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Clearbrook Elevator Association Directors and management from left to right: Greg Erickson, Manager Leslie Westrum, Dave Engebretson, new board member Richard Kroening, Scott Fawver and Mark Strandberg.

Clearbrook Elevator holds annual meeting

The Clearbrook Elevator Association annual meeting was held in the banquet room at the Clearbrook Community Center. Patrons were treated to a noon lunch with the meeting starting at 1:00 p.m.

President Scott Fawver opened the meeting and called for old business and there was none to discuss.

Les Westrum gave his report on activities at the elevator. "The seed tender was well received by the farmers. They are doing more at the Ag Building to spruce it up. They have put tin on one side. They are

planting flowers on the west side that Kris Emmel has put a lot of work into. They put in new computers in December and the bugs are all gone now. They have added WiFi to the basement where the honey press is located. The grain business continues to grow. They are looking at adding a 40 thousand bushel grain bin this year. The feed side is holding its own. They had a surplus of oil and now there is none left. North Central Feed of Gonvick took the rest and they are adding it to their feed for hogs.

The United States Depart-

ment of Agriculture (USDA) has posed a challenge with the new rule of 'Livestock Food' from 'Livestock Feed'. Trucks have to be clean of mud and if there is an oil drip the load can be rejected. This is especially important in-house."

Dean Birkeland, from Carlson, Highland & Company LLP from Fergus Falls presented the financial report. He stated both years 2017 and 2016 were fairly consistent and very comparable. Total assets for the elevator association in 2017 was \$1,247,453 compared to \$1,310,736 in 2016. That num-

ber included investments in other cooperatives at \$149,129 for CHS, Land O Lakes and other regional cooperatives. He said that it was good to see the long term aging going down by almost \$24,000.

The Gross Margin which includes the sales and cost of sales was \$479,650 compared to 2016 with \$487,488. Both years were very comparable. The ending cash and cash equivalents was \$258,876 for 2017 and \$240,293 for 2016. "The unallocated reserve was \$431,706 which is a nice build up to have," stated Birkeland. It has a positive impact on the coop. They would be able to absorb any losses that could come up in the future.

Birkeland stated that the Statements of Operations had an average year compared to other years. 2017 was \$3,141,105, 2016 \$3,177,334 and 2015 \$2,931,885.

Kris Emmel had the books in very good order for the auditors to their job.

President Fawver went on to the election of officers. The slate that the nominating committee had selected was passed. Taking Mike Nordlund's position on the board was Richard Kroening. Other members include Greg Erickson, Dave Engebretson, Scott Fawver and Mark Strandberg.

Annual meeting of Gully Tri-Coop will be held

The Gully Tri-Coop Association will be having their annual meeting on Saturday, March 24th. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. There will be election of officers for two positions for 3-year terms. Also any other business that properly comes before the

meeting.

Lunch will be served by the Lund Ladies Aid. Door prizes will be given away and there will be musical entertainment by Tim Johnson and Steve Rasmussen.

The Board of Directors encourages your attendance at this meeting.

History of Baseball is topic of society guest speaker

Matt Carter, director of the Dakota County Historical Society in South St. Paul, will be the guest speaker at the Clearwater County Historical Society's quarterly membership meeting March 27.

The history of baseball is often times complex and full of contradictions. Sit down and enjoy the ride as we travel through the history of the United States through the lens of base ball (two words at its creation). As we travel through time, you will learn about many myths related to baseball, such as Abner Doubleday, and hear about Minnesota's pivotal role in black barnstorming baseball. Our historic journey will

end shortly after the re-integration of "America's Past Time."

The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold its Quarterly Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 27th at Good Shepherd Church in Clearbrook.

The evening begins with social time at 5:00 and a short business meeting at 5:30. A pot luck supper begins at 6:00 pm followed by guest speaker Matt Carter.

CCHS members and guests and anyone interested in history is welcome to attend. For more information contact the History Center at 218-785-2000.



"America's Past Time."

Benefit planned for Chris Paulsonn

The Gonvick Lions Club is planing a benefit for Chris Paulson. The event will be held at the Clearbrook Community Center on April 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. Doors will be open at 4 p.m. and dinner will begin at 4 p.m. A free will donation spaghetti meal will be provided along with silent auction, raf-

fles, cash donations and games.

In January Chris Paulson was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Chris underwent surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester on January 30th. He will now be continuing his treatment and therapy at Sanford in Bemidji. Please join the Lions to support Chris and his family.



Sarah Goudge with her children at the Muffins for Mom that was held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Cindi Ballard with her children at the Muffins for Mom that was held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Cathy Bergerson with her children at the Muffins for Mom that was held at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.

Border to Border Trail discussed

County salary evaluation to be done

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on March 13, 2018. All Commissioners were present, and visitors Dan and Jami Gaither from the Bear Creek area came to observe the meeting.

Attorney Al Rogalla talked about the Law Library and said that it is very expensive to maintain. Thus, the use of a computer library has become the more versatile option.

"You have a wonderful Law Library here," he commented.

County Auditor Allen Paulson was given approval for the County to enter into an agreement with Bjorklund Compensation Consulting in order to provide Clearwater County with a Market Study and Compensation Study Update not to exceed \$3,500. This study is to evaluate where salaries in Clearwater County are in comparison to other counties in our District.

By Board approval Commissioners Neal Illies and John Nelson will be added as members of the Clearwater County Personnel Committee. Other members of the committee are the Auditor-Treasurer, Engineer, Sheriff, Attorney, DHS Director, CCNS Director, and Courthouse Representative (Dan Hecht).

Border to Border Trail:

A resolution regarding the Border to Border Trail was approved by the Commissioners, which states in part that, "The 'mandate' from the Minnesota Legislature to develop Border to Border Trail as presented in publications and meetings, appear to be an overstatement of the actual language in the Minnesota Statute which refers to an appropriation to address off-road vehicle touring routes and other issues related to off-road vehicle activities and... that Clearwater County is opposed to the Border to Bor-

der Trail, because of the potential cost this trail could have on the taxpayers of Clearwater County due to the repairing of roads, cost of Public Safety, and... request that the portion of the B2B Trail drafted for Clearwater County be abandoned or rerouted."

Information available since the resolution was approved indicates the planned route will be moved to another location, with less impact on Clearwater County.

Sheriff Darin Halverson was authorized by the Board of Commissioners to sign and execute the 2018 Minnesota State Boat and Water Safety Grant, in the amount of \$2,417 and must be used for expenditures directly related to the boat and water safety program. It is effective from Jan. 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Commissioners..
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Clearbrook City Council meeting held

The Clearbrook City Council was held on February 12, 2018 in the City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Dylan Goudge.

Present were: Council Members: Dylan Goudge, Shawn Johnson, Gary Prosser and Tom Davis; Others present: Lucie Thompson, Jason Bakke, Joy Walberg, Sue Weems, Dan Gazelka, Dick Richards, Corrine Richards, Laura Lindgren, Betty Randklev, Jim Shelquist, Frank Berg & Nancy Vyskocil, with NW MN Foundation.

