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Highest honors for Clearbrook-Gonvick High School went to from left to right: Elizabeth Bodensteiner, Alison Johnson and Carlie Bergerson.

## Clearbrook-Gonvick High School graduation is Saturday, May 27

Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 2:00 p.m.

The Clearbrook American Legion will be presenting the colors.

Receiving highest honors are Carlie Bergerson, Elizabeth Bodensteiner and Alison Johnson. Receiving honors are Ashley Eckman, Michael Gray, Bryce Johnson, Rachel Mathison, Spencer Reed, Darby Riley and Christopher Wistedt.

The Valedictorian address will be given by Elizabeth Bodensteiner for the class, and Alison Johnson, the Saluatorian will give the welcome with Michelle DeVries giving the Commencement address.

Michael Gray and Spencer Reed will be presenting the Class memories.

Diplomas will be presented by School Board member Jeff Westrum with Principal Jeff Burgess presenting the Senior Class.

Ushers for graduation will be two juniors Madelynne Faldet and Brody Arlaud with five sophomores: Emily Bergman, Adriana Churness, Joshua Lavin, Jacey Tronnes and Kristin Weems.

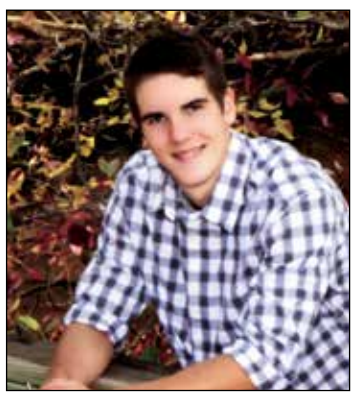
The Class son is "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts. The Class Flower is a Dahlia with the class colors as black, gold and silver. The class motto is "It always seems impossible until it's done." by Nelson Mandela.

Ashley Eckman

Michael Gray

Bryce Johnson

Rachel Mathison



Spencer Reed

Darby Riley

Christopher Wistedt

## Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Members Attend State Convention

Three members from the Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Chapter recently attended the 88th Minnesota FFA Convention, April 23-25 at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. Speakers, awards, competitions, workshops and sessions were some of the highlights for the 3,603 FFA members from Minnesota attending the convention, celebrating the convention theme, "All In: Our Legacy Starts Now."

**Career Development Events** - More than 30 Career Development Events (CDE) cover job skills in everything from communications to mechanics. Some events allow students to compete as individuals, while others allow them to compete in teams. The Clearbrook-Gonvick members participated in two of the convention's Career Development Events. Sophomore, Jacey Tronnes earned a gold ribbon in the Fish & Wildlife competition and 8th grader, Rose Java earned a bronze ribbon in the Meats Evaluation competition. Both girls represented their chapter well.

**Chapter Awards** - Numerous chapter awards are also given out at the State FFA Convention. The Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Chapter received two awards. For their first year of participating in the Minnesota FFA Corn Drive which sponsors the True Friends organization in their efforts of funding Camp Courage, the Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA received a First Year Donation Friendship award. Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA also received an award for their growth in membership.

Savanna Rankin, Jacey Tronnes, and Rose Java at the 88th Minnesota FFA Convention.

**Minnesota State FFA Choir -** The Minnesota State FFA Choir has been a longtime tradition of the Minnesota FFA Convention. This year the choir was directed by Ms. Katy Westrom from Pinewood Elementary School in Monticello, Minnesota. Freshman, Savanna Rankin from the Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Chapter sang in the State FFA Choir this year. She is the first member from the chapter to participate in the state choir and earned a speaking part during the one of the performances. Savanna enjoyed her involvement in the choir dur-

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Savanna Rankin receiving the award for Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA's first year donation to the True Friends organization.

### Gully Legion Memorial Day Service planned

The Gully American Legion Post #603 will present their Memorial Day program at the Gully Community Center at 10:30 am on May 29.

Everyone is welcome.

### Memorial Day Service in Gonvick

The Gonvick American Legion Post #304 Memorial Day Service will be on Monday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Kris Snyder of the Gonvick Lutheran Parish serving Samhold and United will give the Memorial Day address.

Prayers will be given by Dianne Godtland. There will be readings by Ray Bjerke, Darlene Sawyer, Louise Sundquist and Carole Johnson. Music by Susan Sims and Bonnie Borene accompanied by Karen Johnson.

The reading of the deceased veteran names will be by LeRoy Sundquist, the Legion Commander.

Coffee and donuts will be served by the Auxiliary following the service.

Everyone is welcome.

### Clearbrook Legion Memorial Day Service planned

Clearbrook American Legion and Auxiliary will be honoring local area veterans on Memorial Day. Service is on Monday, May 29, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Clearbrook Community Center. A special invitation is given to Vietnam War era veterans to be recognized during the Memorial Day services. For recognition at the service please provide information on your years of service and branch of service to Corrinne Anderson, Auxiliary President at 776-3718 or by e-mail to thomasa@gvtel.com by Friday May 27, 2016. Guest speaker for the service will be Harry Hutchens. Many musical selections will be presented. Please join us as we honor all veterans.

## More than $502,000 of Garden Valley Capital credits paid in May

Over 20,200 checks, totaling more than $502,000, were issued on May 18 to Garden Valley Telephone Company members who had service with the cooperative in 2000 and/or 2016, including over $51,000 for members with Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully and Leonard addresses.

**Advantages of a Cooperative**

More than $12.6-million of capital credits have been authorized by the board of directors for payment to Garden Valley members over the last ten years.

Article VII of the cooperative's By-Laws provides that capital credited to members may be retired and paid if the financial condition of the cooperative will not be impaired.

**112th Annual Meeting**

Garden Valley's 112th annual membership meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Win-E-Mac Public School near Erskine on Tuesday, June 6, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and "The WoodPicks" will entertain during registration.

## Senior Focus On ...Darlene Sawyer

By Karen Edelbach

"I've never been interviewed before," Darlene Sawyer says, as she contemplates being on the other side of the interview table.

Darlene Sawyer, who will turn 80 years old in July, is well known as a Bagley school teacher and journalist with a history of special accomplishments through her working career. She modestly denies any deserving of the recognition she has received through the years.

A farm girl who grew up in northern Clearwater County, Darlene learned responsibility early in life as the oldest of four siblings. Her parents, Dorothy and Elmer Gunelius, often left Darlene in charge when they were tending the farm.

"I think people do kids a disservice if they don't expect them to be responsible," Darlene says.

Darlene is a 1955 graduate of Gonvick High School and put herself through a year at Bemidji State Teachers College. She went to work in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where she married James Clemenson. in 1958.

Darlene was not anxious to move back to the Gonvick area when her husband was asked to come up and promote the Winsor Lefse business in Gonvick. But with James' promise to her that she could go back to school and continue her education, that was motivation enough for her to move in 1966.

They had two young children, and Darlene commuted for three and a half years to BSU while James helped with the childcare.

"I was a dedicated student," Darlene says. "I graduated in 1969 with a BS degree in English, and minors in Psychology and Social Studies. When I graduated, there was a shortage of teachers. I was looking around for a job when the Superintendent of Bagley schools called the principal here to interview me for a teaching position. I got the job as the high school English teacher. I was also assigned to be the school newspaper advisor, and stayed in the position for 29 years."

In the meantime, Darlene says she didn't know anything about newspapers. So she took a class at BSU in Journalistic Writing.

"I liked it," she says, and that started her on a lifelong journey of teaching and writing.

In the summer of 1970, she applied for a scholarship, all expenses paid, for "Inexperienced High School Newspaper Advisers," which was sponsored by the Wall Street Journal.

Darlene got a letter indicating she was chosen as one of 25 recipients of the scholarship, and traveled to Radford College in Radford, Virginia to attend the two week intensive training taught by a professor from Columbia University.

"We were divided into five groups and our assignment was to produce a small newspaper of four pages each. We gained lots of ideas about learning to produce a high school newspaper. That was really special to receive that scholarship and be there."

"We used Polaroid cameras for the school newspaper at the time, which were very expensive to use, so I wrote a grant for two 35mm cameras and darkroom equipment, which we received. Don Nordlund, who was a military photographer helped me a lot with setting up a dark room. So many kids were interested in the dark room, we quit that and turned it over to the shop department."

"We won first prize at the BSU Journalism Conference in the 1970s which was run by Jim McMahon.," Darlene says proudly.



**With pen and paper in hand, Darlene Sawyer keeps writing, first while a teacher, and now as a journalist. "My goal is to make it to 50 years. I love what I do." Darlene encourages other seniors, "Look out for your community and do what you can – that is the best thing anyone can do."**

"Angie Mankie was the editor of the school paper at the time, and she and I were invited on a paid trip to the State Capitol to a press conference."

Some of her students won essay contests run by the Minneapolis Star Tribune in the 1980s, which was very rewarding for her as a teacher, and a tribute to her ability to guide her students.

"There was a very close knit and talented group of teachers here, and a lot of camaraderie you can't replace," Darlene says of her years spent teaching in Bagley.

"When I was a member of the Minnesota High School Press Association I received an award for 25 years of service," another milestone of achievement for Darlene.

Darlene's husband died in 1974, quite a shock in her life. In 1983, Darlene got remarried to Don Sawyer who had worked in law enforcement. He moved here from the West coast in order to obtain land and farm. They were often chaperones at the school dances.

"I inherited another family at that time who have been very good to me. And now I have a total of eight grand kids in our blended family. Every summer for 25 years we went out west to visit where Don had lived." He died in 2010.

Darlene enjoys traveling too. She's been to Boston, New York City, the East and West coasts, also England, France, Italy and several other countries.

"My favorite place is England, because of the history," she says.

From 1969 through the present Darlene has had a connection with the Farmers Independent who published the school newspaper for Bagley High School during her teaching and school newspaper years. She enjoyed working with the Beltz editors.

"When Tom Burford became the editor of the Farmers Independent here, that was very helpful. I learned a lot from him," she says. "He is a really talented and honorable editor."

**Sawyer... Continued on page 4**

## Community Calendar

### IT'S BACK!!!

The Gonvick Am. Legion will again offer BINGO for your entertainment beginning Thursday, June 1st at 6:45 PM and every Thursday evening through August 31. Games will be played if there are at least 14 players. See you there!!

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2017!

There will be an Open House honoring Bryce Johnson on Saturday, May 27th following Clearbrook-Gonvick Commencement at his home 125 Jensen Ave NE, Clearbrook. Everyone is welcome. R9P

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2017!

Open House celebrating Alec Dyrdahl's Clearbrook-Gonvick graduation at our home following the ceremony. Everyone welcome. 46020 239th Ave. Leonard, MN 56652. R8-9P

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2017!

Please join us for the celebration of Alison Johnson's graduation Open House following the commencement ceremony at the Gonvick Community Center on May 27th from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. R8-9C

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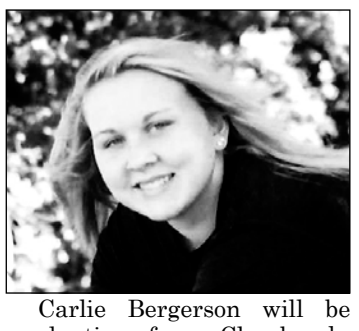

Carlie Bergerson will be graduating from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School on May 27th at 2:00 pm. We will be having an open house to celebrate at the Gully Community Center following the ceremony.

Everyone is welcome. R8-9C

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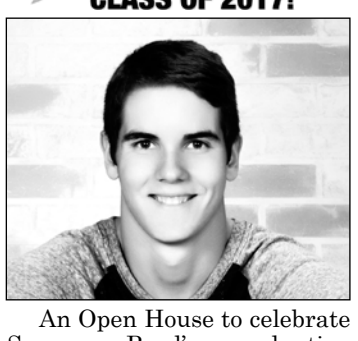

An Open House to celebrate Spencer Reed's graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School will be held immediately following the commencement ceremony, Saturday, May 27th at the Old School in Gonvick. Everyone welcome. R8-9C

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2017!

