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Indi Juberian & Adilee Larson (both 2.5 years old) escorted by their daddy's Jack Juberian & Brandon Larson at the



Hallie Marsh (2 years) and Liv Marsh (4 years) were escorted by their daddy Steve Marsh at the Clearbrook Fire Department Daddy and Daughter dance that was held on Saturday, February 27.

Cost to replace campground water heaters generates sticker shock for Commissioners

By Karen Edelbach
Land Commissioner Bruce Cox brought a motion to the March 21, 2017 Board meeting for replacement of two 100 gallon commercial water heaters at the County Campground, but the staggering cost estimates to do so was as much a shock to the commissioners, as it was to him.
Mr. Cox said it was recently brought to his attention that rust is developing on the two commercial water heaters located at the Long Lake Campground, and that they are 30 years old. There are also some issues regarding the pilot lights malfunctioning. So he started investigating the cost to replace them and discovered that estimates show it would cost between \$16,100 to over \$23,000 to purchase the new heaters, which includes the installation work.
"From the information I have gotten, it is the best to go with a similar type of commercial water heaters to what we have," he said. "Since the previous water heaters have serviced us for 30 years, we can expect the new ones to take care of it for that long."

A discussion ensued to determine the necessity of using commercial water heaters, and whether a good quality non-commercial product might be sufficient, which would be significantly cheaper.
However, it was pointed out that the commercial products are designed for the heavy usage they receive during the summer at the campground. There are six shower heads, four sinks, and washing machine serviced with hot water. New ones would be gas with an electric ignition, without pilot lights. It was confirmed that there are funds in the budget to cover the cost.
In the end the motion was made by Arlen Syverson, and seconded by Neal Illies and received the approval of all commissioners for the replacement of two water heaters, and accept the proposal from Dakota Plains Mechanical for a total cost of \$16,100 to purchase them, and do the installation work.
However, while the motion was passed, it was emphasized that this is not a final decision and if there are other solutions to be considered there is time

to do that.
County Engineer, Dan Sauvé brought a motion to the County Board "To award the bid for SAP 015-630-004 & SAP 015-631-006: Grading and Aggregate Base to Dennis Drewes Inc. of Frazee, MN in the amount of \$1,566,433.90". Funding for the project comes from our County State Aid Construction fund account, which is funded through the Highway Trust fund (ie mostly gas tax and license tab fees).
The Engineer received authorization to obtain quotes for a whole building gas generator for the Highway Department, which he estimates to be around \$50,000. He explained that when the electricity goes out it is very difficult to open the large overhead doors at the building. They also lose the radio and telephone.
"It will eventually pay for itself in approximately 12 years, and I have factored in the use of ripple and depreciation," Sauvé stated.
The Board gave approval to hire Thomas Maruska from the Gonvick area for the heavy equipment operator position. They also approved payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$92,659.
In other business, Neal Illies presented a motion to obtain bids for repairing or replacement of the roof at the Human Services building.
Chairman Dean Newland said they received an application to request "Disposal Boxes" for flags, which are free.
"I will bring it up to Hutch (CVSO). The boxes can be installed at the Court House, the post office and banks."

Flags collected would then be disposed of in the same way as previously through the annual Legion ceremony.
County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson received authorization to pay the submitted invoices of \$29,279 for the County Revenue Fund, and \$1,314 for Nursing Service.
Commissioners present at the meeting were Daniel Stenseng, Dean Newland, John Nelson, Neal Illies and Arlen Syverson.

Clearbrook named Town of the Week

On Tuesday, March 21, 2017 Rob Kupec the announcer on KVRr TV stated that Clearbrook was the Town of the Week.
Clearbrook set a record for votes cast with 8,637 votes defeating Sabin, which also had the second highest vote total at 6,641. It seems a lot of votes came in from the Clearbrook-Gonvick School to push the totals up that high. Congratulations on the win and the turnout.
Clearbrook was nominated by Nancy Bagne. Clearbrook had a population of 518 in the 2010 census. It started out by being called Shanty Town but Peter Peterson didn't want that name and it became Clearbrook.
With that many votes Clearbrook is the Top Seed to be Town of the Year.
KVRr is leading source of news, weather and sports for Fargo, North Dakota, and Moorhead, Minnesota. Local news is presented at 6 and 9 on the weeknights.



Senior Connection Adult Day Services in Gonvick cut and tied a blanket which will be donated to a homeless shelter. "It feels good to help others" was the topic of conversation around the table.

