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Some of the many people who helped to make the Chris Paulson benefit a success. Above are ladies from Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Leonard, DonnAnn Portz, Sandy Sather and Christine Tollefson. Below are two Gonvick Lions members Janice and Matt Anderson. See more pictures in the Tri County Canary this week.



Clearwater-Polk Electric held 71st annual meeting

Members of Clearwater-Polk Electric attended the 71st Annual meeting on April 11, 2018 at the Timber Event Center in Bagley. Members took part in the health fair that was conducted by the Clearwater County

Nursing Service to check blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol. While they waited for the meeting there were a couple of games of bingo called by Harvey Miller with coffee and cookies served.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30, with invocation by Pastor Mark Nelson followed by Stacy Pittman singing the National Anthem.

General Manager Bruce Bjerke introduced the guests including Attorney Gerard Paul and guest speaker Robert "Mac" McLennan, President & CEO of Minnkota Power Cooperative.

Gerard Paul announced the board candidate winners for District 2. The two-year term was won by Leroy Riewer the incumbent. He has been on the board for the past 13 years.

He and his wife Connie live on a small farm three miles east of Bagley. They have six grown children, four daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, four granddaughters and eleven grandsons, a great granddaughter and 2 great grandsons.

The second board member for District #2, three-year term, was won by Greg Renner. Greg and his wife Jeanne live in Dudley Township. They have 1 son, daughter-in-law and 12 grandchildren. Greg grew up on a 320 acre beef farm in the Shevlin area. He has been a part of construction, retail sales, plumbing and HVAC installation and service for 37 years. He has been a board member and currently is president of the Headwaters Building Association. Greg carries a Technology Systems, Electric license. He is currently the Production/Sales Manager and Estimator at Hill's Plumbing & Heating. He takes over the position held by Harlan Highberg.

Bruce Bjerke, General Manager, informed the patrons that the operating margin for the year was \$500,829 which they will allocate to the members for 2017. The utility plant grew by \$1,002,737. They added 40 new services, 19 of those were for new homes, 14 for cabins or camp sites. Other new services were for shops, wells, radio towers, grain bins and drain tile. At the year-end, 4,829 services were connected to a network of 1,502 miles of distribu-

New Facilities Input Session planned

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board invites you to share your input regarding the School facilities.

Primary discussion concerns what facilities are needed to improve and expand the Early Childhood program.

Two meetings will be held the first on Monday, April 30, 7:00 pm at the Gonvick Community Center.

The second one will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 pm Clearbrook-Gonvick School Commons area.

Jason Splett and Glenn Chido from ICS will be there with information for the listening session.

What they hear at these two meetings will be brought to the school board for their decision to either go ahead or not to go

ahead with the addition project of the school. No voting will be done on the project.

ICS specializes in providing customized planning and project-related consulting, management and owner representation services – integrating the intricate processes of planning, funding, design, construction and ongoing facility operations.

End of the school year is fast approaching

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School board were updated on the coming events for May at their meeting on Monday, April 16. Principal Jeff Burgess, stated that testing for different age groups will continue through the second week in May. They are being done through the chromebooks in the high school. The goal for the reading is a 4% rise in proficiency. There will be a high school concert on May 14th, awards and Baccalaureate is May 23 with Graduation on May 26th. The last day of school is May 25. There will be a picnic lunch on May 22 with the track and field day being held. Mrs. Godtland has been completing the scheduling for the next school year. They have been meeting with the teachers regarding suggestions for the elementary class sizes and looking at how to shift teachers to cover.

Andy Anderson, Behavior Interventionist for the school district informed the board that the Trap Club has 23 kids out. They are in their second season. The weather has not been cooperating. The championship will be in June at Alexandria and the top ten shooters will qualify for state.

Superintendent report
Superintendent Wayne Olson stated that there were 16 applicants for the position of principal for the district. Interviews will start next week.

They plan to start negotiations with the certified staff shortly.

He has been working with ICS for the survey and presentation for the facilities meetings that will take place on April 30 at the Gonvick Community Center and May

1 at the school commons area. There will be a short presentation and then they will get input from those in attendance. The survey has been finalized and the board will try the survey.

The consent calendar was approved for the bills, electronic transfers and other banking transactions. They include: Stein's bus Service LLC \$71,992.09; BRIC \$63,518.93; Community Oil Co. \$9,213.62; Marco \$6,391.65; Renneberg Hardwood Inc \$5,692.26; Anderson Disposal \$1,809.70; Garden Valley Telephone Co. \$1,786.23

Old Business

Andrea Churness and Stacy Petterson were present with for the discussion on early Childhood education. They are done with the screening process. Parents have requested all day or more 1/2 day programs for children. They would need more space in order to provide more time. They have screened next years' students and they do have room for a couple more. They are looking at the possibility of including three year olds whose birthday is by December 31 of the next year.

New business

Discussion held on how bus messages can be handled when there is a breakdown on the route. At the present time there is no one at the school for them to call if there is a problem while they are on the route. Who would be able to call people who are waiting on their route. This will have to be checked into.

The board approved the hiring of Stacy Klinkhammer

for the next years math position that is open.

The board approved the superintendent's contract for Jeff Burgess. The first year would be \$103,000 and the second year would be \$106,000.

The board approved the resignation of Frankie Scalzo effective May 31, 2018.

The FMLA leave for Ms. Nordland was put off until the next board meeting to get clarification of the FMLA policy.

Sheriff proposal

The Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson had met with the Bagley and Clearbrook-Gonvick School Superintendents concerning veterans at the school checking doors and being around during the day. They would have no authority only to make a call to the office. Guidelines would have to be laid out. There would have to be people willing to do it 8 hours a day everyday.

Another proposal was brought up at the meeting to allow Andy Anderson one more hour per day above his normal day for extra duties. That would be considered Sheriff duty and would wear a different uniform and carry a gun. He would be the law enforcement at the school for approximately \$4,000 extra per year. No decision was made at the meeting.

School forest

Trees are falling down in the school forest that is located north of Gonvick. Land was donated by the Davids family and the board decided that guidelines for cutting the trees would have to be on next months meeting agenda.

2017 Nursing Service Evaluation

Commissioners meet Jamin Carlson the new Water Plan Coordinator

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on April 17, 2018, hearing from Soil & Water Conservation District, Nursing Service, Veteran Service Officer, and other business.

Lori Buell, District Manager, Jamin Carlson, and Chester Powell, Program Technician came to the meeting to introduce Jamin Carlson, the new Water Plan Coordinator of the Soil & Water Conservation District in Bagley.

