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Winds of change are in the air of Clearwater County

By Karen Edelbach
With Assessor Cheryl Grover's retirement this week, there are a number of other changes coming to the County as well. Jamie Freeman, who is currently the Deputy Assessor, will be taking Cheryl's place as Assessor for Clearwater County in May.

Eric Beier began on April 1 as Senior Assessor Clerk, assisting customers, processing homestead applications and other duties. Rod Knutson has moved to the Recorder's Office as an abstractor, after eight years in the Assessor's office.

As Deputy Assessor, the Clearwater County Commissioners approved the hiring of Courtney Burford who lives in Clearwater County at the April 21 meeting. She is certified as an Accredited Minnesota Assessor, will be starting in June.

Another change is the appointment of Deputy Neal Dolan as the Emergency Management (EM) Director effective May 1. Ten per cent of his salary will be provided by the EM budget.

Commissioner John Nelson said the Clearbrook-Gonvick emergency safe building project has been dropped. The Superintendent Wayne Olson said they lack the funds needed to match their share of the EM grant.

Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) management consultant, Bob Goede, was on the meeting agenda. He said they are in their 36th year. Previously a tool to pay workers compensation, MCIT now also facilitates benefits for the needs of many county related organizations. They also offer defensive driving classes, and a number of seminars for training to the county.

County Veterans Service Officer Harry Hutchens brought his quarterly report for the period of January 1-April 1, 2015. He said that Clearwater County and Clearbrook Veterans Memorials continue to generate office contact for assistance with locating veteran service dates and information for monument pavers. He says the department is required to use Ancestry.com and other genealogy programs at the library. Once "out the door", there is no veterans' list. Information is available in National Archives after 62 years.

Officer Hutchens says that people who receive their services really appreciate the help.

Attorney Richard Mollin brought the Bjorklund Compensation recommendation for the position of Legal Assistant for reclassification. The new wage for the position will be grade 13, level 8, or \$17.74 per hour, with approval from the Board. Commissioner Neal Illies made the motion, which was seconded by Commission Dean Newland.

Kathy Rasch from Soil and Water Conservation District

came with final details about AIS and how the money for AIS prevention at Itasca State Park will be implemented, which was approved by the Board. The first submission for their inspections will be \$4,000. Commissioner Newland wanted to know why it is done as a 'gift'. Kathy said this is because it is the easiest way to do it.

The AIS Prevention Awareness program which is being considered raised some questions. Commissioner John Nelson wanted to know what can be done for our county and where will the program be implemented. Also whether radio, TV and movie theatre ads would be run for free, and how often. The total cost of the awareness program is \$15,000 and would be shared by five counties.

Kathy said some ads would be free, and she will contact the venues to ask which ones are free and how often they would run the ads. She said the

county can decide where they want the information to go.

The Commissioners said that signage at lakes should be documented, and Commissioner Dan Stenseng thinks it should be something eye-catching.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson reviewed the department saying things were good, and taxes were coming in. He received authorization to pay submitted invoices of \$55,451 from County Revenue Fund and \$13,364 from Nursing Service.

Resolution for the Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club grant-in-aid program application for 2015-16 was passed by the Board. Clearwater County will be the sponsoring unit of government for the application.

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



Rod Knutson recently moved to the Recorder's Office as a part time abstractor, where he processes abstracts and updates the recording process, including the remonumentation project being done for the County. He spent the past eight years working in the Assessor's Office.



Senior Assessor Clerk position has been filled by Eric Beier in the Assessor's Office, to fill the vacancy left when Rod Knutson moved to the Recorder's Office. Eric assists with customer needs and concerns, processes homestead applications and certificates of real estate value as well as other duties.



Bryce Evje and Nathan Johnshoy from Bagley High School, Damen Bakke and Austin Petterson from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School are headed to State Competition.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Bagley General Livestock Team Takes Second Place in Region Competition

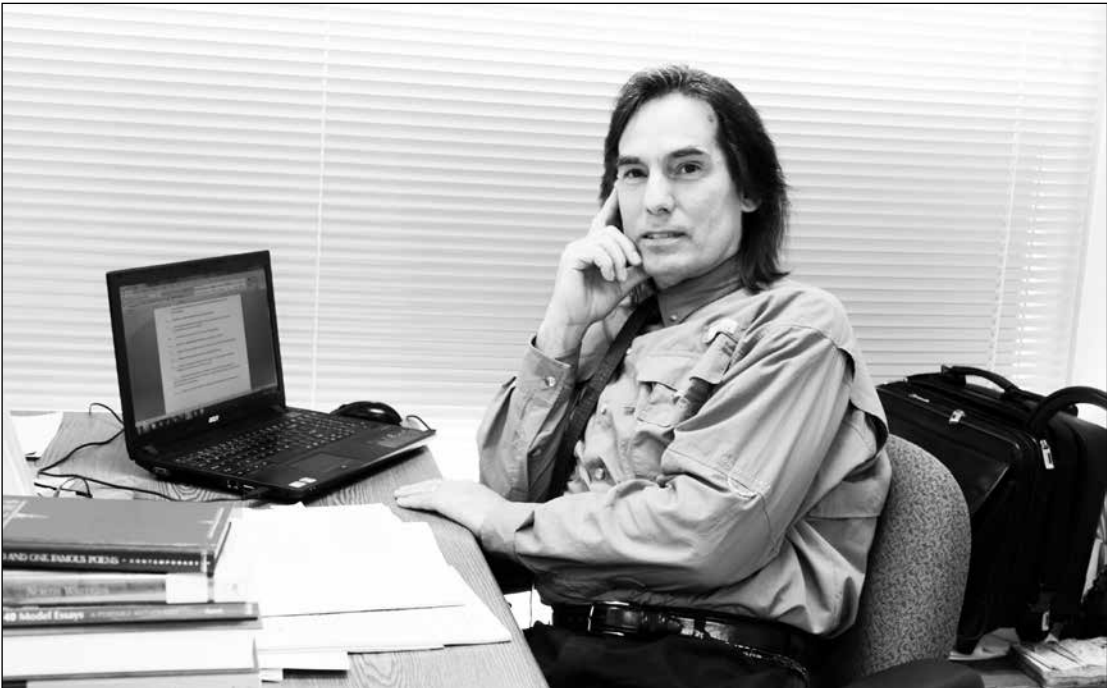
On March 27th, four Clearbrook-Gonvick Bagley FFA members competed in the Minnesota Region 1 FFA General Livestock Career Development Event at North Dakota State University in Fargo. Austin Petterson and Damen Bakke from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School and Bryce Evje and Nathan Johnshoy from Bagley High School placed second as

a team in the competition. The members were also awarded with two individual achievements. Of the forty-seven students participating, Bryce earned third individual overall and Austin earned fourth individual overall.

Career Development Events (CDE) are organized in order for FFA members to explore and develop skills in career ar-

eas they find interesting and may potentially pursue as careers in the future. The General Livestock CDE involves evaluating beef cattle, sheep, and swine on their physical characteristics according to the demands of each industry. They also analyze livestock pedigree

Livestock team..
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Mark Carter, the new long term teacher in the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School.

Mark Carter has students digging for area history

Mark Carter, the new long term teacher in the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School has a new project for his students in one of his classes. Mr. Carter has asked them to find out why area towns are named. They won't be able to find out where the original names came from in Wikipedia so they are going to have to start digging for the information. Later they can submit their findings to the web site.

Carter will finish out the school year teaching College American Literature, High School American Literature, Composition and Mass Communication.

Park Rapids is his home town and that is where he

graduated from high school. He spent one year at Oak Hills, two years getting a Natural Resource Associate Degree before finishing at Bemidji State University with a major in English. He has taught school in Park Rapids, Duluth, Spokane and now at Clearbrook-Gonvick.

He worked in Spokane, Washington as an editor for a publication and internet marketing. Mark and his wife Beth moved back to Park Rapids from Spokane to help with his aging parents and their diversified farm. The farm produces several things including produce, dairy and hogs which is now being run by his younger brother. His father who found-

ed Carter's Red Wagon Farm near Park Rapids almost 50 years ago passed away in January of this year.

The Red Compass Theatre in Park Rapids is a professional theater company that trains performers and produces and promotes the performing arts. Mark Carter is the Artistic Director along with David Overly the Executive Direct and Andra Hill the Production Manager.

Running sled dogs near Ely and portraying voyagers from the 1700 to early 1800's are things that he likes to do in his spare time.

Mark and Beth have three children Clinton, Tessa and Steven.

Welcome to the area.

Clearwater County Assessor Cheryl Grover to retire May 1

Cheryl Grover has been Clearwater County Assessor since May 1, 2007, taking over from long term assessor Don Holm, who was retiring. The commissioners were filling his vacancy and agreed that as the best qualified candidate they had, and awarded the job to Cheryl Grover.

She said at that time she really looked forward to continuing her career as assessor and working with the Clearwater County taxpayers. She said, "Public relations is really important in this job."

She got her start in the assessor field in 1981 with a part-time job as a local assessor in Popple Township. They sent her to school at the University of Minnesota to become a Certified Minnesota Assessor. She also worked later for Copley, Nora and Falk Townships determining the estimated market value of real and personal property for tax purposes.

In 1993 she got hired as a full-time deputy assessor and quit her job at the Bagley High School.

Cheryl said that one of the biggest challenges she faced during her career were the rapidly changing Minnesota Laws that can adversely affect our property taxes.

"Implementing some of the new classifications or different programs can be very challenging, especially in a small county where you have limited time and staff to do all the work," she said.

Cheryl has lived in Bagley all of her life. She grew up on a dairy farm in Nora Township, daughter of Lois and Orville Hoie, with twin sister Charlene, and other siblings Terry, Pete and Randi. Their mother Lois still lives on that farm and will soon celebrate her 89th birthday.

She is a 1968 graduate of Bagley High School, where she met her husband, John. They married in 1969. They live in Popple Township, south of Bagley, where they raised their three children, Trent, Jamie and Trisha. They have five grandchildren, all of whom will graduate from Bagley High School.

Cheryl job-shared beginning in 1981 with Sharon Dyrdaul-O'Bryan as administrative secretary at Bagley High School keeping student and teacher records. She said she greatly enjoyed that for 13 years.

One of her most well known county ventures is her work with the County Fair, which she began in 1981. She helped to organize the commercial exhibits at the request of John Arneson, the secretary manager.