Adult Day Care Services available in Gonvick

Senior Connection Adult Day Services at Clear Waters Life Center-Gonvick can ease the burden of caregiving. Do you feel guilty, pressured, or like you can't get time away? If any of these describe you, you aren't alone. Exhaustion and compromised health are real issues facing family caregivers. These are common and expected results of around-the-clock caregiving. Senior Connection is here to help.
We provide a safe, home-like atmosphere for our participants with professional staff in a licensed facility. A typical day includes conversation with plenty of laughter, exercise, lunch and snacks, art/craft activities, and games to stimulate the brain.
If you were to visit with the

caregivers of our clients, you would hear things like, "My mom hasn't smiled so much in a long time," and "My husband looks forward to the days he goes to Senior Connection". Doctors, too, notice a positive difference in their patients who attend Senior Connection because it gets them out of the house and increases their socialization.
We invite you to visit for a day with your loved one. Call ahead, 218-487-5290, Ext. 1, so we have a lunch for you. Marilyn Shamp, Director, will be happy to answer your questions and help with paperwork and arranging transportation, if necessary. Senior Connection is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



Last Saturday, March 25 the Clearbrook and Gonvick Fire Department were busy with their training class. The pictures are from the auto extrication class, that Clearbrook and Gonvick fires departments trained. Both departments work together with calls and meetings. Not only do they have fires but medical assists, mutual aid, and many other miscellaneous calls during the year.

Managing concerns about falls

Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? Have you cut down on a favorite activity because you might fall? If so, A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program for you.
Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. A Matter of Balance can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.
A Matter of Balance is de-

signed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.
Clearwater County Nursing Service is offering "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls" April 12th through May 5th. It is a series of eight classes which will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Gonvick Community Center. A workbook is provided and refreshments are served.
Please call Lynn at (218) 694-6581 to register or for more information. There is no cost to attend the class. The class size is limited to 12.

Board hears events for past month

Sarah Goudge gave the "Spotlight on Education" to the Clearbrook-Gonvick School board members on Monday, March 20. She had a slide presentation on events that went on the past month in each of the classes. The River Watch team competed at the University of Minnesota Crookston and they ended up 6th out of 34 teams. The 4th and 5th grade students will be attending an orchestra presentation. The band will be competing on April 5th for the large group. There are 50 participants that turned out for track that has now begun.
The Science Fair will be held on March 30 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and see what the students are doing. Spaghetti Feed for the football fundraiser.

Principals report

Principal Jeff Burgess informed the board that testing will start on April 10. The end of the 3rd quarter is coming up and the Prom is set for April 22. They are looking for a long-term sub for Phy. Ed position as well as a Para opening. The elementary position will have an opening for 6th grade as Robyn Johnson is taking the Reading Interventionist position. They are working on the 2nd and 3rd grade teaching positions and how they will be split between the three teachers. Class size will determine what will be done.

They have been working on scheduling for the high school for next year and they are finished with no major changes. They will do the elementary scheduling after the high school has finished registering.

The Trap Club will be starting practice on April 3. All practices and competitions will be held at Ruffy Brook just north of Clearbrook. This is a new program for the school and they are registered with the MN State High School League. There are six students that will meet on Mondays with Andy

Anderson as the Coach. This will be no cost to the school and there are volunteers that will be helping Anderson with the team. April 24 is the first competition week with the Trap Shooting championship in Alexandria June 12-20. There will be 2 practice weeks, 1 reserve week and 5 competition weeks all after school on Monday.

The Senior Class trip to Craguns Resort with school bus transportation was approved. The trip will be May 12 to May 13. Trip is pending with Burgess' approval of necessary criteria for trip eligibility.

The music trip to Chicago from May 19 to May 22 was approved.

May 5 is the day that will be the make-up Snow Day.

Superintendent Report

They are looking at the school calendar for next year and getting the days in before Memorial Day is going to be difficult with the way Christmas falls and the day that Labor is on. Thoughts are to move graduation after Memorial Day. They are looking at doing a survey and feedback from board members as to what should be done, especially parents of juniors who would be affected by the change.

The health quote is due on April 30. The district put in an application for Pre-K Funding but they will not know until June if the money will come through.

Committee Reports

Negotiations have been going great so far with the negotiation committee. They meet every two weeks. They have the preliminary work done and the next meeting is set for April 4.

Transportation committee has 3 inquiries for the bus transportation for the district.

Consent Calendar

The consent calendar was approved with a total of \$436,402.35 for total non-payroll and payroll. They included checks written for \$159,326.49; wires sent 497,929.06 and payroll for \$179,146.80. Vendors included: Stein's Bus Service LLC for \$63,199.93; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$7,735.46; Community Oil \$6,640.09; Marco \$5,964.76; City of Clearbrook \$3,635.58; Kyle's Repair \$2,005.51; Anderson Disposal \$1,809.70; Garden Valley Telephone Company \$1,699.49; Land O Lakes \$1,452.00.

New Business

The board approved the hiring of Tammy Ehlers as Head Volleyball Coach for the next season.

At last months meeting the board did not approve for the Sabbatical Leave extension for Michelle Morgan. This month the board received a letter from Michelle Morgan on her resignation from the district. She is going to continue in graduate school. She taught for 4 years in the district.

