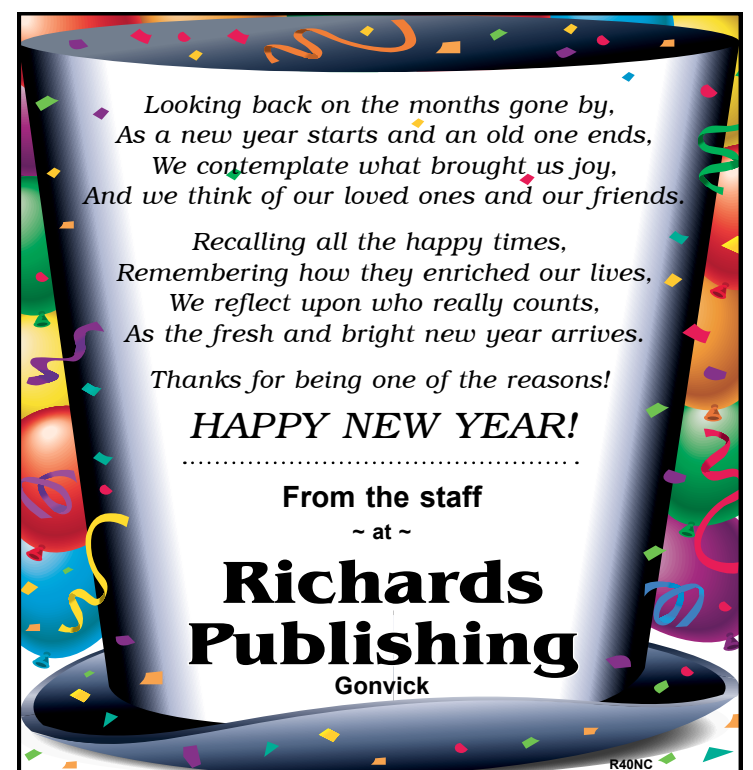
The data access review available on line is to be reviewed by the SWCD.

"Water craft surveys showed that 50% done this year of incoming water craft from other counties had water or vegetation attached, but not ours this year," Jason reported. "Most are fairly compliant."

Commissioner Arlen Syverson asked where invasive species are being detected in

Commissioners...

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Coffee and goodies were available at the First State Bank Christmas Tea last week. Commissioners

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northern Minnesota. Cass and Beltrami Counties have officially identified AIS in some lakes, but they are not this area program.

Lynn Sebek, Realty Specialist for the service, came from Fergus Falls, Minn. with the details for the designation of two wetland easements in Clearwater County by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. One is for 7 acres located in Section 21 of Holst Township. The other is for a parcel containing 8.9 acres located in Section 27 of Eddy Township. The easements protect wetlands while allowing agricultural use.

The Commissioners unanimously approved the wetland designations.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson opened bids for 2017 publishing from the Farmers Independent newspaper in Bagley, and Richards Publishing of the Leader-Record in Gonvick. The bids went to the newspapers as follows:

First publication of the financial statement summary will be done by Richards Publishing; second publication will be done by Farmers Independent; publication of the County Board proceedings and the two publications of the delinquent taxes list will be done by Richards Publishing.

Environmental Services Director Dan Hecht brought a cost summary breakdown regarding the solid waste collection site improvement during 2015/2016 at Eddy Town Hall. The project was cost-shared 50/50 between township and county for dumpster site related portion of total cost of total town hall and dumpster site reconstruction. The project is now finished for a total of \$4,708.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received approval for the Highway Department 2017 Budget; and payment of bills in the amount of \$14,351 as presented. Some purchases approved are for a new 2017

Caterpillar skid loader in the amount of \$67,200 with trade in; two 2016 John Deere mowers in the amount of \$20,118 for both with trades; a 2017 snow plow truck for \$62,334 with trade in; dump body, hoist, snow and ice equipment for the truck in the amount of \$88,523; and a 2017 GMC Sierra ¾ ton pickup in the amount of \$26,928 and \$28,671. All of these items will be purchased off the State contract.

The Labor Agreement between Clearwater County and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CO, Local Union No. 922 was approved and signed, including salary increases in the amount of 2% for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

The North Country 2017-2020 Joint Powers Agreement

Community Calendar

Clearwater County Food Shelf closed

The Food Shelf will be closed until January 4th, 2017. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Clearwater County History Center Closed During Holidays

The History Center in Shewlin will be closed through Monday January 2 for the holidays.

Staff will be happy to schedule special tours during the holidays if anyone had visiting relatives who would like to visit the museum. Call 218-785-2000 to schedule a tour.

Exhibits currently on display include "The Home Place: Homesteading in Clearwater County 1896" and the new military exhibit.

Regular hours for the History Center are Tuesday – Friday from 10:00-4:00 and by appointment. For more information call the History Center 218-785-2000

between Lake of the Woods, Beltrami, and Clearwater Counties was approved. Continuation of PERA phased retirement for Vicki Hanson, Stephanie Roed, and Merry St. George, all CCNS employees were approved for another year.

