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## Clearwater County Sheriff asking for information

On January 8, 2019, the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office received a report at approximately 6:00 am of a house that had been broken into south of Bagley along MN Hwy 92 and a 1991 Ford F150 and a 1997 Polaris 440 were missing from the scene, shown to the right. A second vehicle had been taken, but was stuck at the end of the driveway.

Deputies responded to the scene and after an extensive search of the area, the 1991 Ford F150 was recovered along with a flat screen TV and two chainsaws that had been taken from the residence.

Later this day at approximately 1:05 pm, another report of a vehicle theft came in from 266th Street south of Bagley reporting that they had a 1992 Chevrolet Blazer taken from their residence.

Again, a second vehicle had been taken, but was stuck in the driveway. The 1992 Blazer was located in Bagley a short time later. At approximately 5:30 pm, a report came into the Clearwater County Sheriff's Of-



fice of a stolen Ski-doo snowmobile from a residence on 131st Ave. northwest of Bagley.

Photo to the right is of the stolen Ski-doo. Deputies were able to obtain fingerprints and took DNA swabs as evidence. It is believed that all of these thefts are possibly related.

No suspects have been named yet, however, we are following up on all possible leads. If anyone has information on the two missing snowmobiles, you are encouraged to contact the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226.



## Year in Review....

**April...**Gully Tri Coop held their Annual meeting, prizes given. Lloyd Godtland retired after 38 years of service... Bemidji Cooperative Assoc. presented Clearwaer County Food Shelf with check for \$1,000... Story on "They Deserve Better Ministry" with Brusewitz in Haiti...Michael Hutchens from Clearbrook, along with his team in the 24-Hour Film Challenge wins second place at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention...Donuts with Dads & Grandpas featured...Community members attend retirement for Brad Eck from his position at First State Bank, Clearbrook... C-G Senior & Junior High School Science Fair shared with some great photos and awards received...National Pet Day on April 11<sup>th</sup>, Off the Tracks obedience course had lots of adorable dogs with their people... Jacie Bergerson was the grand prize winner of the poppy poster contest, Lots of great art work... C-G sport teams recognized for their achievements...Benefit held for Chris Paulson with family and friends...Clearwater Polk Electric held 71<sup>st</sup> annual meeting...Farm Service Agency makes administrative change to livestock Indemnity Program... Fundraisers held for local Fire Departments...Sutter Brothers, Ross and Bart, present 50 years of music, stories and history at Roxy in Clearbrook...Julie Fredrickson, Leonard Child-care received honor or business of the year...Alice Forsberg, 95 shares memories of a lifetime... **We Lost...**Allen Paquin, Calvin Harmoning, Karen Swenda, Virginia Madore, Mark Bala-tad, Gladys Magnell, Darold Iverson, Joey Johnson, Roger Drellack, Edward Penner, Jane Harvath, Irene Hince, Bernice Anderson, Veronica O'Keefe, Patricia Tranby, George W. McReynolds, Wendy Ann Thrane, Donna Teigland, Robert Rouland, Lawrence Knott, Nancy Hubbard, Ardith Reilly and Arleen Konikson.

**May...**C-G Prom photos are shared...Jacob Gunvalson of Gonvick gave the endorsement speech for Colin Peterson at the DLF Convention...Robin Proffit accepts School Lunch Hero with staff of C-G School...Harold Sweno received Civil Servant of the Year Recognition award with the Gonvick Post Office... Clearwater County Commis-sioners "Ok with conditions" for Enbridge Line 3 replacement... Helmut/Amish Community held a huge auction south of Gonvick...Peatland Reds recognized at North Country Food Bank awards...Matt Stiehm is welcomed to C-G Police Department & fundraiser held with Darin Halverson duct taped to a wall...Glenn Bergerson of Gully retires from Gonvick Fire Dept., replaced by Billy Klema...New Principal, Carl Dugstad for C-G...DeAnn Dyrdaahl makes her final day of Daycare in the old Clearbrook school...Memorial Day Programs held locally...45 Star Flag discovered in Leonard... Scholarships totaling \$66,900 given to graduat-ing high school seniors...Ruby's Pantry joining Country Faith Church in Clearbrook to help fight hunger...**We Lost...**Darlene Petterson, Lyle Newton, Robert Dukek, Rodney Olson, Erylss Grimm,, Melaine Sorvig, Alan Helund, Linda Knudson, Orvis Nordby, Raymond Eraker, Eugene Finley, Harold Finn, Wendy Sandmark, Yvonne Dahl, Alfred Knutson, Jr., Donald Sander, Catherine Senger, Janet Solem Dranstveit and Zola Ann Peterson.

June...Memorial Day

Speakers, Lt. Colonel Jeff Melander in Clearbrook & CMSgt Doug Faldet spook in Gonvick... New sculpture added at C-G School 3-D art designed by Brody Arlaud and worked on by seniors...Mark Juve takes over as president of Clearbrook bank... Spring concert celebrates movies & USA performed by C-G School...Karen Bratvold, fitness trainer wins awards at MN State Champion's NPC Body Building contest...C-G Track Team members go to State meet, Josiah Hubbard took 3<sup>rd</sup> place

in 300 meter hurdles...Choice Therapy opens in Gonvick's Clearwater Life Center...Trap Club finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> season with success...Children's Theatre presents Tom Sawyer at Summerfest...**We Lost...**Mildred Hansen, Marcella Sorenson, Catherine Senger, George M Johnson, Sandra Mootz, Melvin Churness, Robert Olson, James Jarvie, Mitchell Swanson, Ruby Wald, Elwood Tieman, John Brandt, Rev. Charles Gundersen, Richard "Dick" Aos and Wayne Torgerson...