The board approved the Second Reading of Policy 714 on Fund Balance.

The board approved the separation agreement of Frankie Skalzo on her unpaid medical leave. Paper work has to be done in order for her to qualify for disability or retirement. She has over 25 years in the district and she will receive health insurance of \$6,750.

Community Calendar

Sand Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery Annual Meeting

The Sand Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery Association, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Monday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sand Valley Church in Trail. We will be making plans for cemetery cleanup day along with the regular business. All members are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in the cemetery is invited to attend.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., March 29 - Chicken Chow Mein, Rice/Chow Mein Noodles, Japanese Veg. Mandarin Orange Gelatin, Brownie and Milk.

Thurs., March 30 - Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Carrots, Bread, Fruit Cobbler and Milk.

Fri., March 31 - Hamburger, Baked Beans, Tart Cole Slaw, Bun, Pudding and Milk.

Mon., April 3 - Swedish Meatballs, Paprika Potatoes, Spinach, Bread, Ice Cream and Milk.

Tues., April 4 - Liver Hotdish, Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Apricots 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.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

80th Birthday Party for Peter Bohn SUNDAY, APRIL 2 noon to 3 pm at the Gonvick Legion HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PETER!

Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be hosting their Landowner's Appreciation DINNER at New Club House in Leonard, MN Friday, April 7th, 2017 Social Hour will begin at 6:00 pm with Dinner to be served at 7:00 pm. "Thank You, Landowners, You Make Our Trails Possible."

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Pastor Bob

Too many people decide to believe or not believe in God without thinking about it. As a Lutheran-styled Christian, I believe that we can only believe in God once God reveals Himself to us. Oftentimes God reveals Himself through other people. Many of us are blessed with belief in God without "seeing" or encountering overwhelming proof of God. However, I also believe that some people refuse to believe because they do not want to look foolish, superstitious or be the last one to catch on about God. We live in a world which argues that it makes more sense not to believe in God than it does to believe in God.

One of the bad things about the many arguments for or against God is that they ignore the vast number of people who believe in God. Apparently, millions and millions of people are simply deluded. And even more alarmingly to the world is the fact that the number of people who believe in God is increasing. Every year, the major and not so major religions of the world attract people so much so that religion is a growth industry. Arguments about God tend to ignore significant differences between religious beliefs and use "God" as a word rather than as a name. For this reason, a lot of main line denominations do not pay attention to the philosophical arguments about God because they seem rather disconnected to believing in God. Also, often arguments for or against God look for "proof" when it might be more realistic to look for "clues." Proof about truth stands by itself whereas clues lead us to the truth. Despite these problems here are some common arguments:

We are here. How do you explain the universe and how precariously put together it is without God? Scientific response is to argue that given the number of universes that exist the idea that one or even more than one universe can sustain life is inevitable. In response, we do not know how many universes are out there and while our best scientists make inferences (guesses) about the number...we do not know. Given the fact there are thousands and thousands of hands of poker being played what would your response be to playing someone who got the highest possible hand twenty times in a row? Or, put a monkey at a keyboard and have it "type" and see how long it would take to write a Shakespearean play? What about unjust suffering? We all understand that actions have consequences but what about suffering where it does not seem to be connected to anyone or anything? Two traditional responses: The very idea that there is some-

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Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center

March 21, 2017 12:30 p.m. Lloyd Engen called the meeting to order. Carol Niewinski read the secretaries report.

There was no discussion and it was approved as read. Betty Randlek read the treasurer's report. There were no questions and it was approved as read. Lloyd explained that the report from the State Inspector on the kitchen had not been received. The board is waiting to receive the report before doing anything to the center island or the floor. The dishwasher is still leaking. Monica from the Land of the Dancing Sky Area Aging is waiting for the model number of the dishwasher. Lloyd passed around pictures of the bagpipe player, Peter Mack, so that those who didn't attend that meal could see what they missed.

At next month's meeting Barb Torgerson has someone coming to speak on his Alaska trip. Chris Taffin is going to be missed when he returns home. He has been treating us to his piano music and singalongs several times.

Lloyd Engen won the lunch ticket. Duane Johnson won the Norwegian exercise square donated by Carol Niewinski. Jerry and Lana Wraa then led many participants in the second session of Tai Chi. They will do one Tai Chi session per week at the center if there is interest.

Lunch was served by Beverly Shelquist, Carol Beckstrand and Helen Nordlund. Carol Niewinski, Secretary

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.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD Pastor Robert Kirchman Good Shepherd Wed., March 29 - 5:00 pm Soup & Sandwich - 6:45 pm Lenten Service; 5:30 pm Choir; 7:30 pm Handbell Sun., April 2 - 9:00 am Worship; 10:00 am Sunday School/Coffee Hour. Mon., April 3 - 7:00 pm Worship Committee. Tues., April 4 - 7:00 pm Hymn Planning Committee.