The Board authorized the payment of the submitted invoices of \$29,626 from the County Revenue Fund, and \$23,231 from Nursing Service, the last bills to be paid for 2016. In addition, many tobacco licenses were approved for businesses with in the county.

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

Notice to Residents of Pine Lake Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Pine Lake Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at the Gonvick American Legion Bldg., north door.

Filing for township offices opens January 1, 2017 until 5 pm January 15, 2017. Offices to be elected are:

1 Town Supervisor for a 3 year term
1 Treasurer for a 2 year term

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk at 47807 East Pine Lake Rd., Gonvick, MN 56644. A \$2.00 filing fee is required by law.

Richard Aos,
Pine Lake Twp. Clerk
218-487-5675

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Winners

Dec. 10 - Becky Johnson, Shewlin, \$20.

Dec. 11 - Phyllis Engen, Clearbrook, \$20.

Dec. 12 - Janice Volstad, Burlington, WI, \$20.

Dec. 13 - Nicholas Erickson, Clearbrook, \$20.

Dec. 14 - Jennifer Kvasager, Oklee, \$20.

Dec. 15 - Chirley Wilson, Titusville, FL, \$20.

Dec. 16 - Kelley and Pam Mueetzel, Bagley, \$20.

School board...

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New business

The board hired Jessica Rogstad to be the Junior High Girls Basketball Coach.

They accepted the resignation of Jay Jones Art Teacher to be effective at the end of the school year.

The board extended the contract for Linda Brown as a long-term Reading sub until the end of the year.

They also accepted the retirement resignation of Denise Disrud for the end of the year.

The board accepted the FMLA leave for Frankie Skälzo for the rest of the year. She is the K-6 Physical Education teacher. The FMLA, Family and Medical Leave Act entitles eligible employees to take unpaid, job-protected leave for specified family and medical.

The district will have to set up a date for a hearing the Truth and Taxation.

The board approved the levy Limitation and certification to the maximum at \$739,633.59 with the exception of Q comp at \$39,221.

There is a change in the school calendar as March 17, 2017 will be added as a school day.

The next meeting will be held on January 9.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Clearbrook will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers in the Clearbrook Community Center, 200 Elm Street SW, Clearbrook, MN 56634. This will be an informational meeting to discuss the proposed water and sewer project, including economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project, and potential funding sources, including USDA Rural Development. All residents and property owners within the City of Clearbrook are encouraged to attend.
Lucie Thompson
City of Clearbrook

Notice to Gully Township Residents

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Gully Township, that the Annual Meeting and Election of Town Officers will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Gully Town Hall.

Filing for the township offices opens on January 3, 2017 and continues until January 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm. Offices to be elected are:

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

Affidavits of Candidacy may be filed with the clerk. A \$2.00 filing fee is required.

Carole Tharaldson,
Gully Township Clerk

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 14, 2017, at the Leon Township Hall.

Filing for township offices opens on January 3, 2017, and continues to January 17, 2017, 5 p.m. Offices to be elected are:

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

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

Lori Larson, Clerk

Snowmobile Safety course

"The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office will be holding a Minnesota DNR Snowmobile Safety Course for youth age 11-15 years old on Saturday, January 7th in Bagley. Pick up an information sheet from the Sheriff's Office, Bagley High School, Bagley Elementary School, or the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Office for full details and prerequisites."

Love Lights a Tree

Love Lights a Tree thanks all who donated to honor loved ones this year! A special thank you to Linda Knutson, local sign maker and artist for our new Love Lights a Tree sign.

Memorials this week: In memory of Diane Brunson from Ordean and Leone Swanson.

Thank you for the donation to the American Cancer Society from Fay Dickey.

FYI: Cancer Awareness, Prevention, and Early Detection

While there is no way to prevent cancer completely, there are things you can do to lower your risk. If you don't smoke, staying at a healthy weight, eating a healthy diet, and being physically active are the most important things you can do to reduce cancer risk.

If all Americans maintained a healthy weight, ate a balanced diet that emphasized plant foods, and engaged in regular physical activity, as many as one-third of all cancer deaths in the US could be prevented.

Encourage your loved one to take charge of their health and get their recommended cancer screening tests.

While there is no guaranteed way to prevent a recurrence for cancer survivors, body weight, physical activity, and healthy eating may improve quality of life and survival, and help reduce the risk of the cancer returning.

For more information from the American Cancer Society, to get help, or to donate or volunteer, visit cancer.org or call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345.

Church News

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Sun., Jan. 1 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

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. 28 - 6:30 p.m. Awa-na.

Thurs. Dec. 29 - Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 31 - 7:00 a.m. Men's prayer breakfast and Bible Study at the church.

Sun., Jan. 1 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.