"The Fair is what it is today because of people like John Arneson, and no doubt people like Cheryl as well. She plans to stay involved in the fair after her retirement."

"I also enjoy being involved with Legion Auxiliary Unit 16 - I joined under my Dad who was a World War II Veteran. I find my involvement in this great organization to be very fulfilling."

Cheryl hopes to be able to volunteer more at the Clearwater County History Center after retirement as well, which she said has grown into an outstanding organization under the leadership of Tamara Edevold.

After retirement she will be starting a whole



Cheryl Grover in 2015



Cheryl Grover in 1993

new direction in life in a liaison position that she is looking forward to learning more about. "I am very excited for this new challenge and great opportunity".

"My greatest joy has been getting to meet so many wonderful property owners. You create friendships with people whose homes and farms you probably have been to four or five times over a 22 year career!" she said.

"They all make you feel so welcome and are willing to open their homes or cabins - you meet so many people from so many different walks of life."

"I think it's so much fun to be a twin - and especially when your twin is Charlene Olson - she served Clearwater County with such a huge amount of commitment and dedication - she truly inspired me to give my all too to the County. It was truly fun to work side by side with her for 22 years," was her comment as to one of her life's highlights.

Cheryl says it is a challenge to find enough time to do all the things that she would like to do!

She hopes that she has a long retirement and continues to be blessed with good health.

"I am ready for whatever comes my way!"

County Roadside Ditch Spraying

Beginning in mid-May Clearwater County will be scheduling roadside vegetation control along Clearwater County Highways in roughly the north one-third of the county. The highways that will be sprayed in 2015 are 3, 4, 5, 6,

7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 48, 49, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 72, 73, 74, 76, 81, 111 and 121. Unwanted brush and noxious weeds along these roadsides may be treated with herbicide. We're notifying you about this work since your land may be adjacent to the

roadside scheduled for treatment with herbicide.

Our goal is to eliminate brush and noxious weeds from the roadside and to promote

Ditch spraying..
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Community Calendar

Meeting notice

The Gully American Legion and Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gully Community Center. A lunch and cake will be served in honor of the Legion's birthday.

Gully Day
2015
(105 years old!)
July 18th

Save the date and plan to come and have a fun day in Gully

Baby Shower
for
Cortney Severson
Sat, May 2
10 am-12 pm
Leon Town Hall
No local invitations being sent.

national autism awareness month

Gonvick American Legion #304 Bingo
Thursdays - Warm-ups 6:45 pm. Regular session 7:00 pm

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Wed., April 29, 2015
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Gonvick Community Center

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APPRECIATION DAY

for the **Granley Family**

The Clearbrook Community Club, Legion members and the City of Clearbrook would like to invite everyone to an APPRECIATION DAY for the Granley Family for 104 years of service to the community that will be held on Saturday, May 9th, from 2:00-5:00 pm in the Banquet Room at the Clearbrook Community Center.

Cake, ice cream, punch and coffee will be served.

A program will be held at 3:00 pm with a plaque presentation.

Sat., May 9th

There will be a **Bridal Shower**

for **Diana Engbretson**

on Saturday, May 9th at 1:00 PM at **Elim Lutheran Church**

Diana is registered at Target.

Everyone is welcome.

The 'twins', Charlene Olson and Cheryl Grover, are now both retired and will celebrate

Saturday, May 2 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

With a meal and music to follow by the Wynkoop Band at the American Legion in Bagley



It was our pleasure to serve Clearwater County, this is our way of saying thank you - come join us to celebrate!!
No gifts, please!

Getting to Know

Good Samaritan Center in Clearbrook



This month at Good Samaritan Clearbrook they are

getting to know Linda Rusten. Linda has worked in the Activity department since around 1992, she specializes in Music Therapy. She and her husband Mayo have two grown children, Grace and John.

She likes a variety of music and her fingers never seem to get tired while playing the piano or keyboard. Other things she likes to do in her spare time are knitting complicated patterns with fine yarn and skinny needles and gardening. Summer is her favorite season as it is warm and sunny. If she could visit somewhere it would be the Peace Gardens. The best days in her life are those spent with family.

One of the important things she has learned in life is to put on your own oxygen mask first. The thing she values most in life is- Life itself.

It is a gift from God. Pictured with Linda is Ruby Bardwell.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center

April 21, 2015

Lloyd Engen president called the monthly meeting to order. Treasurers report was read. Secretaries report read with a correction that the Bean Feed will be on Friday, June 26th instead of Saturday. 10 to 12 o'clock. Both were approved.

Dinner at the Senior site will be at 11:30 a.m. starting May 1st. So call in early. Best if you call the day before. There will be a May Day party that day also.

Sheriff Darin Halverson was at our meeting to discuss some things going on in the county. Also had questions and answer time. He will come back in June so have some questions ready for him.

The nutrition group will be making donuts on May 13th. If you want some, order early. \$4.00 a dozen.

Fay Ulrich won the lunch ticket. Lunch served by Carol Vicory, Jo Kelly, Janice Sor-mo.

Report by Beverly Charles

Clearbrook-Leonard LSS Senior meals

Wed. April 29 - Chickenin cream sauce, rice, peas, peaches, bread and milk.

Thurs. April 30 - Pork buttered boiled potatoes, carrots, dinner roll and milk.

Call 776-3154 to sign up. **May 1** they will begin serving daily meals at 11:30 a.m.

Also the Nutrition Council will be making homemade donuts for sale May 13. Orders are being taken now from council members or call 776-3154. Members are Barb Torgerson, Violet Hagen, Harriet Shel-lum, Beverly Charles, Joy Parker and Phyllis Engen.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

Livestock team..

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and production records to take into consideration while ranking the animals. Contestants are also required to give oral reasons which explain their motives for placing classes the way they felt best.

The livestock team has advanced to the State General Livestock CDE and will compete at the Minnesota State FFA Convention on Monday, April 27.

Ditch spraying..

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grass cover. To meet these goals we use selective herbicides that control the brush and noxious weeds but allow the grasses to grow. All herbicides we use have been fully tested and are approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds such as Spotted Knapweed, Plumeless Thistle, Canada Thistle, Tansy, Leafy Spurge and others promotes the spread of these weeds into adjacent lands and further along roadways, continually making the problem worse over time. Clearwater County encourages landowners to control noxious weeds on private lands as well and can offer technical assistance upon request.

If you have any questions, please call the Clearwater County Environmental Services at 218-694-6183.



The family of Steve Sundquist would like to thank everyone for their prayers for Steve during his hospital stays and after his death. Thank you to those who called and visited him, especially Pastor Kris for his visits and comforting words and prayers.

Thanks you to Cease Funeral Home for their compassionate help in making the arrangements for his funeral. Thank you to Carol Sundquist and Jill Bakken for the music, the ladies for the great lunch and everyone who attended and gave flowers and memorials in his memory. Thank you Pastor Kris for your words of comfort and prayers at the service.

Thank you to all who visited us at our home and brought food and words of comfort.

We appreciate so much the support of family and friends at this sad time in our lives.

We find comfort in the assurance that Steve is now safe in the arms of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, forever.

We all miss him and his beautiful smile.

Lester & Jean Sundquist & family



GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH
MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
WED., APRIL 29 7:30 AM
Men's Bible Study, 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, 10:30 AM Crafts & Laughs
SUN., May 3 9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship Service
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
55070 149th Ave., Gonvick (218) 487-5308
SUN., May 3 9:00 AM Worship Service, 10:00 AM Sunday School

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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.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed. April 29 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer.
Thurs. April 30 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
Sun. May 3 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, 11:30 a.m. Communion Service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Clearbrook
Wed. April 29 - 6:30 p.m. Awana awards night
Thurs. April 30 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer meeting at church
Sat., May 2: 7:00 am Men's prayer breakfast.
Sun., May 3: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:45 morning worship.

CLEANING DAY
Gonvick American Legion Cabin
TUES., MAY 5TH
8:00 am
BRING BUCKETS AND CLEANING RAGS.
Let's have a good turnout and get the cabin looking great for the All School Reunion to be held the weekend of July 9th.

To the Residents of Clover Township:

The regular and business meeting will be held May 4th at 5:00 pm at the Clover Town Hall.

Joel Wraa, Clerk

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

CLEARBROOK OFFICE HOURS:
8:00 AM-12:00, Tuesday-Friday
Be sure check our web site: www.clearwaterslife.org or Facebook pages for more information on any of our events.

Clearbrook Location:
256 2nd Ave. SW, 218-776-2789

Boot(h) Camp Weight Training: Membership class May 4, 5, & 7, 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Call to register.

Youth Connection: 7th-12th grade: Fri., 3:30-5:00 PM. Tues., 5th-8th grade, 3:15-5:00 PM. Just 10 more days until fall, Friday, May 8 is the end of the YC year.

Shop-at-the-Top: Open Mon.-Fri., 10:00 - 4:00, & Sat., 10:00 - 3:00.

The Most Excellent Way: Recovery support group, 7:00 PM, Thursday.

Gonvick Location:
226 Elm St., 218-487-5290
Create It! Community Art Studios: Wire-Wrapping & Jewelry Making: this 3-session class begins May 4, 6:30-9PM. \$10 class fee. Call to register, Ext. 2. Drop-ins welcome.

Mother's Day Fundraiser & Kitchen Open House: Sunday, May 10, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Call to reserve your space.

Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center: M-W-F, 9-4 & Sat., 9-12

We will be open 12-2 on Mother's Day. Hanging baskets, potted plants, & miniatures are great gift ideas for mom.

Restore It! Furniture Shop: Open M- W-F, 9 to 4, & Sat., 9 to 12. Donations accepted during business hours. Use north entrance.

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD

Good Shepherd
Wed. April 29th & May 6th
6:30pm Choir Practice, 7:30pm Handbell Practice

Fri. May 1st 5:00-8:00pm - Augustana, Greenwood, Seljord, and Silver Creek Cemetery Cleanup. All members with an interest or a plot in these respective cemeteries are encouraged to participate. Please bring rakes, shovels, and if possible a wheel barrow.

Sat. May 2nd 10:00 am Good Shepherd WELCA is sponsoring a brunch "Celebrating Mothers, Daughters, and Friends."

