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Mckenzie Momerak, Kandi Momerak, Renee Hutchens, and Ashly Brenton make up the staff at Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick.

“It’s not the dollars we make, it’s the people we serve.”

By Bonnie Kirchman
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“The customers!” is the quick reply when you ask Kandi Momerak about the best part of running Kandi's Kitchen in Gonvick. And Kandi has found many ways to express her appreciation for her customers in the nearly nine years that she has been running her restaurant.

If you go to Kandi's Kitchen, you might leave with a cup that reads “We have the Coolest Customers”. Or you could take home a “Food so great you'll scrape your plate!” ice scraper. On Mother's Day, women are treated to a carnation and the men get a special gift on Father's Day. If time allows, Kandi and her staff will put an extra effort into celebrating customers' birthdays. She recently baked a birthday cake for a customer's 82nd birthday. Kandi might add to someone's special day by bringing out a pumpkin bar with a birthday candle in it. One customer was even treated to a surprise five-pound hamburger, complete

with giant bun, all specially crafted in the restaurant.

But what Kandi's customers probably appreciate most is the effort she puts into fitting her menu to her customers. She has a range of specials on the menu, from the meatballs on Monday, to tacos on Thursday, to barbequed ribs on Friday during the summer. Her many other specials include chicken Philly sandwiches, Reuben sandwiches, and western burgers. Kandi's Kitchen also offers a variety of omelets that are especially popular on Saturdays. There are specials for seniors every Monday and Wednesday. On Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day, Kandi opens her kitchen and serves a special Sunday buffet.

And there is klub! In the winter and into early spring, Kandi's Kitchen serves potato klub on Fridays. Kandi makes her klub following an old family recipe. She hand-grinds the potatoes with an antique hand grinder passed down from her grandmother. Leslie Berg has been recruited to help with klub

on a regular basis.

Kandi has had many different jobs including making wreaths and bundling fire wood. She has worked for potato farmers, welders, and a group home. She started in restaurant work when she was 12 years old, bussing tables in Grafton, North Dakota where her mom worked as a bartender. At 15, she started waiting tables but she had to wait to start cooking until she was 16. Her family moved to Minnesota and she worked at the Village Café in Shevlin and the Pine and Prairie Café in Fosston.

Family is also important to Kandi. Her daughter Mckenzie works in the restaurant, and especially loves to bake items like pumpkin bars and caramel rolls for customers to enjoy. Mckenzie's daughter Ellie will celebrate her third birthday on May 5th, which will also be Kandi's ninth anniversary at the restaurant. Ellie and little sister Crimsynn who just turned one, are often at grandma's restaurant. Other members of the Kandi's Kitchen family include Renee Hutchens, who cooks at the restaurant, and Ashly Brenton, who helps wait tables. And Leslie Berg helps with plumbing and anything else that needs fixing.

When she isn't at the restaurant, Kandi enjoys going to the movies. She also likes to shop in Bemidji, Grand Forks, and Thief River Falls. In summer she helps Leslie drill wells.

There are challenges to owning a restaurant in a small town in northern Minnesota. “Snow bird” customers are away for part of the year. Winter weather makes it difficult for people to get out. Keeping up with cleaning is harder in winter with all the snow and ice. And equipment has to be updated. Kandi has a new prep table and a new freezer and is in the process of getting a new stove. Being open 6 days a week, Kandi and her staff put in long hours at the restaurant. But they obviously enjoy working together to bring good food to their customers.

“It's not the dollars we make, it's the people we serve,” is how Kandi sums up her feelings about the work she and her staff do for their customers.



These little ones might one day enjoy cooking or waiting tables at Kandi's Kitchen like their moms. Alice Brenton, daughter of Ashly Brenton and Ellie and Crimsynn Ruggero, daughters of Mckenzie Momerak already like spending time at Kandi's Kitchen.

Trumpeter Swans found dead near Upper Rice Lake reignites dispute over water management – ‘This is not a dead horse’

By Karen Edelbach
Tim Halberg, a Bear Creek Township resident, came to the



Tim Halberg came to the Board of Commissioners about the discovery of four Trumpeter Swans found dead on the Upper Rice Lake. It is believed the death of the swans is linked to the DNR spraying chemicals in the area. “I don't want my tax dollars paying for spraying on our fresh water.”

Clearwater County Board of Commissioners on March 19, 2019 with a presentation about the discovery of four Trumpeter Swans found dead on the Upper Rice Lake shore last summer.

“These are protected birds and it is believed the death of the swans is linked to the DNR spraying of the area with products containing chemicals such as glyphosate, which are found in Rodeo and Monsanto products,” Tim said.

“The DNR drains our water sheds, and the Fish & Wildlife often restores them. In my opinion the County should not tolerate this double standard. I think the County and Townships should resist that. Any Board can stand up to the State and say no.”

The DNR suggests that the spray is non-toxic used according to the label, but research shows much data to the contrary, including lawsuits paying a great deal of money related to deaths connected with close use of the chemical.

“I don't want my tax dollars to pay for spraying on our fresh water. With lower water levels there is an increase in cattails, then the DNR sprays to kill them. Herbicides are harmful and we are killing our wetlands,” he said.

Farmers in attendance who rely heavily on the chemicals on their land disagreed, and did not believe the chemicals to be as dangerous as stated.

While use of dangerous sprays on the area waters is a serious issue to many, there is much more to this story which goes back to the early 1960s, and has been a hot topic among Minerva and Bear Creek Township area residents ever since.

“The DNR wanted to build a controlled structure (dam) at the entrance to Minerva Lake but a lot of property owners did not approve. Around 1968, the State bought some land that became available there and the DNR bypassed Minerva Lake to put the dam at the outlet to Up-

Class schedule ready for next years' students

The 2019-2020 High School schedule was presented to the

Clearbrook-Gonvick School board on Monday, March 18. Principal Carl Dugstad stated that the team had met and came up with the schedule. There were only a couple of changes. Mrs. DeVries will be offering for the first time Holocaust Literature and Public Speaking the last hour of the day.

Dugstad also bought up the 6th grade trip to St. Paul on May 17. They will be touring the US Bank Stadium tour/lunch, Alexander Ramsey House, Science Museum, Omni Theater where they will see Apollo 11 then to the State Capitol Tour and then at SkyZone/Pizza for supper. They will return home the same day. The school received a grant for the bus transportation for the day.

The staff will be CPR trained by the end of the year.

It was recommended to keep the same amount of staff in the elementary for next year. They would shift personnel around if needed in different areas.

Superintendent report

Superintendent Jeff Burgess informed the board that the roofs are in good shape. They have steaming the drains to get the big chunks out and to get the water flowing. The custodians have been busy. They also have some candidates for the custodian job and they will be interviewing them soon.

They are still waiting on the governor's budget and they do not know yet what will happen.

The budget comparison report was a little over what it was last year. The lane changes and new steps for staff accounted for some of that. The general repairs in the building were in line with many little things being done at the school. They have spent \$4,276,000 and they are keeping an eye on it. The revenue is up a little from last year as well.

The mixing motor is still out. The school custodian Lowell Bjerke is looking for a less expensive part than the \$6,000 estimate.

The language for the building permit has been gone over to keep the district protected in the future. They have had one design meeting for the room layout. Staff had spent time at Mahnommen to look at the layout. They were looking at storage and small details for the size of the rooms. These rooms will be 1,100 to 1,200 hundred square feet compared to the 750 square feet in the present kindergarten rooms. Architects will bring back the plans. The construction account money was added to the budget in February for a total of \$1,893,700.07.

Consent Calendar

Electronic transfers, treasurer's port and bills were presented and approved. Some of the bills included: Stein's Bus Service LLS \$75,338.14; Community Oil Co. \$9,519.33; Clearwater-Polk Electric \$8,151.57; Marco \$5,913.82; BRIC \$4,570.80; Thompson's Sand and Gravel \$4,360.00; City of Clearbrook \$3,462.14; Garden Valley Telephone Co. \$1,918.93; Anderson Disposal \$1,809.70; Hillyard/Hutchinson \$1,770.87; DaRoos Pizza

\$1,339.00.

New business

The board discussed the charges that were being proposed for use of the gym in the Clearbrook Community Center. They are presently paying \$1,500 and it is being raised to \$10,000 to \$15,000. They wanted more information what could be done as they felt that was too much for the school budget to absorb.

Burgess is looking at what will have to be done with the snow days that had to be taken. The legislature is still working on it and it might go through. Staff make up day might have to be after Memorial Day this year.

They have had some problems with the calling system for school closing. It is easier

to get on TV stations that on the radio and it is done on line. Burgess has had to make many calls with getting a busy signal and not getting through.

The board approved a letter of intent to open negotiations with the teaching staff for the 2019-2020 and 2020 and 2021 school years. Board members on the committee are Jeff Westrum, Corey Petterson and Tracy Imle.