The January 8th, 2018 regular minutes was passed.

Presentation of Petitions and Complaints by Council Members and Citizens:

Nancy Vyskocil, with the NW MN Foundation, discussed with the council options for the community with the closing of

the nursing home. One option is to bring an assisted living to Clearbrook. Options of how that may happen were discussed. First step would be to form a task force and to have a feasibility study done. Grants are available for the feasibility study. Just need to follow up and ask for help in getting things started.

Police Report/Update – Dan Gazelka, Police Chief
-31 incidents for the month of January 2018.

-He has been working on NIB Reports System. Vehicle stolen from Tower Street, recovered within 8 hours and the new ticket system is working well.

-Discussion held on moving vehicles that are parked on the streets for plowing snow.

-Discussion held on having signage for the Clearbrook

Veteran's Memorial. Can purchase signs from the State. Motion was made and passed to purchase signs for the Clearbrook Veteran's Memorial from the State at the cost of \$895.

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

-Liquor Store monthly summary has not been completed for January 2018.

Joy's Report –

•January was a slower month. After discussion with the auditors, the managers will be increasing on sale prices by 25 cents.

•The next meat raffles were to be held February 17th and March 24th. St. Patrick's

City council.
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Community Calendar

Sanford Bagley Hosts Volunteer Informational Meeting
Bagley, MN— Sanford Bagley will host a Volunteer Informational Meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd at 3:30 in the Sanford Bagley Medical Center Education Room. Come and learn about new volunteer opportunities at Sanford Bagley Medical Center and Clinic. Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Kari Knudson, Volunteer Services Manager, (218) 333-5654.

Bake Sale Saturday March 31 in Bagley
The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold it's annual Spring Bake Book & Craft Sale on Saturday March 31 beginning at 9 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Bagley Legion. A lunch will be served at 11:00- until gone. (Free will offering)
Volunteers are needed to help with the sale as well as to bring gently used books and fresh goodies! For more information contact the Clearwater County History Center at 218-785-2000

Firemen Wanted
The Gonvick Fire Department is accepting applications for new firemen.
If interested, please call Billy Klema, 218-760-1299; Cody Rude, 218-280-3347; or Devin Aakre, 218-684-0792. Contact any of the 3 to pick up an application. R51-52C

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., March 21 - Chicken Chow Mein, Rice/Chow Mein Noodles, Oriental Veg., Brownie, Bread and Milk.
Thurs., March 22 - Meatballs in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Beets, Angle Food Cake, Bread and Milk.
Fri., March 23 - Italian Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Lettuce, Cauliflower, Garlic Bread, Apricots and Milk.
Mon., March 26 - Salisbury Steak, Potatoes, Squash, Blushing Pears, Bread and Milk.
Tues., March 27 - Chicken Breast, Baked Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Cake, Bread and Milk.
Wed., March 28 - Lasagna, California Blend Veg., Pears, Garlic 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.



Celebrating their March birthdays at the Clearbrook Leonard Senior Center were these five people. Seated from left to right: Lowell Stevens and Gerald Wraa. Standing from left to right: Sheryl Severson, Marlene Westrum and Jo Kelly.

Notice: Clover Township
TO THE RESIDENTS OF CLOVER TOWNSHIP:
The A & E and regular meeting will be held at the Clover Town Hall at 4 pm, April 6, 2018.
Will also be accepting bids for gravel per yard, approx. 25-40 loads for town roads, submitted to clerk for board to approve.
Joel Wraa, Clerk
53952 Berg Trail
Leonard, MN 56652
218-776-2457 R52-1C

Loving Memory
of
David Edervold
Jan. 23, 1959 Mar. 23, 2017
THINKING OF YOU
*I have a gift, you cannot see
Of heartfelt love and memories
This special gift, the angels bring
Is priceless though, weighs not a thing
Carried through the sunlit skies
On wings of doves and butterflies
A loving wish wrapped tight with love
To the one we lost, living above.*
Missing you,
Debbie, Serena,
family & friends R52C

Card of Thanks
The family of Marlin Langseth wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbors for the lovely cards, floral tributes, messages of condolence and memorials in his honor.
Special thanks to Pastor Strenge for his comforting words and touching memorial service. Pastor Bob Nelson for the music at the service. The ladies at the First Baptist for preparing and serving the luncheon. We would also like to thank the Clearwater County Nursing Service and Hospice for the care and support of our family.
The Langseth & Catudal family R52C

2820 Beltrami Ave. NW Bemidji
Headwaters Mutual Insurance Company 218-751-5405
NOTICE TO POLICYHOLDERS
You're Invited to Attend the Annual Meeting for Headwaters Mutual Insurance Company.
Formerly: Lakeland Farmers Insurance Company, Bemidji & Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Clearwater County, Gonvick
Door Prizes Must be present to win
Saturday, March 24th
at the Blackduck Senior Center
Annual Business Meeting starts at 11:00 am
Followed by Lunch R51-52C

YOU WANT BREAKFAST?
WE SERVE BREAKFAST!!
MON. - FRI.
BREAKFAST ... 6:30-11:00
LUNCH ... 11:00-1:30
- SPECIALS -
MONDAY: MEATBALLS
TUESDAY: PRIME RIB SANDWICH
WEDNESDAY: COOK'S CHOICE
THURSDAY: TACOS
FRIDAY: COOK'S CHOICE
SUNDAY, April 1
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Ham, Swedish Meatballs & Salad Bar
Kandi's Kitchen
GONVICK

Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be hosting their
Landowner's Appreciation DINNER
- at the -
Club House
in Leonard, MN
Friday, March 23rd, 2018
Social Hour will begin at 6:00 pm
with Dinner to be served at 7:00 pm.
“Thank You, Landowners, You Make Our Trails Possible.”
BY INVITATION ONLY

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
R46-3C

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R51-53C

Church News

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

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.

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 21: 6:30 p.m. AWANA Grand Prix at Gonvick Life Center Gym.
Thurs., March 22: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Sat., March 24: 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sun., March 25: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service followed by fellowship meal.
Coming Event: April 7 Ukraine Fundraiser Sale
Easter Sunday, April 1, - Breakfast starts at 8:30, Morning service is at 10:00 AM, No Sunday School Classes

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., March 21 - 5:30 pm Confirmation; 6:00 pm Soup and Sandwich Supper; 7:00 pm Lenten Service.
Sun., March 25 - 9:30 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship Service;
DISCIPLES OF MESSIAH-YAHUSHA who obey Yahusha's teachings (John 8:31) are meeting each Sabbath in homes. (218) 768-8176 Homeless Shelter - Scriptural Counseling & Encouragement.

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...
GONVICK SITE:
Grow It! Basket Party: Mar 31, 9 AM to 12. Call 218-487-5290, Ext. 3, to register.
Azaleas, Asiatic Lilies, Easter Lilies, and Garden Mums may be ordered by Mar. 22 for pickup by Easter. Call 218-487-5290, Ext 3.
Grow It! opens April 2, 9 AM!
Friday Night Out: April 6. Scandinavian meal & concert. Call 218-776-2789 by Mar. 30 to reserve your meal. See our website for more information.
Restore It! Furniture Shop: M-W-F, 10-4 and Sat., 9-12 noon. Furniture donations appreciated. Tax-deductible receipts available.
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.

