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Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary students from left to right: Abby Engen - 1st place, McKenna Hartwig - 2nd place, Keenan Smith - 3rd place and Luke Johnson - Honorable Mention. The Poppy posters will be placed around both towns. Stop and look at them. These children did a very nice job. Abby Engen's and Iciss Schoenborn were mailed to the district judges. Thanks to all the 4th and 5th grade students who participated in making a poster.



Clearbrook-Gonvick 4th grade elementary students Poppy poster winners are shown from left to right: Iciss Schoenborn-1st place, Tavia Johnson-3rd place, Jacob Anderson-Honorable Mention. Not pictured -Vernelle Spears-2nd place.

School board approves calendar for next school year

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board approved the school calendar for next year at their April meeting on the 17th. They had three options that they discussed. Option A would begin & end at the same time as this year. Option B includes a few more off days. School would meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after Memorial Day. Commencement is to be determined. Option C includes two more classroom days and two less in-service days. This can be tweaked. Those approved option C for the 2017-2018 school year, and to amend with the addition of one more instructional day and one more in-service day.

Principal report
Principal Burgess was out of town. Superintendent Wayne Olson presented a report to the board for Mr. Burgess: The following items were discussed 1) Bear Share Fair 2) Spring Music Concert 3) Awards Banquet – Will be held on May 24th 4) Testing – this is in progress. 5) Personnel – 6th grade position is still open 6) Scheduling – Students have all completed entering their requests.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Olson discussed the following items: 1) Preliminary Budgeting - Process has begun. Voluntary Pre-K programs. State funding decisions have not been made yet, so budgeting for this would be difficult. 2) ADSIS – they have not heard whether they have received funding for the next 2 years. They should hear soon. 3) Title Monitoring – There were some items that came up during the monitoring last year. They are working to ensure that we meet the criteria set by the state.

Andrea Churness & Stacie Petterson discussed some of the pros and cons of implementing a voluntary Pre-K program in our District. Discussion was held and questions were answered. Decision was made to watch the situation develop at the state level and revisit the issue at a later time/date.

The board passed a motion to continue the Early Learning programs as they have been

implemented in the past.

Consent Calendar
The board approved the treasurer's Report, electronic transfers and other banking transactions and the bills. Bills included: Stein's Bus Service LLC \$59,568.05; BRIC \$51,453.09; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$8,501.78; Community Oil Co. \$8,006.27; Clearwater County Treasurer \$2,707.88; City of Clearbrook \$2,036.85; Land O Lakes \$1,888.08; Anderson Disposal \$1,809.70; Marco \$1,784.76; Garden Valley Telephone Co. \$1,699.94; Hillyard/Hutchinson \$1,531.23; Select Account \$1,183.08.

Transportation Committee - The committee met and reviewed the two bids that were received for the next few years. The board approved Stein's Bussing contract for the next 5 years (2017-2022) pending clarification of details of some contract items.

Personnel
The board approved hiring of Jesse Eck, Elementary PE teacher and Sheree Hoie, Special Education Para. The board also approved bids for District Sponsored Health Insurance from NWSC BCBS as the District sponsored Health Insurance plan. Next meeting May 15.

USDA Announces Funding Availability to Help Low-Income Individuals and Families Buy or Repair Homes

BEMIDJI, Minn. – USDA Rural Development has funding available for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area. "Our housing staff will work one-on-one to ensure quality customer service for all applicants," said Acting State Director Mike Navin. "To help prepare would-be buyers for this exciting step, USDA

requires applicants to take a homeownership education course that will inform them of the buying process and help safeguard their important investment." USDA's Direct Home Loan Program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required, and the interest

rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of 20,000 people or less. Data shows that Rural Development's home loan programs increase economic development and job creation in rural communities. For example, according to the National

Association of Realtors, the sale of an existing median-priced home generates more than \$58,000 in economic activity. This includes direct real estate industry supports, home furnishings, appliances and landscaping and other economic activity.

The maximum loan amount for repair is \$20,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for up to 20 years. Grants of up to \$7,500 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace. Time is limited to receive these funds. Qualified applicants have until the end of September 2017 to apply. Contact a USDA Rural Development employee today in your area to see if you qualify.

For more information in the following counties: Beltrami, Clearwater, Itasca, Koochiching, and Lake of the Woods Counties; please contact USDA Rural Development at 3217 Bemidji Ave N, Bemidji, MN 56601 or 218-751-1942 x 4. You can also visit USDA's website at www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

Football meeting

There will be a Clearbrook-Gonvick elementary football meeting on Tuesday May 2nd at 7 pm in the commons area at the school. Any students entering the 5th and 6th grades in the fall of 2017 are encouraged to attend. We will be ordering Jerseys soon so you should be there so we can get the right sizes. Schedules will be handed out at this time also. Any questions please call Wes at 218-308-3748.

On the job with ... Eli Gindele

By Karen Edelbach
Eli Gindele is the University of Minnesota Extension Educator for Clearwater and Polk Counties. "What got me interested in my career in horticulture and agriculture is planting tulips with my mom when I was quite young, and gardening," Eli says. "I grew up in a family of five kids, and it was ideal to have a big garden. I took over the large garden as a young boy, about 12 years old. My first job was milking cows for my neighbor at their nearby farm at age 14." Eli spent about 10 years in 4-H in the St. Michael, Minnesota area where he grew up and went to high school. The family raised ducks, chickens and goats on the hobby farm, and some of those were among his 4-H projects.

"I got to go to the State Fair a number of times, and had several roles in our club. I was a County Ambassador, and also on the Advisory Council. I got to start college a year early through the Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)."

Eli went to the University of Wisconsin at River Falls south of Hudson, Wisconsin where he studied Crop Science, the study of plant diseases, agronomy (field crops) and horticulture, which is to do with vegetable production, greenhouse, landscaping, and gardening. He participated in a number of summer internships during college, ranging from being a gopher and a crop scout at the Centra Sota Coop in Santiago, Minnesota; to site safety for trucks during the oil boom in Dickinson, North Dakota. One summer was spent scouting the potato fields around Central Sands, Wisconsin looking for diseases and beetles for Pest Pros.

"These positions helped me with the agronomy studies, and to get some loans paid off," Eli is glad to say.

