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Clearbrook- Gonvick board passes resolution on bonds for new addition

Jodie Zesbaugh, Senior Municipal advisor and vice president from Ehlers and Associates Inc., was at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Board meeting on Monday, December 17. She had prepared the pre-sale report for the \$1,845,000 General Obligation School Building Bond for the addition to the existing site and facility. That includes early childhood/elementary classrooms and office, storage and mechanical spaces to be constructed. The board passed a resolution to issue the bonds for a term of 6 years. Because the District is not going to issue more than \$10,000 in tax exempt debt during the calendar year, the District will be able to designate the Bonds as "Bank Qualified" obligations. Bank qualified status broadens the market for the Bonds, which can result in lower interest rates when the bond is sold. Zesbaugh expects to sell the bonds on January 22, 2019 and the school board to award sale of the bonds on January 23. During the time of the bond issue estimated investment earnings on the amount would be about \$8,908.00.

Principals report

Principal Carl Dugstad thanked Mrs. Ragan and Mrs. Stewart and the crew for setting up and running a successful Christmas concert.

He went on to the math

plan for the school that the teachers have been working on to find the root causes, strategies, action steps and end goal for increasing match scores so they are not identified by the state for improvement. They are planning on a remedial and enrichment program in grades 4 to 8. The Juniors will be required to take a year-long math class. The teachers will have time to work on curriculum.

Superintendent report

Superintendent Jeff Burgess has found a different training for Andy Anderson for the DARE program. The training will be in South Dakota but will not be during the school year to take time away from his duties at the school.

He has been looking at the ExCELL and Triple A awards program to give recognition to students in the Arts, Athletics and Academics and ExCELL for Community, Education and Leadership.

The Conservation Corps has been working with the school Forestry Class students. They gave recommendation on making more trails through the woods and harvesting of some of the trees. That would give some money for the school. The Conservation Corps found a fen area which is a type of grassy marshes that would be protected during the harvesting of the trees.

Consent Calendar

The board approved the bills, electronic transfers and treasurer's report. Bills included: Stein's Bus Service LLC \$71,164.90; Community Oil Co. \$10,815.05; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$8,709.55; BRIC \$6,390.89; Marco \$5,913.82; City of Clearbrook \$3,148.44; Clearbrook Electric \$2,952.49; Anderson Disposal \$1,809.70; Clearwater County Nursing Service \$1,733.00; MacNeil Environmental Inc \$1,167.00.

Old Business

The Junior High Basketball team is at 19 and they will not hire another coach for the season. A para will take care of the team until the coach gets to the practice.

New Business

Ragan and Stewart gave a presentation on the planned music trip. It has been set for May 3-4, 2019. 74 students from the 7 to 12 grade choir and band are eligible to go. They are drafting a letter to parents on the proposed itinerary. They would be seeing the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra in concert which would be free to the students; a tour of MN Public Radio which is free, the Minneapolis Institute of Art which is free and Children's Theater Company musical of "Matilda". On Saturday then would be going to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater for a performance of

"Mama Mia". Their stay is set for LaQuinta in Minnetonka. They would be planning a stop at Albertville before heading home.

Lindsey Grey gave a report from the prom committee. It will be held April 13 and they are planning to take buses to the Bemidji Country Club for the dinner after the Grand March at the school. They will return for the After Prom party.

The Truth in Taxation was presented by Burgess. The board approved the final levy and certification for the district.

The ICS contract was tabled to the January meeting.

A resolution was passed setting the polling place in the school building for special school elections not during the other election times.

Indian Policies and Procedures for the Federal and State were approved.

The board approved a FMLA leave for Alisha Rude for April and May of this coming year.

Darby Riley was hired as the newest Paraprofessional at the school.

A leave for Janet Matheson to begin in February was approved. She will have two weeks off and then she will continue part-time at home for the district.

The school board re-organization meeting will be January 7, 2019.

Lauris Krogstad and Candace Coulter honored at meeting

Lauris Krogstad and Candace Coulter were honored at the last Gonvick City Council meeting. It was the last meeting for Lauris as Mayor as he is retiring and the first for newly elected Candace who will take over in January.

Cake and coffee were served before the meeting began.

Lauris has been on the city council for 20 years after Todd Budish moved away in 1998. He

has served as council member and mayor for the city. His plans are to move to a more central location to be closer to their children.

Lauris worked many years for Lakehead Pipeline and then with their new name Enbridge.

Candace works for the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office. She is a former Marine who spent two tours in Iraq. Her first meeting as mayor

will be January 11 starting at 4:45 p.m.

The council approved the November 14 minutes.

The water improvement proposal from Widseth, Smith and Nolting was presented and will be discussed at the January meeting. They would prepare preliminary engineering report in accordance with Rural Development requirements.

The council adopted the

2019 budget levy for the coming year.

The delinquent accounts were discussed with one being sent to RC and B for collection.

Dan Gazelka, Clearbrook-Gonvick Police Chief had the incident report for November. They included Alarm 1; Disturbance 1, Information Only 1, Medical 1 and vehicle Lock out 2 for a total of 6 for the month.



The out going and in coming mayors for the City of Gonvick were treated to a cake at the monthly meeting. From left to right: Devin Aakre, Ken Thomas, Lila Coulter, Stacy Halvorson, Sue Sims, Candace Coulter, Lauris Krogstad, Jason Bakke, Corrine Richards and Eileen Lien.

Students Take Home Awards during 2018 Agriculture and Natural Resources Day

CROOKSTON, Minn. – Students interested in agriculture and natural resources from high schools, chapters and clubs across the region and state were on the University of Minnesota Crookston (UMN Crookston) campus on Friday, December 7, 2018, to compete in agriculture and natural resources related contests. The annual Agriculture and Natural Resources Day competition has been held for more than 30 years on the Crookston campus.

With contests ranging from horticulture and forestry to ag mechanics, livestock and sales, the day brings out the competitive spirit of students culminating in an awards ceremony. The contests are overseen by UMN

Crookston Agriculture and Natural Resources Department faculty. The awards ceremony recognizes the top individuals and teams.

An awards ceremony culminates the exciting day. Scholarships, plaques and certificates are awarded to school teams and individuals for each contest. Over \$32,000 in scholarships are available to award-winning students. Last year, \$750 UMC scholarships were awarded for the high individual in each contest, \$600 UMC scholarships were awarded for the second place individual, and \$450 UMC scholarships were awarded for

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The Clearbrook-Gonvick team took third place in Landscape at the Crookston Show. It was part of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Day that was held on December 7.