NOTICE: Clover Township

TO THE RESIDENTS OF CLOVER TOWNSHIP:

The regular meeting will be held at 5:00 pm, January 2nd, 2017 at the Clover Town Hall. There will be comments on Cartway (Swenson/Erickson/Johnson) and Turnback (Duray) road issues. Postponement date to inclement weather will be the next Monday, January 6th.

Joel Wraa, Clerk

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Dec. 28 - Vegetable Beef Soup, Meat Salad Sandwich, Peas & Cheese Salad, Crackers, Bar. Milk.

Thurs. Dec. 29 - *Early New Years Party 11:30 a.m.* Salmon or BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Sour Cream, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Pie and Milk.

Fri. Dec. 30 - *Closed*

Mon. Jan. 2 - *Closed*.

Tues. Jan. 3 - Salisbury Steak, Parslief Whole Potatoes, Squash, Bread, Blushing Pears, Milk.

Wed. Jan. 4 - Italian Shredded Beef, Oven Brown Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Bun, Cookie, Milk.

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

NATIONAL SKATING MONTH

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Happy New Year from CWLC! Check out these great opportunities to start 2017.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7 PM, Thursday, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Clearbrook. Open to men & women. Confidential.

Senior Connection Adult Day Services will be closed Mon., Jan. 2. Openings for new participants.

Open Gym at CWLC-Gonvick during business hours (see below). The next few months are going to be COLD outside, walk or run indoors six days a week. Older adults, feel free to join our **senior exercise group**, M-W-F, 11:00-11:30. FREE!

Youth Connection & Kingdom Extreme: Free & open to youth in grades 4th-12th, Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30. Snack provided.

Friday Night Out: Treat yourselves to a French dining experience, Jan. 6, 5-7 PM. Restore It! will be open until 8:00 PM for your shopping convenience.

For programs and services, visit us at: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.mustardseedhomes.org, or www.adultdayservices-gonvick.org and our Facebook pages.

CWLC-Clearbrook: 256 2nd Ave., SW. *Shop-at-the-Top* hours: Mon. - Fri., 10-4 and Sat., 10-3. CWLC-Gonvick, 226 Elm St., open Mon. thru Fri., 9-4 & Sat., 9-12: Create It! Art Studios and Restore It! Furniture Shop. Senior Connection, adult day services, is open M-W-F, 10-3

This ad is sponsored by:



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Sun., Jan. 1: 9:00 am Worship, 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.
Our Savior's
Sun., Jan 1: 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

REDEEMER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
Church Location: Corner of Hwy. 2 & Red Lake Ave. SW Bagley, MN
Pastor Linden B. Wendzel
Sunday Divine Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School / Adult Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS - Clearbrook Branch
305 Lake Ave. E.
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Sunday School: 11:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; Young Women's: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; Primary: 11:20 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Dec. 28 - Sun., Jan. 1- No Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sun., Jan. 1 - No Sunday School. 9:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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

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

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Associate Pastor Jim Binder
Children's Minister Nikki Ubert
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367
cfcchurch@gvtel.com

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept.-May) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Youth Night (check church website for dates or Elevate Youth Facebook Page for up to date information)

Every Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
*Wednesdays: Care groups in various homes

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed. Dec. 28: No Wednesday School/Confirmation.
Sat. Dec. 31: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. No SS.
Sun, Jan. 1: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth. No SS at all churches.
Wed, Jan. 4: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sun, Jan. 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Wed, Jan. 4: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Jan. 5: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Jan. 6: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Jan. 1: 10:00 a.m. Parish Service at Lund with potluck to follow.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Jan. 1: 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Don't throw away valuable resources!

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

- Throwing away 3.6 million pounds of aluminum cans daily;
- Discarding over 1 billion pounds of recyclable paper per year;
- Wasting 41 million pounds of PETE beverage container plastic in a year.

Don't waste opportunity along with your recyclables!

We are literally throwing away valuable resources that fuel jobs and economic activity; we're burying opportunity in landfills and burning it in incinerators.

Approximately 37,000 jobs in Minnesota are directly and indirectly supported by the recycling industry.

In 2010, Minnesota recycling programs collected about 2.5 million tons of material worth \$690 million.

It cost Minnesota over \$200 million to throw away 1 million tons of recyclable material. This could have been recycled instead for an additional estimated value of \$217 million.

Do Your Part and Utilize Clearwater County's Recycling Bins! They are conveniently located by the Fairgrounds (south end by Highway Dept. Building) and in Clearbrook by the Highway Dept. Building.

Thank You for Helping Our Environment and Economy

Call us for answers to your recycling questions
Clearwater County Environmental Services
218-694-6183

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BEAR TRACKS

School News

School resumes Tuesday, January 3. Enjoy your time with family and friends! Safe travels to everyone.

Congrats to our music department for your great programs this year!