Sun. May 3rd 9:00am Worship/ Communion/Senior Recognition Day; 10:00am Coffee Hour

Joint Activities
Sun. May 3rd 9:45am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship/Communion

Our Savior's
Sun. May 3rd 9:45am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship/Communion

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.

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.

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Associate Pastor Jim Binder
Youth Pastor Troy Churness
Children's Minister Nikki Ubert
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept 7-May 17) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Youth Night (check church website for dates)
Every Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

*Wednesdays: Care groups in various homes

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Joseph Abrahamson

Wed, Apr. 29: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

Sat, May 2: 8:30 a.m. Mt. Olive. 10:30 a.m. St. Petri.

Sun, May 3: 5:30 p.m. Oak Park. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.

Wed, May 6: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. Clearwater Youth Group.

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

Wed, Apr. 29: 6:30 p.m. AWANA Award night. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thu, Apr. 30: 12:00 p.m. Rotary meeting.

Fri, May 1: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.

Sun, May 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, May 5: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, May 3: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Jon Marx, Lead Pastor
Seth Johnson, Assist. Pastor
Sun, May 3: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship

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BEAR TRACKS

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



Clearbrook-Gonvick prom was held last Saturday night. These ladies stopped for a picture before the Grand March. Left photo: Paula Juve, Rachel Gray and Moriah Johnson. Right photo: Taylor Volker, Molly Shamp and Alyssa Damm



These three young ladies had the very same dress for the 2015 prom at Clearbrook-Gonvick. They looked different as they were in three different colors; orange, lavender and green. They are all a frosty color for the big evening. To the right all ready for the prom were Senior Alex Knutson and Sophomore Elizabeth Bodensteiner.



Meet the Seniors.. from Clearbrook-Gonvick



Serenity Tollefson
Family members: Father: Conrad, Mother: Kimberly, Brothers: Christopher, Theodore, Nickolas, Nathaniel, Gabriel, Michael.
Best High School Memory: Hanging out with my friends and talking to Mrs. Stewart.
Favorite Song: "Photograph" by Nickelback
Favorite Movie: "Pitch Perfect"
Favorite Class: Choir
Advice to Underclassmen: Stick in there it may be hard but, I believe in you, you should believe in yourself.
What are your plans for next year? I pan on attending the University of North Dakota and go to be a pediatrician.



Cody Halvorson
Family members: Terry, Stacy, Brandon, Brittany
Best High School Memory: When Katie thought the drug dog was having puppies.
Favorite Song: "Kick it in the Sticks" by Brantley Gilbert
Favorite Movie: "American Sniper"
Favorite Class: Shop Class
Advice to Underclassmen: Don't procrastinate and try not to fall behind. Get homework in on time.
What are your plans for next year? Work Pipeline



Stephen Scott Nyegaard
Family members: Father: Curt Nyegaard, Mother: Wendy Nyegaard, Brothers: David Nyegaard and Bruce Westover, Sister: Kayla Nyegaard
Best High School Memory: Listening to all my friends sing their songs from One Act Play while I'm trying to work-dat DaRoos.
Favorite Song: "Time of Our Lives" by Pitbull
Favorite Movie: "American Sniper"
Favorite Class: Mr. Fal-det's shop classes
Advice to Underclassmen: Senior Year goes fast... appreciate being a kid in High school.
What are your plans for next year? Work pipeline in the summer to pay for college in the fall.



Trintan Wagner
Family members: Dad - Jeff, Mom - Holly. Sisters: Shelby and Maci
Best High School Memory: Leaving school to go hunting
Favorite Song: "Family Tradition"
Favorite Movie: "Hang-over"
Favorite Class: Shop
Advice to Underclassmen: Turn in your assignments on time
What are your plans for next year? Work pipeline

Lunch Menu

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Lunch menu
Wed. April 29: Chicken Gorditas, fruit and vegetables choices and milk.
Thurs. April 30: Cook's Choice and milk.
Fri. May 1: No School
Mon. May 4: Asian Chicken, WG rice, egg roll, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.
Tues. May 5: Hamm Patty on bun, oven fries, fresh fruit and vegetable choices and milk.

School News

Thanks to everyone that participated in or attended the Bear Share Science Fair, Book Fair, Spaghetti Feed on April 23. It is fun to see the great projects from our students!
TEEN SERVE signup sheet is in the office. Please sign up by April 30th.
This is an opportunity to not only serve your community but to work alongside 200 other students from across the United States who will be coming to spend the week in our school. You will be going to various work sites and have an opportunity to paint homes and then come back to the school for evening activities to do with the youth who have come to volunteer. Sign up in the office and Mrs. Kjolhaug will see to it that you get an application. This is for grades 7-12 and the dates of **TEEN SERVE** are June 7-12. Phil Joel from the Newsboys will be here for the entire week serving with his family. He will be part of the evening events each night. This is a chance of a lifetime to serve in your own backyard while serving alongside other teens from across the United States.
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:
Fri. April 24: Varsity track at EGF HS at 4:00. Bus leaves at 1:30, students excused at 1:20.
Tue, April 28: Varsity track at UMC at 4:00. Bus leaves at 1:30, students excused at 1:20.
Thur, April 30: JH track at Crookston at 4:00. Bus leaves at 2:00, students excused at 1:50.
Mon, May 4: JH track at Ada-Borup at 4:30. Bus leaves at 2:30, students excused at 2:20.
Thur, May 7: Varsity track at Walker at 3:00, Conference Meet. Bus leaves at 1:00, students excused at 12:50.
Mon, May 11: JH track at Mahnomen at 4:00. Bus leaves at 2:30, students excused at 2:20.

SPOTLIGHT

April Spotlight
High School Students of the Month
Clearbrook-Gonvick School



Clearbrook-Gonvick April High School Students of the Month! We are proud as a faculty to announce Monica Reichert as student of the month for grades 10-12 and Josh Lavin from grades 7-9.

MONICA REICHERT is the daughter of Ray and Valerie Reichert. She has an older sister Ashley and a younger sister Sarah. Monica enjoys riding horse, participating and watching rodeos, and hanging out with her family and friends. Her favorite classes at Clearbrook-Gonvick are art, history, and building trades. She is a member of the National Honor Society, FFA, and Student Council. She played volleyball for the varsity team and is a member of the band. Monica truly enjoys knowing everyone in the school and being able to work one-on-one with the teachers. She also likes how everyone is there to help in any time of need and wants you to do your best. Monica thinks it would be awesome to because a professional rodeo person, but doesn't mind settling for a farmer or rancher!

A word on Monica from her teachers...

"Monica is always very respectful to classmates, teachers, and classroom equipment, and completes high quality work" "Monica is always willing to take on any task and give it her full attention. Her creativity accentuates the projects that she works on, and her attention to detail provide amazing, professional results. Monica has a gentle spirit and quiet disposition that is refreshing. Always one to say thank you and lift up fellow students with a complement."

"Monica is a very positive, cheerful student. She is always willing to do what is asked of her and also very willing to help classmates in need. "Monica is a dedicated student who takes a great deal of pride in her work. She has high expectations of herself." "Monica is respectful, does the work, and studies wisely" "Monica always brings a positive attitude and outlook to anything she is doing. Her demeanor is such that it improves the entire class atmosphere. She is quick to help out others in any way that she can. She is the type of person who puts others first. You can tell that the others students respect her and look up to her because of these qualities." "Monica Reichert has leadership qualities that have been a benefit to the Clearbrook-Gonvick school. Her involvement in FFA and 4-H has landed her honors in extra curricular offered through FFA on various judging teams. Monica's smile pleasantly warms our building and the lives of others. Monica has served in the volunteer organization IMPACT by volunteering for various projects her sophomore year. Monica's influence on others is very contagious when utilizing her strengths in leadership areas." Congratulations, Monica!

JOSHUA LAVIN is the son of John and Joanne Lavin. He is the oldest of three siblings: two sisters, Jennifer and Julianne. In his free time, Josh

enjoys playing music. He plays the piano, trombone and French horn. He also enjoys playing the video game, Minecraft, and outdoor activities like biking, camping, hiking, and sports. He especially likes track. His favorite classes at Clearbrook-Gonvick are history and math. Outside of the classroom, Josh is a long distance runner on the track team and active in pep band and concert band. Josh likes how Clearbrook-Gonvick School is a small school and he knows everyone. He especially likes that he can have his dad as a teacher. "He gives me all the answers!" Josh would like to do something with music, like recording, when he graduates from high school.

A word about Josh from his teachers...

"Josh is consistently prepared and always seems to have a smile on his face." "Josh is very pleasant to have in class. He gets along with everyone. Always willing to help other students who need help, especially Macabee in math. Works hard and takes pride in doing well at his school work and playing his instruments." "A great student to have in class. Josh is very polite. He will always say hello when I meet him in the hall. He is the type of student that every teacher wants in each of their classes. He not only learns for himself, but he can help those around him learn as well." "Josh is a kind-hearted student who leads by example. He is always willing to help others students and he puts others first. He has a great work ethic and never complains." "Josh is an excellent student. He has a great work ethic and exceeds expectations in all he is asked to do. "He is kind and helpful to other students and is well respected by his peers. He has a great sense of humor and has been a joy to teach." "Josh puts a high value on his educational goals by taking his academics seriously. He is a hard worker which also carries over into his love of track. He is focused and goal oriented. His achievements are indicative of his respect for education and he is able to see the value of it by following through on what is expected of him." Congratulations, Joshua!

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Many Clearwater County citizens, businesses and civic groups helped to put on the Clearwater County Law Enforcement Appreciation Day that was held at the Bagley American Legion Auditorium. Shown serving were Tom Burford and Elsie Cook.



Members of the Clearwater County Volunteer Sheriffs Reserve who attended the Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Bagley were from left to right: Reuben Johnson, David Smith and Beverly Charles.



Bruce Cox, Clearwater County Land Commissioner and Al Paulson Clearwater County Auditor /Treasurer were at the Appreciation Day to honor present and past law enforcement officials.



Members of the Clearwater County Law Enforcement signing in for the appreciation day that was held in their honor on Thursday, "April 16.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day held at Bagley Legion

Retired Sheriff Ken Felt and his wife Donna (Bjerke) Felt attended the appreciation day that was held at the American Legion in Bagley.