When he graduated, Eli helped the University of Wisconsin in Madison with plant pathology vegetable trials, and Soil Science technician – researching a project including the integration of cover crops and manure for corn silage yield.

On January 14, 2017 Eli took a new turn in his career when he came to Bagley to become the part time University of Minnesota Extension Educator for Clearwater and Polk Counties. He says there are a great many things for him to begin working on to accomplish in this job.

"I want to get a strong foothold in the community by getting out and making more farm visits," he says as a major goal of his job. "I want to use agronomy and On-Farm Research data about soil sampling, plant populations and fertilizer rates to start."

"We have a Green Bean Initiative planned to support green beans at the County Fair for the 'One Vegetable – One Community' program."

One of the goals Eli has planned in the future is to get connected with the master gardening program.

"There are a lot of garden clubs in this area. I'd like to do an on-line screening of the program here at the Court House."

"Another goal I have planned is to do Rain Garden projects through the Lake Associations. This is to slow down the water before it runs into the lakes late in summer to balance the shoreline habitats."

"We have been in tough times with drought conditions for about ten years in northern Minnesota, with rains bringing



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some relief last year. It helps to be open to changing weather patterns, with 10-year and 5-year storms much more frequent, and the longer season in fall which affect the plant growth.

Eli says different amounts of rain falls and droughts require different management practices. It is important to choose the right varieties of crops and fertilizers for this area and the wide range of soil types that occur in Clearwater County.

"The soils in northern Minnesota range from beach sand to loams, then rocks. Looking at what the data from the University of Minnesota variety trials show can help take out the emotions from choosing what to plant. There is a limited amount of data for this area, but in time, he says there will be more information available.

"We need to take out the emotional side and drive the statistics," Eli says. "Soil testing can be helpful to get to know the best things that will maximize what will grow on the soils here. There are things that just don't work up here."

"Crop rotation is a big key to economics," is one thing Eli is adamant about when it comes to farming. "Beans and legumes such as alfalfa are good to break up hard pans. Some farmers raise crops for animal needs and others farm without animals for cash crops, so knowing your neighbor is key."

Eli says a big challenge for him is combining his previous focus of crops with animals raised here, such as beef cattle, for their feed and nutrition plans, and animal health.

"This position is only three days a week (one in Clearwater, two in Polk), and there is so much more to do than I am able to accomplish in that time," Eli says.

Northern Minnesota is certainly going to give Eli many opportunities to pursue his hobbies, which include trapping, fishing, hiking and camping. But his favorite hobby still remains to be gardening.

"I find gardening very relaxing and meditative," he ponders, envisioning his future here.

Eli's favorite Bible verse comes from 1 Samuel 16:7.

"The Lord does not look at things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, But the Lord looks at the heart."



Junior Prom Committee that made arrangements for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Prom. Front row: Mikala Johnson, Brynn Hetland, Kendehl Ballard, Cami Johnson, Morgan Cornell, Ksieha Jones. Back row: Xavier Goodwin, Ty Nelson, Madelynne Faldet, Abigail Moy, Tyra Goodwin and Brody Arlaud.

Community Calendar

Meeting Notice
Gonvick American Legion Post #304 and Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, May 9th at 7 pm.

Piano Recital on Sunday, May 7
"The piano students of Katrina Stewart and Linda Tikkala will present their annual recital at Faith Lutheran Church, on Sunday, May 7, at 1 P.M. They invite you to come and bring your friends and family to this event. Each year they switch localities, being Clearbrook and Bagley. They are really proud of these young students. There will be a reception following."

Open House for Jen Forsberg
Jen graduated Summa Cum Laude from BSU with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting.
Help us celebrate Sunday, May 7, 2-4pm at Clearwaters Life Center, Gonvick.

OFF THE TRACKS Grooming & More Leonard, MN
Book your pups spring do TODAY
Appointments filling FAST!
218-968-2207
Remember... we make DOG TAGS on the spot!
We carry 2 lines of premium dog food and now have added Essential oils to the shop!
I have recently taken a few classes on why and how the therapeutic grade essential oils can help us, our family and in my line of business most of all our 4 legged friends!!
Offering Raindrop techniques on dogs and horses for a special promo price of \$50!
Closed these dates in April: Friday 14th, Monday 17th and Thursday the 27th- Saturday 29th

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners
April 22 - Rett Berquist, Big Lake, \$20.
April 23 - Max Reichert, Grand Forks, ND, \$20.
April 24 - Kim and Richard Netland, Bagley, \$20.
April 25 - Lorraine Brustad, Bagley, \$20.
April 26 - Fred Sundquist, Bagley, \$20.
April 27 - Jennifer Kvasager, Oklee, \$20.
April 28 - Julie Paulson, Shevlin, \$20.

WANTED
Summer Rec coaches. Completed 9th grade and up. Application at Clearbrook-Gonvick School or website. Deadline: May 10.
Info: JUDY at 776-3112, ext. 102

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Septic System Upgrade Grant for Low-Income Clearwater County Homeowners
Clearwater County, in cooperation with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is offering grant funding at up to 80% cost share for upgrade/replacement of non-conforming septic systems to Clearwater County homeowners who meet low or very-low income guidelines of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Funding is for replacement of existing systems that are non-compliant or failing. Income eligibility must be verified. Further information can be obtained by contacting Clearwater County Environmental Services at 218-694-6183 or stop by, 2nd floor County Courthouse.
Plumbing
Septic tank
Soil treatment area
Wastewater collection



There will be a special birthday party held at the Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick on May 6 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Rose Odegaard the one on the far right will be celebrating her 100th birthday. This picture was taken in 1944 and the four friends are Edna Fredensburg Thompson, Mabel Elleson Larson, Doris Bagne Allen and Rosie Johnson Odegaard.