Clearwater County 4-H Recognition and Annual Meeting

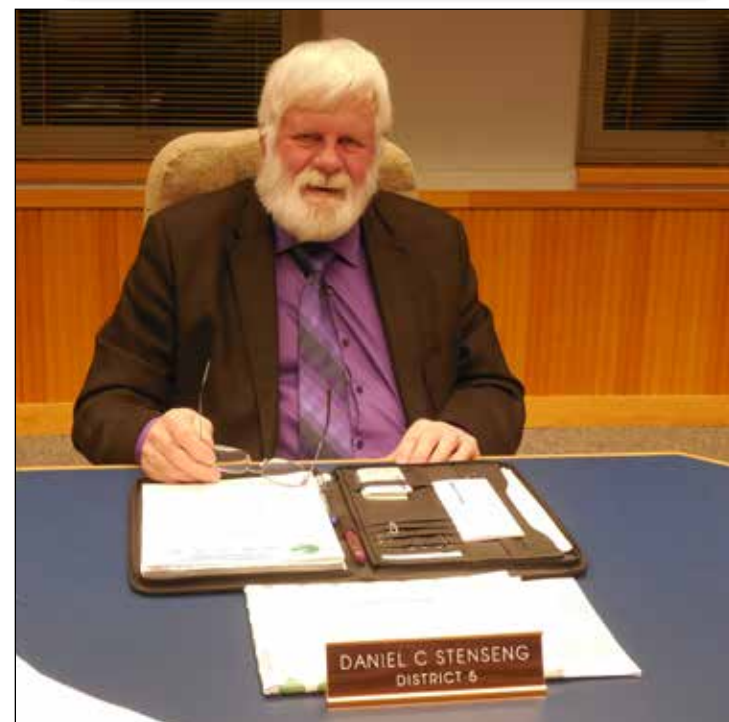
On Sunday, December 9, 2018 Clearwater County 4-H held its annual recognition event at the American Legion in Bagley. This event was hosted by the Clearwater County 4-H Ambassadors. A big Thank You to everyone that came and supported the Clearwater County 4-Hers and volunteers as we recognized the hard work and dedication they have put into 4-H over the past year.

The evening started with Katie Becker the 4-H Program Coordination providing a welcoming address following that

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The 4-H Leader's Council Annual meeting was held December 9, 2018. During this meeting we elected the new 2018-2019 Leader's Council officers. Your 2018-2019 Clearwater County Leader's council officer team includes: Pictured L-R: 4-H Program Coordinator – Katie Becker, President – Katrina Evenwoll, Vice President – Savanna Rankin, Secretary – Kara Maruska, Treasurer – Hannah Johnshoy, Reporter – Megen Maruska



Dan Stenseng will be retiring from 43 years of service to the County at the end of this year. "He did a good job and is very dedicated to the County," fellow Commissioner Neal Illies said.

Dan Stenseng to retire after 43 years of service to Clearwater County

By Karen Edelbach
After 43 years working at various positions in Clearwater County, Dan Stenseng will be retiring from his current position on the Board of Commissioners at the end of 2018. He has served in that capacity for the past six years, being elected in November of 2010. He was Board Chairman during the last year.

Prior to that, he was the County Auditor, and County Treasurer.

One of the highlights during his career as Commissioner that Dan says he is most proud is the selling of the hospital operation out of the County to Sanford in 2012. The County still owns the campus.

"Everyone kept their jobs during the transition. I am very proud of that," he said. "There were about 85 full time equivalent employees at that time."

Another thing that Dan is proud the County is doing is the process of remonumentation of the original land survey that is being done. He says with the

marking of corners now, and GPS to identify the locations, there should be no reason for error in the future. The locations are recorded and can be seen on line with the relevant information. Bob Murray, County Surveyor, is overseeing that project.

"I am impressed that Clearwater County has no debt. There are very few counties in Minnesota that can say that," Dan says. "I used to keep track of that in detail when I was Auditor. It is a result of very good planning here."

Peer Commissioner Neal Illies says, "Dan did a good job, and is very dedicated to the County."

"I respected his advice, and went to him for advice on many occasions," Neal said.

Asking Dan what he most looks forward to in his upcoming retirement, he said, "Farming with my son. We have 100 head of Black Angus cattle on our farm in Holst Township. We plan to expand the herd."

Best wishes, congratulations, and thank you, Dan.



Arlen Syverson is looking forward to retirement from his term as a Clearwater County Commissioner. "Everyone should serve in this position (as Commissioner) at least once," he says.

Syverson looks forward to retirement after serving as Commissioner

By Karen Edelbach
"I've been around the courthouse a long time," Arlen Syverson says, as he finishes his term as a County Commissioner at the end of the year. "I retired before in 2008 from custodian and maintenance for the courthouse and jail, for a total of 23 years working for the County. But after a while I needed something

more to do."

Thus, he decided to run for Clearwater County Commissioner and was elected in November of 2014, serving his term from 2015-2018.

"This was a good thing for me," he says. "We learn from

Syverson..

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Community Calendar

ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Clearwater Day Activity Center, Inc. will hold it's annual meeting at the Clearwater DAC offices on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. Persons interested in the DAC are invited to attend.

The Pine Ridge Residence, Inc. will hold it's annual meeting at the Clearwater DAC offices on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. Persons interested in Pine Ridge Residence are invited to attend.

History Center Closed for Holidays

The History Center in Shevlin will be closed December 22 through January 1 for the holidays. Staff will offer tours by appointment by calling 218-785-2000 and leave a message with a call back number. The Clearwater County Historical Society wishes everyone Happy Holidays.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Dec. 26 - Pork Loin with Gravy, Potatoes, Carrots, Lemon Mousse, Bread and Milk

Thurs., Dec. 27 - Beef Stew, apple Sauce, Cookie, Bread and Milk

Fri., Dec. 29 - Ham/Gravy, Potatoes, Broccoli, Strawberry Shortcake, Dinner Roll and Milk.

Mon., Dec. 31 - BBQ Pork Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Apple-sauce, Bun and Milk.

Tues., Jan. 1 - Happy New Year. Closed

Wed. Jan. 2 - Salisbury Steak, Parsied Potatoes, Squash, Blushing Pears, Bread and Milk.

Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change. Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

**Ad deadline:
Noon Friday**



Celebrating December birthdays at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center were Chris Strande and Ordean "Jiggs" Swanson.



Dressed up for the holiday party at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center were Barb Torgerson, Carol Beckstrand and Janice Nelson.



Providing music at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center were Calvin Marquis, Janice Nelson and Barb Torgerson.

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE Pine Lake near Gonvick, MN

Notice of Intent to Operate Aeration system

An aeration system creating thin ice and open water may be operated on the Northeast portion of Pine Lake near the public access. The location is in Clearwater County, Pine Lake Township, SW 1/4, Section 22, (T149NR38W). Operation of the aeration system will be contingent on oxygen testing levels within the lake. Further advertising will follow this notice for specific dates, if it becomes necessary to operate the aeration system. If you have any questions, please contact Sportsman's Club member Larry Peterson at 218-791-5577 or the Red Lake Watershed District Office at 218-681-5800.

