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Serving the Communities of Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Leonard and Trail



Lonny English was chosen by the Gonvick Lions Club to be their Grand Marshall for the 29th annual Rodeo parade. The daughter of Marvin and Shirley Eck has been a resident of Gonvick all her life. She is a 1975 graduate fo Gonvick Trail High School. Her son Casey and daughter-in-law and their two daughters Madeline (5) and Elsie (2) were home from the cities to watch grandma in the parade. Lonny is the manager of the Y-92 Convenience Store in Clearbrook. She is a member of the Gonvick Legion Auxiliary, Samhold Lutheran Church, The Gonvick Pumpkin Growers and works with the All-school Reunion Committee. She likes to attend area sports events, walking, baby sitting, mowing her lawn and working in the garden, visiting customers and drinking coffee. She is being driven in the parade by Gonvick Lion member Dick Richards.



Enbridge employees serving the free lunch that was served in the tent on Saturday at noon. The company also provided free entrance to all who attended the Gonvick Lions rodeo that was held on Saturday night.



Monica Reichert of Clearbrook going around the barrels at the 29th annual Gonvick Lions Rodeo



July 4th parade at Debs was the 40th year that the small community has been sponsoring a parade. Some of the many who volunteered their services to keep the parade going rode on the July 4th float. They included: Tom Barthelemy, Kristi Hoffman, Joanne Henningsgaard, Barb Bunte, Ginny Brown, Alice Strand, Diane Schwanz, John Henningsgaard, Lynn Bedell, Johnny Strand and Lester Skerik.

Junior Recorder Clerk and RN to be hired New election equipment for county

By Karen Edelbach
The Clearwater County Board of Commissioners met on July 9, 2019, discussing new election equipment, Land Department, Environmental Services, Recorder, and other departments on the Agenda.

Auditor-Treasurer Al Paulson explained the need for the county to enter into an agreement to purchase 16 of the new model election equipment to be available for the 2020 Presidential Primary. The Commissioners approved the agreement and purchase.

"Our equipment is 17 years old," said Auditor Paulson. "We have to use this new equipment to conduct the election, and we want to move on with technology."

Our election equipment grant from the State of Minnesota will pay \$53,882 of the total cost of \$87,020 with this agreement. The direct cost to Clearwater County will be \$33,138.

The Commissioners wanted to know if fraud was an issue in the elections, and also whether mail-out ballots will be used.

"We are not so much worried about fraud as whether voters (especially those out of town) are registered voters. Actually there is a better turn out with mail-out

ballots," he said. They will know before the Primary Election in March of 2020 whether or not mail-out ballots will be used, he stated.

Recorder Brenda Knable received approval from the Commissioners for the hiring of Lori Lewis as Junior Recorder Clerk in the Clearwater County Recorder's office, effective July 15 at a wage of \$12.57 per hour.

Land Commissioner Bruce Cox reported that the department needed to replace their previous lawn mower.

"There are 10 years on the last one, and now it is not reliable," he stated. "This is the only one at the park. The old one will be kept for a back up."

He received approval to purchase a new lawn mower from Wilberg's Auto Center for the discounted cost of \$2,565 with tax to be used at the County Park.

He went to the park to warn the people there about the weather during the recent storm. The siren went off and is very loud.

"Though there was a lot of rain the storm turned out to be a 'non-event' there," Bruce said.

Commissioner Mark Larson stated that he has had comments about the difficulty to launch any sizable boat at Lindberg Lake because there is so much

mud. It is shallow," Bruce responded, "but boats up to 14-16 feet are okay. Over that size are difficult because it is too shallow."

Environmental Services Director, Dan Hecht discussed the potential of installing security cameras at the land fill shop because of past thefts there and vandalism at the land fill that have caused the need for improved security. He has checked with County Attorney Al Rogalla to establish whether it might help to have camera footage to get convictions in the case of theft. There has been a trailer stolen, and a roll of fencing in recent years for examples.

