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Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears honored their parents at the home game that was held on Valentine's Day, February 14. Two of the seniors with their parents are Liz Bodensteiner, daughter of Randy Bodensteiner and Laurina Trask, and Alison Johnson, daughter of Priscilla and Dan Johnson. -*Photos by Kendehl Ballard and Dick Richards.*



Two senior Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears who honored their parents at the last home game were from left to right: Carlie with her parents Jeremy and Cathy Bergerson and Ashley Eckman, daughter of Kim Eckman and Stuart Eckman.



Two junior Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears who honored their parents at the last home game were from left to right: Mikala with her parents Doug and Robyn Johnson and Brynn Hetland, daughter of Marissa and Richard Hetland.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears who honored their parents at the last home game were from left to right: Junior Tamara Skinaway, daughter of Kelly and Virgil Skinaway and Sophomore Arabella Corey, daughter of Rose Petit.

Elderly nutrition site in Clearbrook has new cook



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Sheryl Severson is the new cook at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. She prepares meals for the Home Delivered Meals program and delivers nutritious meals to older adults and people with disabilities who are unable to prepare the food for themselves or travel to a site where a meal is being served.

Sheryl started working at the Clearbrook site on Monday, January 23, 2017. She is from Bagley where she lives with her husband Roby.

She spent the last 15 years as a cook at Pine Ridge in Bagley. She has two grown children Eric and his wife Amber and daughter, Erin and husband Brady Olson and three grandchildren ages 17, 15 and 12. She wishes they were 2, 5 and 7 again. They all live in the area.

She will work every week day at the center and have weekends off to do her favorite of flower gardening. She also likes to restore old furniture for herself.

The program is under Lutheran Social Service (LSS) and is referred to as Meals on Wheels. Senior Nutrition provides nutritious, low-cost meals for seniors 60 years or older. Meals are delivered to homebound seniors by volunteers. There is no income criteria. In addition to a nutritious meal, LSS Senior Nutrition at the Clearbrook-Leonard site provides, social outlets and interaction, information about senior services and connections with trusted professionals. If you enter the Site in Clearbrook there is always a puzzle going and cards are played. Lloyd and Phyllis Engen and Carol Croy along with helpers in the craft shop help to keep the center going.

Lutheran Social Service – Senior Nutrition Program is located in the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center on Main Street in Clearbrook. 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. They are also looking for volunteers to help at the center.

Library services and Enbridge letter discussed at commissioners meeting

By Karen Edelbach

The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on February 14, 2017, with all commissioners in attendance.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library Director, Liz Lynch discussed the current use of library services throughout the 12 libraries in the regional system, and indicated that Clearwater County is second highest in usage of library services. She thanked the Commissioners for fulfilling the requirements for libraries in Clearwater County.

The following statistics for library use during 2016 were noted:

- 32,471 print materials were checked out
- 3,414 down loadable ebooks
- 150 adult & 771 children attendance in Educational and Enrichment Programming
- 2,119 uses of public computers at Bagley
- 13,000 walk ins at the Bagley Public Library and Gonvick LINK Site
- Over 2,000 households have active library accounts in the Clearwater County

"Some choose not to have a library card, and these figures are not shown, but usage is good," she said. "Over 32,000 items is a 3% increase for 2016, and more for 2015.

"Downloading of items to mobile devices has become very popular. It also allows people to apply for jobs, receive tax forms, and other things. Gonvick has no public computers. After the previous ones became outdated, we can't afford to keep that service."

Regarding the Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS) funding request for 2017 Ms. Lynch had three proposals she explained:



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(1 & 2) The proposal for 2017 Legislature requests a $3 million per year increase to RLBSS funds as well as a change to the current formula. The request is intended to increase total funding to reflect increased costs and use of public library services, and to lessen volatility of the formula.

(3) In addition, the proposal would request that the formula be based on population and net tax capacity figures as reported by Minnesota State Departments of Demography and Revenue by Jan. 1 of the year in which the grants are awarded.

The State RLBSS has increased only once in over 20 years, and no new dollars have been introduced into the formula since FY 2009. The Library Association supports an appropriation of $4,250,000 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund for regional public library systems.

"Since the 2008 housing market crash occurred in St. Paul funding for rural systems went to the Metro area. We lost almost $300,000 since 2008 and the Metro has gained that. Ours and the region north of us see the biggest impact," she said. "If we could get more from the State, it would help solve problems for rural communities. Poverty and transportation are issues here. We want a piece of the Legacy Funding pie."

"We work to balance our budget," Dan Stenseng said.

Commissioner John Nelson asked what the amount per capita would be, and what the numbers are for the Gonvick LINK. Ms. Lynch said she will look into that.

"We've lost a lot of services over the years (besides library)," Commissioner Newland said.

"I don't want residents of Clearwater County to lose library services," she said.

The Commissioners discussed a letter that has been prepared and sent to Ms. Mary Hassel, at the U.S. Department of State, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundry Issues at the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental & Science Affairs in Washington, D.C.

The letter is in support of the Enbridge Energy Line 67 expansion request for the Presidential Permit application, and was signed by all Clearwater County Commissioners.

The letter documents that the Clearwater County Commissioners "see firsthand the steps that Enbridge takes to ensure that the product they

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Steve Philion Recognition Night — February 24 at the high school

Coach Steve Philion, was inducted into the MN Boys Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame last November.

Former players, students and colleagues are planning a brief recognition for Coach Philion on Friday, February 24th, at the home game where the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears host his Red Lake County Rebels. This will recognize Coach Philion for his Hall of Fame honor and also be a thank you from our schools and communities for the time he spent teaching and coaching for the Gonvick Bulldogs and Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears.

We hope to see many relatives, fellow coaches, former students, players, colleagues and community members at the game. The JV game will begin at 6:00 followed by parent's night introductions and player warmups. Immediately before player introductions there will be a very brief presentation to Coach Philion.

Following the varsity game, there will be goodies in the school commons. There will be a short open microphone time for anyone wishing to share well wishes and a time to personally thank Steve for everything he did at Gonvick and Clearbrook-Gonvick. This is also Throwback Night so pull out those old Bulldog or Bears jerseys, shirts, etc. to welcome Steve back to our communities!

We all know that Coach Philion shies away from recognition but we also know he loves to see everyone that has been a part of his life and would love to visit with you.

We would like this to be a surprise, so please don't mention it to him but if he finds out, that is ok!

We are primarily using Facebook, email and word of mouth so please, SPREAD THE WORD!

Community Calendar

Developmental screening at Clearbrook-Gonvick

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Early Childhood Health and Developmental screening will be on Tuesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 15.

