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Will there ever be summer this year. The snow keeps piling up an inch at a time. There is really no place to put the white stuff. The county and state plows have been very busy this winter season. The cost to keep these vehicles running is great. Schools in the area have been closed due to the snow and extremely cold weather. It is getting almost too much for the winter activities that we enjoy in this part of the country. But sooner or later it will be spring. March 20 is supposed to be the first day and we will have to wait and see.



Donna Rae Jacobson of Clearbrook, on the right, the 2018 First Lady of the county congratulates the 2019 First Lady Elaine Johnson of Bagley.

Elaine Johnson is 2019 First Lady of Clearwater County

The 40th First Lady of Clearwater County was named last Saturday at Clear Water Life Center in Gonvick. The weather was not ideal for the event. After the brunch, music, special speaker, introduction of former first ladies, 2018 last years First Lady thoughts it was finally time to give the judges final decision. Elaine Johnson of Bagley was given the honor.

Thoughtful, friendly, helpful, kind, reliable, humble and faithful were some of the words that describe Elaine. She and her husband Robert have been married over 50 years and they have three children and raised them on a dairy farm northwest of Bagley.

Elaine was born and raised in a small town called Davenport, North Dakota. She was a dutiful farm wife for many years, doing the household chores and keeping everything in order. She was a stay-at-home mom until all three girls were gone.

In the last 80's she decided she wanted to do something to keep herself busy. She started babysitting for Warren and Laine Larson and after that for Steve and Bonnie Thompson. After that, she decided to try working at Daroo's Pizza in Bagley. Then on to First National Bank in Bagley as a part-time receptionist. She has been there for 20 years and still cheerily greets everyone that comes through the door. At Christmas time, she bakes many dozen cookies for the bank to have for their customers to enjoy at their annual open house. She occasionally bakes birthday cakes for some that request it for their "work" party.

When the girls were home they were all involved in 4-H. She was willing to help out wherever needed with no complaining. She taught each of her daughters to sew, bake, garden both flowers and vegetables and were taught the importance of

keeping track of project details and neatly recording them. She was a chaperone to Citizenship Washington Focus where she flew to Washington D. C. and chaperoned kids from all 50 states for one week.

She was an officer on the 4-H Leader's council, part of the county extension committee and putting in many hours in the 4-H food stand. Probably her most fun leadership role was when she decided to start a clowning project. She sewed several clown suits and found kids that were willing to have fun by appearing in parades, the county fair and other community events. She was involved in the 4-H program for 20 years.

She has served her church in several capacities. Sunday School teacher for kindergarten and grades 1 to 3. Vacation Bible School teacher and a substitute teacher, she served in circle and the church service groups, WELCA and the Altar Guild.

Elaine and Robert were



Tamara Edevold with the Clearwater County Historical Society presents Elaine Johnson the First Lady of the year award.

members of St. Peter Church in rural Bagley until it closed its doors in 1965 and they joined Faith Lutheran Church in Bagley and have been members for 54 years. Elaine was a Kindergarten Sunday School teacher for 15 years. In her 54 years at the church she has put in countless hours as a volunteer and never expects rewards or special recognition in return. She is a member of the Naomi Circle and has been past president for WELCA. She has worked the altar guild and puts fresh bouquets out of her garden on the altar in the summer. She and Robert have been the Service Group Coordinators for their group for approximately 13 years. They do alot of volunteering in the church.

Elaine was also a Hospice volunteer for 19 years. She went through training and when she would get a call that someone was in need she would graciously go sit with them.

Elaine Johnson...
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New Interim 4-H Program Coordinator

Hello Clearwater County 4-H members! My name is Kayla Nyegaard and I just started as your Interim 4-H program coordinator. I am very excited to meet all of you and get to know you! I'm a third generation Extension employee, both my grandfather and father were involved in Extension for many years. I was in 4-H for 9 years and was very involved in many areas of the program. Dog, Horse, Dairy and Dairy Goat were my main project areas of interest. I also participated in local, regional, state and national 4-H opportunities. I was a Clearwater County Ambassador and a Key Award recipient. I was also a Sandhill 4-H Camp Counselor, a MN State Ambassador, as well as MN State Arts In participant. At the National level, I attended Citizenship Washington Focus and the National 4-H Dairy Conference. This conference is what brought me to my collegiate and professional aspirations.



After high school, I attended the University of Wisconsin Madison and earned a Bachelor of Science in Dairy Science. The National 4-H Dairy Conference is where I realized all of the different possibilities within the dairy industry. I was involved in the industry for about five years after college. I lived and worked on dairy farms in New Zealand and Australia for a year, focusing on reproduction management of the lactating herd and heifers. Since returning home, I have been involved in the reproduction, milk quality, sanitation and herd management areas of the dairy industry. Without my experiences in 4-H, none of that would've been possible.

Life has brought me back to Clearwater County 4-H and I couldn't be more excited for the opportunities I will have to work with all of you. Thank you so much for welcoming me back with open arms! I can't wait to get started, feel free to reach out to me for any reason!



This photo was taken during basic training in Saseabo, Japan just before Gene left for Korea. You can see the barracks in the background where Gene and the others stayed. See story about Gene Harwood from Bagley on the Tri County Canary front page this week.



Face or Vase was the title of these art projects that were on display at the Clearbrook Community Center. They are works of Clearbrook-Gonvick students in Ms. Linda J. Brown art classes. The one of the left was Ashley Weems, the middle one was Michael Tollefson and on the right Kynsie May. Can you see the two different items, the face and vase?



Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Senior students with their parents from left to right: Sara Eck, Ethan Dorman, Ben Dorman, Sally Bergman, Erick Bergman, Paul Bergman, Brian Bakke, Damen Bakke and Jenny Bakke.

Community Education

Elim Mission Friends meeting

Elim Mission Friends will meet on Thursday March 14 at 2PM at the church. Donna Bardwell will give the devotions and Betty Malm will present the meditation. Hostesses are Louan Hendrickson and Ashley Krog. All ladies are welcome to join us.

St. Patricks Day at Senior Center

The Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center will celebrate St. Patricks Day on Friday, March 15 at 11:30 am. They will be serving corn beef and cabbage with green jello. Call for reservations early to 2180776-3154.

Music Jamboree

A Music Jamboree of Country & Country-Gospel Music will be at Cornerstone Residence, 30 Sunset Ave. Nw. Bagley on Sunday, March 17th from 1:00-4:30. Everyone is welcome!

Samhold Lutheran Ladies Aid meeting

The Samhold Lutheran Church, NALC ladies will be serving their monthly ladies aid on Thursday, March 21st, 2019. Meeting will begin at 2:30 with program (to be announced) at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served from 4 to 6 p.m.

