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Official state scores given to Clearbrook-Gonvick school board

High School Principal, Jeff Burgess, informed the board at their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 21 that the official state test scores were received. Reading was up 3.5%, Science up 11.9% and Math up 4% which is in the range of the long term goals that Burgess has been setting for the district.

Information on the new items in the handbooks went out in letters to all families in the district. Student updates will be done the first day of school.

They have received from Houghton Mifflin the new Science curriculum books. With the new series there is usually a drop in students test scores the next year. Benchmark reports will help the staff to use patterns of scores. Benchmark reports will be linked to data and used throughout curriculum.

Third grade is currently at 27 with a possibility of more enrollees. A group of elementary teachers met earlier this year and suggested splitting that group. They would be together as a whole class approximately two hours of the 6.75 hours per day. They would split the group for reading and math.

Several things will be going on before the first day of school which is September 6.

Superintendents Report
Superintendent Wayne Olson visited with Lowell Bjerk, Head Custodian about the

summer building projects. The biggest job was the boiler system with some pipes and joints that needed to be replaced. The building is 15 years old and things will be starting to wear out. They will be monitoring for any problems.

The Title Application has been completed and submitted to the state. Title I, provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.

Olson gave estimates for the first day of school at 433 students, which is where they were last year with 220 registered in the elementary and 213 in the secondary.

Olson attended a conference concerning Every Student Succeed Act, ESSA which took over for "No Child Left Behind". They don't have it completely planned out yet.

The auditors have finished their job. Things went smoothly. Not as many questions this year. They have not received any information. The auditors could go over the report by internet, face time or skype that would save the district \$300 to \$400. Last year the auditor spent 10 minutes answering questions that could be done at a meeting with them present without the auditor traveling to the district.

Consent Calendar
The board approved the bills presented, electronic

transfers, treasurer's report and other banking transactions. Included in the bills were: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, (books) \$28,566.22; Hill-yard/Hutchinson \$13,235.86; Marco \$8,055.14; Dell Marketing LP \$8,385.04; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$7,010.10; Clearwater Plumbing & Heating \$6,673.36; Garden Valley Telephone Co. \$1,845.33; Bemidji Steel \$1,356.36; Richards Publishing \$1,044.41.

No Old Business
New Business

There were several motions made and approved for personnel. They included the resignation of Charmaine Barranco, SPED Para; Resignation of Gus Vetteson, Math teacher; Approval of Andrew Kaucher English Teacher; Approval of Mary Mohr SPED Para; Approval of Sherree Hoie SPED Para; Approval of Shelby Dukek Math teacher; Approval of Jennifer Mathison SPED Para Professional; Approval of Carly Bergman Assistant Volleyball coach; Approval of hiring Jalina Gerlofs, part time ECPE Para.

A discussion was held on increasing the Technology Para from a nine month position to the full year. The board agreed and the job will be posted.

The nursing service contract for 2017-10 was postponed to next month meeting.

The bus routes for the coming school year was approved with Stein Bus Service. See routes inside this issue.



Andy Kaucher English teacher at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School.

Welcome to Clearbrook-Gonvick, English teacher, Andy Kaucher

Andy Kaucher is teaching high school English for the 2017-2018 school year at Clearbrook-Gonvick.

Andy lives in Pinewood, with his wife Amanda Kaucher and his pup Etta. He enjoys biking, the arts, and listening to music. Andy received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English while attending Alvernia University in Reading, Pennsylvania. He now is participating in Bemidji

State University 'FastTrak PostBac' program and is graduating in 2019.

Kaucher had previously worked as an Artist-in-Residence at Wyomissing JR/SR High school in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania for two years. Kaucher decided to become an educator because he wants to push and inspire student understanding of English/Language Arts. He said that

many teachers did that for him throughout his schooling and that it was time for him to 'do his part'.

Andy jokingly stated that his goal for the year was to 'survive' and then said that he hopes to inspire his students. He also hopes to bring a new and enthusiastic love of literature, writing and the overall study of English.