He said he wants to monitor during open hours of operation also because some visitors to the landfill who are "shopping" use unsafe practices.

"A camera is a start," it was stated. However Commissioner Neal Illies pointed out that there are possibly better systems that could do much more for less cost. Internet is needed for better systems. Commissioner Larson felt there was no reason to do this without internet.

"Without internet it is only a recording," he said.

Chairman John Nelson said it is not worth the time or cost to monitor

"I put security as a budget item every year," Mr. Hecht stated, "and I am making the recommendation to purchase the camera out of budget. My goal it to get some kind of prosecution if there is an incident."

Since there is not internet available there at this time, he will check into what would be the costs of this type of system, installation, and ongoing costs with Garden Valley before considering bringing a motion in the future.

He received approval to purchase a pickup truck which is a budgeted item for this year in the solid waste collection account, coordinated with the Assessor's Office. It is a 2019 Dodge Ram from State contract vendor Mike Motors in Ely, Minn. for \$24,347.

Engineer Dan Sauvé opened the only fuel bid for supplying fuel for county vehicles from Bagley Co-Op Association in Bagley. The total approved is their bid of \$128,607 with a 9 cent markup.

He received approval for payment of the Clearwater County Highway Department bills as presented in the amount of \$23,965.

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Who will be the Clearwater County Outstanding Senior Citizens for 2019?

Nominate someone deserving today!

Nominations for Clearwater County Outstanding Senior Citizen are now being sought for 2019. Candidates for this award need to be residents of Clearwater County and over the age of 70 that are known for going out of their way to help others, to volunteer, and to organize or help out with volunteer services.

One lady and one man who are 70 years old by June 1, 2019 will be selected from the nominations received. On Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 at 11 a.m. the winners will be announced at the Outstanding Senior Citizen Program at the Clearwater County Fair. This award recognizes outstanding community service given by individuals and they will join the list of previous county winners.

The county winners will receive special certificates of commendation from the Governor of Minnesota and from the Clearwater County Fair Board, and their names will be submitted to the Minnesota State Fair for the state's selection process for Minnesota's Outstanding Senior Citizens. These awards will be presented at the Minnesota State Fair.

Official nomination forms will be available at the Clearbrook Senior Citizens Center and at the Bagley Senior Citizens Center or from Committee Co-Chairs Dee Strandlien at 785-2412 or from Al Paulson at 694-6520 or 785-2368. For additional information please contact the committee co-chairs.

Nominations are due to the committee by July 22 and will be forward to the selection committee for final selections.

Clearbrook City Council hears audit report

Bonnie Kirchman

Tracee Bruggeman of Brady Martz reported on the city's audit at the July 8th regular meeting of the Clearbrook City Council. Tracee provided the city with recommendations which included changing the deposit policy, increasing the general fund amount, and completing an inventory. She also suggested separating on and off sale revenues at the liquor store. This breakdown of revenue would allow the city better information on the gross profit margins for each type of sale. Another recommendation arising from the audit was that the city prepare an aging schedule for utilities accounts receivable. This would make it easier for city staff and the council to monitor overdue accounts.

Pat Conroy of WSN discussed issues regarding funding of the upcoming city project. He obtained necessary signatures from council members for the \$600,000 Small Cities Development Program grant and other documents related to the project. He reported to the council on an environmental review issue related to historic properties. Because the old water tower might be of historic significance and possibly eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places, an analysis must be made of the tower before funding approval is given. Curt has obtained bids as well as availability of experts who are qualified to review the water tower and complete the reports required for the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office. A motion was passed by the council to proceed with the required historical review of the water tower. The costs of the review can be

covered by project funding.

Police Chief Dan Gazelka provided the police department report. Many of the calls for service over the past month are related to car break-ins and police investigation continues on this issue. A shooting range is being built locally. This site will be more convenient for local police officers who currently use the sheriff's department range in Bagley. Gazelka recently attended a week-long firearms course that was funded by a grant.