Our Savior's Wed. March 29 - 5:15 pm Lenten Service - 6:00 pm Soup & Sandwich Sun., April 2 - 9:45am Sunday School; 10:30 am Coffee Hour; 11:00 am Worship. Mon. April 3 - 4:45 p.m. Congregational Committee

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Verlyn Strenge Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway Wed., March 29 - 6:30 p.m. Awana Thurs., March 30 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Sat., April 1 - 7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ukraine Missions Rummage and Bake Sale. Sun., April 2 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. Mon. April 3 - 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Kris Emmel's.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Adam Krog Wed., March 29 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation; 6:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Supper; 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service Sun., April 2 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, 11:30 a.m. Communion Service.

DISIPLES OF MESSIAH-YAHUSHA who obey Yahusha's teachings (John 8:31) are meeting each Sabbath in homes. (218) 768-8176 Homeless Shelter - Scriptural Counseling & Encouragement.

Thank you to Keisha Jones at DaRoo's Pizza, Clearbrook, for saving and returning a photo we left by mistake while dining. So very thoughtful. The Sundquist family

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

GONVICK SITE: Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center Opening: This Saturday, April 1, with Open House Basket Party, 9-2. Just drop-in. Questions? Call 218-487-5290, Ext. 3. Friday Night Out: April 7, 5-7 PM. Greek Cuisine with Guest Chef: Dave Vasilakes. 4-course meal will include: gyros & baklava. Taking reservations at 218-776-2789.

Senior Connection Adult Day Services: Openings for new clients. Call Marilyn, M-W-F, 218-487-4290, Ext. 1.

CLEARBROOK SITE: Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7 PM, Thursdays, 2nd floor, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Clearbrook. Open to men & women. Confidential. Youth Connection: Tues., 3:30-5, 4-12th grade. Rock wall, game room, snack & just plain fun. FREE

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: www.clearwaterslife.org. www.mustardseedhomes.org. or www.adult-dayservicesgonvick.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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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 Uberty www.countryfaith.org 218-776-3367 cfcchurch@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

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.

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.

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

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC Pastor Kris Snyder Cell: 218-358-0162 gonvickparish@gmail.com SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH Wed., March 29 - 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting. Sun., April 2 - 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:00 AM Worship Service UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH Wed. March 29 - 6:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich, 7:00 P.m. Lent Service Sun., April 2 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service/Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri Pastor Jeff Merseeth Wed, Mar. 29: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. Oak Park: 6:00 p.m. Soup N Sandwich. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service. Bible Study after service. Thu, Mar. 30: 6:30 p.m. Lenten Services followed by Bible Study at St. Petri. Sat, Apr. 1: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive. Sun, Apr. 2: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 8:30 a.m. SS. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth, 10:00 a.m. SS.

Tue, Apr. 4: 5:30 p.m. Lenten Services followed by Bible Study at Mt. Olive. Wed, Apr. 5: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. Nazareth: 6:00 p.m. Soup N Sandwich. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service. Bible Study after service.

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

Wed, Mar. 29: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. Thu, Mar. 30: 12:00 p.m. Rotary. Fri, Mar. 31: 8:45 a.m. Friday School. Sun, Apr. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Tue, Apr. 4: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Wed, Apr. 5: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Wed, Mar. 29: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Sand Valley. Sun, Apr. 2: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley. Wed, Apr. 5: 6:00 p.m. Soup/ Sandwich Bethany. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor Sun, Apr. 2: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., March 29 - Soft Shell Tacos with Fixings, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Thurs., March 30 - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices, Milk.

Fri., March 31 - Cheese Quesadillas, Corn, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Mon., April 3 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Tues., April 4 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Corn with/WG Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Liz Bodensteiner Selected to Play in All Star Game!!

Liz Bodensteiner was selected to this years All-Star Game put on by the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association. She will be playing in Northfield, MN on April 8. There are 10 players selected from each class (A-4A). The following link will have the 40 selected players. <http://www.mshsca.org/allstar>

Congratulations Liz, on this amazing accomplishment!

Liz joins Jessica (Spray) Rogstad (2013) as the only CG girls basketball players to achieve this honor!

