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Long Lake Campground rules discussed

Commissioners hear of major step for Enbridge line 3 progress

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on March 20, 2018 to hear about Enbridge progress, Environmental Assistance Grant for the three County schools, Long Lake Campground rules, and Nursing Service RN and Health Aide hires.

Commissioner Neal Illies reported on final arguments of attorneys heard by the Public Utilities Commission in Minneapolis on March 15 regarding the Environmental Impact Study done to determine the future of the Enbridge Line 3 project.

"The meeting I attended was a Minnesota Public Utilities Commission hearing for the Enbridge Line 3 Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS). The board, after hearing arguments from the Department of Commerce, Enbridge, and attorneys representing special interest groups unanimously voted the FEIS was adequate. This is a major step in the Enbridge Line 3 replacement project," Commissioner Illies reported.

He said this opens the door to get things going and is a positive step toward construction starting in June.

Long Lake Campgrounds: Commissioner Arlen Syverson brought some issues of misconduct at the Long Lake Campgrounds to the attention of the Commissioners.

"We have had young people come to the park and misbehave, taking photos of the

park attendants, pushing kids off the dock, and messing up the shower rooms," he said. "I think it's important that we have a list of the 'Park Rules'. We mainly need enforcement and a presence there."

The harassment has taken place in the summer in spite of "Park Rules".

"Have you talked to the Sheriff?" Commissioner Dean Newland asked.

"I have talked to the Attorney, and he says the rules can be enforced. The Attorney said maybe we have to include Law Enforcement," Commissioner Syverson answered.

The misconduct would be considered misdemeanors, or possibly disorderly conduct.

It was concluded that these issues are the responsibility of Law Enforcement. One problem is that it is over 20 miles from Bagley to reach the park and the offenders are often gone before anyone can arrive.

With the camping season approaching, it was suggested if the employees can't reach the Sheriff that they should call 911.

The Commissioners' upcoming work session will devote some time to these issues, and the Attorney will be asked to attend.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht brought a resolution from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a grant application which was applied for jointly by the Clearbrook-Gonvick School and the Bagley Schools under

its FY17 Environmental Assistance Grant. Adoption of the resolution for the application was approved by the Commissioners, with Commissioner Illies abstaining.

The grant project is to implement a recyclables collection system in all three Clearwater County schools, to include compacting machines for efficient storage and transportation of the mixed recyclables.

"The grant will involve a modest cash match from the schools and substantial in-kind (meaning staff time for education of faculty and students) from the school and myself," said Mr. Hecht.

The majority of the project cost is for equipment and recycling bins, to be covered by the grant dollars if awarded.

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$47,817 for the County Revenue Fund and \$3,259 for the Nursing Service Fund.

Clearwater County Nursing Service received approval to move RN Lauri Beier from a part time to a full time position, and will work more than 1040 hours per year. The CCNS will hire Norma Erickson as a Home Health Aide and School Health Para in a temporary casual position less than 1040 hours.

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



Friday, March 31 is the day that Brad Eck will be honored on his retirement from the First State Bank in Clearbrook.

Brad Eck calls it quits after 45 years at First State Bank in Clearbrook

Friday, March 31 is the day that Brad Eck will be joining his wife Bonnie in retirement. The Clearbrook Community Center (old school) will be the place where the retirement celebration will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be a ceremony to honor Brad for his duties at the First State Bank in Clearbrook at 2:30 p.m. You can come and enjoy appetizers, beverages and good company.

Brad was a 1971 graduate of Gonvick High School and he entered University of Minnesota at Crookston to get an accounting degree to work towards getting his Certified Public Accounting, CPA.

He was working for Northern Pipeline during the summer and in 1973 Orin Bagaason, President of the First State Bank needed someone at the bank and wanted him to come in for an interview. He got the job and started working in the insurance department. He got his insurance license and he did income taxes for the season. He really enjoyed the banking part but not the insurance that he was doing.

He worked for three mem-

bers of the Bagaason Family, Orin and then his wife Carol after he died and now for his daughter Mary Jo Klinger. Brad and Mary were talking about retiring and they decided that when each of them decided it was time to retire they would do it together.

That time came and after several months of making arrangements for selling the bank it has been sold to Border State Bank. They have 10 locations: Badger, Baudette, Coon Rapids, Greenbush, International Falls, Lancaster, Middle River, Rochester DPO, Roseau & Thief River Falls. The move will become official in October of this year. In the meantime, with Brad's retirement, David Felch will be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in Clearbrook. Felch stated that, "First State Bank has always been a community bank and they intend to carry on the tradition." In January of this year Border State Bank donated \$7,500 as part of the three tier project that the City of Clearbrook is undergoing with a walking path, playground, basketball and volleyball courts and

an overhaul of the dam area. Their donation will go towards building a shelter near the new playground and walking path.

Border States mission is, "to serve our communities. We want a safe, healthy and prosperous community for our children and ourselves. We'd like to see our local businesses grow and prosper. Shop, invest, and volunteer locally. Bank Local, Shop Local."

Brad is looking forward to spring as he enjoys the outdoors. He loves to golf if his back doesn't give out on him again. He will have more time to do yard work around his home and spend time with his family. He and his wife Bonnie have three daughters, Heidi and Brandon, Stacy and Erin and Melissa and Nathan and their grandchildren which will take up some of his time.

They have a motor home and they hope to get in a little traveling now that both he and Bonnie have retired. Bonnie retired the end of 2017 after 41 years of service to the health profession as a Family Nurse Practitioner for the Bagley and Sanford Clinics.