## Community Blood Drive January 16 to help avoid winter blood shortages

It might look like winter wonderland at times, but the winter weather is no wonderland for hospital patients who depend on blood to keep them healthy and alive. Area residents are gearing up for a community blood drive to help prevent blood shortages in the coming weeks.

"In areas with harsh winter weather, cold weather and storms often keep people from donating blood", says Faye Bjerke, Donor Recruitment Representative of Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services. "With fewer people donating

blood, some parts of the country run the risk of having critical blood shortages." To make sure there's a dependable blood supply locally, Gonvick American Legion Auxiliary has scheduled a community blood drive on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, call Faye Bjerke at 218-487-6456 or Evon Quern 218-487-5638. The drive will be held at Gonvick Community Center. "For those who are venturing out and the winter weather hasn't dampened their routine, we

invite them to stop by the blood drive and donate."

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 and 17 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian.

To help speed up the process, donors can now complete their Health History the day of their donation by visiting [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org).

## Eight officials take Oath of Office in Clearwater County for the new term

By Karen Edelbach  
The first meeting of the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners on the 8th of January, 2019 started with administering of the Oath of Office for elected County officials. The eight individuals agreed to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Minnesota, and to endeavor to fulfill the duties of their office.

After the Pledge of Allegiance an election by their peers was held to assign the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the year. Commissioner John Nelson will serve as Chairman of the Board, and Commissioner Neal Illies will be the Vice-Chairman.

New dates for Board, Department Head, and work session meetings in 2019 were approved, along with regular business procedures, paying of bills, designating Farmer's Independent as legal paper, etc.

Citizens wishing to meet with the Board to discuss business or some issue should contact the Commissioner of their district, who then will obtain approval from the Board Chairman. It takes a week to get an item on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

Appointments for the Boards and Committees for the 2019 year will remain the same, except for the new Commissioners will take the assignments for the Commissioner they are replacing in most cases.

**Sanford Health Adminis-**

trator Rob Belanger and Nursing Manager Stephanie McKnight were on the agenda to discuss obtaining another Minnesota Capital Improvement Grant for improvements at the hospital, which would bring about \$42,000 from the County, a 25% match which will make the grant total \$167,000. Last year's grant was used for air conditioning, new windows and shades, and preparations began for a move of the Rehab Center from the Clinic to the Hospital.

The new grant would be applied to the continuation of those preparations including physical and occupational therapy.

"The wing available at the Hospital more than doubles the space for Rehab Services, and will combine with the gym there," Administrator Belanger said.

Commissioner Illies made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Mark Titera and passed, to proceed with the application for the grant and for further information to be brought to the next board meeting. Ms. McKnight will bring additional information to the next meeting.

**County Engineer,** Dan Sauvé brought the Highway Budget and explained the new budget for 2019 in the amount of over \$1.9 million.

A five year plan will be presented at the Roads & Bridges meeting in March. The 2019 budget was passed by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Nelson asked what determines where they buy fuel.

"Whatever is closer," the engineer responded. "We do not pay tax in Bagley, but there is a lot of paperwork connected with getting reimbursed." He will look into that regarding fuel purchased in Clearbrook.

Many construction projects are scheduled for 2019. The Engineer is authorized to advertise for County Highway Projects on the County Website.

**Chester Powell,** Program Tech of Soil and Water Conservation District brought the new AIS Budget for 2019.

"We staff 11 public access inspectors at the highest access and traffic locations," he said. "Those lakes are Clearwater, Pine, Big LaSalle, and Lomond. In the past we worked with Mississippi Headwaters.

"We use the geo-fencing, which counts traffic that comes through, and sample for Zebra Mussels and other AIS species. The money all comes from the State, and is based on the Legislation, but there is no foreseeable end to the funds coming. This started in 2014 with \$100,000 each year. We have about \$100,000 left and used \$23,000 for the Aerial Imagery."

He mentioned one of the biggest promotions has been for "Clean-Drain-Dry" to bring awareness of the importance of boat owners to follow this

**Commissioners...**  
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How many of you were able to drive by 460th Street or County 3 during the holidays. The road that goes west from B and M Supply south of Clearbrook is where the Kleppe

Farm is located. They have been very busy getting all their Christmas lights up and running for all to enjoy this Holiday season. They even have music as well.



Community Calendar

Music Jamboree  
A Music Jamboree of Country & Country-Gospel Music will be held at Cornerstone Residence, 30 Sunset Ave. NW in Bagley, on Sunday, January 20th from 1:00-4:30. Everyone is welcome!

NOTICE  
The Greenwood Town Board will meet for the 2018 audit and regular meeting at the Petterson home, 8:00 pm on January 21, 2019. Sheila Horn, Clerk

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. Jan. 16 - Meatloaf, Whole Red Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Bread and Milk.  
Thurs., Jan. 17 - Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Poke Cake, Bread and Milk  
Fri., Jan. 18 - Meaty Beef Stew with Carrots and Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Cheesecake, Biscuit and Milk.  
Mon., Jan. 21 - Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, & Carrots, Pineapple, Bread and Milk.  
Tues., Jan. 22 - Chicken & Gravy Over Biscuits, Corn, Cake, Bread and Milk.  
Wed. Jan. 23 - Lasagna, Cali Blend, Veg, Spiced Pears, Cookie, Garlic, Bread and Milk.  
Meals are served daily at 11:30 at the Clearbrook site except for evening meals served at 5 p.m. They are subject to change. Please register for meals at least the day before. Call 776-3154 to sign up.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

NY STRIP STEAK FRY  
in the Legion Room at the Clearbrook Community Center  
Everyone Welcome!  
NY Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Wild Rice Hotdish, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread & Coffee.  
Cost: \$15.00  
Saturday, Jan. 19th serving from 5:00-7:00 pm

Clearwater County Demolition Debris Landfill and Waste Transfer Facility  
Accepting: Demolition Debris, Waste Tires, Major Appliances, Scrap Metal, Yard Waste, Furniture, Large Wood, Metal, Plastic Waste Items  
NO regular household trash  
Hours: Tuesday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Thursday 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
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Pastor Bob  
December 31 is so stale compared to January 1st. December 31 is moldy with left-over promises, out of shape with bloated disappointments, and bruised after being knocked around by 2018. Three-day old road kill is more appetizing than December 31st.