Tom Davies, representing the fire department, reported that recent calls have been for medical assistance. The department is participating in local parades in Bagley and Gonvick this summer. A bid in the amount of \$670 to install LED lights in the fire hall office has been received. **Robin Proffitt**, Kloster Park manager, reported on many maintenance projects that have been completed at the park this spring. Building has been painted, new bases placed and sand brought in for playground area. Flowers were planted and Mark and Jason repaired the fence.

A quote was received for repairs to the kiddie pool filter. Arrangements have been made with My Aquatic Services to close the pool when the season is over and prepare it for winter. The council will review job requirements and hours needed with the managers of the park and pool at the end of the season.

The update on the liquor store was given by Joy Walberg. Summerfest was a busy weekend and the special activities at the bar were well received. They are looking at inviting the Elvis performer back for future events. Bingo will resume on Septem-

ber 7th. Meat raffles will take place on Friday, July 20th and August 24th. A build-a-burger fundraising event for the pool will take place on August 16th. Mayor Dylan Goudge will grill the burgers and there will be free karaoke. A bid of \$497 for replacement of a window was received. The liquor store also passed its tobacco compliance check.

Jason Bakke reported that he has received his water license. Mark Snobl will obtain his sewer license at the end of July. They each will now work on getting the license they don't have. The water tower painting has been completed. The retrofit kit for the fire hydrant hit by a state plow has been received and repairs will be scheduled at the same time as the school hydrant repair. Fire hydrant flushing continues on Wednesdays.

Lucie Thompson, city clerk, shared information received from Curt Meyer of WSN who was unable to attend the meeting. He provided the city council with a map of the water main looping discussed at last month's meeting. Curt recommended that a motion be passed to extend the substantial completion of the water tower work by two weeks, until the end of July. The electrician scheduled to work on the project for Lavine Electrical has been called for National Guard duty, leading to the anticipated delay. As the delay would not cause issues for the city, the motion was made and passed.

The council discussed a grant received from Team Industries for a fishing pier to

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Community Calendar

Class of 69 reunion July 20

The Gonvick High School class of 69, will be having a reunion on July 20th at Pine Lake. They will be meeting in the early afternoon and are going to try to gather at 4:00 p.m. for a class picture.

Elim Mission Friends meeting

Elim Mission Friends will meet Thursday, July 18, at 2:30 PM at the church. Betty Malm will give the devotions and Lois Budish will present the meditation. Hostesses are Judy Tollefson and Lurae Erickson. All ladies are welcome

Humane Society meeting July 25

Clearwater County Humane Society will have a public meeting on Thursday, July 25th at 6pm at The American Legion in Bagley.

Anyone that would like to help with booth at Clearwater County Fair.

It is picnic time in Clearbrook

Border State Bank in Clearbrook will be having a picnic on Thursday, July 18 from 4 to 6 pm. Stop by and enjoy a grilled bratwurst meal, free of charge, with the employees. They will be serving at the new Clearbrook Picnic Shelter near the pool. Alternate location is at the Clearbrook Community Center. Everyone welcome

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Mike Torgerson, Chair
James Aakre
John Brendalen R17-18C

NOTICE

Notice to the residents of Holst Township

Holst Township will be conducting road maintenance including: brush removal, mowing, spraying, culvert repair and frost boil reconstruction/repair which will include some road building projects along township roads throughout the remainder of the year. Please call 218-776-3358 if you have any questions or concerns. R17-18C

Depot Fundraiser Picnic

July 21st

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Clearbrook Depot

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Inspiration Point Bible camp counselors put on VBS sponsored by Samhold, United and Elim Lutheran Brethren Churches. They were presented with quilts handmade by the Berner mission quilters. Left to right the counselors spending the week of July 8th are Seth Hexum, Jenna Wiese, Casey Perkins, Meghan Peterson, and Zach Nugent. Zach's great grandpa, Pastor Soma, was a pastor at Elim many years back. Zach discovered it while serving during the week. He was looking through some photos on the wall of the church when he discovers his great grandfather's photo. The counselors worked with the students from 9-3 each day utilizing curriculum written by Inspiration Point directors and equipped the young students in His Word.