Superintendent of Schools position offered to Burgess

The Clearbrook-Gonvick school board at their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 19 offered the position of Superintendent of Schools to Jeff Burgess. The board had narrowed their candidates down to do the interviews of the applicants that had applied. On Thursday, March 15 they interviewed Bruce Houck and Jeff Burgess. The public left after the last interview and board members discussed the two that had been interviewed. Burgess has been the principal serving the Clearbrook-Gonvick District. After the meeting on Monday, the board closed the meeting to discuss with Burgess terms and whether he would take the position.

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht informed the school board of a resolution from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a grant application which

was applied for jointly by the Clearbrook-Gonvick School and the Bagley Schools under its FY17 Environmental Assistance Grant. Adoption of the resolution for the application was approved by the Clearwater County Commissioners at their last meeting, with Commissioner Illies abstaining. The grant project was to implement a recyclables collection system in all three Clearwater County schools, to include compacting machines for efficient storage and transportation of the mixed recyclables. Three schools are Bagley Elementary, Bagley High School and Clearbrook-Gonvick site. The school would have to spend approximately \$4,500 for a fence around the machine and wiring that would have to be done. There would be in-kind work for staff and students. The majority of the project cost is for equipment and recycling bins, to be covered

by the grant dollars if awarded. Hecht stated that in three years the project would be revenue neutral or save money for the district. Student Program groups can help with the recycle from the classrooms. Concern was who would be able to fix it if something went wrong.

Sarah Goudge gave the slide presentation on the Spotlight on Education. The show included what was going on in several of the classes the past month. The building trades class is busy building a deer stand for the Gully Sportsmens Club. There will be an art exhibit at the Fire Side in Bagley for K-12 students. The artist reception will be held on April 20. They are looking for judges.

Principals report
Principal Jeff Burgess informed the board that testing

School board...
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Al Rogalla shares his philosophy as Clearwater County Attorney

By Karen Edelbach
"Change is good, and it's fun to be back on the job, and experience really matters," Al Rogalla says casually. "My experience in the Marine Corps, as a prosecutor and administrator have helped me to see what is needed to be effective as County Attorney."

Starting his 11th week as Clearwater County Attorney, he wants to share the philosophy that has developed for both his personal and professional life as a result of his experience.

"I'm working on building teamwork between the departments here, and am learning to know the names. Teamwork within the County Departments improves the services

the departments can offer Clearwater County citizens. Teamwork is the most cost effective way to do County business," he says.

He says the transition from Pennington to Clearwater County has been okay because the problems are similar, and although it is a different county, as a result he is able to work through them in a positive way. "My experience coming in is a big help, as I have colleagues that I can call on and ask them, 'What do you think?' if I don't know the answer."

In 2006 when first elected and before he was in the leadership role that he is now in, Attorney Rogalla was reading about an IRAQ Vet, Major Zem-

biec, who was killed in May of 2007. The Major's story resonated with Al, and from that he got his inspiration to develop his Philosophy of Life, which he says he reads every day.

Here is what he has assimilated from that Veteran's Statement of Beliefs, and uses to live by daily:

"Be a man of principle. Fight for what you believe in. Keep your word. Live with integrity. Be brave. Believe in something bigger than yourself. Serve your country."

"Teach. Mentor. Give something back to society. Lead from the front. Conquer your fears.

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Donuts with dad was the event at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School that had many fathers going to the school early in the morning. The food service staff at the school provided the breakfast for the many who attended.

Top photo is the Lavin Family, middle picture is the Westrum Family and shown at the bottom is the Sather family.



Community Calendar

Sand Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery Association, Inc. Annual Meeting
The Sand Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery Association, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Monday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sand Valley Church in Trail. We will be making plans for cemetery cleanup day along with the regular business. All members are encouraged to attend and anyone interested in the cemetery is invited to attend.

Meeting changed
The next Gonvick City Council meeting has been switched to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday April 11th at the Gonvick Community Center.

Want to visit Cuba?
Are you interested in visiting Cuba? Come to the program at Faith Lutheran Church on **April 2, 2018** at 2:00 p.m. & hear the latest news about a country lost in time. You will hear about their history, their present-day challenges, their years of living under Communist rule. Is the immigration process to America still going strong? How can you take a trip to Cuba? How much does it cost? What are some of the hazards? Is it safe? Jill Torgerson will share some of her experiences from going there on a short term mission trip in 2016 with Leif Hetland Ministries. There will be a question & answer time after the power point program, followed by a delicious lunch. Come! Grow! Experience!
All members of the community are welcome (men included)!

Bagley City Council approves TIF funds
The Bagley City Council at their March meeting approved the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for Galens Super Market owner Greg Leintz. This will help for him to be able to purchase the Bagley Mercantile building on the north side of his building to expand the grocery store if and when the current owner Dave Lee, retires and vacates the area.
The city authorized \$130,000 in TIF for the project. The property owner will pay the property taxes and the city will pay the tax increments.

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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

Card of Thanks
We would like to thank everyone who attended the memorial services, sent cards, flowers, prayers, and their sympathy with the loss of our husband, father and grandfather, Marion White. Special thank you to Pastor Loren for his beautiful service and Carlin Funeral Home for handling all the arrangements.
Kandys White, Laurie & Wade Burrack & family

Today In Banking
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Easter: A Celebration Of The Risen Christ
But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."
-Matthew 28:5-6
At Easter, we remember Christ's death on the cross at Calvary and celebrate His miraculous resurrection and victory over death.