Members of the Clearwater County Law Enforcement were honored at the American Legion Auditorium in Bagley on April 16. Law enforcement personnel and retirees were in attendance. Residents had the opportunity to ask questions about their work and let them now they appreciate the job they are doing. A meal of pulled pork was served to the many who attended. Live music was provided by Pastor Jeremy Davies and his group. The event was sponsore by businesses, civic groups, and a group of Clearwater County citizens.



Pastor Jeremy Davies and his group provided the entertainment for the Clearwater County Law Enforcement Appreciation Day that was held on Thursday, April 16.



A light meal was served and an informal program was provided to the many who attended the Clearwater County Law Enforcement Appreciation day in Bagley.



Darol (Red) Melby and Kathy Hagen greeted and had everyone sign in that attended the Clearwater County Law Enforcement Appreciation Day that was held at the American Legion Auditorium in Bagley.



County Attorney Richard Mollin signs in at the Appreciation Day events that was held in Bagley.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick After-Prom Committee would like to thank the following businesses for once again helping to provide our juniors and seniors and their guests with a safe, fun-filled and memorable evening for the 2015 After-Prom event.

AJ's on Main Alpha Oil & Gas Services Inc American Dairy Association American Legion Auxiliary #256 Aspen Studio B & M Supply Bagley Dental PA Bakken's Market Bemidji Bowl Bemidji Orthodontics Bemidji Theatre Burger King Cease Funeral Home CG-Junior High Class CG-Senior High Class Chap's Welding Clear Water Plumbing & Heating Clearbrook Collision Center Clearbrook Community Club Clearbrook Honey Farms Clearwater Energy Clearwater Trail Blazers Clearwater-Polk Electric Coop Community Oil Copley Township Dairy Queen DaRoo's Dave's Pizza Dominoes	Downs Insurance & Invest Svcs Enbridge ND Pipeline Falk Township FarmChek Service Inc Farmers Mutual Insurance Fireside Grill & Patio First National Bank - Bagley Gonvick Lions Club First National Bank of Bemidji First State Bank of Clearbrook Fischer Law Office, PLLC Galen's Super Valu Galli's Furniture & Appliances Garden Valley Telephone Co Golden Shears Gonvick American Legion Aux 304 Gonvick Diamond Jubilee Gonvick Lion's Club Green Mill Gully Tri-Coop Association Gustafson & Goudge Hill River Electric Home At Heart Care Inc Hwy 2 Cruizers Image Photography Lakeland Farmers Ins. Co.	Leon Township Lindfors Agency, Inc Main Street Service Mark's Hardware Mc Donald's Mireault's Home Furnishings North Country Hardware Nei Bottling Northdale Oil Inc. Nord's Pharmacy & Gifts Northern MN Wild Rice Northern State Bank & Agency Ottertail Power Co Patterson's Pine Lake Township Sjelson Family Dental Sorenson Motors Starky's Photography Target Team Industries-Bagley The Drive-In Town & Country Car Wash Ultima Bank WalkMart Willberg's Implement, Inc. Y-92
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In addition, we would like to thank all the parents who donated time, energy and/or money. This would not have been possible without your help!

If we have inadvertently omitted anyone, we sincerely apologize.

ATV Safety Training to be Held in Bagley
The Minnesota DNR ATV Safety Training Course for Youth and Young Adults will be offered in Bagley to interested ATV operators, age 11 and older who wish to obtain a safety certificate. Anyone born after July 1st, 1987 must have an ATV safety certificate in order to operate an ATV in Minnesota. The ATV class includes two parts:
Part 1: Complete the independent study CD on your own and print the completion certificate.

- Pick up the free independent study CD at:
• Bagley High School (See Deputy Dolan)
• Clearbrook/Gonvick School (See Mr. Andy Anderson)
• Clearwater County Sheriff's Office
• Call the DNR Safety Training Office at (800) 366-8917 (mailed for free).
(The independent study CD must be completed prior to the field day below).
Part 2: Bring training certificate to the field day on 5/16/2015 at 9:00 AM at Bagley High School.
• A review session and written exam will be given and then we will be walking to the Clearwater County Fairgrounds for an operations exam.

Students must have a helmet and proper riding attire (no loose clothing, boots preferred and no loose laces, gloves and eye protection). We will provide an ATV to use.
• Ending time will be around 12:00 PM.
A Parent or Guardian is required to attend the first part of the field day on 5/16/2015 at 9:00AM to fill out and sign the registration form. There is no cost to attend the class; a course fee is paid online to the

DNR after passing the class. To register, please call Deputy Dolan at Bagley High School, 218-694-3120, ext. 2320 and leave a message with student's name. If students are not pre-registered, spots will be on a "first come, first serve" basis. For further instructions about the Independent Study CD or about class information, visit: www.dnr.state.mn.us click on "Education / Safety"; click on "Recreational Vehicle Safety" then "ATV Safety". Student must be at least 11 years old by the class date (certificate not valid until 12 years old).

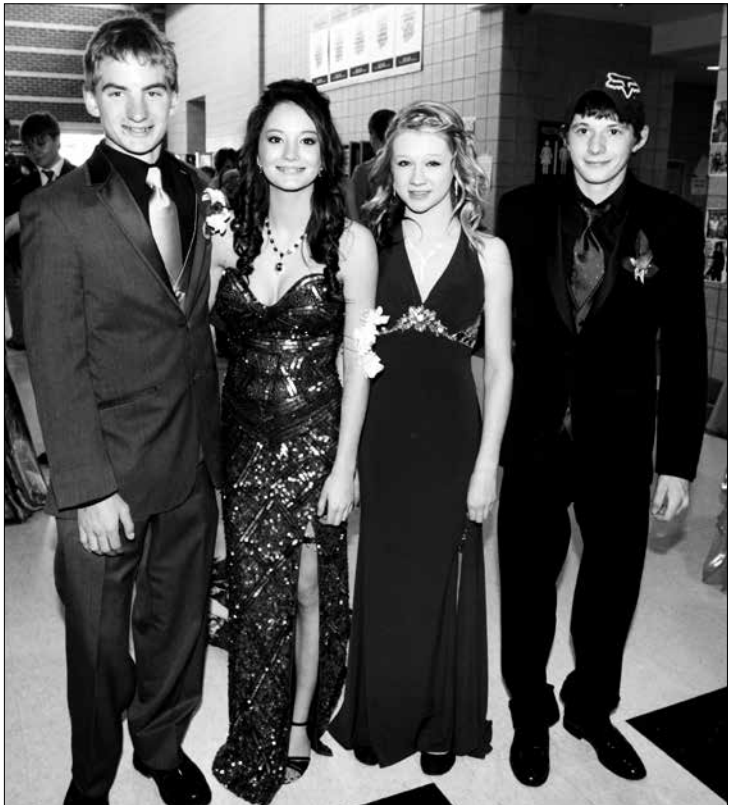


Clearbrook-Gonvick students received many gifts at the after prom party that was held at the school.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick High School had their prom “Once Upon a Dream” last Saturday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m. Seniors who were at the prom had their picture taken. Front row from left to right: Moriah Johnson, Christopher Bratvold-Wright, Monica Reichert, Madi Ulrich and Rachel Gray. Middle row; Austin Horn, Tristan Wagner, Danielle Watne, Chantal Baker, Serenity Tollefson, Katie Sundquist, Seth McPherson and Aaron Horn. Back row; Austin Petterson, Austin Tharaldson, Stephen Nyegaard, Alex Knutson, and Cody Halvorson.

“Once Upon a Dream”



Elliot Dickey, Samantha Mart, McKayla Olson and Devan Kaasa



Aaron Horn, Mikala Johnson, Brynn Hetland and Austin Horn.



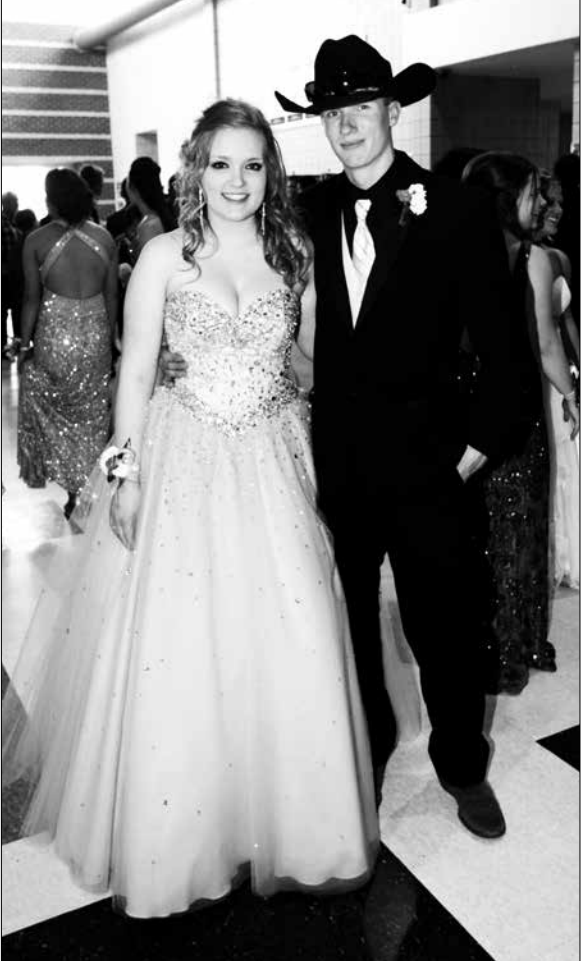
Tobias Mosegaard and Alison Johnson, Rachel Spray and Ben Hjort.