Commissioner Dean Newland asked about the invasive species prevention program at Itasca Park. Chester Powell said they will have their own program and training, and will write their own plan. Then he will assess the plan. They receive funds for implementation of plan through Clearwater County.

Director of Nursing Marissa Hetlund brought the 2017 Agency Annual Evaluation of the service staff, including nurses, home health aides, hospice staff and volunteers. The evaluation itemized skilled nurse visits to Home Care clients (2963); home care visits (5883); homemaking visits (4358); newborn, child and par-

ent visits to clients; health promotions, immunizations, child and teen screenings and other services carried out.

Highlights listed included WIC, bicycle safety, farm safety, babysitting clinics, nutrition presentations, and Matter of Balance classes in Gonvick and Bagley. Radon detection kits are now available in the Nursing Service office for residents.

Other business brought approval to delegate nursing director to administer quality improvement programs for hospice and home care programs; purchase of nine laptop computers at a cost of \$15,151; moving of secretary Taylor Anderson and home health aide Tasha Bakke both from casual to part time status; and hiring of Bonnie Como and Lavonne Vascend as casual home health aides and homemakers. Ms. Vascend has over 10 years experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant and other experience which justifies her being hired at Step 3, \$13.67 per hour.

County Engineer, Dan Sauve' awarded the bids for summer road work to the lowest bidders at last weeks meeting. Notable was the bid for pavement markings, which

showed an increase of 33% more than the cost for the job last year; and regraveling at 17% higher. The Board approved that the lows bids be awarded as presented.

"The construction on Highway 92 will cost \$155,102, which is our cost of the project," he reported. A bike trail is being planned from Clearwater Polk area to the High School.

County Veterans Service Officer Hutch Hutchens presented the quarterly report for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2018. The "Give A Veteran A Lift" fundraiser he coordinated at Bagley High School yielded \$1,954. This was the 11th annual program.

Besides calls, visits, and other tasks, he facilitated the Clearwater County Safety Committee meetings for January and March; and attended the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs CVSO Spring Conference at Walker, Minnesota March 20-21.

No further news is available regarding the Eagle Nest project in Clearbrook.

B2B continues to draw questions about the future of a pro-

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At the County Board meeting were Lori Buell, District Manager, Jamin Carlson, new Water Plan Coordinator, and Chester Powell, Program Technician of the Soil & Water Conservation District in Bagley.



General Manager
Bruce Bjerke



Greeting the guests at the Clearwater-Polk 71st annual meeting were Travis Huot, Angie Swenson and Karen Hopke.

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Community Calendar

Gully Legion and Auxiliary meeting
The Gully American Legion and Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gully Community Center. There will be lunch and birthday cake to celebrate the American Legion 100th birthday with a meeting to follow.

Sand Valley Cemetery Association meeting
Sand Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery Association will meet to clean the cemetery on Saturday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m. Work will include raising the footstones that have settled. Please bring tools and wheel barrows. If the weather is questionable, please call 218 268-4432.

WANTED
Summer Rec coaches.
Completed 9th grade and up.
Application at Clearbrook-Gonvick School or website.
Deadline: May 3.
Info: JUDY at 776-3112, ext. 102.

BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST
Sat., April 28 8 am to 11 am
Biscuits, sausage, gravy, tater tots, orange juice, coffee
Free will donation fundraiser (Proceeds directed to kitchen and dining operation)
CLEARBROOK-LEONARD SENIOR CENTER 218-776-3154
Everyone Welcome!

Thank You
A heartfelt thank you goes out to all that attended our Ode to Spring event held at Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley on Saturday. It truly was a showing of a widespread community coming together to welcome spring. We hope you enjoyed the quilt and shawl display, visiting, brunch, speaker, and musical selections and perhaps even won a door prize. Thank you to those that bought a quilt or prayer shawl to support our ongoing mission work. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2019.
FLC WELCA

Thank You!
It is difficult to put my gratitude into words. Thank you to Jana Dyrdaahl, Jane Jorgenson, and Kim Solberg along with the Lion's Club for organizing the benefit on my behalf. Thank you to all those who gave donations of any kind to make the event so amazing! It was very heartwarming to see the response at the event - a night I will always remember. The great generosity of the surrounding communities, my family, friends, and neighbors, is nothing short of remarkable! Thank you to everyone who came to the benefit and all the people who worked the benefit - in preparation, during the benefit, and cleanup. I sincerely appreciate your prayers, love, and support.
Chris Paulson

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Some "Straight Talk" On Banking Today... That Can Make Banking Better For You...
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May 1 is May Day

Gonvick Fire Department
FAMOUS PULLED PORK DINNER ~ at the ~ Gonvick Fire Department
Sat., May 5, 2018 from 5:00-8:00
All area residents and landowners are invited!
Spring FUNDRAISER

BABY SHOWER
Come help celebrate the arrival of Crimsynn Everlee at Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick
April 28th from 1 pm-3 pm
Ellie is excited to show her sister off. Kandi to show her new granddaughter off.
Hope to see you there.

Trap Club Appreciation Day May 30
The Clearbrook-Gonvick Trap Club will host an appreciation/fun day open house on May 30, 2018 from 3-6 PM at Ruffy Brook located at 17402 490th Street, Clearbrook, MN. There will be free hot dogs, chips and pop. There will also be clay targets available for free for anyone who would like to shoot trap. If you would like to shoot, please bring a shotgun, 7.5 or 8 shot ammunition and eye/ear protection. We will do some trap related games/fun events and we will hand out a few awards. Trap Club Donors and their families, athletes and families or other interested parties are welcome to attend! We hope to see you there!

Samhold WNALC
We will be cleaning the church on Thurs., April 26 at 9 am. Please bring pails, rags and whatever cleaning supplies you have.
See you all there.

Firemen Needed
The Clearbrook Fire Department is looking for firemen. If you have questions or are interested, call JEFF 218-776-3144

THANK YOU to everybody that participated in Chris Paulson's benefit.
-From Nana

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals
Wed., April 25 - Evening Meal Roast Turkey and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Fruit Short Cake, Bread and Milk.
Thurs., April 26 - Hamburger with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Beets, Angel Food Cake, Bread and Milk.
Fri., April 27 - Sloppy Joe, Potato Salad, Beans, Mandarin Oranges and Milk.
Mon., April 30 - Hamburger, Oven Brown Potatoes, Cream Corn, Peaches, Bread and Milk.
Tues., May 1- Salmon, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fresh Fruit, Bar, Bread and Milk.
Wed., May 2 - Chicken in Cream Sauce, Rice, Cookie, 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.