Gonvick's Hair Repair & Tan
487-5501
- Bobbie & Mary -
Summer is just around the corner ...
Time to get that tan going!
Just installed... ALL NEW BULBS IN THE TANNING BED
Walk-ins Welcome
REMEMBER: "New state law" Must be at least 18 to use a tanning bed.
HOURS: Mon.: Closed Tues.: 10:00-5:00 Wed.: 9:00-5:00 Thurs. & Fri.: 10:00-7:00 Sat.: 9:00-1:00

JOANNA & VICTOR WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT
SUN., MAY 21, 2017
Reception 3:30PM
The parents of Joanna Emmel and Victor Ordonez invite friends and family to celebrate their marriage at a reception held at her parents' home on the west side of Clearwater Lake.
(Bruce & Audrey Emmel, 27447 Bjerke Circle, Leonard MN 56652.)
Joanna and Victor plan to be wed at a private ceremony earlier in that day and welcome everyone to come enjoy some Latin food and coffee and to celebrate with them.

Gabby & Mary Gustafson 50th Wedding Anniversary
May 6th 1967-2017
A celebration will be held in honor of their 50 years together on July 8th at 6:30 PM in East Grand Forks at the American Legion.

Volunteers Needed
The F.M.S.C. Bagley food packing event still needs approximately 100 volunteers to help package 131,000 meals for starving/hungry people. Shifts are 2 hours long. Location is Bagley hockey arena, Dates are May 15th

NATIONAL Day of Prayer
On the first Thursday of May (4th in 2017) the National Day of Prayer is held which invites people of all faiths to pray for the nation.
The National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans. It is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds.
Please join the community in prayer for our nation on Thursday, May 4 at Elim Lutheran in Clearbrook at 7:00 pm.

You're invited to a Bridal Shower for Kristyn Nelson
bride to be of Brenton Bergh
May 13, 10am, at First Baptist Church CLEARBROOK
The couple is registered at Herbergers and Target.

FFA PETTING ZOO
Friday, May 12th
Front lawn of Clearbrook-Gonvick School
9:00am - 2:30pm
Everyone Welcome!

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP
FRIDAY, MAY 5TH 5:00 pm
at Silver Creek, Greenwood, Seljord, Westby, Augustana & Clearwater Cemeteries
Bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, gloves
Contact: John Sandland for details

Legal Notice
NOTICE & ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE & NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CLEARWATER DISTRICT COURT NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 15-PR-17-122
In RE: the Estate of Marcia Leann Syverson, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on May 24, 2017, at 1:00 pm, a hearing will be held in this Court at 213 Main Avenue N., Bagley, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Miles Rouland, whose address is 41023 State 92, Clearbrook, MN 56634, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.
Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. §524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: 4/19/17
Paul E. Rasmussen
Judge of District Court (COURT SEAL)
Dated: 4/19/17
Camille Bessler by Tracy Stodgell
Court Administrator Deputy
Attorney for Petitioner:
James C. Fischer, (#219344)
Fischer, Rust & Stock, PLLC.
PO Box 277
Bagley, MN 56621
(218) 694-3070
NATIONAL BARBECUE MONTH

Church News

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Sand Lake Ave & 5th St. Bagley
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study; 8:00 p.m. Theocratic School; 8:30 p.m. Service Meeting.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Public Bible Talk; 10:35 a.m. Bible Study.

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

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

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., May 3- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation; 6:30 p.m. Youth Group; 7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer.
Thurs., May 4 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study and Prayer.
Fri. May 5 and Sat. May 6- Work days at Elim. Volunteers needed.
Sun., May 7 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, 11:30 a.m. Communion Service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Wed., May 3 - 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA
Thurs., May 4 - National Day of Prayer,
Sat., May 6 - 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study; 5:00 p.m. Youth night at McQuowns.
Sun., May 7 - 9:30 Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service, noon fellowship meal and Quarterly Business meeting

DISCIPLES OF MESSIAH-YAHUSHA
who obey Yahusha's teachings (John 8:31) are meeting each Sabbath in homes. (218) 766-8176
Homeless Shelter - Scriptural Counseling & Encouragement.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., May 3 - Chicken in Cream Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Cream Puff Dessert and Milk.
Thurs., May 4- Pork Loin, Buttered Boiled Potatoes, Creamed Carrots, Bread, Poke Cake and Milk.
Fri., May 5 - Taco Salad, Taco Meat/Cheese/Salsa/Lettuce/Tomatoes, Sour Cream Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit, Bar and Milk.
Mon., May 8 - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Bread, Pineapple and Milk
Tues., May 9 - BBQ Pork, Potato Salad, Cauliflower, Bun, Fruit Crisp and Milk
Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change. Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

GONVICK SITE:
Friday Night Out: Cinco de Mayo, May 5, 5-7 PM. Classic Mexican menu. Suggested donation: \$15-12 & up. Taking reservations at 218-776-2789.
Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center: Open 9 AM to 4 PM, M-F, & Saturday, 9-2. New this year: lemon grass! 5 varieties of seed potatoes & 3 varieties of onion sets ready to plant. Open Mother's Day, 11:30 - 2. Questions? Call 218-487-5290, Ext. 3.
Senior Connection Adult Day Services: Open M-W-F, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. New clients welcome. Small program with focused individual attention in a home-like atmosphere. Professionally staffed. Call 218-487-5290, Ext. 1.
CLEARBROOK SITE:
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7 PM, Thursdays, 2nd floor, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Clearbrook. Open to men & women. Confidential.
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.
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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.
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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wednesday, May 3rd: 6:30 pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice
Fri. May 5 - 5:00 pm Cemetery Clean-up Day - Augustana, Clearwater, Greenwood, Seljord, Silver Creek & Westby
Sunday, May 7th: 9:00am Worship Service/Communion; 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour;
Monday, May 8: 7:00pm Church Council
Joint
Wednesday, May 3rd: 6:00pm Confirmation
Our Savior's
Sunday, May 7: 9:45am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship Service/

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
Cell: 218-358-0162
gonvickparish@gmail.com
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., May 3 - 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 6:30 PM Confirmation and Mentor Night.
Sun., May 7 - 9:30-10:30 Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion.
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sun., May 7 - 9:00 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion
CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, May 3: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.
Sat, May 6: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, May 7: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 8:30 a.m. SS - Honor Graduates after service; 11:00 a.m. Nazareth, 10:00 a.m. SS.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, May 3: 6:30 p.m. AWANA Awards night. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, May 4: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Sun, May 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, May 9: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.
Wed, May 10: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, May 7: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, May 7: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Meet the Seniors.. from Clearbrook-Gonvick

East week until graduation the Leader-Record will be featuring the Clearbrook-Gonvick Senior Class of 2017.