Big THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the K-6 Christmas Treats class yesterday! Parents, students, staff and especially Robin and the kitchen staff. You made this a fun event for our young students! Judy

Another big THANK YOU to everyone that ordered Bear Wear! Thanks for your patience as we have gotten these orders out. Special thanks to my great helpers, Tucker and Cody, as well as staff for your offers of help! Judy

The JH BBB game that was canceled on 12/6/16 will be made up on 2/9/17

Sunday Afternoon Open Gym Begins January 8, 2017

The high school gym will be open for recreation January 8-March 12 from 2:00-4:00 pm for grades 4th-adult. 3rd grade & under may attend only with an adult.

There will be a \$2.00 fee per time or you may buy a pass good for all 10 Sundays. Pass prices are: Individual=\$15.00, Family pass=\$25.00. Parents are free if they attend with their child/children.

Passes may be purchased in the Community Education office or when you come to open



Students gather around the dogs of Pamela Bodensteiner (shown above) as they are being prepared for the hand off for the day to Kim Anderson, the science teacher, (shown below). Kim is using this as one of her projects with her students to help them understand not only the importance of training a dog, but the details on how to do it correctly. Each day the dogs are in the building to complete their training exercises by the students.



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

gym. NO STREET SHOES. If you have questions or concerns about fees, please talk to Judy Engbretson (776-3112 Ext 102) NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Position Opening

Position: Extended Day Program Para Address Letter of Interest: Jeff Burgess, Principal, Email: jburgess@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us Application Submission: Please send or e-mail your letter of application to Jeff Burgess. Application Deadline:

ASAP or until filled. Dates: Jan 3rd-end of school year. Job Description: The Extended Day program para would be responsible for the extended day program. Duties include: program planning, student supervision, and communication with parents. Hours would be from 3:00-5:30 p.m. The program provides after school supervision for students K-4.

COUNSELORS CORNER:

Scholarship information, college/career representatives visiting the school, elementary and high school involvement, Ramp-Up to Readiness program, classroom counseling, and other important information and events can be found on the School Counselor website:

School Counselor Website

Get up to date information over the school year including scholarships, financial aid, tips, college representatives, career fairs, articles, and some fun stuff :)Follow me on Twit-

ter! @CounselorMegang Follow me on Instagram! counselor-megang

Quote of the week:

"I have not failed; I've found 10,000 ways that won't work."

- Thomas Edison

Megan Godtland mgodtland@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us 218-776-3112 x406

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Wed, Dec 28: VGBB at Mountain Iron-Buhl Tournament. Times TBD.

Thur, Dec 29: VGBB at Mountain Iron-Buhl Tournament. Times TBD.

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.

Learning Locators for MCA practice can be accessed HERE Knowledge Bowl Rehearsals are Tuesdays during first lunch/Thursdays 7:45 am-8:15 am in Mr. Carter's room.

Youth Connection every Tuesday: Check here for information

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

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Greeter at the door of the bus stop was Santa as it was the final day before Christmas break. Many roles has this Santa in the building...all the way from basketball assistant, to helper in the kitchen, to helping manage other sports teams, to being the cheerful go to guy in our community. As well he is pictured here with the kitchen staff at the Clearbrook-Gonvick school as they prepared the holiday meal for all. Anyone guess who this willing helper is?

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SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight of the Month on Support Staff

Spotlight Support Staff: Tracie Branchaud, Early Childhood/School Readiness Paraprofessional

"Children are apt to grow up to what you believe of them."~ Lady Bird Johnson

Tracie Branchaud is a paraprofessional in the ECFE/ School Readiness classroom. She has been in this position for the last three and a half years. She is married to Brian, and together they have two children: Breana and Brandon

Tracie grew up in Fosston and graduated from Fosston High School in 1998. She then attended Northwest Technical College in Bemidji for Child Care Education.

Why did you choose to be a para in Early Childhood? *I volunteered in the School-Readiness classroom when my son Brandon was in it. I really enjoyed it and was hired to work here when Brandon entered Kindergarten.*

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? *Stay-at-home mom.*

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? *The smiles and hugs from all the children and working alongside my other early childhood coworkers - we make a great team!*



Tracie Branchaud

What is the biggest challenge of your job? *Having enough time to give each child the attention they need.*

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why? *The job I have now. I love working with children. I also like having the same schedule as my own children.*

What do you do when you are not at school teaching? *I love to spend time with my family, I love outdoors and nature, gardening, my chickens,*

and my little dog, "Maggie".

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? *The Clearbrook-Gonvick community is a friendly and caring community. Everyone looks out for each other like family. I feel blessed to be a part of a wonderful community.*

And a now a word (or two) about Miss Tracie from some of her students...