Sam Lavin, Ruthanne Erickson, Hanna Lavin and Luke Burgess



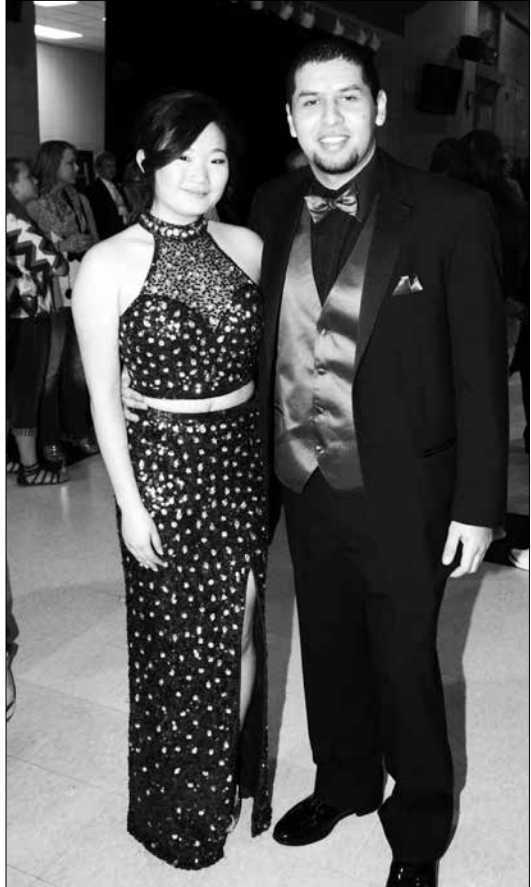
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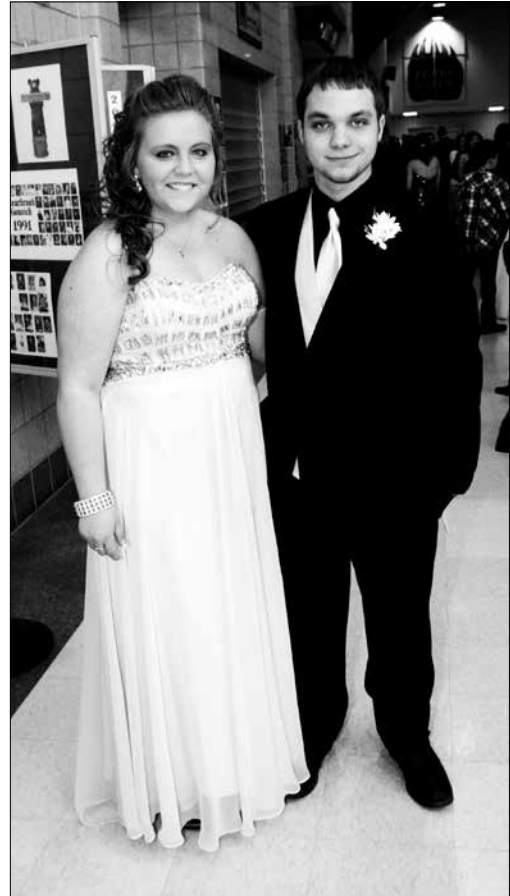
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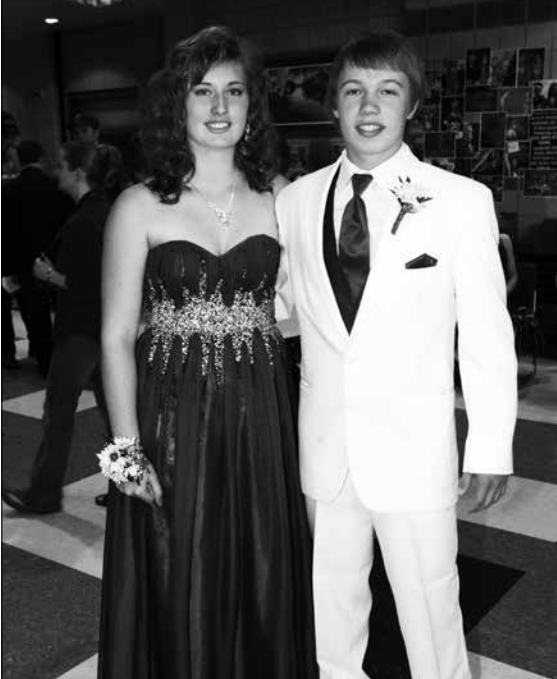
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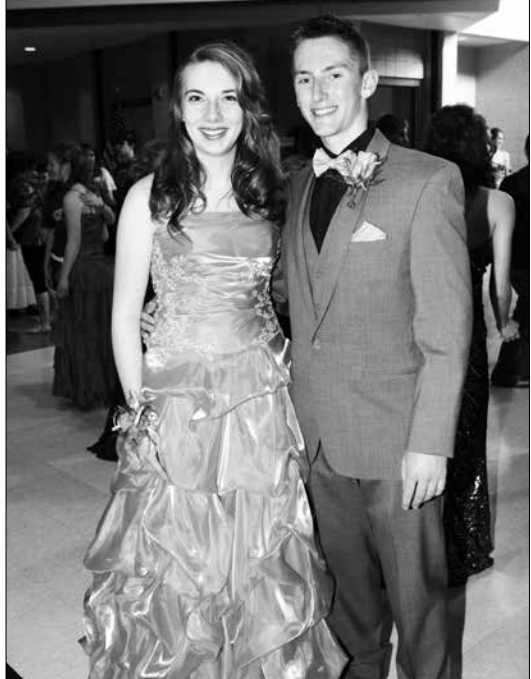
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Clearwater SWCD
Red Lake Watershed District
Project 4 1

The Board of Managers of the Red Lake Watershed District will receive sealed quotes until **10:00 a.m. local time on the 14th day of May, 2015**, at the office of the Red Lake Watershed District, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN, 56701 at which time the quotes will be publicly opened and read, for the supplying of all labor and materials necessary for the Judicial Ditch 72 Grade Stabilization located in:

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proximate quantities which are shown in the "Contract Documents" which may be examined at the following locations:

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April 16, 2015
Date
Kathy Rasch,
District Manager
Clearwater Soil Water
Conservation District

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Board of Commissioners proceedings

March 10, 2015

The March meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on March 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Stenseng presiding and Commissioners Illies, Syverson, Nelson and Newland present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Agenda.

Minutes – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the Minutes for the Month of February with corrections

Land Department – Bruce Cox informed the Board that Mike Hogan has resigned so he will need to advertise for a Forester position. The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to advertise for the open Forester position in the Land Department.

Nursing Service – Marissa Hetland presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to start casual time Home Health Aide (HHA) Nadine Klasse at Step 3 of Range 6 effective 12-30-14.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, CCNS to purchase a CoagChek XS Professional kit at cost of \$1480.

Marissa gave the Board a training on Homecare & Hospice.

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

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to hire Ms. Meghan Metcalf as an Engineering Technician II at a starting salary of Range 16, Step 1.

Emergency Management – Larry Olson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clearwater County Emergency Management to proceed with applying for a saferoom grant for Clearbrook/Gonvick School District. It is the responsibility of the Clearbrook/Gonvick School District to provide all matching costs for this grant.

Larry also gave the Board his resignation of the position of Emergency Management Director. He will continue to work as a deputy.

Soil & Water Conservation District – Kathy Rasch went over a Local Aquatic Invasive Species Plan draft. She will bring a motion to the next Board meeting and a revised copy of the plan.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills and the following motions: By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement on the following motion. Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to continue the Memorandum of Understanding with Sanford Health to Provide Health Care Services to low income individuals and to authorize the Chairperson to sign agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$145,439.60 from the County Revenue Fund and submitted invoices of \$19,009.65 from Nursing Service.

Sheriff – Darin Halverson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clearwater County Sheriff to promote Jerry Dobson to full-time permanent COO to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Daniel Evje. This will be effective

March 1, 2015.

The Sheriff's office will be advertising for part time COO's. The Board scheduled a work session for Emergency Management for April 10, 2015.

Open – There was a Department Head Evaluation done for Dan Sauvé on March 6, 2015 with satisfactory results.

The Board reviewed correspondence.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 11:10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on March 17, 2015.

March 17, 2015

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on March 17, 2015 with Chairman Stenseng presiding and all Commissioners present.

Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Agenda with additions.

Environmental Services – Dan Hecht presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the "Proposal for Engineering Consulting Services" dated February 17th, 2015 from Liesch Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$2,250.00 for environmental consulting services related to groundwater monitoring at the demolition landfill.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to authorize the County Board Chairperson to sign the "Resolution Supporting Entering into Contracts for Solid Waste Hauling and Canister Site Servicing by Direct Negotiation and Without Advertising for Competitive Bids", dated March 17th, 2015. Resolution is on file.

Sheriff – Darin Halverson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clearwater County Sheriff to enter into an agreement with Mend Correctional Care of Waite Park MN to provide medical care at the Clearwater County Jail beginning May 4, 2015.

Assessor – Cheryl Grover presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved hiring Eric Beier as Senior Assessor Clerk effective March 30, 2015 at Step 5 of Grade 10.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the bills, month end financials and the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of \$34,762.73 from the County Revenue Fund and submitted invoices of \$7,384.26 from Nursing Service.

Al scheduled a Building & Grounds meeting for March 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. He also scheduled interviewing for the Assessor position for March 31, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

Recorder – Brenda Knable and Bob Murray presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners approved the fees required to purchase a license for AutoCad software. The software will assist the County Surveyor in drawing Certificates of Location for government corners. The fee is \$3,000 and would be taken from the Recorder's Compliance account.

Soil & Water Conservation District – Kathy Rasch was present to discuss the AIS plan.

Attorney – Rick Molin and Al Paulson were present for a Human Resources discussion. Rick presented a motion to submit a reclassification employee review form regarding Human Resources position to Bjorklund Compensation Consulting. The Board directed him to bring it to the March 31, 2015 Board meeting. Bruce Cox was also present and added that the Department Heads

do a lot of their own hiring procedures and he said it would be helpful if someone could do some of that. Some counties have a Human Resources department.

Open – Commissioner Illies is going to testify at the Environmental Quality Board on pipeline issues.

Bruce Cox discussed the Legislative session.

Recess – The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on March 31, 2015.

March 31, 2015

Reconvene – The meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on March 31, 2015 with Chairman Stenseng presiding and all Commissioners present.

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

Land Department – Bruce Cox presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to authorize employee overtime for the Land Department and Campground during the field season when needed, to administer reforestation, site preparation, spraying, road work and operation of the campground outside of normal working hours.

Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the 2015 wage scale as on file. This is for park employees.

There is a timber sale scheduled for April 17, 2015.

Attorney – Richard Molin presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to submit reclassification employee review form regarding Human Resources position to Bjorklund Compensation Consulting.

Soil & Water Conservation District – Kathy Rasch presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to adopt the 2015 AIS Prevention Plan as outlined.

Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the contract with Always There Staffing for employment of AIS Inspectors in 2015 as outlined in the contract and enter into the Delegation Agreement for Tribal and Local Government Inspection Programs, as presented.

US Fish & Wildlife – Lynn Sebek and Neil Powers presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to approve the 4 wetland easements on file.