Commissioners... Continued from front page
posal for Clearwater as well as other counties. Commissioner Dan Stenseng said that what is in the County's favor is that local road authority has the say over what signage is put up on our roads, and MnDot for Hwy. 2. They have received no approval for signage on county roads. Several Commissioners said they would like to see the DNR bring their proposal to the County for an actual vote, which would be "No". County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$17,386 for the County Revenue Fund and \$6,557 for the Nursing Service Fund. All Commissioners were present at the meeting: Daniel Stenseng, Dean Newland, John Nelson, Neal Illies and Arlen Syverson.

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners
April 14 - Janice Volstad, Burlington, WI, \$20.
April 15 - Alroy Lewis, Bagley, \$20.
April 16 - Darin Bauck, New York Mills, \$20.
April 17 - Aimee Gerlofs, Pinewood, \$20.
April 18 - Lainey Fawver, Clearbrook, \$20.
April 19 - Gary Jensen, Benson, \$20.
April 20 - Jacob Anderson, Clearbrook, \$20.

History Kids Program: Happy Birthday, Minnesota!
In May Minnesota will be 160 years old! The History Center in Shevlin is celebrating with a History Kids Birthday Party on May 5. We will celebrate by sampling a Minnesota State Muffin, Beverage, and Apple. We'll also play Minnesota State Symbol Bingo and other games. Who: Ages 5-11 When: Saturday, May 5 10:00-11:00 a.m. Where: Clearwater County Historical Society meeting room in Shevlin (Enter through the back door on the north side). Cost: \$2

Annual Festival
Call for Artists
Call for Authors
Call for Classic Cars
Call for Musicians
Farm By The Lake 5th Annual Festival!!
Sunday August 26 Noon-6
Location: 17797 366th St. Bagley, MN 56621
Phone: (218) 694-2084
Email: farmbythelake@gvtel.com
Call or email for Application
Registration Deadline: July 31, 2018

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

VETERAN HOME BEMIDJI: State Government Finance Bill to Prioritize Veterans Homes. Excess funds from 'The People's Stadium' will be used to fund 'The People's Veterans Homes'. ST. PAUL, MN - The House State Government Finance Committee has announced plans to fund three critically needed veterans homes across Minnesota. Using excess funds from the Vikings Stadium Reserve Account, the bill funds veterans homes in Bemidji, Preston, and Montevideo. With financial backing from the state and local communities, the federal government will cover 65 percent of the veterans homes' cost. Though the House State Government Finance bill included funding for these homes last year, Governor Dayton vetoed the bill. "Our veterans have sacrificed so much and the least we can do is make sure they get the care they deserve," said Rep. Matt Bliss, R-Pennington. "People in the Bemidji region understand the shortage of care veterans face in our area and have been working on this project for more than 10 years. Meanwhile, demand for veterans' homes continues to increase and construction costs have risen. We need to move forward on this issue now and I am pleased steps are taking place to make that happen." The Vikings stadium reserve used to fund the veterans homes currently has an excess balance of \$58 million. The reserve is expected to grow to \$120 million by the end of fiscal year 2021. Under the bill, the stadium reserve account would be capped at 125 percent of the annual payments of the stadium bonds. The House bill ensures excess funds are put to use rather than sitting idle while still protecting against a drop in revenues. Currently, there is no cap on the amount of the reserve. "Providing this funding

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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.
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.
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.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook Pastor Verlyn Strenge Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway Wed., April 25: 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA. Thurs., April 26: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Sat., April 28: 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Sun., April 29: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Noon Potluck meal and Quarterly Business Meeting.
DISCIPLES OF MESSIAH-YAHUSHA who obey Yahusha's teachings (John 8:31) are meeting each Sabbath in homes. (218) 766-8176 Homeless Shelter - Scriptural Counseling & Encouragement.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH 1 mile south of Clearbrook, 2 miles west on Cty. Rd. 6 Senior Pastor Larry Dorman Associate Pastor Jim Binder Youth Pastor Brad Binder Children's Minister Nicky Ubert www.countryfaith.org 218-776-3367 cfcchurch@gvtel.com Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Sept - May); 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Jr Church during Sermon time); 10:00 a.m. Kids Worship (1st-6th Graders) most Sundays Sept-May; 7:00 p.m. Youth Night (check the church website for dates or the Elevate Youth Facebook Page for up to date information) Every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer * Wednesdays - Care groups in various homes
KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES Sand Lake Ave & 5th St. Bagley Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study; 8:00 p.m. Theocratic School; 8:30 p.m. Service Meeting. Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Public Bible Talk; 10:35 a.m. Bible Study.
GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC Pastor Kris Snyder SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH Wed., April 25: 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting, 6:30-7:30 Confirmation 6th and 7th grade. Sun., April 29: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship Service. UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH Wed., April 25: 2:00 PM United WNALC meets. Hostess and Devotions, Marion Ask. Sun., April 29: 9:00 AM Worship Service.
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD Pastor Robert Kirchman Good Shepherd Wed., April 25: 6:30pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice. Sun., Apr. 29: 9:00 am Worship/ Communion, 10:00 am Sunday School/Coffee Hour. Joint Wed. April 25 - 6:00 pm Supper/Confirmation/6-7th Grade Bible Study. Our Savior's Sun., April 29: 9:30am Sunday School, 10:30 am Coffee hour, 11:00am Worship.

National Day of Prayer
National Day of Prayer to be held at Samhold Lutheran at 7:00 pm. on May 3. Theme Verse: Ephesians 4:3. Theme: Unity All area clergy and community members are invited to attend the gathering at Samhold. The event marks a call to gather the first Thursday of May for prayer. We will celebrate the event with worship and praying for unity. Questions please call Gonvick parish at 218 487 5540

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

GONVICK SITE: Youth Connection Family Event: Sat., April 28, 9-11 AM. FREE. Breakfast & family activities to follow. Last YC day for this school year is May 1. Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center: Seed potatoes are in. Your choice of six varieties. OPEN! 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, weekdays, & 9-12, Sat. Visit our table in the Health Fair tomorrow afternoon, April 26, at Fosston High School, 3:30 to 6:30 PM. Friday Night Out: Mexican menu. Serving 5-7 PM. \$15 suggested donation, 12 & up. Please call in your reservations by Friday, Apr. 27. Senior Connection Adult Day Services: Openings for full- & part-time clients, M-W-F, 10:00-3:00. Enrollment assistance & transportation available. 218-487-5290, Ext.1. Transportation Service: Call Karen at 218-776-2223 or 218-637-0509 to the learn more.