This service is for all children who were 3 years of age or older by December 31st, 2016 who have not already completed a Health and Developmental Screening.

Packets were mailed out to all families known in the district. If you did not received one, or want to make sure you do, please contact the school at 776-3112 ext. 223 to talk with our Screening Coordinator, Stacie Petterson. She will gladly send you more information or answer any questions you may have.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Feb. 22- Hot Beef Sandwich, Carrots, Pears, Cookie and Milk.

Thurs. Feb. 23 - Salmon, Baked Potato, Sour Cream, Mixed Veg., Dinner Roll, Pie and Milk.

Fri. Feb. 24 - Creamed Chicken, Biscuit, California Blend, Veg., Fruit Cup, Pudding and Milk.

Mon. Feb. 27 - Italian Meat Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Cauliflower, Garlic Bread, Apricots and Milk.

Tues. Feb. 28 - Liver or Hotdish, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Fruit Crisp and 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.

CLEARBROOK ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

NOON: LUNCH

1:00: BUSINESS MEETING



will be held at the: Banquet Room

– at the –

Clearbrook Community Center

Friday, March 3RD, 2017

THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION OF 2 DIRECTORS FOR THE CO-OP. BOARD

LAND O'LAKES, INC.

DOOR PRIZES

R48-49C



Scott Taflin from Las Vegas, was visiting at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center with Luvern Nordlund. Scott was in his sixth grade class when he taught at Clearbrook.

American Heart Month

NOTICE

This is a public notice to the residents of Pine Lake and the area.

Aeration has begun and will continue as needed. This aeration system will cause open water and thin ice on Pine Lake.

Please be advised that all ice travel should be done with extreme caution.

Red Lake Watershed District
Thief River Falls, MN

R45-50C

Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company

invites all policyholders

to the **113th Annual Meeting**

to be held

BUSINESS MEETING begins at 10:30 am

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

at the

GONVICK AMERICAN LEGION

COFFEE & ROLLS

DOOR PRIZES

A Special Meeting will follow at 11:00 am to discuss and vote on the proposed merger with Lakeland Farmers Insurance Company

R47-48C

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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Nominations sought for 2017 Clearwater County "First Lady"

The March 11th Clearwater County First Lady event tickets are now available.

In just a few weeks, The Clearwater County Historical Society will announce the 2017 Clearwater County "First Lady" award. On Saturday March 11th at a morning reception hosted by the women of St. Josephs Chruch in Bagley and the Clearwater County Historical Society, a new name will be added to the honor roll.

The $10.00 tickets can be purchased at: Northern State Bank in Gonvick., First State Bank In Clearbrook, Thrifty White Drug in Bagley or the The History Center in Shevlin.

Seating is limited, no tickets will be available at the door.

The award is co-sponsored by First National Bank Bagley & Fosston, Riverwood Bank Bagley, First State Bank Clearbrook and Northern State Bank in Gonvick.

Your help is needed to select the 2017 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination; this can include any accomplishments in her life such as volunteer years of service, her career highlights, and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number so we can let you know if your nominee is selected.

Letters should be sent to
2017 First Lady -
History Center
P.O. Box 241
Bagley MN 56621.

Letters will be delivered unopened to a panel of judges selected from the county.

Nominations are needed by FEBRUARY 25.

Questions? Call Tamara or Edna at 785-2000 (History Center) for more information.

Commissioners...

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are hired to transport is accomplished in the safest and most secure way possible."

After touring their facilities and observing the extreme safety measures used to ensure the safe transport of the millions of gallons of oil each day, and attendance at numerous public meetings, they know that pipelines are the safest way to transport oil products. They also see the support the public has for the pipeline industry.

Nathan Nordlund, District Manager, and Nick Phillips of the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) brought motions regarding upcoming expected AIS Prevention Awareness Campaign, equipment and inspection staffing expenses for the coming and some future seasons. All motions were passed unanimously.

They said the option of a 25 cent raise for returning inspectors is a good incentive to have them come back for another year.

Assistant County Attorney David Hanson received approval for employee benefit accrual at a rate 3/5 for Karen Gebhardt, in conjunction with OJP Victim's Services 5 year grant reimbursements, effective at start of grant Oct. 1, 2016 through Oct. 1, 2021.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received approval for payment of the Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of $115,892. A large expenditure in the amount of $73,321 for insurance was noted.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson received authorization to pay the submitted invoices of $214,991 from the County Revenue Fund, and $26,054 from Nursing Service.

A motion was passed to authorize County Board Chairman Dean Newland to sign the Central Pension Fund-Participation Agreement with the Local 49 Union.

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

Bagley School District

Bagley School District
High School Office: 694-3120
Elementary Office: 694-6528
District Office: 694-6184
Community Ed.694-3232
www.bagley.k12.mn.us

Wed. Feb. 22 - Sub-Sec. 20A Ensemble at Bagley.

Thurs. Feb. 23- Conferences, Grade 5-12, 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. GBB at RLCC. Hockey Sec. 8A Quarterffinals, TBA

Fri. Feb. 24 - BBB vs Roseau. Wrestling Sec. Ind. Tour at Fergus Falls.

Sat. Feb. 25 - Sr. High Glow Dance, 9;)) p.m. to Midnight. Hickey Sec. 8A Semifinals TBA. Wrestling Sec. Ind. Tourn at Fergus Falls..

Mon. Feb. 27 - Elemenetary Book Fair

Tues. Feb. 28 - BBB vs EGF.

Wed. March 1 - Elementary Book Fair

Clearwater County Fair Calendar Winners

Feb. 11 -Adeline Woolicroft, Bagley, $20.

Feb. 12 Kathy Iverson, Winger, $20.

Feb. 13 - Conrad Tollefson, Leonard, $20.

Feb. 14 - Buddy Merschman, Shevlin, $20.

Feb. 15 - Derrick Eishens, Bagley, $20.

Feb. 16 -Signe Bergeson, Bagley, $20.

Feb. 17 -Patty Theis, Bagley, $20.

Church News

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

Sunday Divine Service: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School / Adult Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

FAITH BIBLE CHAPEL OF CLOVER
Leonard, MN

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog

Wed., Feb. 22 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer.

Thurs., Feb. 23 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study and prayer.

Sun., Feb. 26 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 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.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway

Wed. Feb. 22nd - 6:30 p.m. Awana

Thurs. Feb. 23rd - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer

Sat. Feb. 25th - 7 a.m. Men's Prayer, Breakfast and Bible Study. 5:30 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 26th - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Mon. Feb, 27th - 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Kris Emmel's

Coming events... April 1, Ukraine Sale.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive – Nazareth
Oak Park – St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth

Wed, Feb. 22: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation.