R40C

Notice to Leon Township Residents

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leon Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at the Leon Township Hall. Filing for township offices opens on January 1, 2019, and continues to January 15, 2019, 5 p.m. Offices to be elected are:

1 Supervisor for a 3 year term
1 Treasurer for a 2 year term

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2 filing fee. Lori Larson, Clerk

R39-40C

Notice to residents of Pine Lake Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Pine Lake Township that the Annual Election of Town Officers and the annual town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the American Legion Hall in Gonvick. Filing for township offices opens on January 1, 2019 and closes on January 15, 2019 at 5 pm.

Offices to be elected are:

1 Supervisor for a 3 yr term.
1 Treasurer for a 2 yr term.

Question on the ballot is as follows: Shall option B, providing for the combining of clerk-treasurer be adopted for the government of the township. Yes/No

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2 filing fee. Pam Goebel, Clerk

R40C

Notice

To the Residents of Clover Township

The regular meeting will be held Jan. 4th (Fri.) at 5 p.m., 2019 at the Ben Erickson home.

Joel Wraa Clerk

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Sinclair Township Winter Meeting Schedule

The regular township meetings will be held at the following places at 7:00pm

December 18th
 at Bruce Bjerke's residence

January 15th
 at Russell Lembke's residence

February 19th
 at Gordon Olson's residence

Meetings to resume at town hall in March.

Brooke Pond, Clerk

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Region 2 Arts Council Hosts Public Listening Session for Clearwater County

CLEARBROOK, MN - In the new year, Region 2 Arts Council will host listening sessions in each of their five counties to support their biennial planning process. Join Region 2 Arts Council staff and board members for an open discussion about Region 2 Arts Council's grants, programs and services. We invite your feedback on how Region 2 Arts Council can best support the arts in your area. Light snacks are provided.

Public Listening Session - Clearwater County
 Monday, January 7, 2019
 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Farm By The Lake Presents Storytellers

Story tellers to be held at the Bagley Public Library, 79 Spencer Ave SW Bagley MN 56621. All start times 3:00 pm. Free Admission and Open to the Public.

Jan 13 Laura Packer
 Jan 27 Rose Arrowsmith DeCoux

Feb 10 Louis Alemayehu
 Feb 24 Free Writing Workshop with Wendell Affield "Re-awakening Memory through out Senses" 3:00-6:00 pm

March 10 Chad Filley
 March 24 Paulette Friday

All Family Friendly events
 For more info go to www.farmbythelake.org or Facebook events or call 218-694-2084.

This activity sponsored by Clearwater Polk Electric.

UMC Awards...

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Students came from many schools including: Clearbrook-Gonvick, Ada-Borup, Park River Area, Parkers Prairie, Menahga, Grand Rapids, Detroit Lakes, Fertile-Beltrami, Thief River Falls, Minnewaska, Grand Rapids, Hawley, Deer River, New York Mills, Mahanomen, Rothsay, Willmar, Mountain Lake, Battle Lake, Lincoln, Blackduck, Marshall, and Lac qui Parle Valley.

Clearwater County food shelf schedule

Food shelf closed until Jan 2, 2019

Any questions please call: Margaret Rusch 218-407-0393 or Julie Sten 218-358-0761.

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners

Dec. 15 - Brent Carlson, Erskine, \$20
Dec. 16 - Dana Thomas, Frazee, \$20
Dec. 17 - Sara Titera, Bagley, \$20
Dec. 18 - Zelda Cartier, Wilton, \$20
Dec. 19 - Roy Roy Swan-nie, Bagley, \$20
Dec. 20 - Ken Haugen, Fosston, \$20
Dec. 21 - John Sandland, Gonvick, \$20



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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Sun., Dec. 30 - 9:00am Worship/ Fourth Sunday in Advent; 10:00am Coffee Hour

Our Savior's
Sun., Dec. 30 - 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00 am Worship Service.

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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Wed. Dec. 26 - 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA

Sat. Dec. 29 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sun. Dec. 30 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

Thank you Gonvick Lions Club for the Christmas treat bags.
Blessings
Mary Lou Spray

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Thank you to the Gonvick Lions Club for the Christmas treats left at our doorsteps.
Merry Christmas!
Chris Strande & Martha Ahles

R40P

Thanks to the Gonvick Lions Club for the Christmas treat bags.
Merry Christmas!
Maxine Sorenson

R40P

New Years Eve Party

The Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center will have a New Years Eve Party on Friday, December 28th. It will start at 11:30 meal and the B.s. Valley Boys will provide music about 12:45. Call the day before for meal reservation. All welcome.

NOTICE

Newspaper will be delayed the week of New Years.
Available in stores & Richards Publishing on Wednesday afternoon & your mailbox on Jan 3rd

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

All CWLC businesses & programs will be closed Tuesday, Jan 1.

GONVICK SITE:
 Youth Connection Art Focus: Drawing class for grades 7-12th only, Wed., 2:30 - 4:30 PM. All supplies provided. No charge. Signed permission slip needed for transportation.

Senior Connection Adult Day Services: Openings for new participants, M-W-F, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. 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, Sat., Dec. 29, 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon only. Does not include furniture. Remaining Christmas items 75% off, Open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Mon. thru Fri.

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

Merry Christmas from CWLC!

Hours: Gonvick, 226 Elm St., M-W-F, 10-3; Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., Main office open: 8-4, Tues.-Fri.

As a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, CWLC is able to provide a variety of free or low cost services to our area thanks to generous financial donors just like you. Be a part of making a difference, join our team. All donations to CWLC are tax-deductible.

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

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Church News

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

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.

GRACE FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH BAGLEY
Pastor Todd Klemme
 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.

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

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Sun., Dec. 30: 10:30 am Worship Service.

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH
MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed., Dec. 26: 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; No Confirmation.
Sun., Dec. 30 - NO Sunday school, 10:30 am Worship Service.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sun., Dec. 30: 9:00 AM Worship Service.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, Dec. 29: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Dec. 30: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS Oak Park, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park, 10:00 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Sun, Dec. 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.

Tue, Jan. 1: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotion. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 Bible Study.

Wed, Jan. 2: 3:30 p.m. Youth Group leaving for Soup Kitchen in Bemidji.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Sun, Dec. 30: 10:30 a.m. Parish Wide Service at Sand Valley.

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

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Legal Notice

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

November 19, 2018 - 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:05 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Tom Stenzel, Kris Snyder, Richard Hetland, Tracy Imle, Corey Petterson, Jeff Westrum and Jim Galloway. Absent: None. Also present: Superintendent Jeff Burgess, Principal Dugstad, 4 staff members, and 1 community member.

- 1. Town Hall Meeting (Odd Number Months)
- 4. Community Comments – None
- 5. Spotlight on Education – Mrs Goudge highlighted events that have taken place since the last board meeting.
- 6. Approval of Agenda – MMS Imle/Galloway to approve agenda as amended – with the addition of item 11.6 – Jr Class Advisors, and 11.7 – Junior High GBB discussion. MCU
- 7. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – MMS Snyder/Petterson to approve minutes as presented. MCU.