Clearbrook- Leonard Senior News

Our birthday meal was Wednesday, July 10th. Sharon Lempke won the Birthday Meal ticket this month.

Also on Wednesday, we were surprised with entertainment by our local children who attended the Elim Church Inspirational Day Camp.

The kids were AMAZING, singing 6-7 songs all with hand motions and reciting at least 5

Bible verses while using sign language.

Zach Nugent and Seth Hexum led the singing with their guitars. Casey PerVans, Meghan Peterson and Jenna Wiese also attended and worked with the day camp as well. All five came down from the I-Point Camp in Clitheral to lead the day camp at Elim.

Our general meeting is next Tuesday, July 12, after lunch. Come join us!

Clearwater County Fair Calendar winners

July 6 - Charlene Olson, Bagley, \$20
July 7 - Rosemary Amundson, Leonard, \$20
July 8 - Liv Marsh, Gonvick, \$20
July 9 - Ward Erickson, Bemidji, \$20
July 10 - Terry Nennich, Bagley, \$20
July 11 - Vicki Kuester, Menomonie, WIS, \$20
July 12 - Royce Nelson, Bagley, \$20



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be placed near the dam. Gary Prosser is working with a company from Glencoe on getting quotes for measuring, building, and installing the pier. The pier will be built to stay in the water year-round. The council discussed the size and placement of the pier. Necessary signage was also brought up as a planning issue for the project. "No swimming or diving from pier" and "no lifeguard on duty" signs may be needed.

The council looked at weight limits for trucks as a way to decrease potential damage to streets, especially where these trucks are parked. Overnight parking for trucks is available on city property across from the Border Bank. This issue will be discussed further at the next council meeting.

Lucie Thompson reported on other activities scheduled for the city. Seed for the native restoration project is expected to be in this week. The seed selected will be for low-growing plants and the city will look at preparing the ground prior to planting. Agri-lime placement at Kloster Park will be scheduled for the end of the season to avoid scheduling conflicts with games and tournaments. The dedication of the new picnic shelter is scheduled for Thursday, July 18th.

A building permit for Tom and Tonya Vold for a vinyl privacy fence was approved. The council also approved Debra Jean Tweet's building permit for a roof replacement. An additional building permit application from the Clearbrook Elevator for a grain bin was not approved at this meeting. The city would like more time to assure that the planned building project is within the elevator's property lines.

Monthly claims of \$49,627.79 and additional claims of \$99,850.21 were approved by the council. North Country Hardware monthly claims of \$1,024.31 were approved with Shawn Johnson abstaining.

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Church News

**ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Bagley 218-694-6416
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Terri D, Parish sec.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM
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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.

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

**GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLEARBROOK &
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH LEONARD**
Pastor Robert Kirchman
Good Shepherd
Wed., July 17 - 6:30pm Choir Practice; 7:30pm Handbell Practice
Sun., July 21 - 9:00 am Worship, 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.
Our Savior's
Sun., July 21 - 10:30 am Coffee Hour; 11:00 am Worship,

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Clearbrook**
Pastor Verlyn Strenge
Assoc. Pastor Jim Galloway
Thurs July 18 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
Sat. July 20th - 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sun. July 21 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Clearbrook- Leonard Senior Meals

Wed., July 17 - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears, Bread and Milk.

Thurs., July 18 - Oven Crispy Chicken, Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Cobbler, Bread and Milk.

Fri., July 19 - Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, Fruit Salad, Cake and Milk.

Mon., July 22 - Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pineapple, Bread and Milk

Tues., July 23 - Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Cranberries, Brownie and Milk

Wed., July 24 - Mandarin Chicken Salad, Fresh Fruit, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Cookie, Bread and Milk.

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

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Clear Waters Life Center Happenings...