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Township officers pass resolution
The Clearwater County Township Association meeting was held on Tuesday, March 29 at the Bagley Senior Center.
Stephanie Anderson, Secretary Treasurer for the group had the meeting scheduled with Mary Straka. She is with the Minnesota DNR, Parks and Trails Division, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.
Pros and Cons for the Border to Border Touring Route were discussed with approximately 35 members of various townships in attendance.
After about two hours of discussion the group went on record with a vote of 17 to 13 to go with the resolution that had been approved by the Clearwater County Commissioners. They were to send the vote to the Commissioners who at their December 13, 2017 meeting had expressed their opposition to this proposed route though the county.

Kids Program at the History Center in Shevlin
History Kids: A World War I Soldier's Life
Who were the doughboys? What was trench warfare? Come to the History Center in Shevlin and learn about the lives of soldiers from 100 years ago. Try on a uniform, taste some rations, make your own periscope, and more!
Who: Ages 7-10
When: Saturday, April 7, 2018, 10:00 to 11:00a.m.
Afterwards, tour our new World War I Exhibit!
Where: Clearwater County Historical Society in Shevlin. (Use back door on the north side and come to the meeting room)
Cost: \$2.00 per child
For more information, call Bonnie at 218-785-2000

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.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals
Wed., March 28 - Lasagna, California Blend Veg., Pears, Garlic Bread and Milk.
Thurs., March 29 - Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, with Gravy, Creamed Peas, Fruit Salad, Bread and Milk.
Fri., March 30 - Ham Boiled Dinner with Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Peaches, Cornbread and Milk.
Mon., April 2 - Chicken Chow Mein, Rice/Chow Mein Noodles, Oriental Veg. Cookie, Bread and Milk.
Tues., April 3 - Liver or Pepper Steak, Buttered Potatoes, Peas, Cake, Bread and Milk.
Wed., April 4 - Chef Salad, Muffin, Brownie 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.

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Be a good friend. Be humble and self-confident. Appreciate your friends and family...
"This felt right to me," Al says. "So I adopted his philosophy."
In addition to this, he says his goal is to treat everyone fairly and respectfully while balancing the interests of the victims, defendants, and those of our community. He listens to all sides before making a decision.
"I make decisions everyday. If I am armed with information from all sides, then I can make the best decisions. Victims come in and want the harshest penalty, that is until it is their loved one that is charged with a crime. I must balance these interests while holding people accountable for their criminal behavior. I must come up with a fair proposal of consequences."
"I don't believe most people are 'True Criminals'. Most who do criminal acts are people who make bad decisions, and I need to hold people accountable for their criminal behavior."
"But if you fool me once, and I see your name again, I will remember you. I look for the true criminals and I will throw the book at you, the full weight of the law!"
"Be a leader and not a follower. Be valorous on the field of battle. And take responsibility for your actions," is the final statement in Al's philosophy. His field of battle is in determining fair justice for the people he serves in Clearwater County.

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.
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.
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., March 28: 6:30pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice
Thurs., March 29: 6:45 pm, Maundy Thursday Service with Communion.
Fri., March 29: 6:45 pm, Good Friday Service.
Sun., Apr. 1: 8:00am Easter Sunday Breakfast; 9:00am Easter-Sunday Worship/Communion.
Mon., April 2: 7:00 pm, Worship Committee Joint
Wed. April 4 - 6:00 pm Supper/Confirmation/6t-7th Grade Bible Study.
Our Savior's
Fri., March 30: 5:15pm Good Friday Service.
Sun., April 1: 9:30am Easter Sunday Breakfast; 11:00am Easter Sunday Worship/Communion.
Mon., April 2: 4:45pm Congregational Life Committee.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH
1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6
Senior Pastor Larry Dorman
Associate Pastor Jim Binder
Youth Pastor Brad Binder
Children's Minister Nicky Ubert
www.countryfaith.org
218-776-3367
cfchurch@gvtel.com
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept - May); 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (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 28: 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting.
Thurs., March 29: 6:30 pm Maundy Worship Service/Holy Communion.
Sun., April 1: Easter Sunday, 7:00 AM Sunrise Service/Holy Communion 8AM-11AM Easter Breakfast served by Confirmation Students, 10:30 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., March 28: 2:00 PM United WNALC meets. Hostess and Devotions by Louise Sundquist.
Fri., March 30: Good Friday 6:30 PM Worship Service.
Sun., April 1: Easter Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Wed., March 28: 6:30 p.m. AWANA.
Thurs., March 29: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Sat., March 31: 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sun., April 1: Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. Breakfast; 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Coming Event: April 7 Ukraine Fundraiser Sale
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.
CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Thu, Mar. 29: Maundy Thursday services: 5:00 p.m. Mt. Olive. 7:00 p.m. Oak Park.
Fri, Mar. 30: Good Friday services: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 7:00 p.m. Nazareth.
Sat, Mar. 31: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive Easter Service.
Sun, April 1: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri; 9:45 a.m. Nazareth; 9:45 a.m. Oak Park SS, 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.
Wed, April 4: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 7:00 p.m. LYS meeting.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed. Mar. 28: 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study.
Sun, April 1: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School.
Tue, April 3: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study.
Wed, April 4: 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
Thu, Mar. 29: Maundy Thursday at Lund - 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich. 7:00 p.m. Services. First Communion for 5th graders.
Sun, April 1: Easter Morning Service: 9:00 a.m. Lund - Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, April 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday
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.
Grow It! opens April 2, 9 AM! Friday Night Out: April 6! Scandinavian meal & Arna Rennan in concert. Call 218-776-2789 by Mar. 30 to reserve your meal. Concert tickets available at the door.
Restore It! Furniture Shop: M-W-F, 10-4 and Sat., 9-12 noon. Open until 8:00 PM, Friday, April 6.
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.
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SPOTLIGHT

March Elementary Students of the Month



March Elementary Students of the Month pictured in front left to right: Drayden Cobenais-Neadeau, Charlie Walser, and Caroline Machlitt. Pictured in Back Left to Right: Tavia Johnson, Cole Anderson, and Jace Dyrdaahl. Not pictured: Blayten Bensen.