It was also discussed that on future wetland easements the Engineer should be notified before easements are purchased from the landowners for road easement reasons.

There is a tour scheduled with Commissioners on June 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Auditor-Treasurer – Al Paulson presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize County Auditor/Treasurer to sign the 2015 Retainer Agreement with Rinke Noonan.

Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to accept the quote from Karr Tuckpointers to repair the stucco on the entire west side of the courthouse, including sealing all movement cracks, installation of flexible caulk around the perimeter of all the windows and doors, in all skill joints, in all the vertical and horizontal EIFS Masonry to EIFS masonry joints and to power wash and repaint for a total price of \$34,526.00 to be paid from the Building & Grounds account.

Al presented a Forfeited Tax Settlement report for 2014. He also discussed County Program Aid.

Open – By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to get prices for remodeling the air intake structure on the courthouse.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to postpone Larry Olson's resignation as Emergency Management Director from April 1st to May 1st, 2015.

Commissioner Nelson volunteered to serve on the Local SHIP team.

Recess/Reconvene – The meeting recessed at 10:34 a.m. for interviewing for the Assessor position. The meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

Environmental Service – Dan Hecht discussed proposals received for weed spraying. He also discussed the Septic System Grant program.

He will bring a revised motion to the next meeting to trade in a van for the pickup he is purchasing.

Open – By general consent the Board waived the 3-day notice requirement for the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to hire Jamie Freeman as the Clearwater County Assessor at Range 22 Step 7 starting on May 2, 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to advertise for the Deputy Assessor position.

Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Dated: April 14, 2015
Daniel C. Stenseng, Board Chairman
Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator

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Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board

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GONVICK SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWN HALL MEETING/REGULAR
MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Petterson at 7:02 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Ben Machlitt, Jim Galloway, Jeff Westrum, Tom Stenzel, Corey Petterson, and Richard Hetland. Absent: Tracy Imle Also present: Superintendent Wayne Olson, Principal Jeff Burgess, 6 staff members, 1 community member

4 Community Comments – None

5 Spotlight on Education – None

6 Approval of Agenda: MMS Stenzel/Galloway to approve agenda as amended. MCU

7 Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – MMS Stenzel/Machlitt to approve minutes as presented from February 16th meeting. MCU

8 Informational Items

8.1 Principal Report – Principal Burgess gave updates on testing, which will start the second week of April & go through the beginning of May. We are looking for a 4% increase in reading scores. Scheduling – a draft schedule is made but there will be some small changes. We will offer PSEO classes online through Distance Minnesota. We will also offer ITV classes – primarily for foreign language. We are waiting for our ITV schedule to be sent to us. Work Study will also be offered next year. We are currently contacting local businesses to request they consider placing a student(s). We are moving for more set classes in grades 9–10, in order to offer more freedom in grades 11 & 12. This will help the students have a good base foundation, as well as our scheduling efforts. Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) – a meeting was held tonight. We are hoping to form a parent group within our school to help with our efforts. A CIP audit will be held on March 30, 2015. Gmail – Marco is working on resetting student accounts so that students will have access to email & Google Docs. Students currently have Google Docs, but it isn't linked to email.

8.2 Superintendent Report – Superintendent Olson advised that we have posted 2 Special Ed positions and 1 Elementary position. Closing date is April 1st. A calendar committee has been formed & meetings will be held within the next week or so. The schedule will be

done without our early start. If the state approves an early start, we can adjust the calendar accordingly. Health Insurance bids were opened last week. Three EA representatives, Wayne and Lori were present. We are currently evaluating plans to be certain we are comparing apples to apples. We will probably need to have a special meeting to approve the chosen company. A survey was sent out to the staff to see which insurance options were important to them. TeenServe got approval for all of the insurances. We are waiting for a letter from the Fire Marshal. ADSIS funding plan is due April 15th for 15–16. We will work on developing a plan. Ms. Anderson has requested to be relieved from her portion of the contract that is used by Bagley. We have informed Bagley that Ms. Anderson will not be returning next year. We have put in applications for Early Learning scholarships. Supt Olson advised that he attended a meeting at the County, and they would like to build tornado safe rooms across the county. This program would pay for 75% of the cost of building one of these facilities. It would cost approximately 250,000 – 300,000 to complete the structure. Our portion would be 25%. So far, Supt Olson hasn't found a way to fund our portion of the building. We could possibly pay our portion through cost in kind – i.e. the cost of the land, the cost of some of our staff members helping with the building. He will contact the city to see if they might be interested in splitting the cost.

8.3 Committee Reports

8.3.1 – Superintendent Evaluation – Board Member Westrum advised that a meeting was held with himself, Tracy Imle, Jim Galloway and Superintendent Olson. Board members should have gotten a copy of Supt Olson's personal goals for this year. Another meeting will be held on April 1st, and they will create a rating scale that will be mailed to all board members.

8.3.2 – Certified Staff Negotiations – A meeting was held, and ground rules were set. The board negotiations committee will meet next Wednesday, March 18th.

9 Consent Calendar – Board Member Westrum noted that there is a typo on the budget for code 141 on the 3 year comparison. MMS Galloway/Machlitt to approve the consent calendar as presented. MCU

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:62272 – 62356/Wires Payroll Checks...0029128 – 0029154 March Bills...

Voucher Numbers: 43818-43891

Check Numbers: 62309-62356

Total Payroll/Expense Checks

Approved: \$415,838.53

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

10 Old Business

10.1 BRIC Update – Supt Olson advised that he informed BRIC of the decision to have a partial withdrawal. Their plan is to reassign the affected staff member to another district.

11 New Business

11.1 Personnel –

11.1.1 Resignations to approve

11.1.1.1 Sharon Johnson – MMS Stenzel/Machlitt to accept resignation. MCU.

11.1.1.2 Patricia Beckstrand – MMS Stenzel/Galloway to accept resignation. MCU

11.1.2 Approve Contract for Mark Carter Long-term sub LA – MMS Machlitt/Galloway to approve contract. MCU

11.1.3 Approval of Leave for Mrs. Anderson per FMLA – MMS Galloway/Machlitt to approve leave starting May 4th. MCU.

11.2 Request for purchase of trailer for activities – Mr. Christianson presented a request from Coaches Kroulik & Rogstad for a larger trailer. The estimate is \$5500 for a 7 x 16 trailer. The number of players is increasing in the fall of 2015, with possibly a number in the low 40s for the football team. We are speaking with Boosters for a possible split in cost. We hope to sell the old trailer, as the trade in value would be very low. We should be able to use the art class to put the graphics on at a low cost. Discussion was held. Decision was tabled until more information can be gathered.

11.3 Hiring of Assistant Track Coach – MMS Stenzel/Galloway to hire John Lavin as assistant track coach. MCU.

12 Action Items for April Meeting

12.1 – Committee meetings should be held before next board meeting: Negotiations, Finance, Supt. Evaluation.

12.2 – Meet and Confer should be held in April. Board member Stenzel and Imle.

12.3 – Mini Bus. Can we move it from behind the repair shop in Gonvick

Additional Item – Board member Stenzel – Congratulations to the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears Basketball on their great season!

13 Adjournment – MMS Galloway/Machlitt to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. MCU

Upcoming Meetings:

Board Negotiation Team –

Wednesday, March 18th

Finance Committee – TBD

Supt. Evaluation Committee -

TBD

Next Board Meeting: Monday,

April 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. R5C

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Potential Cold Weather Crop Damage

With air temperatures dropping into the high teens last week, there is concern about damage to early seeded wheat, barley, oats (or any crop for that matter), especially after a few mornings with frozen soil conditions after planting.

According to Dr Jochum Wiersma, UM Small Grains Specialist, The fastest way to detect damage is to dig up some seed, or seedlings, and place them on a moist paper towel at room temperature and cover with plastic wrap to maintain a moist environment. Within 24 hours, you should see elongation of the coleoptile of the seedlings. With seed that had yet to germinate, you may have to wait another day before you see a radicle and coleoptile appear. If the seed and the germ are damaged by frost they will turn to mush within 24 hours at room temperature. If the crop had already emerged, you can simply cut the above ground leaf material and place the seedling on the moist paper towel and wait for new growth to elongate. Just be sure the paper towel remains moist throughout the duration of the experiment.

There are more reports of alfalfa winter injury in the Southern two-thirds of Minnesota. The condition of alfalfa in our part of the State remains to be seen, but it's only prudent that producers continue to monitor the early spring growth. Following is more detailed information from the UM Forage Team.

Winter injury may not be immediately apparent. It may be indicated by slow or uneven spring growth, or could go undetected until after the first cut.

The most direct assessment of spring plant health is root color and turgidity. Dig a few plants from representative areas of the field, and split the taproot down the center. Healthy roots should be off-white in color and turgid (firm and hydrated). Damaged or winterkilled roots will be dark, dehydrated, and "ropey".

One easy assessment of overall stand health, and production potential, is achieved through stem counts per square foot: (Bear in mind, this is "stems", not plants.)

- 55 stems per square foot = Density is not limiting to production
- 40-55 stems per

square foot = Some reduction has occurred, but adequate production is still likely

- Fewer than 40 stems per square foot = May want to consider termination or supplementary options

If winter injury is a concern, it is also important to watch for slow or uneven regrowth, and monitor regrowth closely following the first cut. Reduced stem count or plant vigor may occur as a result of mild winter injury. Depending on plant health and severity of the damage, production may decrease throughout the year -- or recover. Recognize that every

stand and every field is different and could require specific assessment and management planning.

Last week, I offered several suggestions to "thicken" existing stands, or crop alternatives if the field is severely damaged. If you would like greater detail, Google: "Forage Options Following Alfalfa Winterkill", or UWEX Forage Team to see a host of articles related to forages. As always, the other option is to contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Sources: Jochum Wiersma and UM and UWEX Forage Teams.

Representative Dave Hancock

Legislative Update 2A

APPROVED ROAD AND BRIDGE ACT WOULD BRING NEEDED TRANSPORTATION FUNDS TO CLEARWATER COUNTY

ST. PAUL – The Minnesota House of Representatives has approved a major portion of an approach that will provide \$7 billion in new funding for roads and bridges over the next ten years without raising taxes. State Representative Dave Hancock (R-Bemidji) voted in favor of the Road and Bridge Act of 2015.