The menu will include tator tot hot dish, cole slaw, pistachio salad, rolls, beverages and chocolate/mint ice cream with vanilla wafers. All are welcome.

NOTICE TO LEON TOWNSHIP

The regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 7:00 p.m., at the Leon Township Hall.

Lori Larson
Leon Township Clerk

4th Annual
Clearbrook Fire Department
Daddy Daughter Dance

Saturday, March 16, 2019
Clearbrook Community Center
Register at the Clearbrook City Office

Grand March at 6:00pm — Dance from 6:30-8:30pm
PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND GRAND MARCH

For more information visit the
Clearbrook Minnesota Volunteer Fire Department on Facebook

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85th Birthday Party
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For Beverly Charles
March 23rd 2019
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Clearbrook Senior Center

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Saturday, March 23rd
At The Blackduck Senior Center
Annual Business Meeting Starts At 11:00 am
Followed By Lunch

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Another big day for the Clearbrook-Gonvick FFA team on February 27, 2019. The CG FFA Small Animals Team took 3rd place and qualified for state. Congratulations to these students and their coach, Kim Anderson! From left to Kari Shamp, Kayla Ehlers - 8th individual, Bailey Klema and Falline Erickson - 9th individual.

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It's Florence Danielson's Birthday and we would like to have cake & coffee at the Gonvick Community Center March 16th from 2-4:00 pm Please join us.

The City of Clearbrook is looking to fill two positions for the 2019 summer a Kloster Park Manager & a Pool Manager. Seasonal positions from the middle of May to the end of August. A background check is required. Please contact the City office at 218-776-3213 for a full job description or for an application.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center

February 19, 2019 General Meeting

Tamara Edevold, director of the Clearwater County History Center, gave a presentation on landmarks in Clearwater County. It was very interesting. Becky Colebank will present a program later in the year.

Lloyd Engen called the meeting to order. Carol Niewinski read the secretary's report. Betty Randklev presented the treasurer's report. Both were approved as read. A volunteer shoveled snow from the roof to clear the roof vents. A new furnace has been installed in the apartment for a cost of \$2428.

Ardella Lindberg has nominated the Senior Center to Thri-vent. Now people who choose to do so can donate their choice dollars to the Senior Center.

Marvin Lindberg and Beverly Charles won the drawing for the meal tickets. Bernice Magnuson won a necklace made and donated by Ardella Lindberg.

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned. Phyllis Engen and Duane Johnson provided a tasty lunch.

Carol Niewinski, Secretary

QUICK TICKETS

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

Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

GONVICK SITE:

Grow It! Basket Parties: March 30 & April 6, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Coffee, tea, and snacks. Cost of basket depends on size of container & choice of plants.

Art Class for Adult: Coming up: "Jewelry-making Made Easy". Two class times: 1:00-2:30 & 6:30-8:00. April 1 & 8. Call to register - 218-776-2789.

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: Winter Clearance Sale, Mar., 16-23. 50% off all winter clothing. M-F, 10:00 to 4:00 and Sat., 10:00-12:00.

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

Youth Connections: 5th-9th grade, Tues., 3:30-5:00. Snacks, gym, games & crafts. FREE.

Weights & Cardio: Monthly membership fee to use facility. Call 218-776-2789 for more information.

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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Church News

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
Sand Lake Ave & 5th St. Bagley
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study; 8:00 p.m. Theocratic School; 8:30 p.m. Service Meeting.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Public Bible Talk; 10:35 a.m. Bible Study.

GRACE FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH BAGLEY
Pastor 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEARBROOK & OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEONARD
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Sun., March 17 - 9:00am Worship/Communion, 10:00 am Coffee Hour/Sunday School, 7-12th Grade Youth Connect.
Wed., March 13 & 20 - 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich/6:45 Lenten Service.

Our Savior's
Sun., March 17 - 9:45am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour, 11:00am Worship/Communion.
Wed., March 13 & 20 - 5:00 Lenten Service.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS - Clearbrook Branch
305 Lake Ave. E.
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Sunday School: 11:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; Young Women's: 12:10-1:00 p.m.; Primary: 11:20 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Mon. March 11 - 6:30 Financial Peace Class
Tues. March 12 - 7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study at Kris Emmel's
Wed. March 13 - 6:30 p.m. AWANA
Thurs. March 14 - 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Sat. March 16 - 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible StudyGrand Prix Work Day
Sun. March 17 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

GONVICK LUTHERAN PARISH
MEMBERS OF NALC
Pastor Kris Snyder
SAMHOLD LUTHERAN CHURCH
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wed. March 13 - 8 AM Men's Lectorary Bible Study (S), 9:30 AM Woman's Parish Bible Study - Revelations (S), 10:30 AM Parish Quilters - (S), 5:30 PM Lent Soup Supper at United, 6:30 PM Worship Service at United - Pastor Adam Krog, Apostles' Creed, 7:45 PM United Lutheran Church Council
Sun. March 17 - 9 AM United Lutheran Worship Service, 9:30 AM Samhold Lutheran Sunday School, 10:00 AM United Lutheran Sunday School / Fellowship Hour, 10:30 AM Samhold Lutheran Worship Service, 11:30 AM Samhold Lutheran Fellowship Hour, 7 PM Family Movie Night at Samhold (Youth and families encouraged to attend - all welcome!)

Additional note on Lent: This year we are sharing a preaching rotation with Pastor Adam Krog - Elim Lutheran Brethren of Clearbrook - focused on Luther's Small Catechism. Bring your copy of the Small Catechism to worship on Wednesday evenings. We will explore the following topics: Apostles' Creed (Krog), Lord's Prayer (Snyder), The Means of Grace (Krog), Holy Baptism (Snyder), and Holy Communion (Snyder, Krog). Please join us for Wednesday evening soup supper fellowship beginning at 5:30 PM.

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners
March 2 - Lindsey Wyant, Willis, TX, \$20
March 3 - Reegan Hanschen, Bena, \$20
March 4 - Chastine Walker, Bagley, \$20
March 5 - Karson Carter, Nashville, TN, \$20
March 6 - John Woods Jr. Cass Lake, \$20
March 7 - Brent Steinmetz, Shevlin, \$20
March 8 - Hannah Kent, Bagley, \$20

Build your own Brat Feast

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve is sponsoring a Build Your Own Brat Feast. It will be held at the Bagley American Legion club rooms. Brats will be served starting at noon to 2:00 p.m. A silent auction will be going on at the same time starting at noon and ending at 1:30 p.m. Winners will be presented at 1:45 p.m.