MnDOT asks motorists, farm equipment operators to safely share the road during harvest season

Motorists traveling on Minnesota highways this fall need to be aware of large farm equipment transporting crops to markets, grain elevators and processing plants, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

"Harvest season is getting in full swing across the state and farmers and their equipment are out on the highways," said Jay Hietpas, state traffic engineer. "Motorists need to be prepared to encounter slow-moving farm vehicles, especially on rural, two-lane roads."

Farm equipment is large and heavy, making it hard for operators to accelerate, slow down and stop. The equipment also makes wide turns and sometimes crosses over the center line. In addition, farm

vehicles can create large blind spots, making it difficult for operators to see approaching vehicles. All of these factors can cause serious crashes.

From 2011 to 2015, there were 688 crashes involving farm vehicles that resulted in 23 fatalities and 348 injuries. Nearly half of the fatalities were an occupant of the farm vehicle.

"Twenty-two percent of all farm equipment crashes and 29 percent of the fatalities were distraction-related," Hietpas said. "Other factors were speed-related and alcohol-related."

Motorists should:

- Watch for debris dropped by trucks hauling sugar beets and other crops. It is safer to brake or slowly drive through

debris than to veer into oncoming cars or off the road.

- When approaching farm equipment, slow down and use caution. Put additional space between your vehicle and the farm equipment ahead. Don't assume the equipment operator can see you.

Farm equipment operators should:

- Use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible.
- Use slow-moving vehicle emblems on equipment traveling less than 30 mph.

- Drive slow-moving vehicles in the right-hand lane as close to the edge of the roadway as possible.

- Avoid encouraging or signaling motorists to pass. Pull over when safe, and let traffic pass.

Bryn Mawr counselors visit in Gonvick

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania offers a camp for girls 6 to 15. Needed for the girls are camp counselors and three of them visited Gonvick recently.

The three Van Der Zee from the Netherlands, Louise Burton from Wales and Rosaleen Mills from England had been working at Bryn Mawr camp for seven weeks. The camp had 300 girls where they offered sports, creative, science and enrichment. It also included zip line and rock climbing.

After their work at the camp they wanted to see a little bit more of America before they

headed home. They rented a car and began their adventure. They traveled across to South Dakota to see Mount Rushmore National Memorial where U.S. presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln are carved. From there they called the Gunvalsons in Gonvick and wanted to know if it was OK to stop by to visit them.

Van Der Zee is the grandson of a family that Cheri Gunvalson was an exchange student with 40 years ago.

They arrived in Gonvick

and were treated to a wild rice lunch which was something new to them. They toured Gunvalson's rice and potato farm and were given a pontoon ride on Clearwater Lake. None of them had ever been on a real lake. On their drive they saw deer, beaver and fox.

The three left the next morning as one had to leave out of the Chicago airport and the other two were leaving out of a New Jersey airport back to their homes.

Quite a little jaunt for the three counselors.



Kendehl Ballard in Pohlads Internship program at the Leader-Record.

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The Leader-Record would like to introduce you to the summer intern, Kendehl Ballard. She started her internship with the newspaper on Thursday, June 22, and the job ends now in August.

Kendehl is part of the 2017 Pohlads Internship Program. This marks the 13th year the Pohlads Family Foundation has generously funded summer internships for high school-aged students as part of its Summer Youth Employment Program. In Minnesota, 45 community newspaper internships were available this summer.

As the Leader-Record and Richards Publishing Compa-

ny intern, Kendehl has been working in the office and in the community. She was working part-time at 20 hours a week for 10 consecutive weeks. Her duties included her office time, conducting interviews for local news stories, writing various human interest stories, taking pictures, and finding fun, fresh and interesting things to put in the paper.

Kendehl is currently a Senior at Clearbrook-Gonvick High School. Along with her internship at the Leader-Record she is also a CNA at the Good Samaritan Society in Clearbrook. She enjoys photography in her free time along with

playing in the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra.

The Summer Youth Employment Program is a truly unique and special experience for high school-aged students. Before ever stepping into a college classroom, interns get to experience what life is like when you work in an office. They hone communication skills and they get a taste for what a career in the communication or journalism field may look like. With contributing photos, stories and columns to the paper, interns build skills in photography, writing, editing and interviewing.

