

Leader-Record



\$1.00

CONTINUING THE GONVICK RECORD AND CLEARBROOK LEADER
Serving the Communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Leonard and Trail

Listening session on Border to Border Touring Route

Clearbrook-Gonvick School on Wednesday, February 28 was the site of a listening session on the Border to Border Touring Route. The proposed trail goes through the upper part of Clearwater County.

There has been public meetings in each of the counties where the trail may possibly be designated. The purpose of these meetings is to gather local input regarding the best possible routes as well as areas which would not work well. The information gathered during these meetings will be incorporated into a draft design which will also have public input.

Pros and cons of the route were discussed with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials, Explore Minnesota and National Off-highway Vehicle Conservation Council members. Land owners in the proposed Clearwater County route were mostly opposed to the trail as it was presented. Their biggest concern was the upkeep of the roads and the increased traffic on the designated trails which the townships are responsible for. They were also concerned about the cost of monitoring traffic and enforcing laws on the roads. Currently four wheelers have been doing the most damage on local roads. The Clearwater County township officials will be having their meeting on Tuesday, March 13 to discuss and send to the county commissioners their recommendations.

The Clearwater County board of Commissioners expressed their opposition to this proposed route through the county at their December 13 meeting.

Long Lost Lake township in Clearwater County is one of a few townships in the area on record opposing the trail. Town board chairman Greg Scherzer questioned the economic impact theory. He said there just aren't many places to spend money in remote areas.

The trail will start at Grand Portage at the tip of the Arrowhead region and end at the North Dakota border somewhere in far northwest Minnesota. Along the way, it will pass through deep forests, past lakes and rivers and across prairie and farmland. The proposed trail goes through seven counties and 43 different townships. The route is proposed to traverse the counties of Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Itasca, Beltrami, Clearwater, Polk, Red Lake, Pennington, Marshall, and Kittson.

According to the DNR the Border to Border Touring Route is for highway licensed vehicles on roads already open to drive on. Similar to a back country scenic byway, it provides a meandering, signed, mapped touring route on low volume natural surface and gravel roads. Connects communities and travelers with food, gas and, lodging. No new construction will occur since the touring route follows roads

already open to drive on. The project is still in the early planning stage and a full touring route hasn't been identified.

The DNR envisions the trail as a slow speed route for highway licensed cars and trucks, not a test course for high powered trucks with big tires ripping up the ground.

In 2015 the MN Legislature authorized the redistribution of Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) funds from a dedicated account created from ORV registrations and the non-refunded gas taxes from ORVs. The Legislature authorized the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks and Trails Division (PAT) to oversee the project in cooperation with the MN4WDA. The MN DNR hired the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) as project managers and subject experts for the project.

Tom Stinar Vice President with the Headwaters Trail Crawlers meets the first Thursday of every month at the Bagley Legion. He stated that the signed, mapped route for highway-licensed, four-wheel drive vehicles, will be following routes that are already open for driving. The project is funded by the off-road vehicle account in Minnesota's Natural Resources Fund. Revenues for this fund come from registered off-road vehicle owners. Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) is a 4-wheel drive vehicle which is greater than 2,000 lbs.

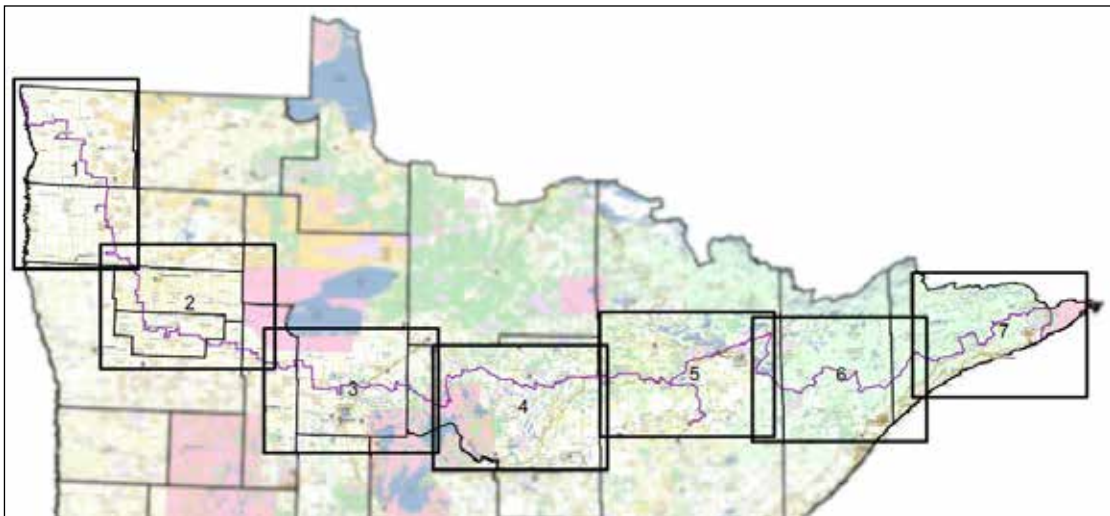
The purpose is to provide an entertaining and challenging outing for enthusiasts of licensed four-wheel drive vehicles or off-road registered vehicles in addition to supporting connections to communities, amenities, scenic, cultural and historic features; while increasing awareness of

ORVs.

Meeting were held in Grand Marais, Mountain Iron, Beaver Bay, Squaw Lake, Blackduck, Clearbrook, Newfolden, Hallock and the last one in Red Lake Falls March 7.

The DNR will also accept written comments on the touring route proposal from Feb.

20 through March 25. Written comments will be accepted by email to mary.straka@state.mn.us or sent by mail to Mary Straka, Minnesota DNR, Parks and Trails Division, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.



Areas showing counties that the Border to Border trail will cross.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Superintendent search goes into high gear

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School board met at their regular meeting on Monday, February 26 to discuss the steps they will be taking in their search for a new superintendent for the next school year. Superintendent Wayne Olson posted the position in all areas of the State of Minnesota except a couple in the metro area. They have four applicants at this time. The closing date was to be March 5 and the board will be meeting again on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. to go over a list of questions that they want to ask. What they are looking for in the new person with goals and attributes. Olson will have time to do some background checks and set up appointment times for the applicants. They hope to get the interviews in the week of March 12 to 17.

Principal's report

Jeff Burgess stated that the scheduling for next year is similar to this year. They are keeping the Junior High Core classes in the morning. Kim Anderson will be teaching a College Ag class through Northland and they are looking for solutions for the 11th grade math. They need to make sure that the standards are being met for the state testing that has to be done.

Burgess is going through the teacher leadership teams to discuss the elementary class size limit.

He has been shifting paras to help in the high school. Some funds are available through the Department of Education. He has posted the math and business positions and is looking at the best fit for teachers coming in with these positions. Testing will begin on April

9th and they are using Chromebooks to take the tests. Some of the tests are being done in the classrooms as the lab space is short with the 2nd grade split.

Superintendent's report

Wayne Olson informed the board that the Calendar Committee has met 4 times to come up with a school calendar for next year. They have prepared one to end before Memorial Day and one to be done after Memorial Day. Both calendars have the 177 days of attendance. A roll call vote was taken with a 4 to 3 vote to be done with school by Memorial Day.

Facilities Committee

The committee wants to prioritize what needs to be done in order to set aside money for repairs. Minor repairs have to be done on the roof. Nothing has been done on infrastructure for the last four years.

A quote had been received to redo the large gym floor and that was very expensive at \$78,000. Other items they were looking at were the outside lighting putting in LED lights.

Consent Calendar

Bills were paid and other banking transactions. Some bills included: Stein's Bus Service \$73,428.13; BRIC \$46,724.71; Community Oil Co \$9,946.09; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$8,518.47; Marco \$6,577.19; ISD 2311 Clearbrook-Gonvick \$2,524.22; City of Clearbrook \$2,524.22; Anderson Disposal \$1,809.70; Garden Valley telephone Co. \$1,780.32; Mulry Amy \$1,400; Land O Lakes \$1,340.81.

Old Business

The hiring process guideline

was tabled to March.

New Business

The board approved the resignation of Shelby Dukek, Math teacher and the hiring of Brittany Salzer as a Para for the district.

The contract with ICS Facilities was approved for \$6,600 with a 10% discount for two years. Dave Bergeron and Jason Splett will be working on different financial funding for the district. How to fund projects such as the potential roof repairs. They will also get feedback from the community about adding to the facility.

Two resolutions were approved. One for Minnesota to fully fund Special Education and for the Federal Government to fully fund Special Education. Other districts were also doing that.

Jean Naastad Medical Leave effective February 15, 2018 was approved with no pay or benefits. She can return by August 15 or when she is ready to work.

They approved the Red Lake Native American parent advisory committee roster. This has to be done each year as they work on policy and procedures.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears basketball players were honored at a recent game. Shown with their parents are Juniors Erick Bergman and Reece Danielson. From left to right: Sally, Erick and Paul Bergman, Chad and Reese Danielson and Jill Evje.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears basketball players were honored at a recent game. Shown left to right: Junior Ethan Dorman and his mother Sarah Eck and Junior Hunter Ehlers with his parents Wendy and Dave Ehlers.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears basketball players were honored at a recent game. Shown left to right: Junior Bobbie Olson with his father Shane Olson and Nathan Engebretson with his parents Rosanna and Nathan Engebretson. Photos courtesy Kendehl Ballard.

Waste Not, Want Not 'We can make a difference by recycling'

By Karen Edelbach

Last summer when Environmental Services Director Dan Hecht pointed out the new mandates coming indicating the County is expected to recycle 35% of our trash in the future, it was time to take this dilemma seriously. A great deal of waste, food, packaging, cans and bottles often end up in the landfill without a second thought.

While it was pointed out that some agencies are at odds with one another and don't always agree on what can and should be recycled, I hope we can see a connection in our way of living and what we personally could do to help change things. A way to handle all that trash may seem overwhelming, but with a little planning to take it somewhere for recycling, it is an effort worth making.

So, I have been challenging myself ever since to recycle every can I open, every carton, and the paper I am tempted to throw in the trash in an effort to see if I personally can make a difference in my own life and not contribute to the problem.

Recently, a discussion with Environmental Services Director Dan Hecht provided some tips about recycling. He said to make it convenient in the home by separating out the recyclables into a separate container, for example, a box, paper bag with handles, or old garbage

can that can hold a lot of recyclables before needing to make a trip to the recycle drop off sites in Bagley and Clearbrook.

What can be recycled?

Containers of all types, such as plastic bottles, cans, both aluminum and tin, and glass jars. The metal lids can be recycled but should be left off of the jars. Paper and cardboard are a good items to recycle as well. The County saves money in this way.

"When we send recyclables though, we don't pay anything. Polk does the processing and marketing of the recyclables and retains the revenue for the recyclables, but that saves us money because the revenue from recyclables figures into their overall budget and helps keep the tipping fee for trash down," Dan Hecht said.

"Paper and cardboard are good items to recycle because those are both relatively heavy and have good recycling markets, so they bring in a good amount of revenue."