There will be an open house to celebrate the graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School for Ashley Eckman on Saturday, May 27th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Gonvick Legion. Everyone is welcome. R8-9C

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2017!

A Graduation Party for Christian Ray Forsberg will be held on Sunday, May 28, 2017 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at his home at 214 Oak Street, Gonvick, MN.

Christian will be attending the University of North Dakota this fall for Mechanical Engineering. R9C

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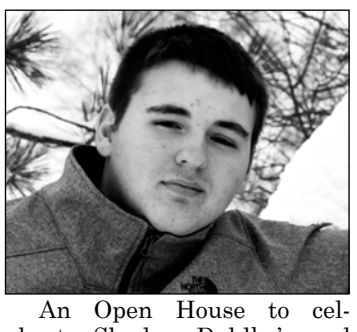

An Open House to celebrate Shadow Dahlke's and Kaitlyn Martine's graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School will be held on Sunday, May 28th at the American Legion, in the old school in Clearbrook from noon to 4 p.m. Everyone welcome. R9P

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An Open House to celebrate Tristan Bakke's graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School will be held immediately following the commencement ceremony on May 27th at the home of Brian and Jenny Bakke. Everyone is welcome. R9C

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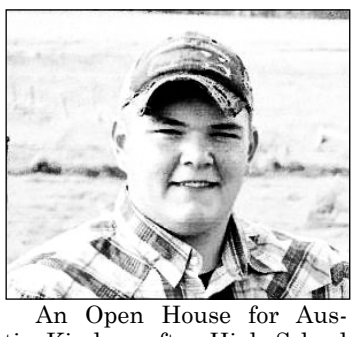


An Open House for Austin Kindem after High School Graduation will be held on Saturday May 27th at 3:30 pm at 14728 520th St. Gonvick.

Everyone welcome. R9C

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2017!

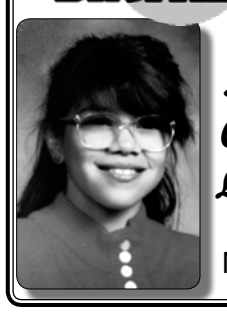
An Open House in celebration of Mike Gray's graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School will be held following the 2:00 p.m. ceremony on Saturday, May 27th at the home of Tim and Sandy Gray. 48291 229th Ave, Clearbrook. Everyone is welcome. R9C

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2017!



There will be an Open House for Siri Vasend held after the graduation ceremony from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School at her grandparents, Warren Solheim 48499 State Hwy 92. Everyone welcome. R9C

Happy BIRTHDAY



to Misty Olson-Larson on May 24! R9P

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2017!

Tifanni Tawneka Brusewitz will be graduating from Clearbrook-Gonvick School on Saturday, May 27th at 2:00 p.m. There will be a reception in her honor following the ceremony from 4 to 7 at Tifanni's home. The address is 46496 County 7, Gonvick, MN 56644. R9P

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2017!

Elizabeth Bodensteiner will be graduating from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School on May 27 at 2 p.m. Please join in celebrating at the Roxy Theater on Main Street in Clearbrook from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. R9P

Congratulations, CLASS OF 2017!

An Open House to celebrate Sophie Sanchez's graduation from Clearbrook-Gonvick High School will be held immediately following the commencement on Saturday, May 27th at the Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall in Clearbrook.

Everyone welcome. R9C

National Bike Month

## Lake Association weekend meeting

The Clearwater Lake Area Association will have the Memorial Weekend Meeting and Pot Luck Meal on Sunday May 28, 2017.

Members and All Non-Members Are Welcome!

Location: Moore's Garage (8 houses east of the public access) Time: Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.; Pot Luck Meal at 5:00 p.m.; General Meeting Follows the Meal. Guest Speaker: Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator with the Red Lake Watershed District telling about the upcoming Clearwater River Watershed Restoration & Protection Strategy Project

Bring your favorite dish to pass along with plates, utensils, and lawn chair. Coffee and lemonade provided.

## Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

**Wed., May 24** - Chef Salad-Turkey/Ham/cheese/Lettuce/ Salad Dressing/Tomato and Cucumber Slices, Muffin, Bar and Milk.

**Thurs., May 25-** Chicken Chow Mein, Rice/Chow Mein Noodles, Japanese Veg. Mandarin Oranges, Cookie and Milk.

**Fri., May 26** - Evening Meal - Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, carrots, Dinner Roll, Pudding, Dessert and Milk.

**Mon., May 29** - Closed

**Tues., May 30** - Meatloaf/ Catsup, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Pears,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.

## Cemetery meeting

The Oak Park Cemetery Association of rural Weme will have their business meeting on Sunday, June 4th at 1:30 .m. at the Oak Park Church. Refreshments will be served.

## Feed the Children

The Feed My Starving Children, Bagley Food Packing Event held at the Bagley hockey arena on May 15 & 16, 2017 packaged 124,416 meals. $29,467 was donated for this event and 650 volunteers helped. Thank you to everyone who gave time, money, resources and press coverage to make this event possible.


CORNERSTONE VETERINARY SERVICE

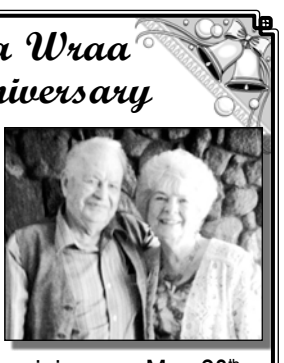
Phone 218-487-5360

**Cornerstone Veterinary Service, will be offering Spring Vaccinations for your dog or cat in Gonvick at the clinic on Friday, June 2nd, from 8:30 am - 7:00 pm.**

Please bring your pet on a leash or in a kennel. Vaccines, Nexgard, Bravecto, Frontline, Heartgard and microchiping will be at a reduced price.

No appointments needed on that day. R9-10C

## Gerald and Edna Wraa Celebrate 70th Anniversary



The family of Gerald & Edna Wraa would like to welcome friends and family to an open house in honor of 70 years. Please join us on May 28th, 2017 at the Baptist Church in Clearbrook from 12:30-2:30pm. Lunch will be served (with a short program at 2:00).

*Please no gifts, let your presence be a gift.* R9C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*–Lee Greenwood*

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## Church News

**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 24** - Baccalaureate Service at the Clearbrook-Govick School.
**Thurs., May 27** - 2:00 p.m. Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Graduation.
**Sun., May 28** - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
**Clearbrook**
**Pastor Verlyn Strenge**
**Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway**
**Wed., May 24** - AWANA; 6:30
**Thurs., May 25** - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at the church.
**Sat. May 27** - 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study.
**Sun., May 28** - 9:30 Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

**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.

**COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH**
**1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6**
**Senior Pastor Larry Dorman**
**Associate Pastor Jim Binder**
**Youth Pastor Brad Binder**
**Children's Minister Nicky Ubert**
**www.countryfaith.org**
**218-776-3367**
**cfchurch@gvtel.com**
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept.-May)10:00 a.m. Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. Kids Worship (most Sundays) Jr. Church follows, 7:00 p.m. Youth Night (most Sundays).
**Every Tuesday:** 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

**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.

**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.

**GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH**
**MEMBERS OF NALC**
**Pastor Kris Snyder**
**Cell: 218-358-0162**
**gonvickparish@gmail.com**
**SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH**
**Wed., May 24** - 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study.
**Sun., May 28** - 10:30 AM Worship Service.
**UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**
**Wed., May 24** - United WNALC meets. Jean Sundquist is hostess at her home 134 Brook Ave NE Apt 106 Clearbrook.
**Sun., May 28 -** 9:00 AM Worship Service

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD**
**Pastor Robert Kirchman**
**Good Shepherd**
**Sunday, May 28 :** 9:00 am Worship Service/Communion; 10:00 am Coffee Hour,
**Tues. May 30**: 7:00 p.m. Hymn Planning Committee
**Our Savior's**
**Sunday, May 28:** 10:30 am Coffee Hour;11:00 am Worship Service/ Communion.

**CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH**
**Mt. Olive – Nazareth**
**Oak Park – St. Petri**
**Pastor Jeff Merseth**
**Sat, May 27:** 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
**Sun, May 28:** 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.

**NEW JOURNEY CHURCH**
**Josiah Hoagland, Pastor**
**Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor**
**www.newjourneyfosston.com**
**Wed, May 24:** 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
**Thu, May 25:** 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
**Sun, May 28:** 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School.
**Tue, May 30:** 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Church Bible Study.
**Wed, May 31:** 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

**GULLY-TRAIL PARISH**
**Bethany * Lund**
**Sand Valley**
**Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister**
**Sun, May 28:** 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship Sand Valley.

**BETHEL ASSEMBLY**
**Fosston**
**Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor**
**Sun, May 28:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.


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Clearbrook-Gonvick prom participants were big winners with all the prizes that were donated to the After Prom Party. -Photo courtesy James Bettin.

# BEAR TRACKS

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

## Donations made to after prom party

The Clearbrook-Gonvick After-Prom Committee would like to thank Games To Go, Professional Hypnosis Services LLC, Northern Amusement and Digital Jake for providing entertainment at the party. In addition, generous donations from the following businesses once again helped to provide our juniors and seniors and their guests with wonderful entertainment, food, prizes and gifts.

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We would also like to thank all the parents who donated time, energy and/or money. This would not have been possible without your help. All in all, it was another safe, funfilled and memorable event!!

If we have inadvertently omitted anyone, we sincerely apologize.

## Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

**Wed., May 24-** Cook's Choice!!!

**Thurs., May 25 -** Cook's Choice!!!.

**Fri., May 26 -** Bag Lunch. Early Out! Have a great summer!

## Letter to the Editor

We attended the 4th, 5th and 6th grade music concert on Monday night at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. We have attend several music concerts in the past years, but this was the best concert ever.

We really enjoyed all the Minnesota songs. Would like to thank the music teacher Tami Ragan for all her hard work and effort she put into the concert, she did an awesome job.

- From Gully residents

## School News

HAVE A GREAT, SAFE SUMMER EVERYONE!

BEST WISHES TO THE GRADUATING SENIORS!

AS YOU GO FORWARD IN LIFE, PLEASE USE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED TO LIVE A POSITIVE AND HELPFUL LIFE IN OUR WORLD. GO BEARS!!

Events:

Wednesday, May 24: Awards at 6:00 pm, Baccalaureate at 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 25: Kindergarten Graduation at 1:30

Friday, May 26: Last Day of School, early out at 12:30

Saturday, May 27: High School Graduation at 2:00 pm

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!

Robotics camp on June 1 & 2. You may use the registration forms by the office or the one in the Summer Rec brochure. Next years grades 5th-8th. We will take late registrations if there is room.

Summer Recreation: Schedules have been sent home. They are also available in the display case by the school office, in the Clearbrook and Gonvick city offices and banks. Will be available on the school web page: and the Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Education Facebook page.

Shoot the Rock & LACE 'EM UP basketball camp registration forms are available is the office.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Thur, May 25: Varsity Sub-Section Track at WHA at TBD. Leave at TBD

Sat, June 3: Varsity Section Track at Bagley at TBD. Leave at TBD

## FFA..

Continued from front page

ing convention and said that it is definitely something she would like to do again in the future.

About Minnesota FFA The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. More than 25,000 students in Minnesota are enrolled in agricultural education classes. Students who have taken three or more classes in career and technical education, including agricultural education have a graduation rate of 98.7 percent. Visit www.mnffa.org for more information, view taped general sessions of the Minnesota FFA Convention at mnffa-foundation.org/livestreaming or check out highlights from convention on social media.

# SPOTLIGHT

## Spotlight on Teaching Staff

May Teacher Feature: Robyn Johnson, Third Grade Teacher

"Whoever first coined the phrase 'you're the wind beneath my wings' most assuredly was reflecting on the sublime influence of a very special teacher."