Also back by popular demand, will be the Duct Tape an Officer event! We hope to see you there!

The volunteers need to raise money to obtain necessary training and gear to help the Sheriff's Office in emergency situations, such as search and rescue.

Cash donations can be sent to CCVSR attention Larry Lindberg, 43589 Cty 7, Clearbrook, MN 56634.

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

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
Church Location: Corner of Hwy. 2 & Red Lake Ave. SW Bagley, MN
Pastor Daniels Domke
Sunday Divine Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School / Adult Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

ELIM LUTHERAN BRETHREN CHURCH Clearbrook
Pastor Adam Krog
Wed., March 13 5:30 pm Soup and Sandwich Supper; 6:30 pm Lenten Supper.
Thurs., March 14 - 2:30 p.m. Missions Friends.
Sun., March 17 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship Service.

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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

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wed, Mar. 13: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at Nazareth. 7:00 p.m. at Nazareth.
Thu, Mar. 14: 5:00 p.m. Lent Service at Mt. Olive.
Sat, Mar. 16: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, Mar. 17: 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. LYS Bowling in afternoon.
Tue, Mar. 19: 6:30 p.m. Lent Service at St. Petri.
Wed, Mar. 20: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday School. 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at Oak Park. 7:00 p.m. at Oak Park.
Thu, Mar. 21: 5:00 p.m. Lent Service at Mt. Olive.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH Josiah Hoagland, Pastor Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Mar. 13: 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Fri, Mar. 15: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Mar. 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, Mar. 19: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer meeting. 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Ladies Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, Mar. 20: 6:30 p.m. AWA-NA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH Bethany * Lund Sand Valley Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Mar. 13: No Confirmation. 6 p.m. Soup & Sand. At Bethany. Lenten Service at 7 p.m.
Sun, Mar. 17: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 p.m. Bethany.
Wed, Mar. 20: Sand Valley: 2 p.m. WELCA. 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich. Parish Board meeting during meal. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY Fosston Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Mar. 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

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BEAR TRACKS

School News

Snow makeup days: School will be in session on Friday, March 15 and Friday, May 10 as snow makeup days.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., March 13 - Chili Cheese, Fritos, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Thurs., March 14 - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Dinner Roll (9-12), Corn, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Fri., March 15 - Taco in a Bag, Refried Beans, Cookie, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Mon., March 18 - Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Tues., March 19 - Cook's Choice, Try it Tuesday.

Wed., March 20 - Lasagna, Garlic Toast, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

March 22nd will be Muffins w/Mom! We will be serving from 7:45-8:30 those mornings. Please look for a note home with your child.

Track practice begins on March 11

School counselor current happenings:

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

The Minnesota State University Moorhead Rep will be at the school on Monday, March 11th at 9am.

Carissa with the McIntosh Senior Living will be at our

school on 3/14/19 at 1pm. She is here to talk with students ages 16 and up about a new CNA training program in McIntosh. She will discuss the program and the benefits of working in health care. If you are interested in this, please sign up in the office near Megan's door.

Instagram: counselormegang
Snapchat: CounselorMeganG
Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/clearbrook-gonvick.k12>.



Brin Rude, 2nd grade, and her little sister Bristol attended the Artist Reception at the Clearbrook Community Center. Brin's class created snowman artwork that was displayed at the exhibition.

SPOTLIGHT

February Spotlight on Support Staff

February Spotlight on Support Staff:

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit. ~Harry S. Truman

Jennifer Mathison is in her second year back as a paraprofessional at Clearbrook-Gonvick Public school. She and her husband, Lyle, have two children: Brennan (6) and Isabelle (4). Jennifer grew up in Clearbrook and attended the Clearbrook-Gonvick School beginning in kindergarten until graduating from High School in 2003.

She began volunteering in class when her youngest siblings, Erick and Emily, were in early elementary school. They had the same teachers that Jennifer had when she was their age. Mrs. Nielsen and Mrs. Nordlund suggested that she become a para at the school. She subbed and eventually took a full time para position here until she and her husband were married and relocated for his job.

Why did you choose to work at a school? I think that education is important and I want to help the students become successful.

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? I stayed at home with my children. I also graduated from NTC in Bemidji with a Certificate to be a Community Health Worker.

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? I love the people here! The students are great and my coworkers are amazing.

What is the biggest challenge of your job? The biggest challenge is watching the students repeat my mistakes! I definitely felt like I needed to apologize to all of my former teachers for all the time I spent talking in class!

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why? I'd love to be a Nature/ Wildlife Photographer who traveled around the United States.

What do you do when you are not working at the school? If I'm not at work, I am spending time with my family. We enjoy spending time outside, going to the movies, visiting the library, and swimming. This year, I have had so much fun with my Mom, Dad, and my sisters traveling around to cheer on Erick and the boys while playing their final year of football and basketball

February is kindness month. What is something you do to achieve the "Kindness Challenge" during this month? I've been saying hello to new people at school every day.

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? The Clearbrook-Gonvick Community has always been "home" to me. The people in this community are welcoming, kind, and supportive. I loved growing up going to different events. I am lucky to be able to now bring my children to experience the outpouring of community spirit. We look forward to going to Pumpkin Days and Santa Claus Day every year.

And now a few words about Jennifer from the people that would with her...

"I had the privilege of having Jenny in my room last year. She developed positive relationships with



Jennifer Mathison, Paraprofessional.

all of our students. She truly cares for all! Thank you for being a part of our district, Jenny!" "I would say that Jenny always has a positive attitude. I always run into her in the hallways and she seems like she loves her job." "It is great to have Jennifer at Clearbrook-Gonvick! She is always pleasant to be around and willing to help students or teachers with whatever they need." "Jenny is a kind and sweet person, she is great with the students and also a wonderful asset to our school! :)" "I got to know Jennifer last year, she greeted me at the end of each day as I brought my students to the bus!" "I always looked forward to seeing her rays of sunshine - her warm smile and happy heart always had something positive to say. She extended her friendship to me as a newcomer and took time to visit with me. She is dedicated to bringing out the best in people, whether it is her students or her fellow staff members! She is very much a role model of what I think is true and sincere kindness and what a gift she is to our school!" "She always has a smile on her face and greets you in the hallway. She throws out positive vibes and I really enjoy working with her." "Jenny is a day brightener with her waves and smiles every time I see her! You can see how much she loves working with the students in the way she communicates with them. She shows a genuine interest in everything they have to say. She is always upbeat and filled with laughter! Such a fun person!" "Jenny is always smiling when you see her in the halls. She is warm and caring towards staff and students alike. Her heart is in the job and it is easy to see she how much she loves the kids & they love her."

mn.us/schoolcounselor/

Upcoming activities:

March 11: Track practice begins

Ongoing events

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

Please use the k-12 payment center to check your account and make payments.