It is important to remember that just because something is made of plastic, or contains metal or plastic, not all products containing these are recyclable. Plastic toys and small appliances, such as a broken coffee pot, and auto parts do not belong in the recycle bins.

While there is no additional cost to recycle, Mr. Hecht says that in his estimation only 10%



of residents actually participate in recycling. He says it definitely would make a difference if we would do more to recycle what can be recycled, and plans to address the issue more fully in a future article.

Other areas that often go untapped are schools and businesses that may have much food and/or paper that could be recycled. He says there is a MPCA Grant in the works that could help with composting of wasted food products. As far as paper, it takes the same effort at a work place to set aside the paper for recycling and for someone to make a trip to the pick up sites. That extra effort could add a lot to the recyclable tonnage that would help meet the county goals.

Regarding plastic, a recent MPR story reported that a large grocery firm in Holland is leading the way to start eliminating

Recyclables...
Continued on page 2

Community Calendar

Shevlin Garden Club Seed Swap
Shevlin Garden Club's annual Seed Swap will take place Saturday, March 18, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Shevlin History Center. General public is welcome to bring seeds to swap or just come and learn with us. This year's feature topic is "Phenology: the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life." No charge for this event. Parking and entrance is on the north side of the building.

Notice to American Legion members:
The March regular meeting time has been changed. We will meet on March 13th at 2:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm at the Gonvick Legion cabin. LeRoy Sundquist, Cmdr

Elim Mission Friends meeting
Elim Mission Friends will be meeting on Thursday March 8th at 2:30 PM at the church. Donna Bardwell will present the program. Hostesses are Ashley Krog and Louan Hendrickson. All ladies are welcome to join us.

History Center in Shevlin To Close To Build New Exhibits.
The recent "Creative Clearwater" exhibit has ended and the History Center in Shevlin will be closed during March while the staff builds new exhibits.

Two new exhibits: "Answering the Call: Clearwater County Soldiers in WWI" and "Saving the Past for the Future: 50 years of Collecting Clearwater County's Past" will open on April 3, 2018.
Office hours at the History Center will remain the same: Tuesday through Friday from 10-4 and by appointment.
For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the History Center at 218-785-2000

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Wed., March 7 - Meatloaf/Catsup, Parslied Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Bread and Milk.
Thurs., March 8 - Oven Crispy Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Poke Cake, Bread and Milk.
Fri., March 9 - Meaty Beef Stew with Carrots & Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Biscuit, Cheesecake, Pudding and Milk.
Mon., March 12 - Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Pineapple, Bread and Milk.
Tues., March 13 - Salmon, Baked Potato, Winter Blend Veg, Apple Sauce, Bread and Milk.
Wed., March 14 - Birthday Meal Baked Chicken, Buttered Potatoes, Squash, Apple Crisp, Bread 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.

CLEARBROOK ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

will be held at the: **BANQUET ROOM** – at the – **Clearbrook Community Center**

NOON: LUNCH

1:00: BUSINESS MEETING

THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION OF 2 BOARD MEMBERS

~ FRIDAY ~

Mar. 9TH, 2018

DOOR PRIZES

LAND O' LAKES, INC.

Clearwater Trail Blazers meeting
Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will meet on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 at the clubhouse in Leonard at 7:30pm.
Trails and landowners supper will be discussed among other things.



Angela Foster to speak at First Lady Event



Angela Foster is a poet and memoirist who teaches creative writing at the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis.
Angela received a Loft Literary Center Excellence in Teaching Award and a writing residency at the Madeline Island School of the Arts in July 2017. The New York Mills Cultural Center granted her a writing residency in November 2017 and she also received a Minnesota State Arts Grant in 2017. Other awards and recognition include a hand-carved chair and the title "Bard" from the Cambria Eisteddfod competition in New Ulm, MN, a performance by the Petaluma Readers Theatre in California of her memoir piece, Brat, and

Card of Thanks
We wish to express our sincere thank you to our family, friends, co-workers and all who comforted us in the loss of our beloved mom, grandma and great-grandma, Darlene Eck. We wish to especially thank Pastor Kris for his visits to see mom, his prayers and his comforting words. Also, we want to thank Cease Funeral Home for all their help with the arrangements, Leif Sather for his visits and his help at the funeral service. We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the ladies at the church who furnished us with a delicious meal, and all who brought food to our houses, all who sent the beautiful flower arrangements and plants and all who were just there for us. We appreciate it more than you will ever know. Your kindness and sympathy will always be remembered at a time when it was much needed and deeply appreciated.
Glen, Kathy and family • Tim, Sandy & family

the selection of a haiku written by Angela for "Poetry on the Sidewalk" at the Pine City library.

Angela's work has been published in Minnesota Literature, Talking Stick, Dust and Fire, Otter Tail Review, Tiny Lights, Poetry Midwest and Lake County Journal. Her poetry and creative nonfiction have received awards from Brainerd Writer's Alliance, National League of American Pen Women, Cup of Comfort, New Orleans Study Abroad Competition, Lucidity, The League of Minnesota Poets, National Federation of State Poetry Societies and others. Angela served as co-editor of County Lines: 87 Minnesota Counties, 130 Minnesota Poets, published by Loon Feather Press (2008) and holds a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Creative Nonfiction from Pine Manor College in Boston, MA. She co-authored FARM GIRLS with her sister, Candace Simar, released by RiverPlace Press in 2013.

The First Lady Event, with its 2018 theme as "Farm Girls," will be held at the Fireside Grill & Patio in Bagley on March 10 at 10:00 am. Advance Sale Tickets for the event are available at area Banks, Thrifty White Drug or by calling the history Center at 785-2000. Tickets must be purchased by March 7; no tickets will be available at the door

NOTICE

This is a public notice to the residents of Pine Lake and the area.

Aeration has begun and will continue as needed. This aeration system will cause open water and thin ice on Pine Lake.

Please be advised that all ice travel should be done with extreme caution.

Red Lake Watershed District, Thief River Falls, MN

We get it. It's not a pleasant thought, but to stay on top of your health, it's time to get checked. Preventive screenings can catch issues before they become problems. While colorectal cancer can appear without symptoms, over 90 percent of cases are treatable when detected early.

If you're over 50, it's time to get checked.

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACKSIDE

TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT SCHEDULING A COLONOSCOPY TODAY.

SANFORDBACKSIDE.COM

SANFORD HEALTH

Church News

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchnerman
Good Shepherd
Sun., March 11: 9:00am Worship/Communion/Baptism; 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour.
Mon., March 5: 7:00pm Church Council
Wed., March 7 & 14: 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich; 6:45pm Lenten Service; 6:30pm Choir Practice; 7:30pm Handbell Practice
Our Savior's
Wed., March 7 & 14: 5:15pm Lenten Service; Soup & Sandwich following service
Sun., March 11: 9:30am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship/Communion.
Thurs., March 15: 6:00 pm, Church Council

GRACE FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH BAGLEY
Pastor Wayne Hjermstad
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
September - May
Every Thursday: 10 a.m. Bible Study.
Communion First Sunday of the Month.

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

REDEEMER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
Church Location: Corner of Hwy. 2 & Red Lake Ave. SW Bagley, MN
Pastor Gerold Goetz
Sunday Divine Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School / Adult Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Wed., March 7: 6:30 p.m. AWANA
Thurs., March 8: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Sat., March 10: 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sun., March 11: 9:30 a.m. 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.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

CLEARBROOK SITE:
Shop-at-the-Top: All new spring items go out this week. Open 10-4, M-F, & 10-12, Sat. Next time you are at the shop, just tell the clerk, "I read it in the Happenings" to get \$5.00 off coupon.
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7:00 PM, Thursday, 2nd floor of CWLC-Clearbrook. Help for any hurt, habit, or hang-up. Confidential.
Youth Connection: After-school programming for 5th - 9th graders. Tues., 3:30 - 5:00. Transportation available from C-G school with signed permission slip.

GONVICK SITE:
Grow It! Basket Party: Mar 31, 9 AM to 12. Call 218-487-5290, Ext. 3, to register. The greenhouse opens April 2, 9 AM!
Restore It! Furniture Shop: M-W-F, 10-4 and Sat., 9-12 noon. Furniture donations accepted.

Senior Connection Adult Day Services: Openings for full- & part-time clients. Open M-W-F, 10:00 - 3:00. Enrollment & transportation assistance available. 218-487-5290, Ext.1.
CWLC-Gonvick, 226 Elm St, open: M-W-F, 10-4 & Sat., 9-12. CWLC-Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW. Open 10-4, M-F, & 10-12 on Saturday.
For programs and services, visit: www.clearwaterslife.org, www.mustardseedhomes.org, or www.adultdayervicesgonvick.org and our Facebook pages.
CWLC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization providing a variety of free and low-cost programming and services to northern Clearwater County and surrounding area.

This ad is sponsored by:

Home at Heart Care
Personal Care & Homemaking

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
cfcchurch@gvtel.com
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept - May); 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Jr Church during Sermon time); 10:00 a.m. Kids Worship (1st-6th Graders) most Sundays Sept-May; 7:00 p.m. Youth Night (check the church website for dates or the Elevate Youth Facebook Page for up to date information)
Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer
* Wednesdays - Care groups in various homes

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

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., March 7: 5:30 pm Confirmation; 6:00 pm Soup and Sandwich Supper; 7:00 pm Lenten Service.
Thurs., March 8 - 2:30 p.m. Mission Friends.

Sun., March 11 - 9:30 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship Service; 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study at Elim.

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wed., March 7: 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting, 5:30-5:25 PM Soup & Sanddwich, 6:30 PM Lent Worship Service.
Sun., March 11: 9:30 AM Sunday school; 10:30 AM Worship Service.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sun., March 11: 9:00 AM Worship Service.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth

Wed, Mar. 7: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. Oak Park: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich supper. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service - Bible Study to follow.

Thu, Mar. 8: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. Bible Study to follow.
Sat, Mar. 10: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.

Sun, Mar. 11: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri; 9:45 a.m. Nazareth, 8:30 a.m. SS; 11:00 a.m. Oak Park, 9:45 SS. 2:00 p.m. LYS Bowling in TRF.

Tue, Mar. 13: 5:30 p.m. St. Petri. Bible Study to follow.

Wed, Mar. 14: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School/Confirmation. Nazareth: 6:00 p.m. Soup/Sandwich supper. 7:00 p.m. Lent Service - Bible Study to follow.

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

Wed. Mar. 7: 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study.

Sun, Mar. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Mar. 13: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study.

Wed, Mar. 14: 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister

Wed, Mar. 7: Lent Service at Lund - 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich supper, 7:00 p.m. Services.

Sun, Mar. 11: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley & Bethany. 2:00 p.m. grade Confirmation.

Wed, Mar. 14: Lent Service at Sand Valley - 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich supper, 7:00 p.m. Services.

BETHELE ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, Mar. 11: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

The Leader Record

Published by Richards Publishing Co. Subscription rates \$25.00 per year in Clearwater County and East Polk County cities of Fosston, Gully and Trail and \$30.00 per year outside the county. Continuing by consolidation the Olberg Journal, established in 1901, The Clearbrook Leader, and the Gonvick Record.