CLEARBROOK SITE: Shop-at-the-Top 50% off storewide sale. One day only! Sat., April 28, 10:00 - 12:00. 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.adultdayservicesgonvick.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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NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor www.newjourneyfosston.com Wed. April 25: 6:30 p.m. Awana. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group. 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study. Sun, April 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:40 p.m. Sunday School. Tue, May 1: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Hebrews Bible Study.
GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister Wed, April 25: No Confirmation. Sun, April 29: 9:00 a.m. SS at Sand Valley. 10:30 a.m. Joint Service at Sand Valley.
BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor Sun, April 29: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.
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SPOTLIGHT

April TeacherFeature

"Learning is not the product of teaching. Learning is the product of the activity of learners."
~John Holt

Marinda Balcer started student teaching with Mrs. Hammes in the spring of 2010. She was a substitute teacher for the district until she was hired full time in 2011. This is her seventh year teaching fifth grade and eighth year at the school.

Marinda grew up in Bemidji, going to school K-12 and also attended Bemidji State University. She graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Minor in Psychology. She has lived in the area her whole life. She has a son Logan who is 2 and daughter, Claire, who is 6.

Why did you choose to be a teacher? I liked the idea of school starting out really young but was extremely shy growing up. So when I finally got to school, I liked it but I felt uncertain about myself and just went through the motions. Then in 3rd grade, my teacher Mrs. Otterson encouraged me to be proud of my successes. I wanted to be a teacher after that!

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? I liked to work a lot! While going to high school and college, I worked full-time as a cashier at a couple places.

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? There's a routine to the day but I like that the job changes every day. It's also really exciting to see kids learn and grow up throughout the school year! It's pretty special getting to be such a big part of their lives.

What is the biggest challenge of your job? I think I agree with most teachers! Time! There aren't enough hours in the day. There's so much to do and talk about in one day.

If you could have any job in the world - what would it



Marinda Balcer, Fifth Grade Teacher.

be? Why? I always wanted to be a dance instructor! Dance was a big part of growing up for me. It can help people become more active while also learning how to have individual talent AND rely on a team. I also love science and was curious about getting into something with Astronomy or Chemistry. I had so many topics that I really enjoyed learning about so I think that was a factor in why I wanted to become a teacher.

What do you do when you are not working at the school? When I'm not at school, I'm usually hanging out with my family. We love being outdoors, especially camping and fishing. I also enjoy reading when I get a chance. My weekends usually include family time though, that's pretty important to me.

What is your favorite part of Spring? The change in everyone's mood! It's amazing what sunshine and warmer weather can do to lift a person's spirits. I really like being able to be outside more.

What are your favorite

aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? Our community has a knack for taking care of each other. I noticed that right away when I moved up here. I feel like the community and school are constantly working together. I love having my family be a part of the community and our school!

And now a few words from the students about Ms. Balcer...

What do you think Ms. Balcer was like when she was in 5th grade? "Kind and a teacher's pet." "Nice and kind, lots of friends." "Emotional." "Funny and quiet." "Smart, comedy star." "Nice." "Polite and funny."

What do you think Ms. Balcer does when she is not here at school? "Play with Logan and Claire." "Grades our tests." "Being a hard worker of her kids, cleaning and probably doing teacher stuff." "Take care of her kids and grades paperwork." "Eats pizza and watches TV with family." "Spends time with her family, and thinks about her class and does school work." "Playing with her children."

What job do you think Ms. Balcer would have if she was not a teacher? "A hairstylist." "A dentist." "A undercover spy." "A comedian." "Babysitter." "A nurse." "A babysitter!"

What is one of the best things about Ms. Balcer? "She is awesome." "She is nice." "She is nice and funny." "She is very kind." "Her corny jokes." "She is funny." "She makes everything a lot of fun." "She is funny."

What do you think is Ms. Balcer's favorite thing to do? "Teach." "Spend time with her students." "Grade papers." "Teach 5th grade." "Hangout with 5th graders." "Hang with her students and be with family." "Teach kids." "Teach."

What is one thing Ms. Balcer ALWAYS says? "5, 4, 3, 2, 1!" "10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1!" "5, 4, 3, 2, 1." "Fake it 'til ya make it." "Get it, got it, good." "Go for it!" "Think of this fraction of paper." "Fake it 'til ya make it and try your best."

Summer jobs available!!

Summer recreation baseball/softball coaches. Completed 11th grade or up.

Summer recreation assistant coaches you must have completed 9th grade and up.

Applications are available in the wall display rack by the office door, on school web site and facebook or from Judy in Community Ed.

Deadline to apply is May 3.

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School News

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:
Fri, April 27: V Track at WHA at 4:00 pm. Release at 2:00. Leave at 2:15

Tue, May 1: V Track at UMC at 4:00 pm. Release at 2:00. Leave at 2:15

Thur, May 3: JH Track at UMC at 4:00 pm. Release at 2:00. Leave at 2:15

Thur, May 3: V Track at Mahanomen at 4:00 pm. Release at 2:15. Leave at 2:30.

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.

You may also contact the office for assistance with your account at 218-776-3112.

Youth Connection every Tuesday: Youth Connection will end May 1.

HELP WANTED:

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a part time Cooks Assistant for the remainder of the 17-18 school year starting as soon as possible. This position will be approximately 25 hours per week. Must enjoy working with kids, be able to lift up to 50 lbs. and pass a background check. Previous experience preferred. For more information contact Robin Proffitt at 218-776-3112 ext. 320 or Jenetta Mathson at 218-776-3112 ext. 105. Position is opened until filled.

Help Wanted: The Clearbrook-Gonvick School has an opening for a Native American Education Coordinator and Native American Education Support Profes-

Minneapolis-based Copper Street
Brass to perform at the school

Thursday, April 26, 7:00 pm
Clearbrook-Gonvick High School Gymnasium
Free Will Donations go to support

Clearbrook-Gonvick Bands
Minneapolis-based Copper Street Brass (CSB) represents a new direction in chamber music. Combining classical music with jazz, pop, and rock music, the CSB will be performing their hit touring program, "Evolution in Concert" on Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 pm in the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Gymnasium. A Free-will offering will be accepted.

The group plays music ranging from traditional classical music to toe-tapping jazz, and stunning folk melodies to modern pop and rock mega-hits. The CSB shatters the ivied between listener and performer with lively banter from stage as well as audience interaction. The musicians of CSB not only perform on trumpets, horn, trombone, and tuba, but also keyboard, guitar, drums, and electronics - enabling the group to provide the listener with a wide array of sounds and timbres. All of the group's music

is arranged and composed by and for themselves to create a truly unique sound that is undeniably Copper Street Brass.