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

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.

Youth connection!! Youth Connection every Tuesday & Wednesday: Check here for information

Listen to the school news every Tuesday at 2:05 on KKCQ 96.7 or if you miss it listen online at: <http://www.rjbroadcasting.com/index.cfm?page=school-news>

Please turn in all BoxTops, Tyson A+ and Loaves for Learning UPC's.

Community Education

Register by calling Community Ed. at 776-3112 ext 102. You may also obtain information on Community Ed classes through: the school web site: www.clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us, some local businesses, email (send your request to: jengebre@clearbrook-gonvick.k12.mn.us) or we are on Facebook! PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST A WEEK AHEAD OF CLASS.

Early Bird" Garage & Craft Sale
GARAGE AND CRAFT SELLERS WELCOME!

Reserve your spot in the gym to sell your articles at a group sale. Setup begins at 6:45 am Saturday morning. You may set up an extra clothes rack/table if room is available. If participation is not sufficient, deposits will be returned. Registration deadline is April 11. (Late registration will be taken if space is available.) Minimum 10 sellers need to be signed up by April 11.

Saturday, April 27 8:30 AM-NOON

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Gym

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Watch for more classes coming soon!

DEFENSIVE DRIVING-



Aubriana Gazelka is learning about art with her kindergarten class. During art class, these young students created snowman artwork that was displayed at the art exhibition.

Glenn Rettmann

Participants receive a thorough review of the "rules of the road", with an emphasis on defensive driving practices. If you are 55 or older, successful completion of this class will allow you to receive a discount on your auto insurance. Note: If you've previously completed an

8 hour class you need only register for the 4 hour "refresher" course.

Mon, April 1 (refresher class)

5:00-9:00 PM

School commons \$15.00

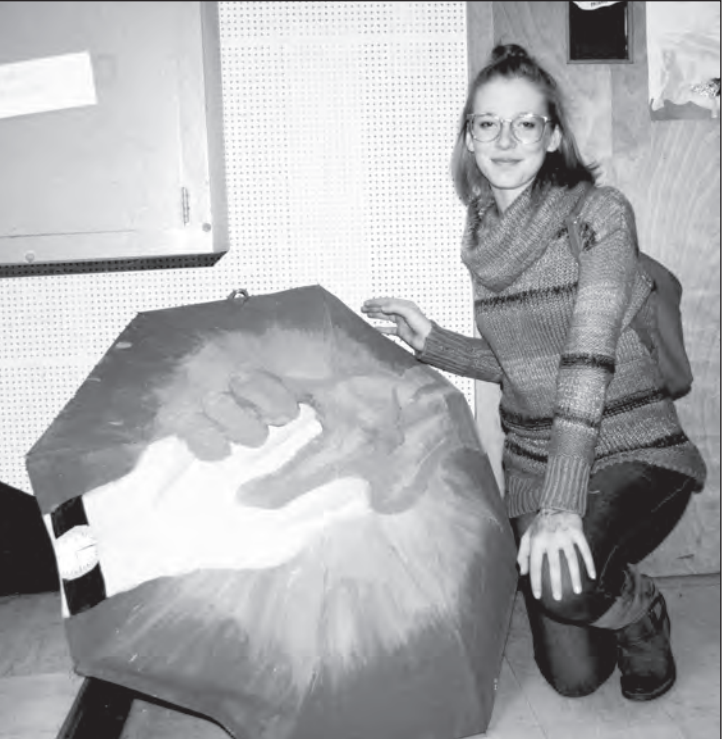
Mon & Tues April 1 & 2 (8 hr)

5:00-9:00 PM

School commons \$20.00



Erik Preuss and his 2nd grade classmates created snowman artwork that was on display at the art exhibition held at the Clearbrook Community Center.



Kjersti Snyder's "Umbrella Project" artwork represents how working together is necessary to solve problems in the world. Students were challenged to draw or paint things on their umbrellas that cause homelessness or ways to overcome homelessness.



Julieanne Lavin with the painting she created in her 8th grade art class as part of a study of painting and color theory.

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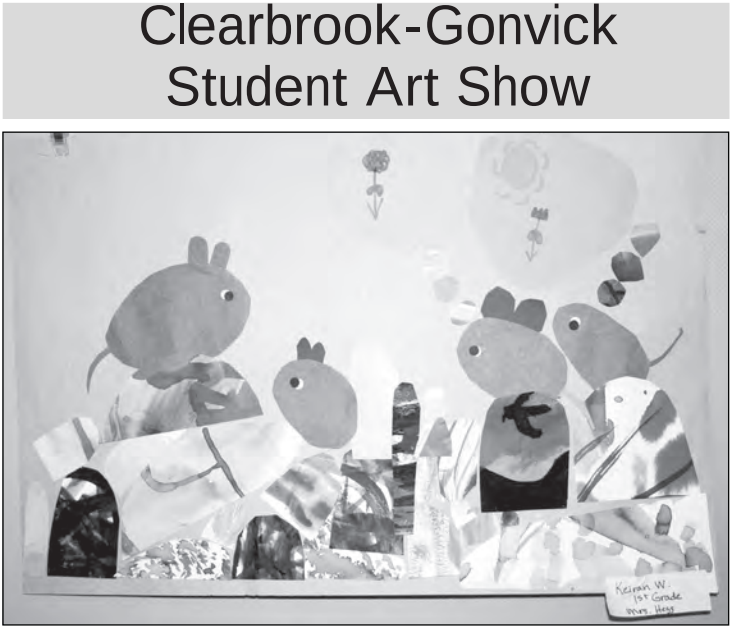
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Noella Gazelka, 4 years old, was a visitor at the Artist Reception. She especially liked this art project that was created by Rose Java and Taybryn Knutson, high school art students at Clearbrook-Gonvick



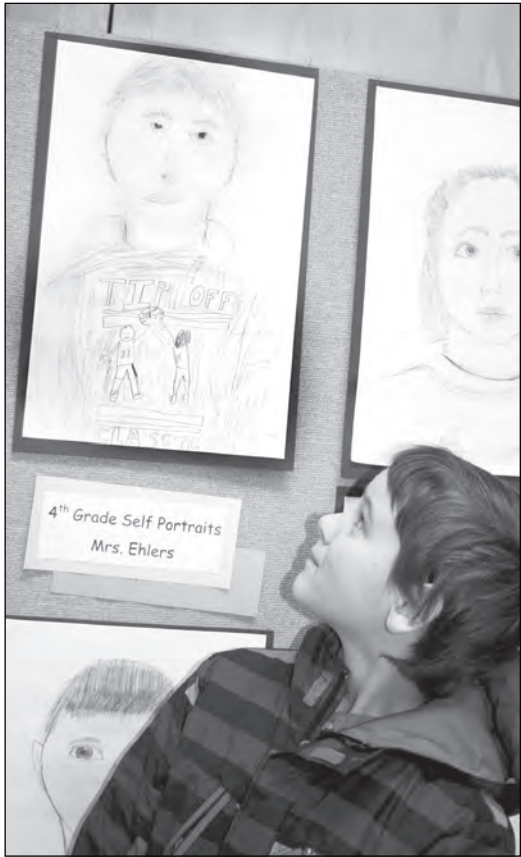
Kjersti Snyder, 8th grade, created and exhibited this artwork at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Art Exhibition. Students learned to mix their own colors for their paintings using only red, blue, yellow, and white.