7.1. MMS to approve minutes as presented from the October 15, 2018 regular meeting

7.2 MMS to approve minutes as presented from the November 13, 2018 special meeting

8. Informational Items

8.1 Principal Report –Principal Dugstad discussed the following items: 1) **D.A.R.E.** – Mr. Dugstad explained the D.A.R.E. training and asked the board if they would like to send Mr. Anderson. He also advised that the training takes 2 weeks, and Mr. Anderson would be out of the building for that time. The training will take place during the last of January and the first week of February. 2) Teacher **Observations** – Mr. Dugstad advised that the observations have started & will be ongoing. 3) **ALICE Training** – Mr. Dugstad reviewed the ALICE training that took place for teachers on 11/7/18 and 11/14/18. 4) **Veteran's Day Program** – Mr. Dugstad stated that the program went very well. He thanked the staff for making it a great day, as well as those who were able to attend. 5) **ISS Procedures** – Mr. Dugstad discussed the new procedures for handling ISS

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

students. 6) **Red Lake Bus Pickup/ Drop off** – Mr. Dugstad advised that the pick-up and drop-off point for the Red Lake Bus will be changing. The new point will be St. Mary's Mission School. This change will begin on Monday, December 3, 2018. The bus will arrive between 7:10 – 7:20. The District will communicate the change to families via instant alert, a mailer, and the District Web Page. 7) **Testing Security** – Mr. Dugstad advised that he, along with Jo Voxland and Megan Godtland, have updated our District Test Security Procedures. Copies of the new procedures can be provided upon request. 8.2 **Superintendent Report** – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: 1) **Educational** – We are finishing NWEA testing for the K-3 elementary grades Achievement & Integration planning is starting to take place. We received 2/3 funding from the state and ½ levy. The grand total is approximately \$40,000. We will be working with surrounding districts for the program. Enrollment is currently still 25-30 students above last year. 2) **Building** – We are still waiting on the trash compactor. The hope is to have it installed by the end of October. All the prep work is done, and we are waiting for the compactor to be delivered. We were not selected for the school safety grant. 127 schools were selected by a lottery system. We were not one of the 127 of over 1200 selected. We needed to replace a few compressors in the school. This cost is covered by our LTFM dollars. 3) **Financial** – We replaced the ice machine in the kitchen. The cost was approximately \$2,000. The cost to repair the old machine would have been the same. We needed to replace compressors in two rooms. The cost was approximately \$4600, but is covered under our LTFM dollars.

8.2 **Superintendent Report** – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: 1) **Educational** – We are doing some safety PLC sessions. We are working on barricading doors for lockdowns. There have been good discussions about our procedures. We have some good options on what we should do to move forward. Enrollment numbers are still above what they were at this time last year. 2) **Building** – The trash compactor is installed and operational. We have held a PLC session on what the school should do to help with the recycling effort. Documents for the referendum are being submitted. ICS will have a proposed contract for the building stages. We are starting to work on the plan for the next stages of the project. 3) **Financial** – Supt Burgess walked the board through the

Comparison Report for Expenditures. Comparison Reports are on track. Non-licensed instructions had some placements on the budget that were out of category but they have been fixed. Our yearly spending is slightly under last year at this point. We are at the same percentage of spending as we were at this point last year.

8.3 **Committee Report** –

8.3.1 **Negotiations** – Chair Westrum advised that a contract agreement was reached with the support staff. MSEA voted on the proposed contract today and approved it.

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

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 66553 – 66623/Wires Payroll Checks 0030204 – 0030209 – Correction from October 0030210 – 0030223 November Bills Voucher Numbers: 53423 – 53535 Check Numbers: 66624 – 66685 Total Payroll/Expense Checks Approved: \$641,396.95

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

10. **Old Business**

11. **New Business**

11.1 **Hiring of JH Basketball Coach** Roxanne Dahlke – MMS Petterson/Imle to approve hiring. MCU.

11.2 **Approval of World's Best Workforce Report** – Supt Burgess reviewed the report with the board. He advised that we will need to look at the report even more closely moving forward. MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve report for 2018-20119 as presented. MCU.

11.3 **Approval of MSEA Contract for 2018-2020** – Supt Burgess reviewed the changes in the contract. MMS Galloway/Imle to approve contract. MCU.

11.4 **Approval of Auditor's Report** – John Hagen, of Eide Bailly, presented the audit report. He reviewed the Executive Summary, and answered questions. MMS Galloway/Imle to approve report. MCU.

11.5 **Set Board Dates for January and February** – MMS Imle/Galloway to set Board dates as follows: January 28, 2019 and February 25, 2019

11.6 **Hiring Jr. Class Advisors** Marianne Trcka and Stacy Klinkhammer – MMS Galloway/Imle

to approve hiring. MCU.

11.7 **Junior High Basketball Discussion** – Discussion was held regarding Junior High GBB numbers, and the possible need for a second coach. The board recommended waiting until numbers increase to start the process of hiring a second coach. As the current coach is unable to arrive until 4:00 p.m., the board requested that administration try to find an assistant or volunteer to cover the time that the coach is unavailable.

12. **Action Items for December Meeting** –

12.1 Truth In Taxation Meeting in December

12.2 Review the process for the building project.

12.3

13. **Adjournment** – MMS Galloway/Imle to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. MCU

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., Dec. 26 - No School Christmas vacation
Thurs., Dec. 27 - No School
Fri., Dec. 28 - No School
Mon., Dec. 31 - No School. Christmas Vacation.
Tues., Jan. 1 - No School
Wed., Jan. 2 - Chili Cheese Fritos, Garlic Breadstick, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Sunday Afternoon Open Gym Begins January 6, 2019

The high school gym will be open for recreation January 6-March 10 from 2:00-4:00 pm for grades 4th-adult. 3rd grade & under may attend with an adult. NO STREET SHOES.

There will be a \$2.00 fee per time or you may buy a pass good for all 10 Sundays.

Pass prices are: Individual=\$15.00, Family pass=\$25.00

Parents are free if they attend with their child/children.

Passes may be purchased in the Community Education office or when you come to open gym.

If you have questions or concerns about fees, please talk to Judy Engebretson (776-3112 Ext 102)

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Toddler Open Gym begins January 13, 2019

Starting Sunday, January 13th and running every Sunday until March 10th, come to the Elementary Gym for Toddler Open Gym!! Come any time from 2:30-4:00.

For families with five year olds and younger.

To help maintain the program, a free-will donation is encouraged. Sponsored by Community Education

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Snowmobile Safety Training

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota DNR are holding a youth Snowmobile Safety Training Course. The course is being held at Bagley High School and is open to any interested snowmobile operators, age 11 and older. Anyone born after December 31st, 1976 must have a snowmobile safety certificate in order to operate a snowmobile in Minnesota.