CLEARBROOK SITE:

Shop-at-the-Top: "Christmas in July" 50% Sale thru Sat., July 20. Bag Sale starts Monday! Summer clothes & shoes! Hours: M-F, 10:00 to 4:00, and Sat., 10:00 to 12:00

Restore It! Furniture Shop: New Clearbrook location! Check out our selection of used furniture & new handcrafted items. Open 10:00-4:00, M-F & 10:00-12:00 on Saturday. 256 2nd Ave., SW in CWLC-Clearbrook.

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Welding Art Class: Coming up Mondays in August, 1:00-2:30 & 6:30-8:00 PM. \$5.00/session. Instructor-Jay Jones. Register at 218-776-2789.

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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Pastor Kris Snyder
**SAMHOLD LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
**UNITED LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Schedule at Samhold:
Wed. July 17 - 8:00 AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study. 7:00 PM Samhold Council Meeting.

Sun. July 21 - 9:00 AM Worship/Communion
Schedule at United:
Sun. July 21 - 9:00 AM Worship/Communion

Back to Berner Celebration to follow service!! All are Welcome!! Hope to see you there!!!

**ELIM LUTHERAN
BRETHREN CHURCH
Clearbrook**
Pastor Adam Krog
Announcements
Wed. July 17 - 7:30pm Bible Study & Prayer
Thurs. July 18 - 9:30am Bible Study & Prayer, 2:30 Mission Friends, *Hostesses - Judy Tollefson & Lurae Erickson
Sun. July 21 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Future events
Sat. July 27 - 9am Ladies Breakfast (more details to come)
Thurs. August 15th
5:30pm An evening at Patty Thorsen's

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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

**CLEARWATER
LUTHERAN PARISH**
Mt. Olive - Nazareth Oak Park - St. Petri
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Sat, July 20: 9:00 a.m. Mt. Olive.
Sun, July 21: 8:00 a.m. St. Petri. 9:45 a.m. Nazareth. 11:00 a.m. Oak Park.

NEW JOURNEY CHURCH
Josiah Hoagland, Pastor
Tyler Stynberg,
Youth Pastor
www.newjourneyfosston.com
Wed, July 17: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.
Sun, July 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
Tue, July 23: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Devotions. 10:00 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study.
Wed, July 24: 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

GULLY-TRAIL PARISH
Bethany * Lund
Sand Valley
Dawn Hanson,
Lay Minister
Wed, July 17: 2:00 p.m. Sand Valley WELCA.
Sun, July 21: 9:00 a.m. Lund. 10:30 p.m. Sand Valley.

BETHEL ASSEMBLY
Fosston
Seth Johnson,
Interim Pastor
Sun, July 21: 10:00 a.m. Worship.

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Clearbrook-Gonvick Summer Rec

JULY 21-JULY 26

Sunday, July 21: Kloster Park League World Series. Awards at 1:30. Games begin at 2:00 pm.

Monday, July 22: Cadet practice from 1:30-3:00 pm. Kloster Park League World Series makeup day if postponed on Sunday. Basketball League for grades 4th-7th from 3:30-5:30 in the gym.

Tuesday, July 23: PeeWee tournament at Clearbrook at 10:00. Be at fields by 9:40. This is a makeup tournament from July 9. Cadet practice from 1:30-3:00 pm. Basketball League for grades 4th-7th from 3:30-5:30 in the gym.

Wednesday, July 24: Cadet League World Series at 9:00 am at Kloster Park. Basketball League for grades 4th-7th from 3:30-5:30 in the gym.

Thursday, July 25: Basketball League for grades 4th-7th from 3:30-5:30 in the gym.

To the Editor

Are We a Cruel or a Humane Nation?

More and more it seems we are not supposed to talk about controversial and compelling topics in polite conversation. Friends say we're not to talk about religion or politics. Today I believe some urgent subjects transcend politics. They have to do with the values of our nation. Are we cruel or are we humane?

How can children being held on the southern border be relegated to a political cause? Republicans and Democrats alike love children. I believe In a democracy we have a responsibility to express our opinion when we feel our country is "off track." Only in tyrannical countries do people need to be silent.