"Most people I've talked with want no part of Governor Dayton's transportation funding plan that would ultimately raise the cost of gasoline by a minimum of 16-cents per gallon," Hancock said. "They're pleased we were able to prioritize our road and bridge funding needs in a fiscally responsible way."

Reallocating a number of currently collected transportation-related funds, such as the existing sales taxes on auto parts and rental vehicles, would provide nearly \$3 billion for programs such as state road and bridge funding, small city transportation projects, and Greater Minnesota bus services. The new approach also utilizes trunk highway and general obligation bonds, general funds, and realigns Minnesota Department of Transportation resources to help improve transportation infrastructure.

Hancock said towns with populations less than 5,000 residents would also directly benefit, as small city transportation project funds would be allocated to them to help them repair potholes or improve lo-

cal streets.

How much could towns in Clearwater County expect to receive if the Road and Bridge Act becomes law? The nonpartisan Minnesota House Research Department offers the following analysis for the upcoming biennium:

Bagley: \$80,730
Clearbrook: \$54,174
Gonvick: \$40,000
Leonard: \$28,358
Shevlin: \$35,980

"At the start of the 2015 session, House leadership promised that rural Minnesota's needs would no longer be ignored," Hancock said. "Providing our small towns with new money to make transportation improvements is just one of the ways the House is fighting for their interests at the State Capitol."

Clover Cemetery Cleanup May 1

Friday May 1 at 9:00 a.m. they will have a clean-up day at the Clover Cemetery.

The cemetery is in good shape, and will not require much cleaning. They do need men to sign up for mowing this summer. Four men from the seven families that have done the mowing for the past several years are from 76 to 92. It is time for some of the younger guys to step up. If you own a lot or have a family member buried there, please call Ken and Laurie Brein to set up a mow time.

If enough people would help each family would only mow every 2 or 3 years. Please pass the word.

Wednesday, April 29, 2015



The Second grade class from Clearbrook-Gonvick went to Clearbrook Good Samaritan Society on Thursday to visit and sing for the residents. Thursday was the last day for Mrs. Faldets class to come for the year and they celebrated their appreciation by presenting them with T-shirts from residents of Good Samaritan. Each month one of the two 2nd grade classes comes to visit. Here is Mrs. Faldet and her students in their t-shirts.



Betty Randklev and her Great Granddaughter, Betty Johnson, Laverne and Helen Nordlund and Virginia Faldet



Violet Hagen, Donna Bardwell, Carol Beckstrand, Marlene Westrum, in back- Julie and Mark Fredrickson and Laura Erickson

Virginia Faldet, Karen Johnson, Ardella Lindberg, Laura Erickson, Linda Nordlund, Betty Randklev and Great Granddaughter, Betty Johnson and Laverne and Helen Nordlund



An afternoon social was held at Clearbrook Good Samaritan society on Tuesday the 14th. Volunteers put in hundreds of hours at the Good Samaritan Society in Clearbrook. They have wonderful people that come to brighten the residents days. They become friends to all and the residents look forward to each time they are there doing what comes from their heart. Pictured above Becky Colebanks and Sandy Sather.

Clearwater County sees increase in foreign-born residents

By Tim Marema and Roberto Gallardo

Like most of the United States, Clearwater County saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents over the last decade.

From 2000 to 2012, the number of Clearwater County residents who were born in a foreign country grew by 7 people to an estimated 86, according to U.S. Census data.

The percentage of county residents who are foreign born also increased slightly during the period, from 0.9 percent to an estimated 1.0 percent.

The findings could be important locally because a new study by the Daily Yonder indicates rural counties with a higher percentage of immigrants are doing better economically.

The study looked at the nation's 1,966 nonmetropolitan counties, including Clearwater County. Nonmetropolitan, or

rural, counties have no cities of 50,000 or more residents and don't have strong economic ties to a county that does.

The research showed that counties with a higher percentage of their population born in foreign countries generally had a higher per capita market income and more jobs. These same counties also tended to have lower rates of unemployment and better poverty than counties with a smaller proportion of immigrants.

In Clearwater County, the economic results declined throughout the period of the study.

- Total employment fell by 2.8 percent to an estimated 4,771 full and part-time jobs.
- Unemployment rose by 1.8 percentage points to 11.0 percent.
- And the percentage of people living below the federal poverty line grew from 13.7 in 2000 to an estimated 15.3 in 2012. The county's overall 2012 population estimate was 8,700, an increase of 3.0 percent over the past decade.

Local Observance National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2015
12:00 Noon- In Front of the Clearwater County Courthouse a short, half hour time, of prayer for our Nation in Observance of the National Day of Prayer.

7:00 p.m. At Country Faith Church, Clearbrook Host for this year's area wide observance and gathering from all denominations to pray for Our Nation, Our Military, Our States, Our Local Community, Schools, Families & Media. All are invited to come for a short period of Prayer & Worship.

At 12:00 Noon millions of people will be joining together to Pray the following prayer written by Dr. Jack Graham. Please clip and save to join with many to pray for our Nation.

National Day of Prayer-Prayer

2015 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – BY FRANKLIN GRAHAM

Heavenly Father,
We come to You in the Name that is above every name—Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our hearts cry out to You. Knowing that You are a prayer-answering, faithful God—the One we trust in times like these—we ask that You renew our spirits, revive our churches, and heal our land.

We repent of our sins and ask for Your grace and power to save us. Hear our cry, oh God, and pour out Your Spirit upon us that we may walk in obedience to Your Word.

We are desperate for Your tender mercies. We are broken and humbled before You.

Forgive us, and in the power of Your great love, lift us up to live in Your righteousness.

We pray for our beloved nation. May we repent and return to You and be a light to the nations. And we pray for our leaders and ask that You give them wisdom and faith to follow You.

Preserve and protect us, for You are our refuge and only hope.

Deliver us from all fears except to fear You, and may we courageously stand in the Truth that sets us free.

We pray with expectant faith and grateful hearts.

In Jesus' name, our Savior. AMEN.

EDDY TOWNSHIP SEEKS GRAVEL QUOTES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Gravel quotes will be received until May 11, 2015 by mail, to the Township Clerk, Marilyn Shamp, 13697 440th St., Clearbrook, MN 56634 on behalf of Eddy Township Board for the project listed below:

Gravel to be applied to township roads

Quotes sought for crushed, class 5 gravel from current weed inspected pit. Include location of pit. Quote must include cost of gravel, and also the hauling and spreading, of approximately 3,000 yards. Gravel will need to be of acceptable quality. The Eddy Town Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all quotes.

Marilyn Shamp, Clerk ^{RSC}

NOTICE Dust Control Sign Up

The Clearwater County Highway Department will again offer the application of calcium chloride to residents living adjacent to gravel county and township roads to help control dust. The landowner will be responsible for the cost of the application. The cost for one application will be \$280.00 for an area 20 feet wide and 350 feet long. The length can be extended in 10 foot increments at a cost of \$0.80 per foot. Applicants will be required to make full payment in advance.

Anyone interested in having calcium chloride applied to the road adjacent to their home or business should contact the Clearwater County Highway Department in Bagley, MN at (218) 694-6132 or you may send an email to char.shafer@co.clearwater.mn.us no later than Friday, May 22nd, 2015. ^{RS-7C}



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

There will be an Open House for Sheryll Petterson on her retirement from the Northern State Bank of Gonvick. Cake and coffee will be served on Thursday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She has been working at the bank for the past 26 years.

The 'twins', Charlene Olson and Cheryl Grover, are now both retired and will celebrate Saturday, May 2 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a meal and music to follow by the Wynkoop Band at the American Legion in Bagley. They have both served Clearwater County at the court house for many years and this is their way of saying thank you.

Saturday, May 9th will be an Appreciation Day for the Granley Family. It will be held at the Clearbrook Community Center Banquet Room. It will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. with a program at 3:00 p.m. Of course there will be cake, ice cream and coffee.

From my mail... Donna May Shadley from Ada, Ohio sent in a renewal for her paper. She has been in Ohio for 67 years but still likes to get the Leader-Record to see what people are still around that she knew. She worked for the Carl and Lorraine Carlson family in Gully from 1946 to 1947.

Gully is 105 years old and there is plans in the works for a Gully Day on July 18, 2015. Plan to come and have a fun day in Gully.

Friday, May 1 is the 8th Annual Light up Lake Lomond fundraiser. Food, wine, beer and spirit tasting at the Fireside Grill and Patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The fundraiser supports Bagley July 4th Fireworks fun and other events. It is sponsored by the Tuesday Study Club and all proceeds stay in Clearwater County. Live music by "Bad Bacon" and samples of foods, wine and beer from local businesses and vendors. There are other community raffle tables with fun stuff for a silent auction.

Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick is open early for breakfast in the morning.

They also have Senior meal day on Monday as well as on Wednesday. Part of the price of the meal is paid for from the Gonvick Diamond Jubilee. Seniors only pay part of the cost of the meal. Good deal.

Joke time..

With the high school reunions coming up this summer

Getting Older

Recently divorced, I moved back to my hometown hoping to start over again. A few weeks later, while making a dentist appointment, I was surprised to see I recognized the dentist's name as a good-looking guy from my high school 20 years ago. However, upon walking into the dentist's office, I quickly realized he must be someone else. He was bald, had a big beer belly, and looked so much older than me. Just to be sure though, on my way out, I asked him if he went to the high school that I had attended. "Yeah," he responded, "I graduated in '91." "Oh my gosh," I excitedly said, "you were in my class!" "Really? That's interesting," he said, "what class did you teach?"

Clearwater County Fair Raffle winners

Sat. April 18: Gail St. George, Bagley, \$20

Sun. April 19: Faye Jacobs, Bagley \$20

Mon. April 20: Patty Swenson, Bagley \$20

Tues. April 21: Norma Erickson, Clearbrook \$20

Wed. April 22: Roger Persson, Bagley \$20

Thurs. April 23: Tom Burford, Bagley \$20.

Fri. April 24: Callie Lemm, Hillsboro, ND \$20

Good Shepherd Brunch

"Celebrating Mothers, Daughters, and Friends," a brunch will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Clearbrook, on Saturday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m. Come and enjoy a style show, music and fellowship. Tickets, at \$5.00, are available at the church service on April 26th or at the church office until April 28th. Guests welcome.