What do you think Miss Tracie does when she is not here at school? *"Someone comes over" "I don't know" "Plays Checkers" "Drinks coffee and watches mommy TV" "Stays home" "Plays video games"*

What is the best thing about Miss Tracie? *"She's nice" "She helps people" "She cleans up" "She's my teacher"*

What do you think is Miss Tracie's favorite thing to do? *"Play" "Teach kids" "Drink coffee" "Decorate trees" "Be at school"*

What do you think Miss Tracie will do over the holiday break? *"Put up her Christmas tree." "Take a picture with Santa." "Sleep" "Play in the snow."*

What is one thing Miss Tracie ALWAYS says? *"Boys..." "On the carpet" "How nice" "Come to the carpet"*

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Toddler Open Gym
Do your little ones need a place to use up some energy this winter? We have just the place! Starting Sunday January 15th and running every Sunday until March 12th, come to the Elementary Gym for Toddler Open Gym!! This is a special time for our 0-5 year

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Due to the New Years holiday,

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olds and their parents to come and run, jump and play during the cold winter months when it is often difficult to do so. We will have equipment and activities just for little ones. Come any time from 2:30-4:00. Stay as long as you like. To help maintain the program, a free-will donation will be accepted. Sponsored by Community Education. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Clbk-Gon Elem Gym Sun., Jan. 15 – Mar. 12 Donations Encouraged 2:30-4:00 pm

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center

Thurs. Dec. 29 - Early New Years Party at 11:30 a.m.
Fri. Dec. 30 - Closed Happy New Year 2017

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday



Santa is pictured here with staff as they sang carols before school upon the stage as students entered. He is pictured giving a listening ear as to what was on their Christmas list. Do you know who this person is?

Sweater contest held at school

Sweater contestants were the staff at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. The judges were the students. Students could vote on the ugliest sweater over their lunch hour the final day before break. Being good sports were Andy Anderson in the all too small get up, Megan Godtland with her whale out the sides

sweater, Gwen Eck sporting her Ho, Ho, Ho, Misty Larson joined at the hip with a of enlarged pictures of students she lugged around with her over the noon hour, Sarah Goudge with a sloth upon hers, and Mr. Burgess getting in on the fun while still managing to complete his official duties as principal.



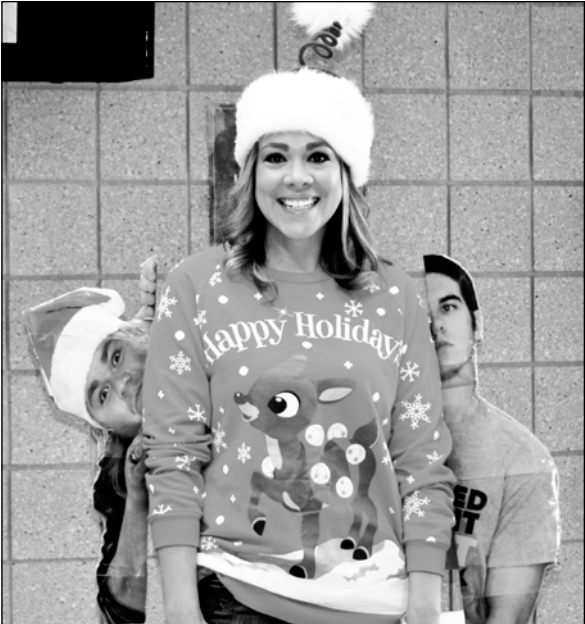
Sarah Goudge



Gwen Eck



Andy Anderson



Misty Larson



Principal Burgess



Megan Godtland

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

CVSO Note: My family joins me in wishing you Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

May there be joy in your home and peace in more hearts around the world this Christmas season and always. Please continue to remember all Active Duty armed forces personnel and their families stationed stateside and overseas in your thoughts and prayers as you celebrate Christmas and the holidays with your own family and friends.

Please count them as a cherished blessing.

I am grateful for the continued opportunity and privilege to serve this county's veterans and their families, a blessing in itself.

I welcome your own personal comments.

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

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Leon Ramblers 4-H Club brings cheer

The Good Samaritan Society Clearbrook residents and staff were excited to have the Leon Ramblers 4-H club come to decorate for Christmas. They came with some of the 4-H moms to spread cheer and trim the trees. Everyone did a great job and it looks a lot like Christmas.



Pictured here is Resident Muriel Halvorson stringing popcorn for the tree.



Pictured is Payton Berg, Matthew Rankin and Elyse Berg.



Pictured here is Jacquincy Hammer, Jesse Anderson, Daniel Rankin, Meosha Hammer, Jacob Anderson, Wyatt Anderson, Obediah Hammer.

Mother daughter team on the left... teamed up to make the spirits bright for others in the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Elsie and Kendehl sported their Merry Christmas colors of red and green on Dec. 22, the final day before break. (On the right, snapping pictures and making it cheerful were Madeline Faldet and Liz Bedensteiner as they sported their festive attire.

Heavy Snow and Wind Chills

Heavy snow can immobilize a region and paralyze a city, stranding commuters, closing airports, stopping the flow of supplies, and disrupting emergency and medical services.

Accumulations of snow can cause roofs to collapse and knock down trees and power lines. Homes and farms may be isolated for days and unprotected livestock may be lost.