Name: Elizabeth Bodensteiner
Family Members: Parents: Randy Bodensteiner and Laurina Trask. **Siblings:** Hilary, Nicholas, Ryan
Best High School Memory: Anything basketball related!
Favorite Song: "Walking in Memphis" by Marc Cohn
Favorite Movie: "Creed"
Favorite Class: Chemistry if I have to choose. But I like all of them for different reasons honestly.

Advice to underclassmen: Don't turn little things into big issues. Do your best to enjoy school. We really are blessed to grow up in such an awesome school and community and sometimes we take it for granted.

What are your plans for next year? Attend the University of North Dakota for pre-physical therapy.



Name: Tifanni Brusewitz
Family Members: Mom" Ginger. **Siblings:** Kari, Julia, Sasha, Chelsea, Amanda, Ashleigh, Angel and Jackson.
Best High School Memory: Going on a bad trip to Chicago.
Favorite Song: "Separate Ways (World's Apart)" by Journey
Favorite Movie: "Iron Man 3"
Favorite Class: U.S. History

Advice to underclassmen: Don't procrastinate. It will kick you in the butt later on.

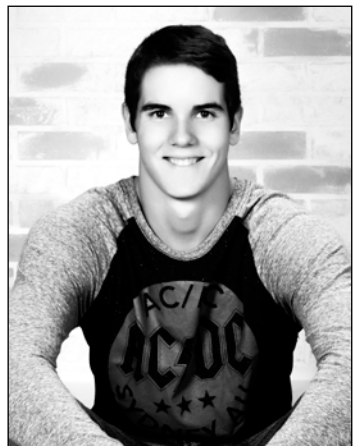
What are your plans for next year? I will be attending Bemidji State University for nursing.



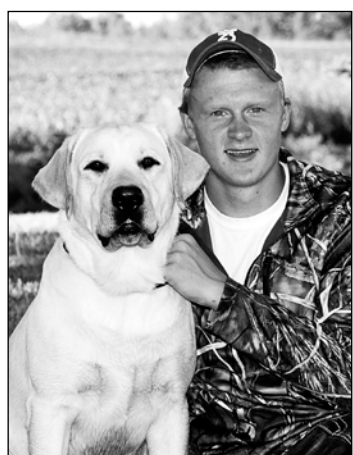
Name: Tristan Bakke
Family Members: Jenny, Brian and Damen Bakke
Best High School Memory: Playing football in the Fargodome.
Favorite Song: None
Favorite Movie: "Vacation"
Favorite Class: Work Study
Advice to underclassmen: Do your work.
What are your plans for next year? Go to Itasca for school.



Name: Terrence Johnson
Family Members: Juanita, Jerome, Damion, Isaac, Reyton and Triston.
Best High School Memory: I don't have one.
Favorite Song: Country Boy Song" by Granger Smith
Favorite Movie: "The Iron Giant"
Favorite Class: Senior Skills
Advice to underclassmen: You miss 100% of shots you don't take.
What are your plans for next year? Work



Name: Spencer Reed
Family Members: Josh, Staci, Brittany and Christian
Best High School Memory: Going to the Fargodome for the Section Championship in football and everything that lead to it.
Favorite Song: "Campaign Speech" by Eminem
Favorite Movie: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
Favorite Class: U.S. Citizenship with Mrs. Hjort
Advice to underclassmen: Three rules: 1. Study and do your work as soon as you can so you can do the fun stuff later. 2. Never reveal everything you know and 3.
What are your plans for next year? Further my knowledge in body mechanics and physiology, work hard to pay off college and get my life started, and do everything I can to enjoy life and make my parents proud.



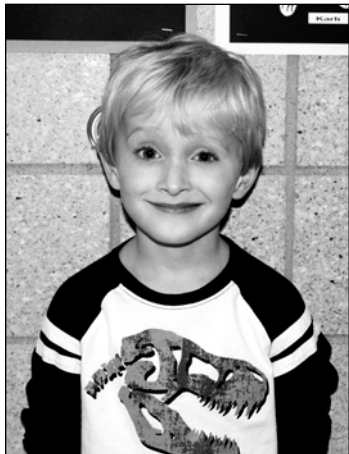
Name: Trevor Evan Rogstad
Family Members: Wes, Beth, Whitney, Tyler and OJ
Best High School Memory: Playing in the Fargodome for football
Favorite Song: "More Girls Like You" by Kip Moore
Favorite Movie: "Friday Night Lights"
Favorite Class: T/A for Bettin
Advice to underclassmen: Enjoy it, because it goes faster than you think.
What are your plans for next year? Going to Northland in East Grand Forks for plumbing and playing football.

BEAR TRACKS

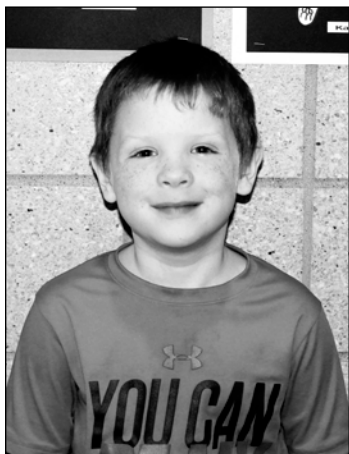
Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., May 3- Pork Chop, Cheesy Potatoes, Cornbread Muffin, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.
Thurs., May 4 - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread,

Meet the Kindergarten Class.. from Clearbrook-Gonvick



Name: Trevor Bjerke
Family Members: Dad and Shani - Hunter, Lauren, Taylor and Alex
Pets: Dog Coco, dog named Woody, dog named Sophie and dog named Nikki.
What do you want to be when you grow up? Soldier, cop or fireman.
What do you like about school? Playtime
What is your favorite food? Chicken Nuggets
What is your favorite TV program? Teen Titans, Hulk and Jurassic World



Name: Brekken Benson
Family Members: Mom Presia and Ryan; brothers: Broden, Braeden and Brysen.
Pets: A cat Dozer, a cat Digger and a dog Drake.
What do you want to be when you grow up? Hulk
What do you like about school? Recess
What is your favorite food? Cereal - all kinds.
What is your favorite TV program? Rescue Bots



Name: Gracie Petit
Family Members: Parents Rose and Chad, Arabella and Austin
Pets: No pets
What do you want to be when you grow up? A mermaid
What do you like about school? Snack and playtime
What is your favorite food? Mint ice cream
What is your favorite TV program? Mega Mermaids

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

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices, Milk.