Sat, Feb. 25: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Feb. 26: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 8:00 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth, 10:00 a.m. SS.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com

Wed, Feb. 22: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, Feb. 23: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.

Fri, Feb. 24: 8:45 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, Feb. 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Feb. 28: 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.

Wed, Mar. 1: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman

Good Shepherd

Wed., No Choir Practice; or Handbell Practice during the month of February. Will resume March 1.

Sun., Feb. 26 - 9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion/Fifth Grade Communion; 10:00 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Hour.

Mon. Feb. 27 - 2:00 p.m. Bible Study.

Joint

Wed., Feb. 22 - 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Our Savior's

Sun., Feb. 26 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour; 11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion/ First Communion for Fifth Grade, Gideons.

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 Brad Binder
Children's Minister Nicky Ubert
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367
cfchurch@gvtel.com

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept.-May)10:00 a.m. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. Kids Worship (most Sundays) Jr. Church follows, 7:00 p.m. Youth Night (most Sundays).

Every Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH
MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com

SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wed., Feb. 22 - 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Quilting.6:30-8:00 p.m. Confirmation.

Sun., Feb. 26 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Installation of Officers. Cake and coffee to follow.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wed., Feb. 22- United WNALC meets at Fay Bjerke's home.

Sun., Feb. 26- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service/Installation of Officers. 10:00 Sunday School.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

Sun, Feb. 26: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethany.

Wed, Mar. 1: 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Lund.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor

Sun, Feb. 26: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

Restore It!
Furniture Shop:
Custom refinishing of wood furniture. 218-487-5290, Ext 2.

Space to Rent: Large or small spaces available for receptions of all kinds. Call 218-487-5290, Ext. 2. Visit our website or stop by to see what we have to offer.

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

Friday Night Out: Keep an eye on the "Happenings". We reveal the name of our guest chef for March 3.

Grow It! season is just around the corner. Book your basket party, call 218-487-5290, Ext. 3. Leave a message, if no one answers; we will get back to you. 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. - Fri., 9-4 & Sat., 9-12: Create It! Art Studios and Restore It! Furniture Shop (open until 8 PM the first Fri. of each month).

For programs and services, visit us at: www.clearwaterslife.org, www. mustardseedhomes.org, or www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org and our Facebook pages. CWLC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization providing a variety of free and low-cost programming and services to northern Clearwater County and surrounding area.

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BEAR TRACKS

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

School News

Choir/Band Small Group Contest will be held on Feb. 22 in Bagley. GOOD LUCK BEARS!

Steve Philion, former teacher and coach will be honored for his recent induction into the MN Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. He will be honored at the basketball game on Friday, Feb 24. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ACT: The Juniors will be taking the ACT at school on February 28th at the start of the day. A letter will be sent out to homes with more information.

Early Childhood Special Event: Run and Read Night, Monday, February 27.

Classroom Drivers Education Schedule Spring 2017. Dates are: March 7,8,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23. Meet in room 414. Time is 3:20, except on Wednesdays it is 2:35. Do not need to pre-register. Need to be 15 by around August 1st. Date is flexible, talk to Judy if you have questions. Cost is $70 for classroom. Can be paid anytime during the class.

Upcoming activities

Thur, Mar 2: Girls SS quarter-finals, BSU/Bagley, 6:00/7:45

Sat, Mar 4: Girls SS semi-finals, REA in TRF, 12:00/1:45

Tue, Mar 7: Girls SS Finals, REA, 6:00

Fri, Mar 10: Girls S Finals, REA, 7:00

Mon, Mar 6: Boys SS play-in, high seed, 7:00

Thur, Mar 9: Boys SS quarter-finals, BSU/Bemidji HS, 6:00/7:45

Sat, Mar 11: Boys SS semi-finals, REA in TRF, 12:00/1:45

Tue, Mar 14: Boys SS Finals, REA, 6:00

Fri, Mar 17: Boys S Finals, REA, 7:00

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed. Feb. 22- Chili, Breadstick, Fritos, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Thurs. Feb. 23 - Chicken Noodle Soup w/Tuna or Egg Salad on a WG Bun, Fruit and Vegetable Choice, Milk.

Fri. Feb. 24- Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Fruit and Vegetable Choice, Milk.

Mon. Feb. 27 - French Toast with Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit and Vegetable Choice, Milk.

Tues. Feb. 28- Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Tri Tater, Fruit and Vegetable Choice, Milk.

SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight of the Month on High School Students



February High School Students of the Month: Pictured in front (left to right): Damen Johns, Malania Hartwig, Tyler Spencer, pictured in back (left to right): Mikala Johnson, Carlie Bergerson, Erick Bergman.

February High School Students of the Month

Name: Carlie Bergerson, Grade 12

Parents: Jeremy and Cathy Bergerson **Siblings:** Jayden and Jacie

School Involvement: Basketball and NHS

Favorite Class/Activity: US Citizenship with Mrs. Hjort and Chemistry with Mrs. Goudge

Hobbies/Interests: Hunting and Fishing

What she likes about CG: "knowing everyone"

Future Plans: "I would like to be a Registered Nurse or a Neurologist."

Comments: *"Carlie is a great student and person. She leads with a quiet confidence and is well respected by her peers and teachers." "Carlie is great to have in class. Quiet but a leader that is well liked by her peers and teachers as well." "Really enjoyed having her in class. She is going to be missed next year!" "Carlie works hard and never complains. She has great internal drive and a strong desire to do well. She is kind and respectful to everyone!"*

Name: Mikala D. Johnson, Grade 11

Parents: Doug and Robyn Johnson **Siblings:** Moriah, Sam, and Luke

School Involvement: Student Council, Band, Basketball, NHS

Favorite Class/Activity: College American Literature with Mrs. DeVries & Chemistry with Mrs. Goudge

Hobbies/Interests: Basketball and Lifeguarding at the Clearbrook Community Pool

What she likes about CG: "The atmosphere and the faculty"

Future Plans: "To be a pediatrician."

Comments: *"Mikala is a bright and talented student with a smile on her face." "Enjoy having her in class." "Never short on excitement and energy!" "Nice smile and always pleasant to be around." "It has been fun to see Mikala's academic growth over the past few years." "Mikala adds great insight and thoughtful ideas to discussion. She always has a smile on her face and is willing to help others out."*

Name: Erick Bergman, Grade 10

Parents: Paul & Sally Bergman **Siblings:** Emily, Sarah, Carly, and Jenny

School Involvement: Football, basketball, and Iron Bear

Favorite Class/Activity: Shop Class

Hobbies/Interests: Playing Sports

What he likes about CG: "Everyone knows every one and the teachers want everyone to do well."