Attend a Water Quality Town Hall This Fall

Ten town hall meetings have been scheduled in communities across Minnesota. These town hall meetings are free to attend and open to the public. Each town hall meeting will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. The two local meetings are listed. A complete list of dates and locations is available on the Environmental Quality Board website: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/town-halls>. RSVP for an event by

visiting the Governor and Lt. Governor's Facebook page. No advance registration is necessary.

Bemidji – Water Quality Town Hall
Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration opens at 5:30 p.m. Bemidji State University American Indian Resource Center, 1500 Birchmont Dr. NE
North Central Minnesota Information Packet: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/sites/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/GovMarkDayton/events/>

Crookston – Water Quality Town Hall
Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration opens at 5:30 p.m. University of Minnesota – Crookston - Bede Ballroom –Sargeant Student Center, 2900 University Ave.



Visitors from three countries toured Richards Publishing Company print shop, (the Leader-Record) in Gonvick. With owner Dick Richards were Jelmer Van Der Zee from the Netherlands, Rosaleen Mills from England and Louise Burton from Wales.

Community Calendar

A Retirement PARTY
for
NORMAN BAKKE

after 40 years of building maintenance work in Gonvick, Warroad and at the Clearwater County Courthouse.

A party will be held **September 8, 2017, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm**, at the **3rd floor meeting room at the courthouse** and after that a small get-together at Norm's apartment at Mark's Hardware on north side.

Hope to see you there R23P

Clearwater Lake Area Association

Labor Day Weekend Meeting and Pot Luck Meal on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

Pot Luck meal at 5:00 p.m. Meeting follows the meal.

Location: Moore's Garage; 8 houses east of the public access

An informational follow-up report will be presented at the meeting in regard to the Clearwater Lake Area Association shoreline restoration project funded by the Enbridge® Eco-footprint Grant.

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

Members and All Non-Members Are Welcome!

Elim Lutheran Church Rally Day

Elim Lutheran Church of Clearbrook will hold their Sunday School Rally Day on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Peter and Kathy Kjolhaug. Come join us as we Worship on the Porch/Farm. Following the Sunday School Hour the Worship Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Paul Larson of Fergus Falls. (formerly of Clearbrook) giving the message. A potluck lunch will follow the morning services. Everyone is welcome!



Blaine Grone entertaining the group at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. He does not even read music and he does a beautiful job of providing a variety of tunes.



These two ladies helping out at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. Pat Graftaas doing what she has done all her life was serving people. She owned Pat's Cafe in downtown Clearbrook for many years. On the right Nancy Goudge getting the root beer and orange floats ready for the center. She is a retired teacher from the Clearbrook-Gonvick School District.



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Saturday, Sept. 9th

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1-6pm Inflatable Games available

4-6:30pm Free-Will Fundraiser meal ("They Deserve Better Ministry" in Haiti)

6:30-7:30pm Live Band - Bring Me David

7:45pm Outdoor family friendly movie

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Community Fellowship Octa-Pit/Outdoor Games Prayer Tent • Concessions

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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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Sunday, Sept. 3: 9:00 am
Worship; 10:00 am Coffee Hour.

Mon. Sept. 4 - 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee
Wed. Sept. 6 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice: 7:30 p.m. Handbell Practice
Our Savior's
Sunday, Sept. 3: 10:30 am Coffee Hour; 11:00 am Worship

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Thurs. Aug. 31 - 7 p.m. Bible Study
Sat. Sept. 2 - 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sun. Sept. 3 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

DISCIPLES OF MESSIAH-YAHUSHA
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To the Residents of Clover Township

The next regular meeting will be held Sept. 8th at 5:00 pm at the Clover Township Hall.

Joel Wraa, Clerk R23C

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

GONVICK SITE:
Friday Night Out: Sept. 1, 5-7 PM. Our menu: Curly Kale Soup & homemade Artisan bread, choice of turkey or pork stuffed green peppers, fresh garden vegetables, roasted sweet potatoes & zucchini brownies or spice cake. Call 218-776-2789 to reserve your spot

Restore It! Furniture Shop: Open until 8:00 PM Friday, Sept. 1. Pick-up for furniture donations available Th-F by prior arrangements.