Throughout my lifetime I have mostly been proud to be an American. I remember a friend telling a story about meeting a man in Germany who had been a German prisoner of war in Minnesota during WWII. The German man expressed gratitude for the humane way he was treated as a prisoner at that time. I felt so proud when I heard that story. Another time an author from Ada, Minnesota, who was a youngster during WWII in Germany wrote of her experiences growing up there. At the end of the war she said they prayed the American troops would get to her village first, before the Russians, because the Americans were known to be humane. Again I felt proud. It was part of who we were as Americans.

Now I'm not feeling so proud. When I hear of children as young as a few months old being taken from their parents, I can't believe this is happening in our country. Many people would be enraged if dogs or cats were held in such crowded or unsanitary conditions. Where is the rage when those held are people? More importantly when they are children?

Are we a cruel or a humane society and nation?

Sincerely,
Carol Torgerson



Lisa (Ollestad) Newland spent time in Norway recently and was able to see her Norwegian sister after 25 years. Katrine Valsvik was an exchange student who lived with the Ollestad family in Gonvick.

Cadet League World Series makeup day if postponed on Wednesday.

Turn in clean Summer Recreation uniforms at the Community Ed office if you borrowed from us.

Friday, July 26: Turn in clean Summer Recreation uniforms at the Community Ed office if you borrowed from us.

THIS IS THE END OF SUMMER RECREATION FOR THIS YEAR.

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!!!

Save and turn in your receipts from K & K Café, 2 Loons Letters & Threads, Y92, Bakken's, DaRoos, Drive In, NB&C, and Kandi's Kitchen! Drop them off at the banks or school by August 4.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Summer Recreation

Please register for activities by contacting Judy Engebretson at 776-3112 ext 102.

Basketball League:
JULY 22-25 (Boys & Girls going into grades 4-7) (cost-FREE) (3:30-5:30 PM) Each day will consist of warmup, some skills and then you will play games. Games will be 3 on 3 up to 5 on 5. Roxanne Dahlke will coordinate with high school players helping. Meet in the high school gym. Parents are welcome to help or just watch! PREREGISTRATION BY JULY 18.

Commissioners...

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SWCD Chester Powell, Program Technician, new Program Technician Briell Prokosch, and Lori Buell are hosting a One Watershed One Plan meeting on August 2, which they have invited the Commissioners to attend. Due to the conflict with the County Fair on that date, they will not plan to attend.

There is a Wild Rice One Watershed One Plan meeting on July 22 in Ada, a "kick-off" event, which some will plan to attend.

Chester reported that there are enough inspectors this year, and things are going smoothly at the lakes where inspections are done for aquatic invasive species.

"I think the public is used to it now, and everything is going well," he stated.

Director of Nursing Marissa Hetlund received approval to hire Karen Harris as a full time Registered Nurse, working over 1040 hours per year. A "Letter of Justification" was included, showing Ms. Harris to have five years of home care experience, and an additional five years in Assisted Living care.

"Her experience in home care will be helpful and decrease training time," the statement from Director Hetlund said. Based on experience, her wage will be \$30.10 per hour.

The Commissioners passed a Resolution accepting the Prime West Health proposal that provides managed health care services for Clearwater County.

County Auditor-Treasurer Allen Paulson was authorized to pay the submitted invoices of \$120,235 for the County Revenue Fund and \$10,849 for the Nursing Service Fund.

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

Benefit planned for Olivia Jobe

There will be a benefit held for Olivia Jobe at the Bagley American Legion, July 20th, 2019 from 3-7:30 pm

Serving Lenny's Fry Bread Taco's. There will be Raffle/Drawings throughout the evening and a bake sale. Donations may be dropped off at Team Industries, and Sportsmans Lodge, Pine Lake. Contact Brenda Neeland 218-556-0563 OR Brandy Mullan 218-256-4488 with questions or to volunteer.