Future Plans: "I do not know yet, but for sure go away from Clearbrook and Minnesota for a little while."

Comments: *"Well liked by his peers" "Very kind and soft spoken" "Enjoyed having Erick in class, will miss him next year." "Erick grabs hold of an idea or concept and sees it through to the end. He has a very creative, yet calculated approach to projects. It's always a pleasure to have him in class." "Is very dedicated when when he puts his mind to something." "Always willing to lend a helping hand."*

Name: Tyler Spencer, Grade 9

Parents: Carole Ann Solee and Scott Spencer **Siblings:** Dylan and Cam

Favorite Class/Activity: Physical Science

Hobbies/Interests: Building and Video Games

What he likes about CG: "The teachers"

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

Comments: *"He doesn't smile often but when he does, he lights up the room." "He is a good and loyal friend. He loves doing math and his enthusiasm for the subject is fun to watch." "He's a great kid and I enjoy working with him." "Tyler is great to have in class and does a great job at everything. Really enjoy having him in class." "Tyler is a very focused and witty young man." "He is a hard worker who likes to have things in order."*

Name: Damon Johns, Grade 8

Parents: Tiffani Packineau

School Involvement: played basketball

Favorite Class/Activity: Math & English

Hobbies/Interests: Basketball, video games and computers

What he likes about CG: "It is a small school."

Future Plans: "Work on computers"

Comments: It has been fun having Damon in my class this year. He is a hard worker and is very willing to help others. He has a great attitude about school and learning. Pleasure to have Damon in class. Enjoy his quiet demeanor and willingness to participate. Great basketball fan!! Well liked by all his classmates and peers.

Name: Malania Hartwig, Grade 7

Parent: Jackie Hartwig **Siblings:** Makenna Hartwig

School Involvement: Basketball and Volleyball

Favorite Class/Activity: STEAM and computer class

Hobbies/Interests: baking and basketball

What she likes about CG: "Lunch, Staff, and Teachers"

Future Plans: "I would like to be a make-up artist."

Comments: *"Malaina is a very conscientious student. She constantly strives to do her best and is kind and helpful to her peers. She does a fantastic job in class." "Always works hard and does a great job on her assignments." "Has a great smile and always a positive person. Seems to get along with everyone which is a great quality to have." "Malaina is very accepting of her peers and I witness her kindness daily. She works hard, participates in discussion, and is willing to listen to others ideas."*



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears honored their parents at the home game that was held on Valentine's Day February 14. From left to right: Junior Varsity members Emma Dorman, daughter of Sara and Chris Eck and MyKenzie Larson daughter of Misty and Jordan Larson with brother Jaret.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears honored their parents at the home game that was held on Valentine's Day February 14. From left to right: Junior Varsity members Jenny Lavin daughter of John and Joanne Lavin and Lauren Melby, daughter of Cindy and Jacob Melby.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears honored their parents at the home game that was held on Valentine's Day February 14. from let to right Freshman: Nicole Spears and daughter Nyah Neadeau; Danae' Stenzel daughter of Cheryl and Tom Stenzel and Jackie Lynn Taflin daughter of Steve Taflin and Tina Sharp.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Early Childhood Programs

Invite you to join us for …

RUN & READ NIGHT!

Monday, Feb. 27th, 2017

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary Gym

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NATIONAL PET DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Board of Commissioners proceedings

January 3, 2017

The January meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on January 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with Auditor-Treasurer Al Paulson presiding and Commissioners Illies, Syverson and Stenseng present.

Oaths of Office – Angela Soderstrom from Court Administration administered the oaths of office for Alroy Lewis and Harlan Strandlien.

Appointment of Officers – Commissioner Illies nominated Dean Newland as Chairman.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried by unanimous vote, to cease nominations and appoint Dean Newland as the Chairman of the Clearwater County Board.

Commissioner Illies nominated Daniel Stenseng as Vice-Chairman. Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried by unanimous vote, to cease nominations and appoint Daniel Stenseng as the Vice-Chairman of the Clearwater County Board.

Daniel Stenseng then presided over the meeting. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Agenda with changes.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to appoint Jamie Freeman as Clearwater County Assessor to a four year term from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the 2017 Tobacco Licenses for the following business: Country Inn Bar & Grill.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of $137,171.29 for the County Revenue Fund and $14,749.73 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Commissioner Nelson present at 9:13 a.m.

Oaths of Office – Tracy Stodgell from Court Administration administered the Oath of Office for John Nelson and John Gunvalson and Assessor Jamie Freeman.

Land Department – Bruce Cox presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the Land Commissioner to proceed with hiring Sheldon Murphy as Forest Technician at BCC grade 14 step A.

Open – There were Department Head Reviews done at the December work sessions for Dan Hecht, Harry Hutchens III, Jamie Freeman and Stuart Lien all with satisfactory results.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to re-adopt the three-day notice requirement rule. No motion or resolution can be acted on by the County Board unless all of the Board members have received the written motion or resolution of the subject matter at least three days prior to the Board meeting. The notice requirement can be waived by general consent by all Board members in the best interest of the County. If general consent is not obtained, the motion or Resolution shall be tabled until the next scheduled Board meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the following general Agenda for the first Board meeting of each month: Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance/Minutes & Agenda Approval, Land Department, Environmental Services, Break, Sheriff, MIS/GIS (as requested), Assessor, Engineer, Open, Noon Break, Veterans Service Officer, Auditor-Treasurer, County Surveyor, Open. The Soil & Water Conservation District and any other Department Head may meet with the County Board at any scheduled monthly meeting by arranging an appointment time with the County Board Coordinator. All other citizens wishing to meet with the Board to discuss business shall contact the Commissioner of their district, obtain approval to meet with the Board, and then the Commissioner will contact the Coordinator for an appointment time.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to establish the following dates as regular Board meetings during 2017 to begin at 9:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, and that each of the scheduled meetings will be recessed until 1:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month to allow the Board additional time to conduct County Business unless otherwise noted. Additional meetings are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. when the month contains five Tuesdays, as noted. January 3, 17 & 31; February 14& 21; March 14 & 21; April 11 & 18; May 9, 16 & 30; June 13 at 5:00 p.m. & 20; July 11 & 18; August 8, 15& 29; September 12& 19; October 10, 17& 31; November 14 & 21; December 12 at 5:00 p.m. & 19.