CWLC-Gonvick will be closed Sept. 2 - 4 for Labor Day weekend.

CLEARBROOK SITE:
Shop-at-the-Top: ALL NEW fall items on the sales' floor. School clothes for all your students. Open: 10-4, M-F & Sat., 10-12. 256 2nd Ave., SW, third floor; elevator available.

Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7:00 PM, Thursdays, 2nd floor, 256 2nd Ave., SW, Clearbrook. Open to men & women. Confidential. CD Life Skills Class also open & free to the public is held at 2:00 PM.

CWLC-Gonvick, 226 Elm St., open Mon. - Wed. - Fri., 10-4 & Sat., 9-12: Create It! Art Studios and Restore It! Furniture. CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW.

For programs and services, visit: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.mustardseedhomes.org, or www.adultdayservicesgonvick.org and our Facebook pages.

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Pastor Gerold Goetz
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.

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

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.

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Aug. 30: 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study.
Sun. Sept. 3: 10:30 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sun., Sept. 3: 9:00 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., 30 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer; 8:00 p.m. Youth Group.
Thurs., 31 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Sun., Sept. 3 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service; 10:30 a.m. Communion Service.
Future Events: Rally Day for Sunday School on Sunday, September 10th at the home of Peter and Kathy Kjolhaug.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Sept. 2: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Sept. 3: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. Nazareth 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Wed. Sept. 6: Wed School/Confirmation 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed. Aug. 30: 6:30p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Aug. 31: 12:00 p.m. Rotary.
Sun, Sept. 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

Tue, Sept. 5: 9:30a.m. Ladies Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30p.m. Bible Study.
Wed. Sept. 6: 6:30p.m. Youth Group.

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

BETHELE ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Sept. 3: 10:00 a.m. Worship.

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Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Mon., Sept. 4- Labor Day
Enjoy your last day of break.

Tues., Sept. 5 - Welcome
Back! Walking Taco, Refried
beans, WG Cookie, Fresh Fruit
and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Wed., Sept. 6 - Chicken Pat-
ty on WG bun; Tri Tater, Fresh
Fruit and Vegetable Choices
and Milk.

Meal Prices (Elementary-
\$2.55; Monthly: \$48.45; High
School- \$2.85- \$54.15; Adult-
\$4.00; Extra Milk- \$0.35

This institution is an equal op-
portunity provider. Optional Sal-
ad Choices available for 7th-12th
grade students/staff daily. Sign
up in the kitchen by 9 am daily.
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Free White, Fat Free Chocolate,
1% White.

Salad bar available to all dur-
ing lunch each day.

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL READINESS ORIENTATION COMING UP!

**Wed.,
Sept.
6th**

Clearbrook-Gonvick Early Childhood Classroom #223

(through door #18
near the playground)

Attend a class with your
child at 4 pm or 6pm
(Orientation is required prior
to classes beginning)

*We are
registering
4 & 5 year olds for the
2017-2018 school year.*

Classes will begin September 18th. Two classes are being
offered Monday, Tuesday and Friday: a MORNING CLASS
8:00-11:00 a.m., and an AFTERNOON CLASS Noon - 3:00 p.m.

School Readiness is a great opportunity for your child
to spend time in a semi-structured classroom with daily
routines while working on academic and social skills.



**Please call 776-3112, ext. 223
if you have any questions.**



Yummy! Judges enjoy the variety of salsas that were entered in the 2017 Clearwater County Fair. The contest was judged by Jenell Strandberg, Gwen Peltier, and Linda Gulbranson.

Representative Matt Grossell

651-296-4265 email: rep.matt.grossell@house.mn

**REP. MATT GROSSELL RE-
MINDS PARENTS ABOUT BACK-
TO-SCHOOL TAX BENEFITS**

CLEARBROOK, MN —With back-
to-school shopping in full swing, Rep.
Matt Grossell, R-Clearbrook is re-
minding Minnesota parents about tax
benefits for their 2017 Minnesota tax
return for many school supplies. Min-
nesota has both a credit and a subtraction
for education expenses. The Department of
Revenue has reminded families interested
in claiming these tax benefits to save all re-
ceipts related to school supplies.