PUBLISHER'S LIABILITY FOR ERROR: The Publisher shall not be liable for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of an advertisement. The Publisher's liability for other errors or omissions in connection with an advertisement is strictly limited to publication of the advertisement in any subsequent issue or the refund of any monies paid for the advertisement.

(USPS 307 630) POSTMASTER: Please send address changes, Form 3579, to The Leader-Record, PO Box 159, Gonvick, MN 56644.

(218) 487-5225

Corrine Richards, Editor
Richard Richards, Publisher
Editorial office Gonvick, MN 56644
email: richards@gvtel.com
MEMBER MNA AND NNA

Periodical Postage Paid in Gonvick, MN 56644

PRINTED WITH SPOYINK

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

SPOTLIGHT

February High Students of the Month

February High School Students of the Month

"The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as long as we live." —Mortimer Adler

Name: Kendehl Ballard, Grade 12

Parents: Elsie and Vell Ballard
Siblings: five sisters, two brothers

School Involvement: iM-PACT, NHS, Yearbook, Student Council, and Band

Favorite Class: College writing, Anatomy, and Band
Hobbies/Interests: Band, drawing/art, photography, playing ukulele

What she likes about CG: "The teachers' genuine interest in the students' well being. They ask you how are you or how your day is going."

Future Plans: "To be happy. As a career, a nurse or music therapist."

Comments: "Kendehl has high expectations of herself and others both in and out of the classroom. Her hard working attitude have led to many accomplishments, musically and curricularly." "Kendehl is a positive role model for her peers! Her willingness to take on anything is nice!" "Great drummer! We will miss her next year in Pep Band" "Hard worker and not afraid to

speak her mind. Appreciate her honesty." "Kendehl pitched in at the last minute to help with lights and sound for the one act-what a sweetheart!!!" "Kendehl is a strong student leader in the iM-PACT group. She contributes her ideas at our weekly meetings and thinks of others. When she is asked to do a task, he doesn't hesitate to help."

Name: Bobbie Olson, Grade 11

Parents: Shane Olson, Grandma Mary Olson
Siblings: Hayley Peters

School Involvement: Football, basketball, trap shooting

Favorite Class: Chemistry
Hobbies/Interests: Hunting and ice fishing

What he likes about CG: Food and sports

Future Plans: I plan to go right i nto the workforce.

Comments: "Bobbie's winning smile and positive attitude is refreshing. When he learns something new; when that light-bulb goes off--the smile flashes brighter!" "Bobbie is TALL! Love having his fun attitude in class. Great smile and personality." "I appreciate his honesty about himself." "I am so proud of Bobbie and how hard he is working whether it is sports or school work. He is always happy. Everyone loves Bobbie!" "I've never had Bobbie in class, but enjoy

when he drops in to have us measure how much taller he's grown! Well done, Bobbie!"

Name: Jenna Smith , Grade 10

Parents: Debbie and Matt Smith

School Involvement: Volleyball

Favorite Class: English with Mr. Kaucher and Animal Science with Mrs. Anderson

Hobbies/Interests: Painting and drawing, listening to music, and photography

What she likes about CG: How friendly the teachers are

Future Plans: A photographer

Comments: "Jenna is a great role model in art class; she is a dedicated young artist who is willing to pitch in to complete most any classroom task. Jenna 'sees' what needs to be done and is often there to help others as well." "Great person to have in class. Quiet and unassuming. Always says hello to me in the hallway." "Jenna is a hard working and is committed to doing well. She is also willing to help classmates and teachers when it is needed." "Always a smile and a willingness to help and learn, Jenna is the student that teachers love to see on their roster for new classes! Congratulations, Jenna!"

Name: Makenzie Larson, Grade 9

Parents: Jordan Larson, Misty Larson
Siblings: Jar-et

School Involvement: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Student Council, Trapshooting, and iM-PACT

Favorite Class/Activity: "I like all my classes the same, but my favorite activity is basketball!"

Hobbies/Interests: "Basketball and I like to stay busy with either sports or being with my family."

What she likes about CG: "The one thing I like about Clearbrook-Gonvick School is playing sports and being part of a team."

Future Plans: A doctor.

Comments: "Makenzie's perseverative nature; her tendency to stick to something until she has it solved, serves her well. This aspect of her go-getting personality has resulted in some fantastic and uniquely creative art. This is life skill will surely benefit her far into the future." "Great smile!" "Works hard to make sure she understands the material." "Future star on our GBB team!! Keep up the hard work"

Name: Jordan Colsen, Grade 8

Parents: Brooke and Larry Pond
Siblings: Wyatt

School Involvement: Basketball and Football

Favorite Class: Gym & Health

Hobbies/Interests: Hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, four-wheeling, and spending time with my family.

What he likes about CG: "That everybody knows everybody."

Future Plans: Diesel mechanic or a welder

Comments: "Jordan's sense of humor can brighten the classroom most any time." "He is a diligent student whose desire to learn shows through his daily work." "I really appreciate his

honesty and humor about himself." "Great concern for the welfare of those around him, especially his peers who don't always stand out."

Name: Logan Westrum , Grade 7

Parents: Jeff and Krysten Westrum
Siblings: Kaylee and Oliver

School Involvement: Football, basketball, and student council

Favorite Class: Math with Mr. Lavin

Hobbies/Interests: Sports
What he likes about CG: All the fun, nice teachers.

Future Plans: A doctor

Comments: "Logan is a positive person with a calm and hard-working attitude. I appreciate his helpfulness in band!" "Great smile and sense of humor." "Very hard worker and wants to get things right." "Super bright math student!" "Well liked by his classmates." "Looking forward to watching him play BB as he gets older." "Keep up the hard work!" "Logan is kind and helpful to his classmates and the students and teachers enjoy having him in the classroom."

School News

Classroom Drivers Ed will begin March 12: More info on web site or Facebook or in display case by the office. Ninth graders will receive in their classroom.

Coming Soon!! Muffins w/ Mom from 7:30 - 8:20 Friday, March 9. Doughnuts w/ Dad is March 23rd at the same time.

BEAR WEAR orders: Last chance to order Bear Wear this year. Order by March 15.

Contact Judy for more info or to see products.

JOB POSTINGS:

NEW: Math Teacher Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools has a vacancy for a Math Teacher for grades 7-12. Applicants with a background in Technology are encouraged to apply. This

is a 1.0 FTE position beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. MN License in Math is required. Now accepting applications and you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. This position will be open until March 23, 2018.

Send letter of application, resume, 3 letters of recommendations, copy of MN teaching license, unofficial transcript of coursework to Jeff Burgess, Principal of Schools, Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools, 16770 Clearwater Lake Road, Clearbrook, MN 56634. Email jburgess@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us; 218-776-3112 Ext 103

Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Education

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

Sunday Afternoon Open Gym and Toddler Open Gym end on March 11.

"Early Bird" Garage & Craft/Vendor Sale

Garaage and crat sellers /vendors welcome! Reserve your spot in the gym to sell your articles at a group sale. Setup begins at 6:45 am Saturday morning. You may set up an extra clothes rack/table if room is available. If participation is not sufficient, deposits will be returned. Registration deadline is March 23. (Late registration will be taken if space is available.)

Saturday, April 7 8:30 AM-NOON Clearbrook-Gonvick School Fee per table = \$15.00 for 1, \$20 for 2 (yours or ours—this includes any extra display)

Defensive Driving

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

Mon, April 9 (refresher class) 5:00-9:00 PM, Room 414 \$15.00

Mon & Tues April 9 & 10 (8 hr), 5:00-9:00 PM. Room 414 \$20.00 Watch for more classes coming soon!

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wednesday, March 7 - Chicken Patty on Bun, Tri Tater, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Thursday, March 8 - Turkey Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing (9-12), Steamed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Friday, March 9 - Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Sun Chips, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Monday, March 12 - Orange Chicken with Rice, Stir Fry Veggies, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Tuesday, March 13 - **Track Starts** BBQ Ribs on Bun, Cheesy Potatoes, Oatmeal Bar (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

Wednesday, March 14 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Garlic Bread Stick, (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices, Milk.

School Bus Driver Day February 28

Gov. Mark Dayton proclaimed Feb. 28 a School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in Minnesota. School districts across the state celebrated the second annual event to recognize this important job.

Bus drivers in Clearbrook-Gonvick were treated to a dinner at DaRoos at Clearbrook. They also received soft drinks from DaRoos Pizza and gift bags from the Clearbrook-Gonvick school teachers. There are nine buses that run every morning for the district. The buses are owned by Gerry and Deb Stein.

The Minnesota School Bus Operators Association (MS-BOA) and Minnesota Association of Pupil Transportation (MAPT) teamed up to create the event as a day to encourage school leaders, parents and students to celebrate the often-overlooked profession.

Due to rigorous safety standards for buses and drivers and student training efforts, students are nearly eight times safer riding to school in a school bus than in another vehicle.

Minnesota school buses are the largest form of mass transit in the state. The use of alternative fuels and diesel engine retrofits reduce its environmental impact.



February High School Students of the Month . Pictured left to right: Logan Westrum, Makenzie Larson, Jordan Colsen, Bobbie Olson, Kendehl Ballard, Jenna Smith



Clearbrook-Gonvick school bus drivers were treated to a dinner at DaRoos in Clearbrook for School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in Minnesota. Drivers from left to right: Marvin Berg , Janet Holm, Crystal Winge, Alissa Preuss, Scott Bakke, Kristen Edgell, Gerry Stein, Deb Stein, Steve Stai and Verlyn Strenge. Missing were Trenton Edgell, Amata Molnar, Jerry Gerlofs and Glen Trembath.