Mississippi Headwaters Board – Tim Terrell was present to give an update on Mississippi Headwaters Board activities

Open – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved the following dates for the 2017 Work Session Meetings. Work Session Meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room on the 2nd Floor of the Clearwater County Courthouse. 3 or more Commissioners may be in attendance at anyone of these meetings. January 6, 2017; February 10, 2017; March 10, 2017; April 7, 2017; May 5, 2017; June 9, 2017; July 7, 2017; July 28, 2017; September 8, 2017; October 6, 2017; November 9, 2017; December 8, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to re-adopt Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline for facilitating County Board meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the Coordinator to publish a summary of County Board Minutes upon approval of the County Board. All Resolutions, policies, and Ordinances are available at the Auditor's Office for review.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to designate the Leader Record as the legal paper for 2017. The County Engineer is authorized to advertise for County Highway Projects on the County Website as stated in Minnesota Statutes 331a.12.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay routine bills prior to Board approval. These include utility bills, items which are payroll related, registration fees, Verizon bills, T & K Outdoors of Bemidji bills, unemployment, Veterans Transportation volunteer mileage, Neopost bills, Postage, meeting expense advances, or any bill with a prior Board motion which states the dollar amount. Auditor usually cuts these checks on Fridays. Audit list is prepared for bills paid which goes to the board after payment for board review. Board chair signs approved list.

Soil & Water Conservation District – Nathan Nordlund and Nick Phillips were present to discuss MPCA rule changes regarding waters in the state of Minnesota.

Commissioner Newland present at 10:12 a.m.

Oath of Office – Angela Soderstrom from Court Administration administered the oath of office for Dean Newland.

Chairman Newland then presided over the meeting

Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Minutes from the month of December with corrections.

Emergency Meeting Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2016 Emergency Meeting.

Open – Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Boards and Committees Appointments for 2017, on file.

The meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on January 17, 2017.

January 17, 2017

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on January 17, 2017 with Chairman Newland presiding and all Commissioners present.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Agenda with additions.

Sheriff – Darin Halverson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Sheriff to purchase a 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility AWD from Midway Ford for $26,332 and have it equipped. Total cost will not exceed $39,000.

Darin Halverson also discussed with the Board a need for a public hearing to discuss body cameras. He will hold this hearing at the January 31st Board meeting.

MIS – Stuart Lien presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the purchase of the 2017 General Government computer & software maintenance, upgrades and support agreements not to exceed $45,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to authorize the purchase of 2017 computer replacements and technology upgrades for General Government not to exceed $55,000.00.

Engineer – Pat Halloran, Assistant Engineer presented the bills, financial statement and the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of $345,206.39 for the County Revenue Fund and $86,202.00 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Veterans Service Officer – Harry Hutchens III presented a quarterly report of office activities to the Board.

Open – Commissioner Illies discussed some of the House of Representative's proposed bills.

Commissioner Stenseng will be attending an AMC District 2 meeting on January 20, 2017.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 1:36 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 2017.

January 31, 2017

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened with Chairman Newland presiding and all Commissioners present.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to approve the Agenda with additions.

Public Hearing – Sheriff Darin Halverson was present for a public hearing at 9:05 a.m. regarding public input on a policy for body worn cameras. There was one private citizen present. Darin informed the Board that smart phones can be used as body cameras. He is planning on having one or two officers use these for a trial period.

Attorney – Richard Mollin gave his resignation to the Board. His last day will be March 10, 2017. By general consent the Board accepted his resignation and discussed the hiring process. Also present was Assistant Attorney David Hanson.

Auditor-Treasurer – Emily McDougall, Auditor-Treasurer Clerk, presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to appoint Cindy Benson to the Clearwater County Extension Committee for a three year term. (2017-2020)

The Board reviewed the month end financials.

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht discussed 2016 budget items including wetland, incinerator costs, the solid waste hauler's contract and recycling. He informed the Board that a trailer that was stored at the landfill which belonged to the Sheriff's department was stolen. Also, he discussed ground water monitoring wells and possible future updates at the landfill.

Engineer – Dan Sauvé presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to pass the Resolution for Agreement to act as a sponsoring agency for a transportation enhancement project for the City of Clearbrook, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to advertise project SAP 015-630-004 & SAP 015-631-006: Grading and Aggregate Base and set the date and time of letting for 10:00 a.m. on March 14, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to advertise project SAP 015-602-023 SAP 015-627-007, SAP 015-645-003, SAP 015-646-003 & SAP 015-620-007: Culvert Replacement, Culvert Repair, Bituminous Milling, Bituminous Surfacing, Aggregate Shouldering & Milled Rumble Strips, and set the date and time of letting for 10:00 a.m. on April 11, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to advertise project CP 17-100: Pavement Markings, and set date and time of letting for 10:10 a.m. on April 11, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to advertise project CP 17-200: Aggregate Surfacing, and set date and time of letting for 10:20 a.m. on April 11, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to advertise project CP 17-500: Crack Sealing, and set date and time of letting for 10:30 a.m. on April 11, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Highway Department to advertise project CP 17-400: Supply Fuel in Bagley, and set date and time of letting for 10:00 a.m. on July 11, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to pass the Resolution for CSAH 2 (SAP 015-602-024) Highway Easement, on file.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to pass the Resolution for CSAH 2 (SAP 015-602-025) Highway Easement, on file.

By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize the County Engineer to advertise for Heavy Equipment Operator and to hold a "Roadeo" to evaluate the skills of applicants for potential future employment.

Closed Session Department Head Evaluations – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to close the meeting at 10:32 for Department Head Evaluations of Dan Sauvé, Steve Faldet and Bruce Cox.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to re-open the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Open – There was a discussion with Bruce Cox on County lake accesses. Also, they discussed a Border to Border trail planning meeting that Commissioner Newland attended.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Dated: February 14, 2017

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Dean Newland, Board Chairman

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Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator

R48C

Notice to the Residents of Clover Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Clover Township, that the annual election of township officers and the annual meeting will be held on Tues., March 14, 2017 at the Clover Town Hall. Meeting will be held at 4:00 pm. Election of:

1 Supervisor, 3 yr. term
1 Treasurer, 2 yr. term

will be held from 5:00-7:00 pm at the same location.

Joel Wraa, Clerk R48-49C

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voter(s) of Eden Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday on March 21, 2017 and if inclement weather also postpones the election and meeting the election and meeting will be held March 28, 2017.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 5:00 pm to 8:00pm at which time the voters will elect:

1 Township supervisor for a 3 year term.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00 pm to conduct all necessary business provided by law.