2017 Selected Players:
Anika Neuman - Concordia Academy; Annika Jank - Edina, Chantel Groen - SW Minnesota Christian, Chelsea Swatek - Cromwell, Danneka Voegeli - Winona, Emmaline Polson - PEM, Gabi Haack - Elk River, Hanna Geistfeld - Martin Luther, Kaia Porter - Roseville, Kendall Kohler - Alexandria, Kirstin Klitzke - Watertown-Mayer, Liz Bodensteiner - Clearbrook-Gonvick, Macy Hatlestad - Alexandria, Madi Radtke - Lester Prairie, Mariah Schroeder - Caledonia, Mikayla Hayes - Park Center, Paige Richert - Comfrey, Rae-Annah Johnson - St. Michael Albertville, Sydney Weierke - Totino-Grace, Tori Andrew - Orono, Vishe' Rabb - Spring-Field, Ann Simonet - Park Center, Ashley Freund - Jordan, Chelsea Mason - Mt. Iron-Buhl, Claire Killian - Watertown-Mayer, Eden Nibbelink - Winona, Erin Norling - Delano, Halley Busse - Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop, Joli Daninger - Andover, Kaylyn Kidd - Northfield, Kiley Borowicz - Roseau, Lindsey Theuninck - Mankato Loyola, Lyndsey Robson - Apple Valley, Maddie Monahan - Glencoe-Silver Lake, Mara Quam - Kenyon-Wanamingo, Meleah Reinhart - New Ulm, Mya Buffetta - Mt. Iron-Buhl,

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

Rachel Ranke - Eastview, Sadie Stelter - Lakeview, Temi Carda - Lakeville North, Tori Wortz - Hutchinson

Coaches- Rick Theuninck - Mankato Loyola, Devin Drager - Maple River, Wendy Kohler - Alexandria, Chris VanderHyde - Park Center, Rob Schroeder - Mankato Loyola, Onika Peterson - NRHEG, Julie Wrobel - Alexandria, Luke Swedberg - Park Center

School News

6th Annual Bear Share Fair

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 4:30-6:30
Everyone is welcome to come and see what our talented students are doing! Look for displays, demonstrations & activities in the Commons, by the classrooms, & in the gym.

SCIENCE FAIR DISPLAYS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING IN THE GYM. Spaghetti Feed Football Fundraiser from 4:30-6:30 (suggested minimum \$5.00)

Winter Athletic Banquet: Thursday, April 6, info will be sent home

Early Childhood event: March 27: The Circus is Coming! See info below

Garage Sale April 1: see info below

RAPE PREVENTION & SELF-DEFENSE: Police Chief Dan Gazelka and volunteers This class is for females (ages: teenagers and up). We encourage mothers and daughters to take this class together. The class will include lecture and self-defense training. Instructors will walk through case studies of real rape cases and will discuss prevention techniques. Please wear comfortable clothing. This class is being taught as a public service. The fee is for Community Education. Sign up in the office or contact Judy in Community Ed Tuesday, April 4 6:30-8:30 PM CG School Library \$3.00 each / Max \$5.00/family

LIFEGUARDING COURSE will be offered at the Fosston Civic Center on April 8th & 9th and April 29th & 30th. The classes will run 9am -4pm. You must attend all 4 days. You must be at least 15 years of age. You must complete 27 class & pool hours for lifeguard certification. The certification also includes CPR, FIRST AID, & AED. If you are interested in taking the class, please call Karen at the Fosston Civic Center, 218 435-6434 to register.

SNOW MAKEUP DATES: Second snow makeup day will be Friday, May 5. **SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION ON MAY 5.** Mark your calendar.

Classroom Drivers Education: March 28 will be the

makeup date for your missed day (March 7)

Job Openings
Teaching position for 17-18: The Clearbrook-Gonvick School District has an opening for a 6th Grade

Elementary Education Teacher. This position would be available for the 17-18 school year.

Requirements: MN Teaching License in Elementary Education. Preference will be given to applicants with additional licensure.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, credentials, and two references to:

Clearbrook-Gonvick School, 16770 Clearwater Lake Rd, Clearbrook, MN 56634

Attn: Jeff Burgess

Position open until filled

Help Wanted: The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a full time para professional for the 16-17 school year. This position will be working directly with students. Applicants must have passed a para protest or have a 2 year degree. Applicants must be able to pass a background check. Position is open until filled.

Please contact Jeff Burgess for more information. 218-776-3112 ext. 103

COUNSELORS CORNER:
There are a bunch of scholarships available for Seniors, check them out on the School Counselor Website. Who doesn't want the chance to get free \$\$\$ for college??

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 :)

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:
Tue, March 28: Varsity track at BSU at 11:00. Leave at 9:00 am.

Tue, April 11: Varsity track at BSU at 1:00. Leave at 11:00 am.

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parents: Please check your lunch accounts regularly so you can keep up to date.

Youth Connection every Tuesday: Check here for information

SPOTLIGHT

March Spotlight on Support Staff

MarchSpotlight on Support Staff:

Judy Engebretson, Community Education Coordinator

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it. ~Marian Wright Edelman

Judy Engebretson was born and raised in Clearbrook. She graduated from Clearbrook High School in 1974 and Bemidji State University in 1979 with a teaching degree. Judy has been a part of Clearbrook-Gonvick school, as either a student or an employee, for most of her life. She did teach and coach in Fertile-Beltrami for two years and milked cows for several years for Brendalen Farms, but the majority of her time has been in the school system. She subbed at Clearbrook and Gonvick and coached basketball, volleyball, track at Clearbrook, Gonvick, and then Clearbrook-Gonvick. She became the Community Education Coordinator in 1999. Judy has been the Summer Recreation Director for about 40 years and coordinated/coached elementary basketball for many years, as well.