--Frank Trujillo

Robyn Johnson is finishing her 26th year at Clearbrook-Gonvick. She lives in the area with her husband, Doug, and their four children: Moriah, Mikala, Samuel, and Luke. Robyn attended Bagley elementary and high schools. After high school, she attended Bethel College in St. Paul, enrolling in the Nursing Program. During nursing training, she decided she wanted to follow in her mom's footsteps and become a teacher. She transferred to Bemidji State University and finished her Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Robyn began her career coaching track and junior high volleyball and driving school bus for Johnson Bus Service for 6 years. After graduating from college, she headed south and taught 5th grade in Carrollton/Farmers Branch, a suburb of Dallas, Texas. From there, she moved north and taught 6th grade in Red Lake Public School. She settled in Clearbrook Public School in 1991.

**Why did you choose to be a teacher?** *I remember sitting in Sunday School thinking… I think I would like to teach small groups of kids. I was probably 10 or 11 years old. My Grandmother, Aunt, Uncle, and Mom were all teachers, so I guess I followed in their footsteps.*

**What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick?** *I had many jobs. I was a lifeguard and a dental office receptionist. I tried working in food service in college and I drove school bus for 6 years. I coached track, basketball, volleyball, and I taught swimming lessons.*

**What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick?** I *like the kids. I really enjoy getting to know them and I love it when they come back and visit.*

**What is the biggest challenge of your job?** *I think my biggest challenge is grading papers. I really don't like all the correcting. :^)*

**If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why?** *I would be a small animal veterinarian. I have always loved working with animals.*

**What do you do when you are not working at the school?** *I like to walk, read, swim, and work with my dogs. I have 7 golden retrievers and they require a lot of grooming, training and love.*

**What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community?** *This is a fantastic place to live and work. I have lived in Texas, and in the twin cities. I think this is the best place to live. The people are great! We have made many life long friends. I love living out by Pine Lake. We have swans, cranes, geese, and ducks that fly right over our house. We have bear, otters, martins, owls, and many other critters around our property that we get to watch. It doesn't get better than that.*

**And now a few words from the students about Robyn Johnson from her students....**

*What do you think Mrs. Johnson was like when she was in elementary school? "Nice, she paid attention, and energetic" "We think she was energetic." "Amazing." "Smart." "Energetic." "Nice and energetic." "She had neat handwriting." "Super fun."*

**What do you think Mrs. Johnson does when she is not here at school?** *"She takes care of her dog and children." "Take care of her pets and cook supper." "Stays home and tries to get away from her kids." "Play with her dogs." "Spend time with her dogs." "Takes care of dogs and family." "Plays with her dogs." "Works with dogs."*

**What job do you think Mrs. Johnson would have if she was not a teacher?** *"She'd be a vet or person who writes kid books." "She would work in a vet's office." "A nurse" "Vet" "She would write stories." "Vet." "A vet." "Vet"*

**What is the best thing about Mrs. Johnson?** *"She's nice." "She is nice and a great teacher." "She has dogs." "Everything!" "She tells stories and she's funny." "She's nice, helpful, funny, and silly." "We barely get homework." "She's an amazing teacher!"*

**What do you think is Mrs. Johnson's favorite thing to do?** *"Teaching kids." "Take care of dogs or killing mice with her son." "Walking dogs" "Going outside" "Spending time with her family" "Teaching us and taking care of dogs." "Play with her dogs and cats" "Playing with her dogs"*

**If Mrs. Johnson could be any animal in the world, which animal would she be?** *"Golden Retriever" "A dog" "Bird because she could look down at the world" "Dog" "A dog because they are her favorite animal" "A bird because it would fly around the world" "A dog because she likes dogs"*

**What is one thing Mrs. Johnson ALWAYS says?** *"Jokes, but we don't laugh" "Good morning" "Put that away forever ever amen" "Forever and forever amen" "Forever and ever amen" "Follow directions" "Forever and ever amen"*

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# Memorial Day Clearbrook 2005

Speech written by Lynda Handy Turenne for the Memorial day Service in Clearbrook in 2005

Before I begin, I'd like to thank Corrinne Anderson for inviting me to speak today. I'd like to especially thank the people who have shared stories, letters, feelings and photos with me so my speaking can be more personal, I wish I could have photos of all who have served from this area, for they all deserve to be recognized, but time did not permit. Thanks to those who did share.

Adlai Stevenson once said, "men who have offered their lives for their country know that patriotism is not the fear of something, it is the love of something." Because of that, there have been over 27 million Americans who have worn the uniform of our country and our nation has been blessed by their selfless sacrifice and service. It's why we are here today – to remember those who have served.

Everyone knows a veteran, and from childhood on, I knew they were special. My mother, who had 4 brothers in WWI thought it was the height of disrespect to miss Memorial Day Service in Trail and as a charter member of the Trail Auxiliary took her duties seriously. She is now the only living member of that 1933 charter.

Will Rogers once said, "We can't all be heroes – Some of us have to stand at the curb and clap while they go by." It's what we can all do today – Stand at the curb and clap as they go by." The spirits of those who have served. They are not faceless unknown entities. They are real people from our own communities, all who have served our nation, men and women who have done their duty that we may live in freedom.

I've only lived in Clearbrook for a brief time so I had to do more research than when I speak in Trail where I personally know veterans of each war, well as least since WWI.

Clearbrook has a long legacy of men who served in the armed forces, even going back to the Spanish-American War. Edward Rydeen served in and there is a handsome photo of him in full dress uniform from that war.

I've been fascinated for a long time by a photo in the Clearbrook American Legion of a young man who was killed in action while serving as an infantryman with the first WWI Expeditionary Forces in France. He was killed in 1918 at 25 years of age. The short epitaph under his name tells his story.

*He left home in perfect health; He looks so young and brave. We little thought how soon he'd be; Laid in a soldier's grave.* I couldn't get a copy of his photo, but Melvin Johnson's young face could be the face of many in our military.

Also, from WWI are those who served and came home to continue to serve as good citizens. One was Odin Johnson. He looks regal and proud in the full dress uniform of WWI. He left for duty with the US Army in February 1918 at 23 years of age. He was in Camp Dodge for a short time before leaving by boat for England, Germany and France where he spent most of his time in foxholes and bombed out regions as an orderly. In his letters home, he mentioned a fellow named Bruno from Brooks, MN who was their interpreter when needed. Odin served 14 months including a short time in France for peace keeping. Odin Johnson was a charter member of Clearbrook American Legion and belonged for 63 years. Not a faceless entity, but a good American Veteran. Accompanying Odin was Sidney Churness. He served with Company M 117th infantry of the famous "Old Hickory" division. He was master of a canine that earned 4 special service awards and was honored for saving a child in a household in Handers before the Yanks arrived. Not a faceless entity, but a good comrade.

When WWII came along, many from this area served. One was Emil Richards, a young husband and father. Emil was working as a welder in a coal mine in Illinois when he felt compelled to join the military and assist in the war effort. After bringing his wife and small son back to Clearbrook, he left for Fort Robinson, AK on New Year's Day. Very shortly on March 5th his life was cut short at 26 years of age in the Battle of Ormant. His body was laid to rest in Luxembourg in the same cemetery where General George C Patton was later buried. Not a faceless unknown, but a husband and a father of a very young son who would only know his father through photos and stories.

Ernest Rydeen also served in WWII leaving in August 1940 and dying at Hoten at a prisoner of war camp, Mukden, Manchukuo in March 1943. He was sent to the Phillipine Islands in 1940 where he was taken prisoner of war by the Japanese at the surrender of Bataan in 1942 and took part in the death march from Bataan. Ernest's sister was kind enough to share many letters and keepsakes gleamed from those who served with him. He came across as a good soldier whose diplomatic ability and promotional tact provided his comrades with not only extra rations, but teamwork and bravery that were essential to their sanity in the horrors they were subjected to. My friend kept a postcard her brother had sent in 1940 (she was 5) and I could tell how special the keepsake was and I could hear the longing for a brother she would never know except for the diaries the men who served with him had kept. One of these men summed it up; "The fact that Ernest escaped battle injury had no bearing on his soldiering while in the front lines. I feel certain that the months he spent facing the enemy and solving the ever present problem of life and death in the field was and remains as sufficient evidence to his meritorious conduct under enemy fire." Not an unknown- a good leader and long remembered brother.

Alvin Peterson also served in WWII from this area and came home with many stories to tell. Many of the things he saw and experienced he could relate to when he saw the movie "Saving Private Ryan." He was in charge of some of the German prisoners. Alvin was not a faceless entity, but a good friend and storyteller.

Lavern Maple from Clearbrook served during the Korean War in the Pung Chow Ni vicinity and was awarded the Silver Star by the US Government for gallantry- Not an unknown but a son, brother and hero to the US Military.

Richard Bergland also served and his sister shared things about her brother. He became real to me as I heard about him from his friends. Those who spent his last days with him, who saw him to the train station when he left and those who carried his remains to its final resting place when his life was lost in the "forgotten war" at 22 years of age- Another classmate and good friend.

Since the Vietnam War we have also endured the Gulf War and are still trying to peace keep in Iran. Although Minnesotans have been lost, no locals that I know of have lost their lives in those conflicts, but we must remember as a nation, they are all family- sons, daughters, husbands, wives, brothers and sisters – and we must continue to pray for all who serve.

We are main street USA. Let's keep Memorial Day by honoring the over 27 million Americans who have worn the uniform of our country and sacrificed and served for the freedom of all. Let's stand at the curb and clap as our heroes go by. As the honor roll is read, picture the people whose names are said. They are real, they are our sons, daughters, brothers and sisters, fathers and uncles, friends and comrades.

We must remember them this Memorial Day and Always.

## Sawyer...

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"Tom asked me to do a few stories when I retired, and I just loved it. A lot of the stories I do now are about my students! It is very satisfying."

"Friends ask me why I keep doing it, and I say, 'I love it'. I don't quilt or play cards, (but I do like to play scrabble). I also love reading and most kinds of music, swimming and camping in summer.

"But writing is my creative outlet. I like periods of solitude when I write."

In 2009, Darlene was nominated for the Clearwater County First Lady, which she says meant a lot to her to receive that honor.

In May of 2014 Darlene had some very serious heart issues when she had surgery for a ruptured ventricle.

"I almost died," Darlene ponders about the experience. "But I was always a step ahead in recovery, and after several weeks in the hospital, then several weeks at a nursing home for rehab and at my daughter's in Minneapolis, I returned home. They told me I was tough."

And she is very motivated. Her goal was to cover the fair for the newspaper that summer. She hooked up a camera and notebook to her walker, and made it to the fair as planned!

"I am a real believer in goals," Darlene says. "You may not reach them, but don't sit and think about how bad things are for you. It was good therapy for me to come to the fair."

Currently, Darlene is a member of Gonvick American Legion Auxiliary, NELL Board, a Trustee on Samhold Lutheran Church council, and Vice President of Samhold women's group.

To the older people in the community, Darlene encourages them to do what they can.

"I don't want you to give up. Keep doing your creative activities – they are good for you. Do things you enjoy and travel while you can."

"We all have challenges. You may wonder if you're doing the right thing. But looking out for your community and doing what you can is the best thing anyone can do."

"Now I have been associated with the newspaper for 48 years, and covered the high school graduations here most of those years. I tell Tom my goal is to make it to 50 years. I just hope I can keep my mental factors and keep writing!"

"I love what I do. I've had to cut back a little, but I'm not ready to quit."