Copper Street Bran is a full-time arts ensemble based in Minneapolis. They perform over 40 concerts each year and pride themselves on being the busiest and most active brass group in the Upper Midwest.

The group also dedicates themselves to education - performing over 100 classroom concerts and school lyeumcs for students kindergarten through college each year. Often on extended residencies in small and under-served communities, CSB is proud to bring their musk: to audiences and students who normally would not hear professional musicians live.

"They're a group whose smart programming and bright personalities have taken the brass quintet to a new level," said Steve Staruch, classical MPR host.

For more information about this concert or other CSB concerts, visit www.copperstreetbrass.org.



Minneapolis-based Copper Street Brass.

Meet the

Clearbrook-Gonvick Seniors
Each week the Leader-Record
is featuring the 2018 seniors



Kaylee Anderson

Family Members: Parents Nikki and Kyle Anderson, siblings Kelsee and Cole Anderson.

Best High School Memory: Leaving

Favorite Song: "Outlaw Women" by Hank Williams Jr.

Favorite Movie: "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby"

Favorite Class: Welding with Ross Faldet

Your Hero: My Dad, I get my stubbornness from him and he taught me a lot about life and hard work.

What are your plans for next year? I plan on working. Where do you see your-

self in 10 years? Hopefully settled down with a family. House, and some fast cars.



Benjamin Solberg

Family Members: Parents Jeff and Shari Solberg, siblings Nicholas, Jay, and Katie Solberg

Best High School Memory: Doing shenanigans with friends

Favorite Movie: "Trailer Park Boys"

Favorite Class: History

Your Hero: Donald Trump

What are your plans for next year? Not too sure, will probably be working somewhere.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Still working with land.

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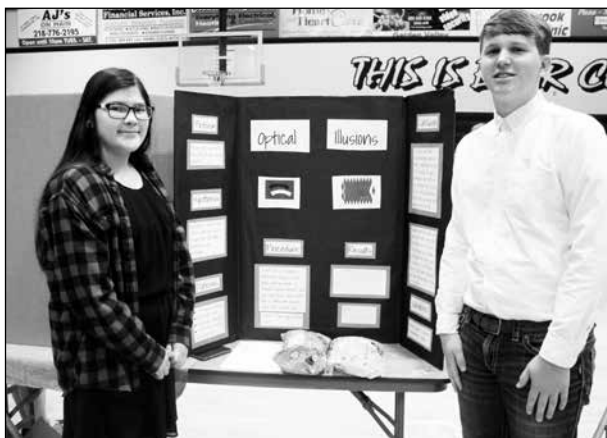
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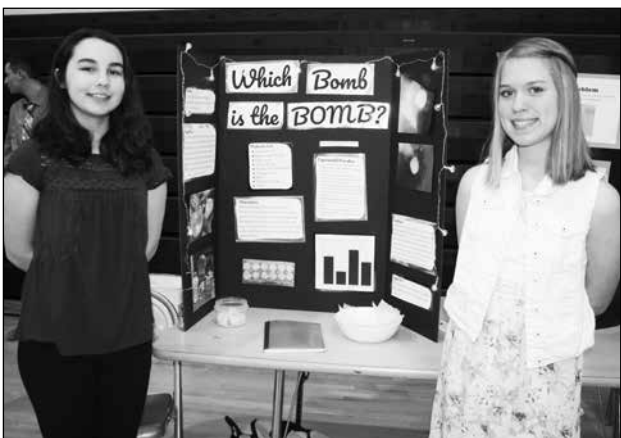
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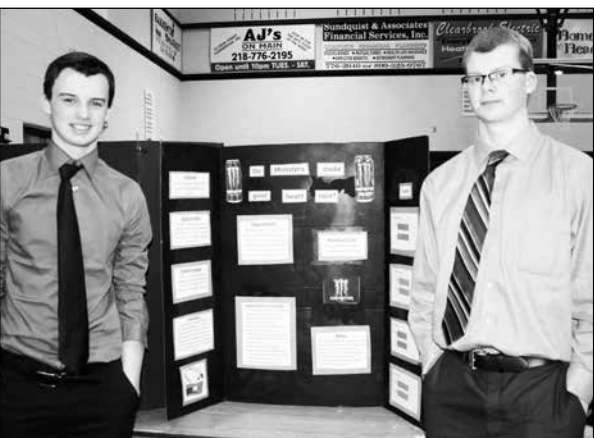
**Clearbrook-
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Senior
and
Junior High
School
Science Fair
Projects**



Nyah Neadeau and Chase Voxland with "Optical Illusions."



Sydney Dahlke and Ashley Churness with "Which Bomb is the BOMB?"



Ben Engebretson and Jonah Faldet with "Do Monsters Make Your Heart Race?"



Julianne Lavin and Madison Gerlofs and "Moisturizers: Marvelous or Moistless?."



Madison Molden and Kjerstie Snyder and "What Causes Depressions?."



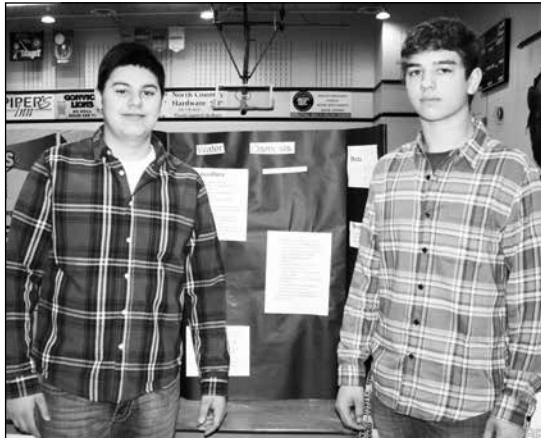
Jesse Anderson and Ty Dyrdaahl and "Do Receiving Gloves Help a Receiver Catch a Football?"



Kelsee Anderson and Katie Bjerke and "Why Should You Test Your Well Water?"



Dawson Quern and Logan Westrum and "What minnow catches northern pikes on tip-ups the best?."



Jacob Londo and Raymond Ehlers with "Water Osmosis."



Taybryn Knutson and Ashlyn Weems with "Are Fingerprints Genetic?"



Emma Dorman and MyKensie Larson with "Caffinate Your Heart Rate."



Anna Piatkoff and Hailee Hanson with "Auditory vs. Visual Learners."



Evan Molden and Jaquincy Hammer with "Angle of Your Feet."



Alex Halverson and Keenan Jones with "How Much Force You Need For a Book."



Wyatt Anderson and Lauren Melby with "Sun-sational Information."