"Now that kids and parents are getting
ready for school to start I wanted to make
sure parents can take advantage of these
tax incentives that could mean more money
back in your pocket come tax season," Rep.
Grossell said. "Please reach out to my office
if you have questions about these tax ben-
efits."

Most school supplies qualify for the cred-
it or subtraction, including writing utensils,



textbooks, and musical instrument rentals.
Common items that don't qualify for the
subtraction or credit include school lunch-
es, uniforms, backpacks, and more. Parents
are encouraged to check the Revenue web-
site to determine which expenses qualify.

While the education subtraction is not
subject to income limits, the credit is lim-
ited to households with incomes less than
\$37,500 for families with 1-2 children, \$39,500
for families with 3 children, and adding \$2,000
per child for families with 4 or more children. Ac-
cording to the Department of Revenue, more than
43,000 families took advantage of the education
credit saving an average of \$242. In all, nearly
200,000 families took advantage of the education
subtraction.

Full details about the Education Subtraction
and Credit can be found on the Department of Re-
venue's website: <http://www.revenue.state.mn.us>.
Rep. Grossell encouraged constituents who have
questions about the credit or subtraction to contact
his office at rep.matt.grossell@house.mn or by call-
ing 651-296-4265.



**The 2017 County Fair Chocolate contest was held at Pe-
tersen Pavilion. Entrants were judged based on the looks,
taste, and texture of their dessert. First place was awarded
to Dorris Swedmark, Second place was Donna Wilcox, and
Third place was Abigail Shamp (Pictured are sisters Dor-
ris Swedmark and Donna Wilcox). -Photo by Kendehl Ballard**



**Matthew Rankin from Clearbrook with his Yorkshire,
Hampshire, Berkshire extra delicious cross animals at the
Clearwater County Fair.**



**Go Ponies GO! The men of the 2017 Draft Horse pull are focused on getting their ponies
ready to win at the Clearwater County Fair.**

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Visiting at the Lake Itasca Region Farmers Show are Sarah and Dr. Glenn Madsen. Former residents of Gonvick.

Slow Mail Costs Money

By Matthew Paxton IV, pub-
lisher of The News-Gazette,
Lexington, VA and

President of the National
Newspaper Association

Most people get mail every
day, Monday through Satur-
day. But what happens when
the mail comes later than we
expect?

We found out a few years
ago, when the Postmaster Gen-
eral had to take away overnight
First-Class and Periodicals
mail from most of the nation.
That caused a problem for a lot
of consumers and businesses.
Now, we may be facing a new
slowdown, if something isn't
done by Congress very soon.

Who needs the mail, some
people ask? We have the Inter-
net now. But a lot happens in
the mail, and a lot goes wrong
when it is late. To begin with,
mail is the backbone for about
\$1.3 trillion in jobs, products
and services. And then there is
the personal impact.

People send in their credit
card payments at the last min-
ute when cash is tight. The pay-
ment reaches the credit card
company late, and credit scores
take a beating. That causes
loans for cars and houses to get
more expensive.

Many people count on the
mail for medicines. A missed
dosage can mean a trip to the
hospital.

Small businesses count on
the day's mail to bring in cash
from customers. A few days' de-
lay can mean a trip to the bank
for a loan. Loans cost money,
and put pressure on the busi-
ness to raise prices.

Some things just can't be
emailed. It is hard to send your
grandkid's birthday cake over-
night by the Internet. Some
farm supply houses use the
mail to deliver small animals
quickly. They certainly can't
zap them across broadband, or
allow them to die in a post office
waiting for a mail truck. And
then there are legal documents
that have to arrive by certified
mail. Also, I have to mention

late newspapers, where sales
coupons are missed and public
event announcements arrive
after the event. Newspapers
like this one that rely on the
mail for delivery to readers
took it on the chin the past few
years, with disappointed read-
ers canceling their subscrip-
tions.

We are at another crunch
point. The US Postal Service
has a \$57 billion deficiency on
its balance sheet, most of it
caused by Congress. Fixing
it may require the Postmaster
General to close more post of-
fices and mail sorting plants,
eliminate mail-hauling truck
routes and ground the airmail.
The mail would be slowed down
even further.