March Elementary Students of the Month
Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it. ~ Mar-iam Wright Edelman

Name: Caroline Machlitt, Kindergarten
Parents: Ben and Kori Sibling: Amelia

Comments: Caroline is a fun gal to have in class! She is a good friend and is quick with a smile. Caroline works hard in class and is always energetic. She does careful work and is great at coloring! She loves to play "cats" with her friends and also spends time at the art center at playtime. Her friends all think she is a good best friend and nice. Caroline is having a great kindergarten year! Keep it up and Way To Go Caroline!

Name: Charlie Walser, Grade 1

Parents: Brian and Brandi Walser **Siblings:** Brian and Madison

Comments: Charlie has made great strides in our class! He faithfully attends school and is never late! He likes to read with his partners, do educational games on the computer, and believes that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect. Charlie for all your good effort, you deserve this award! Congratulations!

Name: Drayden Cobenais-Neadeau, Grade 2

Parents: Rebecca Neadeau and Derrick Cobenais **Siblings:** Derecca, 7th; Derrica, 6th

Comments: Drayden is a wonderful student to work with. He is always very cooperative and enjoys doing his jobs and especially being the teacher of his group. He works very hard at school and has superb attendance. We really like your smile, Drayden! Keep up the great work and positive attitude!

Name: Blayten Bensen, Grade 3

Parents: Brian and Parisha Bensen **Siblings:** Braden, Breken, Broden, and Brysen

Comments: If you ever need to know the square root of

a certain number, this guy can help you out! Blayten enjoys working with numbers and discovering new strategies to solve problems. If he isn't working on math, he is busy reading his own book or looking over somebody's shoulder reading their book. Blayten is a character to have in class and is always ready to make us laugh! Congratulations Blayten!

Name: Cole Anderson, Grade 4

Parents: Kyle and Nikki Anderson **Siblings:** Kaylee (12th grade) and Kelsee (7th grade)

Comments: Cole is an awesome student to have in class! He has so much energy and excitement that he puts into everything he does. Cole is an avid reader and works hard in other areas as well. He not only excels with his academics, he is an amazing friend to all! If anyone (student or staff) asks Cole for help, he is always willing and accepts the request with a smile. His positive attitude is contagious! Congratulations, Cole!

Name: Tavia Johnson, Grade 5

Parents: John & Sheila Johnson **Siblings:** Kelsey (8), Travis(1)

Comments: Tavia is an outstanding person in so many ways. Not only does she always work hard on every assignment,

but she is a wonderful friend to many. Everyday she comes to school with a positive energy. She lights up the room with her smile and excitement about learning new things. Each day she is eager to learn, and that desire to do her best is shown through her work. She never rushes to get things done, but puts in the time so that the assignment is done well. Tavia deserves the honor of student of the month! Congratulations, Tavia!!

Name: Jace Dyrdaahl, Grade 6

Parents: Trent Dyrdaahl and Pam Dyrdaahl

Siblings: Chance & Ty Dyrdaahl, Ashley & Brittany Kroening

Comments: Jace is a great student to have in class. His peers would agree that in a time of need, Jace is there for them. He is sincere and true to his word. Jace has made huge gains in his academics this year. Recently, the students wrote a personal narrative about a time in their life that they struggled with something. His writing was very impressive and stood above many. Jace's peers nominated him for this award. "Jace always makes me laugh." "Jace is very athletic." "Jace is kind to others." Congratulations, Jace! You are well-deserving of this award!

School News

NO SCHOOL: Friday, March 30 & Monday, April 2 for Spring Break

Art Auction & Exhibition: The art students are having a Silent "ART" Auction consisting of a variety of original art and jewelry. It will next week—Monday, March 26 through Thursday March 29. The items will be in the faculty lounge most of the time but in the cafeteria during lunch hours on Wed and Thur. Grade 8-12 may bid on those days. The money raised will go toward the art exhibition that runs April 18 to April 20 with an artists' reception on Friday, April 20 from 6 to 8 PM. The exhibition will be at the Fireside in the patio room. A few students will give brief artists talks. The public is invited; no charge, and there will be hors d'oeuvres, desserts,

and punch served at the reception. Mary Gerbracht kindly donated the space and will be providing appetizers and such free of charge.

C-G Staff, family & friends are encouraged to attend to support the talent of the young artists from Clearbrook Gonvick Schools as grades K through 12 will be represented in the exhibition. Invitations will be sent home with students and others will be mailed out to community members, businesses and regional arts organizations. Staff will get invites in their mailboxes.

BLOOD DRIVE: Don't forget to sign up for the blood drive Wednesday, April 11. Some ways to sign up are, Online: at www.bloodhero.com sponsor code: clearbrookgonvickhs, in the school office, Call: 218-776-3112 Ext 405 or Email: James Bettin jbettin@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us

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

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOLS, Independent School District 2311 16770 Clearbrook Lake Road Clearbrook, MN 56634 Email: jburgess@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us or Telephone: 218-776-3112 Position Opening Para

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:

Instagram: [counselormegang](https://www.instagram.com/counselormegang). Twitter: @CounselorMeganG. Check out the School Counselor Website <https://sites.google.com/a/clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us/schoolcounselor/>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: Tue, March 27: V Track at BSU at 11:00 am. Release at 8:45. Leave at 9:00

Tue, April 3: V Track at BSU at 11:00 am. Release at 8:45. Leave at 9:00

Tue, April 3: JH track practice begins

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: Tutoring hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:20-5:20 and Wednesday 2:30- 5:20. There will be a late bus leaving at 5:30 to Red Lake.