In the mountains, heavy snow can lead to avalanches. The cost of snow removal, repairing damages, and the loss of business can have severe economic impacts on cities and towns.

Injuries Due To Ice and Snow
• About 70% result from vehicle accidents
• About 25% occur in people caught out in a storm
• Most happen to males over 40 years old

BLIZZARD: Winds of 35 mph or more with snow and blowing snow reducing visibility to less than ¼ mile for 3 hours or more.

BLOWING SNOW: Wind-driven snow that reduces visibility.

Blowing snow may be falling snow and/or snow on the ground picked up by the wind.

SNOW SQUALLS: Brief, intense snow showers accompanied by strong, gusty winds. Accumulation may be significant.

SNOW SHOWERS: Snow falling at varying intensities for brief periods of time. Some accumulation is possible.

SNOW FLURRIES: Light snow falling for short durations with little or no accumulation.

Information from Cornell University:

What is Wind Chill Temperature?

It is the temperature it "feels like" outside and is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by the effects of wind and cold. As the wind increases, the body is cooled at a faster rate causing the skin temperature to drop.

Wind Chill does not impact inanimate objects like car radiators and exposed water pipes, because these objects cannot cool below the actual air temperature.

What does this mean to me? The NWS will inform you when Wind Chill conditions reach critical thresholds. A Wind Chill Warning is issued when wind chill temperatures are life threatening.

A Wind Chill Advisory is issued when wind chill temperatures are potentially hazardous.

What is Frostbite?

Frostbite is an injury to the body caused by freezing body tissue. The most susceptible parts of the body are the extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, or the tip of the nose Symptoms include a

loss of feeling in the extremity and a white or pale appearance. Medical attention is needed immediately for frostbite. The area should be SLOWLY rewarmed.

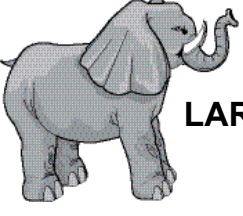
What is Hypothermia? Hypothermia is abnormally low body temperature (below 95 degrees Fahrenheit).

Warning signs include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. Medical attention is needed immediately. If it is not available, begin warming the body SLOWLY.

Tips on how to dress during cold weather.

- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Trapped air between the layers will insulate you. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent, and hooded.
- Wear a hat, because 40% of your body heat can be lost from your head.
- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
- Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.
- Try to stay dry and out of the wind.

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Consider a 2017 New Year's Resolution of Investing in Human Capital

This is the time of year when the New Year's resolutions flow freely. Some of those resolutions made will have an everlasting positive and profound effect on one's life or lifestyle. As we look to the New Year, especially when doing cash flow/financial planning, most enterprises of an agricultural nature, will more than likely project a return much lower than recent year's receipts. With a projected shortage of cash, most producers will scrutinize the "needed" capital assets from the "would like to have" capital assets as they assess the 2016 year and plan for 2017 and beyond.

While farm financial planning takes place, producers might overlook the human capital and/or human capital skills needed to operate efficiently and or to move the farm business in a direction as desired. I would encourage both operators and employees to evaluate their skill set, and maybe in a New Year's resolution form, set some educational goals. Then search, prioritize, and find continuing education opportunities. Follow through on selected educational opportunities that may add growth to the human capital segment of the business.

Education and training exist in various mediums and venues. Many read farm papers or magazines to stay up to date. Some go online or seek a consultant or another producer for the knowledge needed. Consider opportunities both close to home, a neighboring state, and/or if need be, an educational seminar in distant state or country. Many educational opportunities are basically at no or very limited cost to the producers except for the time one might invest. Other opportunities might cost the business thousands of dollars. An educational opportunity provided by your Land Grant Universities, where education and information is based on scientific research, usually provides a return on investment.

Excellent and endless lists of educational opportunities are now much closer and available to the individual today via telecommunications in the home/local library/school. Some courses, seminars, and information is still available via the traditional method of hard paper copies available by snail mail or picked up at your local Extension office and library, or consist of the traditional face to face, warm blooded living body presentation in front of you format, but many are also available in electronic format. Many courses of study might offer a hybrid of sorts, where you may get direct contact in a lecture/hands on lab, while also offering portions of the training via web casts, webinars, emails, videos, PowerPoints, etc.

I encourage you to make an active and discerning decision on what continuing education may be needed for the human capital working in the farm

business. If a two hour night meeting fulfills your business goals, I would encourage you to attend, but I would also encourage you to look at and invest time and money into other potential continuing educational opportunities. It might mean sending yourself or an employee to a week-long, multi week, or semester course(s). It also might mean scheduling time on a daily basis for an online course. On the other side of the spectrum it might also mean finding a new employee with skills that match your farm's needs.

Education of employees is also a major part in managing risk for the farm business. So as you also do risk management assessment and planning for the new year, consider the skills and knowledge of the people involved with the business, and how training provided might lower disaster probabilities.