USPS last received a major
overhaul by Congress in 2006.
The next year, Steve Jobs ap-
peared on a stage with a new
gadget called an iPhone. Since
then, Congress and the Post-
master General have been
grappling with the tough prob-
lem of collecting enough post-
age for a system that must
reach ever more mailing ad-
dresses in America, but with
less mail—though still impor-
tant mail—to pay for the ser-
vice. So far, Congress has done
nothing but tinker.

This is nothing new. Since
the birth of the nation, Con-
gress bogged down many times
in finding resources for this
essential economic backbone—
one of the few government ser-
vices actually in the Constitu-
tion! Usually a slow Congress
results in slower mail.

The choices are tough, and
Congress is never good at
tough choices. Businesses that
buy postage cannot afford big
increases and will simply find
alternatives if the rates are
jacked up too much. Consum-
ers cannot afford to pay more
for slower mail. USPS wants to
protect jobs for its workers.

Of course, USPS is not sup-
ported by tax dollars, but by
postage. And no tax-payer
money should be needed unless

Congress lets the system dete-
riorate further. There is a bet-
ter choice.

A bill was sent to House
Ways and Means Committee
last March by the House com-
mittee responsible for over-
seeing the US Postal Service.
The bill, **HR 756**, is now sponsored
by Republican Rep. Mark
Meadows of North Carolina,
and three Democrats: Reps.
Elijah Cummings of Maryland;
Gerald Connolly of Virginia;
and Stephen Lynch of Mas-
sachusetts. All are experts
on postal matters. That this
group, who agree on little else,
could come up with a solution
says a lot about this bill.

The legislation would re-
quire about 77,000 retired post-
al workers who draw benefits
from a federal benefits health
fund to use Medicare instead.
Medicare taxes were already
paid for these workers. The
Medicare fund owes these re-
tirees their benefits anyway.
It is just that this group has
chosen a different benefit for
themselves, which they were
allowed to do. Now it is time
for them to follow the practice
of most private sector workers
and draw their earned benefits
from Medicare instead.

Commercial mailers would
have to accept a small post-
age increase to pay most of the
new cost to Medicare. But the
benefits to the federal budget
and to USPS would be substan-
tial. Overall, the federal deficit
would be \$6 billion less if the
bill passed.

And the US Postal Service
would save about \$30 billion
over 10 years. The rest of its
red ink would have to be erased
through new efficiencies, and
many steps have already been
taken to find those, without
creating slower mail. All that
needs to happen is for House
Speaker Paul Ryan to put the
bill up for a successful vote be-
fore it is too late.

If you are concerned about
losing more mail service, par-
ticularly in rural America, the
way to protect it is to contact
your Representative and ask
for a big push for **HR 756 in September**. www.house.gov
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Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Readiness Orientation coming up on Wednesday, September 6. They are registering 4 and 5 year old for the 2017-2018 school year. See ad for more details.

We collect used eye glasses in our office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions Club and they are put to very good use.

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Field studies: What do you mean 5 bushels per acre is not significant?

By Elizabeth Stahl, University of Minnesota; Sara Berg, South Dakota State University; Josh Coltrain, Kansas State University; John Thomas, University of Nebraska Lincoln

Utilizing sound research results to help make decisions on the farm is a wise business practice. It can be confusing, however, when you see two numbers that are clearly not the same labeled as "not significantly different." One can quickly calculate the value of a few bushels per acre over hundreds of corn or soybean acres. It is key to look at just what this terminology means and its practical importance when using this information to make decisions.

First, consider why research is conducted in the first place. Research is typically conducted so that we can use the results to help make the best decisions possible in the future. We want to use practices that have a high likelihood or probability of paying off. Statistically sound research trials help us determine the likelihood that a practice really did influence yield versus any differences being due to some other factor(s) or random variability.