Tavia Johnson, 6th grade, is shown with her artwork based on the theme "My Dream to Fly". Tavia's project, along with others from the 6th grade, have entered their artwork into state, national, and international Aeronautics Society art contests.



Lizzy Eckman, 8th grade, exhibited a painting she created while learning about color theory. The students mixed just red, yellow, and blue paint to make all the colors for their paintings.



Dawson Gazelka, 4th grade, with the self-portrait he created in art class. The students used mirrors as they learned about facial proportions, then used pencil for their drawings.



Malaina Hartwig, 9th grade art student, shown with her pen drawing. Her artwork was on display at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Art Exhibition held at the Clearbrook Community Center.



Erika Rude is a 4th grade student in Mrs. Ehler's class. Erika created this self-portrait in art class, using a mirror as part of a lesson on human facial proportions.



Jayna Tronnes, 9th Grade, exhibited "Empty Pen Challenge" ink drawings at the Clearbrook-Gonvick Art Exhibition.



Gracie Petit's artwork is an example of abstract art. The second-grade students also learned about color theory in their art classes.



Emma Dorman is a 10th grade art student. She displayed a painting at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School Art Exhibition held at the Clearbrook Community Center.



Ojibwe Moccasins by the sixth grade students in Mrs. Bagaason's class.



Julianne, John, Joanne, and Jenni Lavin at the Artist Reception held on Friday, March 1st. Jenni and Julianne displayed works they created in their art classes at the Art Exhibition.



Ambjør Snyder, 4th grade student, created this self-portrait as part of a lesson on human facial proportions. The students used mirrors to study their faces, then created their pencil drawings.



TJ Johnson is a second-grade student at Clearbrook-Gonvick school. He learned about color theory and abstract art as he created this project.



Kelsey Johnson, 9th grade, was challenged in her art class to paint over an old canvas, using what she saw in the under painting as inspiration for this artwork displayed at the Exhibition.



Anna Piatkoff, 8th grade art student, learned about "The Nuts and Bolts of Drawing". She did a close study of a small object using pencil.

Elaine Johnson...

Continued on page 2

She enjoyed being able to help in this way and bring comfort to patients and their families. She also helped with scheduling other volunteers with patients in need.

She always has a positive attitude and likes to make others important to her and any time spent together is a blessing.

STORY TO SHARE!

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



Featured speaker for the Clearwater County First Lady 2019 day was Terry Anderson who in 2014 started a business called Chickadee Ceremonies. The theme for the event was Honoring Women Who are Champions of Peace and Nonviolence. She had four tips for a peaceful future. 1. Find time to be close to nature. 2. Slow down. 3. Get together with other women and 4. Be friendly and kind to your neighbor. Anderson on the left is shown with Tamera Edevold with the Clearwater County Historical Society.



Kim LaVine and Judy Kretschmar with Grace Notes from Bagley, provided two musical selections "Pass It On" and "Here I Am Lord" at the First Lady program last Saturday in Gonvick.



Donna Rae Jacobson 2018 First Lady spoke about what the First Lady honor had meant to her during the year. She told about her Mission Statement and her values of Family, Faith, Friends and Home. The were four keys to her life. Donna Rae on the left is shown with Becky Dorman, who was in charge of the brunch at Clear Waters Life Center in Gonvick.

Red River Organizations to Hold Annual Events Focused on Drainage, Watershed Management and Flood Damage Reduction

The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) is hosting two events the week of March 18, 2019. A drainage conference will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Moorhead, MN. The event will include overviews of state drainage rules and regulations from legal experts for both Minnesota and North Dakota. Presentations will also be included that highlight practical

implementation and application of best management practices for public drainage projects.

The RRWMB and Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG) will hold their 21st joint annual conference on March 20 and 21, 2019 also at the Marriott in Moorhead. The joint annual conference will focus on innovation and change and includes a 2019 spring flood outlook by Greg Gust of the National Weather

Service.

A report was also recently released by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) regarding water quality in the Red River. The joint annual conference will illustrate progress being made with flood damage reduction efforts, water storage projects, and water quality activities that the RRWMB, FDRWG, and local watershed districts are working on in the Red River Basin of Minnesota.

This recent MPCA report calls for investing in water storage as the first action that can be implemented on the landscape to address water retention and water quality issues. Recently there has been

much discussion by the Minnesota Legislature and state water quality and natural resources agencies about water storage. The RRWMB and FDRWG are uniquely poised to help meet local, state, and regional water storage goals with the framework that has been developed since 1976 when the RRWMB was formed.

Registration information and agendas for both events are available at the RRWMB website located at: www.rrwmb.org

For questions about registration, please call the RRWMB Executive Assistant Nikki Swenson at 218-784-9500 (main office) or via email at: Nikki.swenson@rrwmb.org.



Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

Reichert Saddlery and Farm Supply will be having their Animal Nutrition Days. Wednesday, March 13 and Saturday March 15 starting at 10:00 a.m. each day.

Snow makeup Day is March 15. Clearbrook-Gonvick School will be in session on Friday, March 15 as a makeup day.

4th Annual Clearbrook Fire Department Daddy Daughter Dance, Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Clearbrook Community Center. Register at the Clearbrook City Office. Grand March at 6:00 pm — Dance from 6:30-8:30 pm. Public welcome to attend grand march. For more information visit the Clearbrook Minnesota Volunteer Fire Department on Facebook. All proceeds to support the Clearbrook Volunteer Fire Department.

March 22nd will be Muffins with Mom! They will be serving from 7:45-8:30 those mornings. Please look for a note home with your child.

Got a note from Susan Downing on her Leader-Record newspaper renewal. She has been busy hibernating and that we should stay warm.