The Fund Activity for the school year was presented. There is \$58,149.75 in the account. The FFA has \$9,621.44 and the Student Council has \$8,461.55. The Box Tops has \$2,472.00 which is from all the 10 cents that is collected from Cheerios and other boxes. Keep sending in those Box Tops to the school.

Firemen host 4th annual dance

The Clearbrook Fire Department hosted its 4th Annual Daddy and Daughter Dance on Saturday, March 16 at the Clearbrook Community Center. The old gym was decorated with

white table cloths and fancy lights for the occasion. There was special dancing music, flowers and treats. All proceeds went to support the Clearbrook Volunteer Fire Department.



James Kumpula and his two daughters Savannah on the left and Kaitlyn on the right attended the Father and Daughter dance at the Clearbrook Community Center.



Adilee and her father Brandon Larson attended the 4th annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, March 16.

per Rice Lake. That is when the controversies began, and have been going on ever since,” stated Dean Newland who is District 2 Commissioner in that area, in a follow-up telephone interview.

“The main issue is to restore the river between Minerva and Upper Rice Lake back to the original way nature intended it to be.”

He noted that Upper Rice Lake is the biggest lake that is completely in Clearwater County, and it is at the top of the Continental Divide. It is the very beginning of the Wild Rice Watershed, which flows to Ada and Fargo.

“DNR controls the structure and keeps the dam at the lower level to help control flooding there, but turns the Upper Rice Lake into mud. Minerva Lake used to be a beautiful lake, and a good fishing lake; but now it is full of cattails.”

Commissioners...
Continued on last page

Community Education

Annual Clearbrook-Gonvick Science Fair
The Annual Clearbrook-Gonvick Science Fair will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2019
It is open to public for viewing from 9am-1pm and 4pm-7pm
The Annual Clearbrook-Gonvick Bear Share Featuring K-12 Projects & Art March 28, 2019 will also be held.
Open to public 4pm-7pm
Fry Bread Taco hosted by CG Trap Club. Free will donation (\$5 suggested) 4:30-6:30

Clearbrook Elevator Break-In: March 2019
The Clearbrook Elevator was broken into during the night recently. The break-in was discovered by elevator staff when they opened on Monday, March 18th. Elevator manager Les Westrum estimates that items taken are valued at around \$3,000. While insurance will cover most of the loss, the elevator will be responsible for any deductibles. In addition to monetary losses, the elevator staff have spent extra time evaluating the loss and ordering replacement items. The Clearbrook Police Department is involved in the investigation.

Town Hall meeting April 17
Reps. Matt Grossell, Steve Green and Sen. Paul Utke to hold Town Hall in Bagley
WHERE: Great Northern Bar and Grill, 36 Waterplant Dr. SW, Bagley, MN 56621
WHEN: Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00 PM
WHAT: Town Hall hosted by
• Rep. Matt Grossell (R-Clearbrook, House District 02A)
• Rep. Steve Green (R-Fosom, House District 02B)
• Sen. Paul Utke (R-Park Rapids, Senate District 02)

Help Celebrate Dr. Frank Drucker's 90th Birthday
April 6th, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Fireside Patio & Grill, Bagley
Cake and Coffee provided
\$15.00 Pasta Buffet available R.S.V.P.
Sharon 776-3687
Jane 694-6913

Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc
will be hosting their "Landowner's Appreciation Dinner" on Friday, April 5th at the Clubhouse in Leonard, MN. Social Hour will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner to be served at 7:00 pm
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Wednesday, April 10
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9:00 a.m. Registration
Coffee and cookies served
Health Fair sponsored by Clearwater Nursing Service
Bingo called by Harvey Miller
10:30 a.m. Call meeting to order
Invocation by: Pastor Dale Adams
National Anthem sung by: Stacy Pittman
Reports of manager, officers and employees
Election of Directors
Guest speaker: Stacey Dahl, Senior Manager of External Affairs, Minnkota Power Cooperative
Noon meal will be served following the meeting
Drawings for door prizes will be held during the meeting.
District 1
Dennis Engebretson
Kim Solberg
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District 2
Robert Johnson
Three-year term
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NELL program April 3 in Bagley.
Briana Ingraham "Uff Dah! An Unexpected Journey of 1,000 miles.... Northwest"
Briana Ingraham is a relatively new Minnesotan, coming to us from outside Baltimore, Maryland. The path her life was on changed dramatically in August 2015 when her husband penned an article for the Washington Post on data that ranked Red Lake County, Minnesota as the "ugliest county in America." He was invited to visit and fell in love with its beauty -but more so with its people. He then somehow convinced her to leave her government job, pack up all their belongings and head 1400 miles northwest of Maryland, with twin toddlers, a cat, and a dog in tow for a fresh start outside the beltway.
She now calls Red Lake Falls home and is learning the ins and outs of a new career with the most demanding of bosses - three boys 5 and under! Over the past almost 3 years she has been here, she has joined various community groups, including the University of Minnesota Crookston band, the Thief River Falls branch of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the board of the Northwest Minnesota Arts council, the Red Lake County Civic and Commerce committee and was recently elected to the Red Lake Falls City Council.
Briana will be joining us on April 3 at Grace Free Church, 703 Main Ave N in Bagley to tell us all her story! Coffee at 9:00 am followed by program at 9:30. Free to all ages, donations are encouraged.

Please check your address label!
Thank You!
I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to family, friends and relatives who came to help celebrate my birthday.
It was a fun time.
Florence Danielson

Thank You!
I want to thank all who came to my birthday party on Saturday at the Senior Center in Clearbrook.
Enjoyed seeing you all, some I hadn't seen for a while.
Thank you!
Beverly Charles
Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Meals
Wed. March 27 - Meatloaf, Potato, Peas, Peach Cobbler, Bread, and Milk.
Thurs., March 28 - Country Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Cake, Bread and Milk
Fri., March 29 - Italian Spaghetti, Cole Slaw, Garlic Bread, Spiced Peaches and Milk.
Mon., April 1 - Chill, Crackers, Cheese Sandwich, Pudding and Milk.
Tues., April 2 - Liver or Pepper Steak, Buttered Boiled Potatoes, Peas, Apricots, Bread and Milk.
Wed. April 3 - Chef Salad, Muffin, Bar 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.

Bagley Library Book Club to Discuss "The Shoemaker's Wife"
The Bagley Library's Book Club is pleased to announce the topic of its next book discussion. The Bagley Book Club will meet Friday, April 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Bagley Public Library, 79 Spencer Ave. SW, to discuss "The Shoemaker's Wife" by Adriana Trigiana. In "The Shoemaker's Wife," a multi-generational love story spans two continents, two World Wars and the quest of two star-crossed lovers to find each other again.
All are welcome to join the discussion and attendees should feel free to bring a lunch. 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.
Bagley Public Library Announces Seuss-Themed Magic Show
The Bagley Public Library will host a Dr. Seuss-themed magic show, "The Magic of Dr. Seuss", on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bagley Public Library, 79 Spencer Avenue. Dive into the wacky and wonderful world of Dr. Seuss with this performance of magic, story-telling and silly comedy featuring the characters found in some Dr. Seuss' most famous works. Perfect for families with toddlers, preschoolers and pre-kindergartners, this show is offered free of charge, thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Help 211
What is the time and location of the Food Shelf in your area? Where can you get help with food on the weekends when the Food Shelf is closed? Is there any place that serves free meals? You can get the answers/information to these questions by calling First Call for Help-211 at (218)326-8565 or in Clearwater County dial (800)442-8565 or 211.