Business & Professional Guide

THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY
Clearbrook
Open 9:00-5:00, Mon.-Fri.
776-3111
Thrifty White Drug
Bagley, MN

Complete Prescription Service
Home, Health & Convenience Services
Phone **694-6210**
PHARMACY HOURS:
9:00-5:30 M-F • Sat. 9:00-noon
OPEN 9:00-5:30 M-F • Sat. 9:00-noon

Town & Country Car Wash
-State of the art touchless car wash
-Oversized self-serve bay: perfect for your vehicles, trailers, buses, RVs and more!
-Open 24 Hours
LOCATED ON HWY. 92 IN CLEARBROOK
Gift Certificates available
Call **218-368-4279**

Solid Bottom
Septic Pumping
Satellite Toilet Rentals
218-785-2652
Bagley, MN 56621

North Country Overhead Door
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
*Sales *Installation *Service
*Loading Dock Equipment
*All Major Door Brands
AUTHORIZED DEALER
OPERATORS • REMODELING • REPAIR
MILANO GARAGE DOOR ~ FREE ESTIMATES ~
218-556-2213 or 888-393-9070

We print everything but money!
Richards Publishing Co.
— 218-487-5225 —

Hours: M-W, 8-4; Thurs. by appt
CLEARBROOK DENTAL CLINIC
RANDY C. BEARD, D.D.S.
Main St., Box 314
Clearbrook, MN 56634
Telephone: **776-3558**

Phone **694-6600**
For Three Generations of professional service
CEASE
FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES
Bagley

Joy Eck
"Your Realtor"
Here to Serve You!
Eck-cellent Service!
Eck-spect More!
(218) 791-9605
jeck@century21dickinson.com
Century 21
Dickinson Realtors

E. H. RASMUSSEN
Lawyer
Box Q • Bagley, MN 56621
694-6565
Fax **218-694-3502**

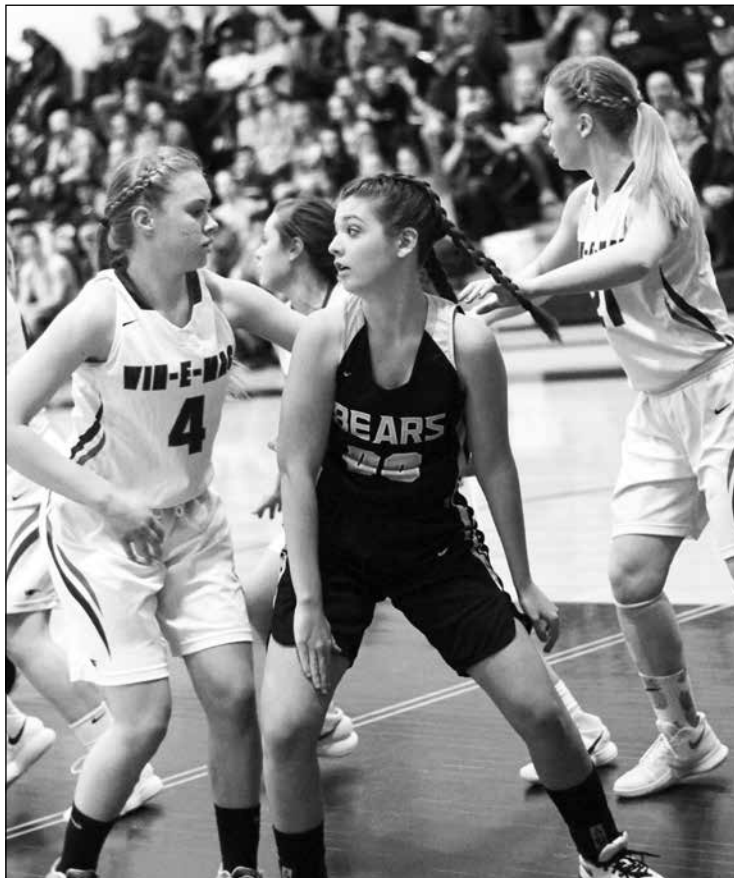
Bears basketball



Danae Stenzel and Jackie Lynn Taffin.



Senior Cassie Faldet.



Senior Morgan Cornell



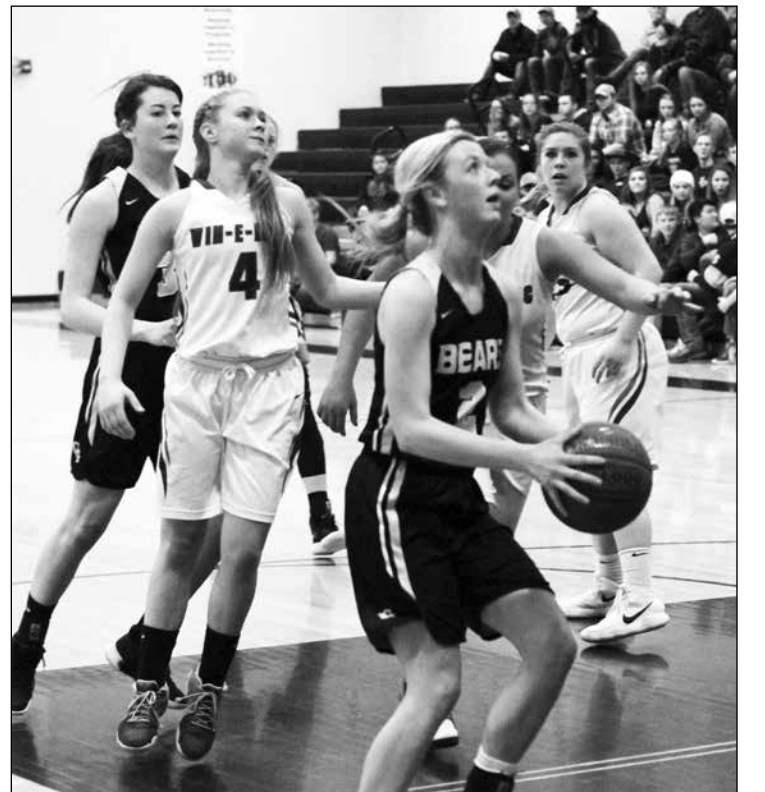
The Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears hosted the Win-E-Mac Patriots for the first tournament game. Both squads and referees stand for the National Anthem. The Bears were not able to win the game losing by 3 points 50-53.



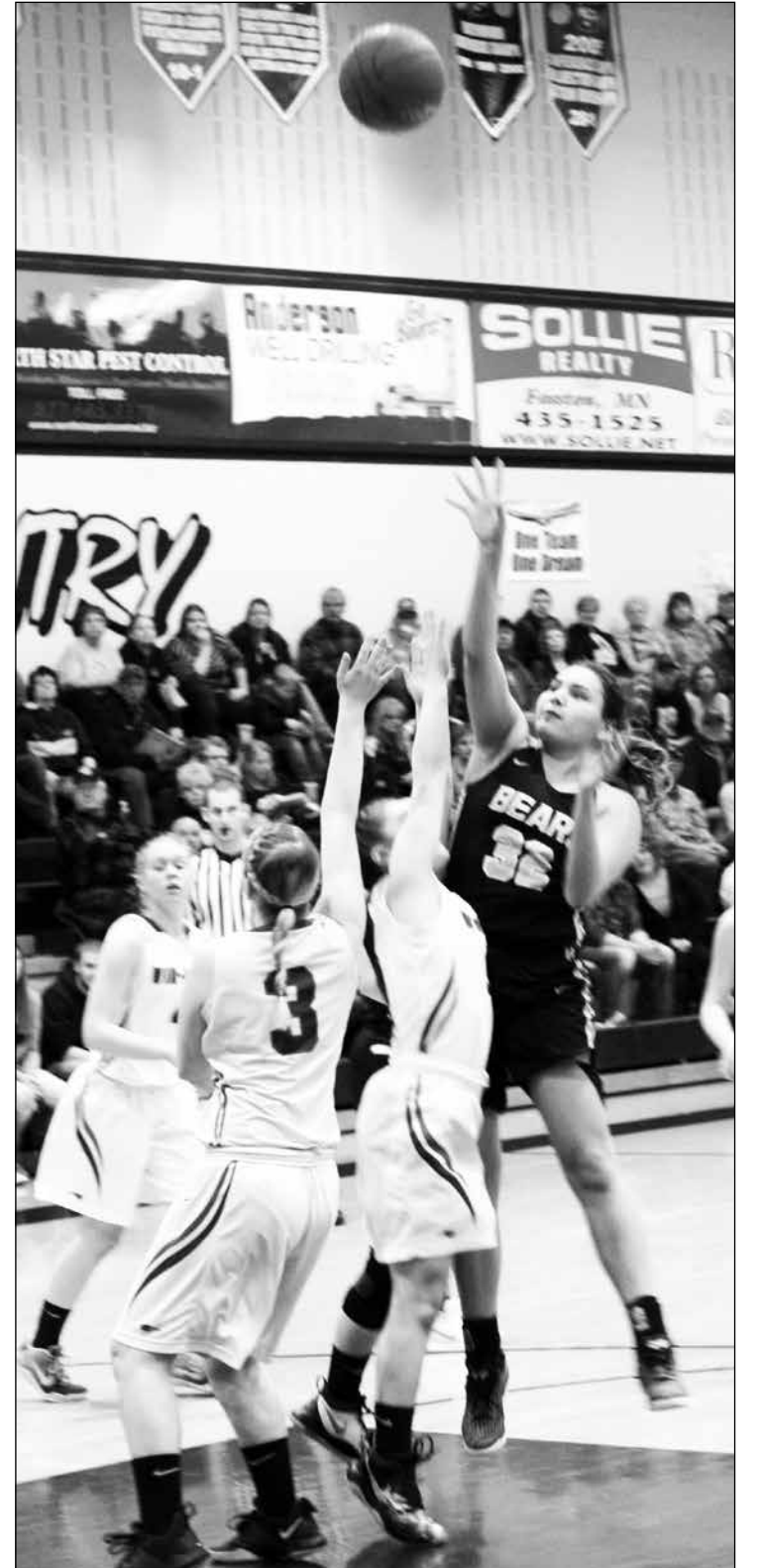
Clearbrook-Gonvick High School band.



Senior Madelynne Faldet grabs the rebound for the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears.



Senior Brynn Hetland.



Senior Tamara Skinaway.



Jennifer Lavin drives to the basket.



Essentia Health-Fosston presents:

**Don't Close
Your Eyes**
OPIOID ABUSE FORUM
Thursday,
March 8th
5:30pm-7:30pm

New Journey Church
505 Ninth St. NW | Fosston

EssentiaHealth.org

Join the discussion.
Opioid Abuse Forum will feature:

- Health care professionals
- Polk County Drug Task Force
- Northwest Mental Health
- Polk County Public Health
- Clearwater Life Services

For questions or additional information,
call Lynae Finseth 218.435.7660 or
Carrie Danielson 218.435.7661.



Essentia Health
Here with you

R49-50C

Legal Notices

Legal Notice

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:02 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Tracy Imle, Kris Snyder, Corey Petterson, Jeff Westrum, and James Galloway. Absent: Richard Hetland and Tom Stenzel. Also present: Superintendent Wayne Olson, Principal Burgess, 5 staff members, and 1 community member.

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

4 **Community Comments** – None

5 **Spotlight on Education** – Ms. Goudge presented a power point of activities and events since the last board meeting.

6 **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Galloway/Imle to approve agenda as amended, adding item 11.1.5 and 11.8. MCU

7 **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve minutes as presented from the October 16, 2017 meeting. MCU

8 **Informational Items**

8.1 **Principal Report – Principal Report** – Principal Burgess discussed

the following items: 1) **Staffing** – Front Office Positions – Interviews will be held tomorrow. Native American Support positions have been posted. We will be short on support over the next few weeks until positions are filled. 2) **Events** – The Fall Sports Banquet will be held tomorrow. The Elementary Music Program will be held on December 12th. The High School Music Program will be held on December 19th. 3) **2nd & 3rd Grade** – The numbers are constant. The current solution is not ideal but it is working. Space is a large issue. There are some interested individuals to do half time teaching.

8.2 **Superintendent Report** – Mr. Olson discussed the following items: 1) Projected Numbers for Early Childhood – The early numbers have been received. This report shows the numbers roughly at 30 for several years, except 2019 and 2020. We should keep these numbers in mind as we plan for the future. 2) MSBA Conference – If you are interested in attending please let me know. 3) Shop Items – We have been written up for our table saw during mock OSHA inspections. We incorporated the cost of a new saw for our LTFM/Health & Safety budget. We have made that purchase. We will advertise the old saw with closed bids. In addition, Pine to Prairie has authorized dollars for a purchase of a drum sander for the shop.