Fri., May 5 - Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Choices, Milk.

Mon., May 8 - Asian Chicken W/G Rice, Egg Rolls, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Tues. May 9 - BBQ Riblet on bun, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Congratulations to all!

BOYS: (no photo available)
All-Conference: Nathanael Dahl, Tristan Bakke
Honorable Mention: Andrew Barrett, Trevor Rogstad

SPOTLIGHT March Spotlight on Support Staff



April Spotlight on Support Staff:

Jean Naastad, Custodian
"You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge their successes, and encourage them in their pursuits. When we all help one another, everybody wins." -- Jim Stovall

Jean Naastad is serving her eleventh year as a custodian at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. She grew up on a farm north of Fosston and is a Fosston High School graduate. Jean was one of six children growing up. She began her education at Sunnyside, a first through sixth grade country school. Jean states, "Country school is something all children should be able to experience."

Jean lives in Clearbrook. She is the mother of four children, Seth, Autum, Nicole, and Nathaniel. She is also a grandmother of ten grandchildren and three step-grandchildren ranging in age from 5 to 18.

What are all of your duties at Clearbrook-Gonvick School? Too numerous to list them all, but I must perform tasks that keep classrooms and the school in a good, clean, and presentable form. We maintain it on a daily basis all year round, inside and outside.

Why did you decide to work at Clearbrook-Gonvick School? I was filling a spot to help out and was asked if I would take it on permanently. In doing so, it made me close to home and the grandkids.

What did you do before working at the school? I was a stay at home mom at first, then I worked for several different companies: Highway Host, Lakehead, Haack Engineering, Gustafson & Goudge, Minnesota Dehydration Plant, Good Samaritan Home, Gourmet House, Jerrick Construction, Murphy Brothers, and Clearwater Rice.

What is your favorite part of your job? The satisfaction of getting all the rooms cleaned by the end of my shift, the smiles on the students' faces, the funny things they do to bring laughter into the building, and the daily thank-yous

Summer Recreation brochures will be out around May 15.

They will be sent home with students, available in the display case by the school office, online on the school web site under Community Education and on the Community Education Facebook page.

There will also be some available at the Clearbrook and Gonvick City offices as well as the banks.

from them for doing my job.

What is the hardest part of your job? Time - managing the completion of my regular duties when there are extra jobs to get done to. And of course, being short is a disadvantage when it comes to jobs like putting up the hoops in the gym!

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be - why?? I have always wanted to be an airline stewardess so I could travel the world.

What do you do when you are not working? I try to spend time with the grandkids. This gives me such enjoyment. Other than that, I work hard in my yard to grow beautiful flowers and take the time to enjoy their beauty. I also enjoy feeding the birds and observing all the different varieties.

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? Being in a small community, it is easier to get to know people. I am often amazed with all the kindness that is shown.

Any other favorites you would like to share? It has been great sharing my time around the students. I especially love hearing them call out to me as "Gramma" to get my attention. I feel everyone can use an extra Gramma. In return, I get lots of smiles and hugs from many! Thank you!

And now a few words from the students about Jean Naastad from the staff..

"Jean is always willing to help me out whenever I need something done in my room. I appreciate all the hard work that gets done cleaning our school that goes unnoticed. She is pleasant and in a good mood no matter what my room looks like at the end of the day!" "Jean goes above and beyond in our classrooms. She always takes the time to make sure things are looking good!" "Jean is an ever present gift around here. Her joy and positivity as to how she does her work is amazing. She is not only helpful but so very approachable. Her service with a smile and her delightful delivery of conversations makes our day. We are thankful to have her sunshine poured out upon us!" "Jean is always helpful, happy, and easy to visit with;" "Jean is incredibly helpful, friendly, and kind, as are all of our custodial staff. If you need anything, she's right there." "I appreciate the way Jean goes the 'extra mile' while cleaning my room by mopping and dusting. She notices the little things that need to be done." "Jean is faithful to keep our school looking good and she really knows how to drive that big lawnmower!" "Jean always has a smile on her face, no matter what job she is asked to do. She takes pride in her work and makes sure she has done a thorough job cleaning the classroom. The sink is always cleaned, floors swept, mopped, garbage is emptied, and garbage cans put back in place. Thank you Jean!"

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School News

Upcoming Spring Concerts

The Clearbrook-Gonvick school musicians will present two concerts in May. Grades 4-6 will present, "Minnesota--Land of 10,000 Songs" on Monday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. The concert features songs about Minnesota. The program includes student narration and soloists. The 5th and 6th grade band will open the program.

Junior High/High School musicians will present their spring concert on Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. Selections will include both lighter, popular tunes as well as the large group contest pieces. Trophy presentations will be made to both the band and choir for their superior ratings at large group contest.

The CG music department would like to thank parents and our community for the wonderful support throughout the year. It has been a year of tremendous growth and fine performances. The music groups are led by Katrina Stewart, Band Director and Tammy Ragan, Choir Director.

SNOW MAKEUP DATE: Second snow makeup day will be Friday, May 5. **SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION THIS FRIDAY, MAY 5.**

Grades 3-8 and 10-11th will continue MCA testing through May 5th. Please make sure students are getting plenty of rest and a good breakfast during these times. See school website (under Quick Links) for testing schedule.

NWEA Testing will be from May 8th-May 17th for K-3.

We are no longer collecting ink cartridges or laser cartridges. The amount of time it takes is not worth the decreasing amount of money we receive. We encourage you to recycle. Many businesses that sell these products also have a recycling program so please make use of that. Thanks to the many that have faithfully saved cartridges over the years!

Several Fundraising events coming up: Brats in a Bag for CCCVC on May 10 and Meatball Dinner for Summer Rec on May 11.

Youth Connection: Just one week left: May 2, will be a BBQ. Looking ahead: Next year's Youth Connection will be 5th through 9th grade.