School board... Continued from front page

starts April 9th. They are encouraging everyone to try their best. They are looking for a 4% increase in the reading scores.

The scheduling for next years' classes with the seniors has been done. They want to make sure they get all their classes to be able to graduate. He is still making some slight adjustments to the schedule based upon priorities.

There has been a meeting with the elementary teachers on the class size rate that would seem comfortable for the classrooms. They are K-1, 12 to 18; 2-3, 14-20 and 4-6, 16 to 22. They will still be looking at the most important and what the enrollment is.

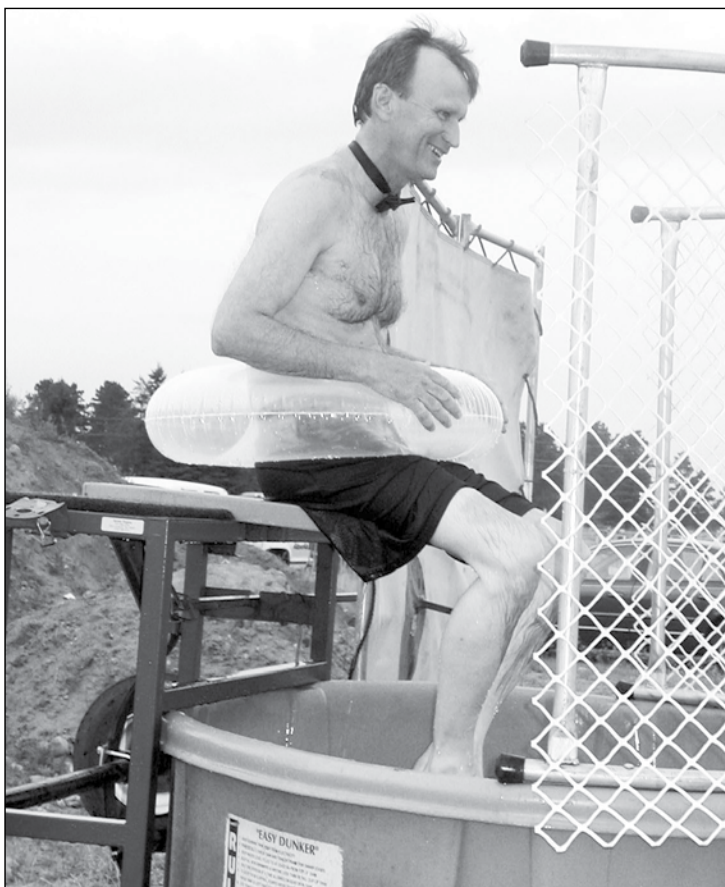
Superintendents report Superintendent Wayne Olson brought up items that were going on at the state level including Special Ed, School Safety, TRA solution and increase funding for Pre-K readiness.

Pre-School Screening is finished. They are 16 pre-school students for next year. Mrs. Churness will be at next months meeting to discuss.

Hiring process guidelines for the district was approved.

ICS contract The board approved the ICS

From our files....



Are we getting tired of winter. This picture was taken at the county fair several years ago. I wonder if John Nelson is looking forward to summer fun.

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7th Annual Bear Share Fair

THURSDAY, April 5, 4:30-6:30 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School

Everyone is welcome to come and see what our talented students are doing! Look for displays, demonstrations & activities in the Commons, by the classrooms, & in the gym. SCIENCE FAIR DISPLAYS IN THE GYM.

Fry Bread Taco Supper from 4:30-6:30 (Trap Club fundraiser) FREE WILL DONATION (suggested minimum \$5.00)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

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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: jengebre@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us) or we are on Facebook!

"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

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Meatballs, potatoes and gravy with several types of sides and desserts was served to commemorate the Last Supper during Lent at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook.



A group of volunteers portrayed the Last Supper with Jesus and the 12 disciples at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Clearbrook.
-Submitted Photos

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the editor.

In response to the news article written by Rick Langness, President of the MN Four-Wheel Drive Association in the Farmers Independent, Bagley, MN, dated March 14, 2018. Myself and many other people went to the listening session held at Clearbrook, February 28, 2018. The DNR was available to talk with as were members of the Four-Wheel Association. Mary Straka was there representing the DNR, Parks and Trails Division. I did ask her questions about the Border to Border Trail. I said, "that our Township does not want a touring trail through our township". Mary Straka responded with, "if you do not want it then it will not cross your township". That response seems to be a clear answer in my mind. The Townships of Clearwater County were very clear at this listening session, No Border to Border Trail wanted. The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners have also sent a Resolution against the Border to Border Trail. There have been many resolutions sent and more coming. So, once again who is listening out there and being truthful. The answer was NO to the Touring Trail. After reading the article written by Rick Langness in the Farmers Independent. I knew I needed to do some more research. When you say in you comments Mr. Langness, that "you attribute any resistance mostly to outdated misperception". The DNR and the MN Four-Wheel Association have done little to nothing to contact each township with a letter or phone call to be put on the agenda. So, in my opinion the misperception falls on the DNR and the Four-Wheel Drive Association. I can honestly say that, because there is a picture representing the Border to Border Touring Route with a red jeep driving down a rugged rocky road which visually states who you are (or) what you want to be known as represents my opinion. There was one local township that spotted the hearing about the Touring Trail proposal on the DNR website that evening in Bemidji. That Township and one Commissioner managed to attend that hearing last year. There was no time to inform any other township to attend. This was the first we had heard about the proposed Touring Trail. Once again your commitment to working and building a strong beneficial relationship with the local government has failed. We have Township Boards that meet and take care of the business presented at their monthly meeting. In my research I found articles, one dated July 14, 2016 in the Minneapolis Tribune about the proposed Touring Trail; author of the article is Pat Pfeifer. Everyone should look it up and read it. Read what Ron Potter has commented on as well as Mary Straka. In 2015, the Legislature of Minnesota approved \$150,000 for planning the trail. Once again, the DNR and the Four-Wheel Drive Association had no approval from the local government. It is 2018 now and a proposed map of the Touring Trail is crossing the northern townships in Clearwater County. Did you get permission from the Townships to cross? When you say that Townships and Counties receive state funds for these roads and are open to