8.3 **Committee Reports** –

8.3.1 **Meet & Confer** – Board member Imle gave a report regarding the recent meet & confer that was held between administration and teaching staff. Items discussed included furniture, musical instrument, annual painting and calendar drafting for 18-19. The teachers would like to be a part of the final presentation. There will be another meeting in January.

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

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 65310-65359/Wires

Payroll Checks 0029978 – 0030006

November Bills

Voucher Numbers: 50544-50626/50643-50659

Check Numbers: 65360 – 65419

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$575,776.76

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report 10 **Old Business**

10.1 Review of 2nd and 3rd Grade – Numbers are constant. The system is working but is not ideal. There might be some individuals interested in a half-time position. Space is a primary concern. Discussion was held. Administration will post for a half to full time person. The room/space issue will be looked at if a person is hired. MMS Imle/Galloway to post a half-time to full time position. MCU

11 **New Business**

11.1 **Personnel**

11.1.1 **Approve Resignation of LeeAnn Vettleson** – MMS Imle/Snyder to approve. MCU

11.1.2 **Approve Resignation of**

Misty Larson – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve. MCU

11.1.3 **Approve Hiring of Jenetta Mathson as HR Director** – MMS Galloway/Imle to approve. MCU

11.1.4 **Approve hiring of Casey Kroulik as JH Boys Basketball Coach** – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve. MCU

11.1.5 **Approve Resignation of Verena Pletschett** – MMS Imle/Galloway to approve. MCU

Mr. Burgess thanked all employees on behalf of the school district for all the years of service.

11.2 **Approval of Seniority List**

11.2.1. **Certified Staff** – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve Certified Staff Seniority List as presented. MCU

11.2.2 **Support Staff** – MMS Imle/Galloway to approve Support Staff Seniority List as presented. MCU

11.3 **Approval of Auditor's Report** – MMS Galloway/Imle to approve Clearbrook-Gonvick 2016-2017 Audit as presented. MCU

11.4 **Approval of World's Best Work Force Report** – MMS Imle/Peterson to approve WBWF Report as presented. MCU

11.5 **Presentation by Mr. Christianson to Co-Op Wrestling with RLCC** – Mr. Christianson discussed the basketball program first. Numbers are relatively high. We will keep an eye on both the girls and boys junior high program numbers to see if additional coaches are needed. Mr. Christianson then discussed the Wrestling program with RLCC. A parent and RLCC are very interested in this possibility. Mr. Christianson discussed the pros and cons of a possible co-op. MMS Snyder/Petterson to approve co-op for wrestling with RRLC, with no provision for transportation, and other stipulations. Motion was withdrawn, and board decided to hold a special meeting in order to make a better informed decision. The board directed Mr. Christianson to find out the costs, Title IX compliance, and if we must provide transportation. Mr. Christianson will give the information to Mr. Olson & a meeting will be held after the information is received.

11.6 **Approve New York Life as an approved vendor for 403b and HSA Investments** – MMS Imle/Galloway to approve NYL as a vendor. MCU

11.7 **Approve January and February Board Meetings Dates** – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve January 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. MCU. MMS Galloway/Imle to approve February 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. MCU

11.8 **Review Hiring Process** – Board member Imle discussed the consistency of the hiring of all positions. We need to be consistent for posting all school positions. Discussion was held. Mr. Olson will put together a plan for discussion at the December board meeting.

12 **Action Items for December Meeting** –

12.1 Superintendent Evaluation – starting the process

12.2 Hiring Process

12.3 Levy Certification

13 **Adjournment** – MMS Galloway/Snyder to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. MCU

Next Regular Meetings – Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. ^{R50C}

Legal Notice

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Galloway at 6:30 p.m. Chair Westrum took over as chair upon arrival. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: James Galloway, Corey Petterson, Richard Hetland, Tom Stenzel, Kris Snyder and Jeff Westrum (arrived at 6:31 p.m.) Members Absent: Tracy Imle. Also present: Superintendent Wayne Olson, AD Kyle Christianson.

3 **Old Business**

3.1 – Consider the Addition of Wrestling in a Cooperative with RLCC – Discussion was

Notice of Election for Clover Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Clover Township, Clearwater County, State of Minn., that the Annual Election of Town Officers and the Annual Meeting will be held at the Clover Town Hall Tues., March 13, 2018.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until Tues., Mar. 20th, 2018. Meeting will be held at 4 pm. Polls will open at 5 pm and close at 8 pm to elect:

1 Supervisor, 3 yr. term
1 Clerk, 2 yr. term

Joel Wraa, Clerk
218-776-2457 ^{R47.50C}

NOTICE TO LEON TOWNSHIP

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at which time the voters will elect one Supervisor, for a 3-year term, and one Clerk, for a 2-year term.

The Board of Canvass will meet immediately following the close of the polls at 8:00 pm to canvass the results.

The Annual Meeting will commence by 8:15 pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Meeting and Election will be held at the Leon Township Hall.

-Lori Larson, Leon Township Clerk ^{R49-50C}

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Winsor Township, County of Clearwater, State of Minnesota. The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (the 20th of March).

The Annual Meeting will commence at 7:00 PM to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. The regular monthly March meeting will be held following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting and the Regular March Meeting will be held at the Winsor Township Hall.

Louise Sundquist, Clerk of Winsor Township
February 21, 2018 ^{R49-50C}

held regarding adding a Wrestling Cooperative with RLCC.

Topics that were discussed included Title IX, and liability regarding transportation by individuals other than the school if additional students wish to join wrestling. Currently, one student is interested in joining wrestling, and the parents would provide transportation.

MMS Petterson/Snyder to join a cooperative with RLCC for wrestling. Roll Call Vote: Petterson – Yes, Snyder – Yes, Galloway – Yes, Stenzel – No, Hetland – No, Westrum – No. Motion failed due to lack of a majority vote in favor.

4 **Adjournment** – MMS Galloway/Hetland to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. ^{R50C}

Legal Notice

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Imle at 7:03 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Tom Stenzel, Tracy Imle, Richard Hetland, Corey Petterson, James Galloway, Absent: Kris Snyder and Jeff Westrum. Also present: Superintendent Wayne Olson, Principal Burgess, 3 staff members, and 1 community member

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

4 **Community Comments** – None

5 **Spotlight on Education** – Ms. Goudge showed a power point of events that have taken place since the last meeting.

6 ***Approval of Agenda** – MMS Hetland/Galloway to approve agenda as presented; MCU

7 ***Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MMS Galloway/Petterson to approve minutes as presented from the November 20, 2017. MCU. MMS Heland/Stenzel to approve minutes as presented from the December 5, 2017 meeting. MCU

8 + **Informational Items**

8.1 **Principal Report – Principal Report** – Principal Burgess discussed the following items: 1) **Events and Concerts** – The Elementary Concert was last Tuesday. The High School Concert is tomorrow. The game that was cancelled due to weather, and the dance that followed have been rescheduled to this Friday, December 22nd. The end of the 1st semester is January 12, 2018. 2) **Staff Development** – A Teacher In-Service Day will be held on January 15, 2018. Teachers will be staying in Clearbrook-Gonvick School for the In-Service this year. 3) **Conferences** – Conferences will be held on February 15th from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m., and on February 16th from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. The High School Teachers will be in the gym. 4) **Staffing** – The Native American Support positions have still not been filled. There is a possibility of doing some shifting with paras to fill and support the positions. Interviews for 2nd and 3rd grade teachers were done last week. 5) **Scheduling** – There is a possibility of a hybrid schedule for 6th grade. The 6th grade teacher would have the students for half the day and the students would then spend a half day in junior high school classes. Scheduling this would be difficult, but it would help solve the spacing issue.

8.2 **Superintendent Report** – Mr. Olson discussed the following items: 1) Space – District's potential need for more classroom space.

2) Finances – District's past financial position, current financial position and potential future position.

8.3 **Committee Reports** – None

9 ***Consent Calendar** – MMS Petterson/Hetland to approve Consent Calendar as presented. MCU

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 65420 – 65469/Wires

Payroll Checks 0030007 – 0030018

November Bills

Voucher Numbers: 50826 – 50913

Check Numbers: 65470 – 65524

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$446,409.84

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report 10 **Old Business**

10.1 ***Approval of Adding Elementary Teacher** – MMS Galloway/Petterson to add a part-time elementary teacher. MCU

10.2 ***Approval of Allowing Student Overseas Trip** – School Counselor Megan Godtland presented a proposal to allow a student overseas trip. She answered questions asked by the board. Discussion was held. Supt Olson suggested that the board might consider allowing Megan to coordinate the trip as a stand-alone trip, not using the School District as a sponsorship, but using the school for meetings, etc. This would not require the district to have additional insurance. Supt. Olson suggested the board allow Megan to start the process and the board can decide later how much involvement the District should have. The board informally agreed to allow Megan to start the process.

11 **New Business**

11.1 ***Personnel**

11.1.1 **Approve Hiring of Jo Voxland as Office Assistant** – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve. MCU

11.1.2 **Approve Hiring of James Bettin as Assistant JH Boy's Basketball Coach** – MMS Petterson/Stenzel to approve. MCU

11.1.3 **Approve Hiring of Hanna Lavin as Assistant JH Girl's Basketball Coach** – MMS Galloway/Hetland to approve. MCU

11.2 + **Truth in Taxation Hearing** – Supt. Olson presented the Truth in Taxation Power Point. He answered questions asked by the Board.

11.3 ***Approval of Levy Limitation and Certification (Levy 17, Pay 18)** – MMS Petterson/Stenzel to approve the Proposed 2017, Pay 2018 levy at the max, with the exception of Alternative Compensation (Q-Comp) levy, for a total levy of \$1,533,316.30.

MCU.

11.4 **Approval of Hiring Process Guidelines** – Postponed until next month.

11.5 *** Approval of Bids on Shop Equipment** – MMS Hetland/Stenzel to approve the sale of the table saw to Wayne Olson for \$221.76. MCU. MMS Hetland/Stenzel to approve the sale of the band saw to Mark Gazelka for \$380.00. MCU.

12 **Action Items for January Meeting** –

12.1 Approval of Hiring Process

13 **Adjournment** – At 7:50 p.m. 2 members left the meeting, and there was no longer a quorum. Items with an asterisk (*) next to them were discussed and decided upon while a quorum existed. Informational items only (marked with +) were discussed after no quorum was available. The presentation of informational items was finished at 8:15 p.m.