CLEARBROOK SITE:
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7:00 PM, Thursday, 2nd floor of CWLC-Clearbrook. Help for any hurt, habit, or hang-up. Confidential.
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.adulddayservicesgonvick.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.

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218-776-3367
cfchurch@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

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., March 21: 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting. 5:30-6:25 PM Soup/Sandwich; 6:30-7:30 PM Lent Service; 7:30 PM Samhold Council
Palm Sun., March 25: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship Service and Sunday School sings.
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Palm Sun., March 25: 9:00 AM Worship Service.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., March 21: 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich; 5:30pm Choir Practice; 6:45pm Lenten Service; 7:30pm Handbell Practice
Sun., March 25: 9:00am Palm Sunday Worship/Communion; 10:00am Sunday School/Coffee Hour.
Tues, March 27: 7:00 pm, Hymn Planning Committee
Our Savior's
Wed., March 21: 5:15pm Lenten Service; Soup & Sandwich following service
Sun., March 25: 9:30am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Palm Sunday Worship/Communion.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wed, Mar. 21: 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. 22: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. Bible Study to follow. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park Ladies Aid.
Sat, Mar. 24: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Mar. 25: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri; 8:30 a.m. Nazareth SS, Nazareth 9:45 a.m.; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Thu, Mar. 29: Maundy Thursday services: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Mar. 21: 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study.
Sun, Mar. 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Mar. 27: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study.
Wed, Mar. 28: 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. 21: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA. Lent Service at Bethany - 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich supper, 7:00 p.m. Services.
Sun, Mar. 25: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 a.m. Bethany. 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley & Bethany. 2:00 p.m. Confirmation.
Thu, Mar. 29: Maundy Thursday at Lund - 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich. 7:00 p.m. Services. First Communion for 5th graders.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Mar. 25: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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SPOTLIGHT

March Teacher Feature

March Teacher Feature: Julie Johnson, Kindergarten

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." ~ Fred Rogers

Julie Johnson is in her tenth year of teaching at Clearbrook-Gonvick. She was born and

raised in Fosston, MN. Julie is the daughter of Thomas and Irene Hemphill. She had a wonderful upbringing with parents who loved her, read to her, and encouraged her to always do her best (they continue to do so to this day!). Julie has an older brother named Rodger, and a younger brother named Jeff.

Julie moved to Clearbrook when she and Shawn were married. Her family increased as the Johnsons and Gibeaus accepted her as one of their own.

Rick and Kathy are the best mother and father-in-law a girl could ever hope for, she feels truly blessed! Julie and her husband of 22 years have two sons, Bryce and Brody, who are 18 and 17 years old.

Why did you choose to be a teacher? My parents were both teachers, and they were my role models, so I wanted to be just like them! I also wanted to be a ballerina, a gymnast, a figure skater, an art teacher, a gym teacher, and a mommy. I

went off to college, knowing I wanted to teach, but it wasn't until I got involved with early childhood I discovered my passion. In early childhood, I can be the art teacher, the gym teacher, the mommy, AND I can inspire kids to dream big because they can be ANYTHING they want to be! Early childhood is such an amazing period of brain development, and I am honored to be a part of it. I love building the foundation for successful school experiences!

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? I worked at my first dream job, the Fosston Dairy Queen, all through high school. While I attended BSU, I worked at Palubicki's Bakery and Deli on weekends. After graduation, I started my first teaching position at Oklee Public School. I was a kindergarten teacher there for five years. After that, I taught at Magelessen Elementary School in Fosston for seven years. From there, I was hired to teach first grade at Clearbrook-Gonvick, and have been

here ever since.

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? I love play time! They say play is the work of small children, and that's the truth. It is so fun to watch the imagination of a kindergartener at play. When children play, they are developing many skills such as empathy; communication; problem solving; social interaction; creativity; and much more.

There are so many great things about teaching Kindergarten, but I think getting kids hooked on reading, by reading to the them, has to be one of my favorites. I could read to them for hours, and never get tired of it! During story time, connections are made, vocabulary is increased, and comprehension flourishes. I believe a strong foundation in reading gives children an advantage in all other subject areas.

What is the biggest challenge of your job? Planning for a substitute teacher. We transition every 15-20 minutes, so it is difficult to write detailed plans for someone else.

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why? I already have my dream job! I played teacher and hardware store a lot when I was young. My mom was a great provider of teacher supplies, and my dad's garage was my hardware store. It must've tried his patience a bit, reorganizing his tools after my pretend sales! I guess I'm living proof that dreams do come true, I'm a teacher AND my family has a hardware store!

What do you do when you are not working at the school? When I'm not at school, I enjoy spending time with my family. You might find me in my flower gardens or curled up on the sofa with my dogs, a good book, and a cup of tea.

The month of March brings in the first day of spring. What part of spring is your favorite? Spring brings so many wonderful things, it's difficult to choose a favorite! I love watching the woods get their first touch of green when the buds begin to open. The perennials in my gardens start to peek through the soil with the promise of flowers to come. We leave the patio door open to listen to the frogs singing at twilight. The weather is pleasant and everyone's spirits are lifted!

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? My favorite aspect of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community IS the sense of community we have here! Our mission statement is: "Children are our future...we are dedicated to mapping pathways for their success." I am proud to be a part of a school community that firmly believes in our children and goes above and beyond to ensure their success. I feel the staff at Clearbrook-Gonvick considers the whole child when mapping their pathways as they nurture and guide children towards academic achievement and de-

veloping as well-rounded individuals.

What do you think Mrs. Johnson was like when she was in kindergarten?" "She got in trouble for playing." "Good & quiet." "Nice and liked to read." "Happy." "Really happy." "A good listener." "Pretty." "She liked to play."

What do you think Mrs. Johnson does when she is not here at school? "Watches tons of grown-up TV." "Goes to her cabin and plays games." "She's sick." "She goes on vacation at the waterpark." "Lays on the couch and misses us." "Plays with her dogs and watched movies." "Have coloring time and plays with her dog Shelby." "She reads a long book."

What job do you think Mrs. Johnson would have if she was not a teacher? "She would still work at the school, but be a principal." "A librarian." "She would work at Walmart." "Dentist." "Work at a grocery store." "Be a principal." "Works at a grocery store." "Be a singer."

What is one of the best things about Mrs. Johnson? "When it's Valentine's Day, she lets us have longer play time and decorate." "She is kind." "She is kind." "Playtime, and her hair color is the same as mine." "She is really funny." "She's nice." "She is the best teacher." "She knows lots of school stuff."

What do you think is Mrs. Johnson's favorite thing to do? "Be at home." "Go to school with us." "To teach." "Math." "To play." "Snuggle with her dogs." "Teach." "To read."

If Mrs. Johnson was a leprechaun, where would she hide her pot of gold? "Over the rainbow." "In the Classroom." "At the end of the rainbow." "Under the rainbow." "Underground." "In the school, or on the other side of the rainbow." "By a rainbow." "In volcanos."