The Annual Meeting and election will be held at the Gully Tri-Coop Lumber Yard Meeting Room located across from the Gully Tri-Coop Elevator.

For further information contact Dennis Erickson, Eden Township Clerk-Treasurer, @ 218 268-4590. R48-49C



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Monday, February 27 the Clearbrook-Gonvick Early Childhood program is having a Run and Read night at the school. Events starts at 6:00 p.m. No fee for the fun.

March 4 is the date set for the United Lutheran Church at Berner to have their annual Potao Klub dinner.

The Gully-Trail Youth Group is having their 2nd annual midwinter Social on Sunday, February 26 starting at 4:30 p.m.

The Project Linus Day of Oklee Quilting is March 4th. Make sure to check the ad on page 2 of the Canary section.

The Clearwater Trailblazers Snowmobile Club is inviting everyone to their Open House in Leonard. See ad in the Canary section this week.

From my email...

Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

And 'lollipop' is the longest word typed with your right hand. (Bet you just tried these out mentally, didn't you?)

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Birds of a feather flock together. . .and then crap on your car.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs'.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Ah! Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Lord, Keep your arm around our shoulders, and your hand over our mouths.

A reminder that Radon test kits are available at Clearwater County Nursing Service in Bagley. Call (218) 694-6581 if you have questions.

We have been taking a lot of passport pictures lately. I think people are getting tired of the winter. Check your dates on your passports so that they can be renewed without too much hassle. Renew before they expire. Call Leader-Record in Gonvick 487-5225 to get set up for a time to take and get them right away.

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.

The Leader-Record is the official legal newspaper for the county for the coming year.

Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our website for you to see. Go online at tricocanary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our office.

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

Joke time...

Ole and Swen were driving through the cemetery in Bemidji on Decoration Day reading all the inscriptions on the tombstones. They came to one that said, "Here lies an honest man and a walleye fisherman." Ole said to Swen, "I wonder why they buried two men in one grave."

Regional Ag News

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2017 Extension Drainage Design Workshop

The annual Extension Drainage Design Workshop will be held at the Grand Forks County Office Building in Grand Forks, ND March 2 – 3. The workshop is a collaborative effort between the University of Minnesota, and North Dakota State University Extension.

The 2-day workshop starts at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. on day two. The workshop will focus on planning and design of agricultural tile drainage systems to meet both profitability and environmental objectives. The course content is taught in a hands-on manner with lots of discussion time.

The workshop is intended for those interested in a more complete understanding of the planning and design principles and practices for drainage and water table management systems, including: farmers, landowners, consultants, drainage contractors, government agency staff and water resource managers. Planning topics include: legal aspects, basics of drainable soils, agronomic perspectives, doing your own tiling, land evaluation tools, wetlands, and conservation drainage concepts and techniques. The design topics begin with basic design considerations and progress through individual small team projects, with several hands-on problem-solving examples covering basic design and layout principles, water flow calculations, drain spacing, sizing, and grades. Participants are encouraged to bring information for their own fields, and any computers they are using for design, so they can work on their own projects during exercises.

Registration for the workshops is now available at: https://www.regonline.com/2017DrainDesign. The registration price is $300, and is limited to about 50 participants. Due to seating limitations, on-site registration will not be available on the day of the event.

WORKSHOP LOCATION:
March 2-3, 2017
Grand Forks County Office Building 151 South 4th Street (6th Floor)
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201

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Other Important events:

• "Gardening and Beyond" -Gardening workshop, Saturday Feb. 25th
o 9am-3:15pm @ Evangelical Free Church 211 Arnold Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN
o Going Over-strawberry/raspberry production, amending garden soils, honeyberries, microgreens & baby greens
• SWCD East Polk will be ending the tree order forms by Feb 28th
o GREAT DEALS
• Advanced Crop Advisers Workshop Feb. 28th –March 1st
o Holiday Inn/ 1-29 and 13th Ave. S , Fargo
o UMN Extension & NDSU Extension Service
• East Polk Crop Improvement Meeting-UMN Extension/MCIA March 6th
o 9am-12pm @ McIntosh Community Center
o If you missed the small grains update in Crookston in Jan., this would be a great substitute
• Dairy Days-UMN Extension March 7th
o 10am-3pm @ McIntosh Community Center
o East Polk DHIA meeting at lunch
o Great presenters, Great program, Do not miss
• Anhydrous Ammonia Inspection and Compliance Workshop-MN Department of Ag. March 15th
o 9am-12pm @ Cenex Harvest States (CHS) Warren, MN
• High Tunnel Conference – NDSU Extension March 24th-25th
o NDSU Campus, Fargo
o More details coming…
o Call Esther McGinnis-NDSU Extension Horticulturist 701-231-7971
• Garden Party and Workshop –Beltrami Master Gardeners/UMN Extension March 25th
o 8:30am-3:00pm @ Evangelical Free Church, Bemidji, MN 56601
o Succulents, pollinator habitat, fruit in the north, tulips, potato, garlic will all be covered

Farmers Mutual annual meeting

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be having their 113th annual meeting on Saturday, February 25.

All policyholders are invited to the business meeting that begins at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Gonvick American Legion.

A Special meeting will follow at 11:00 a.m. to discuss and vote on the propsosed merger with Lakeland Farmers Insurance Company.

Coffee, rolls and door prizes at the meeting.

Now hear this...

by Harry Hutchens, Clearwater County Veterans Service Officer
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GIVE A VETERAN A LIFT 2017: THANK YOU! The 10th Annual "Give A Veteran A Lift" music benefit fundraiser for the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program this past Saturday at the Bagley High School continues its enduring track record as an unqualified success. The free will offering received at the door and directed to the offering this past week totaled, drum roll please... $3,132.00!This tops last year's event total, and brings the ten-year total of Caring Friends' support of the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program to over $22,600. I am so grateful, and blessed several times a week to provide the coordination of the transportation services of this program. And now, some numbers... In 2016, the Transportation Program mileage reimbursement expense to Volunteer Drivers was $12,232.00, and 22,629 veteran transport miles were driven by the three volunteers. 34 unique veterans were transported to 151 VA Health Care appointments at nine different facilities. It is important to note that the program can only serve this county's veteran passengers when there is a covering balance in the County Revenue fund. I'd like to encourage local agencies and service groups to consider the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program as fully worthy of their financial support. I am ready to provide and personally present information to townships, Veterans Service Organization posts, church groups and individuals whose heart for service is seeking to bless Clearwater County's veterans with transportation access to their VA Health Care.