Clearwater County Township Association Meeting  
All Clearwater County Township Officers are encouraged to attend this meeting at which time special issues to be discussed include:  
• County Environmental Office Update  
• County Engineer Update  
• State Association of Townships Update  
• Enbridge Update  
• Lobby Days Capitol Trip sign up for trip planned end of January  
• Election for Director of District 5 (Eddy, Greenwood, Hangaard, Pine Lake, Winsor)  
• Any other business that comes before the board  
This meeting will be held at the Bagley Senior Center on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7PM.  
Stephanie Anderson, Sec/Treasurer  
Clearwater County Township Association

January 1st has all the freshness of the New Year just laid out before it. A whole brand-new year. Wow! Like spring training, like the NFL draft, like the newest recruiting class, January 1st bends its finger inviting us forward into a future.  
If December 31 is the large loaded box, the over-stuffed suitcase, filled to the gills storage space, the attic of 2018, January 1st is the airport runway, the space launch pad, the winning lottery ticket for 2019. Too pudgy, 2019 can handle that. Too grey, 2019 and a little gel and voila! Too little hair on top, hair growing stuff and 2019 to the rescue.  
January 1st 2019 is all about shedding off all of 2018 and starting with a brand new spanking clean slate. Not just dumping the things we do not like but adding things we do not already have. On January 1st both the Cleveland Browns and the Minnesota Vikings will be in next year's Super Bowl and both will win it! Unfortunately, January 1st is followed by January 2nd!  
Lutherans believe people live in December 31st and January 2nd worlds as well as living in a January 1st world. People have hopes and dreams, some unrealistic, some doable, some fantastic, some small (the window is closing on me hitting one hundred free throws in a row without a miss—I once did 90). People also have some nightmares that are a part of who we

Giving Hearts in Clearwater County

We live in a tremendously giving and generous community! Members of Clearwater County gave over \$18,000 to the Clearwater Christmas Project. These funds gave Christmas dinner to 300 families and toys to 740 children. As the needs grow, so does the giving in our community! Many people in our community were given a little something extra this Christmas thanks to the generosity of our neighbors.  
The Clearwater Christmas Project was able to make all of this happen with the support of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tuesday Study Club, and the Clear Waters Life Center. These groups dedicated hours into the success of this project.  
A special thank you goes to Clearwater Rice for donating five pounds of potatoes to each family and to Riviana Foods for providing rice to each family.  
Many others were key to the success of the project: North Country Hardware, Galen's SuperValu, Kubiak's Grocery,  
Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners  
Jan. 5 - JoAnn Steindal, Bagley, \$20  
Jan. 6 - Amos Yoder, Gonvick, \$20  
Jan. 7 - John Frame, Valparaiso, IN, \$20  
Jan. 8 - Kay Peterson, Bagley, \$20  
Jan. 9 -Easton Paulson, Ranchester, WY, \$20  
Jan. 10 - Lillian Sauer, Bagley, \$20  
Jan. 11 -Kyle Crist, Bagley, \$20

are as people. We have some really good qualities and some really bad ones. Lutherans call it being a saint and a sinner at the same time. However sometimes we all forget that we cannot fix what is wrong with us by ourselves. Even though we are in part saint, we cannot undo the part that is not. We cannot remake ourselves into saints. No amount of rubbing, scrubbing, or scraping (not even chipping or sand-blasting) can remove our sinfulness. The quest for perfection does not always bring out the best in ourselves. We create vast amounts of frustrations and pains to ourselves and to other people. We live in a demanding world. In school, at work, with play. Constantly not measuring up can lead to despair, fatalism, and constant dissatisfaction. Constantly attempting to improve ourselves can lead to self-righteousness as we think others should try to become better people (generally for our sake—so they are easier to live with). Constantly looking to become better gets in the way of appreciating what is right about you and your neighbor. Constantly focusing on yourself leads to constantly focusing on yourself which leaves not much room for anything else. Remember the Christmas story where there was not any room for Jesus at the inn? Well, focusing on yourself does not leave any room for Jesus where it matters the most—your heart.  
Thanks Pastor Bob

Giving Hearts in Clearwater County

Bakken's Market, the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Impact Club and FFA, Bagley High School Student Council, the Bagley Legion, and numerous individual and business donors. Whether raising funds, providing discounts, hosting toy drives or other ways, the groups above all were key components to the Merry Christmas had by all.  
We are already planning and preparing for the 2019 project. Donations can be sent to PO Box 133, Gonvick, MN 56644.  
Thank you again to all that gave so generously to the Clearwater Christmas Project...a lot of people enjoyed a little more this Christmas thanks to our community!

Nominations sought for 2019 Clearwater County "First Lady"

On March 9, The Clearwater County Historical Society will host the Clearwater County "First Lady" award. Since 1977, Thirty-nine women in Clearwater County have been recognized for their accomplishments either for their service in a variety of community projects and organizations or for success in their careers. On Saturday March 9th a new name will be added to the honor roll.  
Your help is needed to select the 2019 recipient. If you know a woman who should be considered for the award, please send a letter with her name and include your reasons for her nomination; this can include any accomplishments in her life such as volunteer years of service, her career highlights, and other characteristics that you think should be considered. Nominations of women of all ages are encouraged. Please include your name and phone number so we can let you know if your nominee is selected.