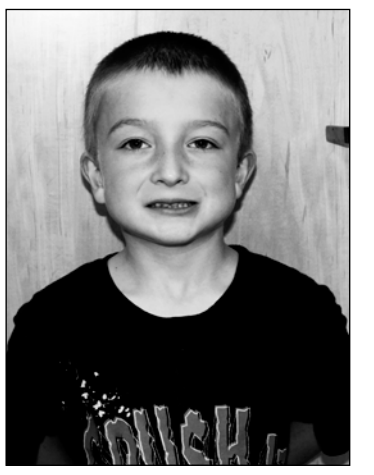
## Meet the Clearbrook-Gonvick Kindergartens

**Interviews by Kendehl Ballard**

**Name:** Daisy Java
**Family Members:** Parents Josh and Beth and sisters: Noella and Rose
**Pets:** One cat: Nala and one dog Lily, chicks and chickens.
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Elementary Teacher
**What do you like about school?** Playtime
**What is your favorite food?** Pizza
**What is your favorite TV program?** Home Alone

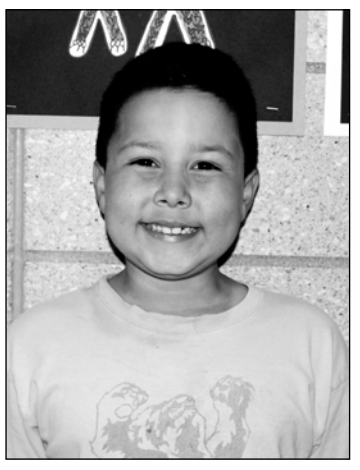
**Name:** Wyatt Pond
**Family Members:** Parents: Brook and Larry and one brother Jordan
**Pets:** One dog Chloe and one cat Rufus
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Car fixer at Toyota
**What do you like about school?** Art Projects
**What is your favorite food?** Cookies and Cream
**What is your favorite TV program?** Youtube videos

**Name:** Niah Knutson-Willett
**Family Members:** Marnie and Jeremiah
**Pets:** Two horses - Gizzy and Delila. Two dogs: Buddy- and Kea and one cat Kirby
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Cowgirl
**What do you like about school?** Painting
**What is your favorite food?** Hamburger helper
**What is your favorite TV program?** The Loud House



**Name:** Kysen Larson
**Family Members:** Parents Jerica and Jeff
**Pets:** Two dogs Lucy and Walter
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Police Officer
**What do you like about school?** Snack time
**What is your favorite food?** Pepperoni Pizza
**What is your favorite TV program?** Home Alone

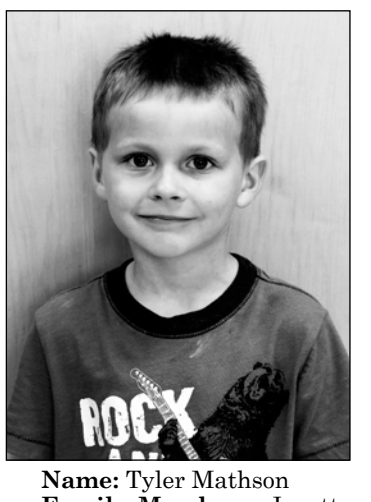
**Name:** Miya Jorgenson
**Family Members**: Parents: Lindsay and Josh; Sisters: Cadence and Charlie
**Pets:** A lot of horses. Two dogs: Ruger and Diesel
**What do you want to be when you grow up**? Cowgirl
**What do you like about school?** Math
**What is your favorite food?** Carrots and Peas
**What is your favorite TV program?** Spirit



**Name:** Travis Johnson
**Family Members:** Kelsey, Tavia, Sheila and Johnson
**Pets:** A cat Sissy and a dog Lia
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Zookeeper
**What do you like about school?** Recess
**What is your favorite food?** Garbage Pizza (lots of toppings)
**What is your favorite TV program?** Pete's Dragon

**Name:** Mason Roy
**Family Members:** Parents Chris and Brandi and brothers Michael and Matthew
**Pets:** Two dogs Chielee and Cody
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Watermelon
**What do you like about school?** Going home
**What is your favorite food?** Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza
**What is your favorite TV program?** Scary show

**Name:** Elias Haugan
**Family Members:** Derick, Carrie, Bailey and Avery
**Pets:** A fish Rex
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Tiger Tamer
**What do you like about school?** Playing with my friends
**What is your favorite food?** Pepperoni Pizza
**What is your favorite TV program?** Secret Life of Pets



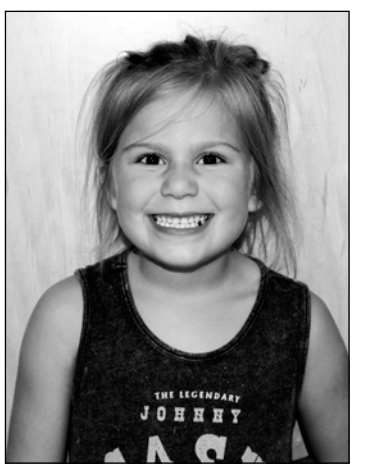
**Name:** Tyler Mathson
**Family Members:** Jenetta and Brent and sisters Chasity and Malea
**Pets:** A dog Ruby
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Builder or a Cop
**What do you like about school?** Math and homework
**What is your favorite food?** Macaroni and cheese
**What is your favorite TV program?** Monster Tracks

**Name:** Lyla Gerlofs
**Family Members:** Parents: John and Angelina. Brothers: Ryan, Kyle and Micha
**Pets:** Dog: Arlo
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Police Officer
**What do you like about school?** Snacks
**What is your favorite food?** Lettuce
**What is your favorite TV program?** BFG

**Name:** Jagger Neese
**Family Members:** Dan and Sara and sisters: Pheobe and Lexy
**Pets:** A cat Starsky and a dog Stella
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Police Officer
**What do you like about school?** Playtime
**What is your favorite food?** Starbursts
**What is your favorite TV program?** Fast n Furious

**Name:** Charlie Walser
**Family Members:** Parents: Brandy and Brian Sr.; one brother Brian Jr. and one sister Madison
**Pets:** Three cats: Creep, Wierdo and Hendrix and one dog Walsal
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** An Astronaut
**What do you like about school?** Recess and Playtime
**What is your favorite food?** Cookies
**What is your favorite TV program?** Pinocchio and The Lion Guard

**Name:** Chase Wegsheid
**Family Members:** Parents: Sheyane and Adam. One brother Logan and two sisters: Leigh and Zoe
**Pets:** Two dogs: Peanut and Ruger
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Police Officer
**What do you like about school?** Lunch, Recess and Gym
**What is your favorite food?** PB and J sandwich
**What is your favorite TV program?** Power Rangers and The Lion Guard



**Name:** Harper Watne
**Family Members:** Parents: Nate and Leah and two sisters Kinley and Lettie
**Pets:** A cat Priscilla, a dog Gert and pigs, chickens and chicks.
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Police officer
**What do you like about school?** Going Home
**What is your favorite food?** Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza
**What is your favorite TV program?** Beauty and the Beast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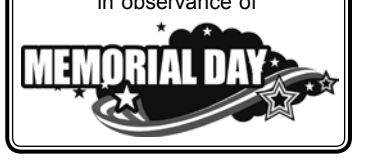



**Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners**

**May 13** - Alton, Walker, Bagley, $20.

**May 14**- Tucker Johnson, Clearbrook, $20.

**May 15** - Carol Anderson, Bagley, $20.

**May 16**- Kory Solberg, Gonvick, $20.

**May 17** - Ruth Stinar, Bagley, $20.

**May 18** - Amos Yoder, Gonvick, $20.

**May 19**- Vernon Dobson, Shevlin, $20.

# TZD-Clearwater County Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes, 2011-2016

By Karen Edelbach

"We want to keep everyone alive!" said Lou Tasa, MnDot Engineer, who emphasized the need for everyone to be responsible about their driving habits.

"Spread the word to put the phones down. Distraction is all over the place and getting much worse!" Lou said.

The startling reality that distracted driving, mainly due to texting, has become increasingly problematic in leading to fatal or serious injury crashes that law-enforcement and highway safety personnel are facing. This and other causes such as speed, alcohol, and lack of seat belt use, were discussed at the "Toward Zero Death" presentation at the County Board meeting of May 16, 2017.

Toward Zero Death (TZD) representatives Lou Tasa, District State Aid Engineer, Holly Kostrzewski, the Northwest coordinator from Bemidji Mndot and Public Safety, and Lt. Brad Norland, from Fosston who works in Thief River Falls law enforcement, presented statistics regarding Clearwater County and the Northwest TZD region.

They emphasized the need to "get the word out", to stop the increasing problems caused, especially regarding distracted or inattentive driving.

"We need your help," said Lt. Brad Norland. "It's all about spreading the word to keep people safe."

"We don't call them 'accidents'. They are crashes, not accidents," they said, and are often avoidable by buckling up and putting the phones down.

"We are working on the causes of the fatality crashes," Lt. Norland said. "The 'cages' (in a car) save you – but survival rates are higher if belted, and you are not thrown out of the vehicle."

There have been 17 deaths in 19 counties, including seven teens in the Northwest TZD Region according to the TZD statistics that cover years 2012 through 2016; and 20 fatal and serious injury crashes in Clearwater County from 2011 through 2015.

"You all know the ones who died here. We try our best to prevent the crashes."

While statistics for the Clearwater County and Northwest TZD Region show that deaths have decreased by 40% since the inception of the program in 2003, and the use of seat belts has increased to 80%.

TZD presents educational sessions at the local schools, enforces seat belt laws, and continues to look at ways to make roads safer.

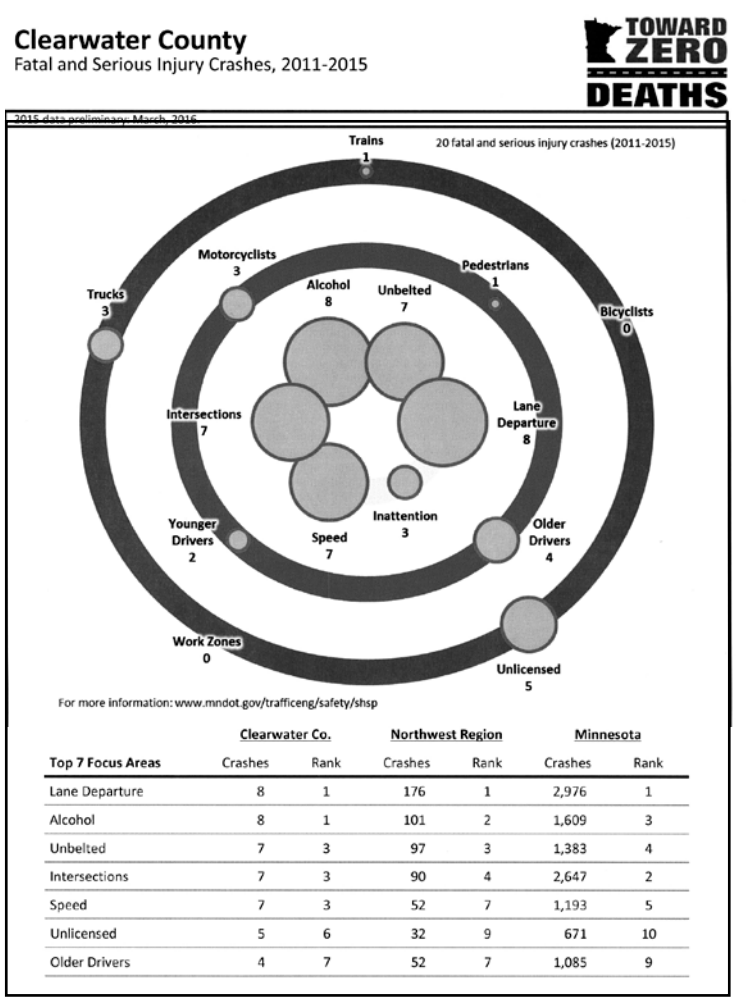
County Engineer Dan Sauvé mentioned that MnDot is cutting back on the mowing done which increases problems of visibility along roadways, which goes against the goals of TZD.

"There are lots of deer crossing the roads too," he added.

"Some things you can't control, but buckling up is one thing you can do. This is exactly why we're here – the more it's discussed, the better."

"We don't want to have to make that house call about a death because of a fatal crash," said Lou Tasa.