The economic success engine of many businesses, including the farm sector, along with our country as a whole, has always benefited from a talented and trained workforce. As you plan, does the human capital component on your "success engine" need a tune-up, overhaul, or is it running smoothly. In the coming months, U of M Extension is providing opportunities for agricultural producers for those hoping to improve the human capital side of the business. I encourage you to attend one or more of the educational opportunities that may exist this winter.

Good luck on your New Year's resolution!

2017 Educational opportunities provided by U of M Extension and partners – partial list.

Irrigators – Get Nitrogen Smart - January 4, 1:00 PM, Central Lakes College, Staples
Research Update for Ag Professionals – January 3-12th. Locally in NW MN it will be held at the NWROC in Crookston on January 12th, 12:30 pm

Small Grain Update Meetings – Wheat, Soybeans, Corn - January 16-20th – three meeting sites most closest to Polk/Clearwater Counties are Crookston(Amer. Legion 8:30 am) and Gary (Amer. Legion 9:00am) on Wed. January 18th and Red Lake Falls (City Hall 8:30am) on Fri. January 20th.

Best of the Best in Wheat and Soybean Research – Jan.31st – Feb. 1st, Moorhead and Grand forks

NW Farm Managers Assoc. Annual Meeting – Feb. 1st, Fargo

Sugarbeet Growers Seminar – Feb. 7th -14th, 4 locations

Int'l Crops Expo – Feb. 22nd – 23rd, Grand forks

Private Pesticide Applicator Training – Examination tests and packets available in most local offices and online. Trainings TBA at select northern MN locations late January / Feb.

Tour de Forage Winter Meetings – Jan.31 – Feb.

2nd, Rochester, Royalton, and Floodwood

MN Organic Conference – Jan. 12-13th, St. Cloud

Midwest Fruit and Vegetable Growers Annual Conference – Jan.19 – 20th, St. Cloud
Sustainable Farmers Assoc. An. Meeting - Feb. 11th, St. Joseph, MN

NDSU Advanced Crop Advisors Workshop – Feb.28th – Mar. 1st, Fargo

Tile Drainage Workshop – March 2nd and 3rd, Grand Forks

Beef Cow/Calf Days – Northern Tour Feb. 7th – Feb. 10th. Locally in Bagley, Amer. Legion, February 7th, 5:30 pm.

Beef Home Study Courses – "Introduction to Cattle Feeding", "Health Management for the Cow/Calf Herd", and "Introduction to Cow/Calf Nutrition" - Register online by Jan. 17th at U of M Beef web site.

ND Bull-buying Workshops –Jan. 20th and Feb. 3rd, Dickenson Research Extension Center

NDSU Feedlot School – Jan. 18 and 19, Carrington Research Extension Center

SD Cattle Handling, Facility Evaluation Workshop, SD Ag Experiment Station, Beresford

U of M Dairy Days – March 7th, Community Center McIntosh

Local Foods College – Online Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:30 pm from January 17th – March 7th. Register at local-foods.umn.edu

Farmers Market Gathering – March 8th, 9:00 – 3:00 at the UMC Bede Ballroom in Crookston

One Vegetable One Community Workshop – January 26th, Thief River Falls, time and location to be announced

RRV Emerging Leadership Class – Nov. – Mar. – Counties select candidates for future classes

Electrical Fire Safety tips

Follow these electrical safety tips to help keep your home fire-safe.

Appliances

- Always plug major appliances, like refrigerators, stoves, washers and dryers, directly into a wall outlet.

- Never use an extension cord with a major appliance — it can easily overheat and start a fire.

- Always plug small appliances directly into a wall outlet.

- Unplug small appliances when you are not using them.

- Keep lamps, light fixtures and light bulbs away from anything that can burn.

- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.

- Check electrical cords on appliances often. Replace cracked, damaged and loose electrical cords. Do not try to repair them.

Outlets

- Do not overload wall outlets.

- Insert plugs fully into sockets.

- Never force a three-prong cord into a two-slot outlet.

- Install tamper-resistant electrical outlets if you have young children.

Extension Cords, Power Strips and Surge Protectors

- Replace worn, old or damaged extension cords right away.

- Use extension cords for temporary purposes only.

- Avoid putting cords where they can be damaged or pinched, like under a carpet or rug.

- Do not overload power strips.

- Use power strips that have internal overload protection.

- Make sure all electrical work in your home is done by a qualified electrician!

Four agricultural commodity councils seek board members

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) will conduct a mail ballot election to fill board vacancies for Minnesota's barley, beef, corn, and soybean research and promotion councils. Elected members serve three-year terms, directing the investment of their councils' check-off program dollars. Candidates will be selected through mail ballot elections scheduled for April 2017.

Those interested in running for an opening should contact the nominating committee chair from their respective council, listed below. The candidate registration deadline is January 31, 2017.