Next Regular Meetings – Thursday, January 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. ^{R50C}

Monday, February 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Legal Notice

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWN HALL/REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Corey Petterson, Kris Snyder, Jeff Westrum, Tom Stenzel, Richard Hetland, Tracy Imle, and James Galloway Members absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Wayne Olson, Principal Burgess, 2 representatives of ICS, 4 staff members, and 4 community members/students

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

4 **Board Reorganization Meeting**

4.1 **Election of Officers**

4.1.1 Chair – Nominations – MMS Imle/Stenzel to nominate Jeff Westrum for 2018. No other nominations. MCU.

4.1.2 Clerk – Nominations – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to nominate Tracy Imle for 2018. No other nominations. MCU

4.1.3 Treasurer – Nominations – MMS Peterson/Stenzel to nominate James Galloway. No other nominations MCU

4.2 **Assignment of Committees** – MMS Petterson/Hetland to approve committee memberships as listed below. MCU

MSBA Legislative – Tom Stenzel, Jeff Westrum

Communications – Tom Stenzel, Richard Hetland, Tracy Imle

MSHSL – Tom Stenzel

BRIC – Kris Snyder

Food Service Hearing Officer – Corey Peterson

Safety/Building & Grounds – Tracy Imle, Tom Stenzel, Richard Hetland

Finance – Tom Stenzel, Corey Petterson, James Galloway

Technology – Jeff Westrum, Kris Snyder

Policy – Richard Hetland, James Galloway, Tom Stenzel

Hiring – Tracy Imle, Kris Snyder (Jeff Westrum, alt)

Negotiating (certified) – Corey Petterson, Tracy Imle, (Jeff Westrum, alt)

Negotiating (non-certified) – Jeff Westrum, Tom Stenzel (James Galloway, alt)

Meet and Confer – Tracy Imle (Tom Stenzel, alt)

Transportation – Corey Petterson, Richard Hetland

Superintendent Evaluation – Tracy Imle, Jeff Westrum, James Galloway

4.3 **Board Salaries** – MMS Imle/Galloway to pay board officers \$65 and board members \$60 for board meetings; \$45 for negotiations, and \$40 for committee meetings in 2018. MCU

4.4 **Official Meeting Dates** – MMS Imle/Hetland to hold board meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month during 2018, except in January and February. MCU.

4.5 **Official Depositories** – MMS Imle/Petterson to use First State Bank and Northern State Bank as official depositories for 2018. MCU

4.6 **Official Publication** – MMS Galloway/Imle to use The Leader Record and the Farmers Independent as the official publications for 2018. MCU

4.7 **Official Signatures** – MMS Petterson/Stenzel to assign Superintendent (Wayne Olson), Business Manager (Paula Boomgaarden), Human Resources Director (Jenetta Mathson), Board Chair (Jeff Westrum) and Treasurer (James Galloway) as official signatures for all accounts for 2018.

4.8 **School Attorney** – MMS Imle/Galloway to approve Knutson/Flynn & Deans as the School Attorney for 2018. MCU

4.9 **Official Mileage Rate** – MMS Galloway/Imle to use the current IRS rate as the official mileage rate for 2018. If a personal vehicle is used by personal choice when the school car is available, the rate used for mileage will be one half the IRS rate. MCU

4.10 **Authorized LEA Representative** – MMS Imle/Stenzel to name Superintendent as the Authorized LEA for 2018. MCU

4.11 **MSHSL Board Representative** – MMS Petterson/Imle to name Tom Stenzel as the Board Designated MSHSL Representative. MCU.

5 **Community Comments** – None

6 **Spotlight on Education** – Ms.

Goudge showed a power point of events that have taken place since the last meeting

7 **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Imle/Galloway to approve agenda as amended with the addition of item of 12.6. MCU

8. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MMS Petterson/Imle to approve minutes as presented from December 18th meeting. MCU

9 **Informational Items**

9.1 **Principal Report** – Principal Burgess discussed the following items: 1) **2nd/3rd Grade/Modified Middle School** – Class numbers have shifted in the Elementary. The Leadership team will analyze this situation for the next school year for possible options. Shifting any staff at this point of the year would be difficult. 2) **Staff Development** – Amy Mulry has been working with paras and teachers. Little things make a big difference in the classroom. 3) **Events** – Conferences will be February 15th and 16th. The Formal Dance will be held on Saturday, February 10th. NWEA testing is taking place this week. 4) **Staffing** – Para interviews are coming up. American Indian Ed positions are still open. We are looking at shifting staff to cover what we can.

9.2 **Superintendent Report** – Mr. Olson discussed the following items. 1) **New Teacher Licensure Program** – All teachers licenses have been extended a year from a 5 to a 6 year license. Tier 1 licenses will no longer require bachelor's degree. 2) **Senator Utke Visit** – Last week Senator Utke presented awards to CG students for artwork that will be displayed at the Capitol. 3) Capital Expenditures – Two representatives of ICS will be discussing our possible building needs and options 4) Calendar Committee – The first meeting was held last week. 5) Senior Trip – The seniors will have a one day trip, which would not require board approval, as it is more like a regular class trip.

9.3 **Committee Reports** –

Meet & Confer met yesterday. Items from November were discussed again – furniture, painting, calendar committee. New Items included snow removal, clarification on 2 hour late day, technology needs, playground nets and potential for benches in the future.

Finance Committee met last Thursday. The priority is to maintain infrastructure, staying out of SOD. Will we set hard numbers for the class size. Future bills are coming. Smaller purchases can eat up extra fund balance dollars. We need to consider upcoming maintenance needs, and put money aside for those items.

10. **Consent Calendar** – MMS Hetland/Imle to approve Consent Calendar. MCU.

10.1 Approval of Bills Presented

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 65525-65599/Wires

Payroll Checks 0030019-0030059

January Bills

Voucher Numbers: 51086-51171

Check Numbers: 65600-65651

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$1,373,789.376

10.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

10.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

11 **Old Business**

11.1 **Hiring Process Guidelines** – Superintendent Olson discussed the proposed guidelines for the hiring process. Discussion was held.

12 **New Business**

12.1 **Personnel**

12.1.1 **Approve Hiring of Marilyn Johnson as an Elementary Teacher 2017-18** – MMS Imle/Snyder to approve. MCU.

12.2 **Presentation by ICS on Facilities** – Dave Bergeron and Jason Splett, representatives of ICS, gave a presentation regarding the current facility, and potential future maintenance needs and upgrades.

12.3 **Resolution For Administration to Make Recommendations for Reduction of Programs/Staff** – MMS Imle/Galloway to approve Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefore. Roll Call Vote: Imle – Yes, Galloway – Yes, Snyder- Yes, Petterson – Yes, Hetland – Yes, Stenzel – Yes. MCU.

12.4 **Approve Lane Changes For:**

12.4.1 **Laura Dahl – MA 10** – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve lane change. MCU.

12.4.2 **Kendell Nordland – BA 10** – MMS Imle/Galloway to approve lane change. MCU.

12.5 **Employee Health Concern (closed)** – MMS Imle/Stenzel to close meeting at 8:32 p.m. to discuss employee health concern. Meeting closed.

12.6 **Destination Prom** – Two student representatives of the Junior Class requested approval to have a destination prom to be held April 21, 2018 at the Bemidji Country Club. There would still be a Grand March. The board gave their approval to proceed with a destination prom. This item was discussed prior to informational reports.

13 **Adjournment** – MMS to reopen meeting at p.m. MCU. MMS to adjourn meeting at p.m. MCU.

Action Items for February Meeting

1

2

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, February 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. ^{R50C}

We are Online!

www.TriCoCanary.com

You now have the option to view the news online or in print or both! Subscribe online, or give us a call today!

Richards Publishing Company

218-487-5225



Clearbrook-Gonvick High School choir members who participated in the contest, From left to right: Brianna Sather, Savanna Rankin, Danika Harmon, Kelsi Kalenak, Callie Baker, Madison Molden, Jazmyn Smith, and Abby Johnson.



Clearbrook-Gonvick High School band members who participated in the contest, Front left to right. Back row: Callie Baker, Jennifer Lavin, Jacey Tronnes. Middle row: Amara Churness, Kendehl Ballard, Keisha Jones, Arabella Corey. Front: Morgan Cornell. -Photos submitted

Students participate in ensemble contests

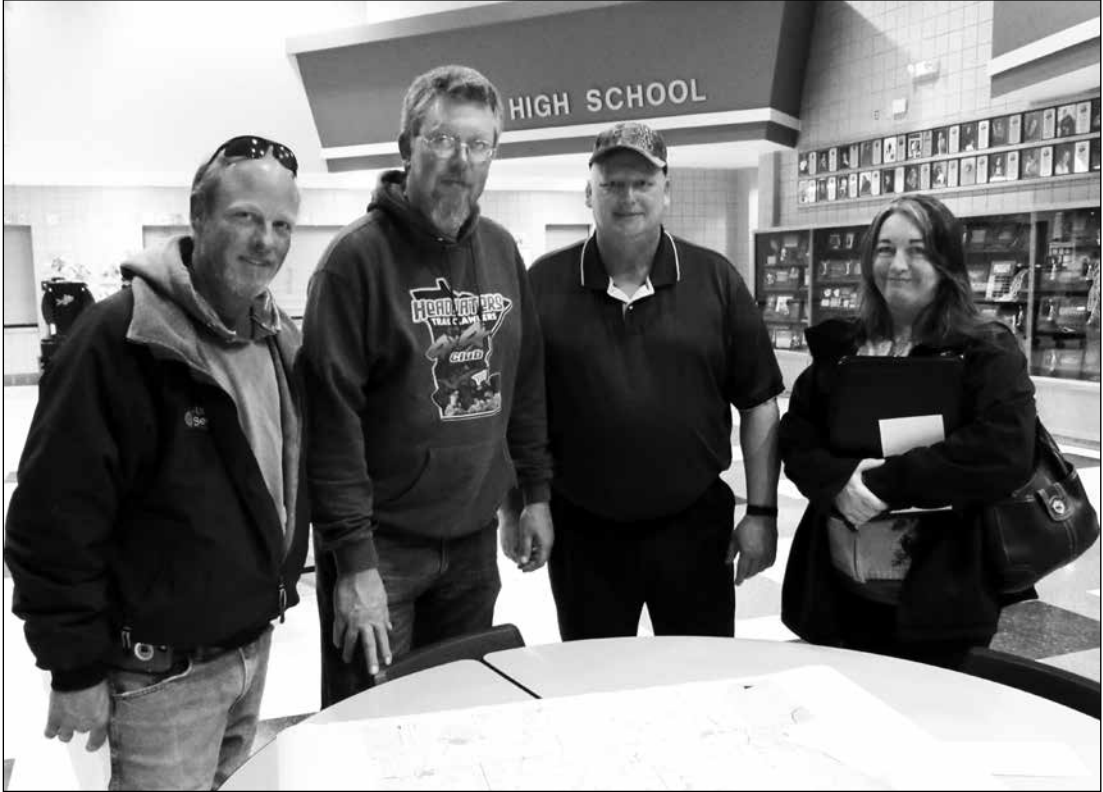
The Clearbrook-Gonvick School had students that participated in the 2018 small ensemble contest which was held this year at Walker high-school on Wednesday, February 28th. Eight band students and eight choir students prepared music to play for one judge at the contest. Groups ranged from a duet to a 'triple-trio' which was nine students participating at once. The students in total received two Superior ratings and five Excellent ratings. Thank you to Katrina Stewart and Tamra

Ragan for your ongoing support of the band students and encouraging them to participate!