"Everyone should check up on their own driving habits, and plant seeds regarding safe driving and seat belt use."




| Top 7 Focus Areas | Clearwater Co. Crashes | Clearwater Co. Rank | Northwest Region Crashes | Northwest Region Rank | Minnesota Crashes | Minnesota Rank |
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| Lane Departure | 8 | 1 | 176 | 1 | 2,976 | 1 |
| Alcohol | 8 | 1 | 101 | 2 | 1,609 | 3 |
| Unbelted | 7 | 3 | 97 | 3 | 1,383 | 4 |
| Intersections | 7 | 3 | 90 | 4 | 2,647 | 2 |
| Speed | 7 | 3 | 52 | 7 | 1,193 | 5 |
| Unlicensed | 5 | 6 | 32 | 9 | 671 | 10 |
| Older Drivers | 4 | 7 | 52 | 7 | 1,085 | 9 |

## Clearbrook City Council meeting

The Clearbrook City Council meeting was held on April 10, 2017 in the City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Mayor Dylan Goudge.

Present were: Vice-Mayor: Dylan Goudge; Council Members: Shawn Johnson and Kevin Prosser Others present: Lucie Thompson, Sue Weems, Jason Bakke, Gary Prosser, Brian Grund, with Freeberg & Grund and Mike Karvakko & Sam Anderson, with Karvakko Engineering.

Accepting the March 13, 2017 Minutes was tabled until the May council meeting due to the lack of votes of members present at the March meeting to approve the minutes.

Presentation of Petitions and Complaints by Council Members and Citizens:

•Brian Grund, Freeberg & Grund, spoke with the Council on the pending water & sewer project in regards to funding and the time line for the project.

Police Report/Update – Dan Gazelka, Police Chief

-Chief Gazelka was not present at the meeting but submitted the incident report for March 2017.

-40 Incidents reported for March 2017.

Liquor Store Report/Update – Joy Walberg & Karra Weems, Liquor Store Supervisors:

-Liquor Store monthly summary was reviewed by the council.

Joy's Report –

April started out as a busy month, with hosting a year end league dart tournament on April 8th.

Karra is currently out on maternity leave. Looking for additional bartenders.

Upcoming events: April 22nd – Beach Party & April 29th – Meat Raffle. Looking at holding a customer appreciation day in May.

Discussion held on the putting the bathroom & front façade remodel out for bids.

Maintenance Report/Update: - Dan Johnson & Jason Bakke

Jason Bakke completed his natural gas operator qualifications. Jason has also been working on sweeping the streets. The skid steer won't be here in time for spring clean-up week, so they will be able to borrow one until ours is delivered. Spring clean-up will be April 24th through the 30th.

Maintenance will work on having the campground open by May 1st. Still have not received an electrical bid on the campground. Will contact Hill River and Clearbrook Electric. Tentative planning the new playground equipment installation in May depending on delivery date.

City Clerk Update:

•Water & Sewer rates will have an increase for the July 2017 billing.

•Items discussed for follow up at the May meeting: Eric Lindom property & Water Tower contract with Garden Valley.

•Dan Sauvé, Clearwater County Engineer will be attending the May council meeting.

•Discussion held on the new basketball court and upcoming dam project. Gary Prosser will work with Dan Johnson on acquiring the permits needed.

•Discussion held on purchasing a used fire truck the Fire Department would like to purchase. Will look into grants that maybe available and possible funding sources.

•Building Permit 2017-01 accepted for Paul & Megan Gustafson

•Building Permit 2017-02: Laura Lindgren – Remove old mobile home and replace with Schult single widewas accepted by council.

•Councilmember Johnson requested holding a finance committee meeting.

Resolutions:

•Resolution 2017-12: Donations for March 2017 was accepted

•Resolution 2017-13: Setting 2017 Camping Rates – was accepted

OTHER MOTIONS:

Monthly Claims Totaling $146,374.80;were approved.

Additional Claims Totaling $24,808.20 were approved

Approval of North Country Hardware claim of $547.39 for March 2017 was tabled until the May 2017 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.


*Thank You*

*Thank you to the many friends and family who attended the Graveside Service and Luncheon for Ken Evans. Your presence, thoughts, prayers, kind words, and generosity touched our hearts. Thank you for sharing stories about Ken, and listening to us as we talked about our memories of him. Each of you was an important part of Ken's life at some point, and helped to make him the man he became. We also want to thank the Clearbrook American Legion and the Patriot Guard for their presence and participation. We were honored to have you there, and we thank you for your service to our country and our veterans.*

*We are so thankful for each one of you.*

*-The Family of Ken Evans*

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## Regional Ag News


**Eli Gindele** - U of M Extension Educator
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**Early Season Yellowing of Wheat, Barley, and Oats.**

Reports of yellowing in small grains have started. There are several reasons why young wheat, barley, or oat plants have a pale green/yellow color. Some of the more common causes of early season yellowing are:

- Nitrogen deficiency
- Sulfur deficiency
- Early tan spot infections
- Herbicide injury
- Barley yellow dwarf virus (BYDV) infections

Nitrogen (N) deficiencies can readily be identified as the symptoms are worst on the oldest leaves and start at the tip of the leaves, progressing towards the base as the deficiency gets worse. The causes of the N deficiencies are several, all which have common denominator, namely excess precipitation. Excessive rainfall causes leaching, denitrification, and an inability of the plants to take up available N.

Leaching is a potential problem in coarser textured soils. Saturated soils/standing water will cause both denitrification and inability to take up available N. Denitrification is a microbial process and slows down considerably as soil temperature decrease. According to Univ. of Illinois data (Hoeft, 2004), denitrification losses are 1-2% if soil temperatures are less than 55F, 2-3% when soil temperatures are between 55 and 65F, and 4 -5% once soil temperatures exceed 65F. As soils are saturated, the plant's roots also are unable to take up N - even if available. Often the crop recovers quickly if the growing conditions improve and the excess water has drained. If the N deficiency is severe, a supplemental application of N as either urea (46-0-0) or urea ammonium nitrate solution (28-0-0) can be advantageous.

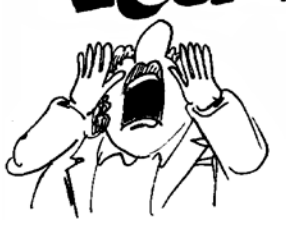
Sulfur (S) deficiencies are generally found on coarser textured soils and can readily be identified as symptoms are worst on newest leaves and less on older growth. This is opposite to N deficiencies as can be explained by the difference in mobility of the element in the plant; N can be more readily be recycled from older growth and redirected to the younger leaves compared to S. Cool and dry conditions tend to make S more pronounced as less S becomes available from the breakdown of organic matter.

Cool conditions make some of the micro nutrients also less available to the plant. These symptoms are often first noted on the coarser textured soils. As soon as growing conditions improve, the symptomology should disappear.

Early season tan spot infection can also cause the young wheat and barley crop to turn a bright yellow. Especially young seedlings up to the 3 to 4 leaf are very sensitive to a toxin that is produced by the fungus. This yellowing affects the whole seedling. If tan spot is identified as the cause of the yellowing, an early season fungicide treatment is warranted. For more details go to http://blog-crop-news.extension.umn.edu/2014/05/early-season-scouting-in-small-grains.html

Although few if any acreage has received an herbicide to date, yellowing of the crop can also be caused by herbicide carryover from pre-plant, pre-emergence or post-emergence herbicides used the previous year. As the use of other herbicide modes of action are increasing to combat glyphosate resistant weeds in soybeans and corn the incidence of carryover issues has increased. Some of the active ingredients are rather persistent in the soil, especially under drier conditions and/or fields with low organic matter. Carryover issues will often be more evident on headlands as overlaps will create small areas with twice the amount of active ingredient. For more details go to http://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/weeds/resistance/ and reference "Corn and Soybean Herbicide Diversification Strategies - 2015".


**Volunteers!**



The Clearwater County Fair, *along with* Modern Woodsman, will be holding our annual

***Helping Hands Day***

at the ***Clearwater County Fair Grounds*** on **Saturday, June 3, 2017** from 9:00 A.M. to Noon

Volunteers are needed to assist with our annual spring cleanup at the fairgrounds.

Please bring rakes and shovels as we prepare the grounds and plant flowers. Snacks will be provided.

***We hope to see you there !!!!***

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# School board makes Staff changes

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School board made staff changes for the next school year at their meeting on Monday, May 15. They hired Alisah Rude as the new 6th grade teacher. They approved the resignation of Kathy Kjolhaug who wants to spend more time with family and her grandchildren. Theresea Porter will be moving from her second grade position to the Kindergarten to third grade Reading Intervention Program that Kathy Kjolhaug has been doing. They will be opening up the First Grade position for applications.

James Bettin gave the Spotlight on Education with the events that have been going on in the school district the past month.

**Principal Report**

Principal Jeff Burgess informed the board about all the activities that will be happening in May. The Elementary Track and Field Day is set for May 23. The awards ceremony is May 24 at the school. Senior Send off or Last day of school is May 26. Graduation is set for May 27 at 2:00 p.m.

The preliminary test results have been received. Reading up in the 2 to 3 % range, Math up 4 to 5 % range and Science will be up in the 8 to 10 % range.

They are looking at a new Science curriculum for grades 4 to 6 and 9 to 12. Kim Anderson is leading the curriculum committee.

**Superintendents Report**

Superintendent Wayne Olson has been working on the expenditures for next year but he needs to know what revenue will be after the legislative session ends in St. Paul.

There are Pine to Prairie mobile labs that will be available to the district. One is a welding lab that has virtual welders. The machine will grade students on speed, temperature, angle of flame for testing of work of students. It will be at the school April and May. The second machine will be mobile manufacturing with lots of Robotics. That will be at a school for a month in part of October and November.

**Committee Reports**

Tom Stenzel gave the Building and Grounds report. There is going to be some water line replacement work when school is out. There are some ballasts in the school that need to be replaced. There are some problems with the floors in the commons area and some tiles will have to be replaced. The gym floor will have to have a new finish in the future. Some money will have to be put aside or fund raising could be done.

They will be spraying the weeds this spring and in the fall.

The DNR has some trees that the district could get for planting. They will have to find out if the football team would be available for planting of some of the trees.

Staff negotiations are going along and new options are being presented to the committee.

**Consent Calendar**

The Consent Calendar was approved with Electronic Transfers, Treasurer's Report and Bills. Some payments went to Stein's Bus Service LLC for $56,013.94; Clearwater-Polk Electric $9,348.06; Marco $6,460.87; ISD 2311 Clearbrook-Gonvick $2,079.35; Bemidji Bus Line $2,050.00; Anderson Disposal $1,809.70; City of Clearbrook $1,683.33; Land O Lakes $1,379.17.

**Old Business**

The board voted to not to participate in the Voluntary Pre-K enrollment. Reimbursement from the state was one of the reasons not to take part at this time.

**New Business**

The board passed a resolution for membership in the Minnesota State High School League.

They approved of Superintendent, Wayne Olson, as the identified Minnesota Department of Education authority to authorize user access in the year 2017 to 2018.

The board adjourned for a closed session on academic issues.

## Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Ed

Registration will take place on Monday, June 5 from 10:00-5:30 and Tuesday, June 6 from 10:00-6:30 in the school commons.

Summer Recreation schedules were sent home with PreK-8 graders. If you did not receive one you may pick them up at the school office, city offices in Clearbrook & Gonvick, the banks, or go to the school web site: www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us and click on Community Education then the Summer Recreation registration tab. Please register for the activities. If you have questions contact Judy at 776-3112 Ext 102.

**Pioneers Robotics:** Clearbrook-Gonvick Camp

When: Thursday & Friday, June 1 & 2 , Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Where: Room 420

Grades: next years' grades 5th-8th

Fee: $25/person

Bring: sack lunch each day, snack will be provided

Class size: Maximum 24 participants, Minimum 8.