Church News
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.
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 31 - 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Coffee Hour/Sunday School, 7-12th Grade Youth Connect.
Wed., March 27 April 3: 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich/6:45 Lenten Service. 5:30pm Choir Practice; 7:30 Handbell Practice.
Mon., April 1 - 7:00pm Worship Committee.
Our Savior's
Sun., March 31 - 9:45am Sunday School; 10:30am Coffee Hour; 11:00am Worship.
Wed., March 27 - 5:00 Lenten Service.
Mon., April 1 - 4:45pm Congregational Life Committee Meeting.
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 25- 6:30 Financial Peace Class
Tues. March 26 - 7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study at Kris Emmel's
Wed. March 27 - 6:30 p.m. AWANA GRAND PRIX at Clearwater's Life Center in Gonvick
Thurs. March 28 - 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Sun. March 31 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Ad deadline: Noon Friday
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. Just drop-in, no registration.
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.
Grow It! Greenhouse & Garden Center opens Apr 1. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, M-Th; 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Fri & 9:00 AM-12:00, Sat. Use Oak St. entrance for your convenience.
Mexican Friday Night Out: April 5. Call for reservations by Wed., Apr 3, 218-776-2789. Check website for menu.
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 Bag Sale thru Apr 1. \$5-our lg. bag; \$3-our sm. bag. 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.
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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NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg, Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, Mar. 27: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Thu, Mar. 28: 12:00 pm. Rotary meeting.
Fri, Mar. 29: 8:30 a.m. Friday School.
Sun, Mar. 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School.
Tue, April 2: 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer meeting. 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, April 3: 6:30 p.m. AWANA. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson, Lay Minister
Wed, Mar. 27: 5:00 p.m. 7 & 8 grade confirmation. *Note Time Change. Lund: 6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich, 7:00 p.m. Service.
Sun, Mar. 31: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School at Sand Valley. Parishwide worship at 10:40 a.m. Bethany. Potluck to follow.
BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson, Interim Pastor
Sun, Mar. 31: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.
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SPOTLIGHT

March Spotlight Teacher Feature:

March Teacher Feature: Linda Brown, K-12 Art Teacher

Art has the role in education of helping children become themselves instead of like everyone else.”
~Sydney Gurewitz Clemens



Linda Brown is in her second year of teaching K-12 art and, wow—what can she say but time flies when there is never a dull moment. This is technically Linda's third year at Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools. She taught reading intervention to elementary students her first year. When the art teaching vacancy came about, it was destiny at its best. She really feels this job was meant for her.

Linda was born in Minneapolis and raised just outside of there in Elk River. After graduating from high school she came to Bemidji to go to college and never really left. She would move away but would always return to the North Woods. Linda loves the excitement and culture that Cities bring, but she needed a more tranquil area to hang her hat.

Linda has no children, rather, she has a five-year-old bull-boxer dog (who is 'beautifugly') and a two-year-old part Siamese cat who brings a great deal of joy to her life. She has two nieces (one is also an art teacher), two nephews, four great nieces and two great nephews who are all like children/grandchildren to her. Having never had children of her own, it seems she is "the fun aunt." She can live with that!

Why did you choose to be a teacher? I went into teaching because it is one of the most important jobs in the world. When you have a passion for something, it feels natural to want to share its wonders with creative young minds. I get to do that with children of all ages and abilities and from a variety of different backgrounds. As much as I feel "at home" in the North Woods, I feel in the classroom, as well.

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? Eleven years prior to my arrival at C-G, I taught in the art department at Bemidji State University. Unfortunately, in 2011, mandated cuts to education caused BSU to discontinue the visual arts program and merge with design technology. The cuts cost several people their jobs. I was one of those individuals. This was a rather sad, yet interesting and hopeful time for me. I had to get creative, so I carved out a place for myself and found all sorts of odd jobs in order to make ends meet. Additionally, I have always had my studio life on the side where I design and do privately commissioned jewelry work.

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? The best part of my job is the students. I think, on a daily basis, that I learn as much, possibly more, from them as they do from me. The student-teacher relationship is truly a special one.

What is the biggest challenge of your job? The challenges of teaching are many and art has its own unique ones. One of my biggest challenges—hour to hour—day to day—week to week—is classroom/studio maintenance including the monitoring of infinite and varied (K-12) materials, tools and equipment. Keeping a safe studio is a big part of daily maintenance. With over 100 students using the art room daily, it is imperative that safety measures and overall maintenance are a top priority. This is a challenge indeed!

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why? Besides teaching, the ideal job for me would be one I created myself. Could I be a professional "traveler—artist—and writer"? Could I travel the world where I could write my thoughts, visually record what I see, and create art from my experiences. Since the pay would probably not be very good, in actuality, I would like to be an interior designer. I love designing comfortable spaces to live in. There is a catch to that—I would most likely have to live in a big city to make a go of it. I am not fond of living in highly populated areas, therefore teaching

is ideal for me because one can do that—what you love—most anywhere in rural America.

What do you do when you are not working at the school? When I am not working at school, I generally stay pretty busy working in my art studio. At present, however, I am working on remodeling two houses and am creating a small apartment at another. The latter project is my real "baby," because it is a kind of a work of art itself. I hand built cabinets and a snack bar and have done a unique design tiling in both the kitchen and bathroom. I love shopping second hand stores, rummage sales and flea markets looking for things to incorporate into my remodeling. Besides remodeling, I also love to hike and roller-skate. I have racked up many hiking miles, coupled with truly amazing hiking experiences from around the world.

What is something you really enjoy about the SPRING? I have two favorite SPRING events. One is to be where I can hear the peeper frogs begin their first simultaneous peeping. The second event is being able to drive with all four windows down, listening to my favorite music and feeling the warm wind all around me.

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? My favorite aspect of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community is just that; the sense of community we have at school. It is a place where different cultures come together in harmony, where you can count on one another, where you feel "at home". When I started teaching here, I was amazed at how willing everyone is to help me "learn the ropes" of a new school environment. The community itself has the same feel. For example, this past winter, as I was working on the apartment, a neighbor (who I had met only once on the street) came over three or four times with a Bobcat and removed snow from my driveway. I could get to the place, load and unload materials and tools without struggling through the snow. I didn't have to ask anyone, because someone I barely knew came to my rescue. He saw the need and acted out of the kindness in his heart to help a near stranger.

A now a few words from the students Ms. Brown teaches...

What do you think Ms. Brown was like when she was in high school? "Probably very artistic and fun." "Ms. Brown said she was more of a quiet trouble maker in high school." "She was very good at art and always smiling." "Wild" "A party animal" "Very outgoing and spoke her mind" "She was the most creative one there and doodled on everything." "I think she was hyper and funny."

What do you think Ms. Brown does when she is not here at school? "Work on houses and play with her dog." "I think Ms. Brown works on her house." "She paints canvases at her house" "Chills with her dog" "Hangs out at home" "Always busy and with her dog." "I think she is at home relaxing with her dog and dressing her up."

What job do you think Ms. Brown would have if she was not an art teacher? "Probably a house decorator" "I think Ms. Brown could have been a wedding coordinator or a house decorator." A seller and presenter of art." "A jeweler" "English teacher or a waitress" "A jeweler" "I think she would be a professional dog mom and would be famous for her homemade dog fashions."

What is one of the best things about Ms. Brown? "She always is positive and outgoing." "How many art skills she uses in class is amazing." "She gives me good advice on how to make my art better." "She is funny," "Her personality, humor and kind heart." "She's funny." "The best thing about Ms. Brown is her sense of humor and always giving us the funniest advice."

What do you think is Ms. Brown favorite thing to do? "Use her imagination to create art pieced." "Paint paintings," "To paint nature," "Hang with her dog," "Art" "Be with her dog," "I think Ms. Brown's favorite thing to do is get inspired for new projects for us to do."

What is one thing Ms. Brown ALWAYS says? "Put the broom away." "I didn't eat lunch." "She laughs," "Listen up," "Don't cross the red line," "Please ask before touching anything," "Listen up."

Where would you send Ms. Brown on vacation? "France because of all the art pieces." "I would send Ms. Brown to Italy for all the architecture." "Bahamas," "Colorado," "Europe." "I would send Ms. Brown on a vacation to Jamaica. I think she would like it." "I would send her to Europe." "Mexico or Hawaii."



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Another bear was sighted admiring our bear-themed squad car... The Clearbrook -Gonvick School, Police Department and Clearwater County Sheriffs Office took this opportunity to work on and improve student-bear-police relationships.



Clearbrook-Gonvick JO volleyball 16U team won first place at the Menhaga volleyball tournament March 23, 2019. Congratulations girls! Shown left to right: Coach Jacob Melby, Annabell Phillips, Ella Engen, Lauren Melby, Maci Wagner, Lindsey Gray, Dana Melby and Emma Rude.

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

Wed., March 27 - Hot Dog on Bun, Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Thurs., March 28 - Orange Chicken with Rice Blend, Egg rolls (9-12), Fortune Cookies, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Fri., March 29 - Shrimp Poppers, Macaroni and Cheese, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Mon., April 1 - Loaded Beef Nachos, Garlic Breadstick (9-12), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Tues., April 2 - Hot Ham and Cheese Croissant, Cream of Potato with Ham Soup, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

Wed., April 3 - Music Contest BSU Pizza Hotdish with Garlic Toast, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Choices and Milk.