Barley Research and Promotion Council vacancies:

District 3: Becker, Big Stone, Chippewa, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Lac Qui Parle, Ottertail, Pope,

Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin

Barley Research and Promotion Council office: 800-242-6118 or 218-253-4311

Beef Research and Promotion Council vacancies:

District 1: Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Kittson, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau

District 4: Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Lac Qui Parle, Ottertail, Pope, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine

District 5: Benton, Carver, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Morrison, Renville, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Stearns, Todd, Wadena, Wright

District 7: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock

District 8: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Freeborn, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Rice, Steele, Waseca, Watonwan

Beef Research and Promotion Council office: 763-479-1011

Corn Research and Promotion Council vacancies:

Districts 1, 2, 4: Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Chippewa, Clay, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Itasca, Kittson, Koochiching,

Lac Qui Parle, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine

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Soybean Research and Promotion Council office: 888-896-9678 or 507-388-1635



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

New Year's falls on Saturday and Sunday this year and to give employees at Richards Publishing the day off the office will be closed on Monday, January 2. Ad deadline will be extended to Tuesday, January 3rd at noon. A reminder that the paper will be one day late next week.

Happy New Year

The Gonvick Fire Department has been busy this past week. They are getting the ice skating rink ready for skaters. They have flooded the area a few times and the weather has been cooperating. There is also a warming place that is inside with a bench for you to put on your skates.

A reminder that Bingo at the Gonvick Legion will begin again on March 15, 2017 when the weather improves. Warm-up game at 6:45 p.m. with the games to begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Gerald Dyr Dahl Memorial Pine Lake 200 Snowmobile Race will be held on beautiful Pine Lake on Saturday, January 7 and Sunday January 8. Races start at 9:00 a.m. both days. The races will depend on ice conditions but it seems that there is enough ice that it will be held.

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, is planning a TRAIL STOP northeast of Bagley in the school forest at the trail shelter on January 21, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Stop by for some hot dogs, sloppy joes and hot chocolate, good times and warm fire.

Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our web site for you to see. Go on line at trico-canary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our office.

We collect used eye glasses in our office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions Club and they are put to very good use.

Make your plans now... The Gonvick Lions Rodeo will start at 6:00 pm both Friday and Saturday nights July 14 and 15. Rodeo will be approximately two hours in length. Parade at 2:00 p.m Saturday.

From my mail... TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had baseball caps not helmets on our heads.

As infants & children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes.

Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day as always a special treat.

Brown, Faribault, Freeborn, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Rice, Steele, Waseca, Watonwan

District 9: Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha, Winona

Corn Research and Promotion Council office: 952-233-0333

Soybean Research and Promotion Council vacancies:

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District 5 & 6: Aitkin, Anoka, Benton, Carlton, Carver, Chisago, Crow Wing, Hennepin, Isanti, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Ramsey, Renville, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Stearns, Todd, Wadena, Washington, Wright

District 7: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock

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a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever.

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

Jokey time...

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

Sunday Afternoon Open Gym Begins January 8, 2017

The high school gym will be open for recreation January 8-March 12 from 2:00-4:00 pm for grades 4th-adult. 3rd grade & under may attend only with an adult.

There will be a \$2.00 fee per time or you may buy a pass good for all 10 Sundays. Pass prices are: Individual=\$15.00, Family pass=\$25.00. Parents are free if they attend with their child/children.

Passes may be purchased in the Community Education office or when you come to open gym. NO STREET SHOES.

If you have questions or concerns about fees, please talk to Judy Engebretson (776-3112 Ext 102) NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



The Sand Valley Church bake sale is held each year at Christmas time with all kinds of goodies. Selling were Shirley Anderson, Kathleen Larson and Helen Sordahl.

Wednesday, December 28, 2016

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Cole Anderson wrapping Brandon Branchaud as a Christmas tree at Santa Claus Day activities in Gonvick.



Darlene Sawyer is helping Matthew get his letter written to Santa.



Leon Ramblers 4-H Club was selling Christmas wreaths at the Craft Day that was held during Santa Claus Day. At the booth were Matthew and Amy Rankin.



All three of the Jorgenson children visiting with Santa Claus were Kaydence, Maya and Charley.



Peyton Wittenberg could not wait to tell Santa Claus what she wanted for Christmas.



The smell of lefse baking permeated the Clearbrook Community Center for Santa Claus Day craft and bake sale. Making the goodies in the hall were Norman Hendrickson, Mayo and Linda Rustan.



Robert Vettleson wanted Santa's beard just like he pulls on his fathers beard.



Pricilla and Alison Johnson and Alexis Ballard at their booth during Santa Claus Day in Clearbrook.



Volunteers at Gonvick Santa Claus Day activities from left to right were: Heaven Clay, Charlie Coulter, Jaci Anderson and Carol Peterson.



The Gazelka family visited with Santa Claus during his visit to Clearbrook. With Santa are Dawson, Aburiana, Landon and Noella.

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