Phyllis "Bagaason" Lanske sent a note with her newspaper renewal from Dunedin, Florida. They are expecting a cool front next week with temps in the mid 60's. We understand that you have really felt the "polar plunge!" Stay warm and well!!!

The Gully Tri-Coop Association will have their annual meeting at the Gully Hall on Saturday, March 23 starting at 9:30 a.m. with registration and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

The Clearwater County Sheriff's Reserve is sponsoring a Build Your Own Brat Feast. It will be held at the Bagley American Legion club rooms p.m. Sunday, March 31. Brats will be served starting at noon to 2:00 p.m. A silent auction will be going on at the same time starting at noon and ending at 1:30 p.m.

There will be a birthday celebration for Beverly Charles on her 85th. It will be held on March 23 starting at 1:00 at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center.

Well were you late or early for church last Sunday or did the weather keep you inside.

Quick tickets... Does your

Arts Access Grants for Small Towns - Applications are available online!

Region 2 Arts Council Arts Access Grants for Small Towns applications are now available online. These grants are open specifically to non-profits, schools, government or tribal offices, or groups with a fiscal sponsor, located in towns with a population under 2,000.

Grant Applications are due by April 15, 2019.

Maximum Grant Award: \$6,000 (20% - 25% Cash Match required)

Arts Access Grants for Small Towns can support creation, production, and presentation

of high-quality arts activities, as well as projects that help overcome barriers to accessing high-quality arts activities, and projects that help instill the arts into the community and public life in our region. Arts activities proposed for funding must be accessible by the public, have a strong community component, and must benefit the residents of Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, or Mahanomen Counties.

Applications are available online at r2arts.org.

For more information, or with questions, call or email Region 2 Arts Council: 218-751-5447 / 800-275-5447 / staff@r2arts.org

Sanford Bemidji Parent Connection

A support group for parents of kids with special health needs

BEMIDJI, Minn. – For a parent of a child with special health needs, it can be isolating. Many feel that no one else understands their struggles. But that is not the case, and Sanford Bemidji wants to bring those parents together in a support group called Parent Connection.

(LOCATION CHANGE) The group meets the last Tuesday of every month from 5 to 6 p.m. in Sanford Bemidji Medical Center's Education Center, 1300 Anne St. NW, Bemidji. The Education Center is located inside the east entrance of the medical center, to the right of the guest services desk. Free childcare is provided. An upcoming gathering takes place Mar. 26.

No registration is required. Visit sanfordhealth.org, keyword: Parent Connection for more information or contact Sanford Bemidji Children's Clinic, at (218) 333-4710.

Region 2 Arts Council Arts Access Grants for Small Towns are made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

First Call for help

Asking for a support group for people who are going through a divorce, dealing with grief or a terminal illness? Or maybe you just need a listening ear.

First Call for Help 2-1-1 offers non-judgmental, active listening and help with options for whatever you are dealing/going through. We have referrals to many area support groups as well as information on a wide variety of other services and agencies.

We are available for calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be reached by calling (218)326-8565 or in Clearwater County dial 1-800-442-8565 or 2-1-1.

Representative Matt Grossell Legislative Update District 2A

Rep. Grossell on vote against driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants

ST. PAUL – On Monday, the House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Division heard a bill by Majority Leader Ryan Winkler, DFL-Golden Valley, HF 1500, a bill to give driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants living in Minnesota. State Representative Matt Grossell, R-Clearbrook, joined all House Republicans on the committee in voting against the bill moving forward. Rep. Grossell issued the following statement:

"Why on earth is this being considered? A driver's license is a privilege, not a right, and



it is a privilege we bestow on citizens and those in our country legally," said Rep. Grossell, a retired law enforcement officer. "Immigration policy is handled at the federal level and efforts to subvert that and to essentially make

Minnesota a sanctuary state are unacceptable and undermine the rule of law."

"With the MNLARS debacle, our state agencies have shown themselves to be incapable of effectively and efficiently processing driver licenses to those currently eligible. I can only imagine the headaches this new process would be for everyone involved from the computer system to the local DMVs needing to distribute them. This is just a bad idea."



Clear Water Life Center hosted the First Lady event.



Former Clearwater County first ladies who made it to Gonvick despite the weather conditions for the naming of the 2019 First Lady were front row: Lillian Sauer, Betty Johnson, Lois Hoie, Elaine Johnson, Donna Rae Jacobson and Alice Gunderson. Standing in the back: Lila Strandlien, Darlene Sawyer, Eileen Lien, Linda Kaul, Ardella Lindberg, Marilyn Melby and Shirley Gunderson.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Legion and Auxiliary meeting changed

The Gonvick American Legion and Auxiliary will change the date of their meeting for March. They will meet on March 13 at 7:00 pm in the legion cabin due to township meetings being held on March 12.

The American Legion is celebrating their 100th Birthday on March 15th -17th.

Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals

Wed. March 13 - Lasagna, California Blend Veg, Garlic Bread, Cookie and Milk.

Thurs., March 14 - Liver and Onions, Potatoes, Corn, Peaches, Bread and Milk

Fri., March 15 - Pub House Fish, AuGratin Potatoes, Mixed Veg, Pudding, Bread and Milk.

Mon., March 18 - Chili with Crackers, Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Salad and Milk.

Tues., March 19 - Egg Bake with Meat, Oven Baked Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Bread, Coffee Cake and Milk.

Wed. March 20 - Chick/Chow Mein, Rice and Noodles, Oriental Veg., Mand. Orange Jello, 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.

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Weekly Activity

City of Bagley - Total 17
03/03/19 12:09 Disturbance,
17:09 Motor Vehicle Crash
03/04/19 09:59 Information Only,
12:14 Medical
03/05/19 02:17 Medical, 08:22
Juvenile Misc, :06 Fraud, 12:38
Medical, 12:52 Medical
03/06/19 22:52 Traffic Stop
03/07/19 08:39 Transport, 08:53
Welfare Check, 15:45 Transport
03/08/19 09:08 Juvenile Misc
03/08/19 13:45 Medical
03/09/19 13:02 Missing/Lost
Person, 5:40 Suspicious Activity
City of Clearbrook - Total 4
03/03/19 17:28 Fire
03/05/19 19:06 Property Damage
03/06/19 08:01 Vehicle Lock Out
03/09/19 19:37 Medical
City of Convick - Total 2
03/06/19 12:31 Harassment
03/09/19 08:10 Medical