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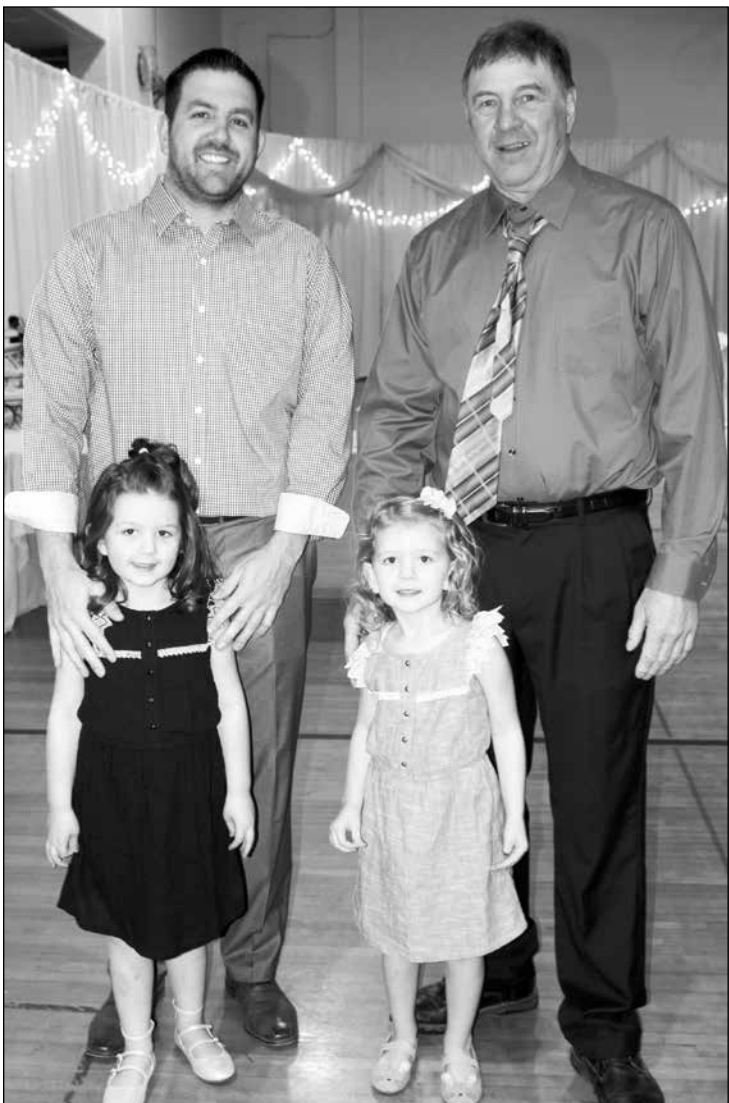
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Elleigh and Jake Emmel attended the Clearbrook Fire Department 4th Annual Daddy and Daughter Dance.



Dad Steve Marsh and Grandpa Byron Marsh with the girls Liv and Hallie attended the Clearbrook Fire Department 4th Annual Daddy and Daughter Dance.



Mia Thielges and John Brenton attended the Clearbrook Fire Department 4th Annual Daddy and Daughter Dance.



Pastor Adam Krog and his daughters Iris and Isabelle attended the Clearbrook Fire Department 4th Annual Daddy and Daughter Dance.



Troy McQuown and his daughter Katherine attended the Clearbrook Fire Department 4th Annual Daddy and Daughter Dance.



The Fawver girls with dad, Emma Hadley and Lainey.



Shawn Vasend and his granddaughter LaShelle attended the Clearbrook Fire Department 4th Annual Daddy and Daughter Dance.



Richard Smeith and his daughter Alexis attended the Clearbrook Fire Department 4th Annual Daddy and Daughter Dance.

Springy Thoughts

By Karen Edelbach

Time is done for cold and gray
As sunshine warms the air,
Springy thoughts are needed
To depart from Winter's care.

Watch! The snow is melting
Shovels put away
Shed the weight of coats and hats
We won't need those today.

What shall I think for Springy thoughts?
A sky of blue, and grass that's green
Flowers also coming up,
Miracles unseen.

Have you seen the robin yet?
Oh what a welcome sight
Anticipation in the air
Fills me with delight!

Song birds come to feeders
Scrounge now for a nest
Trees leaf out on barren branches
Nature at its best.

Walks in fields and roadways
Wild flowers and crocus
Everything that's living
Seems to come in focus.

Sit in the sun,
Read a book,
Ride a bike.
Outdoors to cook.

Warmth for earth and body
Waited for so long
A soul that comes alive again
Soothed by Spring's new song.

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: jengebren@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

Fee per table = \$15.00 for 1,

\$20 for 2

Watch for more classes coming soon!

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

GIVE A VETERAN A LIFT: Several donations marked for this year's "Give a Veteran a Lift" fundraiser continue to come in... I'd like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to the Hope Lutheran Church Benevolence Fund for the gracious donation brought to the Courthouse recently.

I welcome your own personal comments. Constructive feedback on your own behalf (please- not anonymous) to our Commissioner 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

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You can reduce the volume of rubbish by recycling your paper, cardboard, plastic food and beverage containers, steel cans and, of course, aluminum and glass containers!

Take them to the recycling bins located by the County Highway Department in Bagley. Thank you! Need pointers? Call us at 218-694-6183.

Clearwater County Environmental Services

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 6, 2006
MORTGAGOR: Suzen G. Pixler and David Pixler, wife and husband.
MORTGAGEE: National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded October 18, 2006 Clearwater County Recorder, Document No. A149761.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: National City Mortgage Co., a subsidiary of National City Bank. Dated December 4, 2006 Recorded April 18, 2011, as Document No. A157911. And thereafter assigned to: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee Effective 1/12/07. Dated December 4, 2006 Recorded April 18, 2011, as Document No. A157912. And thereafter assigned to: Deutsche

Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2007-QS1. Dated October 25, 2018 Recorded October 29, 2018, as Document No. A172984.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: PNC Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 29627 State 92, Bagley, MN 56621

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 15.029.0500
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 29, Township 146, Range 37, less the following tracts:

1. The North 418 feet of the said SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 29, Township 146, Range 37

2. The East 435 feet of the South 200 feet of the said SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 29, Township 146, Range 37

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Clearwater

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$126,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$127,705.83

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE:

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TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 20, 2019 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:None

Dated: January 15, 2019
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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until May 1, 2019, at 10:00 AM at the Sheriff's Office, 213 North Main Avenue, Bagley, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: March 25, 2019
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Legal Notice

CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:05 p.m.
Declaration of Quorum – Members present: Kris Snyder, Tom Stenzel, Richard Hetland, James Galloway, Jeff Westrum, Tracy Imle. **Absent:** Corey Petterson. **Also present:** Superintendent Jeff Burgess, Principal Dugstad, Chester Powell, representing Soil and Water Conservation, 5 staff members, and 1 community members

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

4. **Community Comments** – None

5. **Spotlight on Education** – Ms. Goudge presented highlights of events since the last board meeting.

6. **Approval of Agenda** – MMS Stenzel/Galloway to approve agenda as amended, Moving Item 11.6 to Item 11.8 and adding 2 Items 11.6 (New Hire) & 11.7 (Approve AIPAC Plan).
MCU

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

7.1 MMS Galloway/Stenzel to approve minutes as presented from the January 23, 2019 Regular Meeting
MCU

8. **Informational Items**

8.1 **Principal Report** –Principal Dugstad discussed the following items: 1) **New Hire** – Mr. Dugstad advised that Danielle Zittel applied for the Long-Term 6th Grade Sub position. Approval for hire will be asked in item 11.6 below. 2) **Thank You From Nevis** – Mr. Dugstad stated that the Split the Pot proceeds from the 11/19/19 game were given to Nevis. Both audience members who won split the pot returned their portion so that it could also be given to Nevis. He read the thank you from them. 3) **Scheduling Committee** – The committee has met 3 times and is working on the 19-20 schedule, which he hopes will be done as March begins. Mr. Dugstad expressed appreciation for the committee's work. 4) **NAEP Testing** – The District was selected for this prior to Mr. Dugstad's being hired. Testing of the 8th grade students in Reading and Math will take place on February 28, 2019. A committee comes in to assist in the testing. 5) **AIPAC Vote of Concurrence** – Mr. Dugstad discussed what a vote of concurrence means. Approval will be voted on in item 11.7 below.

8.2 **Superintendent Report** – Mr. Burgess discussed the following items: 1) **Educational** – A) We are currently looking at how we can apply for more Math Corps help. Junior students took the ACT last week. We are having a Student Achievement Review during PLCs. 2) **Building** – The mixing motor is still out. Lowell is working on repairing it. If he is unable to find parts, our current repair estimate is \$6,000. Lowell is still working to find a less expensive way to repair the motor. 3) **Legislative** – A) The Governor's budget came out. He proposed a 3% and 2% increase in the funding formula. The proposal also includes bumps in special education funding. The House bill has proposed that current operating referendums be able to be passed with board approval. Current numbers being suggested for the education formula are 2% and 2%. 4) **Financial** – A) Mr. Burgess reviewed the current financial reports. 5) **BRIC** – Mr. Burgess presented BRIC's strategic plan. The focus will be on social emotional health and staff development. 6) **Building Project Update** – Early Childhood teachers visited Mahnomens School, which recently did an addition for Early Childhood. Bond Funds have been invested. 7) **MDE Student Attendance Audit** – Results of the audit showed that we over-calculated ECSE student hours last year. We are currently waiting to find out the impact on our state aid. 8) **Clearbrook Gym Rental** – Mr. Burgess advised that he attended the Clearbrook City Council Meeting. They discussed the gym rental, and advised that there could potentially be increased to \$10,000-\$15,000 per year from \$1500. Mr. Burgess has asked for a written proposal for future discussion.