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

School testing for district is about 25% done for year

Principal Jeff Burgess informed the Clearbrook-Gonvick School board that testing has started and they are about 25% done. They are seeing preliminary scores that are up and done, but generally positive. They are looking for a 4% increase in reading scores. He is waiting for the ITV course scheduled before completing the scheduling for students. If they do not get them they will start the scheduling by the end of the week for next year.

The continuous improvement plan went well and they are in the beginning stages of an elementary parent group. They are looking at reading programs with parents and a summer project.

There are two open SPED positions and they were to start the interview process on the candidates. They have also schedule interviews for the Kindergarten/music position/elementary positions.

Burgess is looking at the beginning phases of Archery Club and Trap Shooting Club. There is high interest in both the Junior High and Senior High students. He will be putting together some proposals for this summer for each activity.

Superintendent Wayne Olson stated they are making progress on the financial situation of the district. Payments come in various amounts some lots and some less.

Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services (ADSI) is an annual application process for districts to apply for state special education aid. The district received \$40,000 more than last year.

Superintendent evaluation was held at the end of the meeting in a closed session. Each board member submitted to board member Tracy Imle and she went through and combined the information.

The board looked at two

schedules for the 2015-2016 School Calendar. One would start on September 8 and be done on June 2. The second one would start on September 1 and be done June 2. One would include two full weeks of vacation at Christmas time. They would also include snow days which could be used as school days or a day when the students were not in session, depending on the winter situation. They are waiting for the legislature to approve the early start before they approve one of the calendars.

Coaching positon for track was discussed. Currently the track coach takes 25 students out of the 50 that are out for track to an event and coaches are supposed to work at the various events leaving no time to coach and watch the team compete. The board hired an assistant coach for the remainder of the year.

The highest bidder for the 99 GMC Activity Bus, that does not have any brakes, went to Ron Davidson for \$1,060.

Kyle Christianson, Activities Director informed the board about a potential change for the basketball conference. They are 8 teams and Lake of the Woods and Red Lake want to come in to make it 10. Each school would have to play two times, once at home and once away. Teams would be voting but would have to play each team to get a vote.

The board determined that the Northwest Service Coop would be the vendor for the insurance for the district. They would provide the district with various items and deductibles for the district to look at in the future.

Resignations for the next school year were approved. They were Jamie Weems, Para effective March 30, Linda Berg, Para effective May 28 and Misty Larson, volleyball coach. One other resignation was left for next month to get

clarification on dates. Kim Anderson is a teacher that has had a full-time teaching contract with Clearbrook-Gonvick, but was shared between the Clearbrook-Gonvick and Bagley School Districts. The non-renewal of Kim Anderson's contract is the termination of the part of the contract that was with Bagley. Kim Anderson's contract was reduced to 5/7th with Clearbrook-Gonvick district for the next school year.

Quote for the Dust Collection system for the Wood Shop were \$96,000 and \$62,000 which was too high for the board to consider. This system was part of the OSHA review that was conducted in the school. The system was tabled so that a company from St. Hilaire could give a quote.

Checks and wire payments totaling \$246,609.17 were approved for the month. Some of the larger amounts were: IRS \$49,809.93; Stein's Bus Service LLC \$47,270.06; Clearwater-Polk Electric 48,591.27; Marco \$7,773.82; Clearbrook City \$4,169.66; Hillyard \$2,083.67.

Cemetery Clean-up May 1

The Greenwood Cemetery Clean-up will be Friday, May 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring rake, shovels, wheelbarrow etc.

John Sandland, Sexton The Silver Creek Cemetery Clean-up will be Friday, May 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring rake, shovels, wheelbarrow etc.

Tom Anderson, Sexton The Augustana Cemetery Clean-up will be Friday, May 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring rake, shovels, wheelbarrow etc.

Brad Borene, Sexton

The Seljord Cemetery Clean-up will be Friday, May 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring rake, shovels, wheelbarrow etc.

Gordon Olson, Sexton

GET IN SHAPE: With the help of a PrimeWest grant, CWLC is able to offer FREE cardio fitness classes, 6:30 to 7:30 AM, Monday through Friday, at our Clearbrook facility. Use the Gathering Place entrance on Third Ave. Participation in this class does not require membership in Boot(h) Camp. If you have been thinking that you need to get started exercising, this may be the place to start. Current participants are both male and female and cover most decades for age. It's open to 7th grade through 90, and beyond. You won't feel out of place, and you might even make a new friend or two. Questions: Call 218-776-2789, 8:00 AM to 12:00, Tuesday through Friday.

Mother's DayFundraiser and Kitchen OpenHouse

Clear Waters Life Center is adding a commercial kitchen to its Gonvick facility. We invite you to come and take a peak on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. We are also offering a sit-down meal for a free will donation. The menu is: Chicken Marsala, rice pilaf, peas & carrots, garden salad, breadsticks, ice cream with Heath Bar crunch topping for dessert, and a choice of beverage. A separate children's menu of chicken strips & fries will be available. Tables seat six to ten. Seating will be at 11:30 AM and 1 2:30 PM with space for 100 at each. Call to reserve your space, 218-776-2789, or e-mail, cwlc@gvtel.com. CWLC-Gonvick is located at 226 Elm St. Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center will be open for your convenience, 12:00 to 2:00 PM.



Confirmation class from the Gonvick Lutheran Parishes of United and Samhold with Pastor Kris Snyder are from left to right: Brody Brandon Arlaud, Bobby Lee Olson, Caleb Grant Petterson, Reece Allan Danielson and Riley James Schultz. -Submitted photo

Highway improvement projects coming

By Karen Edelbach Lou Tasa from MnDOT State Aid was a visitor to the Board of Commissioners meeting of April 21, 2015. He explained a number of construction projects expected for 2015-16, including a new interchange at the dangerous intersection on U.S. Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 89 west of Bemidji. This is considered one of the most dangerous intersections in the state of Minnesota. The project is expected to begin this year at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000.

He talked about the Toward Zero Death program, of which Clearwater County has previously been a part. He said Northwest Minnesota has the lowest compliance of seat belts use in the state - with only 76% compliance in 2014.

"Utilize your seat belts! They save lives and avoid injuries," he said about the dangers during automobile accidents. Seat belts provide Room to Live, which is the name of a video available as to how much difference it makes to wear them.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé brought motions for the board to award bids for road projects which were approved as follows: AAA Stripping Service Co. from St. Michael, Minn. was awarded the rumble stripes painting contract for their bid of \$379,474, and also the pavement markings contract for their bid of \$74,491. Vogt Dirt Service of Walker, Minn. was awarded the gravel contract for their bid of \$287,542. Northwest

Asphalt Maintenance of Thief River Falls was awarded the crackseal contract for their bid of \$179,400. These are all the lowest bidders on the projects.

Six bids received were opened and read for the County Highway 7 project. He described this as a big project which will extend the lanes from 11 ft. to 12 ft. wide and includes some culvert replacement and repair, bituminous surfacing and rumble stripe. Mark Sand & Gravel from Fergus Falls was the low bidder with an amount of \$3,176,870. Motions to award the project will be presented at the May 12 Board meeting.

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

PLAN YOUR VA CARE: The VA Health Care benefit is not designed as a point of care billable insurance, like Medicare Part B or more traditional, purchased health care coverages. When you have engaged Non-VA emergency care, it important to notify your VA Primary Care Provider (PCP) for follow-on outpatient treatment planning within the VA Health Care System. Billing that VA Health Care System for that emergency Non-VA Care comes under several and specific guidelines.

I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (not anonymous) to our Commissioners is also a valuable gauge.

Chief of Police Daniel Gazelka 7501 Clearbrook-Gonvick

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Department in conjunction with Clearbrook-Gonvick School Community Education Program are proud to announce the successful completion of the Women's Awareness and Self Defense Class hosted April 16th.

Over 20 women of all age groups attended the training. Participants learned that the best way to prevent an assault or violations of their person, is by avoiding compromising situations and training in preventable measures.

Lecture items included situational awareness, proper preparation, medical considerations, law enforcement post assault evidence collection, as well as statute and legal considerations. The lesson concluded by pairing women into teams for a practical exercise in self defense.

The evening appeared to be a resounding success with many comments of "I'm bringing my friend/daughter to this" and "We need another class like this in the future."

A huge thank you to volunteers from the School District, Community Ed, as well as retired and active Law Enforcement Officers who gave their time and knowledge to promote safety and well-being. Stay safe.

March Clearbrook Police report

Police Chief Dan Gazella gave his report to the City of Clearbrook for the March 2015 incidents for a total of 31. Alarm 1; Court Order Violation 1; Disturbance 2; Medical 3; Public Assistance/Misc. 5; Suspicious Activity 4; Theft 1; Traffic 8; Traffic Complaint 1; Arrest 1; Citation 4.



Margaret Stevens (to the left) was almost done donating at the blood drive that was held at the Clearbrook Community Center. Nancy Learmont (right) is busy on her iPhone while she gives blood at the event that was held in Clearbrook. Nancy Goudge was in charge of the event with several ladies helping.



Clearbrook Blood Drive

A total of 50 people volunteered to donate blood, and 39 were able to give during Clearbrook's April 9th blood drive. Seven people gave blood on the automated 2RBC machine which collects two units of red blood cells during the donation, so a total of 46 products were collected. Every community and everyone within each community has a stake in an adequate blood supply. Blood will be available only because of blood drive sponsors, coordinators, and volunteer donors. There was one person who do-

nated for their first time. Nancy Goudge coordinated the drive and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church sponsored and assisted with recruiting donors, publicity, providing refreshments, and registering donors. Space to hold the drive was provided at Wes Westrum Gym.

Donations will help meet the blood needs of many patients in 93 area hospitals served by United Blood Services. Blood is for sharing; you have truly given the "Gift of Life."



Sandy Knutson (above) made sure that blood donors had something to eat after they were finished with their donations. Shown below: Karen Johnson and Margaret Larson serving goodies and beverages to Barbara Torgerson at the Clearbrook Community Center. United Blood Services provides lifesaving blood to patients in hospitals throughout this area.



Phyllis Beckstrand and Betty Randklev registered those who came to the Clearbrook Community Center to donate for the United Blood Services. Shown below is Matt Anderson registering the Linda Nordlund and Kathy Westrum.



Cheryl Mollin visits with members of the United Blood Services at the blood drive that was held in Clearbrook.