City of Leonard - Total 1
03/08/19 08:47 Traffic Complaint
City of Shevlin - Total 2
03/03/19 10:41 Suspicious Activity
03/05/19 23:49 Traffic Stop
Copley - Total 8
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11:10 Traffic Stop, 11:32 Traffic Stop,
11:42 Traffic Stop
Dudley - Total 4
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03/05/19 09:14 Crimes Against
Family
03/07/19 18:04 Traffic Complaint
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Eddy - Total 3
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Fraud
Falk - Total 3
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Family
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03/09/19 07:01 Traffic Stop
Greenwood - Total 1

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Holst - Total 3
03/07/19 10:21 THEFT
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03/09/19 08:44 Animal Related
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03/03/19 04:23 ASSIST
03/04/19 21:14 Disturbance
03/05/19 07:36 Crimes Against
Family, 08:36 Crimes Against Family
03/08/19 21:29 Domestic
03/09/19 05:21 Trespass
LaPraire S - Total 1
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Leon - Total 6
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Traffic Stop
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Moose Creek - Total 3
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Family
03/07/19 21:06 Medical
Nora - Total 12
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03/08/19 14:21 Traffic Stop
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Motorist Assist, 22:29 Motorist Assist
Out of Jurisdiction - Total 1
03/05/19 07:52 Transport
Pine Lake - Total 2
03/03/19 11:38
03/08/19 00:45 Traffic Stop
Popple - Total 1
03/08/19 12:19 Motorist Assist
Rice - Total 2
03/03/19 14:15 Traffic Stop
03/07/19 14:18 Animal Related
Shevlin - Total 1
03/09/19 14:13 Motor Vehicle
Crash
Sinclair - Total 1
03/06/19 14:47 Motor Vehicle
Crash
Winsor - Total 1
03/04/19 07:46 Animal Related
Total Records: 88

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by Harry Hutchens,
Clearwater
County Veterans
Service Officer

VA CLAIMS APPEALS:
WASHINGTON — Today, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it will discontinue the Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP), which provided eligible Veterans with early resolutions to their appealed claims, ahead of full implementation of the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 that takes effect Feb. 19, 2019. VA will not accept RAMP elections from Veterans with a legacy appeal after Feb. 15, 2019; however, RAMP claims pending on or after Feb. 15 will continue to be processed until the inventory is complete. Beginning Feb. 19, Veterans who appeal a VA decision will have three decision review choices: Higher-Level Review, Supplemental Claim, and appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. VA will now offer Veterans greater choice in how VA reviews their claim is committed to ensuring the claims process is accurate, timely and fair. "VA has been preparing for full implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act over the past 18 months to ensure the new, streamlined process is available to Veterans who have long sought reform of the

broken legacy system," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "We encourage Veterans whose appeal is currently in the legacy system to opt in to RAMP before February 15 to take full advantage of the benefits of the new process." VA initiated RAMP in November 2017 to provide some of the benefits of the new law's streamlined process before full implementation. Participation in RAMP is voluntary. However, processing times under the program have been faster than legacy appeal processing times. Under the legacy process, decisions currently average three to seven years. Veterans who have a legacy appeal after Feb. 15 will be able to opt in to the process when they receive a Statement of the Case or a Supplemental Statement of the Case after the new law is effective Feb. 19. Veterans who participate in RAMP can choose to have their VA decision reviewed in either the Supplemental Claim or Higher-Level Review lanes. In the Higher-Level Review lanes, a more experienced adjudicator will conduct a new look at the previous decision based on the evidence considered in the previous decision. Participants who select the Supplemental Claim option may submit new and relevant evidence, and VA will assist in developing new evidence under its duty to assist. VA's goal is to complete Supplemental Claims and Higher-Level Reviews in an average of

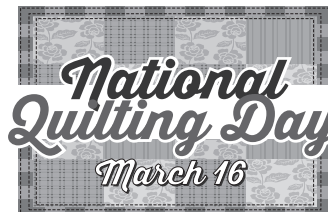
125 days. For more information on Appeals Modernization, visit <https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/appeals.asp> and <https://www.bva.va.gov/>.

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

Clearwater County Sheriff

March 1 at 4:47 PM ·

We have been getting a lot of calls about dangerous lake/ice conditions in Clearwater County. The Sheriff's Office has NOT shut down any lakes within the County, however use caution when venturing out, because there is a large amount of slush and snow on top of the ice that makes lake travel difficult. Please keep in mind that the deadline to remove your fish house from the ice is March 18th, 2019.



Bagley High School Student Council Snow Week Service project nets cash and groceries!! The Bagley High School Student Council presented the Clearwater County Food Shelf Site Manager with \$919.87 and six boxes of groceries!! Student Council collectors are pictured with the Site Manager: Liam Hagen, Food Shelf Site Manager Margaret Rusch, Laela Lafriniere and Kyle Bowman.

March campaign is underway for the Clearwater County food shelf

Kicking off the March Campaign for the Food Shelf, the BHS Student Council chose the Clearwater County Food Shelf as their service project for Snow Week. February collections were tabulated daily during first period classes. One hundred thirty-one grocery items, as well as \$919.87 was collected! The first period classroom collecting the most food/money per student was Ms. Bjorklund's Spanish I class, second was Mrs. O'Beirne and Mr. Chuck Anderson's class came in third. The Food Shelf is most appreciative of our youth for collecting and donating during the March Campaign! We also thank the Student Council for providing volunteer labor every month to help unload the truck from the North Country Food Bank.

Over 3,000,000 visits were made to Minnesota food shelves each year (2011-2017) with over 3.4 million visits in 2017. Nearly 10% of Minnesotans experience food insecurity and 13.8% of children in Minnesota are food insecure. 9.5% of Minnesotans live below the poverty

level and the number of food insecure seniors and seniors utilizing food shelves continues to increase. Minnesota's charitable food system (food shelves and food banks, meal programs, etc.) continues to run at capacity.

The CCFS has a corporate membership of nineteen churches. The corporate members provide the volunteers that staff the food shelf. The generosity of the community provides us with the food and monetary donations to service our clients. The Food Shelf currently receives grants from FEMA, purchases staple food at a lower cost from local grocery stores and from the North Country Food Bank, as well being the recipients of leftover food from Ruby's Pantry and local businesses. In 2018, the Clearwater County Food Shelf serviced 4,201 clients and distributed 77,676 pounds of food. Our mission is to provide emergency food to families or individuals who have short-term, emergency food needs. Service is provided to residents of Clearwater County and areas of the sponsoring churches after

all other possible means have been exhausted to obtain food.