Judy lives in the area and loves being near her family which includes her brothers Gordon (Roxanne) & Dennis (Jacky), nephews Nathan (Rosie), Andy (Megan), Brian, Philip, nieces Maria, Diana (Jared), grand-nephews Ben, Caleb, Ethan, Daniel, David, William, and grand-nieces Anna, Abigail. But if you ask people, some might actually think she lives at the school!

Why did you choose to work at school? *I loved sports but high school girls sports did not begin until my senior year, so I only had one year to compete. I found that I liked to coach, so applied for coaching positions while I was attending college. I enjoyed passing on what I knew to the next generation, and then seeing them grow as ball-players and as people. With my experience working in Summer Recreation and Elementary basketball, I was encouraged to apply for the Community Education position and was fortunate to be hired.*

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? *I taught and coached at Fertile-Beltrami for two years.*

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? *The variety! My job involves many different areas, so there is rarely a dull moment! My favorite is Summer Recreation, but I love any chance to provide opportunities to our youth. In doing the web site and our Facebook page, I have the privilege to share with our community, friends and alumni the wonderful things our staff and students accomplish at school. One unique aspect of my job is the many questions I receive from people looking for information. Many times the question has nothing to do with my job but if I can answer it or give them the direction to find what they need that is a lot of fun. The other "best part" is working with the wonderful kids, parents, staff and communities that we have here at Clearbrook-Gonvick.*

What is the biggest challenge of your job? *Juggling many different events/activities/classes at once. Planning ahead is a key to my job, and sometimes it is a challenge to stay ahead of everything.*

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why? *Most parts of my job are just what I want to be doing. Having even the smallest opportunity to influence someone in a positive manner is why I do what I do. If we all contribute our time and talents we can make good things happen!*

What do you do when you are not at working at the school? *I love to go home to my little log cabin that my family built for me! Spending time with my family is very important to me.*

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? *It is my home! I have spent nearly all my life here, and I love the small town support and pride that is so evident. I have always said that the best part of living in a small town is that everyone knows everyone and the worst part of living in a small town is that everyone knows everyone! For me, the positive part of that far outweighs the negative!*

Any other favorites you would like to share?



Judy Engebretson, Community Education Coordinator

I would like to thank everyone in the school and community for all the support you have given to our programs over the years. We could never have the success we have without you! Your support is deeply appreciated!

And now a few words from the students and staff about Judy...

"As a new staff member, Judy sat down with me and taught me how to use the staff website and get my teacher page up and running. She helps us promote our activities in the music room with the weekly announcements and stories for the school website. We appreciate her VERY much!!"

"Judy is helpful, especially with mailing labels!" "Judy has been a faithful employee of this district for many years. Her consistent follow through for the summer rec program has been an asset to our community. She builds community in many ways not only in her role as Community Ed Director, but as a human being giving to the Clearbrook-Gonvick staff and students consistently. Her positive attitude is always on the lookout on how to build students up as she brings them into her world and gives them opportunities to volunteer." "I think Judy is a wonderful person- she does so many things for our youth behind the scenes. She runs Kloster league in summer. She organizes the elementary basketball programs in the winter. She has dedicated her life to supporting our community. Her work helps our youth in so many ways. She spends hours making sure that our youth have opportunities to succeed." "Judy is a person who has loved this district forever. She is always willing to lend a helping hand, and believes in the team concept when it comes to doing what is best for the staff and students of Clearbrook-Gonvick School District." "Judy is very resourceful, kind, funny, and willing to help when someone is in need!" "Judy is quick to respond when a person has a question or a request. She works hard to keep things up to date on the school website as well as the Facebook page, which is beneficial for many people."

Pastor Bob.. Continued from page 2

thing called "fair" seems to come from God. How can we tell? Fairness seems to come from ideas about right and wrong which come from God. Anything else is opinion.

Also suffering is a result of sin. People often suffer because of someone else's actions, or because of someone else's sin. In Christianity, God still shows love and concern for people and Christianity tells us that suffering will end and that God will make the suffering count for something. God will create something good out of bad. Christianity tells its believers that the response to suffering is love.

Some people believe miracles and evolution make it impossible to believe in God. However, many scientists believe in God and in some form of evolution. The arguments about God want us to think that there is only one Christian response to evolution and only one way of thinking about evolution. There are many. When evolution is described as the driving force behind everything, or the ways things are, then it is contrary to a belief in God. When it is a tool for God, a biological process occurring in time then there is no conflict between God and evolution. Miracles are difficult. Scripture records that even people standing right next to Jesus had a hard time believing in the miracle. Scripture also indicates that when Jesus did miracles Jesus was restoring creation to the way it should be. Miracles brought health, healing, and renewal of relationships. They were and are not actions of a show-off designed to dazzle. They are promises from God to us. They were demonstrations of God's powerful Love.