Instructor: Andrew Dahlen, VEX Robotics Coordinator and Electronics instructor at Northland Community & Technical College in Thief River Falls . First Lego League camp will focus on the building and programming of robots for competition. Students will learn about autonomous programming techniques for the Lego EV3 robots. All equipment will be provided: EV3 Robot Kits, Laptops and software, 2016-2017 Animal Allies Competition field and mission models. Registration forms are available on the school web site or Community Education Facebook page. Registration will be taken until the camp fills up. This camp is open to anyone in the area. Questions contact Judy Engebretson at 218-776-3112 Ext 102

BABYSITTING CLINIC: MAY 31 (Grade 5th & up—next year) (FEE-$25.00)

Learn some great skills to enhance your babysitting credentials. The following information will be presented: child development; 1st aid/CPR, shaken baby; nutrition; emergencies, fire safety; summer activities and resources. You will receive handouts, a binder to put them in, a tote bag, and a certificate of completion. You will also get to prepare (and eat!) lunch. Meet from 9:00-4:00 in the commons. Presenters include: nurse, early childhood educator, policeman, fireman. Amy Berg--coordinator. PREREGISTER & PAY by MAY 26. Late registations will be taken if there is room in the class. This class is offered every other year.

Questions contact Judy Engebretson at 218-776-3112 Ext 102

MAD SCIENTIST: JUNE 8 (entering 1-3 grades) (FEE: $7.00)

Join Katie and the 4-H Ambassadors for a "Surprise" science class! You will receive a snack. Instructor is Katie Becker and 4H Ambassadors. Volunteer help welcome! Meet in the commons from 10:30-12:00. PREREGISTER and PAY by JUNE 6.

GROWING UP WILD with Mrs. Goudge: Wednesdays from June 7-28 (age 3-8). (FEE-$6.00/class or $20 for all) (3-4 year olds must have a helper 7th grade or older) This summer's activities will focus on the living world around us. Each class will include a science lesson, an art project, a music and movement activity, and a healthy snack. Meet in the commons from 1:00-2:15. Volunteer instructor is Sarah Goudge. Contact Judy or Sarah if you are able to volunteer.

PRE-REGISTER & PAY by June 6 or one week prior.

Session 1: Insect Inquiry (Wednesday, June 7)

Children investigate insect characteristics and groups and learn about what insects eat, create an insect craft, and move about using insect actions, and create a food art snack resembling the body parts of an insect.

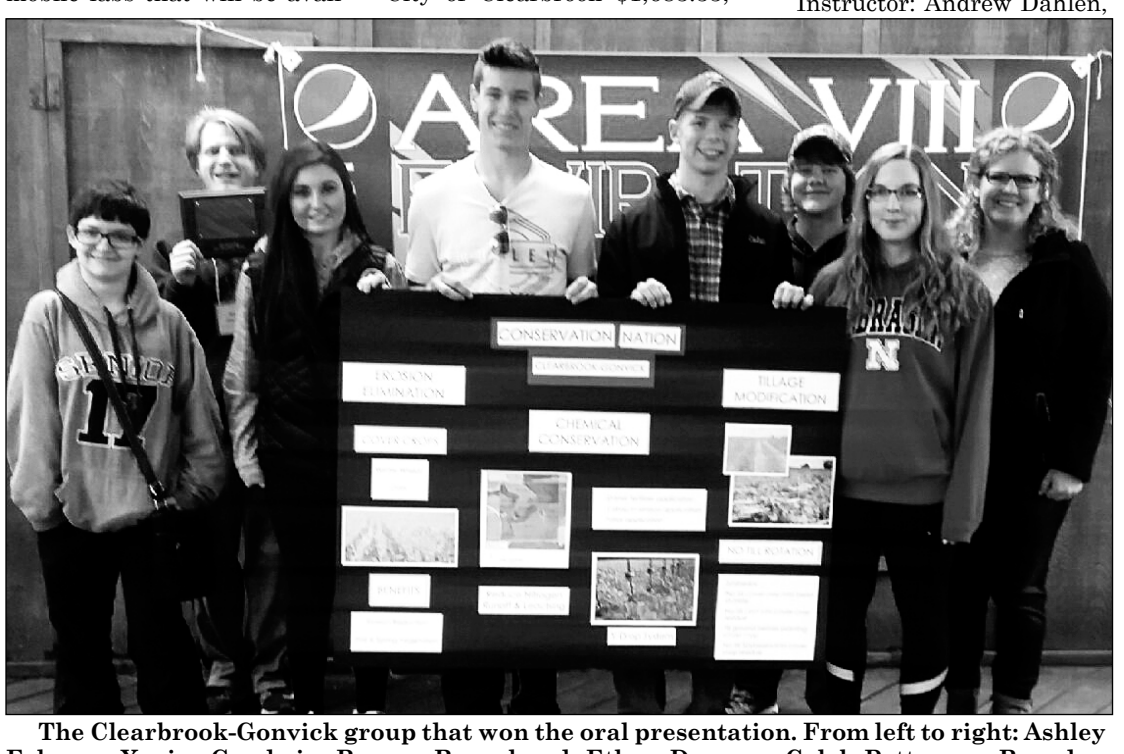
Session 2: Spider Web Wonders (Wednesday, June 14)

Children learn about spiders and spider webs, create a crafty spider and glitter web, play a spider web relay, sing "Spider Bodies" to learn a spider's anatomy, and enjoy a snack of spider crackers.

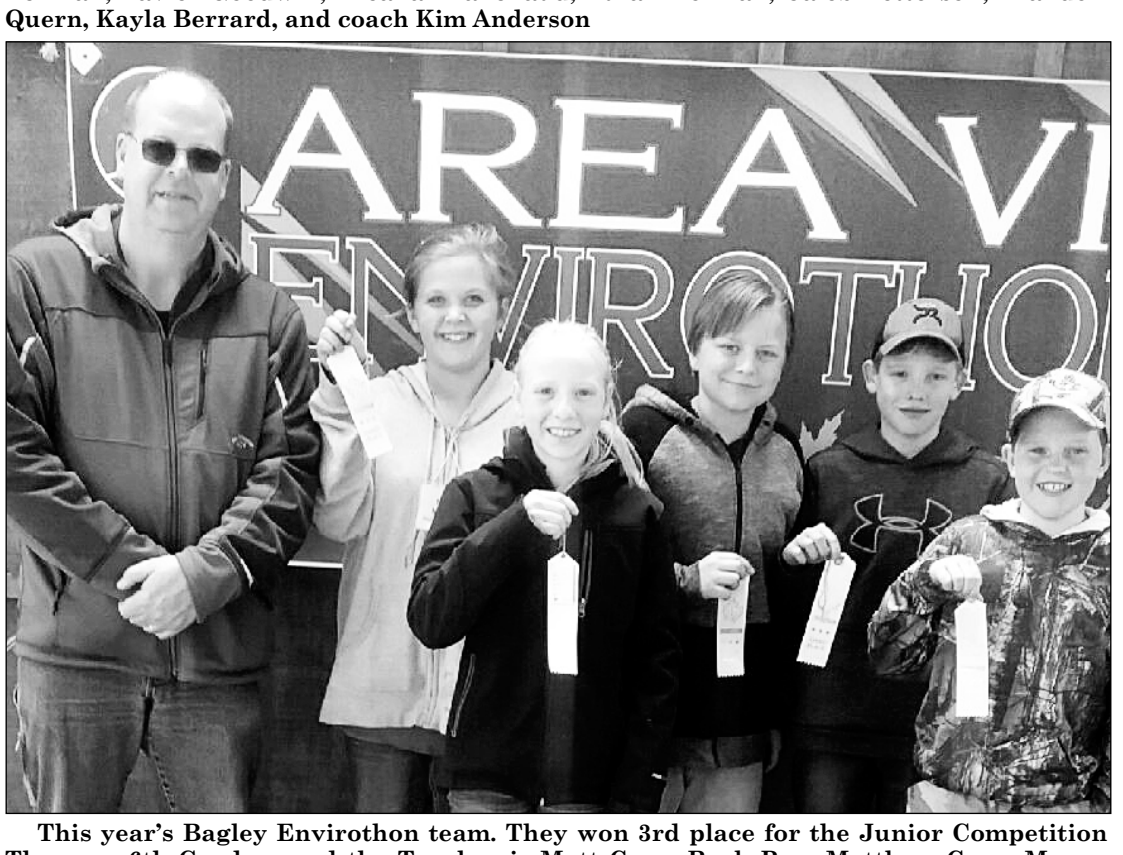
Session 3: Scrumptious Strawberries (Wednesday, June 21) Children learn all about the strawberry, create a strawberry paper craft, use giant strawberries and strawberry "seeds" to practice counting and simple math, receive a starter strawberry plant to take home, and enjoy a scrumptious strawberry snack.

Session 4: Rascally Raccoons (Wednesday, June 28)

Children enjoy a story about a raccoon and play a dice board game, learn about the raccoon's habitat and habits, create a raccoon puppet, and sample some of the raccoon's favorite campground "steals" as snack.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick group that won the oral presentation. From left to right: Ashley Eckman, Xavier Goodwin, Breana Branchaud, Ethan Dorman, Caleb Petterson, Brandon Quern, Kayla Berrard, and coach Kim Anderson



This year's Bagley Envirothon team. They won 3rd place for the Junior Competition They are 6th Graders and the Teacher is Matt Cage. Back Row Matthew Cage, Megan Maruska, Jadien Young, Cammeron Broden. Front Row Brooke Haman, Isaiah Tramm.

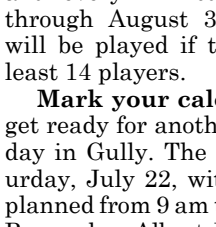
## Envirothon Competiton held at Bemidji

This year the 2017 Area 8 Envirothon was held on May 3rd at Bemidji State Park. The topics that the teams are tested on are Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife and Current events. Teams that place get a chance to go to state and possibly nationals. There were 31 teams plus 2 alternate teams. (12 senior and 19 junior).

Both Clearbrook-Gonvick and Bagley schools sent teams this year and both schools did great. Bagley had a Junior 6th grade team brought by Matt Cage and although being some of the youngest students placed 3rd in the JR. competition only missed second place by a 1 point tie breaker.

Clearbrook-Gonvick brought 3 Senior teams this year taught by Kim Anderson and one of her teams won the Oral Competition which is the hardest part of the competition. Great jobs to both schools and a great big THANK YOU to the teachers that put the time in to put these teams together.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Environment team: Front row: Kasey Mason, Ashley Eckman, Justyce Auginash, Carter Hutchinson, Alec Halvorson, Middle row: Breanna Branchaud, Ethan Dorman, Caleb Petterson, Kayla Berrard, Bailey Klema, Back row: Tommy Straabe, Callie Sumner, Xavier Goodwin, Brandon Quern, Kayla Ehlers.



## Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

**The Leader-Record office** will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. There will be services in Clearbrook, Gonvick and Gully that you may attend to honor those who served and are serving our country.

**Gerald and Edna Wraa** will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 28 at the Baptist Church in Clearbrook starting at 12:30 p.m. Program at 2:00 p.m. That is a very long time to be married to the same person and they should have a great celebration.

**Cornerstone Veterinary Service,** will be offering Spring Vaccinations for your dog or cat in Gonvick at the clinic on Friday, June 2nd, from 8:30 am - 7:00 pm.

**The Gonvick** American Legion will again offer BINGO for your entertainment beginning Thursday, June 1st at 6:45 PM and every Thursday evening through August 31st. Games will be played if there are at least 14 players.

**Mark your calendars** and get ready for another fun filled day in Gully. The date is Saturday, July 22, with activities planned from 9 am to midnight. Remember Albert Mikesh? He will be there. Also for a few laughs "Mylo the 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.