BAND:
Callie Baker and Jacey Tronnes received an Excellent rating for their Flute/Clarinet duet. Arabella Corey, Morgan Cornell, Amara Churness, and Jennifer Lavin received an Excellent rating for their saxophone quartet. Kendehl Ballard and Keisha Jones received an Excellent rating for their Flute/Glockenspiel duet.

CHOIR:

Callie Baker and Jazmyn Smith received a Superior rating for their vocal duet. Kelsi Kalenak, Madison Molden, Savanna Rankin, Danika Harmon, Brianna Sather, Abby Johnson, Callie Baker, and Jazmyn Smith received a Superior rating for their group vocal performance. Savanna Rankin and Abby Johnson received an Excellent rating for their vocal duet. Savanna Rankin and Danika Harmon received an excellent rating for their vocal duet.



Members of the local OHV Club, Headwaters Trail Crawlers are Nathan Anderson, Fosston; Lyle Waughtel, Clearbrook and Shawn and Ila Callagan from Bemidji.



Several tables with area maps to show where the Border to Border trail would be going. Each table featured a different map for area discussion. See front page for more information.

Representative Matt Grossell Legislative Update District 2A

2018 Session Preview

The 2018 Session kicked off on Tuesday it will be a brief, but busy one as we must conclude by May 21st. The two-year budget was passed last session along with a sizeable bonding bill that prioritized roads and key infrastructure projects. The second year of a biennium, traditionally, is a "bonding year" where the biggest issue is putting together a bonding bill for the entire state – we passed one last session because the previous legislature had failed to pass one in 2016.

During the 2017 Legislative Session, we passed the first meaningful tax relief for Minnesotans in nearly two decades. My House colleagues and I worked hard to deliver significant tax relief and ultimately passed into law \$650 million in tax relief for Minnesota families over the next two years, and \$790 million in 2020-2021. Specific relief includes:

- Nearly 284,000 senior citizen tax returns (single and married filing jointly) will receive tax reductions; 72,000 of those will no longer pay state income tax on their social security benefits.

- A family of four making \$50,000 a year will receive an additional \$1,200 toward their child care expenses.

- 65,000 students will receive an average of a \$414 reduction in their taxes through a new tax credit for student loan payments.

The Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 passed by Congress and enacted into law have resulted in long overdue changes to the U.S. Tax Code. However, tax reform at the federal level is only one aspect of the taxes we pay. In Minnesota, that means we must pass a tax conformity bill this legislative session to address all the changes filers will see when filing their 2018 taxes. Changes made to Minnesota law now will save headaches



and dollars for thousands of Minnesotans come tax season next year.

We also must get to the bottom of the MNLARS debacle. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety rolled out their new computer system, MN-LARS, in 2017. It was immediately fraught with problems as thousands of Minnesotans couldn't renew tabs and other basic functions of government.

After 10 years of development and almost \$100 million, they are now saying an additional \$43 million will be required to fix the problems.

This is an unrealistic request and Minnesota taxpayers should not be saddled with the bill to clean up the mess. During this upcoming session, we must determine who is responsible and make sure they are held accountable so this does not happen again.

My priorities this session will be focused on completing the work I began the last session. Chief among them will be getting the Veteran Home built in Bemidji; we made good progress building support for this project during the 2017 session and I am hopeful we can build on that this session.

In the Public Safety realm, I will continue to champion legislation that will protect victims and potential victims by punishing and holding sexual predators responsible for their actions. I will also push legislation that will protect nurses and other emergency personnel from assaults.

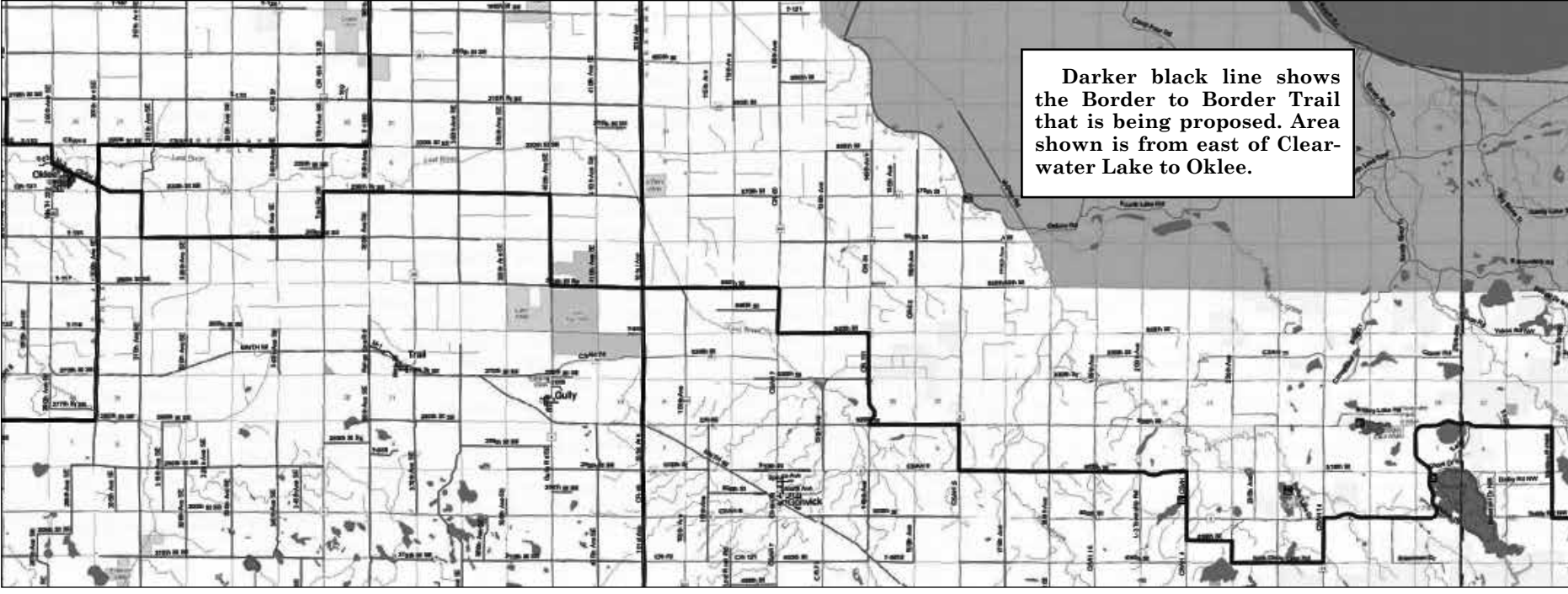
Finally, I will push to find funding to help fix the one-room schoolhouse in the northwest angle. I had the opportunity to travel to the Angle Inlet School last year and the members of the Capital Investment Committee heard testimony from school officials on the condition of the school. We all came away knowing we can and should dedicate funds to make needed repairs and improvements to this school.

Clearwater County Sheriff

In the early morning hours of February 23, 2018, The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office arrested an individual for possession of stolen property. The individual was looking through vehicles in the City of Bagley and had stolen items from the vehicles in his possession.

If your vehicle was gone through on the 22nd / 23rd, and you have property missing from the vehicle, please call the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office 218-694-6226 and leave a message for Deputy Powell or Chief Deputy Wittenberg describing the property taken. If your property was recovered we would like to get it returned to the owners.

Thank you,
Chief Deputy Wittenberg



Darker black line shows the Border to Border Trail that is being proposed. Area shown is from east of Clearwater Lake to Oklee.

Above
Oklee

Above
Gully

Above
Gonvick

Above
Clearwater Lake



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

We will be tired next Sunday. The time will change again. We lose an hour of sleep. School and church will be an hour earlier. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.

Gladys Larson Funeral on Sunday was a real family affair. Children and grandchildren did the reading, words of remembrance, special music and a grandson was the organist. Also a granddaughter, Kecia Stroot was the Pastor along with Pastor Kirchman at Good Shepherd Lutherna Church.

Fish Fry again at the Gonvick American Legion in Gonvick on Saturday, March 10.

The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be hosting the landowners dinner on March 23rd at the club house in Leonard.

The Clearbrook Elevator Association meeting on Friday, March 9. They will be meeting in the banquet room at the Clearbrook Community Center starting at noon with a lunch. The business meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. There will be an election of two board members.

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office received information about a new phone scam going around. With this scam,

the caller asks for you to put money in an envelope and leave it in your mailbox. In turn, you will a prize. The elderly are the targets in this scam as are with most others, so please advise your family and friends of this scam. Most scams come from a foreign country, however, this one might be a local one as the request is for money to be left in the mailbox. If anyone received this phone scam or any other, call the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226 to report it.

If you have a story or photo to share you can send to richards@gvtel.com. Your new family member, the big buck or fish that you got, wedding or engagement picture.

We take passport pictures. Call 218-487-5225 to set up an appointment. They can be made while you wait.

Obituaries in the Canary are also put on our website for you to see. Go online at trico-canary.com. They are free and updated as they come into our office.

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.



Madison Stenzel from Gonvick with Dr. Dennis Bona, Northland Community Technical College (NCTC) in Thief River Falls, President. Gonvick. Stenzel in Business received two scholarships, from J. Weir & Gladys Ewing Memorial Endowment Scholarship Lowell & Marge Swenson Endowment Scholarship Renewal. Madison is a member of the NCTC basketball team. The last game she played she scored 12 points as the Pioneers won over Mesabi Range Lady Norse 75-52.

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility

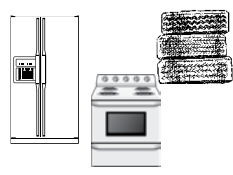
Accepting: Demolition Debris
Waste Tires
Major Appliances
Scrap Metal
Yard Waste
Furniture
Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items

NO regular household trash

Hours:	Tuesday	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	Thursday	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

LOCATED 1.5 miles NE of Bagley on County Road 24

For fee schedule log on to www.co.clearwater.mn.us



SERIOUSLY?

You'RE NOT SUBSCRIBING TO THE LEADER-RECORD? You should!

START DATE _____ Please check appropriate box:

☐ 1 yr. in-county ☐ 1 yr. out-of-county
☐ 6 mo. in-county ☐ 6 mo. out-of-county ☐ Snowbirds



Leader-Record features:

- Sports • Local Events • Advertising From A Wide Area
- Classifieds • Entertainment Guide
- Church News • Obituaries
- Wedding & Birth Announcements • Editorials
- Theology in the Trenches by Kathleen Kjolhaug
- Letters to the Editor

And Much More! Mail to PO Box 159 Gonvick, MN 56644

\$25⁰⁰ (year) in Clearwater County

\$30⁰⁰ (year) out of Clearwater County

\$15⁰⁰ (6 months) in Clearwater County

\$17⁰⁰ (6 months) out of Clearwater County

\$28⁰⁰ Snowbirds

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

From my email...

A weasel comes into the bar. The bar keeper has never seen a weasel in the bar before and is glad to see him. How are you Mr. Weasel ?

The answer was "Just fine sir".

And what would you like to drink? Pop goes the weasel!