highway-licensed vehicles. You are right, we also levy against the residents of the Township for extra dollars to maintain our roads. Townships have approximately 55,000 miles of roads to manage. Does anyone think the State of MN pays all the road maintenance on these roads? We also levy for fire protection to help make fire insurance more affordable and protect our residents. If you're lucky enough to live in a watershed district, guess what? The watershed also levies against the residents of the township.

In 2017, the 7 townships that belong to the Wild Rice Watershed District in Clearwater had \$40,000 plus dollars levied against the residents. My township paid \$9,000 plus dollars in 2017.

In the 2000 Census, we had a population of 283 with 97 households and 76 families in the township consisting of 36.1 square miles. In 2018, the Wild Rice Watershed has levied \$56,000 plus dollars against these 7 townships. When you say the MN4WDA is sponsoring legislation for money to be accessed by local road authorities, that's commendable. The article on page 5 of the Farmers Independent states, "in response to money to repair road damage that there are no funds available now." But, the MN4WDA is asking the legislature to authorize a \$200,000 appropriation from the Off-Road Vehicle account that township, county and federal forest road authorities could access. The article also states under # (2) page 5, increased use attributable to a border-to-border touring route has caused at least a 50 percent in maintenance costs for forest roads under the claimant's jurisdiction, based on a ten-year maintenance average. Who are the federal forest road authorities? Where is the funding coming from? Somehow, it seems that the funding will be coming out of the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment passed in 2008. Please read about the Environment and Natural Resources Fund under the heading of the Clean Water and Legacy

Amendment. It reads, "The purpose of the Trust Fund is to provide a long term, consistent and stable source of funding for activities that protect and enhance Minnesota's environment and natural resources for the benefit of current citizens and future generations". I know that residents and townships at this hearing in Clearbrook asked about damages to the roads. The reply I heard, "there was little damage to any road". How does 50% imply that there is little or no damage to roads. Please read the whole article on page 5 of the Farmers Independent dated March 14, 2018. Several years ago, the DNR said they would help gravel roads that were being used heavily by the public traveling to lakes to fish. Our township filled out the paperwork and we are still waiting for the gravel. Yes, the Townships and County maintain these roads with no help from the DNR. I find it hard to get excited about a touring trail. You can already use these roads to drive and site see without it being classified as a touring trail with signs. Now, you have changed the definition of these roads and they should fall under a different classifica-

tion by the state if this is allowed to go forward. These roads are being used and marketed entirely different than what they are now. As to the patrolling of these roads, I would like the phone numbers of the DNR officers that will be patrolling. If there is trouble, then all townships will be able to contact the right official. I did not see the Sheriff at these hearings or any comment that he has been contacted. It would have been nice to have the Sheriff's concerns about the extra time and costs pertaining to the Border to Border Trail. In your closing Mr. Langness you say that you regret not to have a better riding experience through Clearwater County. Again, the Townships and the County said NO to the PROPOSED touring trail. We have met at your hearings with the DNR and Four-Wheel Drive Association. No, has been my reply and No has been the townships reply. Clearwater County Commissioners have replied with a No.

I remind you that Mary Straka said if we did not want it in our Township, then it would not go through our township. I would like to mention to any other group that is planning something in Northern Minnesota; give us the RESPECT we are due as residents living in Northern Minnesota. Is it that hard to come to the township and talk with the Board of Supervisors or the County Commissioners. I know that the DNR has closed trails down in our area to the public due to abuse and illegal activity. I don't think anyone at the State, the DNR or the Four-Wheel Drive Association thought we had any right to say no to such an invasive plan. I also talked to a person attending the hearing in Blackduck, Beltrami County.

The residents attending were not in favor of a touring trail through Beltrami County either. To the public, you may want to research the news articles about this proposed trail. There are comments about using minimum maintenance and rugged roadways to create a signed, mapped system of routes that are already open for driving. You can already drive these roads, without highlighting them on a map or putting up more signs as a designated touring trail for us to look at. If you truly need an adventure, get your maps out or your GPS and plan your own tour. We do not need to entertain anyone at the expense of the forest or roads again and again. Road restrictions will be going on soon, its spring and our roads need protection. What does the DNR stand for? What a waste of money. There are many roads in need of repair in the State of Minnesota. I think we all agree that Minnesota is in need of infrastructure. I would say that indications are definitely pointing to deteriorating bridges, roads, culverts, severs, highways and so on. Why are we leaning to destroying as much as possible these days to get our thrills or entertainment?

Contact your politicians, let them know about your concerns: Senator Paul Utke, Rep. Steve Green, Rep. Matt Grossell, Senator Dan Fabian, Senator Kent Eken and keep on going up the list.