What is one thing Mrs. Johnson ALWAYS says? "To clean up play time." "Nice words." "Playtime is over." "We can start picking up early." "To be in charge of yourself, and to be kind to others because that is how you want to be treated." "Line up and be quiet!" "Playtime is over." "To be good."

School News

Coming Soon!! Doughnuts w/ Dad is March 23rd at 7:30 - 8:20.

Open gym and toddler open gym have ended. Thanks for participating!

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

Help Wanted: The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a Native American Education Coordinator and Native American Education Support Professional. One position is running an after-school program that goes until 5:30. The positions are open until filled. Please contact Jeff Burgess for more information. 218-776-3112 ext. 103

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Address Letter of Interest: Jeff Burgess, Principal Application Submission: Please send or e-mail your letter of application to Jeff Burgess. Application Deadline: ASAP or until filled. Hours: Either 11-6 or 11-1

COUNSELORS CORNER:

Get up to date information over the school year including scholarships, financial aid, tips, college representatives, career fairs, articles, and some fun stuff by following me on:

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Check out the School Counselor Website https://sites.google.com/a/clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us/schoolcounselor/

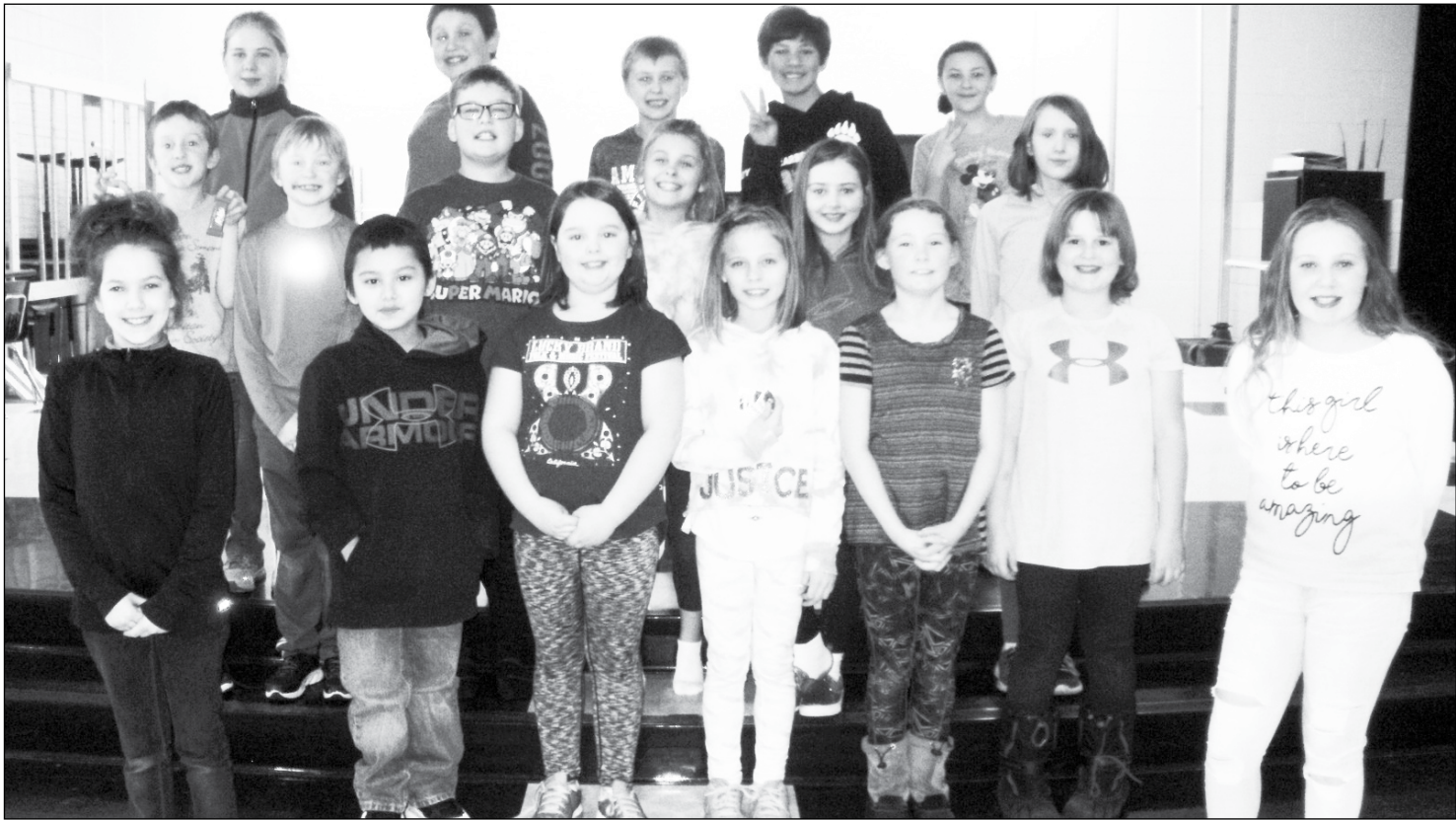
ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PLEASE USE THE NEW K-12 PAYMENT CENTER to check your account and make payments.



Julie Johnson, March Teacher feature for Clearbrook-Gonvick with her Kindergarten class.



Gabby Anderson far left and Isabelle Torgerson far right in front, organized a fund raiser for St. Jude.

Youth do fund raiser for St. Jude

Two fifth grade girls recently wanted to teach an after school class for 2nd-5th graders. They worked with Community Education and iMPACT (a student organization that does fund raising for various projects), organizing and planning the class that they called the Bear Club. They got help from Kendehl Ballard and Keisha Jones, high school members of the iMPACT group. The activities they chose to do for the twenty-one kids that signed up were: slime, puppets, secret experiment and skits.

But, this was not just an ordinary after school class. Isabelle

Torgerson and Gabby Anderson wanted this to be a fund raiser for St. Jude. When asked how they planned to pay for the class supplies, their response was that they would use money they had earned through baby sitting, etc. This way, the \$5.00 fee paid by each club member would all go to St. Jude Children's hospital!

A check for \$105 has been sent to St. Jude! No matter our age, we can all have an iMPACT. Thanks Gabby, Isabelle, Bear Club and iMPACT! You have done something special!

-Courtesy of Judy Engebretson

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Mrs. Darcy Heggs First Grade students with Mrs. Jolee Hjorts, High School Social Studies students. They worked together on Presidential Reports at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary School.