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

— JANUARY 2017 CLAIMS OVER $2,000 —

Anderson Disposal	10,955.23	Solid Waste
Association of Minnesota Counties	5,598.00	County Revenue
Bagley Co-op Association	3,418.74	County Revenue, Tax Forfeited, Nursing Service
Bagley Co-op Association	11,888.32	Road & Bridge
Phil Chalmers	2,000.00	County Revenue
Champ Software Inc	10,875.00	Nursing Service
City of Bagley	3,600.00	Road & Bridge
City of Gonvick	2,640.00	Road & Bridge
Clearwater Co Historical Soc.	15,000.00	County Revenue (Appropriation)
Clearwater County Ag Society	35,000.00	County Revenue (Appropriation)
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	3,958.00	Solid Waste
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	30,788.27	Human Services
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	34,386.00	Nursing Service
Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer	8,969.09	County Revenue, Tax Forfeited, Solid Waste
Clearwater SWCD	17,340.00	County Revenue (Appropriation)
Clearwater SWCD	22,777.00	County Revenue
Commissioner of Revenue	5,273.00	County Revenue, Tax Forfeited, Solid Waste
Community Oil Company Inc	5,932.21	Road & Bridge
Compass Minerals America	2,318.17	Road & Bridge
Emergency Communications Network LLC	4,950.00	County Revenue
First National Bank	93,762.91	County Revenue
Garden Valley Telephone Co	5,744.25	County Revenue
Garden Valley Telephone Co	3,371.71	County Revenue, Solid Waste
Higgins Heating Inc	3,235.00	Energy
Listrom's Disposal	13,714.48	Solid Waste
Janny Lopez	2,689.56	Human Services
MCCC	50,336.02	County Revenue
MCIT	252,073.00	County Revenue
Minnesota Sheriffs' Association	3,599.00	County Revenue
Minnesota UC Fund	8,276.17	County Revenue
MRCC	2,100.00	County Revenue
North Woods Technologies	3,175.00	County Revenue
Northwest Service Cooperative	80,164.50	County Revenue
One Source Floors	9,697.46	Road & Bridge
Polk County Solid Waste	21,678.15	Solid Waste
Public Utilities Commission	5,655.45	County Revenue, Tax Forfeited
Regents of the University of MN	21,646.04	County Revenue
Martha Ricke	7,863.14	Road & Bridge
Stellher Human Services Inc	8,474.00	Human Services
The Dive Depot	16,746.70	County Revenue
Thompson's Gravel, Rock & Logging	3,445.00	Solid Waste
Visa	3,454.62	County Revenue





Scott Taflin playing the piano at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. They were having a sing-a-long with the many who were in attendance for the Valentine Party.



Bev Charles, Carol Lewinsky, Sylvia Johnson and Harriet Shellum were at the sing-a-long at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center.



Jaclyn Hubbard #4 for the Fosston Greyhounds going in for a layup against theClearbrook-Gonvick Bears. The Bears played full court press and intense defense during the game to get the victory 64 to 57.

February is American Heart Month

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women, but heart disease is preventable and controllable.

The term "heart disease" refers to several types of heart conditions. The most common type in the United States is coronary heart disease (also called coronary artery disease), which occurs when a substance called plaque builds up in the arteries that supply blood to the heart. Coronary heart disease can cause heart attack, angina, heart failure, and arrhythmias.

Heart attack symptoms

The five major symptoms of a heart attack are:

Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck, or back.

Feeling weak, light-headed, or faint.

Chest pain or discomfort.

Pain or discomfort in arms or shoulder.

Shortness of breath.

If you think that you or someone you know is having a heart attack, call 9–1–1 immediately.

The situation is alarming, but there is good news—heart disease is preventable and controllable. Every journey begins with one step, whether it's climbing a mountain or preventing heart disease.

One Step at a Time Plan for Prevention

Some health conditions and lifestyle factors can put people at a higher risk for developing heart disease. You can help prevent heart disease by making healthy choices and managing any medical conditions you may have.

Eat a healthy diet. Choosing healthful meal and snack options can help you avoid heart disease and its complications. Be sure to eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables—adults should have at least 5 servings each day. Eating foods low in saturated fat, trans-fat, and cholesterol and high in fiber can help prevent high cholesterol. Limiting salt or sodium in your diet also can lower your blood pressure.

Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight or obese can increase your risk for heart disease.

Exercise regularly. Physical activity can help you maintain a healthy weight and lower cholesterol and blood pressure. The Surgeon General recommends adults engage in moderate-intensity exercise for 2 hours and 30 minutes every week..

Monitor your blood pressure. High blood pressure often has no symptoms, so be sure to have it checked on a regular basis..

Don't smoke. Cigarette smoking greatly increases your risk for heart disease. If you don't smoke, don't start. If you do smoke, quit as soon as possible. Your doctor can suggest ways to help you quit.

Limit alcohol use. Avoid drinking too much alcohol, which can increase your blood pressure. Men should stick to no more than two drinks per day, and women to no more than one.

Have your cholesterol checked. Your health care provider should test your cholesterol levels at least once every 5 years.

Manage your diabetes. If you have diabetes, monitor your blood sugar levels closely, and talk with your doctor about treatment options.