Susan Sunderland
Lifelong Resident of Clearwater County, Bagley, MN

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

VA APPEALS TRACKING: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 23, 2018. VA and U.S. Digital Service Launch New Web Tool to Help

Veterans Track their Benefits Appeals. WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the U.S. Digital Service announced their launch of an improved Appeals Status tool to increase transparency and enable Veterans to track the progress of their benefits claims appeals. "It's important that our Veterans have the opportunity to track their appeals process in a timely and efficient manner," said VA Secretary David Shulkin. "For the first time ever, Veterans can see their place on the Board of Veterans' Appeals' docket, including the number of appeals that are ahead of them." The tool, which went live March 21 on VA's Vets.gov website, will allow Veterans to access detailed information about the status of their benefits appeals and will include alerts about needed actions, as well as estimates of how long each step of the process takes. Some Veterans who have previewed the new tool said it had given them hope and helped them understand that the process might take longer than expected.

I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (please- not anonymous...) to our Commissioners is also a valuable gauge of how this office can better serve all veterans and their beneficiaries. Office(218)694-6618/ Cell(218)556-5340 Hutch

Bake sale Saturday March 31 at the Bagley Legion

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

Fundraiser for Ukraine Ministry

The First Baptist Church in Clearbrook will be hosting its annual Rummage and Bake Sale fund raiser 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.

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CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wetrum at 7:02 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Corey Petterson, Tom Stenzel, Jeff Westrum, Tracy Imle, Richard Hetland, James Galloway, and Kris Synder. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Wayne Olson, Principal Burgess, 6 staff members, and 3 community members

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

4 **Community Comments** – A question was asked about the agenda that was faxed to the paper. A new agenda has been provided.

5 **Spotlight on Education** – Ms. Goudge did a PowerPoint presentation highlighting events and happenings since the last board meeting.

6 **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Galloway/Petterson to approve agenda as amended, moving 11.5 up to the Calendar committee report, and with the addition of item 11.8; MCU

7 **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** -

7.1 MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve minutes as presented from the January 24, 2018 regular meeting. MCU

7.2 MMS Galloway/Petterson to approve minutes as presented from the February 7, 2018 special meeting

8 **Informational Items**

8.1 **Principal Report** – **Principal Report** – Principal Burgess discussed the following items: 1) **Scheduling for Next Year** – College Ag will be offered through Northland. We are looking at solutions for 11th grade math. We discovered that we were missing some standards for 11th grade math that we are tested on in the MCAs. Several options are being discussed. The schedule will be similar to this year's schedule. 2) **Elementary Class Sizes** – Do we wish to set a class size limit? We will go through teacher teams and leadership teams to look at optimum class sizes. 3) **Personnel** - We are requesting approval to hire a new para, while shifting one para, to help in the high school. We have posted for a math and business teacher. We will look for the best fit for teachers coming in with these positions. 4) **Testing** – Testing will begin April 9th.

Teachers will be giving some of the MCA tests in the classroom using Chromebooks. Several other schools are doing this. Lab space is short with the 2nd grade split.

8.2 **Superintendent Report** – Mr. Olson discussed the following items: 1) Calendar Committee 2) Superintendent Search Update

8.2.1.1 Calendar Committee – The committee met 4-5 times. Teachers, John Lavin & Tammy Ragan gave a report on the process of choosing the calendar options.

8.2.1.2 Search Update – Supt Olson reviewed the recent survey done by staff and community members. He reviewed items that had the 5 highest challenges for the district, the 5 highest goals, the 5 attributes of the candidate, and the 5 greatest strengths of the district. Supt Olson pointed out that several questions were written by individuals taking the survey. Supt Olson reviewed areas that he had sent emails to all possible candidates, and advised that the job has been posted on several sites. Reminder emails were sent to the same group last week. We currently have 4 applicants, and Supt Olson anticipates at least 1 more applicant. This closes next Monday. The decisions that need to be made include – selection of the candidates so background checks can be done, as well as the process and when to set up interviews. Discussion was held on how to proceed. The decision was made to hold a meeting on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 to review the applications. Interviews would be held on Thursday, March 15th. Supt Olson will set up a schedule with a time starting at 5:30 p.m.

8.3 **Committee Reports** – 8.3.1 Facilities Committee – Members Hetland and Stenzel discussed items that were highlighted during the last walk through. Highlighted items included – roof, commons, gym floor. A prioritization schedule will be set up for replacement of lighting with LED lighting and fixtures.

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

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented

Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written on Board Meetings: 65652 – 65717/Wires

Payroll Checks

0030060 – 0030078

February Bills

Voucher Numbers: 51363 – 51446

Check Numbers: 65718 – 65777

Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$459,904.10

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

10 **Old Business**

10.1 **Hiring Process Guidelines**

– Tabled until March meeting.

11 **New Business**

11.1 **Personnel**

11.1.1 **Approve Resignation of Shelby Dukek** – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve. MCU.

11.1.2 **Approve Hiring of Brittany Salzer-Para** – MMS Imle/Snyder to approve. MCU.

11.2 **Approval of contract with ICS for Facilities** – Supt Olson presented contract from ICS to review current facilities approval and potential additions. Discussion was held. MMS Imle/Petterson to approve contract. MCU

11.3 **Resolution for Minnesota to Fully Fund Special Education** – MMS Petterson/Galloway to approve Resolution asking the State of Minnesota to fully fund Special Education. MCU.