Presidential Reports at Clearbrook-Gonvick elementary

On Thursday, March 8, Mrs. Hegg's First Grade Class at Clearbrook-Gonvick Elementary invited her student's families to participate in their Presidential Reports Day. As family members walked in, they were given a number with a question on it and where given the role of a News Reporter. After each student gave their Presidential Report on their microphone, they had two minutes to call on numbers and answer questions. Each student did an amazing job reading their report and even more impressive was answering questions about the President they did research on. This event came about when Mrs. Hegg wanted her students to understand the importance

that each Presidents has had on our country and why they got to have Presidents' Day off from school. So for one week, they reviewed all 45 Presidents; making comparisons and learning little details about each President. Next, each student selected the President that they thought was the most interesting to them. Then Mrs. Darcy Hegg met with Mrs. Jolee Hjort, the High School Social Studies Teacher to assign a High School Student to each First Grade Student to do further research on the President each child selected. These High School Students spent 30 minutes in the Library helping their assigned First Grader discover more details about their

President. Then each student filled in an Outline about their President. The Outline was written into a Rough Draft where Mrs. Hegg and each student worked together to make corrections. Then each child rewrote their speech into a Final Draft and began practicing reading it. The next two weeks, time was set aside to practice reading their reports and answering questions. The students would act as the News Reporters; holding up their number and then asking questions after each student read their report. This huge assignment fulfilled many State Standards in reading, writing, language arts, social studies and even math! After all that work, each student learned so much and delighted their parents by including them in their Presidential Report Day!

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

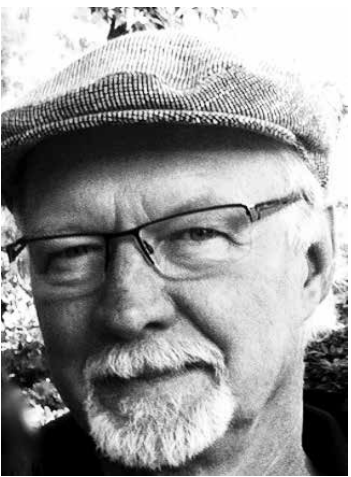
RURAL VETS WITH PTSD: WASHINGTON, March 6, 2018 — With a focus on improving access to mental health care for Veterans living in rural areas, today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it has launched a pilot telehealth program that will give rural Veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) remote access to psychotherapy and related services. VA's Office of Rural Health, in partnership with VA's Quality Enhancement Research Initiative, is supporting the Telemedicine Outreach for PTSD (TOP) program to deliver therapy and other care through phone and interactive video contact. "Our researchers have worked diligently in recent years to establish the safety and efficacy of PTSD psychotherapy delivered remotely, ensuring Veterans will get the same quality of PTSD care as if they were in a doctor's office at a VA medical center," said VA Secretary David Shulkin. "We are excited to see this program help greater numbers of Veterans living in rural areas and pleased that it will save them time and effort to get to a VA facility that is far from their homes." Dr. John Fortney, a research health scientist at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle, Washington, is leading the project. "Long travel distances to urban areas can be a major barrier to care for rural Veterans," Fortney said. "In a prior trial, we were able to use telehealth technologies successfully to engage Veterans in evidence-based, trauma-focused therapy without their having to travel to a distant VA medical center." To date, more than 500 rural Veterans who are not receiving specialty PTSD care have enrolled in the study. The participants may choose between the two main forms of evidence-based, trauma-focused psychotherapy used in VA: cognitive processing therapy and prolonged exposure therapy. Veterans participating in the program receive frequent phone calls from a care manager who helps them access services provided by off-site psychiatrists and psychologists. The psychotherapy is delivered via interactive video from a VA medical center to a community-based outpatient clinic (CBOC) or to the Veteran's home. The telephone care manager also monitors the Veterans' progress and helps them overcome barriers to care. The program includes 12 CBOCs across the nation in Charleston, South Carolina; Iowa City, Iowa; Little Rock,

Arkansas; Denver, Colorado; San Diego, California; and Seattle. The results, which will be available in 2020, will lay the groundwork for national implementation of the TOP program. To learn more about VA research on PTSD, visit www.research.va.gov/topics/ptsd.cfm. **GIVE A VETERAN A LIFT: THANK YOU!** The Annual "Give A Veteran A Lift" music benefit fundraiser for the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program for 2018 free will offering has received some good bumps, with the final total at \$1,954.00. I am so grateful, and blessed several times a week to provide the coordination of the transportation services of this program. I'd like to encourage local agencies and service groups to consider the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program as fully worthy of their financial support. I'd like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to the Johnson family for the recent donation to the Clearwater County Veterans Transportation Program, made as a memorial in honor of the faithful military service of local area veteran Marlin D. Langseth, US Army, who served during the Korean War. I welcome your own personal comments. Office (218) 694-6618 / Cell (218) 556-5340 Hutch

Will Weaver to do Free Writing Workshop

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Will grew up on a farm in northern Minnesota. He graduated from the University of Minnesota and from Stanford University. His debut novel, Red Earth, White Earth, was published by Simon & Schuster, and was produced as a CBS television movie. A Gravestone Made of Wheat & Other Stories won the Minnesota Book Award for Fiction. The New York Times Book Review called it "...a graceful collection, one that views America's heartland with a candid but charitable eye." Several of his stories have been produced by National Public Radio and other groups. The title story, "A Gravestone Made of Wheat" was adapted into the film Sweet Land, starring Alan Cumming and Ned Beatty. In 2017 Sweet Land was produced as a musical and is currently on tour in the Midwest. A versatile writer, Will



Weaver's novels for young adults include Memory Boy and Striking Out (HarperCollins). Chosen as a teen "top ten" book by the American Library Association, Memory Boy was a 2016 production of the Minnesota Opera. His nonfiction work includes The Last Hunter, Barns of Minnesota, and the introduction to Libraries of Minnesota. A recent judge for the National Book Awards and a frequent contributor to the Huffington Post, Mr. Weaver lives in Bemidji, on the Mississippi River, with his wife, Rose.



Erick Preuss, Clearbrook-Gonvick first grader waiting for questions from the audience.

Important Information Regarding Property Assessments

This may affect your 2019 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for **Clover Township** will meet on **April 6, 2018, 4:00 pm, at Clover Town Hall**. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 14th day of March, 2018
Joel Wraa, Clerk of Clover Township

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Representative Matt Grossell Legislative Update District 2A

Friends, This week is "deadline week" in Saint Paul, meaning committees are even busier than ever giving bills their first hearings this session so the bill can move on in the process. I have multiple bills being heard this week, including my efforts to keep those who have taken a plea deal in a case regarding a sex crime from driving school buses. Will also be presenting my bill to provide funding for the last one-room school in the state, the Angle Inlet school up at the Northwest Angle.

Session Priorities

This week I had the opportunity to chat with the Bemidji Pioneer about the 2018 Legislative Session. I, along with other legislators in the area, highlight the importance of



the Bemidji Veterans Home project and other key projects for our area. I also spoke about the importance of my push to toughen up the laws regarding criminal sexual conduct and child pornography in Minnesota. See the full Bemidji Pioneer article here.

Rep. Grossell in committee this week

Please continue to stay in touch to share your thoughts or concerns. My phone number is 651-296-4265 or you can email me at rep.matt.grossell@house.mn.