The course includes two parts: Part 1:

- Complete the online course on your own and print the completion certificate.o snowmobilecourse.com (fee for the online course is \$24.95)

Part 2:

- Bring printed certificates to the field day on Saturday, 1/12/2019 at 9:00am at Bagley High School.
- A parent/guardian needs to sign the registration form, then may leave.
- A review session will be held, and then we will be going outside for a riding exam.
- Students must have their own helmet and proper riding attire (coats, boots, gloves, etc...)
- Snowmobiles are provided to use.
- Ending time will be ap-



Avery and Elias Haugan visiting with Santa.



Lyla, Jalina, and Mycah Gerlofs making Christmas crafts on Santa Claus Day.

proximately 12:00pm. If the temperature is below -40 F windchill at 8am, the class will be cancelled and re-scheduled for another date.

There is no cost to attend the class; a course fee is paid online after passing the class to obtain a safety certificate.

No pre-registration is necessary.

Students must be at least 11 years old by the class date (certificate not valid until 12 years old)

School News

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year from the staff and students at Clearbrook-Gonvick School

May you be blessed with time with family and friends and let us all look for opportunities to reach out to others and share our blessings!

NO SCHOOL: December 22-January 1. Return to school Wednesday, January 2

Message from the CG Yearbook Staff:

From December 3rd to January 11th, Yearbooks will be for sale on the stage during both senior high and junior high lunch. High School Yearbooks are \$50 and Elementary yearbooks are \$20. Elementary Yearbook forms will be passed out to the students this week. If you have any questions contact Mr. Bettin (jbettin@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us). Checks can be made payable to Clearbrook-Gonvick High School.

Sunday afternoon Open gym will begin on January 6th. Watch for more details.

Snowmobile Safety: See below

COUNSELORS CORNER:

There are lots of things going on in the school counseling world. Here are the highlights:

Juniors

-The ACT will be administered though the school on Wednesday, February 20th

Seniors

-The FAFSA is available starting October 1 for the 2019-2020 college school year. It should be filled out as soon as possible on or after October 1 to meet FAFSA deadlines, which is different at each school https://fafsa.ed.gov/

-Click here to sign up to re-take the ACT

Representatives visiting our school

Instagram: counselormegang

Snapchat: CounselorMeganG

Website: https://sites.google.com/a/clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us/schoolcounselor/

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Thu, Jan 3: A,B GBB vs Cass Lake-Bena at 6:00. JV at 6:00, V at 7:30

Thu, Jan 3: JH GBB vs Cass Lake-Bena at 5:00. 7th at 5:00, 8th at 6:00, both at CCC

Fri, Jan 4: JH BBB at Northome/Kell at 5:00. 7th at 5:00, 8th at 6:00. leave at 3:45

Fri, Jan 4: JV/V BBB at North/Kell at 6:00. JV at 6:00, V at 7:30. Leave at 3:45.

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Varsity boys

Clearbrook-gonvick boys have won 7 of their last 8 games.

11/29/2018 Goodridge/GG 61 - 47W

12/4/2018Climax/Fisher 94 - 56 W

12/6/2018 Stephen-Argyle 86 - 68W

12/7/2018 Warren-AO 68 - 43 W

12/11/2018 Blackduck 79 - 68 W

12/13/2018 Bagley 67 - 77 L

12/17/2018 Northome/Kelli 92 - 79W

12/20/2018 Sacred Heart 74 - 71 W

Remaining schedule

1/4/2019	Northome/Kelliher
1/8/2019	Roseau
1/10/2019	Laporte
1/15/2019	Walker-H-Akeley H.S.
1/17/2019	Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke
1/18/2019	Badger/GB-MR
1/21/2019	Blackduck
1/25/2019	Lake of the Woods H.S.
1/31/2019	Red Lake County Rebels
2/1/2019	Sacred Heart
2/7/2019	Laporte
2/8/2019	Lake of the Woods H.S.
2/9/2019	Climax/Fisher
2/12/2019	Win-E-Mac
2/15/2019	Fosston
2/19/2019	Nevis
2/22/2019	Red Lake County Rebels
2/26/2019	Mah/Waubun Thunderbirds

Varsity Roster			
#	Name	Pos	Grade
1	Quincy Hammer	G	10
2	Jonny Hammes	G	11
4	Damen Bakke	G	12
5	Hunter Ehlers	G	12
10	Ethan Dorman	G	12
13	Obadiah Hammer	G	10
15	Ben Engebretson	G	11
21	Jonah Faldet	G	11
23	Sam Johnson	G	11
25	Wyatt Buer	C	10
32	Erick Bergman	C	12
33	Josiah Hubbard	F	12
34	Levi Nelson	F	11
43	Alex Dawson	C	10

Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA Members Attend 91st Annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis

Twelve Clearbrook-Gonvick students who are members of the school's FFA chapter experienced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, October 23 through October 28. Students and their advisor, Kim Anderson, traveled with other school districts in their region to participate in all that the convention had to offer and more.

The group worked at the Clearwater County Dairy Association Malt Stand at the Clearwater County Fair in order to fund their trip. They set a goal to attend the convention and, with the help of parent and student volunteers, they were able to make the trip happen.

National FFA Convention hosts approximately 67,000 FFA

members and guests throughout the four day event. FFA members and advisors gather for general sessions, workshops, and participate in the FFA Career and Agriculture Industry Expo put on by numerous agriculture industry businesses and colleges. This year, they had the opportunity to attend a member-exclusive Garth Brooks concert, rodeo, and tour of Indianapolis Speedway.

At general sessions, students were able to witness official FFA opening and closing ceremonies, award ceremonies, performances by participants in the National FFA Talent Contest, performances by the National FFA Choir and National FFA Band, and listen to motivating keynote speakers who encourage youth to become involved in their com-

munities and schools.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick students attended multiple workshops throughout the convention in which they were motivated to promote agricultural education within their school and community.

Through these workshops they met members of FFA from all across the United States and also leaders from the agriculture industry.

The Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA would like to thank all of their supporters including parents who give up so much of their time to volunteer, the Clearbrook-Gonvick school district for supporting their program, and all who visited the malt stand at the county fair for helping to make this trip possible!



Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA members who attended the National Convention in Indianapolis. Shown from left to right front row: Chase Voxland, Bailey Klema, Tucker Lene, Kayla Ehlers, Kari Shamp, Naomi Shamp and Jacey Tronnes, back row: Obadiah Hammer, Malaina Hartwig, Rose Java, Bailey Haugan and Savanna Rankin.

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Jaedyn Krogstad.



Grant Engen.



Savanah Kumpula.



Abby Engen, Lori Krog, and Isabelle Krog.



Zoe, Paul, and Aiden Ehlers.



Kaydence Jorgensosn and Kaylie Bjerke.