Olivia Jobe is 11 years old from Bagley, MN. She is the daughter of Samantha and Evan Jobe and the granddaughter of Brenda and the late Henry Neeland. Olivia has been diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis (MG). MG is an autoimmune disease – a disease that occurs when the immune system attacks the body's own tissues. MG causes weakness in muscles that control the eyes, face, neck and limbs. All donations will be used towards medical bills and travel expenses.

Now hear this...

by Harry Hutchens,
Clearwater
County Veterans
Service Officer

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is preparing to process Agent Orange exposure claims for "Blue Water Navy" Veterans who served offshore of the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975. These Veterans may be eligible for presumption of herbicide exposure through Public Law 116-23, Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, which was signed into law June 25, 2019, and goes into effect Jan. 1, 2020. They may also qualify for a presumption of service connection if they have a disease that is recognized as being associated with herbicide exposure. The bipartisan Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act gives VA until Jan. 1, 2020, to begin deciding Blue Water Navy related claims. By staying claims decisions until that date, VA is complying with the law that Congress wrote and passed. "VA is dedicated to ensuring that all Veterans receive the benefits they have earned," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "We are working to ensure that we have the proper resources in place to meet the needs of our Blue Water Veteran community and minimize the impact on all Veterans filing for disability compensation." Blue Water Navy Veterans are encouraged to submit disability compensation claims for conditions presumed to be related to Agent Orange exposure. Veterans over age 85 or with life-threatening illnesses will have priority in claims processing. Veterans who previously were denied for an Agent Orange related presumptive condition can file a new claim based on the change in law. Eligible survivors of deceased Blue Water Navy Veterans also may benefit from the new law and may file claims for benefits based on the Veterans' service. The new law affects Veterans who served on a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia, as defined in Public Law 116-23. An estimated 420,000 to 560,000 Vietnam-era Veterans may be considered Blue Water Navy Veterans. To qualify, under the new law, these Veterans must have a disease associated with herbicide exposure, as listed in 38 Code of Federal Regulations section 3.309(e). For more information about Agent Orange exposure in Vietnam waters (Blue Water Navy Veterans), visit

<https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/navy-coast-guard-ships-vietnam/>

Veterans seeking more information should contact their Veterans Service Officer, call VA's toll-free number at 800-827-1000 or visit the VA Blue Water Navy Agent Orange <https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/navy-coast-guard-ships-vietnam/>

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Thoughts from the Sheriff

Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halverson

This summer is moving right along and I hope that everyone has been getting out and enjoying the weather. It is hard to believe that at the end of this month the Clearwater County Fair will be upon us. Once the fair comes to town it seems like it marks the end of the summer, but hopefully we still have several weeks of nice weather to enjoy. I want to take time this month to remind everyone about safety and security when the fair comes to our county.

The first piece of advice I have is to not over stretch yourself when it comes to bringing young children to the fair. It is difficult at times to watch two or three children, but if you have a larger group it becomes nearly impossible for you to keep track of all of them, especially if you are alone. Every year at the fair we get reports of lost children. This can be very stressful for the adults, but can be more traumatizing for the young child once they realize they cannot find their parent or other trusted adult. The first thing you should do is talk with your little ones about staying in one spot if they become separated from you. Secondly, take a picture of any young children you have with you when you arrive at the fair. In the event that one goes missing, it will help law enforcement, or others, know who to look for. There are so many young children at the fair that it is difficult to locate any one child, and even harder if you don't really know who you are looking for. At a minimum, have a good description of what they are wearing as that can be helpful in finding them. Lastly, if a child becomes missing, either call law enforcement or go to the fair office to report it right away.

Be sure to have a meeting place for you and your family if you have older children and they are left to enjoy the fair with their friends. Having a meeting place is a great idea and can be very important in the case of bad weather. If a strong storm develops and we have to evacuate the midway, having a meeting place picked out ahead of time will help you account for all your family/friends and avoid the unnecessary time delay it may take to find everyone.

Sometimes, severe weather can develop quickly and if you are not paying attention, it can be on top of you before you know it.