Essentia Health-Fosston presents a free educational event: What Parents need to know about Immunizations

Immunizing helps protect you and your family as well as the health of our community. Come learn the benefits, when you should immunize and more.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD, 6:30-7:30 pm

New Journey Church
505 9th St NW | Fosston
Light refreshments provided.

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
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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Thur, May 4: JH Track at UMC at 4:00. Leave at 2:15

Tue, May 9: Varsity Track True Team Meet at Park Rapids at 2:00. Leave at 12:15

Thur, May 11: Varsity Conference Track at LOW at 2:30. Leave at 11:30

Thur, May 11: JH Conference Track at LOW at 2:30. Leave at 11:30

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

The online lunch account information is temporarily unavailable. Please contact the office for assistance with your account at 218-776-3112.

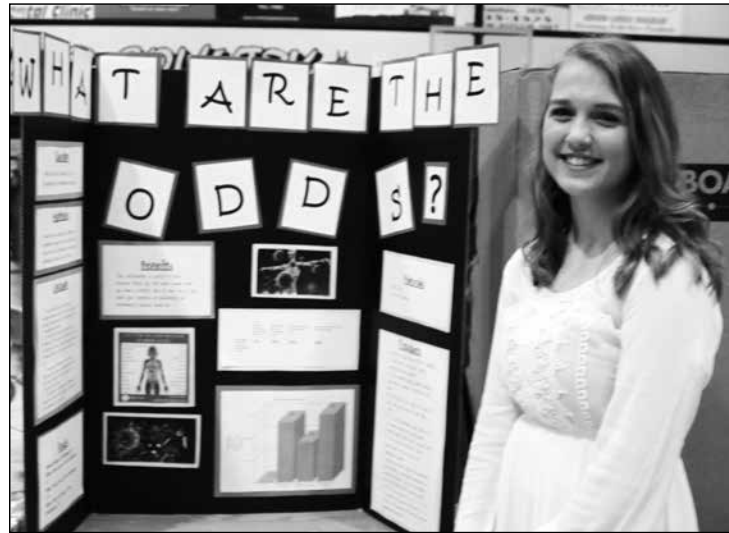


Evan Molden and TJ Lykins with their project in the Junior High Division at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Science Fair, titled, "Play by the Beat."

Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Science Fair



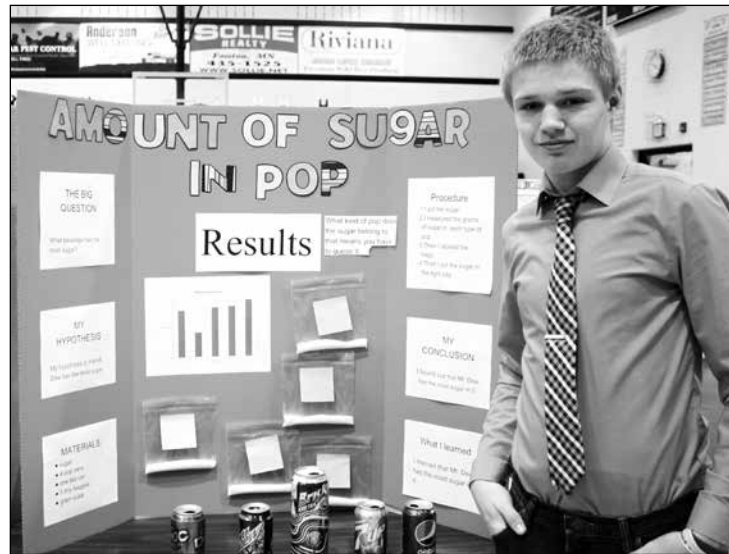
Ashlyn Weems with her project in the Junior High Division at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Science Fair, titled, "Cookie Trouble."



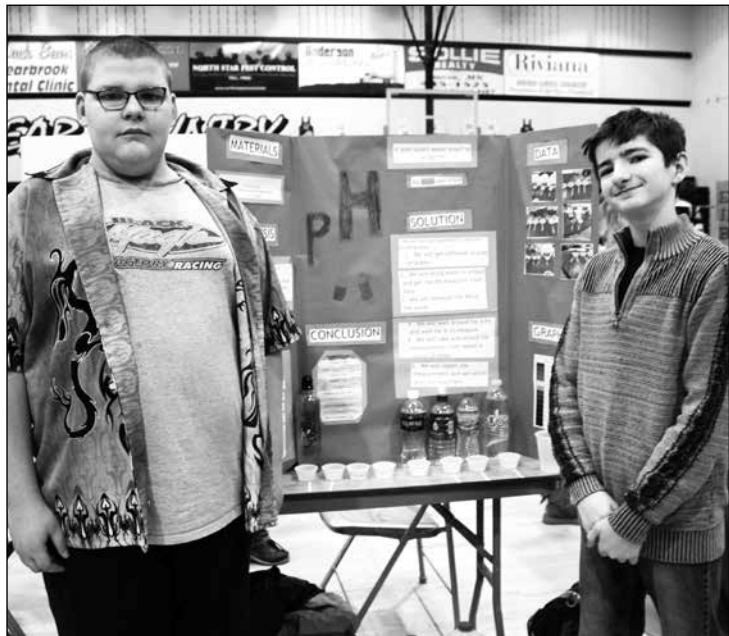
Amara Churness with her project in the Junior High Division at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Science Fair, titled, "What Are the Odds?"



Jenni Lavin with her project in the Junior High Division at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Science Fair, titled, "To Gluten or Not to Gluten."



Jacob Davis with his project in the Junior High Division at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Science Fair, titled, "Amount of Sugar in Pop."



Rilee Torgeson and Carter Hutchison with their project in the Junior High Division at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Science Fair, titled, "Is Your Smart Water Smart or Acidic Water?"



Keva Munter escorted by Judah Bennett.



Ashley Eckman escorted by Luke Burgess.



Michaela Burstad escorted by Trevor Rogstad.



A Trip Around The World!

The Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior Class presented the 2017 prom on Saturday, April 22. The prom attendees went on "A Trip Around the World!" Helping to make the night great were Ross Faldet, James Bettin, Robin Proffit and Sarah Goudge.

Picture to the left: Alison Johnson escorted by Austin Kindem and Kaitlyn Martine escorted by Shadow Dahlke.