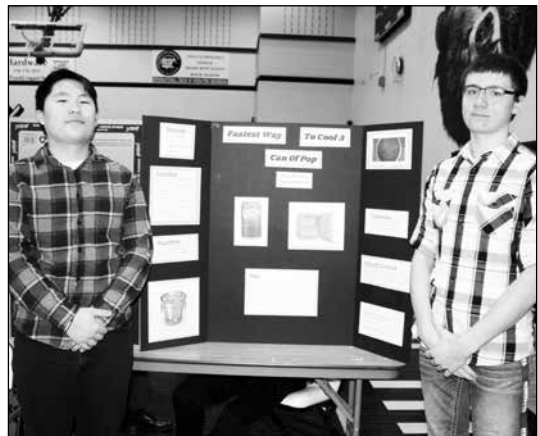
Diana DaFoe and Kynzie and "Music Moods."



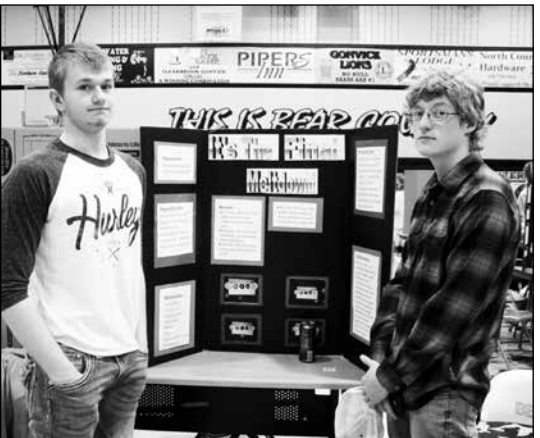
Danika Harmon and Trinity Lee with "Craving Color Craz."



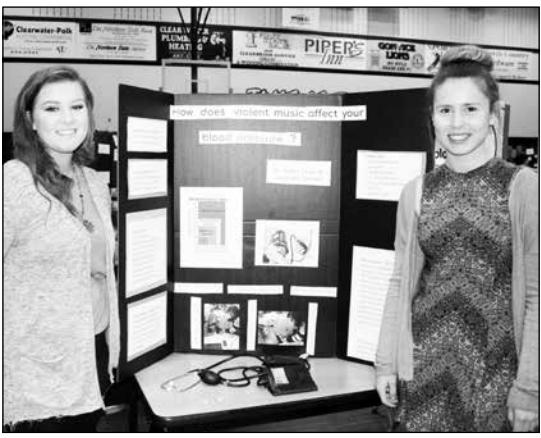
GiAnne Cadreau with "How does different drinks stain your teeth?"



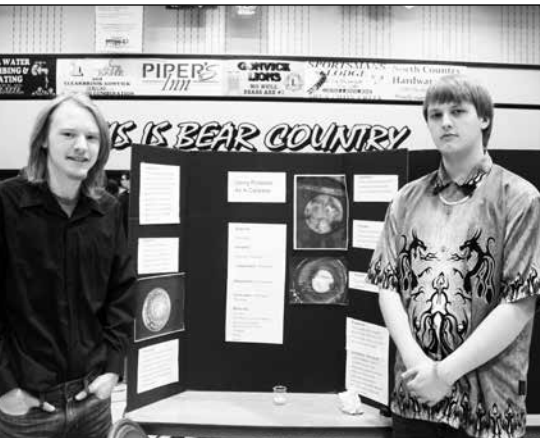
Sam Johnson and Tyler Weems with "What is the Fastest Way to Cool a Can of Soda?"



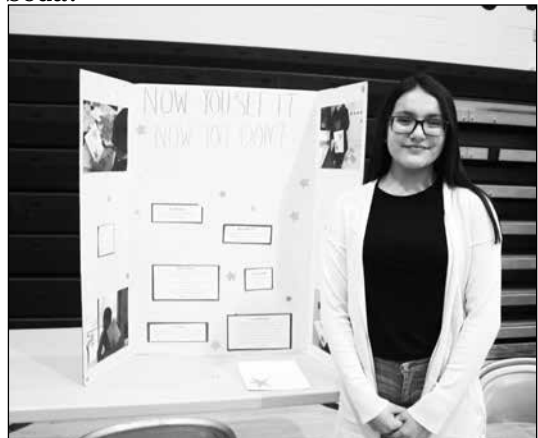
Levi Nelson and Brandon Weems with "It's the Final Meltdown."



Allison Lewis and Zoe Balda-Steffens with "Does Violent Music Affect Your Blood Pressure?"



Dakota Torgerson and Lucas Preston with "Using Potatoes as a Catalase."



Justyce Auginash with her project "Now You See It, Now You Don't."



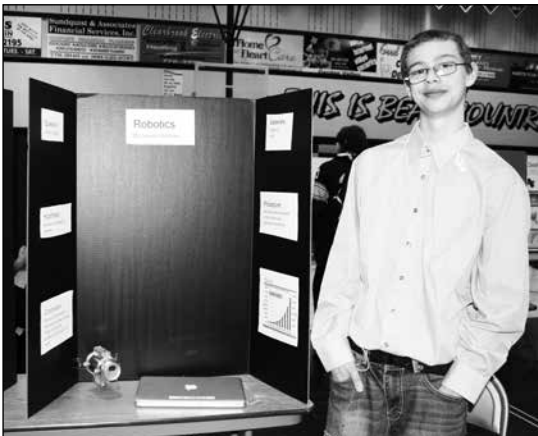
Naomi Shamp and Jenna Smith with "Do You Even Lift?"



Gabe LaVine with his Science project "Bunker Food."



Bailey Klema with her Science project "Fresh."



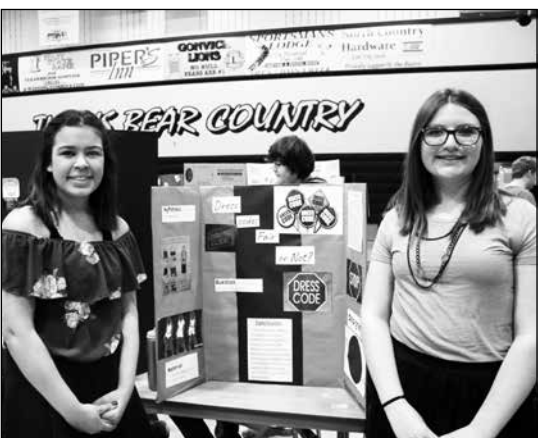
Jayson Johnson with his Science project "Robotics."