11.4 **Resolution for the Federal Government to Fully Fund Special Education** – MMS Imle/Petterson to approve Resolution asking the United States to fully fund Special Education. MCU

11.5 **Approval of 2018-2019 School Calendar** – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve the calendar option #1 (short calendar) for 2018-2019.

Roll Call Vote Snyder – No, Galloway – Yes, Petterson – No, Stenzel – Yes, Hetland – Yes, Imle – Yes, Westrum – Yes. Motion Carries 4–3.

11.6 **Approval of Medical Leave for Jean Naastad effective February 12, 2018** – Leave will be without pay or benefits. MMS Imle/Petterson to approve medical leave up to 6 months. MCU.

11.7 **Approve Native American roster from Red Lake** – MMS Imle/Galloway to approve the Native American Roster. MCU

11.8 **Approval of Native American Policies and Procedures** – MMS Galloway/Imle to approve as presented. MCU.

12 **Action Items for March Meeting** –

12.1 Hiring Process Guidelines

12.2

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13 **Adjournment** – MMS Imle/Galloway to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. MCU

Next Meetings – Special Meeting – Superintendent Search - Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Interviews – Thursday, March 15th, with times starting at 5:30 p.m. (tentatively)

Regular Meeting - Monday, March 19, 2018 R1C

Benefit planned for Chris Paulson

The Gonvick Lions Club is planning 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, raffles, 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.

STORY TO SHARE!

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

Representative Matt Grossell

Legislative Update District 2A

Friends, Another busy week at the Capitol as many of my bills were heard in committee and dozens more from my colleagues were heard daily. This week I will highlight one of the most important ones.

Rep. Grossell along with Speaker Daudt standing up in support of Mining Jobs for Northern Minnesota at a recent press conference Police Protection Legislation On Thursday, the House Public Safety Committee heard the Police Protection Legislation by Public Safety Chair Brian Johnson and myself. Chair Johnson's bill (HF3610) would increase the penalty for assaulting a police officer and my bill (HF4082) bill would prevent police disarmament by local agencies.

"Any law enforcement officer that has been in these situations will tell you: there is a stark difference between assaulting an officer and resisting arrest," said Chair Johnson, a retired law enforcement officer. "It is important that we increase the punishment for assaulting the officers that selflessly serve and protect their communities every day; we owe it to these men and women to pass this bill this session."

Chair Johnson's bill will change a physical assault against a peace officer from a gross misdemeanor to a felony. It will carry a maximum sentence of up to two years in prison or a fine up to \$4,000, or both.

As a former law enforcement



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Easter Greetings to each and everyone of you. If you don't want to cook on Easter Sunday, both Sportsmans Lodge and Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick will be serving dinner. See ads this week for more information.

This weekend Shorty's in Gully will be celebrating their 10th anniversary with food, music and a dance. Congratulations to them.

Saturday, March 31 the Clearwater County Historical Society will be having their Spring Book, Bake and Craft Sale at the Bagley Legion. It starts at 9:00 a.m.

7th Annual Bear Share Fair will be held on Thursday, April 5 at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School. Science Fair exhibits and student exhibits will be available for viewing.

April 7 will be the First Baptist Church Rummage and Bake Sale and Lunch at Clear Waters Life Center in Clearbrook. Proceeds will go towards the Ukraine Missions. Also that evening there will be the Spring Sportsman's Dance at Lammers Town Hall in Solway starting at 8 that night. Music by "The Snowmen."

The snowmobile season is over. The trails will be close on April 1. I kind of wondered on Sunday night when the big flakes were coming down if we were going to get a huge amount of snow. But no luck.

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 on April 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. Doors will be opens 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, raffles, cash donations and games.

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.

Joke Time Did you hear?

About the Swedish Doctor who told his patient: "It's very important that you take this medicine exactly 30 minutes before you feel the pain."

Did you ever hear about the Swede who was asked if he had lived in Stockholm all his life. "...Not yet," he answered.

Did you ever hear about the Swede who went ice-fishing ...and returned home with 10 lbs of ice?

DNR encourages homeowners to compost, not burn

In an effort to prevent wildfires, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources urges woodland property owners to compost their yard waste rather than burn it.

"Burning should be a last resort for yard waste—especially in April and May, when wildfire risk is especially high," said Casey McCoy, fire prevention supervisor. "Composting prevents wildfires and reduces air pollution, so it's the safest possible way to manage yard debris."

For landowners who feel they must burn yard debris, now is the time to do it. That's because annual burning restrictions will take effect immediately af-

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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

Notice to Leon Township Residents

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

This may affect your 2019 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Leon Township will meet on April 10, 2018, 6:00 pm, at the Leon 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.

Lori Larson, Clerk



Members of Clearwater County 4-H attended Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics training hosted by Beltrami County 4-H leaders and fair superintendents on March 24th 2018. The meaning for LQA&E is so 4-Hers become more knowledgeable in the areas of ethics, reading and following labels, proper handling and care of animals, and speaking up for animal agriculture. Once 4-Hers have

completed the LQA&E training they become eligible to accept State Fair Trip if won at their county fair. Those 4-Hers in attendance were back row Obadiah Hammer, Wyatt Anderson, Jaquincy Hammer, Paul Ramsrud front row Jessie Anderson, Meosha Hammer, Rem Auforth, Riley Auforth, Isabella Wormboled, Aubrey River. Submitted by Paul Ramsrud Woodside Workers 4-H Club

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.



Lyndsey Jorgensen along with her daughter Charley...Miya and her niece Trinity Lene. Muffins with mom.



Par-Tee TIME

Please join us for a retirement celebration!

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM
with a special ceremony honoring Brad at 2:30 PM.

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Enjoy, appetizers, beverages and good company.



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