Letters should be sent to 2019 First Lady - History Center P.O. Box 241 Bagley MN 56621.  
Letters will be delivered unopened to a panel of judges selected from the county. Please do not send emails.  
Nominations are needed by FEBRUARY 18.  
Questions? Call Tamara or Edna at 785-2000 (History Center)  
Previous First Ladies  
1977- Laurel Carlson, 1978- Edith Refshaw, 1979- Mangeline Kirkeby, 1980- Arlene Cease, 1981-Dorothy Katzenmeyer, 1982- Adeline Beltz, 1983- Sharon Duke, 1984- Olga Peterson, 1985- Lois Bromaghin, 1986- Dolores Johnson, 1987- Zella Tangjerd, 1988- Ruth Offerdahl, 1989- Karen Gesell, 1991- Lucille Kildal, 1993- Judy Carver, 1994- Ruth Anderson, 1995- Marilyn Melby, 1996- Alma Burr, 1997- Hennie Merseth, 1998- Mildred Mathison, 1999- Lila Strandlien, 2000- Dee Strandlien, 2001- Grace Nelson, 2002- Lillian Sauer, 2003- Crystal Schmitz, 2005- Charlotte Stoker, 2006- Vivian Torkildson, 2007- Betty Johnson, 2008- Ardella Lindberg, 2009- Darlene Sawyer, 2010 - Linda Kaul, 2011- Opal Friborg, 2012- Shirley Gunderson, 2013- Lois Hoie, 2014- Marilyn Stinar, 2015- Ardis Thompson , 2016- Eileen Lien, 2017- Alice Gunderson, 2018 – DonnaRae Jacobson.

Please check your address label!

Church News

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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD  
Pastor Robert Kirchman Good Shepherd  
Sun., Jan. 20 - 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School, 7-12th Grade Youth Connect, 11:00am Worship/ Communion; Annual Meeting after Worship Service with Potluck.  
Wed. Jan. 23 - 6:30 pm Choir Practice; 7:30 pm Handbell Practice.  
Joint events  
Wed. Jan. 23 - 5:30pm Supper 6-9th Grade; 6:00pm Confirmation.  
Our Savior's  
Sun., Jan. 20 - 9:00am Worship/ Communion; 9:45am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook  
Pastor Adam Krog  
Wed., Jan. 16: 5:30 pm confirmation, 7:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer.  
Thurs., Jan. 17 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Prayer.  
Sun., Jan., 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship Service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook  
Pastor Verlyn Strenge Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway  
Wed. Jan. 16 - 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA  
Thurs. Jan. 17 - 7:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer.  
Sat. Jan. 20 - 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
Sun. Jan. 21 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

QUICK TICKETS  
Does your organization need raffle tickets? Call 218-487-5225 or email richards@gvtel.com your information

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

CLEARBROOK SITE:  
Shop-at-the-Top: January Book Sale!!!! Super low prices. Includes children's books, Christian fiction & more. Open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Mon. thru Fri. & 10:00 to 12:00 on Sat.  
Youth Connections: 5th-9th grade, Tues., 3:30-5:00. Snacks, gym, games & crafts. FREE.  
Celebrate Recovery Support Group: 7:00 PM, Thursday, 2nd floor of CWLC-Clearbrook. Help for any hurt, habit, or hang-up. Confidential.  
GONVICK SITE:  
Scandinavian Friday Night Out: Feb. 1, serving 5-7 PM. \$15 suggested donation, 12 & up. Main Course: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, and candied carrots. Call 218-776-2789 to reserve meal.  
Youth Connection: Art classes for 7-12 grade. Wed., 2:30-4:30 PM. Watercolor class. Signed registration form needed for transportation. Free  
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.  
Restore It! Furniture Shop: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, M-W-F.  
Check our website for pieces available, clearwaterslife.org.  
Hours: Gonvick, 226 Elm St., M-W-F, 10-3; Clearbrook, 256 2nd Ave., SW., Main office open: 8-4, Tues.-Fri.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS - Clearbrook Branch 305 Lake Ave. E.  
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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.

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH MEMBERS OF NALC  
Pastor Kris Snyder  
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Wed., Jan. 16: 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study; 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; 10:30 AM Quilting; 6:30-7:45 PM Confirmation; 7:30 Samhold Council Meets.  
Sun., Jan. 20 - 9:30 AM Sunday School, 10:30 AM Worship Service.  
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Sun., Jan. 20: 9:00 AM Worship Service/Holy Communion. 10:00 AM Youth Sunday School; 10:00 AM Reunion Planning Committee meeting. Everyone welcome.

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri  
Pastor Jeff Merseth  
Wed, Jan. 16: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.  
Sat, Jan. 19: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.  
Sun, Jan. 20: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri, 9:15 a.m. SS; 8:30 a.m. SS Oak Park, 9:45 a.m. Oak Park. OF Annual meeting & potluck. 10:00 a.m. SS at Nazareth, 11:00 a.m. Nazareth.  
Wed, Jan. 23: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor  
www.newjourneyfosston.com  
Wed, Jan. 16: 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA, 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.  
Fri, Jan. 18: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.  
Sun, Jan. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.  
Tue, Jan. 22: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotion. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 Bible Study.  
Wed, Jan. 23: 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany \* Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister  
Sun, Jan. 20: 9:00 a.m. Worship at Lund. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor  
Sun, Jan. 20: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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Sunday Afternoon  
Open Gym Begins

The Clearbrook-Gonvick high school gym will be open for recreation until 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: Individu-

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

al=\$15.00, Family pass=\$25.00

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

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began January 13, 2019

and will run though 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.