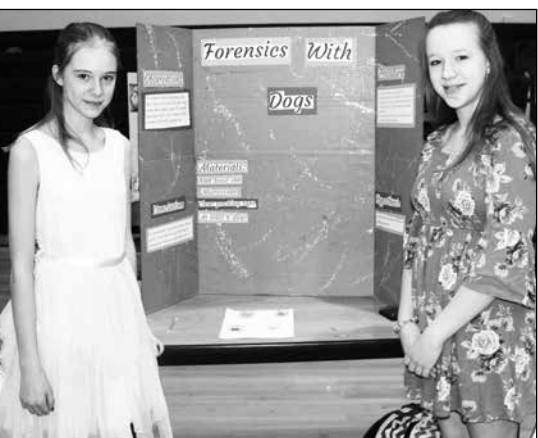
Obie Hammer with his Science project "Got Milk?"



Kaylee Faldet with her Science project "Keep It Clean!"



Malaina Hartwig and Gryphon Riley with "Dress Code Fair or Not?"



Kelsi Kalenek and Annaliese Ballard with "Forensics with Dogs."

Delta Kappa Gamma’s Mu Chapter meeting

Delta Kappa Gamma’s Mu Chapter met at Calvary Lutheran Church on April 14 to celebrate the Past, Present & Future of our Bemidji Women Educators. We held a Ceremony of Remembrance for Jewell Mendenhall & Joan Mcguire; 2 lady educators who touched a lot of hearts in their many years of teaching.

To celebrate the Present, we were honored to receive thoughts and greetings from our TAU State President, Ann Vanvick - who came through some nasty April weather from Maple Grove,MN to join us! She encouraged us all to take a position on the State Board, attend the June Leadership Retreat at the College of St. Benedict in June, and the International Conven-

tion in Austin,TX in July. Looking to the FUTURE, we were excited to join in an initiation ceremony for 5 new chapter members! Delphine Jacobsen & Hallie Baldwin presented Molly Turner, Bemidji,Kdg. Cass Lake:Charlotte Schullo, Bemidji,Councilor at Cass Lake HS; Patricia Marquardt,Bemidji, Special Ed at Central &JW Smith. Christina



Delta Kappa Gamma’s Mu Chapter members Molly Turner, Charlotte Schullo Patricia Marquardt, Christina Baltes , Mu Chapter President Kate Pearson.

Clearwater-Polk

tion line. Even with the outages caused last year electricity was available 99.9% of the time. Trees are consistently the number one cause of outages on the system. They not only cause blinks and outages, but more importantly, are safety

concerns. Matthew Neir, CPA with Eide Bailly, LLP went over the financial report. In the Consolidated Income statement ending December 31, 20-17 total revenue was \$9,561.486. That was up \$554,645 over 2016 revenue of \$9,006,841. The expenses for

2017 were \$9,059,557 which was up from 2016 expense of \$8,562,303 for an increase of \$497,254. Total assets for the cooperative were \$21,160,706 up from \$20,525,383 in 2016. That is an increase of \$632,323 over 2016.

Donations to various organizations in 2017 were \$20,922. Clearwater-Polk bills have been rounded up the nearest dollar and since the program began in 1997 more than \$274,859 has been disbursed.



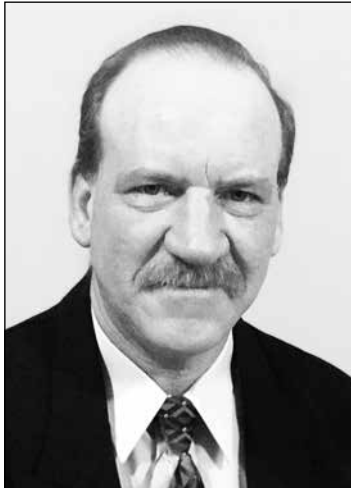
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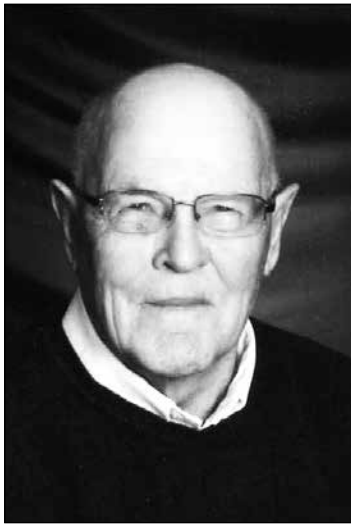
Attorney Gerad Paul.



Guest speaker Robert “Mac” McLennan, President & CEO of Minnkota Power Cooperative at the Clearwater Polk Electric annual meeting..



District #2 Clearwater Polk Electric board member for a three-year term was won by Greg Renner.



District 2, Clearwater Polk Electric two-year term was won by Leroy Riewer the incumbent.

To the Residents of Clover Township

The regular meeting will be held May 4th (Friday) at 4:00 pm at the Clover Town Hall.

Joel Wraa, Clerk

Baltes, Tenstrike,retired. We also elected a new slate of officers for the coming year President -Michelle Dahlby Nominating Committee: Stacy Bahr,Angie Dahlberg First Vice-President -Libby Underhill Robyn Edwards, Marilyn Gandrud, Pam Roiger, Second Vice President -Carol Carpenter Kathy VanWert & Miriam White Recording Secretary -Kathy VanWert Corresponding Secretary-Miriam White Treasurer -Deb Rossman Parliamentarian-Delphine Jacobsen Our May meeting will be held at the Bemidji Town & Country Club on Tues., May 8, 5:30 p.m. It will be a Year-End Celebration Banquet, Founder's Day and DKG Birthday. We will be installing the new officers. Our guest presenter; Kevin Cease, will speak on the “Benefits of Laughter”.

DNR challenge

With late ice-out, DNR crews face a challenge to get ramps and docks ready by fishing opener

The lingering cold weather is delaying ice-out on Minnesota lakes and rivers, which could make it difficult for DNR crews to have the 1,500 public water accesses it manages ready in time for the May 12 fishing opener.

“I want Minnesotans to know that we are doing everything we can to get ready for the fishing opener,” said DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr, “but mostly what we need are warmer temperatures and sunshine.”

There are approximately 3,000 public water access sites statewide, and the DNR’s Parks and Trails Division manages about half of them.

“Winter weather is always a challenge to Minnesota’s public water access sites,” said Nancy Stewart, water recreation program consultant. “Because of the late ice-out this year, DNR crews will have a shorter window than usual to get boat ramps and docks ready for the May 12 fishing opener, but we will have as many of them ready as possible.”

Every year, repairs are needed at hundreds of sites, because freezing temperatures and ice cause concrete to crack and buckle on the ramps. In some years, crews can get a head start on that work, even before ice-out, but this year the snow has prevented them from assessing damage, and the ramps can’t be re-leveled until the ground thaws.