**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.

**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 was having eye trouble, so he went to see the optometrist. "Put this little gadget over your left eye, Ole," said the optometrist. "Now over the right eye, over the left eye. No, Ole, I said left eye. Now right . . . No Ole, your right eye!" Completely confused, Ole just looked at the optometrist. "Now, Ole," the optometrist continued, "just remember which is your left hand. OK, Ole, cover your right eye . . . No Ole, that's your left eye!" Finally in exasperation, the optometrist took a brown paper bag, cut a hole in it, put it over Ole's head, and moved the hole back and forth from the left eye to the right eye. "Now, Ole," asked the optometrist, "How is that?" "Vell, Doc, I guess it's all right," said Ole. "But I vas vishing I could have some wire

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## Clearwater County kicks off "One Vegetable, One County"

Clearwater County kicks off its first" One Vegetable, One County" with free Green Bean Seeds available at the Bagley Public Library, Gonvick Library Link, Clearbrook/Gonvick Senior Center, Bagley Senior Center and the Bagley Food Shelf. One Vegetable, One County is a community-wide gardening campaign focusing on uniting the community around one vegetable; this year's vegetable is Green Beans The event is open to the public and the Committee will provide bean seeds, growing and harvesting tips, recipes, County Fair Contests and opportunities to become involved in local gardens.

**Story to Share!**
**If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: richards@gvtel.com**


**Don't throw away valuable resources!**

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

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

**Don't waste opportunity along with your recyclables!**

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

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

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

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

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

**Thank You for Helping Our Environment and Economy**

Call us for answers to your recycling questions
**Clearwater County Environmental Services**
**218-694-6183** 1x-mo-tfc

## Legal Notice

**NOTICE & ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE & NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CLEARWATER

DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 15-PR-17-157

In Re: the Estate of
**Willis Albert Anderson, a/k/a Willie A. Anderson**
Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 21, 2017, at 1:00 pm, a hearing will be held in this Court at the Clearwater County Courthouse, 213 Main Ave. N., Bagley, Minnesota 56621, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the Decedent, dated September 24, 2014, and for the appointment of Wayne Torgerson, whose address is 160 Robert St. NE, Clearbrook, 56634, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an 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.

(COURT SEAL)

Paul E. Rasmussen
5/8/17
Judge
Date

Camille Bessler
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5/8/17
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Date

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## Board of Commissioners proceedings

April 11, 2017

The April meetings for the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners commenced on April 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Newland presiding and Commissioners Illies, Stenseng, Syverson and Nelson present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

***Minutes*** – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the Minutes for the month of March with corrections.

***Attorney*** – David Hanson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the hire of Heather Labat as the Assistant Clearwater County Attorney at Range 24, Step 2, for a yearly salary of $62,233.60.

***Auditor-Treasurer*** – Al Paulson presented the bills, month end financials and the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of $85,112.29 for the County Revenue Fund and $9,470.62 for the Nursing Service Fund.

***Sheriff*** – Darin Halverson presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Clearwater County Sheriff to sign a mutual aid agreement for the use of law enforcement personnel and equipment with the City of Bemidji.

***Maintenance*** – Steve Faldet presented the following motion: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to accept the bids for shingles and labor for the Human Services building: $16,871.89 for materials from Westwood Building Center and $18,115.00 for labor by Darin Halvorson, total cost of $34,986.89 to be paid out of the Building and Grounds account.

***Environmental Services*** – Dan Hecht discussed the need for help in the summer at the landfill. By general consent the Board approved hiring a seasonal part-time helper at the landfill.

***Engineer*** – Dan Sauvé and Pat Halloran opened bids at 10:00 a.m. for SAP 015-602-023, SAP 015-627-007, SAP 015-645-003. Bids were as follows:

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|---|---|
| Knife River Materials<br>Bemidji, MN | 2,451,512.53 |
| Mark Sand & Gravel Co.<br>Fergus Falls, MN | 2,086,563.55 |
| Central Specialties, Inc.<br>Alexandria, MN | 2,348,577.42 |
| Anderson Brothers Construction Co.<br>Brainerd, MN 56401 | 2,571,261.02 |

Dan Sauvé and Pat Halloran opened bids at 10:10 a.m. for CP 17-100 Pavement Markings. Bids were as follows:

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|---|---|
| Traffic Marking Services, Inc.<br>Maple Lake, MN | 99,776.79 |

Dan Sauvé and Pat Halloran opened bids at 10:20 a.m. for CP 17-200 Regravel. Bids were as follows:

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| Vogt Dirt Service<br>Becida, MN | 270,486.37 |
| Mark Sand & Gravel Co.<br>Fergus Falls, MN | 323,335.81 |
| Central Specialties<br>Alexandria, MN | 385,360.50 |
| Anderson Contracting, Inc.<br>Solway, MN | 296,177.07 |
| William D. Scepaniak, Inc.<br>Holdingford, MN 56340 | 248,465.77 |

Dan Sauvé and Pat Halloran opened bids at 10:30 a.m. for CP 17-500 Rubberized Crackseal. Bids were as follows:

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|---|---|
| All Things Asphalt<br>Sauk Centre, MN | 117,040.00 |
| Astech Corp<br>St. Cloud, MN 56302 | 117,040.00 |
| KAMCO Inc.<br>Dassel, MN | 124,960.00 |
| American Pavement Solutions, Inc.<br>Green Bay, WI | 144,320.00 |
| Northwest Asphalt & Maintenance<br>Thief River Falls, MN | 120,560.00 |
| Allied Blacktop<br>Maple Grove, MN | 293,920.00 |

Dan Sauvé presented the bills, financial statement and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to approve payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Newland and carried, to authorize the sale of excess equipment as itemized in the listing on file and other items below $1000 in value approved by Department Heads. Fahey Inc. is authorized to conduct the sale as part of their consignment Auction to be held May 20, 2017 in Bagley.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase off the State Contract a 2017 Polaris

Ranger 570 from Lakes Area Powersports of Walker, MN in the amount of $8,803.80 plus sales tax, title and licensing.

***Open*** – The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to approve the Resolution to allow Clearwater County Auditor to sign the grant-in-aid funds application, and to enter into a grant agreement on behalf of the Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club with the State of Minnesota, and to serve as the fiscal agent for this grant. Resolution is on file.

***Recess – The meeting recessed at*** 10:53 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on April 18, 2017.

April 18, 2017

***Reconvene*** – The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on April 18, 2017 with Chairman Newland presiding and all Commissioners present.

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

***Mark Titera/Bob O'Dier*** – Mark Titera, George Titera and Bob O'Dier were present to discuss a road between their properties that the DNR wants to use for access to a property. The following motion was made: Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to approve the following Resolution: It has come to the attention of the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners that there is some question regarding ownership of a road progressing north off of 340th Street between the property owned by Bob O'Dier and Mark Titera. The description of this property line is the section line between Section 32 and 33, Township 147, Range 38, Clearwater County, Minnesota.

This road has never been a County Road or maintained by the County in any way. No Clearwater County funds have ever been spent on this road.

It is the position of Clearwater County Board of Commissioners that this road is not a County road in any manner.

***Engineer*** – Dan Sauvé opened bids for CP 17-500 Crackseal. The low bidder was a tie so the two lowest bidders had another chance to bid. The bids were as follows:

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|---|---|
| Astech Corp<br>St. Cloud, MN | 103,576.00 |
| All Things Asphalt<br>Sauk Centre, MN | 114,312.00 |

Dan Sauvé presented the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Syverson, seconded by Commissioner Illies and carried, to award the bid for SAP 015-602-023, SAP 015-627-007, SAP 015-645-003, SAP 015-646-003 & SAP 015-620-007: Bituminous Milling, Bituminous Surfacing, Aggregate Shouldering & Culvert Replacement to Mark Sand & Gravel Co. of Fergus Falls, MN in the amount of $2,086,563.55.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to award the bid for CP 17-100: Pavement Markings to Traffic Marking Services, Inc. of Maple Lake, MN in the amount of $99,776.79.

Motion by Commissioner Stenseng, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, to award the bid for CP 17-200: Regravel to William D. Scepaniak, Inc. of Holdingford, MN in the amount of $248,465.77.

Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to award the bid for CP 17-500: Rubberized Crackseal to Astech Corp of St. Cloud, MN in the amount of $103,576.00.

***Veterans Service Office*** – Harry Hutchens III gave a quarterly report to the Board.

***Auditor-Treasurer*** – Al Paulson presented the bills, month end financials and the following motions: Motion by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to authorize the County Auditor to pay the submitted invoices of $73,942.27 for the County Revenue Fund and $24,949.14 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Stenseng and carried, to enter into an agreement with Prime Health to provide Health Insurance for Clearwater County Non Union Employees in 2018. The County will pay $900.00 per month towards Single Health Coverage and $1200.00 per month towards Family Insurance. Bargaining Union will need to vote as a group if they wish to change to Prime Health Insurance for 2018.

Al received general consent from the Board to offer a training to employees given by MCIT at no cost regarding employees working with the public.

***Adjourn*** – Motion by Commissioner Illies, seconded by Commissioner Syverson and carried, to adjourn the meeting 2:00 p.m.

Dated: May 9, 2017

Dean Newland, Board Chairman

Emily McDougall, Board Coordinator
R9C

**NOTICE**
**TO RESIDENTS OF CLOVER TOWNSHIP**

Clover Township will have their regular meeting on June 2, 5:00 pm, at the Clover Town Hall. R10C

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**Notice of Pine Lake Township Meetings 2017**

Meetings are held at 7 pm in the American Legion Cabin in Gonvick, Minnesota.

*Monday June 12*
*Monday July 10*
*Monday August 14*
*Monday September 11*
*Monday October 9*
*Monday November 13*
*Monday December 11*
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NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

**— APRIL 2017 CLAIMS OVER $2,000 —**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| American Solutions for Business | 4,039.30 | County Revenue |
| Anderson Disposal | 10,955.23 | Solid Waste |
| Beltrami County Treasurer | 6,210.00 | County Revenue |
| Cease Family Funeral Home | 3,831.67 | Human Services |
| City of Clearbrook | 2,850.00 | Road & Bridge |
| Clearbrook Electric Inc | 3,544.74 | Energy |
| Clearwater County Auditor-Treasurer | 5,598.94 | County Revenue, Tax Forfeited |
| Clearwater SWCD | 17,340.00 | County Revenue (Appropriation) |
| Clearwater SWCD | 22,750.00 | County Revenue |
| Clw Trailblazer Snowmobile Club | 16,082.10 | County Revenue (Pass Thru) |
| Commissioner of Revenue | 4,466.00 | County Revenue, Tax Forfeited, Solid Waste |
| CPS Technology Solutions | 3,037.99 | County Revenue |
| Dell Marketing LP | 4,118.10 | County Revenue |
| Dell Marketing LP | 5,691.54 | County Revenue |
| Department of Human Services SWIFT | 11,985.90 | Human Services |
| Garden Valley Telephone Co | 3,187.35 | County Revenue, Solid Waste |
| Darin Halvorson | 2,619.00 | Road & Bridge |
| Itaskin Juvenile Center | 7,947.80 | Human Services |
| Lake Area Powersports | 8,803.80 | Road & Bridge |
| Listrom's Disposal | 13,714.48 | Solid Waste |
| Janny Lopez | 2,689.56 | Human Services |
| Midway Ford Company | 26,332.00 | County Revenue |
| Minnesota UC Fund | 9,283.74 | County Revenue |
| Mohawk Resources LTD | 2,408.22 | Road & Bridge |
| MSOP - MN Sex Offender Program 462 | 5,698.00 | Human Services |
| MV Sport | 2,470.65 | County Revenue |
| Nelson Paint Company | 2,691.20 | Tax Forfeited |
| North Homes Inc | 8,074.60 | Human Services |
| Northwest Service Cooperative | 81,106.00 | County Revenue |
| Monica Olson | 2,063.98 | Human Services |
| Roger Pearce | 3,000.00 | County Revenue |
| Polk County Solid Waste | 24,538.15 | Solid Waste |
| Pro West & Assoc | 3,420.00 | County Revenue |
| Public Utilities Commission | 5,025.16 | County Revenue, Tax Forfeited |
| Ramsrud Auto Parts | 3,326.93 | Road & Bridge |
| Richards Publishing Co | 2,523.21 | County Revenue, Tax Forfeited, Solid Waste |
| Rural Minnesota Cep Inc | 9,658.63 | Human Services |
| Sanford Bemidji Medical Center | 3,578.00 | Nursing Service |
| Sanford Medical Center Thief River Falls | 5,543.00 | Human Services |
| SHI International Corp | 13,048.00 | County Revenue |
| University of North Dakota | 2,000.00 | County Revenue |
| University of North Dakota | 2,140.00 | County Revenue |
| Vanguard Appraisals Inc | 13,701.50 | County Revenue |
| Vanguard Systems Inc | 9,454.00 | County Revenue |

## Legal Notice

**CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION TOWN HALL/REORGANIZATION/ REGULAR MEETING APRIL 17, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wetrum at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Jeff Westrum, Tracy Imle, Kris Snyder, Tom Stenzel, James Galloway, Corey Petterson, and Richard Hetland. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Wayne Olson, 5 staff members, and 2 community members**

1. **Town Hall Meeting** (Odd Number Months)

4 **Community Comments** – None

5 **Spotlight on Education** – Ms. Sarah Goudge presented a power point of events that have occurred since the last meeting.