As a Lutheran styled Christian I am convinced that people believe. Choosing what to believe is hard but sometimes looking ahead to see the consequences of what we believe can be a clue to us. Not believing in God leads to silly thinking. Silly living. And sometimes disastrous results. Thank You



Naomi Shamp, fourth from right, placed in the top ten individuals in the Region 1 FFA General Livestock Evaluation competition! Congratulations, Naomi!!

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**Daddy
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Dance**
The 2nd annual Clearbrook Fire Department Fund Raiser Daddy and Daughter dance was held. It was held at the Clearbrook Community Center where it was all decorated for the event. It was a night of Magic and Memories for every girl and her father or father figure. All the daughters were escorted by dad's, granddads, uncles and friends.
-Submitted photos



Danny Berg



Jeff Basinger



Jason Bakke



Steve Ballard



Nick Rankin



James Kumpula



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Ole Engebretson



Peter Imle



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Josh Anderson



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Tommy Davis



Tyson Compton



Nathan Watne



Noel Erickson



Pastor Verlyn Strenge



Izzy Krog (escorted by her grandpa Krog.)





The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office recently participated in a Citizenship lesson with the Woodside Workers 4H group. Deputy Shane Powell met with the kids and talked about the 911 Emergency System, when to call and what type of information to give the dispatcher. It was also discussed with parents the importance of having vital information posted near phones for the kids to be able to see

to give to the dispatcher, such as address and cell phone numbers of parents and grandparents. Afterwards Deputy Powell gave a tour of his squad car and explained to the kids what type on equipment was in there and what it used was for. The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Woodside Workers for inviting them out to speak the kids.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

If you look at the front page of this paper it says that we are now in the 112th year and the first issue. Do you think we will keep it going another 112 years?

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be hosting a Landowner's Ap-

preciation Dinner at the New Club House in Leonard. This is by invitation only with social hour at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 on Friday, April 7.

An 80th birthday party for Peter Bohn will be held on Sunday, April 2 from noon to 3 pm at the Gonvick Legion.

resources are under pressure to meet growing needs for domestic water supplies, irrigation, industrial and other uses. These groundwater resources also are interconnected with lakes, streams and wetlands that we value for commerce, recreation, and water supplies. Those surface waters also provide the habitat needed by many animals and plants. If we are not careful in how we use water, both economic development and ecosystems could be put at risk.

The plan provides a framework within which the DNR will work with major water users, including municipalities and agricultural irrigators, to use groundwater sustainably. This cooperative effort will promote conservation, protect surface waters and water quality, improve the groundwater appropriations permitting process, and help resolve any conflicts that might arise among users. This is one of three groundwater management areas being established around Minnesota. The other two are in the north and east metropolitan area and in the Bonanza Valley near Paynesville in west-central Minnesota.

More information, including plans and maps for the Straight River Groundwater Management Area, can be found at www.dnr.state.mn.us/gwmp/area-sr.html.

I want to thank all those who submitted photos for the daddy dance night. I appreciate them very much.

"Early Bird" Garage/Craft Sale. Multi-party, Saturday, April 1, 8:30-Noon, Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Clothing, toys, bake sale, more. Room for more. Call Judy at 776-3112 ext 102.

The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold it's annual Spring Bake Sale on Saturday April 15 beginning at 9 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Bagley Legion.

Sonstegaard Cattle Company is having their 13th Annual Bull sale on Saturday, April 8 starting at 1:00 p.m. See ad in the Canary this week.

You can still order trees They have limited quantities at Clearwater Soil and Water conservation District. Office in Bagley. Call 694-6845 ext 4.

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 trico-canary.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's grandson called the other day to wish him Happy Birthday. He asked him how old he was, and Ole told him, "80". His grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

Community Education

Register by calling Community Ed. at 776-3112 ext 102. You may also obtain information on Community Ed classes through: the school web site: www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us, some local businesses, email (send your request to: jengebre@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us) or we are on Facebook!

"Early Bird" Garage & Craft/Vendor Sale GARAGE AND CRAFT SELLERS/VENDORS WELCOME!

Reserve your spot in the gym to sell your articles at a group sale. Setup begins at 6:45 am Saturday morning. You may set up an extra clothes rack/table if room is available. If participation is not sufficient, deposits will be returned. Registration deadline is March 22. (Late registration will be taken if space is available.)