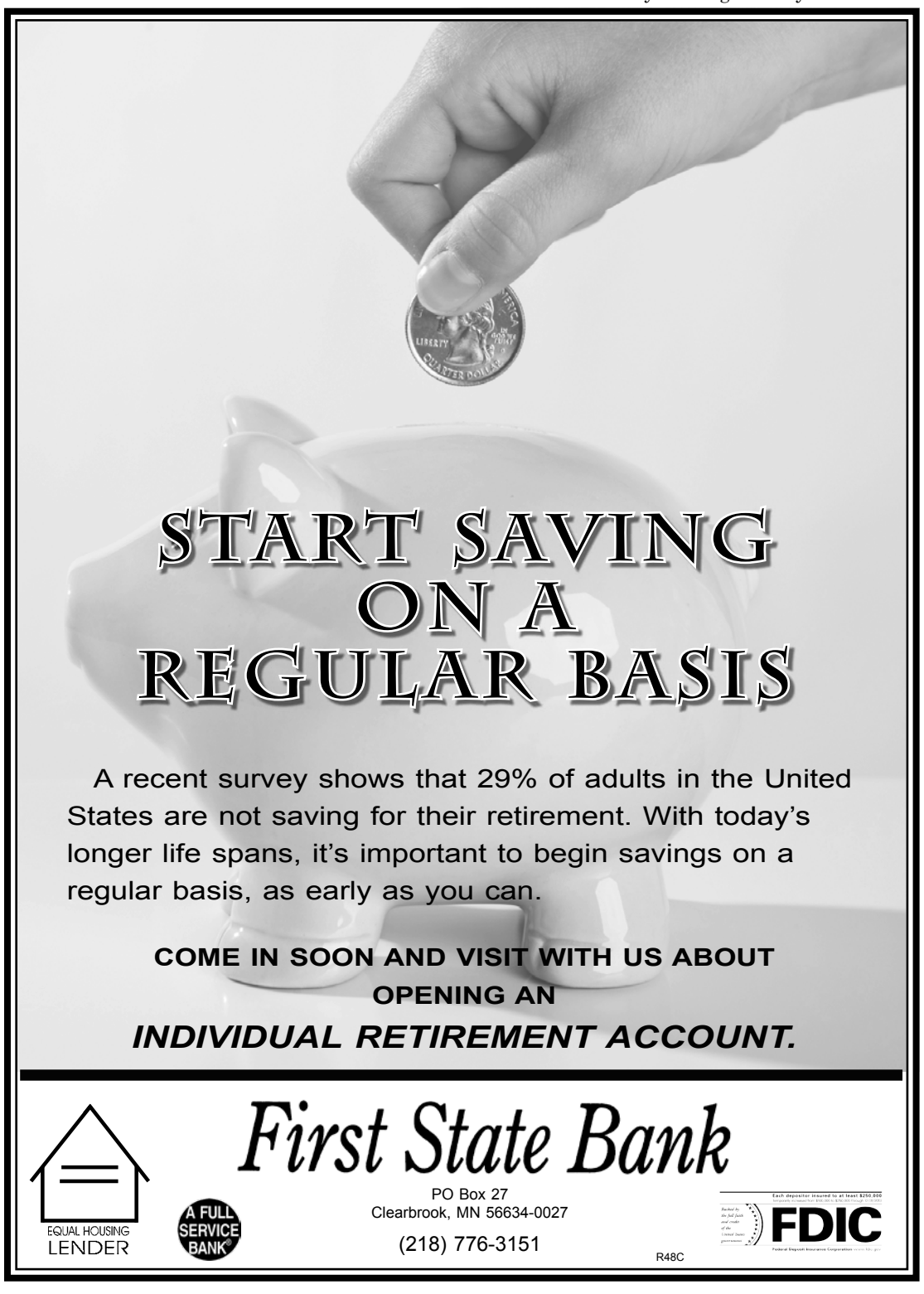
Take your medicine. If you're taking medication to treat high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes, follow your doctor's instructions carefully.

Together, we can prevent heart disease, one step at a time.

www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/american_heart_month.htm



Junior Tamera Skinaway up for two of her seven points as the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the Fosston Greyhounds on Parents night. They won 64-57 for the parents.





March is a Great Time to Donate to the Clearwater County Food Shelf

Each March, Minnesota FoodShare directs the March Campaign, the largest food drive in the state and restocks almost 300 food shelves across Minnesota. Throughout the year, Minnesota FoodShare advocates on behalf of hungry families with state and federal lawmakers and educates the public about hunger in Minnesota. Best of all, the Minnesota FoodShare acts as a clearinghouse for cash donations and gives matching funds for cash donations made to our county between March 1 and April 7, so your cash donations will add up to much more than the amount of your check.

The 2016 March campaign in Clearwater County was a great success. We received 2,358 pounds of donated food and an amazing $21, 457.71 in cash donations. These cash donations are our main source of funding for the entire year.

"We have greatly appreciated the generosity of past donors, especially our long-time faithful. The people of this county have been wonderful," states Clearwater County Food Shelf President Becky Colebank. "We also welcome new donors. You will find it truly is a blessing to give."

You can contribute in several ways: 1. Organize a food drive at your work place 2. Make a contribution and either mail it to Clearwater County Food Shelf, P. O. Box 578, Bagley MN 56621 or drop it off on Wednesdays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the food shelf which is located at 114 Main Ave N. (basement of the American Legion – go to back door) in Bagley. The Bagley Public Library is another drop-off point. 3. Volunteer to work at the food shelf. We need volunteers to sort food, pack boxes and interview clients on Wednesdays of every week. To volunteer as an individual or as an organization, call Clearwater County Food Shelf President Becky Colebank at 218-968-2268 or Site Coordinator Suzann Moen at 694-3989.

The Clearwater County Food Shelf is open every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears honored their parents at the home game that was held on Valentine's Day February 14. From left to right all juniors: Morgan Cornell, daughter of Deb and Jason Cornell; Cassie Faldet, daughter of Brenda and Darwin Faldet; and Madelynne Faldet daughter of Jennifer and Ross Faldet. Photos by Kendehl Ballard and Dick Richards.



Honoring their parents on Valentine's Day were the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears basketball team members. From left to right: Sophomore Meosha Hammer with her family Pat and Maureen Hammer and Rashariah; and sophomore Rachel Lavin with her parents Matt and Sara Lavin.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears honored their parents at the home game that was held on Valentine's Day February 14. From left to right: Freshman Lindsay Gray with her parents Tim and Sandy Gray and Sophomore Allison Lewis with her parents Scott and Verena Pletschett.

Area House members sponsor bill to construct veterans homes

ST. PAUL – State Reps. Matt Grossell, R-Clearbrook, and Matt Bliss, R-Pennington, are co-authors of legislation to construct veterans homes in two underserved regions of Minnesota, including Bemidji.

The proposal is called the Minnesota Veterans and Quality of Life Act (H.F. 1109). It would allocate a total of $16 million in bonding proceeds to construct two veterans facilities, with $10 million for one in Bemidji and $6 million for another in Montevideo.

"This issue is one of my very top priorities this session," Bliss said. "Bemidji is in a black hole in terms of access to veterans homes. For us, the nearest one is more than two hours away and that is a real obstacle for people in serious need. Our veterans have sacrificed so much and we need to do more to make sure they get the care they deserve."

Reports indicate the proposal would help provide service to roughly 30,000 veterans in northern Minnesota who are isolated from existing state veterans homes.

"It is good to see people from Bemidji and Montevideo teaming up on this proposal to do what is right for veterans," said Grossell, himself a U.S. Army veteran. "The local folks who have worked hard on the ground level deserve much credit and I am optimistic this bill will receive strong support in St. Paul so we can get this project across the finish line."

Federal and local contributions also are involved. The Bemidji facility would be constructed on land donated by the Sanford Health campus.

Rep. Tim Miller, R-Prinsburg, represents the Montevideo area and is the bill's chief author.



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