8.3 **Committee Report** – 8.3.1 **Finance** – Board Member Stenzel advised that the committee set priorities for building expenditures – i.e. painting, lighting, flooring and

furniture.

8.3.2 **Meet and Confer** – Clerk Imle gave information on the meeting held today. Dates have been set up for future meetings and set up 3 items to concentrate on – 1-Internal Communications, Building & Custodial Responsibilities & Classroom painting.

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

9.1 Approval of Bills Presented
Payroll Expense Checks and Checks Written between Board Meetings: 66904 – 66968/Wires

Payroll Checks
0030267 – 0030272

February Bills
Voucher Numbers: 54252-54345
Check Numbers: 66969-67024

Total Payroll/Expense Checks
Approved: \$500,657.13

9.2 Approval of Electronic Transfers and Other Banking Transactions

9.3 Approval of Treasurer's Report

10. **Old Business**

10.1 **Rainwater Pond** – Mr. Chester Powell, Representing Soil & Water Conservation presented on the proposed rainwater pond. Mr. Burgess suggested that we have the Ag program come up with some designs. Mr. Powell advised that he would need a verbal agreement that the

District is interested to take back to his board. The board would like to see some designs before making a decision on how much the District would be willing to spend on the pond. Mr. Burgess suggested we get designs & look at them before completely agreeing to the project.

11. **New Business**

11.1 **Achievement & Integration Approval** – Mr. Burgess advised that the District would receive roughly \$40,000 for the plan. He passed out his proposed plan, and discussed our plan, as well as which other districts have approved funding to participate. MMS Imle/Galloway to approve plan as presented. MCU.

11.2 **Calendar Approval** – Calendar options A & B were presented. Questions were answered. Discussion was held. MMS Snyder/Imle to approve calendar option B. MCU.

11.3 **Snow Make Up Day** – Mr. Burgess discussed the number of snow days. The governor has stated he would propose that 2 days be forgiven, but there is no knowledge when the decision by the state will be made. Discussion was held. MMS Galloway/Stenzel to approve May 10, 2019 as a student snow make-up day. MCU.

11.4 **Approve Resolution**

asking State to fully fund Special Education – MMS Imle/Stenzel to approve resolution. MCU.

11.5 **Approve Resolution asking State to fully fund Special Education** – MMS Galloway/Imle to approve resolution. MCU

11.6 **Approve New Hire, Danielle Zittel, Long Term 6th Grade Sub** – MMS Stenzel/Hetland to approve hire. MCU

11.7 **Approve AIPAC Plan** – Mr. Dugstad presented the AIPAC plan, and noted that the Parent Committee accepted the plan. MMS Stenzel/Imle to approve plan as presented. MCU

11.8 **Personnel Discussion** – MMS Stenzel/Galloway to close meeting for personnel discussion at 8:22 p.m. MCU.

11.6.1 – MMS Imle/Stenzel to re-open meeting at 8:42 p.m. MCU.

11.6.2 – MMS to approve termination of employment of Ms. Jean Naastad. Roll Call Vote – Imle – Yes, Galloway – Abstain, Snyder – Yes, Hetland – Yes, Stenzel – Yes, Westrum – Yes. Motion carries.

12. **Action Items for March Meeting**

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12.2

12.3

13 **Adjournment** – MMS to adjourn at p.m. MCU

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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Letters to the Editor....

America needs revival, not revolution To the editor:

I generally don't care to get involved in political activity, but in today's new American standards, none of us should stay idle. Stand up, America, and be counted!

I thought serving two years in the Army, one year in Vietnam, was enough, but it's not. Vietnam Vets coming home was the first distraction for me. This nation and community didn't care that we came home. We started welcoming each other with phrases such as "Welcome home, brother" and "God Bless America."

We fought for freedom; now we wonder what freedoms they are talking about. Don't read me wrong, the U.S.A. was and still is the greatest country in the world, and it's our duty as citizens to keep it that way, and disregard the 60's and 70's narrative to steer America down the Socialist/Communist path. We as veterans remember the military oath on induction into the service to defend America against foreign and domestic enemies. All legal citizens in America need to take that same oath.

In regard to our political system in Minnesota, how did we end up with what we have? Who is screening the candidates and who is screening the voters? Thank God for the few good representatives we have. Let's support and stand with the Grossells, Greens and Utkes, who are doing their best.

As for the unequalized others, I like what Glen Beck said: "Politicians, like cockroaches, are not stupid creatures. Both have an uncanny ability to survive, consume all things, living or dead, and can apparently live up to one month without their heads. Though, he argued, politicians live much longer than that."

As someone said, there are too many Democrats, Republicans and Independents, and not enough Americans. America's standard should be the word of God, the 10 Commandments, and the Constitution. People have devotion for the party rather than Jesus Christ.

Our county recorded over 1,000 votes for a Muslim Attorney General. Sharia Law is on its way -- "God help us." The Governor and his Minnesota version of the Barnum and Bailey Circus clearly stated their agenda before election to raise taxes, approve a red flag law, and work for gun control, while he plans to keep his guns. We weren't blindsided. The new candidates are already warbling and blowing rhetoric in our faces for the next election. Isn't it time to vote common sense?!

Walter Trohan, an American political commentator, noted in 1972 a known fact that the policies of government, both Republican and Democrat, are closer to the 1932 platform of the Communist Party than they are to either of their own party platforms from that critical year. Chew on that one...Where are we now?

In defense of our editor, I noticed in a smattering of articles ridiculing his warning of socialist movements. He is right, a watchman on the wall. Those who defend communism, socialism (and other isms) don't realize they are all connected and spawned out of the depths of hell (Satan's religions). It's either Christ and the Cross or Antichrist and anticross, all American or anti-American.

Benjamin Franklin, after signing the Declaration of Independence, was asked, "What have you given us?" Franklin replied, "A Republic, if you can keep it!"

It's said that up to half of this nation subscribes to socialism. So, teachers, preachers, school board members, and voters, beware. Learn what's going on. Read Romans 13:11-14, "And that, knowing the time, and now it is high time. Awake out of sleep, for now is our Salvation (rapture) nearer than we believe." (read on in Romans). Studied theologians believe we are living in chapter 3 and 4 of Revelation. I believe the same.

As for argument for the southern border wall, if walls are so immoral, why do we live in houses? With walls? There is a strict immigration policy to get into Heaven, a wall with 12 gates and a narrow path (John 3:16 tells how). Hell also has gates and easy entry. Wake up, folks. Newt Gingrich said, "We're in a time that seems intent on devouring ourselves," -- a Saul Alinsky teaching of divide and conquer.

If you study the Marx's Socialist Communist Dictatorship of the people, three things need to be accomplished: 1) Elimination to all right to private property; 2) Dissolution of the family unit; 3) Destruction of what Marx referred to as "opiate of the people, religion."

General Omar Bradley stated, "We have men of Science, too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom, and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. The world has achieved brilliance without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. If we continue to develop our technology without wisdom or prudence, our servant may prove to be our executioner." To give that statement by the General credibility, God said in Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

America needs Revival, not Revolution.

Must go for now, I've probably overstayed my welcome. The cause of my boldness could be due to maximum snow and cold or skydiving last June. I'll go now, unless....

Jerry L. Wraa
Leonard

To the editor:

Don't Put Flyover Country in a Corner. It's Leading America's Urban Boom.

By Ed McMahon

Ask any college senior where the best jobs are, and you'll probably hear a list of coastal metropolises: New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco.

But economic development data tell a different story. Smaller cities away from the coasts are the true hotbeds of economic activity today, thanks to their relatively low costs of living, abundant job opportunities, and appealing community amenities.

This movement is a stark change from decades past, when central business districts in these cities would shut down as office workers headed home to the suburbs. Now, what used to be places to work and leave have become places to work and live. In "18-hour" cities like Denver,

Nashville, Tenn., and Charlotte, N.C., people are staying downtown long after the workday is done. That's spurring economic growth and the development of thriving residential neighborhoods.

Consider Dallas, which attracted nearly 150,000 new residents last year -- more than five times as many as Los Angeles did. Or downtown Denver, where over 10,000 residential units are under construction. That represents a nearly 50 percent increase in the total housing stock.