The annual March Campaign is when Food Shelves across Minnesota strive to generate food/money that can carry them through the year. Each food shelf receives additional proportional funding from the Greater Minnesota Council of Churches based on the March Campaign money collected, groceries donated and clients served throughout the year. Food donations can be brought to the Food Shelf during our hours of operation (10 am - 2 pm) each Wednesday. The CCFS is located in the basement of the American Legion in Bagley (parking and entrance on the east side). Monetary donations can be mailed to the Clearwater County Food Shelf at PO Box 587, Bagley, Minnesota, 56621.

Volunteers are welcome and needed. Stop by the Food Shelf during hours of operation and let us know how you would like to help. Join us in making the March Campaign successful so the Food Shelf can continue to serve our neighbors in need!!

Winter storm drops lots of snow

This past week, the area has been told of the large storm coming our way and to prepare for up to 12 inches of snow is some area and it would cover 2/3 of the state of Minnesota.

The snow did start in our local area on Saturday morning continuing until 4 or 5 on Sunday morning leaving about 6 - 8 inches of snow. Detroit Lakes received 13 inches of snow, Red Lake Falls, 12 inches, and Thief River Falls 9 inches.

The Minnesota State Patrol reported that they responded to 173 crashes around the state during the Saturday's snowstorm. And the State Patrol also noted that there were approximately 285 vehicles that spun out and slid into ditches.

There were areas in Minnesota where roads were the MN DOT advised to travel, which affected Traverse, Wilkin and Big Stone counties. And I-29 was closed from Grand Forks to the South Dakota border for a period of time.

North Dakota had closed portions of Interstate 94 and Sunday announced that it has been reopened.

However, in northern Minnesota, Sunday morning dawned with beautiful sunshine, temperatures in the high twenties and very little wind. There were many church cancellations in northwestern Minnesota and across the river in North Dakota.

Sunday also was a day for everyone to dig themselves out from the snow accumulations. And thankfully the wind is light and not causing too much problems. According to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, most roads are either partially covered or complete covered with snow but there are no area where travel is not advised. In North Dakota there are many roads in the same condition, with icy areas and wet roads due to the snowfall.

COUNTRY FAITH CHURCH

(Rural Clearbrook) is excited to be offering a FamilyLife live-streaming event on **Saturday, April 27th** here at the church. This event is for step-family couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. Registration will begin at 8am with the first session beginning at 8:30, Closing will be at 3:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

Information & registration can be found at our church website www.countryfaith.org. This event is open to EVERYONE. Registration is only \$15 per person, child care is provided up through 2nd grade free of charge for those registered. **Deadline to register is Friday, April 12th.**

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Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears fans.



Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Eighth grade students with their parents from left to right: Logan Westrum with Jeff and Krysten Westrum, Matthew and Michel Roy with Brandie and Chris Roy.



Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Students with their parents from left to right: Karen, Gabe, Avery and Joe LaVine and Obediah, Marceen, Pat and Jaquincy Hammer.



Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Ninth grade students with their parents from left to right: Keenan Jones and Robin Proffit and Aiden Churness with Travis and Danielle Churness.



Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Ninth grade students with their parents from left to right: Lane Cadreau with Aimee Gerlofs and Jesse Bjerke with Craig and Jody Bjerke.



Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Students with their parents from left to right: Jamie, Jonny and Dean Hamnes and Jennifer, Jonah and Ross Faldet.



Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Students with their parents from left to right: Ben and Rossanna Engebretson and Wendy, Hunter and Dave Ehlers.

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Youngest Bear fan Robert Granley.



Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Students with their parents from left to right: Ben, Wyatt and Denise Buer and Host parents Daphne and Billy Klema with Zappa Ramos.



Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Students with their parents from left to right: Rachel, Levi and Paul Nelson and Robyn, Sam and Doug Johnson.



Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Ninth grade students with their parents from left to right: Sam Wishard with Cindy and Dudley Wishard and Teddy Tollefson with Conrad and Kim Tollefson.

Clearbrook-Gonvick boys basketball team honored their parents at a recent game. Eighth grade student Rishawn Roberts with his mother Shayna Roberts.



Jacquincy Hammer created this ship as part of an assignment in Mr. Kroulik's World History class. He used a variety of materials, including string, paper, and wood. Jacquincy's ship was displayed at the Art Exhibition.



Mr. Kroulik's World History class showing crowns or ships to reflect a historical figure.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Student Art Show



"Home" by Brody Johnson.



Dustin Carmona created a copper tooling art piece inspired by the Aztec calendar. Dustin is a 9th grade art student at Clearbrook-Gonvick.



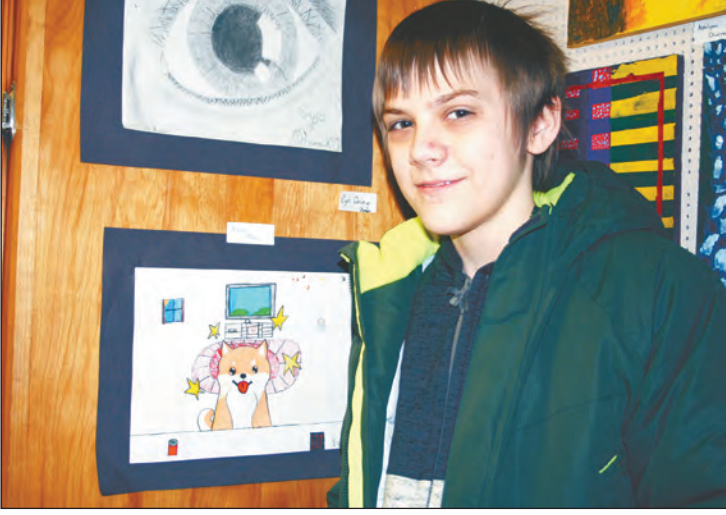
Mrs. Bagaason and Mrs. Rude's Sixth grade projects.



To the right... Evan Peldo 9th grade pencil color of his favorite animal.



Warren Thompson, Clearbrook-Gonvick high school student shown with his art project. Warren drew an original character using pencil, Sharpies, and colored pencils. Ashley Weems collage is shown below his drawing.



Mrs. Beard's and Mrs. Hegg's First grade classes learned how to make pictures without drawing from Ms. Linda Brown, the art teacher at the Clearbrook-Gonvick School.



Ms. Linda Brown, art teacher for Clearbrook-Gonvick, is shown talking to Kjersti Snyder and Leif Sather at the recent art exhibition held at the Clearbrook Community Center. Ms. Brown teaches students from kindergarten through the 12th grade, using a variety of projects and materials to explore many aspects of art.

Reaching Goals. We didn't set our alarm for 4:45. Or spend years at practice in the arena. But we did deliver the fuel that brings Minnesotans together to celebrate the greatest game on ice. When the energy you invest in life meets the energy we fuel it with, winning moments happen.

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