A term commonly used in research is the Least Significant Difference or LSD. In a hybrid variety trial, for example, this is the minimum bushels per acre that two hybrids must differ by before we could consider them to be "significantly different". Note there is no way to calculate the LSD if a person simply splits a field in half and puts one treatment on one side of the field and a different treatment on the other. In this scenario, you have no way to sort out if a difference in observed yields was due to under-

Corn grain yield	Rep 1	Rep 2	Rep 3	Rep 4	Ave
Tillage system					bushels per acre
Strip tillage	149	179	174	162	166
Chisel plow	152	136	181	173	160
Moldboard plow	136	177	133	176	156
LSD (0.05)				NS*	

*NS = Not significant

Closer examination of data shows that while ST out-yielded MP in the first replication (rep) by 13 bu/ac, MP out-yielded ST by 14 bu/ac in the fourth rep. Also, chisel plow (CP) was the lowest yielding treatment in rep 2, while it was the top yielding treatment in rep 3. Due to this variability, statistical analysis revealed we couldn't say with confidence that any of the tillage systems resulted in a higher yield than another. Other factors we couldn't account for appeared to have impacted results at this site, highlighting the value of conducting research over a number of locations and years.

Lastly, if yields are not statistically different, don't treat them differently. Resist the temptation to put economics to average yields if they are not significantly different. Doing so could lead to poor and costly decisions in the future.

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lying factors such as soil type, planting population, drainage, compaction, disease, insect pressure, harvest issues, topography, etc., or the treatment.

When you see the LSD calculated at the .05 significance level, this means we can be 95 percent certain that the treatments (or hybrids, etc.) really did differ in yield if the difference between them was equal to or greater than the LSD. A significance level of .05 or .10 are most commonly used in agricultural research.

How do we end up with "no significant difference?" This can occur when there is so much variability in the results due to other factors that we can't make a conclusion with confidence, or when the treatments or hybrids in the study simply don't differ in yield.

Results from a U of MN tillage trial demonstrates the importance of statistical analysis in helping determine if a yield difference is likely "real." Three long-term tillage systems were evaluated at multiple locations over three years across southern MN. Tillage treatments were randomized and replicated four times at each location. At one site in 2011, average corn yield for strip tillage (ST) was 10 bu/ac greater than in moldboard plow (MP). Yield was not statistically significant, however, so we couldn't say one tillage system resulted in a higher yield than another (Table 1).

Table 1. Corn grain yield for each plot by replication (rep) and average yield by tillage system at one on-farm, long-term tillage trial site in MN in 2011. Although average yields were numerically different, statistical analysis determined we could not say with any confidence that the tillage systems resulted in different yields.

them into our office in Gonvick. Wedding picture, new baby in your family or family get together.

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Joke time...

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse approaches the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins." "That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!" A nurse then yells the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!" A nurse goes up to the third man saying, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets." "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!" The last man begins groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"



I have started a trend. This picture was of James Anderson and not Tate Nordlund. When Tate and James' fathers were younger people used to mix them up too, Scott Anderson and Mike Nordlund and now I am mixing up their sons.

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will be **CLOSED**
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LABOR DAY

Closure of Headwaters Science Center until Further Notice

On Saturday, August 26th, 2017, a pipe burst to an exhibit in the animal area at the Headwaters Science Center. There was extensive flooding to most of the exhibit floor. The exhibit floor was cleaned and dried so that visitors were able to enjoy the exhibits on Sunday, August 27th; however, it has come to our attention that we will need to close for further extensive repairs. We apologize for any inconvenience. For updates, please check our website, www.hscbemidji.org, Facebook page (Headwaters Science Center), or voicemail (218-444-4472).



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All dressed in their Norwegian bunad. The Bunad is a Norwegian term used for clothes that is worn especially for the Norwegian Independence Day, May 17. These are still worn by many for special occasions. The picture above show from left to right Beulah Richards, Elvera Lundmark, Mary Eddy, Harriet Holm and Marge Houtkooper.

The picture below has Jenora Tressler, Elaine Anderson, Edna Thompson, Nora Bagaa-son and Thelma Rustan.



2017 fall duck and goose seasons approaching

Hunters have a lot to look forward to this fall when the Minnesota waterfowl season opens Saturday, Sept. 23.

"Habitat conditions look good in most areas, wild rice

reports are good for hunters in the northern portions of the state and waterfowl numbers are favorable," said Steve Cordts, waterfowl specialist with the Minnesota Depart-

ment of Natural Resources.