In the meantime, crews are busy rehabbing docks by, for example, changing bumpers and wheels as needed so that they’ll be ready to pop in when the time comes.

“Even if every last dock isn’t in by the opener, there will be places to fish and boat,” said Stewart.

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The newest and youngest Lions member above is Caden Eck and the youngest person who attended the Chris Paulson benefit was Wren Pletschett shown below. Wren is with great aunt, Evon Quern.



Corrine’s Corner

By Corrine Richards

The Gully Sportsman’s Club will be having their annual smelt fry on Saturday, April 28 at Shorty’s Place in Gully starting at 2:00 p.m.

The Clearbrook Fire Department is looking for firemen. If you have questions or are interested, call Jeff, 218-776-3144.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick School Board invites you to share your input regarding the School facilities. Primary discussion concerns what facilities are needed to improve and expand the Early Childhood program.

Two meetings will be held the first on Monday, April 30, 7:00 pm at the Gonvick Community Center. The second one will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 pm Clearbrook-Gonvick School Commons area.

What they hear at these two meetings will be brought to the school board for their decision to either go ahead or not to go ahead with the addition project of the school. No voting will be done on the project.

The Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center people will be serving biscuits and gravy breakfast on Saturday, April 28 starting at 8 am in Clearbrook.

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.

From my email... Bonnie Bagne Green sent me the picture you printed in your paper. Class from Trail MN “Who Dat from our File...”

You maybe have received a reply about who all of those children are. I think at least 9 are no longer living. I did not have this picture in my mementos.

Enbridge Open House and open conversation

Enbridge will be holding a community Open House on Thursday, April 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Clearbrook City Hall and Community Center, 200 Elm St..

They will be sharing information about Enbridge pipelines, the products they carry and the efforts to keep communities and the environment safe.

This must be from 1943-44. I have a picture from 1945-46 with several of the same faces.

Back Row: Seldon Caswell, George Johnson, Darryl Christopherson, ? ,? , Ordean Flateland, Lyle Lund, Clarence Agnes. Carl Wiberg, Lucille Homme

Middle Row: Delores Homme, Charles Agnes, Paul Grover. Gloris Vennes, Phyllis Mohn, Delores Eck

Front Row: Kennard Vennes, Robert Handy, JoAnn Handy, Beverlee Stenvold, Elaine Nordlund, ?? Hidden behind the scenes might be Howard Flateland, Richard Sampson, or Almor Halvorson Phyllis Mohn Boatman 507 24th Ave. S Fargo, ND 58103 pvmboatman@cableone.net

Joke Time A German, an Italian and a Norwegian were trying to get into the stadium at the World Olympics at Montreal, but the seats were all sold out. The enterprising German stripped down to his shorts and undershirt, picked up a cane fishing pole in a nearby alley, marched right in, stating boldly, “Heinrich Schneider, Germany, Pole Vault.” Noting the successful ploy, the Italian took off his outer garments, grabbed a large round stone, then just as boldly strode in the gate, announcing, “Pasquale Galetok, Italy, Shot Put.” Not to be outdone, the Norwegian took off all but his BVD’s went into a nearby hardware store where he purchased some barbed wire. As he approached the gate the Norwegian spoke out confidently, “Hajalmar Olson, Norway, fencing.”

Who Dat from our files....



From our files... Who Dat was taken in 2005. The young lad works in Cincinnati, Ohio and the young girl lives in Clearbrook with her family.

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Farm Service Day was held in Gully on Thursday, April 12th. The Gully Tri-Coop Association served goodies from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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ery Facility (MRF) recovers recyclables from trash, but the MRF operates more efficiently if it's separating mixed recyclables only, rather than recyclables from trash. Some of the recyclables aren't pulled out and end up in the landfill. Not only that, but the tipping fee for mixed recyclables is ZERO, which saves the county money!

You can reduce the volume of rubbish by recycling your paper, cardboard, plastic food and beverage containers, steel cans and, of course, aluminum and glass containers! Take them to the recycling bins located by the County Highway Department in Bagley. Thank you!

Need pointers? Call us at 218-694-6183.

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Clearwater County Environmental Services

Doris Leona Bergman Thompson Terril



Doris Leona Bergman Thompson Terril, the daughter of Henry and Elin Bergman of Clearbrook, Minnesota, passed away March 13, 2018 at the age of 90. Services were held at Doris' home on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 2 pm with Pastor Carl Bellings officiating. Burial will be at the Augustana Lutheran Cemetery in Clearbrook, Minnesota.

Doris was born July 15, 1927. She graduated from Clearbrook High School. She then went to work in Minneapolis. She married "Melly" Melvin Thompson, also from Clearbrook. A son, Scott, was born January 4, 1952. They family moved to California where they lived for several years. Doris worked as a secretary at Danville School District for over 40 years. Doris and Melly divorced. Later Doris met and married Richard Terril. When they retired, they moved to Port Angeles, Washington where they built their home over-looking the mountains. In the later years, Scott moved home to help care for his mom.

Doris is survived by her son, Scott Thompson, of Port Angeles, Richard, and 2 stepsons, sisters-Alice Forsberg and Barbara Petersen, sister-in-law Sybil Bergman, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Those who proceed her in death are her parents, Henry and Elin, her brothers-Carl, George, Erick and Alvin; her sisters Marie Killberg, Elsie Gale, Evelyn Tesmer, Amanda Bergman and Katherine Vik, as well as several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

She will be greatly missed.



The Junior Class sponsored the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School prom on Saturday, April 21, 2018. "Fire and Ice" was the title of the event. After the Grand March they went to Bemidji to take their picture by Paul Bunyan and Babe before the banquet and dance. Junior girls shown from left to right: Arabella Corey, Alexie Molden, Amara Allen, Kari Shamp, Alexis Ballard, Rachel Lavin, Bailey Haugan, Jazmyn Smith and Calie Baker.



Guys in the Junior Class at the Clearbrook-Gonvick High School prom on Saturday, April 21, 2018 posed for a group picture. Front row from left to right: Paul Ballard, Damen bBakke, Tucker Lene, Brandon Quern, Hunter Ehlers, Preston Olson, Maccabee Hammer and Caleb Petterson. Back row: Michael Tollefson, Ethan Dorman, Bob Olson, Josiah Hubbard, Reece Danielson and Erick Bergman. More prom pictures in next week paper.



The Clearbrook-Gonvick High school held their prom last weekend with the Grand march and the After Prom party at the school. The dinner and dance was a destination prom with the group taking their photo into front of Paul Bunyan and Babe in Bemidji. They then went to the County Club for their dinner and dance. - Photo courtesy Madelynne Faldet.