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January Teacher Feature:  
"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." ~Martin Luther King Jr.

Megan Godtland is in her third year at Clearbrook-Gonvick school as the School Counselor, working with students K-12. She is the oldest of five siblings and grew up in Morris, Minnesota. Her blended family consists of Shelby (27), Rynne (Junior in HS), Tristan (Sophomore in HS), Harrison (2nd grade), and Desiree (3). Her parents are Garrett Hoyer (Oom Hoyer) and Jill Grossman who both reside in Morris. Megan tries to visit home as much as possible, especially to be around as her younger siblings grow up.

Megan graduated from Morris Area High School in 2006 and then attended Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM). She completed her bachelor's degree in psychology in 2010 and then began working full time as a direct support professional caring for individuals with disabilities at CCRI in Moorhead. After two years, she was ready to do a little more with her degree and education. At this time she applied for a promotion at work to become a supervisor as well as applied to get into the Counseling and Students Affairs Graduate Program at MSUM. She received the promotion and was accepted into the counseling program at the same time. For two years Megan worked full time during the day and completed her master's degree full time in the evening. In her third and last year of graduate school, she completed her internship at Barnesville High School. In May of 2015, Megan earned a Master's in Counseling and Student Affairs with an emphasis in School Counseling.

**Why did you choose to become a school counselor?** *As a child growing up I would describe myself as resilient and I truly believe it was this that helped shape me to who I am today. I have always had this strong desire to help others and am a great listener, so it only made sense I took my education further to become a school counselor. I wanted to be the person to make a difference in the lives of others while building relationships along the way.*

**What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick?** *Prior to coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick School I worked as a part time school counselor at Morris Area Elementary School for one year.*

**What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick?** *The best part of working here is that I get to interact with all students K-12. There are never two days that are the same and I love it!*

**What is the biggest challenge of your job?** *The biggest challenge of my position is that there is only one of me. I often find myself wanting to do more and more things to add to my comprehensive school counseling program; however, there is never enough time with all the hats I wear.*

**If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why?** *Is a professional traveler a thing? If so, that's what I would be! Other than being a school counselor, I also thought it would be so much fun to be an event planner and decorate cupcakes and cakes.*

**What do you do when you are not working at the school?** *When I am not at work I make time for my friends and family, travel, read, work on crafts, take pictures, and catch up on my shows.*

**What is something you like to do to pass the time during a snowstorm or the frigid cold weather?** *Wearing comfy clothes is a must for cold weather. In all honesty, I would either watch some shows or work on organizing things at my house. I really like to have my stuff organized and in its place. I think it is fun!*

**What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community?** *The very best thing about this community is that it is one you really get to know the people and have a sense of belonging. I grew up in Morris, which at the time I thought was a small town. When I moved here it was a whole different kind of small. I had previously lived in Fargo-Moorhead for nine years and was used to a certain kind of lifestyle. Being here I have had to adjust to a lot of things,*



Megan Godtland, School Counselor & iM-PACT Advisor.

*but have no regrets. I am so glad to be a part of this community and brag to all of my friends about it. I am trying to really get the Clearbrook-Gonvick area on the map because we are awesome. :)*

And now a word or two about Megan from a few of students...

What do you think Megan was like when she in high school? *"I think Megan was super helpful, very kind, and very smart."* *"Very happy and was friends with everyone."* *"I think she was a funny, kind, and very smart girl."* *"I think Megan was a shy student with braces and wore a headband and clips in her hair."* *"Very hyper with good grades."* *"Since she's nice now she was probably mean with attitude."* *"I think Megan was kind of bookwormy."*

What do you think Megan does when she is not in school? *"Watches Netflix."* *"Megan fights in the UFC. Enters her armadillo in underground armadillo races. Makes cakes the size of Big Ben. AND wrestles sharks."* *"I think she spends time with her family."* *"Goes for walks and watches Netflix."* *"I think Megan hangs out at home, reads, and decorates her house super cute."* *"Goes on an adventure."* *"I think Megan likes to read and watch movies. She also seems like she'd be one to go out with friends."*

What job do you think Megan would have if she was not a school counselor?

*"Interior designer."* *"I think she would own her own boutique."* *"I think she would be a daycare lady."* *"I think she would become a hippotherapist, which is a therapeutic horse riding instructor and equine therapist."* *"Work at Target."* *"A Chef."* *"If Megan wasn't a school counselor, I feel like she would be a flight attendant because she talks about traveling all the time."*

What is one of the best things about Megan? *"Her smile."* *"She is super friendly."* *"Her love for all her accessories and all her character bobbleheads in her room."* *"She cares so much about everything she does."* *"She smiles in the hallway."* *"She is always smiling and willing to help anyone in need."* *"Megan is super easy to talk to."*

What do you think is Megan's favorite thing to do? *"I think Megan loves to decorate."* *"Talk to students."* *"Travel."* *"Megan's FAVORITE thing to do is drive faster than 160 mph and attend Spanish bull fights."* *"Eat out with friends."* *"Make people happy."* *"Travel and drink coffee and tea."*

What is one thing Megan ALWAYS says? *"I don't know."* *"Hi, my name is Megan Godtland."* *"Okay, I'll have to talk to Mr. Dugstad about that."* *"Make it a great day or not, the choice is yours."* *"Hey."* *"You got it!"* *"Mmmhmm, Mmmhmm."*

Where would you send Megan on vacation? *"Bahamas"* *"Bahamas"* *"India"* *"I would send Megan to Laos so she could eat a lot of rice, join a yoga retreat, and help out at an organic farm. Also visit Buddha Park to see some stunning sculptures."* *"Greece"* *"Hawaii"* *"To the Bahamas."*

Clearbrook-Gonvick  
School Menu

Wed., Jan. 16 - Turkey Stomboli, Sun Chips (9-12), Green Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Thurs., Jan. 17 - Chicken Noodle Soup, PB & J or Egg Salad Sandwich, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Fri., Jan. 18 - Dunkers with Marinara Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Mon., Jan. 21 - No School.