Thank you Laurene Aasen

TEN (10) THINGS I KNOW ABOUT YOU

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to do it.
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person & everyone does it too.

Locals

We used to have locals in the paper for many years. We have one this week. Sherry and Glenn Rettmann and Susan and John Sandland visited with Gonvick residents Shirley and Albert Graftaas in Arizona last week. Shirley worked at the Leader-Record for years and she took in several of these items.

Joke Time

Best friends graduated from medical school at the same time and decided that in spite of two different specialties, they would open a practice together to share office space and personnel.

Dr. Smith was the psychiatrist, and Dr. Jones was the proctologist; they put up a sign reading: Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones: Hysterias and Posteriors. The town council was livid and insisted they change it.

The docs changed it to read: Schizoids and Hemorrhoids. This was also not acceptable, so they again changed the sign to read Catatonics and High Colonics - no go.

Next they tried Manic Depressives and Anal Retentives – thumbs down again.

Then came Minds and Behinds - still no good. Another attempt resulted in Lost Souls and Butt Holes - unacceptable again!

So they tried Nuts and Butts - no way. Freaks and Cheeks - still no good. Loons and Moons – forget it. Almost at their wit's end, the docs finally came up with:

Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones - Specializing in Odds and Ends.

Everybody loved it.



James Bettin, Business and Math teacher at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School taking his turn at announcing at a basketball game.

Feeding the hungry is result of WELCA donations

Faith Lutheran Church WELCA of Bagley recently disbursed their mission giving for 2017. Among those receiving a portion of the \$4,900 is Feed My Starving Children which will hold its local event May 15 and 16, according to organizer Mike Davis. Another check is presented today to Clearwater County Food Shelf director, Suzanne Moen, for the annual March campaign that is matched proportionately by large companies.

Many WELCA projects have received Thrivent Action Team dollars to reduce the expenses and allow for more giving to these organizations that received checks, along with Bagley Senior Center, BSU Campus Ministry, Bagley Community Christmas Meal, Clearwater Christmas Project, Clear Waters Life Center, Clearwater Salvation Army, Clearwater VA Transportation, DAC Activity Fund, Family Crisis Center, Farm by the Lake, LSS Nutrition Meals (formerly Meals on Wheels), Lutheran World Relief, Support Within Reach, Synodical Women, and World Hunger.

WELCA raises funds for benevolent giving by hosting a Fall Festival in October and their April event of Ode to Spring. This event is scheduled for April 21 with a brunch and local columnist John Eggers as the speaker. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 from a WELCA member or at the church.



Getting the gym ready for the basketball game is one of many duties of Virgil Tronnes, Clearbrook-Gonvick Custodian.

USDA Offers Home Improvement Loans/Grants

Very-low income households in need of home repairs may qualify for a one percent home improvement loan offered by USDA, Rural Development. A qualified applicant must have an income below the established maximum income limits, demonstrate credit worthiness and be able to show repayment ability.

Our program offers a maximum Loan amount of up to \$20,000 with a repayment term of 20 years. Your loan amount is dependent upon your repayment ability. No real estate mortgage is required for loans below \$7,500.

Grant funds up to \$7,500 may also be available for those over 62. These funds can only

be used to resolve health and safety issues and assist in making homes accessible for those household members with disabilities. Grant eligibility is based upon a determination of your repayment ability.

To schedule an appointment or for more information call the USDA, Rural Development Office at (218) 751-1942, Ext. 4, or write us at 3217 Bemidji Ave. North, Bemidji, MN 56601. You can also visit the USDA website at www.rd.usda.gov/mn. The Bemidji Office services the counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Itasca, Koochiching and Lake of the Woods. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

MnDOT starts installing truck parking technology at rest areas

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Work is under way by the Minnesota Department of Transportation to install technology at seven rest areas in the state that will help truck drivers find safe parking along high-volume freight corridors.

Minnesota is working with seven other states to implement the Regional Truck Parking Information and Management System that will collect and broadcast real-time parking availability on dynamic message signs. In Minnesota the signs will be posted along the I-35 and I-94 corridors and on MnDOT's

511 traveler information website. The network will become operational in January 2019 however some states, including Minnesota, could become operational sooner.

"Truck drivers sometimes spend 30 minutes or more looking for parking spots. We want to help them find safe, reliable parking so they don't waste time looking, which decreases their downtime, and so they can move their products faster," said Dan Rowe, state project manager. "There will also be less fuel consumption and reduced emissions."

The technology includes in-pavement sensors that detect the

Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Fellowship

The Region 2 Arts Council AAI Fellowship Program supports established Native American artists in facilitating depth and advancement in their artistic work. Two \$5,000 awards will be granted in 2018. Deadline: 3/1/2018 submitted by 11:59 pm. The funds can be used for:

- Exploring new directions or continuing work in progress
- Production costs, materials, or equipment
- Collaborative or community projects
- Travel, research or study to further your art
- And more!

AAI Fellows will be showcased in the annual spring/summer Region 2 Arts Council AAI Exhibit.

This grant is made possible by the generous support of the McKnight Foundation. Eligible applicants must be enrolled tribal members or descendants residing in Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahnomen, Lake of the Woods, Becker, Roseau, Cass, and Itasca counties in Minnesota.

We're here to help! Stop by the Region 2 Arts Council office in the new Watermark Art Center in Bemidji M-F 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. or contact us: 218-751-5447 / 800-275-5447/ staff@r2arts.org with questions, for support, or to request a read-through of your application before submission.

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners

Feb. 24 - Jon Maki, Bagley, \$20.

Feb. 25 - Donna Rae Jacobson, Clearbrook, \$20.

Feb. 26 - Doug Thompson, Shevlin, \$20.

Feb. 27 - Alvin Rasmussen, Bagley, \$20.

Feb. 28 - Hudson Olson, Thompson, ND, \$20.

March 1 - Lester Mast, Clearbrook, \$20.

March 2- Nora Stout, Clearbrook, \$20.



The same three Faith Lutheran members presented a check of \$1,000 to Mike Davis for Feed My Starving Children. They noted that this donation represents 4,545 meals.



Presenting a \$200 check to Clearwater County Food Shelf site Manager Suzanne Moen (center) are Faith Lutheran Church WELCA members (front left) Gladys Luecken, (back left) Jen Skansberg, and Sue Davidson. -Photos courtesy Farmers Independent



Cat in the Hat made a special visit to the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Readiness Classes in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2nd!



MnDOT...
Continued from page 7
 Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.
 Truckers are required to comply with hours-of-service rules that limit how many hours they can drive. Fatigued driving is a major cause of preventable truck crashes.
 "Rest areas fill up at night and truckers often park on exit ramps, which are unauthorized spots," Rowe said. "This is a safety concern and when we provide safe parking for truckers, we also save lives by getting fatigued drivers off the road."

Project funding comes from a \$25 million U.S. DOT TIGER grant and the states. In Minnesota, the project will cost \$1.4 million. MnDOT contributed \$177,500.
 The seven rest areas with the technology will be at Lake Lakota, Big Spunk Lake, Enfield, Elm Creek, St. Croix, Heath Creek and Forest Lake.

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

VETERAN ID CARD:
 This article was updated on 01/05/2018. VA has announced that the application process for the national Veterans Identification Card (VIC) is now available for Veterans — yet another action honoring their service. The VIC provides a more portable and secure alternative for those who served, yet are neither a Military Retiree nor enrolled in VA Health Care, both of which already provide an ID card as proof of benefits. Those remaining veterans who have served on Active Duty and who have a dis-

charge of Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) can request a VIC. To request a VIC, Veterans must visit vets.gov, click on "Sign In" in the top right hand corner and establish an ID.me account. Once the Veteran verifies their identity they may request to "Apply for the Veteran ID Card". Veterans who apply for a card should receive it within 60 days and can check delivery status of their cards at vets.gov. A digital version of the VIC will be available online soon.

Farm by the Lake program continues
 Nothando Zulu to Perform Farm By The Lake's Storytelling Series, March 11th at 3:00 pm, Bagley Public Library Meeting Room. Free & open to the public

Nothando Zulu is a Master storyteller who has been sharing stories with audiences for over 30 years. She shares stories that entertain, educate, motivate and inspire. She has performed at many venues locally, nationally and internationally. She draws from an extensive resource of colorful, often funny characters whose antics and follies leave audiences pondering their own life's lessons. As Director of Black Storytellers Alliance, she and her husband, with the help of the Board of Directors, has produced a three-day storytelling festival celebrating the art of Black storytelling called, "Signifyin & Testifyin'" (now in the 17th year). Nothando is also a wife, mother, grandmother, community and political activist who believes in the power of stories. This is one for the whole family, from ages 1 to 101. For more info: Facebook Event Page or call 218-694-2084

Annual Town meeting March 13, 2018: Democracy in Action

(March 1, 2018) - Circle Tuesday, March 13 on your calendars! It is the date of the Annual Town Meeting. Unlike voting, the Annual Town Meeting is a true form of direct democracy - allowing residents of the township to meet, voice their opinions and vote on their tax levy. It is also a good way to gauge the sentiments of township residents - what do they want in their community?
 As with most American political ideas, town meetings have their roots in colonial America. New England town meetings gave citizens a way to exercise local authority. These meetings were especially important in the development of democracy because it emphasized problem-solving through group efforts. Thomas Jefferson called it the "wisest invention ever devised by the wit of man for the perfect exercise of self-government."
 This tradition was passed down to townships here in Minnesota. Township residents gather on the second Tuesday in March at the town hall, or another designated place, to discuss their communities. Typically, residents hear reports from the board of audit on the town's finances and a roads report. Residents are required to vote on the tax levy. A range of topics - from a new town hall, vacating a road, or giving the board authority to pass an ordinance - can be on the agenda. Many townships hold elections the same day, outside the meeting, for a supervisor, clerk, or treasurer. Remember to vote!
 Townships are often referred to as "grassroots government." This reference stems from the community-based nature of how town government is structured. Most townships have small populations, but a big sense of community. Being small, township officials must be creative in delivering quality services with the least possible burden to taxpayers. Township officers must be responsive to the needs of their residents, since most are friends and neighbors.
 Be part of the "grassroots" movement and attend your town meeting on Tuesday, March 13 - be a part of direct democracy.



Ad deadline:
 Noon Friday

From our files....

These two pictures were taken a couple of years ago. The judges were for two different townships, including Holst and Eddy. A reminder that townships meetings will be held next Tuesday March 13.



Eloise Dahlke, Bonnie Engen and two we need names for.



Norma Emerson, Marilyn Shamp and two we need names for.

ARE YOU SAVING for a RAINY DAY?

Everybody needs a financial umbrella to cover unpredicted expenses. Let's make sure you're protected with a sensible savings plan that fits your budget.

- ◆ Savings Plans
- ◆ Investment Accounts
- ◆ Certificates of Deposit
- ◆ Retirement Plans

With easy deposits and competitive interest rates, it doesn't take a lot to start seeing your money grow.

Come talk to us today about getting started.

First State Bank

PO Box 27
 Clearbrook, MN 56634-0027
 (218) 776-3151

FDIC