The family had their first annual lefse making day in Clerbrook recently. Bradley and Mary Jo Jackson from Clearbrook, Kelly McConkey from Brainerd and Carolyn Carter from Tucson, Arizona.

Annual lefse makers in Clearbrook from left to right Pam Casio from Grand Rapids, Sheryl Berg from Gonsvik and Fern Jackson from Clearbrook.



Arts Learning Grant recipients awarded in Region 2

On November 19, 2018, the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors granted \$22,903 in Arts and Cultural Heritage funds to arts organizations, groups with a fiscal sponsor, schools and non-profit institutions and organizations. These grants support high-quality arts education that develops knowledge, skills, and understanding of the arts for the benefit of Minnesotans of all ages across our five-county region.

Clear Waters Life Center received \$6,000 to provide 29 weeks of quality art classes for youth-older adults Jan-Aug 2019, 20 weeks of Monday classes offered in the afternoon and evening for adult learners and 9 weeks of youth after school classes on Wednesdays. Bemidji Community Theater received \$4,701 to collaborate with TrekNorth Jr. and Senior High School and Neilson Place to record the memories of residents at Neilson Place culminating in a collective performance involving music,

Bemidji First Friday Art Walk

January 4, 2018
Continuing Exhibits available general operating hours
Dunn Brothers Coffee will feature the photography of Elise Heisler. Heisler is a travel photographer whose work captures beauty, history and culture. The exhibit at Dunn Brothers features images taken in Italy and Switzerland. Dunn Brothers is located at 501 Paul Bunyan Dr SE and is open 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Neilson Place continues their exhibit featuring the photography of Bob Panther. View the work from 8 am – 8 pm. Neilson Place is located on the Sanford WoodsEdge campus, 1000 Anne Street NW.
The Bemidji Library wall will continue their mixed media show by members of Gallery North. Gallery North is an artist cooperative that displays the original artwork of area artists. View the artwork at the library, open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and located at 509 America Ave NW.
New Exhibits reception times vary
Gallery North – Stop by Gallery North's First Friday open house on January 4, 2-5 where they will be showcasing the upcoming 13th Annual Hockey Day Minnesota (HDM) presented by Wells Fargo. The telecast event will take place on Saturday, January 19, and includes a full day of hockey programming live from Bemidji. Featured artist during the art walk will be Gallery North's newest member, Gary Palmer from Blackduck. Palmer is a watercolor artist and woodcarver/woodburner. Gallery North is located at 310 4th St NW.
Wild Hare Bistro and Coffeehouse will present the work of artist Seth Larson through the month of January. Larson specializes in drawing and photography, and a dark, intricate style of portraiture and fan art. Join us on January 4th during the First Friday Art Walk and meet the artist from 3-5pm. Wild Hare is located at 523 Minnesota Ave.
Watermark Art Center presents A Work in Process: the Artwork of Joachim Bertold. Bertold (1917 - 1990) was a West German sculptor who worked predominantly in bronze. The exhibit at Watermark will feature small and large sculptures, as well as drawings, all of which focus on Bertold's central theme of man - not the external manifestations of the human form, but rather, the essence of the human being. Bertold believed man to be a spiritual being, always evolving, constantly learning from the knowledge of those passed on before. A prolific artist, his work has been shown in museums and galleries throughout the world, including New York, Munich, Milan, Vancouver and more. The opening reception will be Jan 4, from 5 – 7 p.m. Meet Bertold's family during the reception, special guests Chris Hamilton and Ursula (Bertold) Murch. Watermark is located at 505 Bemidji Ave N.

song, and dance.
Northern Light Opera Company received \$4,945 to offer a three-week Theater Workshop/Camp, NLOKids, to children from the Native American Community of Pine Point MN and children from the Park Rapids community.
Bemidji Community Theater received \$5,607 to continue a

theater internship program allowing interns to work with mentors in theater related areas on 5 upcoming projects for the 2019-2020 season.
Bemidji State University Music Department's Bemidji Concert Series received \$1,650 to bring the Trombones of St. Louis and Violetta Duo to perform in Bemidji.

Clearwater County Sheriff

Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Weekly Activity
Bear Creek- Total 2
12/16/18 02:46 Trespass
12/19/18 13:37 Crimes Against Family
City of Bagley - Total 19
12/16/18 11:32 Alarm
12/16/18 22:59 Warrant Arrest
12/17/18 11:30 Juvenile Misc
12/17/18 11:40 Crimes Against Family
12/17/18 12:36 Traffic Complaint
12/18/18 11:58 Transport
12/18/18 20:32
12/18/18 23:00 ASSIST
12/19/18 12:00 Crimes Against Family
12/19/18 14:49 Transport
12/19/18 18:04 Welfare Check
12/19/18 19:03 Disturbance
12/20/18 12:45 Juvenile Misc
12/20/18 14:54 ASSIST
12/20/18 18:13 ASSIST
12/21/18 04:07 Fire
12/21/18 13:40 ASSIST
12/21/18 14:17 Suicide Related
12/22/18 05:41 Disorderly
City of Clearbrook - Total 1
12/17/18 17:37 Information Only
City of Leonard - Total 2
12/18/18 00:46 Fire
12/21/18 18:00 Traffic Stop
City of Shevlin - Total 2
12/17/18 13:06 Crimes Against Family
12/20/18 07:58 Burglary
Clover - Total 1
12/19/18 08:49 Animal Related
Copley - Total 3
12/17/18 11:22 Crimes Against Family
12/18/18 20:05 THEFT
12/20/18 13:58 Traffic Complaint
Dudley - Total 2
12/18/18 20:28 THEFT
12/22/18 14:45 Fire
Falk - Total 9
12/16/18 20:13 Minor Consume
12/16/18 21:14 Welfare Check
12/18/18 14:02 Crimes Against Family
12/18/18 17:47 Suspicious Activity
12/20/18 07:12 Suspicious Activity
12/21/18 10:15 Drug Related

12/21/18 14:23 Warrant Arrest
12/22/18 09:37 Suspicious Activity
12/22/18 21:25 Harassment
Holst - Total 4
12/16/18 15:30 Traffic Stop
12/18/18 07:55 Animal Related
12/19/18 19:47 Animal Related
12/21/18 18:17 Information Only
Itasca - Total 1
12/21/18 15:32 Traffic Complaint
LaPrairie N - Total 9
12/17/18 09:33 Welfare Check
12/17/18 10:53 Welfare Check
12/18/18 13:45 Crimes Against Family
12/18/18 21:40 THEFT
12/19/18 13:52 Crimes Against Family
12/20/18 13:14 Suspicious Activity
12/21/18 10:25 Crimes Against Family
12/21/18 16:33 Crimes Against Family
12/22/18 19:28 Juvenile Misc
Leon - Total 5
12/16/18 08:30 Traffic Stop
12/17/18 22:36 Medical
12/18/18 07:43 911 Hang Up
12/21/18 18:55 Drug Related
12/22/18 18:20 Animal Related
Moose Creek - Total 3
12/19/18 16:20 Information Only
12/19/18 23:31 Disturbance
12/22/18 08:59 Medical
Nora - Total 1
12/18/18 06:38 Suspicious Activity
Pine Lake - Total 1
12/16/18 12:00 Snowmobile Related
Popple - Total 5
12/17/18 13:23 Crimes Against Family
12/19/18 15:04 Juvenile Misc
12/19/18 20:45 Warrant Arrest
12/20/18 09:21 Hazmat
12/21/18 17:27 Property Damage
Rice - Total 2
12/20/18 17:08 ASSIST
12/21/18 07:39 Crimes Against Family
Shevlin - Total 2
12/18/18 16:42 Juvenile Misc
12/20/18 08:16 Medical
Total Records: 74



Joni and Darci Hagen at Santa Claus Day.