6 **Approval of Agenda –** MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve agenda as amended, with the addition of item 11.1.2. MCU

7 **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting –** MMS Imle/Galloway to approve minutes as presented from the March 20th meeting. MCU

8 **Informational Items**

8.1 **Principal Report** – Principal Burgess was out of town. Mr. 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.

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

8.3 **Committee Report**s –

8.3.1.1 **Communication Committee –** Committee met. Calendar was discussed. It was decided not to do a survey.

8.3.1.2 **Certified Staff Negotiations –** Continue to meet every 2 weeks. Good progress is being made.

8.3.1.3 **Transportation Committee -** The committee met and reviewed the two bids that were received for the next few years. Some contract language needs to be worked out.

9 **Consent Calendar –** MMS Imle/Galloway to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings:

64658 – 64680

Payroll Checks

0029808 – 0029831

April Bills
Voucher Numbers: 49047 – 49133
Check Numbers: 64681 – 64724

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: $440,581.32

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

10 **Old Business**

10.1 **Approval of Policy 714 (Fund Balance) –** Final reading of Policy 714 was done. MMS Imle/Petterson to approve Policy 714. MCU.

10.2 **Approval of 2017 – 2018 School Calendar –** Discussion was held regarding some different options for the 2017-2018 school year. 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 TBD. Option C includes 2 more classroom days and 2 less in-service days. This can be tweaked. Discussion was held. MMS Petterson/Hetland. MCU to approve calendar option C for the 2017-2018 school year, with the addition of one more instructional day and one more in-service day. MCU to accept calendar option C as amended.

10.3 **Voluntary Pre-School Discussion –** Andrea Churness, Stacie Petterson and Steins bussing were available for discussion of potential costs and challenges. Mr. Olson discussed several different scenarios. He reminded the board that we will not know if funding will be approved until after we make the decision. 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. MMS Imle/Stenzel to continue our Early Learning programs as they have been implemented in the past. MCU.

11 **New Business**

11.1 **Personnel**

11.1.1 **Approve hiring of Jesse Eck, Elementary PE teacher –** MMS Galloway/Imle to approve hire. MCU

11.1.2 **Approve Sheree Hoie, Sp Ed Para** – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve hire. MCU.

11.2 **Approve bids for District Sponsored Health Insurance –** MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve bid from NWSC BCBS as the District sponsored Health Insurance plan. MCU.

11.3 **Approve bids for Bus Contract –** MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve Stein's Bussing contract for the next 5 years (2017-2022) pending clarification of details of some contract items. MCU

12 **Action Items for May Meeting –**

12.1 Negotiation Meetings
12.2 Building and Grounds
12.3 Preliminary Budgeting
12.4 Garden Valley Television Station. Mr. Bettin is going to visit with some districts that are currently doing this.

13 **Adjournment –** MMS Imle/Galloway to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. MCU

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. R9C

# County Board hears from U.S. Fish & Wildlife, TZD texting concerns, and MCIT report

By Karen Edelbach

The U. S. Fish & Wildlife personnel, Lynn Sebek and Neil Powers, brought five easements to present to the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners at the meeting on May 16, 2017.

Three wetland easements contained 153.2 wetland acres in Eddy Township, 33.9 wetland acres in Holst Township, and 37.3 wetland acres in Sinclair Township. Agricultural use is allowed; ownership and tax payments will continue as usual. No burning or leveling is allowed. The easements protect wetlands while allowing agricultural use.

Two habitat easements were also brought with 152 acres of uplands which includes 32 wetland acres in Holst Township; and 40 acres with 9.2 wetland acres in Nora Township. There is no limit to the amount of grazing that can be done on habitat easements, but there are more controls regarding cropping hay or building.

Commissioner Dean Newland asked whether the habitat controls would become more restrictive over time. Mr. Powers said no in response.

Engineer Dan Sauve' commented that he was concerned that back up waters to road right of ways might occur beyond the 66' easements.

"We have surveyed all the easements, but we will look again," Mr. Powers said. "We certainly don't want to cause problems."

"Do you do a study as to the affect a dam may have down stream from where it flows?" asked Commissioner Dan Stenseng. No studies are done, Mr. Powers said.

"Wetland restoration is intended to provide benefits for the water quality. There is a low level embankment, and we expect it will eventually be dry," Mr. Powers responded.

All easements are perpetual, and were approved unanimously by the Board.

Toward Zero Death (TZD): Lou Tasa, District State Aid Engineer, Holly Kostrzewski, the Northwest coordinator from Bemidji Mndot and Public Safety, and Lt. Brad Norland, from Fosston who works in Thief River Falls law enforcement, presented statistics regarding Clearwater County and the Northwest TZD region.

"We need your help," they emphasized of the need to "get the word out", to stop the increasing problems especially regarding distracted driving.

"You see texting all over, and the problem is getting much worse," said Lou Tasa.

"We don't want to have to make that house call about a death because of a fatal crash."

(See related article with more details about the TZD program.)

MCIT Member Report: Management Consultant Bob Geode brought the 2017 MCIT Report to Clearwater County. He mentioned that joint powers includes SWCD, Childrens Society, and Agriculture. He said there will be broader coverage of insurance.

Auto related casualties and slip-and-falls remain the highest areas of claims.

Steamboilers is usually associated with equipment, however, they also have become experts with "data compromise" and "ransom ware", ie hacking into computer systems, and now provide coverage against that.

County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received approval to purchase a new copier from Marco in Bemidji in the amount of $7,856 with a five year service contract at $46.50 a month.

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of $39,578 for the County Revenue Fund, and $4,416 for the Nursing Service Fund.

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

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**Helping to celebrate Jim Chelsey's birthday at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center were standing from left to right : Pat Graftaas, Barb Torgerson, Jim Chesley, Carol Croy, Bernice Magnussen, Beulah Richards, Edna Wraa, Beverly Charles, and Perry Loiland. Seated from left to right: Janice Stormo, Harriet Shellum and Joy Parker.**

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*Class of 2017*

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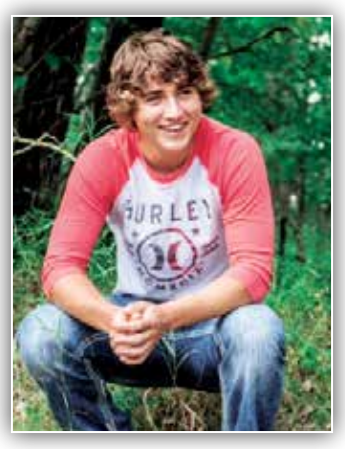

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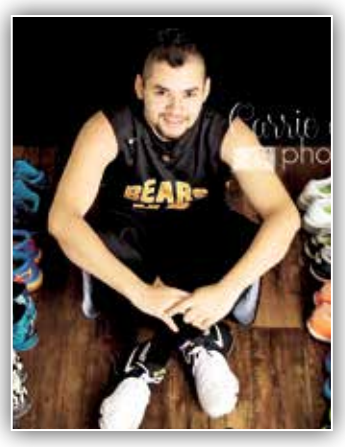

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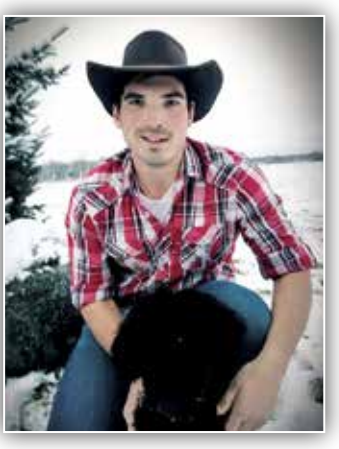

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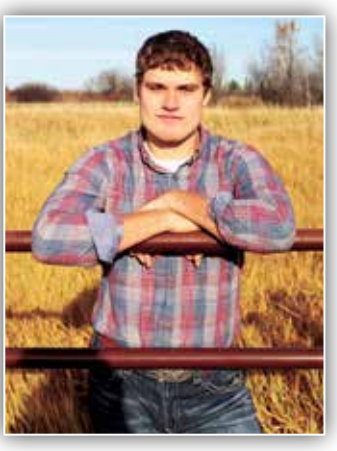

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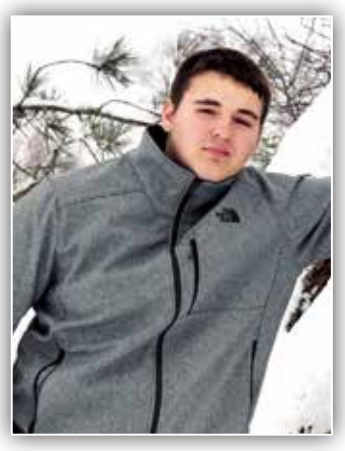

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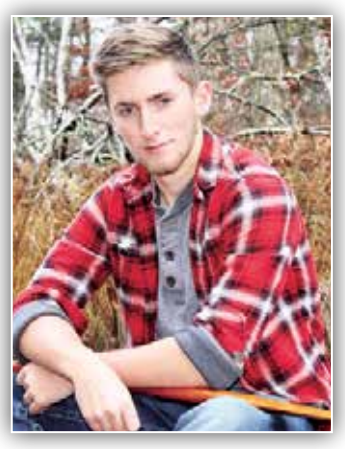

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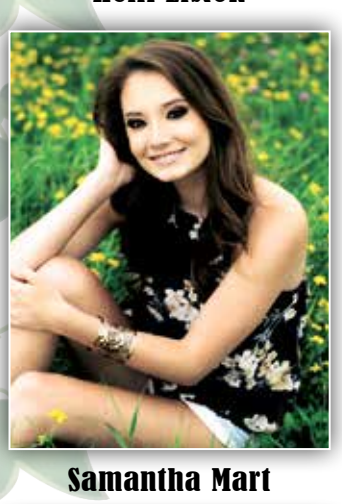

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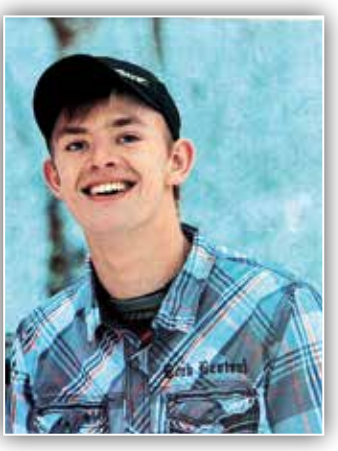

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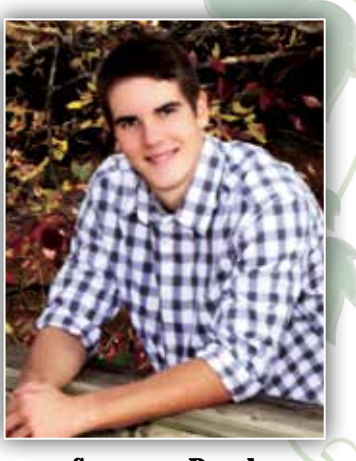

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**Saturday, May 27, 2017**

**2:00 pm**

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