The growth of secondary cities isn't new. The Urban Land Institute first chronicled their rise five years ago, and this year could bring even more growth to these cities. According to Emerging Trends in Real Estate, an annual industry forecast published by the Urban Land Institute and PwC, eight of the top 10 real estate markets to watch in 2019 are "18-hour cities."

Part of the appeal driving smaller cities' growth? Residents can actually afford to live there. A one-bedroom apartment in Los Angeles costs almost twice as much as it does in Dallas -- and for fewer square feet.

Midsize cities are also much more affordable for those looking to put down roots or raise families. In San Francisco, it would take nearly three decades for millennials saving at the average rate to have enough for a down payment on a home. In Kansas City, Mo., they could do the same in three years.

Even better, affordable secondary cities now largely offer economic opportunities comparable to those available on the coasts. Amazon affirmed the appeal of smaller cities with its \$230 million investment in an operations center in Nashville, which will create 5,000 jobs.

These cities have grown into 18-hour urban destinations in part because they've developed bustling arts, music, and food scenes. Denver, Austin, Texas, and Charleston, S.C., are all in the top five of Zagat's list of the 30 most exciting food cities in America. Ticket seller SeatGeek ranks Nashville second nationwide for U.S. cities with the most major concerts per capita.

Of course, secondary cities aren't entirely without growing pains. While still cheaper than New York or Washington, rents in Raleigh rose from 9 percent of income in 2014 to 21 percent last year.

To maintain their momentum, smaller cities must be smart about how they grow. This means addressing affordability challenges while simultaneously encouraging investment and development.

We've entered an era in which smaller cities are becoming more competitive with their more established counterparts. The winners will be cities that have figured out how to be places where people enjoy how they live, rather than simply endure it.

Ed McMahon is a Senior Resident Fellow and the Charles E. Fraser Chair on Sustainable Development and Environmental Policy at the Urban Land Institute (ULI). This op-ed first appeared in Fox News Opinion on www.FoxNews.com.

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NOTICE

To the residents of Clover Township. The A&E and Regular meetings will be held April 5th (Fri) at the Clover Town Hall. A & E meeting at 4pm, regular meeting following.

Joel Wraa - Clerk

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Notice

TO LEON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
Important Information
Regarding Property Assessments

This may affect your 2020 property taxes. The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Leon Township will meet on April 9, 2019, 6:00 pm at Leon Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Lori Larson - Clerk

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NOTICE

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The Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club has a permit from private landowners to make their property available for snowmobile trail riding during the winter months only. This permit will expire April 1st.

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Regular township meeting will follow Equalizations

Given under my hand this 14th day of March, 2019

Sheila Horn - Clerk of Greenwood Township

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Regarding Property Assessments

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Regular township meeting will follow Equalizations

Given under my hand this 13th day of Feb., 2019

Joel Wraa - Clerk of Clover Township

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Lucas, Raymond and Jack with some of last year's calves one snowy, cold day in January. The Millers sell their calves when they are about one year old so were about to sell these animals. All photos associated with this article are courtesy of North Country Beef Producer.

A place to call home



Lucas Miller, Jayne Miller, Raymond Moe, Jack Miller.

The following article appeared in the March 2019 issue of the North Country Beef Producer magazine. It is being reprinted with permission from Tom Burford, Editor.

Written by Linda Andersen

Old fashioned cordiality is alive and well at the Miller Farm located in Pennington County, near Goodridge. Upon calling about my upcoming visit and interview, I was invited to arrive a little early and join the family for a meatball dinner. Time restraints prohibited my accepting, but it felt good to know that hospitality is still a part of rural life.

Meet the Millers – a welcoming family who seemed to enjoy showing a visitor around even on a cold, snowy January day. Founder of the farm is Jack Miller, who purchased the farm in 1984. He had grown up on a farm just one mile away, but had worked for operators of a pig farm at his current location. During his senior year in high school he lived in a trailer house on the property and managed the operation.

Jack's wife, Jayne (Morrisey), grew up on a dairy farm by neighboring Gatzke. She "hated" the farm life and ventured to New York City. After

ten years of city life, however, she returned to her roots and married someone who she said is "just like" her father. She takes care of most of the yard work on the farm and, according to Jack, "She makes our house a home."

Jack and Jayne's son, Lucas, has been a partner in the farm since he was in high school.

"He was raking hay when he was eight," said Jack of his son. Lucas amended the eight to seven, saying the raking began a week before his eighth birthday.

Lucas is married to Tori (Davidson) who is employed in nearby Thief River Falls.

Raymond Moe, age 11, is the newest addition to the farm operation. He is the grandson of Jack and Jayne and the son of their daughter Jaclyn and her husband, Jason Moe. (The Millers also have two other daughters, Kari (Robert) Sundberg and Chloe (Chase) Bakke.

Asked what he likes about the farm, Raymond responded, "Everything – the cows, machinery." He plans to be a farmer when he grows up and has already helped out by raking hay and hauling bales.

Implementing good conservation practices on their 1,360 acres of owned and rented land

is important to the Millers. They have created windbreaks by planting hundreds of trees. In addition, they have been involved with the USDA's EQUIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) which helped fund water lines for rotational grazing. "It's good to have fresh water. It's good when the cow doesn't have to travel for water and tramp down the forage," explained Jack. He mentioned that the local Thief River Falls office of NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) had been very "helpful" with the project.

"We try and have a four way rotation," added Jack, noting that the crop rotation involves alternating with alfalfa or hay, wheat, soybeans, and then oats.

"We leave a certain amount of acreage for wildlife until nesting season is over," explained the Millers in describing another conservation practice they employ. This nesting area allows them to see and enjoy ruffed grouse, Hungarian partridge, fawns, and geese. They said the geese seem "somewhat tame" and the Millers think that some of them return year after year.

People have taken note of the Millers' conservation practices. In 2017 the Pennington Soil and

Water Conservation District named them the "Outstanding Conservationists" for the county.

Jack's love for raising cattle is apparent. "I've always liked to be around cattle...It's not that much work to me...Come calving time, I just can hardly keep myself out of the barn," he stated.

"We run 150 bred cows together," explained Lucas. Most of their cows are an Angus cross, though they own a few registered Angus cows. They raise their own bulls from the registered cattle. They AI breed their heifers to Angus bulls.

They mention that they've had success in purchasing bulls from Keith Gebhardt of Achin' Back Acres, near Leonard, Minn., and from Ernie and Linda Johnson of Circle J Angus, near Newfolden, Minn.

Calving begins around February 1 on the Miller Farm and continues through April. They sell their calves when they are about one year old at the Bagley Livestock Exchange, which is about 63 miles away.

They purchased a "Real Tuff" chute from Dahlberg Livestock Equipment of Clearbrook, Minn., which they said has made working cattle easier, quicker, and safer.

Asked about the challenges of raising cattle, Lucas succinctly mentioned "drought."

Jayne responded, "You can't plan anything ever." She went on to say that they'd soon be calving, then would start spring work, followed by haying. She said they have "one week in December" when they can "just breathe."

Jack mentioned the challenge of "keeping everything healthy." And, how do they attempt to do that? Jack said good hay and a vaccination program are important. Lucas added that having "salt mineral" available to the cattle is valuable in keeping them well.

The Millers had predator problems a number of years ago, but their securing of Rio, the Great Pyrenees dog, solved that problem. "He keeps the coyotes and timber wolves away," reported Jack.

"He runs the perimeters all night," said Jayne, while admitting that Rio does "bark a lot."

Asked about advice the Millers would give to other farmers, their answers were brief, but helpful. "Start small. Keep your own seed stock," said Jack.

"Quality over quantity," responded Lucas. "Be patient...faith first – then everything will fall in place," said Jayne.

They commented on a couple of practices on their farm. "We really try to utilize our manure," stated Lucas, adding that he spreads this natural fertilizer on all their crop land.

"We shred a lot of grass hay for our dry cows," said Jack.

The Millers are satisfied with their farm life. Asked what they enjoy about farming, Lucas said it's "hard to pick one thing," but added that his "favorite job" is cutting hay in the summer and smelling the fresh cut alfalfa.

Jayne responded, "I like the family part. I like to see my husband, son, and grandson work together. I like being able to share meals together. We get to spend time together."

Jack said he likes to "have a place where anyone can call home."

"With fresh steak and meatballs," interjected Lucas.

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Foundations fund urgent wolf transfer to Isle Royale

National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation announced that, with the support of the International Wolf Center, an urgent final effort is underway to move four to six wolves to Isle Royale National Park over the next four days (last week).

Earlier this year, two wolves from Michipicoten Island (located in northern Lake Superior) were moved to Isle Royale. Four to six wolves still remain on the island and are at risk since their only available winter prey on the island, caribou, are gone. Officials had hoped to move all of the wolves off Michipicoten earlier, but poor weather, government shut-downs and a lack of funding delayed that effort.