Have a great week and God bless!
Matt

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor I've been a member of Clearwater Polk Electric for over 50 years. Their billing was OK years ago - but now I get fees for over \$250.00 a month plus the actual bill. These fees should be printed at the annual meeting The board has to buy power from Min-Kota or Canada to get back to reality. Dick Aos

Letter to the Editor The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ruled that the Final Environmental Impact Statement that was developed for the Line 3 Replacement Project is adequate. This has been the most extensive EIS related to a pipeline project in the history of Minnesota. State agency staff spent 16 months drafting the 2,000 pages of analysis that was developed in accordance with the law. It addresses the potentially significant issues and alternatives raised in scoping and incorporates input gathered in 49 public meetings and multiple comment periods. The EIS confirms that the replacement of Line 3 as proposed by Enbridge is a superior outcome to the continued operation of the existing Line 3 and to any alternative means of transporting crude oil by truck or rail.

We would like to thank the Department of Commerce and the supporting agencies for their considerable work in developing the EIS and administering the process in a professional manner. We will continue to work cooperatively with regulatory and permitting authorities, government agencies, elected officials, Tribal leadership and the public as we proceed with the regulatory process in Minnesota for this important safety driven maintenance project. The EIS further supports that our preferred route is the optimal solution when considering tribal, environmental and other resources of concern. •The preferred route scores much better than the two options considered to replace Line 3 within the existing right of way. •The preferred route scores very similarly to the most southern route alternative however that route has the potential to significantly impact drinking water areas. •The most northern route scores well versus the preferred route but requires a new right of way to developed through the Chippewa National Forest when the preferred route largely uses existing utility corridors.

It also requires the line to be replaced on the Fond du Lac reservation when the tribe has made it clear they do not want the pipeline on their reservation. Shannon Gustafson Communications Supervisor, U.S. Liquids Pipelines & Projects

Letter to the Editor I attended this information meeting held Feb. 28 in Clearbrook. I went into the meeting somewhat intrigued about using the trail myself to traverse the state on roads less traveled. My initial response to the trail was positive. However, after listening to the many concerns of the families living next to these quiet country lanes, with some of these farms being continuously inhabited by the original 1896 homesteaders and their descendants to this day, while these folks don't think of themselves as modern day "Thoreau's" they value the peace and solitude their families have enjoyed over the last century since 1916. I also farm in Johnson and Gully township of Polk County. The proposed trail is not adjacent but passes between farms we farm.

This land is intensively farmed with large machinery, usually wider than the gravel road itself. Combine headers are 30-40 feet wide. 18 wheelers hauling grain or equipment weight 80,000 lbs. and must stay in the middle of these gravel roads. On coming traffic would have to back up, as an 18 wheeler is not going to back up 3/4 mile to an intersection to let some tourist by him. These roads are constructed of county ditch spoil, often composed mostly of peat from the ditch. Decades of gravel applied down the middle of these narrow twp. roads allow truck traffic. However the shoulders are mostly peat. Two years ago a government employee parked on the shoulder of one of these roads, locking the vehicle so it couldn't be moved. An 18 wheeler, pulling a lowboy trailer with construction equipment, who was working for us tried to go too close to the left shoulder to get around this vehicle. Fortunately the trailer didn't tip over but it was still a costly delay in a busy season getting an 80,000 lb. load out of the ditch. Gully and Johnson townships, as well as Chester of Red Lake County are lightly populated but intensively farmed. Farmers traversing these roads divert their pickup trucks onto alternate routes when they see farm equipment coming from a

mile away. Farmers drive full sized pickup with long wheel bases so drive the same speed on these single lane gravel roads as they do on the paved roads. Not all these less traveled trails have yield signs, with the law stating the vehicle coming from the right having the "right of way."

Two years ago, a pickup truck traveling west had the right of way on one of these "unsigned" intersections but a cornfield to the left obstructed his view to the left. An 18 wheeler trying to keep up with the large combines harvesting wheat on a farm to the north didn't see the pickup coming from his right because of the corn. The pickup hit the grain trailer with such force that it tipped it over and ever though the driver was buckled in, the young man died a couple days later from blunt force trauma. A few years earlier, the Mayor of Plummer, was killed on a crossroads only a mile or two from the other accident. Often these wildlife viewers are compromised by pub stops along the way. Even an extra 5 to 10 cars a day will make the situation less safe and be a hindrance to farmers. Because I've had time to think through this proposal, I now am against the proposal unless the route can follow the large county gravel roads through these areas. Johnson Twp. has 2/3 peat soils, Gully Twp. some what less. If Hwy. 92 can't be followed from Oklee, at least turn south on the large gravel road that goes to Trail. Then follow Hwy 92 over to Clearbrook and avoid the contested areas I've addressed in this letter. Sincerely, John Gunvalson

STATEMENT FROM CHAIR FABIAN ON THE PUC LINE 3 DECISION ST. PAUL, MN—Rep. Dan Fabian, R-Roseau, Chair of the House Environment and Natural Resources Policy & Finance Committee issued the following statement regarding today's decision by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to accept the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Enbridge Line 3 replacement pipeline. "After painstaking delays, extended deadlines, and other regulatory hurdles, it's refreshing that the Public Utilities Commission has allowed the Line 3 pipeline project to take a small step forward by accepting the final environmental impact statement. This project will protect our environment, grow good-paying jobs, and generate billions in economic growth for communities across northern Minnesota; we hope regulatory agencies will allow this project to continue through Minnesota's stringent review processes as quickly as possible, without additional unnecessary delays or roadblocks."

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners March 10 - Robert Larson, Wilton, \$20. March 11 - Celia Beck, Bagley, \$20. March 12 - Jan Hoie, Bagley, \$20. March 13 - Breanna Maruska, Bagley, \$20. March 14 - David Titera, Bagley, \$20. March 15 - Wayne Wilde, Shevlin, \$20. March 16- Diane Langseth, Leonard, \$20.

Fundraiser for Ukraine Ministry The First Baptist Church in Clearbrook will be hosting its annual Rummage and Bake Sale fundraiser for our Ukraine Ministry on April 7th at the old school small gym in Clearbrook. The gym will be full of Household items, including furniture, décor, kitchen items and such. Also Sports equipment, Books, Movies, Toys and more. Clothing of all sizes as well. Baked goods will be on sale and the men will be grilling burgers and brats for sale beginning at 10:30, weather permitting. Anyone wishing to donate items of value are encouraged to bring them to the gym the afternoon before, between 3pm and 6pm. For the past 16 years the First Baptist Church of Clearbrook has had a Sister Church in Stepanki Ukraine. Teams from Clearbrook travel to Ukraine each summer to assist with Vacation like Bible Schools for 200 or more children. In addition over the years the Stepanki Church has grown into an Orphan outreach ministry, providing housing, clothing, food and education as well as sharing the Gospel to older boys who no longer are eligible for State Sponsored Orphanages.