Saturday, April 1 8:30 AM-NOON Clearbrook-Gonvick School Gym

Fee per table = \$15.00 for 1, \$20 for 2

DEFENSIVE DRIVING- Glenn Rettmann

Participants receive a thorough review of the "rules of the road", with an emphasis on defensive driving practices. If you are 55 or older, successful completion of this class will allow you to receive a discount on your auto insurance. Note: If you've previously completed an 8 hour class you need only register for the 4 hour "refresher" course. Note: Please enter through door #12 on the north side.

Mon, April 3 (refresher class) 5:00-9:00 PM Room 414 \$15.00 Mon & Tues April 3 & 4 (8 hr) 5:00-9:00 PM Room 414 \$20.00

Regional Ag news...

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taining proper pressures will not only help reduce soil compaction, it will improve tractor efficiency

Summary

Inflating tires to the proper air pressure will reduce surface compaction, while reducing axle loads will reduce the depth of compaction. These strategies help maintain a

well-structured soil, one of the most important factors when growing a healthy crop. Preventing soil compaction enhances water infiltration and storage capacity, timeliness of field operations while decreasing plant root stress and disease potential.

Looking for more information that includes illustrations of graphs/ tables backed with real data?

Highway Patrol Report

District: 3200 Thief River Falls Contact: Sgt. Jesse Grabow (218) 639-3168

Location: Hwy 92 and County Road 2, Gully, Polk County

Description: Clearbrook-Gonvick School bus was eastbound on Highway 92 and was turning northbound on County Road 2. The Pontiac SUV was southbound on County Road 2, failed to stop at the stop sign, and broadsided the school bus.

The 2005 International School Bus with Scott Wayne Bakke, 53 as the driver of Vehicle Number 1, Injury type: None Health Care Facility: None. Seat Belt: Yes Helmet: Not Applicable Alcohol Involved: No

Vehicle Number 2, a 2006

Pontiac Torrent with Scott Alan Aune, 53 of Grygla as the driver.

Injury type: Non-life Threatening Health Care Facility: Es-sentia Health-Fosston

Seat Belt: Yes Helmet: Not Applicable Alcohol Involved: No

Road Condition: Dry

Outside agencies: Polk County Sheriff's Office. Information believed complete Last updated: 03/27/2017 13:50



Thank you to all for kindness & sympathy

Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say many thanks to family members, friends and neighbors for all acts of kindness and sympathy: food, flowers, cards, visits and kind words spoken to our family regarding the recent passing of a wonderful husband, father, granddad and great-granddad, Ronald Steile. We want to express special appreciation to the Pastor Dawn Hanson for her many words of comfort, kindness, uplifting prayers and the lovely service she gave "our Ron." The beautiful music provided by the Tharaldson's and the uplifting and special song sung by his great-granddaughter, Haven Beckett. Also to Carlin's Funeral Home for their professional arrangements and who went out of their way to do everything with such care and kindness.

A Special Thank You to:

Fosston EMTs; Polk County Deputy Sheriff, Dan Jackson, who was so very kind; Ed Turenne for his continuing friendship and support the last years; Robert Turner who gave us so much loving care these last years and for taking care of "our Louis" when we couldn't; Those who traveled a distance to be with us at this sad time; Ladies Aid of Lund Lutheran Church in Gully for the wonderful meal they served; And, of course, our extended family who surrounded us with the caring love that sustained us through that difficult time and continues to help us get through each day.

Ron will always be remembered for his positive attitude, warm smile and that twinkle in his eye.

The family of Ronald Steile (March 28, 2017) RIC



Thank you to everyone for thinking of me and your prayers during my recent hospitalization. Special thanks to my wife, Tippy; sons, Kevin and Tim; and daughter, Terri, for their quick action and help during the early morning hours of February 25th, throughout my hospitalization and return home. I am grateful to have a nurse in the family and her continued help during my recovery.

My deep appreciation to the excellent response of the Gonvick Fire Department to ensure I received the care I needed, leading to my hospitalization at Fargo. During my stay at Sanford, the beautiful cards, visits and phone calls I received cheered and encouraged me to work hard to get back home to Gonvick. What a wonderful community I live in. Thank you so much. It's good to be back home.

Harlow Berg RIC

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On March 24, 2017, at approximately 2:20 p.m., the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office received a call of a vehicle that crashed into the Cornerstone Assisted Living building at the intersection of Central Street and Sunset Ave. in the City of Bagley. Upon arrival at the scene, deputies found a single female behind the steering wheel of her disabled vehicle. The vehicle appeared to have been traveling westbound on Central Street (US Hwy 2), went off the road to the south, and eventually struck the Cornerstone building. There was extensive damage done to both the building and the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was taken by ambulance to the Bagley Medical Center with unknown injuries. A tenant of the apartment above where the vehicle was struck was also taken by ambulance as they were experiencing back pain because of the impact. No other person was injured in this incident. The occupant of the apartment that was struck was not home at the time of the accident. The cause of the accident is unknown at this time and remains under investigation by the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