Shayla Erickson escorted by Bryce Johnson.



Brynn Hetland escorted by Hunter Kroening.



Abigail Moy escorted by Hunter Churness.

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

VETERANS CHOICE PROGRAM UPDATE: by Disabled American Veterans (DAV) of MN Legislative Director Trent Dilks. On Wednesday, April 19, 2017 President Trump signed an extension of the Veterans Choice Act. There is an estimated \$950,000,000 left of the

original allotment. The action taken on Wednesday made it possible for the Choice Program to continue operating. It is important to note this bill did not include any changes to the current Choice Program. It was an act to extend the authorization of the program implemented in 2014. The only other change was to allow the VA to serve as a primary, instead of secondary payer when working with a Veteran who also has private health insurance. The real work of improving the

Choice Program can now begin in earnest, as Congress will not have to worry about the program losing its authorization. The DAV of MN was recently a part of the discussion on how to improve Veterans Choice. DAV of MN Legislative Director Trent Dilks and National Service Officer (NSO) Supervisor Jon Retzer were invited to be a part of a roundtable discussion with Senior Presidential Advisor on Veterans Affairs Jake Leinenkugel and the VA Undersecretary of Community Care in Minneapolis. The discussion was centered on what has and has not worked with the current program. Included in the discussion were six representatives from Minnesota Veterans Service Organizations and two MN County Veterans Service Officers. When asked to summarize the nature of the discussion Trent Dilks said, “We had a great opportunity to have a discussion with someone who has the President’s ear on Veterans issues and I think we had a high quality discussion. The topic was how to improve Veterans Choice and our message was consistent and clear, we believe community care should be coordinated with the VA. The providers who offer these services need to be paid in a timely manner. Lastly, we let them know they needed to return control over the community care program to the local VA Medical Centers.” Mr. Dilks went on to explain that by returning control to the local VA they could utilize or build relationships with providers. “It will also allow for local accountability in the process” Mr. Dilks explained, “Right now when there is a mistake, delay or other issues it seems like even the people in charge aren’t sure who should fix the issue. Local [VA Health Care] control, instead of random contractors spread across the country, would go a long way towards resolving problems in a timely manner.”

CVSO NOTE: When a veteran receives an appointment letter from the VA Health Care System that is either more than 30 days' wait, or of excessive mileage to travel, that veteran then uses the Veterans Choice Program to have the care appointed earlier or closer by a non-VA provider. For the VA Medical Center Fargo catchment, these calls are rolled over to the "Care in the Community" service center at the Fargo VAMC itself, for actual local attention to the veteran's use of the Veterans Choice Program.

VETERANS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM: I'd like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to the Evans group of families for their recent donation to Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program, made as a memoriam in honor of the long and faithful United Air Force and DoD service of Kenneth Evans, originally of Clearbrook.

(218)556-5340 Hutch

Take precautions Applying manure
Minnesota feedlots with a National Pollutant Discharge Eliminations Systems permit that apply liquid manure to frozen soil must notify their county or state feedlot program representative, says the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

This notice should include an aerial photo clearly outlining the location of the proposed land-application. MPCA also says it's important that farmers double-check with their county about any other local ordinances.

To reduce water quality concerns regarding the impact of manure applied to the surface of wet or frozen soil, MPCS advises:

- Avoid steeper slopes. Seek fields or parts of fields with less than 6% slope for solid manure, 2 % for liquid manure, or that have greater than 30% residue.
- Stay 300 feet away from sensitive features, such as waters and tile intakes.
- Perform tillage along contours to create furrows to capture any potential runoff.
- Avoid flood or floodway zones.
- Keep application rate low enough to avoid runoff or ponding during application.

Farmers should report any discharges from land application or liquid manure storage overflows to the State Duty Officer, 800-422-0798, and take immediate action to reduce environmental impact such as:

- creating temporary berms to stop discharge
- temporarily plugging culverts and tile intakes to prevent manure inflow
- soaking up liquid with absorbent material, such as hay, straw, or wood shavings

MPCA advises that farmers do not construct or modify basins without approval from the MPCA, or county feedlot officer. And farmers should not store manure in unpermitted basins.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

There will be a special birthday party held at the Samhold Lutheran Church in Gonvick on May 6 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Rose Odegaard will be celebrating her 100th birthday. Happy Birthday.

The real bears are safe. When Robert Johnson was doing his cornfield just south of the Clearbrook-Gonvick School there was a mother bear and two cubs that he scared up and they ran towards the school. This spring, at least when it was spring, he was working in the field just west of the Elim Lutheran Church in Clearbrook. There he saw a mother bear and two bigger cubs. They are safe and still in the school district. I wonder where they will be going next?

There will be cemetery clean-up on Friday, May 5th at 5:00 p.m. The Cemetery Clean-up Day will be held at Augustana, Clearwater, Greenwood, Seljord, Silver Creek & Westby cemeteries. Bring help and your gloves, shovels and rakes.

Meatball supper with mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, dinner roll will be served on Thursday, May 11 from 5:00-7:00 or until food is gone! In the Banquet Room at Clearbrook Community Center (Old school). Meal served by Clearbrook American Legion Post #256 for the benefit of Clearbrook-Gonvick Summer Recreation.

Mark your calendars and get ready for another fun filled day in Gully. The date is Sat-

urday, July 22, with activities planned from 9 am to midnight. Remember Albert Mikeshe? He will be there. Also for a few laughs “Milo and Silo” will be on stage. Then the North and South will again try their luck at the Knowledge Bowl and the Tug of War. Lots more is still in the planning stage. You won't want to miss it so be sure and save the date.

Several county Farm Bureaus throughout Minnesota are sponsoring or co-sponsoring Breakfast and other events on the Farm June through October. Each event includes a meal and numerous activities for all ages to enjoy including farm tours, wagon rides, machinery display, petting zoo and much more. Beltrami County Breakfast on the Farm. Date: June 25. Time: 8:30 a.m. – Noon. Location: Beltrami County Fairgrounds. Cost: \$5 adults, children 11 and under free. Menu: Pancakes. Contact: Stan Kimmes at 218-760-2719 or Renae Swanson at rswany8@gmail.com

If you have a picture you would like to share with our readers please send them to richards@gvtel.com or bring them into our office in Gonvick. Wedding picture, new baby in your family or family get together.