Tues., Jan. 22 - Hot Dog on Bun, Oven Fries, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Wed., Jan. 23 - Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Breadstick (9-12), Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Weekly  
Announcements

The One Act Play is busily preparing for competition on Jan. 24. We invite you to join us on Jan 17, 18 or 22 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. as we rehearse. We would love your comments/critiques! We are located in the music room (just down the hall from the kitchen!)

Mrs. Ragan and One Act Cast  
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Thur, Jan 17: JH BBB vs Goodridge Grygla-Gatzke at 5:00. 7th at 5:00 8th at 6:00 both at CCC

“Book Blizzard Bash”  
Planned at Bagley  
Library

A celebration is planned in celebration of the Bagley Library's annual winter reading program for adults. Book Blizzard is a reading program that challenges adults to keep their reading resolutions. To enter the contest, participants can read or listen to four books or complete challenges, including attending a library event, joining a book club or bringing someone new to the library. The program began in early January and will conclude at the end of February. To enter, participants can visit a library location near them or www.larl.org/bookblizzard. The library's "Book Blizzard Bash" is scheduled Friday, January 18 at 11 a.m. at the Bagley Public Library, 79 Spencer Ave SW. All are welcome to join library staff to learn about the contest and find something new to read. Refreshments will be served.

Families are encouraged to bring their children to the library's weekly Storytime. Held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m., this is a wonderful early literary experience for infants and up.

Clearwater County Sheriff  
Darin Halverson

Clearwater County Sheriff's Office  
Weekly Activity

**City of Bagley - Total 14**  
01/06/19 10:38 Vehicle Lock Out  
01/09/19 07:07 Vehicle Lock Out,  
07:30 Burglary, 10:05 Traffic Stop,  
10:32 Assault, 11:40 Medical, 19:58 Medical  
01/10/19 01:43 Property Damage,  
08:47 Medical, 12:39 Court Order  
Violation, 17:16 Traffic Stop, 18:38 Medical, 20:01 Medical  
01/12/19 07:16 Alarm  
**City of Clearbrook - Total 1**  
01/10/19 10:34 Crimes Against Family  
**City of Shevlin - Total 1**  
01/12/19 12:05 Traffic Complaint  
**Copley - Total 13**  
01/06/19 01:58 Traffic Stop  
01/09/19 18:39 Welfare Check  
01/10/19 10:22 Crimes Against Family, 10:53 Crimes Against Family, 22:24 Medical  
01/11/19 07:35 Traffic Complaint, 12:17 Traffic Stop, 18:40 ASSIST  
01/12/19 07:40 Traffic Stop, 08:29 Animal Related, 13:32 Motor Vehicle Crash, 14:27 Traffic Stop, 17:11 Traffic Stop  
**Dudley - Total 3**  
01/06/19 01:38 Traffic Complaint  
01/10/19 01:16 Traffic Stop, 10:15 Crimes Against Family  
Falk - Total 1  
**Greenwood - Total 2**  
01/07/19 03:27 Suspicious Activity  
01/11/19 14:02 Trespass

Thur, Jan 17: A,B BBB vs Goodridge Grygla-Gatzke at 6:00. JV at 6:00, V at 7:30

Fri, Jan 18: JH GBB at Bagley at 4:30. 7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30. Leave at 3:45.

Fri, Jan 18: JV/V GBB at Red Lake at 6:00. JV at 6:00, V at 7:30. Leave at 4:45.

Fri, Jan 18: JV/V BBB at BGMR (Greenbush) at 6:00. JV at 6:00, V at 7:30. Dismiss-3:00, Leave3:15

Mon, Jan 21: A,B BBB vs Blackduck at 6:00. JV at 6:00, V at 7:30

Tue, Jan 22: JH BBB at Fosston (at elementary) at 4:30. 7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30. leave at TBD

Tue, Jan 22: A,B GBB vs Kelliher-Northome at 6:00. JV at 6:00, V at 7:30

Tue, Jan 22: JH GBB vs Kelliher-Northome at 5:00. 7th at 5:00, 8th at 6:00, both at CCC  
Thur, Jan 24: JH BBB at Blackduck at 5:00. 7th at 5:00,

Sanford offers free lunch  
and learn about GERD

Individuals wanting to learn more about Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), including what GERD is, how to live with the disease and when medical intervention is needed; are invited to a free lunch and learn presented by surgeon Dr. Kashif Zuberi from Sanford Health in Bemidji. The event entitled, "Heartburn – when should you worry?" is from noon to 1 p.m. on Jan. 25, at Sanford Bemidji

Legislators take oaths of office

Rep. Green takes fourth oath of office

ST. PAUL – State Rep. Steve Green, R-Fosston, performed his fourth oath of office in the Minnesota House of Representatives Tuesday as the 91st Legislature was sworn in at the Capitol.

Green was re-elected to the House in November and represents District 2B, which encompasses all of Mahnomen and portions of Becker, Clearwater, Hubbard, Otter Tail, and Wadena counties. Green is serving on the House Environment and Natural Resources Policy, Environment and Natural Resources Finance, State Government Finance, and Legacy Finance committees.

"It is nice to get back to the Capitol and get to work on behalf of the people in District 2B," Green said. "We face some serious challenges here in Greater Minnesota and much of my focus will remain on those issues so we can not only make improvements to help now, but to strengthen our communities for the long term. I am happy that we are back to business to take on important issues at the Capitol."