In addition to personal safety reminders, remember to keep your vehicle locked and valuables out of sight. With the amount of people that come to the fair, there are always some who are there for illegal intentions. If your vehicle is unlocked it is easy for someone to quickly gain access inside. If you have anything of value laying around, it will most likely go missing. There are also those that are looking for transportation and if you have left your keys inside, your car may go missing.

It is just as important to be careful with personal belongings that you have on your person, such as cell phones, purses or wallets. Be sure not to leave them laying in a stroller or on a counter if you are eating or playing a game. It only takes a split second for someone to grab that item and walk off with it. Keep your valuables secure and out of sight.

One last reminder is pay attention to where you are parking. It is illegal to park within

a crosswalk, within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection and within 30 feet from a stop sign. In addition, you cannot park in front of a driveway or within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. Parking complaints are one of the major calls for service during the fair. People will park just about anywhere. If you are obstructing any flow of traffic, you probably should reconsider where you are parked and move to a different location. Also, be considerate to handicapped drivers. The fair posts areas for handicapped people to park, however, there are people who will even park in those places just to get a good parking space. Remember to be considerate and use common sense so everyone can have a safe and enjoyable fair.

I hope you're having a great summer and I hope to see many of you at this year's fair. We will have our Emergency Management trailer parked near the hockey arena so please stop by and say "Hi" and get some of your law enforcement questions answered.

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

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

Corrine's Corner

By Corrine Richards

We had rain last week and more than we wanted. The fields north of Oklee had damage with the wind.

Congratulations to Lauren McIntosh, Clearbrook is a member of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences (SMHS) Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Class of 2021, who will start the clinical studies portion of her journey to become doctor of physical therapy. She and 48 other students received their white coats at the Entrance Into Professional Service Ceremony on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks.

This time of year, Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota sees an in-

crease in schemes involving asphalt companies. Most of these companies either advertise in local newspapers or go door-to-door trying to get business. They usually claim they were working on a project nearby, and have left over asphalt so they can pave your driveway at a discounted rate. They do the job, but the quality of the work is often sub-par, and the final bill can sometimes be a lot more than the homeowner was quoted.

Thanks in advance for helping Better Business Bureau get the word out about this scheme!

Events coming up this summer...

Border State Bank in Clearbrook will be having a picnic on Thursday, July 18 from 4 to 6 pm. Free of charge

Sunday July 21 is the Berner Days and United Lutheran Church Reunion.

Pastor David Janssen will be the speaker at Sunday morning worship at Samhold and United churches on Sunday July 28th.

The Clearwater County Fair will be July 31 to August 4. That is not that far off.

Gully is planning a 110th Anniversary of the town the week-end of July 18th, 2020. Area people are encouraged to start thinking about a float for the parade.

Joke Time...

Knut was excited when his father Ole finally agreed to take him to the zoo. When they got home his mother Lena asked whether he had a good time. "It was great," said Knut. "and then Knut said his dad Ole really enjoyed himself too -- especially when one of the animals came in at 20-1."

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A black and white photograph of two young girls sitting in a stroller. The girl on the left is crying, while the girl on the right is laughing. A car is visible in the background.

Clearwater County Sheriff
Darin Halverson

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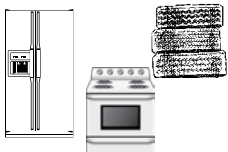
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Photo: (2/10/19)



The Johnson family of Clearbrook make it an annual event to go to the Debs July 4th parade. Pat Johnson seated on the right with all her family members.

*Debs
celebrates
July 4th*



Becca Clyde from Laporte sang the Star Spangled Banner at the start of the Debs July 4th parade.



Pinewood Legion members brought the colors for the 40th annual Debs July 4th parade. They included Delbert Olson, Merlin Vold and Gary Hanson.



Letich Josefson, from Bemidji with her flag at the Debs July 4th parade.



Eleanor Gerar, from Bemidji riding on the Trinity Lutheran Church float from Debs. They are having their meatball dinner on August 4th, 11 to 2 pm.



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