The Foundation and the International Wolf Center agree that this wolf relocation project needs a strong start to have a more immediate impact on the current burgeoning moose population on Isle Royale, where an estimate of more than 1,600 moose are threatening the ecosystem.

"On Michipicoten, nature's lessons can be cruel and starvation is one of them," said Sona Mehring, the chair of the Foundation. "For the remaining wolves on Michipicoten, that will be their fate unless we help move them to Isle Royale National Park, where their hunting skills and genetics can add value to establishing a new population of wolves on Isle Royale."

"We're especially proud of the fact that the International Wolf Center is helping to save the lives of a small pack of wolves on Michipicoten Island," said the Center's Executive Director Rob Schultz. "Since all of the caribou have been

removed from Michipicoten, there's nothing left for the wolves there to eat this winter and there is a real threat of starvation."

It is estimated that the four-day effort, which will begin either Friday (March 22) or Saturday (March 23), will cost \$100,000. The Foundation raised \$30,000. The International Wolf Center raised an additional \$45,000. The organizations have started a GoFundMe page to raise the final \$25,000.

"As we discussed this project, we found many people who supported seeing the forests of Isle Royale remaining healthy," Mehring said. "We are close to realizing the goal of providing another capture opportunity to move these iconic wolves to an island that needs them in its ecosystem."

Science has long showed that wolves play an important role in nature. This translocation shows how wolves can be used to naturally manage ungulate populations.

"Since the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone National Park, we've seen first-hand the positive impact wolves have on ecosystems," Schultz said. "A thriving wolf population in Isle Royale's ecosystem will make a similar impact. If left unchecked, moose would over-consume the island's vegetation. Apex predators, like wolves, are important components of any healthy, natural ecosystems."

"This shows just one more way we put our donor's support to hard work to advance wolf populations around the world. We're honored to team up with National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation to make a difference together."

Dairy Producers Previously Enrolled Now Eligible for 2018 Margin Protection Program

Retroactive Enrollment Begins March 25

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that dairy producers who elected to participate in the Livestock Gross Margin for Dairy Cattle Program (LGM-Dairy) now have the opportunity to participate in the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) for 2018 coverage. Sign-up will take place March 25 through May 10, 2019.

Producers enrolled in 2018 LGM-Dairy, administered by USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA), previously were determined by the 2014 Farm Bill to be ineligible for coverage under MPP-Dairy, a safety net program available through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"The 2018 Farm Bill included substantial changes to USDA dairy programs," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "This includes the ability for producers with LGM coverage to retroactively enroll in MPP-Dairy for 2018. It also integrated recent improvements to the MPP-Dairy in the new Dairy Margin Coverage program, beginning with the 2019 calendar year."

The MPP-Dairy program offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the national all-milk price and the national average feed cost — the margin — falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producers in a dairy operation. LGM-Dairy is an insurance product that provides protection when feed costs rise or milk prices drop. The gross margin is the market value of milk minus feed costs.

This retroactive sign-up is only for dairy producers with 2018 LGM coverage who produced and commercially marketed milk in 2018 but did not obtain full year MPP-Dairy coverage. FSA will notify eligible producers by postcard and provide a one-time payment for all of the months in 2018 that had margins triggering MPP-Dairy assistance.

"I'm pleased that dairy producers will now be able to take advantage of enrolling in both Livestock Gross Margin and the Margin Protection Program for 2018 coverage," RMA Administrator Martin Barbre said. "The 2018 Farm Bill gave dairy producers more options like these and when combined with the new Dairy Protection Program offered by RMA, that means more overall coverage for dairy producers."

Eligible producers can enroll during the sign-up period at their local USDA service center. To locate your office, visit farmers.gov.

Friends of Sanford Health hosts Collective Goods sale

BEMIDJI, Minn. – Friends of Sanford Health will host a Collective Goods (formerly Books are Fun) sale in the east lobby of Sanford Bemidji Medical Center just outside the Gift Shop from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 26 and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 27. The sale features a wide variety of books and gift items for all ages.

Friends of Sanford Health receives a percentage of each sale to enrich the experience of patients, residents, visitors and staff at Sanford Bemidji.



Rio, the Great Pyrenees – he keeps the coyotes and timber wolves away. Here he is looking through the gate at some of the cattle he guards.

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Saturday, March 30 there will be a Bridal shower for Kai-lee Dyrdaahl at Elim Lutheran Church starting at 10:00.

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.

Helmer Hanson will celebrate his 100th birthday on March 28. By sending a card, you'll put a smile on his face! Helmer Hanson, 5219 Arrowhead Rd., Hermantown, MN 55811

There will be a party for Dr. Frank Drucker at the Fire-side Patio and Grill in Bagley on April 6 starting at 6:00 p.m. He will be having his 90th birthday. R.S.V.P to Sharon at 776-3687 or Jane at 694-6913.

We have been having issues with the delivery of our local papers. Our post office in Gonvick is really working to get the kinks ironed out. We appreciate that.

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We collect used eye glasses in the Leader-Record office in Gonvick and at the Clearbrook-Leonard Senior Center. We do this for the Gonvick Lions Club and they are put to very good use. We have been getting in cell phones but we do not collect those for the Lions Club. If

anyone knows where they can go let me know.

From my email...

Something to think about... That girl you pushed down the other day. She' already being abused at home. That girl you called fat is starving herself. The old man you made fun of cause of the ugly scars. He fought for our country. The boy you made fun of for crying. His mother is dying. That boy you called lame has to work every night to support his family. The guy you punched in the hall committed suicide.

One other item from email... Seems we constantly hear about how Social Security is going to run out of money. How come we never hear about welfare running out of money? What is interesting is that first group "worked for" their money, but the second one didn't.

Joke time...

While scuba diving in the sea at a depth of twenty feet, a man noticed another guy at the same depth, but without any diving gear whatsoever. The diver went down another, but with the other guy joined him minutes later. The diver went down another twenty feet, but within a few minutes, the same guy was beside him again.

Confused, the diver took out a waterproof chalk and board set, and wrote, "How are you able to stay under this deep without equipment?"

The guy grabbed the board and chalk, erased what the diver had written and wrote, "I'M DROWNING, YOU IDIOT!"

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners

March 16 - Lacy Kent, Bagley, \$20

March 17 - Hallie Lindgren, Bagley, \$20

March 18 - Marie Dahlke, Bagley, \$20

March 19 - Nathan Titera, Valley City, ND, \$20

March 20 - Dale Strandlien, Shevlin, \$20

March 21 -Marlyce Halvorson, Bagley, \$20

March 22 - Alton Walker, Bagley, \$20



L to R: Lou Tasa, heads Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) for MNDot in northern Minnesota; Holly Rostrzewski, NW TZD Coordinator; Michelle Rognerud, District Traffic Engineer; and Engineer Dan Sauvé. "We want deaths to continue to go down every year," Lou said. "Help kids make good decisions. There has to be less distractions, and cell phones are really bad. Only hands free is acceptable, and it's not good even then."

Toward Zero Deaths program reconfirms need for less distractions on the road to safe driving

By Karen Edelbach
Engineer Dan Sauvé introduced Lou Tasa who heads the Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) for Minnesota Department of Transportation for northern Minnesota, Holly Rostrzewski, NW TZD Coordinator, and Michelle Rognerud, District Traffic Engineer at the March 19 meeting of the Clearwater Board of Commissioners.

"The Towards Zero Deaths program has shown a 45% reduction in traffic deaths throughout Minnesota. That is a significant reduction since it started in 2003," Lou explained. Holly talked about the workshop that teens from Lincoln

High School in Thief River Falls developed on their own to be conducted May 29 to focus on safe driving, and careers that they could pursue for public safety such as engineering and the EMS field.

"We are available to teach classes about the drug and alcohol distractions, and they are free of charge," she stated. They do a mock crash site in spring around prom time.

"Seat belt use is the biggest issue in this district."

"Everyone should take part in this effort (to use seat belts)," Lou said. "Cars are now designed with a cage, and if not

thrown out, most accidents can be survived when wearing a seat belt."

Engineer Sauvé confirmed that Clearwater County has had some years without any deaths, but not the last years.

Michelle talked about t-bone crashes being very bad. (A t-bone accident is a type of motor vehicle collision in which the side of one vehicle is impacted by the front or rear of another vehicle, forming the "T".)

"Roundabouts, controllers such as rumble strips, and lights at intersections are some of the things we add for safety," she said.

Roundabouts were not well-supported by many in attendance, indicating they create other hazards.

TZD efforts have shown to reduce deaths by 3,081 lives saved in 14 years the program has been implemented (from 2003-2014). There have been 300,000 fewer injury crashes. That equals \$10 billion in savings for a half billion in expenses for the program.