The waterfowl season will open with similar bag limits and season dates that were in place last year. The early goose season will open Saturday, Sept. 2 and extend through Sunday, Sept. 17.

Duck seasons and limits
Duck season will again be open for 60 days in each of the three waterfowl zones.

• In the north zone, duck season is Saturday, Sept. 23, through Tuesday, Nov. 21.

• In the central zone, duck season is Saturday, Sept. 23, through Sunday, Oct. 1, closes for five days, then reopens Saturday, Oct. 7, and runs through Sunday, Nov. 26.

• In the south zone, duck season is Saturday, Sept. 23, through Sunday, Oct. 1, closes for 12 days, then reopens Saturday, Oct. 14, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 3.

The daily bag limit for ducks remains at six per day and individual species limits are identical to those used last fall: four mallards (only two can be hens), three scaup, three wood ducks, two redheads and two canvasbacks, except the pintail bag limit was reduced to one per day and the black duck limit increased to two per day.

Canada goose seasons and limits

The goose season and limits will also be the same as last fall.

"Our Canada goose population in the state is healthy and it looks like there will be lots of young geese this fall, so hunters should expect a good season. And, the seasons are long and extend late into December or January depending on where you hunt – so lots of opportunity to participate," Cordts said.

•The early September goose season will open statewide on Sept. 2 and run through Sept. 17. Bag limits for dark geese are five per day statewide. A \$4 permit is required to hunt geese during the September season. The restriction prohibiting hunting within 100 yards of surface water remains in effect in the northwest goose zone, Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area, Ocheda Lake Game Refuge and an area surrounding Swan Lake in Nicollet County. Early season goose hunters should consult the 2017 Waterfowl Supplement for zone maps and additional details.

•Minnesota's regular goose season will open in conjunction with the duck season statewide on Sept. 23, with a bag limit of three dark geese per day the entire season. "Dark" geese include Canada geese, white-fronted geese and brant. Goose season will be closed in the central and south duck zones when duck season is closed.

NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

September 27, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I shall sell to the highest bidder, at a sale to be held in the Third Floor Meeting Room in the County Courthouse in the City of Bagley, the following parcels of land forfeited to the state for non-payment of taxes, which have been classified and appraised as provided by law. Such sale will be governed as to terms by the resolution of the County Board authorizing the same, and commence at 10:00 A.M. on the 27th day of September, 2017.

I certify that the following list is true and correct.

Bruce Cox, Land Commissioner
August 22, 2017

2017 TAX-FORFEITED LAND SALE LIST

Political Subdivision	Description	PID	Apprx. Acres	Minimum Bid Value	Special Assessment
1 City of Bagley	S1/2 of East 35 feet Lot 1, Block 14, First Add to Bagley	23.301.0790	N/A	\$130	
2 City of Bagley	part of SESE, sec 30, T147N R37W	23.030.6120	N/A	\$250	
3 City of Gonvick	Lots 9,10 &11; Block 1, Jefferson Park	25.301.0030	N/A	\$8,000	
4 City of Gonvick	Part of Block 5, Village of Gonvick	25.300.0360	N/A	\$800	
5 Moose Creek Twp.	100ft x 100ft NE corner Gov. Lot 3, Sec 3,T146N R36W	14.003.0310	0.23	\$100	
6 Leon Township	part of NE 1/4, Sec 30, T149N R37W	12.030.0910	0.29	\$100	
7 Pine Lake Twp	Lot 1 N of C/L SAR #7, Sec 22, T149N R38W	16.022.0810	1.5	\$300	
8 Pine Lake Twp	part of NWNW west of Easterly R/W CR #7, Sec 34, T149N R38W	16.034.0810	0.7	\$100	
9 City Of Shevlin	Lot4 and S 10ft, Lot 3, Block 2, Original Townsite	27.300.0070	N/A	\$8,000	
10 Shevlin Township	SWNW, Sec 27, T147N R37W	19.027.0620	10	\$500	
11 Winsor Township	part of N1/2 SW, Sec 22, T150N, R38W	22.022.0500	2.13	\$1,000	

*Check with City for special assessments

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