Green said he welcomes input from local citizens throughout the year, particularly during

8th at 6:00. Release at 3:00, Leave at 3:15

Thur, Jan 24: JH GBB at Blackduck at 5:00. 7th at 5:00, 8th at 6:00. Release at 3:00, Leave at 3:15

ONGOING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING:** After school tutoring is offered again this year for grades 5-12. It is held M, T, and R from 3:25 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and W from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in lab 400. No tutoring will be held on Fridays and early release days. Each student needs permission from parents. A signup sheet is located outside room 406. Anyone attending tutoring will need to be signed up by 1:00 pm each day. C-G students from the Red Lake area are encouraged to attend. A late bus leaves the school at 5:30 p.m. and arrives in Red Lake at 6 p.m. on the days there is tutoring.

Medical Center's Education Center, 1300 Anne St. N.W., Bemidji.

The free event is hosted by Sanford Health Foundation of Northern Minnesota, and a light lunch will be served.

Registration is required, and space is limited. To register, please call (218) 333-5505 or email shfoundation.bemidji@sanfordhealth.org by noon on Monday, Jan. 21.

the legislative session. He can be reached by emailing rep.steve.green@house.mn. or by calling (651) 296-9918. Green also provides periodic email updates and citizens can sign up to receive them at his official state website: www.house.mn/2B.

Rep. Grossell starts second term

SAINT PAUL, MN— Representative Matt Grossell, R-Clearbrook, was officially sworn in Tuesday as the legislature began the 2019 session in St. Paul. Legislators took the oath of office in the House Chamber. Grossell will continue representing District 02A which includes portions of Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, and Lake of the Woods counties.

"I'm grateful to return to the legislature and continue serving the residents of Northern Minnesota," said Grossell. "I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues to look for ways to reduce the costs of health care, improve our state's economy, and focus on the priorities of Minnesotans across the state."

Grossell, who was first elected in 2016, will serve on the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance & Policy Division, Capital Investment Division, Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Division, and Veterans and Military Affairs Finance & Policy Division.

Constituents can contact Grossell by phone at 651-296-4265 or by email at rep.matt.grossell@house.mn. Grossell's office is located on the second floor of the State Office Building in room 227. Mail can be sent to: Representative Matt Grossell  
227 State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

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

**GIVE A VETERAN A LIFT:** Save the date! Tim Johnson informs the 2018 "Give A Veteran A Lift" music program fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 9th at the comfy Bagley High School Auditorium from 7:00 to 9:30pm immediately following the Bagley Senior Center Sweetheart Dinner.

**FEDERAL GOVT SHUT-DOWN:** WASHINGTON – December 21, 2018: Secretary Wilkie: VA not affected in the event of partial government shutdown. In light of the possibility of a partial federal government shutdown, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert Wilkie released the following statement: "Thanks to the leadership of President Trump and Congress, VA is fully funded for fiscal year 2019, and in the event of a partial government shutdown, all VA operations will continue unimpeded. "We thank the president and Congress for their commitment to our nation's heroes in funding VA, and stand ready to provide all of the VA benefits and services our Veterans have earned."

CVSO NOTE: Veterans benefits are largely federal-level, coming from departments within the VA, a federal benefits agency. County Veterans Service Offices' availability are unaffected by federal shutdowns, drawbacks or furloughs.

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Thoughts  
from the  
Sheriff

Clearwater County  
Sheriff Darin Halverson



The New Year is upon us and I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. The end of 2018 marked the end of my first term as your Clearwater County Sheriff so I wanted to take time to summarize the activity of the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office for 2018 and what accomplishments we have made during my first term. I appreciate all the support I have received over the past four years and I hope to continue earning your trust and confidence going forward.

Before going into the statistics of 2018, I want to go over some of the changes that have occurred over the past four years. One of the first areas that we began working on in 2015 was switch-

ing our radio communication over to the ARMER radio system. This is a statewide radio system that allows communication with other law enforcement agencies anywhere in the state. In the case of an emergency or large-scale event, this communication is vital. We were one of the last counties to migrate over, but we are finally operating on the system.

The second major change that was made at the Sheriff's Office was the implementation of a new records management system for the office and the jail. This marked the first time that both are operating under one system. This has streamlined much of the work and has saved time in entering information, thus making the records process more efficient.

The addition of body worn cameras by our deputies is another improvement made. The cameras have proven to be an important tool in the prosecution and investigation of criminal cases. They have also been beneficial in investigating citizen complaints as the encounters are captured on video and they can be proven or disproven in a timely fashion.

We have made several other positive changes over the past four years, but the last two that I want to touch on have been the resurrection of the dive team for search and rescue and a new mass notification system. The dive team was able to get the new equipment and training necessary through grant funding so no local tax dollars had to be used. The mass notification system was upgraded to ensure the best system was being used to meet our needs. We want to be sure that our citizens are notified in a timely manner in the case of any emergency or severe weather and this change provided that. The safety of our residents is our top

priority.

Next, I want to review our activity in 2018 for the Sheriff's Office and the county jail. In 2018, the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center received 23,004 calls and an additional 3,272 911 calls that generated 6,835 calls for service county wide. Clearwater County Deputies responded to 4,282 of those calls, followed by the Bagley Police Department with 1,195, the Clearbrook/Gonvick Police Department with 645 and the White Earth Police Department with 637. The number of calls for service that our deputies respond to have been continually rising over the past six years. In 2013, deputies responded to 1,966 calls. Just last year, that number had climbed to 3,712. We surpassed that number this year by an additional 570 calls. This has put a strain on our office, as we do not have any additional deputies to handle these calls. More pressure is being put on our deputies and I do not see this trend ending anytime soon.