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: jengebre@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us) or we are on Facebook! PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST A WEEK AHEAD OF CLASS. PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE Community Education, Early Childhood Education, representatives from New York Life Kurt



The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club will be hosting the landowners dinner on March 23rd at the club house in Leonard. The annual meeting for the Headwaters Mutual Insurance Company formerly of Gonvick and the Lakeland Farmers Insurance Company of Bemidji will be held on Saturday, March 24 at the Blackduck Senior Center. Meeting starts at 11:00 am with the lunch to follow. There will be door prizes. The Gully Tri-Coop Association will be having their annual meeting on Saturday, March 24th. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served by the Lund Ladies Aid. Door prizes will be given away and there will be musical entertainment by Tim Johnson and Steve Rasmussen. Helmer Hanson will be 99 on the 28th of March. It would be fun if he got 99 cards. The cards can be sent to Glenn Hanson at 5219 West Arrowhead Road, Hermantown, MN 55811. Sand Valley Lutheran Church is having their annual Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, March 24 staring at 9:00 a.m. The Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors awarded \$54,014 through their Arts Access Grant program, Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Education was awarded \$1,189 to bring Prairie Fire Children's Theater to direct the play Tom Sawyer, for local performers from age seven to adult, as part of their Summer Recreation program. June 22 & 23, 2018. Arna Rennan will be providing Norwegian music and stories at the Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick on Friday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a Scandinavian meal served starting at 5:00 p.m. Call for reservations for the meal 218-776-2789. The Gonvick Lions Club is planing a benefit for Chris Paulson. The event will be held at the Clearbrook Community Center

Philion & Patrick Jensen along with Sarah Bjerklie from Buehler Law Office are presenting an opportunity for young families to learn why wills and planning for your child's future are so important. Learn about the benefits of early planning and ways to protect their future. A MEAL will be provided from 5:45-6:05. Gym time will be provided for the children with adult and older student supervision while parents/adults will meet in the commons to learn about ways you can prepare for and protect your child/s future. PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 21. CALL ECFE ROOM AT 776-3112 Ext 223 to register. Leave name and how many family members will be attending.

CG Elementary Gym/Commons Mon, Mar 26 No Fee 5:45-7:15 WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR Police Chief Dan Gazelka and volunteers The first portion of this class will be discussion on situational awareness and how to avoid scenarios before they happen as well as mental and physical preparation. MN statues and laws governing use of force and self-defense will also be covered. Dan will explain common tools, equipment and weapons available for self-defense. The second half of the class will be hands-on, covering basic punches, blocks and strikes; escapes from chokes, headlocks and restraints. Please wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing for the demonstration portion the class. Meet in the old band room (Melody Room) at the Clearbrook Community Center Mothers and daughters are encouraged to attend, but significant other men are welcome to attend to learn and encourage support...you may be asked to assist the instructor as a demonstration prop. This class is a public service. The fee is for Community Education. Tuesday, March 27 6:30-8:30 PM Clearbrook Com Cen \$3.00 each / Max \$5.00/family "Early Bird" Garage & Craft/Vendor Sale GARAGE AND CRAFT 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 28. (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 BASKET WEAVING: These basket weaving classes are both beginner level but if you have previous experience they will still be challenging! SPECIAL: Sign up for both classes for \$35.00 (\$5.00 off). Materials fee is \$6.00 per basket payable to the instructor. Instructor Pat Galloway has extensive experience teaching basket making. Minimum 5, Maximum 10 students. BERRY PICKING BASKET Come weave a berry picking basket with us. This medium basket has a 5" X 6" base and stands 4" tall, plus its handle. Plan to work steadily for two nights to finish this basket. Please register one week before the class so instructor can order supplies. Tue & Thur, April 3 & 5 6:00-8:30 PM CG Commons \$20.00 MEDIUM TWILL BASKET Come weave a medium twill basket with us. This basket has a 5" X 7" base and stands 4" tall. Past knowledge of twill weaving would be helpful but is not required. Plan to work steadily for two nights to finish this basket. Mon & Tue, April 16 & 17 6:00-8:30 PM CG Commons \$20.00

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Thank you Eilene Lien and Sue Eck for giving me the names of the people who were in the From Our Files picture last week. From the Clearbrook Class of 1966 they were from left to right front row: Carol Nordlund Van Denboom, Linda Shelquist Ostrom, Phyllis Bagaason Lanske, Judy Moen Bue, Darlen Dahlberg Walberg. Back row: Bradley Johnson, Bill Johnson, Eileen Enebreton Rhen, Darrell Engebretson and Hyle Anderson.

From our files....



These ladies were always busy serving food at various functions. From left to right: Maggie Christianson, Hazel Dolalie and Bernice Oftelie. Doesn't that sound like some great Scandinavian names.

Muffins for moms, grandmas and aunts

Many moms, grandmas and aunts were honored at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. The food service staff served muffins, milk, juice, and fruit to the many who attended the early morning event.



Commissioners..
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County Engineer, Dan Sauvé received approval of two agreements for the construction of one block of CSAH 41, 4th Street in Bagley. The first is with MN Dot for the construction, and the second agreement is with the City of Bagley for them to maintain the storm sewer and sidewalks after the construction is completed.

A resolution to enter into a cooperative construction agreement with the City of Clearbrook was also approved to reconstruct some of the roads in

Clearbrook which are being impacted by the city's water and sewer replacement project.

The Board approved the payment of Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$91,840.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox received approval of the terms and conditions of two right-of-way easements valued at \$114,302 to Enbridge Energy for the Line 3 Proposal.

Four-Legged Lake: Commissioner Neal Illies brought up the Four-Legged Lake issue, indicating that the RLWD has not changed their current stance of not allowing the ditch abandonment, and wanting to

lower the lake level for it to become a catch basin.

"Their engineer will be ready to report in a few months," the Commissioner said. "I would like the Commissioners to consider whether we should change our stance to not allow a flood reduction project, and leave it the way it is."

Commissioner John Nelson said he has believed that to be the best approach for some time. Commissioner Illies plans to do more work on this issue.

The Auditor-Treasurer was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$93,279 for the County Revenue Fund and \$25,415 for the Nursing Ser-

vice Fund.

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

City council..

Continued from front page Day Party held March 17th. There would be food specials, drinks specials and a DJ from 9pm to 1am.

The Clearbrook Community Club has been remodeling the pull tab area in the Liquor Store. Some electrical work needed to be done.

Maintenance Report/Update: - Jason Bakke

Been using the road grader to plow streets. Everything has been going well.

Will hold off on purchasing a new pick up for right now.

Will need to bill the County for plowing the streets. Jason & Lucie can work on this. Will need to find out how to do it.

City Clerk Update:

Auditors were on site and have follow up and additional information to get to them. Discussion held on the Liquor Store being in the red for 2017.

Discussion held on how to pay for the new fire truck, the warrant and the Fire Department CD. 2018 Fire Contracts were discussed. Shawn Johnson made a motion to increase the fire contracts by 3% for 2018; Gary Prosser seconded the motion; with Tom Davis abstaining; all others present approved; motion carried.

Discussion held on the last Freeberg and Grund invoice.

Letter from the City of Bagley was read for the use of the truck.

Discussion held on rebuilding the pumps for the pool & kiddie pool. Jason will price out buying new compared to having them rebuilt. Discussion held on ordering needed items for the pool: an umbrella, diving board, hand railing and vacuum. Funds for those items was donated by the Clearbrook Community Club. A motion to purchase an umbrella, diving board and vacuum for the pool was approved.