Notice any of those bugs in your house this spring. North Star Pest Control in the Leader-Record area will give free estimates for service. They can be reached at 877-685-9370.

Need a new passport? Check your dates on your passports so that they can be renewed without too much hassle. Renew before they expire. Call Leader-Record in Gonvick 487-5225 to get set up for a time to take your pictures and get them right away.

Joke time...

Ole and Lars were on their very first train ride, heading to Minneapolis. They had brought along bananas for lunch. Just as they began to peel them, the train entered a long, dark tunnel. “Have you eaten your banana yet?” Ole asked excitedly. “No,” replied Lars. “Vell don't touch it den,” Ole exclaimed. “I yust took vun bite and vent blind!”



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The Grizzlies 7th and 8th grade girls played at the Bertha-Hewitt tournament and placed second out of 16 teams! Awesome job girls! (Back L to R) Malaina Hartwig, Danielle Faldet, Mykenzie Larson, Lauren Melby, Kaylee Faldet, Ella Engan, Kaylee Westrum. Front L to R) Tatum Melby, Maci Wagner, Emma Rude, Kelsey Johnson, Dana Melby.

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Project GreenTouch Day is set for Saturday, May 6th. Clearwater-Polk Electric along with Itasca-Mantrap are inviting all their co-op members and community members to meet at Itasca State Park on Saturday, May 6th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to help the park get ready for another summer season. Lunch & refreshments will be served. Please bring gloves and rakes if you have them. If you have any questions call 218-694-6241.



Pastor Bob

**What are
they up to
now?**

Our local school, like a lot of local school holds an annual science project fair. Students use their base knowledge as a launching pad for their imaginations and as a way of stretching their "thinking muscles." Every year students surprise and impress me with their innovative thinking, their ability to teach me something, and proving that science can be fun. This year the students provided many examples of good news and one astonishingly piece of bad news for me.

One piece of good news is that bottled water is not better than tap water. Apparently in the bottling process the manufacturers who are making money hand over fist, add things to their water so the water does not take on the taste of the plastic bottle. It is not healthier than the average quality of water that comes from the tap. If your bottled water tastes good it is not because the bottling company has secret source of delicious tasting water. Hmmm...One of my favorite fruits, oranges, is a better source of vitamin than three fruits I do not like-limes, lemons, or grapefruits--lemon belongs on fish, lime belongs in some drinks, and grapefruit should not be eaten or drunk by anyone and should only refer to the baseball league. One student looked at the effectiveness of various storage containers for keeping food while another looked at the effectiveness of various freezing techniques. I want to know, why does spoiled food look green. For that matter, when we are sick, why do we look "kind of green around the gills." One experiment not involving food, looked at how we could clean up our water supply, especially for countries suffering from abject poverty and limited technology. Amazingly rocks, sand, and dirt can eliminate a lot of visible pollut-



**Pastor Robert
Kirchman**

ants from water.

One teen who maybe wanted to prove some authority figure in his life that video games are not destructive had an experiment where he checked if playing a video games raises a person's heartbeat or not. He discovered that his heartbeat did not rise during a playing of a game but his friend's heart, who does not play video games as often, did. Yikes! Imagine having that conversation—one of the laws of life is that as you get used to having or doing something you need increasing amounts to get to a certain level of satisfaction/impact—which is why addictions are so dangerous.

Many examples of good news, oranges taste good and are good for ya, I can save some money on bottled water, my cheap storage containers are just as good as the expensive ones, and people who are in dire straits have a simple and cheap way of improving the quality of their water. All this good news is more than counter balance by an experiment conducted by Brody J. He crushed one of my rules to live by. He dropped items on surfaces and then picked them up before the five seconds were up and tested them for little ugly things and he discovered there is no five second margin of safety. There is no five second rule. One second, two second, three seconds, five, it does not matter. When you pick something up off the floor to eat it you are picking up something off the floor. Mike/Virgil T. seeing my downcast countenance (in English: my pouting face) tried to cheer me up by pointing out that it may make a difference as to what type of surface you drop your juicy morsel that you cannot give up on-and in his house he personally observes something longer than just five seconds and has done fine with it.

Bye for now and thanks and as they say on the food channel--"good eats."

Letter to the Editor

On Wednesday, April 5, I had the very good pleasure of accompanying the C-G choir and band to Bemidji. I accompanied the choir as they performed 2 very nice selections, Handel's 'Praise the Lord' and a beautiful rendition of 'The Ash Grove', as a group that had not performed at contest for quite some time and were graded on their performance. I also sat in on the band's performance, directed by Katrina Stewart.

This, in itself, was an awesome performance. It is my personal opinion that you are a lucky community to have these women working for you. I see nothing but a bright future for both of them. I have been riding schoolbuses with choirs for some time now and for me it is a fun thing to do. Your children are respectful, they are proud of the school they attend and for me it is great to get to know them doing what they do. I am also very happy to be able to teach piano to an amazing group of boys and girls. Clearbrook-Gonvick has been very open to me, allowing me to use one of the music rooms, to do after-school lessons. And I thank all of those who are in leadership to grant this. I would like to remind the community that the piano students of Katrina Stewart and myself, will present a piano recital, Sunday, May 7, at 1 PM at Faith Lutheran Church, in Bagley. It is open to the public. Thank you, Linda Tikkala, rural Bagley.

Clearbrook/Gonvick Grizzlies J O volleyball 6th and 7th graders played in a Fosston tournament and won all their games! Go Grizzlies! Front row: Katie Bjerke. Back row from left to right: Kjersti Snyder, Annaliese Ballard, Sarah Reichert, Ella Engen, Kelsey Anderson, Ashlyn Churness and Dana Melby.

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Clearbrook/Gonvick Grizzlies J O volleyball season has begun. The 4th girls played in the Wadena tournament and placed first on the Gold Division! Go Grizzlies! Back l to r) Kailey Klema, coach Cindy Melby, Middle l to R) Allison Lavine, Tatum Melby, Emma Nybo, Natalie Stout, Tavia Johnson Front l to r) Nora Stout. J O volleyball is a non school affiliated group. All coaches donate their time with strong parent support.

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