"We want deaths to continue to go down every year," Lou said. "Help kids make good decisions. There has to be less distractions, and cell phones are really bad. Only hands free is acceptable, and it's not good even then."

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Harold and Doris Anderson named Clearwater County's Valley Farmer and Homemaker

By Darlene Sawyer
Farmers Independent

Harold and Doris Anderson of rural Bagley have been named Clearwater County's Valley Farmer and Homemaker for 2019 according to Al Paulson of the Clearwater County Fair Board. The award is from the Red River Valley Development Association of which Clearwater County is a member. The award will be presented to the Andersons on March 30 at the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Harold and Doris Anderson have lived on their farm in Popple Township since 1975. They own 537 acres on which they raise oats and hay for their 65 beef cattle and 10 horses. When they first started farming, they owned Holstein milk cows, which they milked until the year 2000. Then they switched over to raising beef cattle. Their son, Shane, who owns 318 acres nearby, owns 80 beef cattle but no horses. Both families rent hay land and pasture.

Harold Anderson, 86, was born and raised with four brothers and four sisters on a farm near Crary, N.D. He attended high school in Crary and worked on a farm. In 1952, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and received his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was sent to South Korea for part of that war as an artilleryman. After the Korean cease-fire agreement, he remained in Korea until January 1954.

When he returned to Crary, he was hired for a county job for 4-1/2 years. After that he worked as a lineman with Ottertail Power Company for 17-1/2 years. He left Ottertail Power to fulfill his dream of owning his own farm. During this time, he wooed and married a local gal by the name of Doris Morgan. They married on July 10th, 1957. He and his wife read an ad about a farm being for sale in Popple Pownship in Clearwater County and bought it.

Doris, 81, was born on a farm in nearby Southam, N.D. She

said, "I had three sisters....and we had to help with the farm work as there were no boys. "I was the 'boy.' We went to grade school in Southam; however, we graduated from Crary High School. We knew Harold's family. After high school I attended Minot Teachers College for one year and earned a certificate to teach in a country school. For two years I taught at a country school in Webster County, N.D. I taught seven grades the first year. I taught six grades the second year.. My salary was \$190 a month."

Harold and Doris raised six children -- Shane, Lynn, Jeff, Kory, Linda, and Beth. They have a blended family of 15 grandchildren.

According to Harold and Doris, "When we moved to the farm in Popple Township, the house needed cleaning and the toilet was broken. We lived in our shed for a week while the main house was cleaned and the toilet repaired. We were just like the old homesteaders. Our plan was to raise cattle, so we bought five milk cows. When those five were paid for, we bought five more. We kept building up our herd. Harold bought an old 1930's tractor which we still have. Doris worked for three years at the Bagley Elementary School."

What were some of their biggest challenges? Getting enough hay, because their biggest fear was to run out of hay for their cattle. Harold explained, "Our cows came through okay because we have a lot of pasture and we fed them supplemental feed. All of our cattle and calves are numbered. If our cattle are bellowing early in the morning or late at night, we take our ATV to check to see what's going on. The cattle know us. They warn us if something isn't right or if a wild animal is around. Six years ago, wolves started appearing. We lost four or five calves last year (the calves simply disappeared). We believe that it was wolves but we couldn't prove it. Last year we believe that a bear

killed one of our calves....again, we couldn't prove it. Bears are hard on fences, too, as they just crawl right through."

Harold continued, "A nearby addition to our neighborhood is the new Shooting Star Casino. When the Casino celebrates with fireworks, it drives our cattle crazy...the fireworks sounds are louder than gunshots....the cows bellow...and they run.. run..run. My wife thinks the loud sounds hurt the cows' ears. There is heavy traffic on the roads, too."

Another challenge for the Andersons has been the prices for cattle. The prices are unpredictable; however, the prices were much better in the 2000's."

Doris smiled a she reminisced about their children as they grew up. She added, "Our children were members of the Falk 4-H Club. They showed Holstein cows and earned trips to the Minnesota State Fair. They exhibited a lot of craft stuff, too. But, it was hectic around our farm before the Clearwater County Fair time as the kids usually waited until the last minute to do their projects, and to teach their show cattle to follow lead."

In 1982 they built a big dairy barn. On Nov. 6, 1985, a faulty fluorescent light caused a fire and burned it down. They were milking 83 cows at the time, but the cows escaped the fire. They did not rebuild the barn; they just remodeled an old shed that was on the farm.

Doris added, "I don't enjoy gardening....but I love to bake. I was usually helping out my husband and kids with outside work as I hauled and unloaded the hay into the hay sheds. We usually had hay all over the place. I don't can much now as it is just Harold and I; however, I can peaches and freeze corn. My daughter-in-law Jill keeps us supplied with fresh vegetables.

For retirement, they have no

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Prior to 2004, 1000s of fish were found dead along the shores of both lakes, but when photos were presented to the DNR, they refused to come and look for themselves.

“An Advisory Board was formed. Bemidji TV was here. DNR was here, and the Water Shed District,” Commissioner Dean Newland said. “The DNR

would not work with us. Rooms were packed with people, but the DNR did not like hearing what they had to say about wanting the natural waterway restored. Letters of Resolution are on file from the County and townships showing they do not agree with the DNR management plan,” he said. “There have been years of meetings and numerous letters about the controversy.”

“The County has done everything possible to do something about this. They (DNR) don't want

to deal with it,” he said. “This has to go to the DNR again. Maybe with Tim's input, who has many degrees and is very knowledgeable, and new personnel at the DNR, the time has come that they will listen.”

It was stated that this issue has been treated as “a dead horse” by local media in the community. But it still a hot topic when discussed at local township meetings according to Tim Halberg and Dean Newland.

One of the purposes of keeping

the water levels low is to increase wild rice production.

Engineer Dan Sauvé said the water was kept high when he came to the County in the 90s.

“It would be interesting to see if the wild rice production has improved since then,” he said.

“This is not a dead horse,” Tim adamantly stated. His next presentation will be to the DNR in an attempt to get them to see this as a serious issue to protect the wetlands, including 4-Legged Lake.

“It may come down to lawsuits,” he stated.

“Restoration should be the number one goal – going back to mother nature should be what we are looking for,” Commissioner Newland stated.

SWCD Lori Buell, District Manager received approval for the extension of the County Lake Access Enhancement Project that was originally passed and signed on July 12, 2016 to continue the funding until the end of the grant agreement on Dec. 31, 2019.

“There is over \$45,000 left,” she stated.

“This is a good grant, and we really do want to keep this. This is important,” said Commissioner John Nelson.

Director of Nursing Marissa Hetlund received approval to hire three Home Health Aides/Homemakers for Nursing Service. They are Jill Olson, casual to part time; Kiley Netland, part time; Hannah Neeland, part time; and Joan Hanson on a casual status.

Assessor Jamie Freeman updated the Commissioners about important information regarding property assessments that may

affect 2020 property taxes.

“There are no land value changes, little change in ratios, and little in Bagley. Commercial property is what is difficult,” Ms. Freeman said.

“Most Commercial parcels in the City of Bagley were reviewed. Green Acre values are assigned by the State of Minnesota.” Values for non-tillable remained

constant at \$1,000 per acre.

County Auditor Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$14,126 for the County Revenue Fund and \$13,388 for the Nursing Service Fund.

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



Four Federally protected Trumpeter Swans along Upper Rice Lake in Bear Creek, and Minerva Townships were found dead last summer. It was explained by an adjacent lake landowner, that he/she had observed the DNR of Minnesota managing the lake by spraying Glyphosate on the lake to kill plants, which is toxic to humans and animals.



The geese are happy that the Gonvick Lions Club has been busy this winter aerating Pine Lake. They have a long pipe that goes into the lake and the water bubbles and keeps the fish from dying during the winter. That is one of the many projects that the Gonvick Lions Club has been doing for several years.

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plans to travel to distant places, Doris explained, “For the past six years, we have been going to doctors to maintain our health. Harold has had 14 stents put into his heart within the last six years, and he is battling type 2 diabetes. I have been battling A-Fib and have had a clip put on a valve in my heart...but...I don't have diabetes...just arthritis. I love to sew but I have trouble with my hands now. Harold enjoys woodworking when he has time. He just doesn't have a heated shed to work in. His favorite farm job is cutting and baling hay.”

The saddest thing for the Anderson family was the death of their grandson Blake Larson (son of Beth) who was shot during hunting season. A young boy discharged his gun, the bullet ricocheted off a tree, and hit Blake in the heart and killed him.

Their advice to others? “Accept what you get....there are too many dollar signs out



Harold and Doris Anderson.

there...forget about that...appreciate what you have....quit looking at what everybody else has got. Be grateful for what you have.”

Harold and Doris said that they are grateful for the honor and look forward to the program on March 30 where they will receive their award.

“Projects like Line 3 are really good for our community.”



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