Discussion held on the upcoming Dam restoration project. DNR Permit has been received. Will talk to Jeff Jorgenson about still being the contractor for the project. If not interested, the City will need to look for a new contractor.

2018 Committees were reviewed and updated with the new council members.

The City was approached by the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center about moving snow from them when the snow is moved for the Fire Hall. Normally not done by the City, but will be an exception for the Senior Center. Gary Prosser made a motion to move snow for the Senior Center when the snow is moved for the Fire Hall for a charge of \$25 per time; Shawn Johnson seconded the motion; all others present approved; motion carried.

Meeting closed to discuss employee matter. A motion to offer the City Maintenance Position to Mark Snobol, pending a back ground check and pre-employment drug screen was made.

Resolutions:

Resolution 2018-09: Donations for January 2018 was approved and carried.

OTHER MOTIONS:

Monthly Claims Totaling \$36,063.34; Tom Davis and Shawn Johnson made and seconded a motion to accept as presented. Motion carried.

Additional Claims Total-

ing \$104,079.26; Tom Davis and Shawn Johnson made and seconded a motion to accept as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of North Country Hardware claims of \$14.41 and \$726.91 for January 2018 was

made and seconded by Tom Davis and Gary Prosser to accept as presented, with Shawn Johnson abstaining. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Feminism and American Religion

Feminism and American Religion in the Revolution's Wake, 1780s-1840s will be presented on Monday, March 26th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Bemidji Public Library 509 America Avenue NW, Bemidji, MN 56601

In the Revolution's wake, American society underwent radical cultural shifts. Throughout the country, ordinary men and women were stirred by the Founders' promises of liberty and equality to value self-empowerment and self-expression. Freedoms multiplied for American men and women. Like the rest of society, American religion became more democratic in the years after 1776. Upstart religious sects, like the Baptists and Methodists, challenged gender and racial inequalities by questioning slavery and pro-

viding key leadership roles for women and African Americans.

This lecture will explore the relationship between American religious ideals and the start of the feminist movement in the early nineteenth century. It will demonstrate that many of the nation's foremost early feminists, like Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, were strongly influenced by religious ideals that they blended with the democratic ideologies of the Revolution.

The presenter, Dr. John Ellis, began teaching at Bemidji State University in fall 2013. He is currently an Assistant Professor of History in the Department of Humanities. Prior to BSU, he taught at Eastern Michigan University, and earned a PhD from Purdue University in 2010.

Catch-and-release summer walleye season announced for Lake Mille Lacs

Walleye fishing expected to be open all year; bait restrictions only apply to night walleye closure

2018 season regulations part of strategic effort to protect Mille Lacs' walleye population

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources today announced plans for the 2018 walleye fishing season on Lake Mille Lacs that seek to maximize fishing opportunities for anglers while protecting the health and sustainability of Mille Lacs' improving walleye population.

When anglers hit the water on Mille Lacs for the fishing opener on Saturday, May 12, catch-and-release only regulations will again be in effect. The lake's spawning walleye population has improved from last year, so no mid-season closures are planned.

Similar to prior years, night closure for the 2018 walleye fishing season will be in effect on Mille Lacs from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. beginning Monday, May 14. The night walleye closure remains in effect throughout the entire open-water season, which ends Nov. 30.

The catch-and-release summer season and night walleye closure are part of the DNR's continued strategic efforts to understand and improve the walleye population in Lake Mille Lacs.

The population has undergone a decline over the past two decades that has coincided with significant aquatic system changes including increased water clarity and decreased walleye productivity; the introduction of zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil and spiny water fleas; a changing zooplankton community that may be altering the aquatic

food web; and declines in certain forage species, including tullibee.

"Improving the walleye population on Mille Lacs is a top priority for the DNR," said Tom Landwehr, DNR commissioner. "We want to see as much walleye fishing on Mille Lacs as possible this year. Anglers have had a very good winter walleye season on the lake and we will be able to continue that trend into the open-water season with no mid-season closure planned."

DNR Fisheries Chief Don Pereira said DNR analyses as well as external review indicate that the walleye spawning stock has increased significantly in Mille Lacs and the lake can support a larger safe harvest level of walleye in 2018, as long as a catch-and-release rule is in place.

Pereira added that a catch-and-release season should also allow the state to account for a portion of the excess walleye kill in 2016 and 2017. With catch-and-release measures in place this summer, some of the fish caught and returned to the water may die, a condition known as hooking mortality. The likelihood of fish suffering hooking mortality increases as water temperatures warm. Fish that die as a result of hooking mortality are counted against the state's harvest allocation.

State and tribal allocations

The state of Minnesota and Chippewa bands that cooperatively manage Lake Mille Lacs have yet to set the safe harvest level for 2018 and discussions are ongoing. These discussions follow the process outlined in protocols and stipulations arising from the U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1999 to uphold the bands' treaty rights.



Happy Easter

The First State Bank will be CLOSING early on Good Friday, March 30. Both the lobby and drive up hours will be 8:30 to 2:00.

On Easter Sunday, people around the world celebrate the miraculous resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Join us as we celebrate the Easter Season.



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Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior Varsity Boys Basketball: Boys: Jaquincy Hammer, Jake Davis, Obadiah Hammer, Gabe LaVine. Photo courtesy Starkey's Photography



Clearbrook-Gonvick Junior Varsity Girls Basketball: Front: Lauren Melby, Emma Dorman, Sydney Vakoch, Mykenzie Larson, Kynsie May, Ashley Eckman, 2nd row: Oshion Rogstad, Nyah Neadeau, Julie Lavin, Kaylee Faldet, Bailey Klema, Rose Java, GiAnne Cadreau, Back: Keisha Jones, Coach Bob Westrum, Coach Ross Faldet, Mike Lindgren. Photo courtesy Starkey's Photography

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Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears BOYS BASKETBALL

Front row: Student Manager Luke Johnson, Erick Bergman, Hunter Ehlers, Ethan Dorman, Jonny Hannes. Back row: Obadiah Hammer, Levi Nelson, Tristan Skinaway, Jonah Faldet, Bobbie Olson, Reese Danielson, Head Coach Chris Westrum, Ben Engebretson and Sam Johnson. Missing: Wyatt Buer, Maccabee Hammer, Assistant Coach Dylan Goudge and Student Manager Ben Goudge.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears GIRLS BASKETBALL

Row 1: Student Manager Ashley Eckman, Morgan Cornell, Mikala Johnson, Brynn Hetland, Student Manager Keisha Jones.
Row 2: Rachel Lavin, Kaylee Faldet, Cassie Faldet, Madelynn Faldet, Tamarara Skinaway, Assistant Coach Mike Lindgren, Lauren Melby, Emma Dorman.
Row 3: Danae Stenzel, MyKenzie Larson, Head Coach Ross Faldet, Assistant Coach Bob Westrum, Jennifer Lavin, Jackie Lynn Taflin.
Not Pictured: Student Manager Cami Johnson, Assistant Coaches Rocky Eck and Hanna Lavin.



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