Ellyse Berg, Faith and Grace Gunning with the Leon Ramblers 4-H selling wreaths on Santa Claus day.

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Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star

Clearbrook-Gonvick students in Kindergarten, first, second and third grade presented their Christmas program before a full gym.

They celebrated the season with twinkling light and many songs.

The songs on their program included: Star Light, Star Bright; Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star; The Huron Carol; Silver Moon Boat; A Cold and Frosty Night; Wonderous Star/See the Stars; Stars of the Heavens; Rise Up, Shepherd and Fol-

low; Jingle Bells; Shine, Shine, Shine; Great Big Stars, Rock Star, Silver Bells and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

The school music instructors Mrs. Ragan and Mrs. Stewart were in charge of the evening event.



Now hear this...

by Harry Hutchens,
Clearwater
County Veterans
Service Officer

CVSO Note: My family joins me in wishing you Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. May there be joy in your home and peace in more hearts around the world this Christmas season and always. Please continue to remember all Active Duty armed forces personnel and their families stationed stateside and overseas in your thoughts and prayers as you celebrate Christmas and the holidays with your own family and friends. Please count them as a cherished blessing. I am grateful for the continued opportunity and privilege to serve this county's veterans and their families, a blessing in itself.

PRESIDENT GEORGE H. W. BUSH: The President of the United States of America, in honor and tribute to the memory of President George H.W. Bush, and as an expression of public sorrow, has directed that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff at the White House and on all public buildings and grounds for a period of 30 days from the day of his death.

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/Text (218)556-5340 Hutch



Carter Ballard visits with Santa above and Wyatt Krogstad is shown below.



Recycling Saves YOU Disposal Fees

If you think that recycling isn't worth the bother, think about what it costs you to throw your recyclables in the trash.

Clearwater County pays tipping fees by the ton for trash hauled to the Fosston Incinerator. As the tonnage increases, the costs also increase. A state-of-the-art Materials Recovery 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.

Clearwater County Environmental Services



The Gonvick-Trail Class of 1976 held a reunion at the Fireside in Bagley. Enjoying the evening were John, Carla Danielson, Maria and David Qualey on the left side of the table and on the right side: Rhonda Erickson, Evelyn Wolden, Julie Hetland Sundquist and Fred Sundquist.



The Gonvick Lions Club members packaged up 98 bags for Gonvick and Clearbrook people who live alone in the area. The packages were decorated by second grade students at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School with Christmas greetings. From left to right members were: Kim Solberg, Jesse Smith, Dan Johnson, Corrine Richards, Chris Eck, JJ Solberg, Lucie Thompson, Dan Johnson, Janice Anderson and Caden Eck.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Merry Christmas.. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a new year of peace and happiness. Hoping you will be able to spend time with your family.

It is that time of the year again. Potato Klub is being served in Dee's Cafe in Leonard on Thursday until gone and Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick on Friday's until gone. It is not a club it is something to eat for those who don't know what Klub is.

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.

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 the Leader-Record 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. We have been getting in cell phones but we do not collect those for the Lions Club. If anyone knows where they can go let me know.

Joke time...

A ventriloquist is performing with his dummy on his lap. He's telling a dumb-blonde joke when a young platinum-haired beauty jumps to her feet. "What gives you the right to stereotype blondes that way?" she demands. "What does hair color have to do with my worth as a human being?" Flustered as the ventriloquist begins to stammer

out an apology. "You keep out of this!" she yells. "I'm talking to that little jerk on your knee!"

From my e-mail...

Dec. 1: Dr. Pepper first served, 1885

Dec. 2: Chanukah begins at sundown

Dec. 3: First human heart transplant 1967

Dec. 4: Santa's List Day

Dec. 5: Prohibition repealed, 1933

Dec. 6: Roy Orbison d. 1988

Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor attack, 1941

Dec. 8: Gingerbread Decorating Day

Dec. 9: John Milton b. 1608

Dec. 10: First Nobel Prize awarded, 1901

Dec. 11: Food Drive for Needy Animals Day

Dec. 12: Frank Sinatra b. 1915

Dec. 13: Operation Red Dawn, 2003

Dec. 14: Monkey Day

Dec. 15: 1791 - In the U.S., the first ten amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, went into effect following ratification by the state of Virginia.

Dec. 16: Boston Tea Party, 1773

Dec. 17: National Maple Syrup Day

Dec. 18: Nutcracker Suite premieres 1892

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Glen Arlaud was the first place winner at the USXC races that were held on Pine Lake. The Gonvick native took first on his Yamaha.



Just a typical fish house on Pine Lake with gas furnace, full kitchen, aquarium for bait, 12 fishing stations and LED party lights.



These cute holiday decorations were sent by Mette Gjestvang Øverseth from Norway.

4H Awards...

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Lisa Loegering the Northwest Regional Extension Director introduced the Clearwater County Extension Committee. The awards program followed. The first awards that were recognized were the 2017-2018 Project Records awards. The following 4-H'ers received a project pin award in the following areas.
Dog – Jaxsyn Lewis, Kara Maruska, and Kimberly Verke.
Goat – Brett Berg, Charlie Kaiser, and Jackson Kaiser
Horse – Adison Powell
Poultry – Brett Berg, Treyton Broden, and Adison Powell
Sheep – Treyton Broden
Citizenship – Elinor Davis
Indoor Gardening – Elinor Davis
Self-Determined – Megan Maruska
Wildlife Biology – Megan Maruska
Cake Decorating – Mackenzie Dahl
Jaxsyn Lewis was recognized as the top score for record judging.



Graduating members this year are Elizabeth Bodenstener and Kaci Schultz-Reese these two individuals graduated out of the 4-H program.



Next we recognized the five Cloverbud members that submitted a Cloverbud record. These individuals received a Cloverbud pin Izack Girtz, Kailynne Maruska and Beau Berg. Shown above are Kailynne Maruska and Izack Girtz. Not pictured Beau Berg.