The City of Bagley generated

the most calls in the county with 2,109. The City of Clearbrook had 552 calls, followed by Gonvick with 202, Shevlin with 131 and Leonard with 19. The townships with the most calls included North La Prairie with 577, Copely with 438, Falk with 272, Shevlin with 252 and Popple with 240. Townships with the least number of calls included Hangaard with 3, Winsor with 19, Greenwood with 28, Long Lost Lake with 33 and Clover with 36.

As far as some of the major crimes in the county, the numbers have remained relatively stable. Thefts remain a high number of calls in the county with 199 total calls in 2018. This is slightly down from 2017 when we saw 206. Burglaries in 2018 were at 50 compared to 46 in 2017. Other crimes and activity in 2018 are as follows; Property Damage-32, Assault-49, Domestic Assault-47, Sexual Conduct-26, Drug offenses-37, Warrant Arrest-77, Traffic Stops-1,423 and Civil Process Service-484.

In our county jail in 2018, we had 746 inmates booked in. This number was higher than last year when we had 690. Of that total, 84% were male and 16% female. The average length of stay for males was 14 days and for females, it was nearly 7. Our

average daily population in the jail was just over 24. We continue housing inmates for other agencies, which generates approximately \$300,000 each year in revenue.

I hope this snapshot of what is occurring at the Sheriff's Office and within our county gives you an idea of what challenges we are facing. We are always working to develop procedures that will make our office as efficient and effective as possible. However, we need the community's backing to help us in this endeavor. It is my hope that together we can start to see a positive change. I look forward to working for you as your Clearwater County Sheriff for the next four years and I am truly humbled to have your trust to serve in this capacity for Clearwater County. I do not take this responsibility lightly or for granted.

If you have questions that you would like answered or any suggestions, please email me at [darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us](mailto:darin.halverson@co.clearwater.mn.us) or call the Sheriff's Office at 218-694-6226. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you and as always, I am honored to serve as your Clearwater County Sheriff.



Newly and reelected Clearwater County Officials take the oath of office. Left to right: Brenda Knable, Recorder; Mark Titera, District 1 Commissioner; Mark Larson, District 5 Commissioner; Neal Illies, District 3 Commissioner; Darin Halverson, Sheriff; Al Paulson, Auditor-Treasurer; Paul Rydeen, Soil & Water District Supervisor; and Al Rogalla, Attorney.

### Commissioners...

Continued from front

routine. Also, they advertise regarding the value of our resources, and are working on the One Watershed One Plan. Total budget for this year is \$121,144.

**MIS Technical Director,** Stuart Lien received authorization to advertise for a full time permanent Information Tech Specialist to fill a vacancy.

A motion was passed to pay the cost of annual dues for IT leaders. It has risen to \$1,198 from the \$300 it used to be since a lobbyist has been hired through Association of Minnesota Counties to work at the legislation.

Motion was passed to cover major computer replacements

and technology upgrades in 2019 in the amount of \$72,000; and another to handle computer and software maintenance upgrades and support agreements not to exceed \$60,000.

This year they are updating 32 PCs and two servers. Commissioner Mark Larson asked if this is in line with spending last year.

Mr. Lien said this is a managed spend so that is does not fluctuate as much.

"We are usually under budget unless something comes up (unexpectedly)," he said.

**Director of Nursing** Marissa Hetlund said Nursing Service will no longer be able to use the Park View Apartment meeting room free of charge for the foot clinic every other month

as they have done in the past. Park View now wants to charge \$50 each time. They are looking for a new space.

Lyn Riggs will be retiring in March. Valerie Reichert was approved to be hired part time as an account clerk-secretary beginning September.

**Chairman Nelson** asked several Department Heads to explain various aspects of their budgets and other business discussed. He said they did a good job of explaining things and it was very helpful.

There was a discussion about the need to include items that can be planned ahead. It was stated that they should be included in a budget.

**County Auditor** Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the

submitted invoices of \$230,081 for the County Revenue Fund and \$52,132 for the Nursing Service Fund.

**Board Chairman Nelson** was authorized to sign amended lease with the Department of Corrections for a period of five years commencing March 1, 2019 through Feb. 29, 2024.

**The 2019 Ditch Fund Budget** was approved with total Revenue of \$28,580; and Total All Purposes of \$49,402. Motion was made by Commissioner Illies and seconded by Commissioner Mark Larson.

All Commissioners were present at the meeting: John Nelson, Neal Illies, Dean Newland, Mark Titera, and Mark Larson.



## Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

**They are serving a New York Strip Steak** at the Clearbrook Community Center on Saturday, January 19. They will start serving at 5:00 p.m. It is sponsored by the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center.

**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 and the Gully Cafe on Friday's until gone. It is not a club it is something to eat for those who don't know what Klub is.

**Joke time...** Sven and Ole were carpentering on a new house. Sven who was nailing down siding would reach into his nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over his shoulder or nail it in.

Ole, figuring this was worth looking into, asked,

"Why are you throwing dose nails away?"

Sven explained, "If I pull a nail out of my pouch and it's pointed TOWARD me, I throw it away 'cause it's defective.

If it's pointed toward da

HOUSE, den I nail it in!"

Ole got completely upset and yelled, "You MORON!!!"

Da nails pointed toward you aren't defective!

Dare for da OTHER side of da house!!"

### Historical Society annual meeting

The Clearwater County Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at the Landstad Church in Shevlin at 2:00pm.

Members are invited to attend. Agenda includes election of 3 directors, recognition of 2018 "Friends of Museum" Joann Steindl, Judy McGraw and Tim Matasovsky as well as retiring directors Harlan Highberg, Jim Chesley, David Hallan and Jim Gustafson. The meeting will also include any other business brought before the board of directors. Refreshments will be served. A program on Country Schools will be shown after the meeting. For more information contact the history center at 218-785-2000

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