The next award that was given was the first Year Record award. This is given to the first person in that family to submit records. This year we had two families receive this award. Which went to the Powell & Verke Family. Kimberly Verke pictured above with her award. Not pictured Adison Powell.



Thank you to the 2017-2018 Leader's Council Officer team for striving "To Make the Best Better" here in Clearwater County. We greatly appreciate all the hard work each of you have done over the past year. President – Briann Tronnes, Vice President – Kaleb Tronnes, Secretary – Savanna Rankin, Treasurer – Paul Ramsrud, and Reporter – Kyra Jorgenson.
2017-2018 Leader's Council officers L-R: Kyra Jorgensen (Reporter), Savanna Rankin (Secretary) and Paul Ramsrud (Treasurer) Not pictured are Vice President Kaleb Tronnes and President Briann Tronnes.



To make Clearwater County 4-H a success we have many outstanding volunteers that help in many different areas. This past year we had 35 screened adult volunteers with 3 of them being first time 4-H Volunteers. Congratulations and a big Thank you to each 4-H volunteer. In addition we celebrated Donna Rae Carlson being an active 4-H screened adult volunteer for the past 40 years with Minnesota 4-H. Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Clearwater County 4-H Club Leaders. Bits-N-Spurs Club Leaders Jennifer Haman and Jessie Jorgenson. Clearwater Riders Club Leaders Kristi Okeson & Jen Dahl. Jack Pine Pals Club Leaders Sara Tramm and Tiffany Berg. Leon Ramblers Club Leaders Marceen Hammer and Amy Rankin. Woodside Workers Club Leaders Marie Powell and Tara Haugen.



During the awards program we recognized individuals that placed at the 4-H State Shoot competition. A special congratulations to Nathan Johnshoy and Savanna Rankin in qualifying for the 2019 National 4-H Shoot in Nebraska.
State Shoot - Individual State Awards - Nathan Johnshoy – Senior Trap – 2nd Place; Nathan Johnshoy – Archery Class C – 3rd Place; Nathan Johnshoy – Senior - .22 Field Grade 6th Place; **Savanna Rankin** – Senior - .22 Field Grade – 9th Place; Hannah Johnshoy – Intermediate – Wildlife Calling – 1st Place; Cameron Broden – Intermediate – Skillathon – 5th Place; Payton Berg – Junior – Skillathon – 1st Place; Treyton Broden – Junior – Skillathon – 2nd Place; Matthew Rankin – Junior – Skillathon – 9th Place; **Team State Awards** - Senior - .22 Field Grade – 3rd Place; Intermediate - .22 Field - 3rd Place.

Clearwater County 4-H recognizes local business, organization or group of people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their support to Clearwater County 4-H. Their efforts are recognized through the presentation of the Friend of 4-H award during the annual 4-H recognition event at the end of each 4-H programming year. The year's 2018 Friend of 4-H award recipient went to the Clearwater County Sentence to serve program. Shown with the award is Vern Wittenburg.



The following 4-H'ers received a project pin award. Back (L-R): Elinor Davis, Kimberly Verke and Megan Maruska. Front: Kara Maruska and Treyton Broden. Not pictured Jaxsyn Lewis, Brett Berg, Charlie Kaiser, Jackson Kaiser, and Adison Powell.



Financial Team Award was awarded to the five individuals that have helped keep the Clearwater County financial book accurate and up to date. 2017-2018 Leader's Council Treasure were Daniel Johnshoy and Paul Ramsrud. Other members of the Financial committee is Sandy Girtz. Not pictured was Stephanie Tronnes and Carly Lewis.



Also during this awards program we recognized the Clearwater County 4-H Cloverbuds. Cloverbuds are youth in grades kindergarten through second grade during the current year. The Cloverbud program is designed to support the positive development of young people as they explore their world, discover the possibilities, build self-esteem and practice basic social skills. During the 2017-2018 year we had 29 Cloverbuds in our 4-H program.
Picture L-R Ellyse Berg, Kailynne Maruska, Izack Girtz, and Evelyn Warmbold.



The next award was the Clearwater County 4-H Ambassador certificates. This past year we had 13 young people that were Clearwater County 4-H Ambassador these individuals help with many different events throughout the year. These individuals demonstrated leadership.
Pictured L-R: Zalee Lucken, Megan Maruska, Briar Maruska, Obadiah Hammer, and Katrina Evenwoll. Not pictured Rylee Aufforth, Kara Bowman, Meosha Hammer, Carly Lewis, Isaiah Tramm, Tessa Tramm, Briann Tronnes and Kaleb Tronnes.



The energizer bunny award is given to a screened 4-H volunteer that keep giving and giving. We are lucky in Clearwater County we have so many outstanding volunteers. This year's Energizer Bunny award was awarded to Shelley Johnshoy.
The 2018 Clearwater County 4-H Volunteer of the Year. This award is given to an individual that is always going the extra mile along with outstanding contribution to the 4-H Youth Program in Clearwater County. Thank you Megan Warmbold for all of your hard work.
Pictured L-R: Shelley Johnshoy with her Energized Bunny Award and Megan Warmbold with her Volunteer of the Year award.



Clearbrook-Gonvick Early Childhood Holiday Night



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experience in our lifetime, as the world keeps on changing fast. I learned what I needed to know, and did what was expected of me."

"I have learned from experience all my life," he says. He enlisted in the Army right after graduating from high school in 1957, and then spent 30 years in the construction field, and says he learned a lot during that time.

As a Commissioner, Arlen spent many hours on committees, and drove to Moorhead for the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Board meetings from time to time. He said he really enjoyed his time with that group, sometimes making his trips an adventure, and lunch out with his wife. Once recently he had to stay overnight due to a snow storm.

"Now I won't have to worry

about all those committees I was on," he says.

"We have a good group of Commissioners, and I think they are doing well. The new ones should sit back a while and learn from John, Dean and Neal. They know what's 'cookin', and have received a lot of guidance from Dan Stenseng, the Chairman."

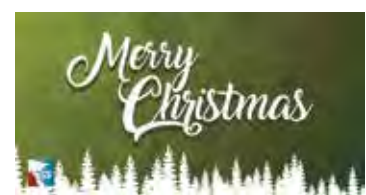
"This has been a good experience, and I hope I've done some good," he reflects. "You're always faced with decisions, and you don't have much time to research."

"I think everyone should spend a term as a Commissioner," Arlen says. "You will find out what our government is all about."

Considering his retirement, Arlen says, "Now I can sit back and spend time fishing, and more time with my wife Eileen, and our family."

Congratulations and thank you, Arlen.

Representative Matt Grossell Legislative Update District 2A



Friends,
I'd like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas! I'm looking forward to spending some much-needed time with my family and friends. I hope you are able to spend some quality time with your loved ones during this holiday season.

With the start of the new year upon us, the 2019 Session is right around the corner. As always, please reach out with any ideas you may have. I am here to serve you!

Merry Christmas and God bless you and your family,



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